

CONCRETE & STEEL

The Phoenix Raceway Project Powered by DC Solar \$178 million modernization has made continued progress over the hot summer months. Concrete elevator towers were already up by the time IndyCar rolled around in late April. The first steel was delivered in late May and the first piece of steel for the new grandstand installed on May 30 (with a “Best Wishes from Daytona” inscription, as that facility had just completed its own redevelopment). By late June, excavation began on a new pedestrian-only tunnel from the grandstands to the new infield’s DC Solar Fan Midway and Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Garage Fan Zone.

SIGNED STEEL BEAM AT NEW ENTRY: In mid-July, a steel beam signed by fans and the entire field of drivers during April’s IndyCar event was installed at the top of new Canyon 1, one of the two new en-

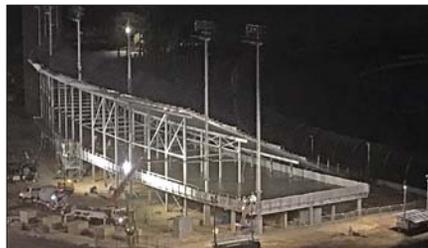


trances to the expanded grandstand, making these drivers and fans forever a part of the new Phoenix Raceway. The beam is part of nearly 250,000 pounds of steel and over 8,500 square feet of metal decking that will make up Canyon 1. When completed in 2018, the two Canyons will serve as immersive, interactive entrances, with escalators to quickly and conveniently take fans to their seats.

CONCRETE POURS UNDERWAY: By early August, crews were working at night to beat the midsummer heat, with DC Solar, title sponsor for the modernization project, powering their lighting as they made the first concrete pour for the newly-constructed Allison Grandstand extension. Ultimately, nearly 23,000 cubic yards of concrete will be used in the project. The grandstand will have multiple concourse levels with upgraded concessions, new souvenir shops, new restrooms and more.

CURVE OPENS NOVEMBER 2017: Curve will be a brand new, all-inclusive Fan Hospitality Club with

a bird’s-eye view of the track from high above Turn One. Originally to be called Club 64, Curve will be completed and open for the Can-Am 500 NASCAR Semi-Final Weekend in November 2017. Here, you



can enjoy all-day culinary service, track action and even mountain sunsets away from the crowds. The 5,840-square-foot club on the Suite Level has a capacity of 300 and includes an air conditioned lounge—with dining tables for up to 126 people, bar tables and stools for 61, plus three large sofas and 21 lounge chairs—which opens to 51 plush stadium seats high above the track for easy mingling. Curve’s third seating area is an 844-square-foot private outdoor patio with dining tables for 24 people, plus sofas and lounge chairs. The facility has free WiFi. Included with your package are preferred VIP parking, Pit Road and pre-race ceremonies access (with some limitations for minors)



and an exclusive lanyard. Cost per person is \$1399 for November 2017’s three-day Can-Am 500 NASCAR Weekend, \$1099 for the March 2018 two-day Spring NASCAR Weekend, and \$299 for the April 2018 one-day Verizon IndyCar Series Race. ■



CAN-AM 500 NASCAR SEMIFINAL RACE WEEKEND NOVEMBER 10-12, 2017

Phoenix Raceway features a full weekend of NASCAR action this fall, three races over three days, including semifinal racing in the Can-Am 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, as PIR is once again home to the Series’ elimination races that set the final four seeking a series championship trophy the next weekend at Homestead-Miami.

FRIDAY NOV 10: LUCAS OIL 150

Gates open at 9am for pre-race pit access, NASCAR XFINITY Series practice and Can-Am 500 NASCAR Series practice and Gatorade Qualifying to set the starting lineup for Sunday, plus practice and qualifying for the Lucas Oil 150, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race at 6:30pm (150 laps/150 miles).

SATURDAY NOV 11: TICKET GALAXY 200

Gates open at 9am for pre-race pits, additional Can-Am 500 practice, and qualifying for the Ticket Galaxy 200, NASCAR XFINITY Series Race, which runs at 1:30pm (200 laps/200 miles).

SUNDAY NOV 12: CAN-AM 500

Gates open at 8am for pre-race pits and other fun. Driver introductions are at 11:50am, with the Can-Am 500, Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race at 12:30 pm (312 laps/312 miles). Send off Dale Earnhardt Jr on his last ride out west, before Tucson native Alex Bowman takes over in the No 88 in 2018.

NASCAR SPRING RACE WEEKEND: Gatorade Pole Day, DC Solar 200 and champions taking on young guns in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series 500 make a perfect Spring Break weekend, March 9-11, 2018.

INDYCAR PHOENIX GRAND PRIX: The Verizon IndyCar Series Phoenix Grand Prix returns on Saturday night, April 7, 2018—the second race of the season, after a March 11 street circuit opener in St Petersburg FL.

TICKETS: Buy at PhoenixRaceway.com, call 866-408-RACE (7223) or buy in person at the PIR ticket office, 125 S Avondale Blvd, Suite 200, Avondale AZ 85323. ■

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