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Abilene Dragstrip Joins NHRA

ABILENE, TX - Garry Gilland, track manager and partner of The Abilene Dragstrip announces that the Abilene Dragstrip is now a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) member.

“We are looking forward to working with NHRA, the community and the racers to enhance our racing programs and bring racers benefits that only NHRA can offer,” Gilland said. “We are excited about becoming a NHRA sanctioned track. Our goal is to continue to grow to be the biggest little dragstrip in America. With the support of NHRA, we can do it.”

Headquartered in Glendora, CA, NHRA is a primary sanctioning body for the sport of dragracing in the United States. It presents 23 national events, through its NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series. NHRA has 80,000 members and more than 140 member tracks. The NHRA sanctioned sportsman and bracket racing series provide competition opportunities for drivers of all levels.

“The NHRA develops the stars of tomorrow by offering the NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series, NHRA Summit Racing Series, NHRA Xplod Sport Compact Racing Series and the NHRA Street Legal program presented by AAA,” Gilland said. “The NHRA also offers the O’Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League for youth ages 8 through 17.”

Gilland, Robert and Wynette Hudgins, and Wayne and Dwana Bradshaw the other new owners, would like to carry on the legacy built by Burl Harris. Burl built the track in 2003 as a business adventure. He had no idea he was building a family of racers. He will be terribly missed.

The new owners plan to give the racers and fans everything they have been accustomed to -- plus the additional perks that NHRA offers. The track will participate in the NHRA Summit Racing Series, which allows division champions to compete against winners of NHRA's other six divisions for a national championship.

The Dragstrip will also take part in the NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League while it continues to run current programs for high school, street legal and import racing competitors. Track owners also plan to carry on a variety of specialty events -- such as the Abilene Shootout Dragrace and The Night of Fire.

The owners plan to make a number of improvements to the facility over the next year, including repairing the return road, adding shore power electrical hook-ups, lowering spectator pricing and offering a military discount.

The Abilene Dragstrip is located on the northwest side of Abilene on Interstate 20. For more information, please visit the track website. www.abilenedragstrip.com.

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