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Port Orford Welcomes Auto Racers by Evan Kramer

This weekend, August 7th and 8th, the green flag goes up at Cape Blanco State Airport which becomes home to the first **Port Orford Grand Prix**. The auto races are jointly sponsored by the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce and Team Continental of Portland. At last count over 135 racers had signed up for this event.

Yes, advance tickets for the races are available at four locations in Port Orford. They are **Sentry Market, Downtown Fun Zone, First Interstate Bank and Chetco Credit Union**. Tickets will be for sale through Friday, August 6th and then available both days of the weekend at the race site. You can save **\$1.00** of the cost of an adult or children's ticket by buying them in advance. The tickets are good for admission to both days of racing.

Many of you are probably wondering where you're going to park your car. There will be some parking at the airport site and when that is filled up, the public can use the parking lot at Pacific High School. The racing committee will be providing free parking and shuttle bus service to the airport for you and your friends.

Racing events start at 9:00am both mornings and continue through until 5:30pm. There will be six community groups offering food and soft drinks for sale during

both days. The one big no-no is consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages. The Chamber has signed a contract with the State Aeronautics Board for use of the air field and one of the chief stipulations is that alcohol is not permitted.

I was told by Glenn at Western Builder's Supply that the last race event at Cape Blanco State Airport was in 1970 and featured drag racing. He told me they drew a crowd of at least a couple of thousand people and everyone had a good time.

There will be a program for sale at the racetrack with a complete schedule of events. I've got a copy of it and let me tell you it's going to be a couple of very busy days. Practices start at 9:00am on Saturday with qualifying starting at 1:30 that afternoon. Qualifying continues on Sunday morning at 9:00am with the green flag going up on the first race at 1:00pm.

I know all over Port Orford people are busy getting ready for this first of a kind event. The Chamber is having a meeting for volunteers at 1:30pm on Thursday at City Hall.

The people and businesses of Port Orford welcome the auto racers, their families and the race crews. Come on into town and see what we're all about here in the westernmost city in the 48 United States.

I was at the library this morning talking to Bonnie Wagner and Pat Lee. They

were talking about how successful Pat's summer reading program has been. This Thursday those children who completed the program are being taken the South Coast Wild Animal Park. Pat says 35 of the 40 children who got their hundred points are going. Meanwhile up in Langlois librarian Tobe Porter tells me she has 38 children who completed her summer reading program going to the game park. Congratulations to the children and the librarians. By the way there's still plenty of books leftover from the Port Orford library book sale on sale at the library.

I got a chance to spend a few quiet moments with a cup of cafe latte this morning in the sunflower garden at Gwendolyn's Bed and Breakfast. They've worked quite hard at it and produced a beautiful variety of flowering plants including sunflowers. This is certainly one of the most peaceful spots in Port Orford.

See our
Hamburger Stand
at the Auto Races
Aug. 7-8
in the
Pit area



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