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Remembering Dorney Park and Mahoning Valley Speedway Reunion

Allentown, PA – The America On Wheels Museum will be showcasing the 7th Annual Dorney Park Speedway and Mahoning Speedway Reunion (*Presented by Mahoning Valley Speedway*) on Sunday, November 13 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Drivers who raced at these spectacular speedways are invited to attend, as well as, any present day drivers from any speedway. There will be four (4) 2016 Dorney Park Speedway Hall of Fame Inductees and four (4) 2016 Mahoning Speedway Hall of Fame **Inductees** announced during the Reunion at 1:00 pm. Interviews will follow.

The reunion created by Dale and Bob Snyder in 2010 has grown beyond all original expectations as an event that takes the Dorney and Mahoning community back down memory lane. The Reunion has become one of the Museums biggest single day events and will honor the stars of Dorney Park Speedway and Mahoning Valley Speedway. A display of race cars will be held on the museum grounds and all cars from any type of racing old or new are welcome to display their machines. After the Hall of Fame ceremonies there will be driver interviews. Any driver(s) and cars that wish to participate please contact Bob Snyder at bobsnyderphoto@enter.net by October 31. Racecars will need to be at the Museum by 9:00 a.m. Show starts at 11a.m. Drivers and persons displaying cars will receive a FREE pass and one guest pass into the Museum.

When Dorney Park Speedway closed in 1986, there was an entire field of racecars, drivers, owners, crew members and race fans that suddenly had no place to race. Mahoning Valley Speedway located in Lehighton, PA was a natural fit. The speedway had not operated since the 1960's but the track was there although in dilapidated condition. Ward and Dot Crozier, with roots from Dorney Park and Nazareth Speedway, realized the timing was perfect to bring back the track. They completely refurbished the track and brought to life racing in 1987. They had all the ingredients for success with everyone from Dorney Park coming to Mahoning. Dorney Park Speedway had come back from the ashes and was reborn 25 miles to the North in Lehighton, PA. Because of this connection between Dorney Park Speedway and Mahoning Valley Speedway it was only fitting to combine the Dorney Park Reunion and Hall of Fame with Mahoning Valley Speedway and establish a Mahoning Hall of Fame at America On Wheels Museum states Museum Executive Director, Linda Merkel. She adds that Bob and Dale Snyder have been involved in racing photography and racing videos for many years. They still continue to keep the memories alive through this event and their ongoing work.

Event Schedule:

- ◊ *Show hours & racing memorabilia on display 11:00 am to 4 pm (Special Sunday Hours)*
- ◊ *Hall of Fame Ceremonies being at 1:00 p.m.*
- ◊ *Driver Interviews 1:30 p.m.*
- ◊ *Ongoing tours of the museum throughout the day*
- ◊ *Hot Dogs/beverages/ice cream 11:30 to 4 pm in the museum's HubCap Café'*

General Museum Admission: \$10, Seniors \$7, Children 12 & under FREE on Sunday, Students (13-16) \$5. Call 610.432.4200 or visit www.americaonwheels.org for more information.