

Member Information

Annual Membership includes pin
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Individual membership: \$35.00

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memberships are available.**

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Cary, IL 60013

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Meadowdale International Raceway Preservation Association

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"You can still hear the race cars roaring in the distance..." More than one person has mentioned that presence as they walked what remains of the track. If you turn around will you see them coming? ... only in the memories and history that is preserved and shared.

Meadowdale International Raceways Preservation Association (MIRPA) is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the history of Meadowdale International Raceways as well as the many racing teams, drivers and venues throughout the Midwest.

MIRPA hosts events throughout the year including the Meadowdale, Motorsports & Memories Car Show, which is held on the old straight every September, and the annual winter banquet.

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Raceway Woods, home to Meadowdale International Raceway, can be accessed from Route 31 or Huntley Road in Carpentersville, Illinois. The preserve, which is managed through the cooperative efforts of Kane County Forest Preserve, Dundee Township, and Dundee Park District, is available year-round for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding.



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Meadowdale International Raceway

... the vision of Leonard W. Besinger, was built in 1958 to promote growth in the Carpentersville area, 40 miles northwest of Chicago. The original track was 3.27 miles long with a variety of turns and elevation changes. Its signature feature was the Monza wall, a 180 degree steeply banked turn that led on to the 4,000 foot main straight. With just 6 months from permit to completion, the inaugural race was held September 13-14, 1958.

Racers from across the country arrived to drive the new track. The Midwest was introduced to the custom built Scarab racing sports cars, when Chuck Daigh and Lance Reventlow left most of the 35 car field behind to finish first and second.

Meadowdale hosted major spectator road races from many sanctioning bodies including: USAC, Midwestern Council, SCCA, AMA motorcycles, NHRA, karts, bicycles and even snowmobiles. Police training, new car introductions and local club events were also held there. The last major event at Meadowdale was a SCCA Trans-Am race held on July 6-7, 1968.

Meadowdale Raceways saw the early years of many a car, driver and race team.

Many notable stars in the racing community drove Meadowdale International Raceway.

These include:

- Tony Adamawicz
- Tony Bettenhausen
- Tony DeLorenzo
- Mark Donahue
- George Follmer
- Paul Goldsmith
- Carl Haas
- Gary Nixon
- Augie Pabst
- Roger Penske
- Sam Posey
- Jim Rathman
- Lance Reventlow
- Peter Revson
- Ricardo Rodriguez
- Lloyd Ruby
- Curtis Turner
- Al Unser
- Bobby Unser
- Roger Ward
- Harry Heuer and the historic Scarabs of the Meister Brauser Racing Team
- Jim Jeffords and the Nickey Chevrolet Racing Team
- Fred Lorenzen – first NASCAR driver to win \$100,000 in a year

