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Challenger Raceway/Ufo “Crank It Up” with a \$25,000 To Win In October!

Indiana, PA (January 14, 2008) – In 2007, promoters Jack & Donna Lentz completely revamped “The Ultimate/FallFest” to make this premier event a premium race experience for both fans and drivers. The results were record attendance and a car count exceeding 300 race teams. For 2008, the Lentz’s have announced that “The Ultimate” will be the mammoth finale of the Unified Force Race Championship Tour and \$25,000 total to win for the Ufo Super Late Models. The event will take place on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, October 9-10-11.

Key changes that were made to the 2007 event included the return of the original event format, reduced pricing and entry fees, uniform support division rules, the addition of the Semi-Late and Roadrunner classes and the shift to night-time Super Late Model racing. The fan-and-driver-friendly Challenger Pass-Maximum format was reinstated where the drivers drew for position in extended-lap heat races and the top finishing drivers redrew for heat race position.

“The Ultimate” Super Late Model championship featured 5 lead changes and saw Billy Drake make a late-race pass for the lead after redrawing the 15th position on the feature starting grid and starting 8th place in the 11-car qualifying heat race. In the following Semi-Late feature, Mike Knight from Ripley, NY charged from his 9th place starting position to claim the win. Alan Dellinger from Hermitage, PA returned to FallFest victory lane by winning the Cadet feature while Matt Hay of Somerset, PA took the Mod-Lite win. Tom Pavelko of Cherry Tree, PA took his first-ever feature win in the Roadrunner class in a race that saw the leaders change the point 8 times. The Sport Stock championship featured an amazing 9 lead changes with Tim Loughard from Vinco, PA making a last-lap pass for the win..

New clay was laid two months prior to the event and produced incredible side-by-side racing throughout the weekend. All 700 plus racing laps of the event generated multi-groove racing to final lap of the weekend. This event showcased the Lentz’s dedication to provide the race teams and fans the best surface possible for events at Challenger.

Several exciting changes are already finalized for the 2008 version of this year’s event. A whopping \$25,000 will be paid to the winners. “The Ultimate” has been extended to 91 laps as a tribute to the first year that wheels hit the surface at Challenger. The race is the finale of the \$400,000 Ufo Race Championship.

The Challenger Raceway will open its season on Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13 with the inaugural Ufo PA State Short Track Championships, which replaces the former Springfest event. Super Late Models will compete for \$2,000 to win on Saturday with the

Cadets paying \$600 to win and Sport Stocks paying \$300 to win for the PA State Short Track Championship events for those 2 classes. Open practice for all other divisions of cars will also be held on Saturday. Sunday, April 13 the first-ever UFO Race Championship event will become reality as the Super Late Models will race for \$5,000 to win, with Semi-Lates paying \$1,000 to win, E-mods paying \$800 to win and Roadrunners paying \$250 to win in the PA State Short Track Championship races for those 4 classes. Full event information including payoff can be found at the track website.

Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway will kick off 2008 with an open practice on Saturday, March 29 and will feature weekly Saturday night racing beginning April 5. PPMS will host its first UFO Race Championship event, the F-2 Shockwave on Sunday May 18.

The Challenger Raceway is located 6.4 miles southwest of US 422 on PA 286, then one mile north on McIntyre Road. For the most complete source of Challenger Raceway information, please visit the track's web site at <http://www.challengerraceway.com>. Information may also be obtained by calling 724-726-9808 on race days or 724-726-5494 during weekdays. Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway is located at Imperial, PA, west of Pittsburgh off of US 22/30 at the Noblestown exit. PPMS information may be obtained at <http://www.ppms.com> or by calling 412-279-7223. Additional information on the UFO Race Championship may be obtained at <http://www.uforacechampionship.com>.