

Ontario Speedway Fall Maze Race Wraps Up Racing in Eastern Oregon

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On November 9, 2024, Oregon's Ontario Speedway ended their year of races with an event called The Edge Performance Sports Fall Maze. The event ran in the (empty) sprint boat track, and like the boats, racers in various classes raced one at a time against the clock to see who could go the fastest. The same super-accurate timing lights that are used for the sprint boats races were also in use at the Fall Maze, and it was a good thing since a number of contestants times were only separated by a few thousandth of a second. The race celebrated Veterans Day by offering free entry to veterans and first responders and half a dozen vets, firemen and law enforcement officials raced around like pros.

There were no injuries, (although several UTV's crashed spectacularly) and racers that attended from as far away as Alturas, California and said that they are looking forward to future events at Ontario Speedway.

A few sprint boat racers expressed concern that this non-boat form of racing would destroy the sides of the track, rendering it useless for future boat races, but as testing first proved some months ago, the fastest way to get around the track was to stay in the bottom and 99 percent of the racers did just that, causing little harm to the grass-covered sides of the track.

Enthusiasm was high, the weather was perfect, and the number of racer entries increased from 35 at the Spring Maze, to 57 at this version and close to 150 spectators showed up to watch this new and interesting kind of race. Partners and supporters were: Edge Performance Sports, the Ontario Visitors and Convention Bureau, Bucks 4X4 in Boise, Pro Rentals and sales, Mayberry 55, (a gorgeous senior new senior community in Ontario) and Les Schwab Tires in Ontario.

A big thank you is in order to the city of Ontario staff and officials, Ontario Chamber CEO, John Breidenbach, William Ekholm, Vault 17 Cuisine, Treasure Valley Ambulance, PortaPros, and John Schaffer with the Lifeways Recovery Center. Racing will resume at Ontario Speedway in 2025, and next year's dates will be announced in the near future. For more information visit: www.ontariospeedway.com or call Ron at (208) 573-4255.



The overall fastest time of the day wasn't clocked by a bike. It was Tre Hawes, who pretty much held his quad wide open all the way around the track, clocking a scorching 1:44.03, to win the Open Expert ATV class. He proved that in the right conditions, four wheels are faster than two.

UTV Super Mod:

1st – Andy Kirkendall, Payette, ID – 1st Run 1:48.34, 2nd Run 1:49.31 **BEST** 1:48.34

2nd – Norm Curme, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 1:59.33, 2nd Run 1:54.64 **BEST** 1:54.64

3rd – George Kautz, Parma, ID – 1st Run 3:11.34, 2nd Run DNS **BEST** 3:11.34

UTV Stock Turbo:

1st – Jesse Denton, Wilder, ID – 1st Run 1:54.33, 2nd Run 1:52.32 **BEST** 1:52.32


2nd – Chris Christensen, Caldwell, ID – 1st Run 1:57.14, 2nd Run 1:55.89 **BEST** 1:55.89

3rd – Lee Vaughan, Emmett, ID – 1st Run 2:05.71, 2nd Run 2:05.53 **BEST** 2:05.53
4th – Chris Gallagher, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 2:07.81, 2nd Run 2:08.60 **BEST** 2:07.81

UTV Stock Non-Turbo:

1st – Eric Coulter, Middleton, ID – 1st Run 2:00.73, 2nd Run 1:58.83 **BEST** 1:58.83
2nd – Scott Fitzgerald, Payette, ID – 1st Run 2:06.86, 2nd Run 2:02.43 **BEST** 2:02.43
3rd – Micah Witt, Caldwell, ID – 1st Run 2:52.34, 2nd Run 2:04.39 **BEST** 2:04.39
4th – Jaxon Christensen, Caldwell, ID – 1st Run 2:24.92, 2nd Run 2:17.29 **BEST** 2:17.29

Fastest time
of the day



ATV (Quad) Open Expert:

1st – Tre Hawes, Payette, ID – 1st Run 1:45.75, 2nd Run 1:44.03 **BEST** 1:44.03
2nd – Wayne Hawes, Alturas, CA – 1st Run 1:51.41, 2nd Run 1:48.83 **BEST** 1:48.83

ATV (Quad) Open Amateur:

1st – Robert Nungaray, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 1:55.09, 2nd Run 1:56.28 **BEST** 1:55.09
2nd – Bree Hawes, Payette, ID – 1st Run 2:01.05, 2nd Run 1:58.23 **BEST** 1:58.23

Kids 11-Under ATV/UTV:

1st – Jacob Hill, Parma, ID – 1st Run 2:36.10, 2nd Run 2:28.41 **BEST** 2:28.41
2nd – Drake Denton, Wilder, ID – 1st Run 2:52.72, 2nd Run 2:32.64 **BEST** 2:32.64
3rd – Easton Brown, Wilder, ID – 1st Run 2:34.69, 2nd Run 2:41.25 **BEST** 2:34.69
4th – Wayllon Hawes, Alturas, CA – 1st Run 2:44.95, 2nd Run 2:40.02 **BEST** 2:40.02
5th – Raudee Hawes, Alturas, CA – 1st Run 3:32.76, 2nd Run 3:14.10 **BEST** 3:14.10

Motorcycle 251-Up, Open:

1st – David Booth, Homedale, ID – 1st Run 1:52.10, 2nd Run 1:48.34 **BEST** 1:48.34
2nd – Brian Goodnight, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 1:49.88, 2nd Run 1:53.60 **BEST** 1:49.88
3rd – Hunter Fitzgerald, Payette, ID – 1st Run 1:50.48, 2nd Run 1:51.19 **BEST** 1:50.48
4th – Hayden Walters, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 1:53.69, 2nd Run 1:51.36 **BEST** 1:51.36
5th – Mason Walters, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 2:22.11, 2nd Run 1:58.84 **BEST** 1:58.84
6th – Justin Powers, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 2:03.45, 2nd Run 2:02.83 **BEST** 2:02.83
7th – RJ Bibbey, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 2:24.76, 2nd Run 2:16.21 **BEST** 2:16.21
8th – Chris Galligher, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 2:18.78, 2nd Run 2:24.50 **BEST** 2:18.78

Motorcycle 151-250:

1st – Ramon Avalos, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 1:45.71, 2nd Run 1:49.05 **BEST** 1:45.71
2nd – Stephen Wells, Star, ID – 1st Run 1:56.95, 2nd Run 1:46.63 **BEST** 1:46.63
3rd – Hunter Fitzgerald, Payette, ID – 1st Run 1:50.98, 2nd Run 1:47.71 **BEST** 1:47.71
4th – Nic Hawes, Alturas, CA, – 1st Run 1:49.48, 2nd Run 1:49.39 **BEST** 1:49.39
5th – Cayden Barto, Payette, ID – 1st Run 1:52.43, 2nd Run 1:51.21 **BEST** 1:51.21
6th – Samuel Mititech, Payette, ID – 1st Run 2:04.46, 2nd Run 1:59.71 **BEST** 1:59.71
7th – Cameron Wood, Weiser, ID – 1st Run 2:05.62, 2nd Run 2:03.97 **BEST** 2:03.97
8th – Gavin Gonzalez, Weiser, ID – 1st Run 2:18.88, 2nd Run 2:13.76 **BEST** 2:13.76

Motorcycle 91-150:

1st – David Booth, Homedale, ID – 1st Run 1:53.35, 2nd Run 1:51.46 **BEST** 1:51.46
2nd – Carson Barto, Fruitland, ID – 1st Run 2:04.14, 2nd Run 1:56.86 **BEST** 1:56.86
3rd – GW Masmeyer, Vale, OR – 1st Run 2:04.18, 2nd Run 1:59.91 **BEST** 1:59.91
4th – Marty Gregory, Boise, ID, – 1st Run 2:42.96, 2nd Run 2:41.81 **BEST** 2:41.81

Motorcycle 40-Plus:

1st – David Booth, Homedale, ID – 1st Run 1:52.03, 2nd Run 1:50.64 **BEST** 1:50.64
2nd – Chadwick Wood, Weiser, ID – 1st Run 2:23.78, 2nd Run 2:02.72 **BEST** 2:02.72
3rd – Mark Saito, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 2:06.91, 2nd Run 2:03.22 **BEST** 2:03.22

Kids Mini Bikes 71-90:

1st – Kelly Wood, Weiser, ID – 1st Run 2:35.08, 2nd Run 2:31.09 **BEST** 2:31.09
2nd – Bella Gonzalez, Weiser, ID – 1st Run 3:15.69, 2nd Run 3:06.42 **BEST** 3:06.42

Kids Mini Bikes 65:

1st – Connor Wells, Star, ID – 1st Run 2:25.41, 2nd Run 2:25.82 **BEST** 2:25.41
2nd – Ryker Powers, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 3:40.58, 2nd Run 2:35.27 **BEST** 2:35.27

Kids Mini Bikes 55:

1st – Braxton Goodnight, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 2:16.03, 2nd Run 2:14.52 **BEST** 2:14.52
2nd – Connor Wells, Star, ID – 1st Run 2:27.87, 2nd Run 2:19.14 **BEST** 2:19.14
3rd – Ryker Powers, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 2:32.37, 2nd Run 2:20.39 **BEST** 2:20.39
4th – Felix Avalos, Ontario, OR, – 1st Run 2:26.47, 2nd Run 2:22.39 **BEST** 2:22.39

5th – Geo Dominquez, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 2:41.43, 2nd Run 2:30.71 **BEST** 2:30.71
6th – Boden Goodnight, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 2:31.75, 2nd Run 2:30.94 **BEST** 2:30.94

Kids Electric Mini Bikes:

1st – Isaak Avalos, Ontario, OR – 1st Run 2:06.30, 2nd Run 2:14.19 **BEST** 2:06.30

2nd – Grayson Hill, Parma, ID – 1st Run 2:32.50, 2nd Run 2:22.70 **BEST** 2:22.70

3rd – Laya Hill, Nampa, ID – 1st Run 3:19.41, 2nd Run 3:05.46 **BEST** 3:05.46

4th – Emerson Powers, Nampa, ID, – 1st Run 3:53.55, 2nd Run 3:45.47 **BEST** 3:45.47