



A huge percentage of American culture is captivated by auto racing! And, for at least 8 months out of each year, racers, teams and fans flock to the weekly short tracks that are sprinkled all across the United States, from coast to coast and border to border. The smell of the fuel, the screams of the announcer trying to narrate the action above the roar of the engines, the taste of the hot dogs, hamburgers and popcorn – these are the sights, sounds and smells that draw thousands to the dirt tracks each weekend!

In the midst of all the excitement of heat races and features, all who attend – both participants and spectators – bring with them their families, significant others, friends and all their daily life experiences to the short track. And many of the come without being anchored into a solid-rock relationship with God.

That is where Raceway Ministries at the weekly short track comes into play. The presence of a track chaplain or a ministry team can create rich opportunities for sharing God’s hope in Christ. How does that happen? It begins with building a relationship with the track owner, manager or promoter, and helping that person see the advantages of having a chaplain as part of the team. Someone who can -- lead the opening invocation at the beginning of the events; be available to accompany medics when accidents happen on the track or in the pits; coordinate fun activities for the kids who come to the track with parents or others; help calm angry drivers and teams when conflict occurs; build relationships with the “regulars” at the track, leading to opportunities to pray, share Bible truth, offer counsel as God leads; give away Bibles and helpful Christian literature to lead folks to Christ or nurture their walk with Him; and extend those ministry relationships to settings outside and away from the track.

The most unique thing about ministry at the short track is the opportunity to build ongoing relationships with the folks who come weekly to watch the races from the bleachers, work on the cars in the pits, or compete behind the wheel of the race cars – relationships that can last a season; for years; for a lifetime. Does that pique your interest? If so – find out more.

- [www.racewayministries.org](http://www.racewayministries.org) – Discover more about Raceway Ministries: leadership, resources, networking, other information
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