

**THUNDER TALK**  
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**READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

I was asked recently about where one can find news about Sprint Car and Midget Car racing. Good questions, as most sports pages cover the stick and ball sports as if they were the only sporting events happening.

The major Southern California papers, the LA Times and the Daily News both have writers covering motor racing. However, I guess they never leave the office as both papers only write about major racing leagues such as Nascar, IRL, Cart, Formula One, etc. An occasional paragraph at the end of their columns might mention Ventura, Perris or Irwindale when they need to fill space on a page. What part of "reporting" do these "Award Winning" reporters not understand? It would be nice to see them covering the local racing scene where the stars of tomorrow get their start.

Our local paper, The Star, has the results of each Saturday nights events on Sunday morning in the sports page. This is fine; however, it would seem that racing in Ventura, being a major part of the local sports scene, would have some in-depth coverage on a weekly basis. Papers in Northern California give their tracks much more coverage including front page space for the bigger events.

There are three excellent options for getting the news on our sport. They are the following:

**SPEEDMEDIA:** Newspaper covering open wheel racing in the western U.S. Excellent articles and in-depth coverage of west coast open wheel racing. Subscribe at: [www.speedmedianews.com](http://www.speedmedianews.com)

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