

ARCA West Late Model Challenge Series to Showcase ARCA West Trucks during 2007 Season

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GRAHAM, WA. (Jan 16, 2007) With the recent announcement of the NW Late Model Challenge Series joining the ARCA racing family under the ARCA West banner, the series officials also undertook the challenge of developing a premier-level truck program in the Northwest region. The Late Model Challenge Series (LMCS) will showcase this growing truck series at selected LMCS events during the 2007 season.

The ARCA West Trucks are expected to have 6 special exhibition events held in conjunction with the LMCS races at Wenatchee Valley's Super Oval and Yakima Speedway, and an additional venue. The added exposure of running the trucks under the Northwest's premier Late Model touring program should help increase the interest of the racing community in this level of truck racing.

The ARCA West Trucks are on a full tube chassis with 108" wheelbase, weighing just 2200 lbs powered by 330+ hp race prepped V-6 engines with a quick-change rear end and fully adjustable, coil-over suspensions. Cast iron four cylinder engines are also approved. Fiberglass bodies come in Chevrolet S-10 & Colorado, Dodge Dakota, Ford Ranger, GMC S-15 & Canyon, and Toyota Tacoma. Hoosier 10" wide racing slicks are mounted on 13" wheels. These trucks are identical to those in the ARCA Lincoln Welder Truck Series which has ran successfully back east since 1999.

Jerry Losch, series director for both ARCA West divisions – LMCS Late Models and Trucks – will have the task of coordinating and maintaining a well-structured, professional LM program and building the truck program to compliment the Late Models.

"In many regions of the country, truck racing has a huge following by fans & drivers alike. I believe the ARCA West Trucks can be an exciting addition to racing in the Northwest, adding a premier-level touring truck division offering an additional avenue for drivers to hone their skills and advance to higher levels of racing. We plan to cooperate with the regional Pro4 Truck division to establish two co-existing levels of truck racing in the region." Jerry stated. The Pro4 Trucks, which have been established in the Northwest for several years, will become the region's entry-level truck division through which drivers & teams can advance up to the ARCA West Truck regional series.

Steve Thompson, of West Richland WA was the 2006 ARCA West Truck Champion. He has multiple championships in several divisions including Late Models, and has also been a regular with the LMCS for several seasons. "The ARCA (West) Trucks are a unique race rig, and a blast to drive. They have good

power in a light package, and handle very similar to a full size late model. I hope attaching the ARCA West trucks to the Late Model Challenge Series will help this caliber of truck gain popularity in the Northwest.”

2007 ARCA West Truck Series Schedule (tentative)

May 5	Wenatchee Valley's Super Oval
May 19	Yakima Speedway
June 16	Wenatchee Valley's Super Oval
July 14	(TBA)
Sept. 1	Yakima Speedway
Sept. 15	Wenatchee Valley's Super Oval

For more information on the ARCA West Trucks or Late Model Challenge Series, contact Jerry Losch at 253.312.1080 or visit LateModelChallenge.com. Contact ARCA West main office at 209.649.0439