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Dear FASTRAK Northeast Driver:

The intent of this letter is to inform you of the upcoming **second annual "Canadian FASTRAK National Championship" Northeast Touring Series event** to be held at **Humberstone Speedway on Sunday, May 20.**

As most of you all of you know, Humberstone Speedway, located in Port Colborne, Canada, became a FASTRAK weekly-sanctioned speedway in 2011. The owners and promoters of Humberstone are very committed to the FASTRAK concept and will be running FASTRAK weekly on Friday nights once again in 2012!

Last year's inaugural "Canadian National Championship" was one of our best races of the season! The 30-lap feature had only one caution and the racing was tremendous with two and three-wide racing throughout the event on the racey 1/3-mile speedway! We were disappointed with the turnout of just 16 cars, but that was due to several factors...the forecast was not good with rain throughout much of the region, it was Eriez Speedway's opening night, Humberstone had only a few of their own regular cars, and many were apprehensive about the passport process and crossing the border.

While obviously we can't control the weather for the second annual event on May 20, 2012, we can say that the passport process and crossing the border was no problem at all, Humberstone expects to have several more cars this season, and **Eriez Speedway has graciously dropped FASTRAK for this night.** We also hope several additional teams will now proceed with obtaining a passport so we can have at least a full field of cars!

Like last year, this date was chosen as it is part of their national Victoria Day celebration, which is similar to our Memorial Day Weekend. **Humberstone has committed to again paying the \$2,000 to-win, \$200 to-start purse in U.S. funds!**

We do realize that for the teams located in the central and southern area of the Northeast region it will require a longer tow, but is actually less than two hours for many of the Northern teams. This would be similar for many of you when the Northern teams travel to Tyler County, Roaring Knob, Dog Hollow, etc. **Humberstone is located only 20 miles west of Buffalo!**

Last year, we secured a sponsor that allowed us to pay the top Northeast Touring Series drivers \$150 to help with the costs of obtaining passports for you and your team. **In order to again help additional teams with the costs of obtaining passports, this year we will offer \$150 to the remaining top 15 drivers in 2011 points that did NOT attend last year's event, which would be the following teams: Josh Holtgraver, Dan Angelicchio, Scott Bidwell, Kyle Zimmerman, George Kowatic, Lauren Longbrake & Chad Wright.**

**We will also offer \$150 to a minimum of the highest three drivers in the top 15 in points from 2012's points (more if any of the drivers from the above list do not attend) that did NOT attend last year. In essence, we will pay up to 10 teams that did not attend last year \$150 each! The money is contingent upon attending the event and will be payable after the completion of the event.**

For those of you that do not have a passport, it really is not that difficult to acquire one. Actually it's quite simple, just a bit time consuming; and we are here to help you through the process, if need be. **The following are three different options that are available:**

1. U.S. Passport Book (\$135) - **(Required for air travel ONLY.)**
2. **U.S. Passport Card (\$55)** – (Can be used to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry.) *The U. S. Passport Card will suffice if you do not plan on flying to a foreign country in the somewhat near future.*
3. Enhanced Drivers License for **New York State residents only** (\$30) – (Can be obtained from the DMV)

**Know also that the passports are valid for 10 years, and the enhanced license for eight.** Please check for additional details if you are planning to take a child. In the end we all probably should have them as they are now required for travel to and from Canada and Mexico.

Passport forms are available at your local post office or check out the following website for the form and additional information [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html). You can also complete the form online and print it or print it and complete it at your convenience. If you have trouble obtaining a passport application, please let us know and we will get you one ASAP. *Note: It is much cheaper to get a passport photo at places that offer the service rather than having the post office take your photo (it's approximately \$15 at the post office).*

**Know that for all first time passport applicants, you must submit your passport application in person at an Acceptance Facility (post offices, courthouses, or government offices) or a Passport Agency.** The following website will search for the nearest location to you <http://iafdb.travel.state.gov>. *(Note: Not every post office will handle this request, but there should be a location very near to you. Note also on the search that some smaller locations are by appointment only.)*

We recommend you complete the passport application as soon as possible in order to obtain them for the event. ***It can take anywhere from 2 to 8 weeks (generally 4-6 is what they say) to receive your passport once they are submitted, but the typical wait time last year was three to four weeks.*** Thus with the event on May 20, it's highly recommended you submit your passport applications by MARCH 23. **Passports can be expedited for an additional \$60 plus overnight costs, but will still take two to three weeks.**

*Almost all convictions (including DUI, DWI, reckless driving, negligent driving, misdemeanor drug possession, all felonies, domestic violence (assault IV), shoplifting, theft, etc) can make a person inadmissible to Canada, regardless of when they occurred. For this reason, it is not recommended that persons with past convictions attempt to enter Canada without first obtaining necessary documents. It is always the final decision of officers at ports of entry to decide whether a person should be allowed into Canada.*

**It's recommended that when crossing, teams should utilize the Peace Bridge** (this would be the normal way of travel for those of us in any event). It is our understanding that there is very little if any problems involved in crossing the border if your passports, driver's license, vehicle registrations, etc. are in order.

Again, we hope that you will view the "Canadian FASTRAK National Championship" Northeast Touring Series event as a great opportunity for our Series and the overall growth of the FASTRAK concept into the future! **Know also that Humberstone is considering hosting a second Northeast Touring Series event in late July or August.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 724-964-9300 or e-mail to [info@fastraknortheast.com](mailto:info@fastraknortheast.com). Also, Humberstone general manager/promoter Bob Davidson can be reached at 905-651-3243.

Thank you,

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