

New Jersey Motorsports Park and NASCAR

New Jersey Motorsports Park would like to address recent statements in the press and at public meetings connected to the NASCAR K&N Pro Series which ran at NJMP in 2016, and is scheduled to return in 2017. There has been a misunderstanding among members of the public who believe that NJMP committed not to hold a NASCAR event at the NJMP facility.

In the fall of 2005, during NJMP's planning board hearing for preliminary and final site plan approval, a question was asked by one of the planning board members if NJMP planned to have a NASCAR event. The question was answered by Lee Brahin the project's managing member and majority owner at the time.

NASCAR is an organization which sanctions and owns approximately 14 different series that are run nationally and internationally. The context of the planning board member's question related to NASCAR's most popular stock car series, the Nextel Cup Series, known today as the Sprint Cup Series. These events can attract over 100,000 race spectators and are also televised with some events having over 11,000,000 viewers.

Mr. Brahin explained at the time that the NASCAR Nextel Cup had 36 annual events over a 10-month period and that of those 36 events only two were held on road courses (the remainder are run on oval courses). Additionally, the majority of Nextel Cup Series tracks are owned by ISC corporation (a NASCAR related entity) or Speedway corporation. There were only two road course event tracks having Nextel Cup events at the time (and still are) Watkins Glen (ISC) and Sonoma (Speedway). Mr. Brahin went on to explain that NASCAR does not add any new events to their schedule, and it is very rare that they move to a new track. With only two road course events Mr. Brahin felt it was highly unlikely that either Watkins Glen or Sonoma would give up their event, and even more unlikely that a new road course would be added to the schedule. Additionally, spectator seating for a Nextel Cup Series event would most likely require a minimum of 60,000 grand stand seats whereas NJMP's road courses were planned to have approximately 5,000 seats.

Mr. Brahin further went on to explain that NJMP was planning a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile course across from the park, which was planned to have as many as 25,000 seats and would most likely host stock car type events. While no events were committed to nor discussions held with NASCAR, the hope would have been to host a Craftsman Truck Series (now known as Camping World Truck Series) or the Nation Wide Series (now known as the Xfinity Series), and that it was likely there would be Stock Car racing on the NJMP road courses as well. In fact, NJMP has hosted the ARCA Racing Series numerous times which runs late model stock cars. The plans for the Oval track never came to fruition.

The question presented by the planning board member related to the likelihood of NJMP hosting a NASCAR premier touring series event. Mr. Brahin's answer was that this would be unlikely for reasons stated above.

At no time, did NJMP ever commit to exclude any racing series, organizations, or sanctioning bodies from its facility. The statements being made to the press and in public forums are out of context and not truthful.

NJMP is proud to be a NASCAR series home track and looks forward to longstanding relationships with all of its customers and race series.