

**Honda Indy Grand Prix
of Alabama - Barber
Motorsports Park**

Great news race fans! It's time for the IZOD Indy Racing League to return to Barber Motorsports Park. They are coming April 8-10—and this year's event is looking to be better than last year's booming affair!



Indy Cars made their inaugural tour to the Heart of Dixie in April 2010. Hosted by ZOOM Motor-



sports and presented by Legacy Credit Union—84,000+ fans enjoyed a spectacular three-day racing weekend at the beautiful Barber Motorsports Park.

BMP is a 2.38-mile, 17-turn road course that has over 80-feet of elevation change. Set in the hills of Leeds, Alabama—this carefully manicured racing facility has to be the most beautiful racing circuit in



the USA—perhaps the world. There are roughly one-half-million flowering bulbs planted at Barber Motorsports Park. George Barber and BMP management are on a quest to have every indigenous tree of North America on the grounds, and the Audubon Society has recognized the raceway park as a bird sanctuary. And there are sculptures—metal and iron works

of art—everywhere. ZOOM Motorsports and the IRL, expanding upon their successful experience in 2010, are promising “enhancements” for 2011. First, for fan comfort, there will be limited ticket quantities available and more shuttles to get fans to and from the track. Inside the track, larger Jumbotrons throughout, and a new “state-

of-the-art” public address system—keeping the fans apprised of all of the happenings during the day. There will also be an improved Fan Zone, featuring an 80-foot-tall Ferris Wheel for all to enjoy! Personally, I cannot wait to see the view of the park from the top of the wheel.

Race fans can also order tickets online and print them out at home. And please remember, this is a family event, kids 12 and under are admitted free with a paying adult (they must have a ticket printed out with a \$0.00 value).

On March 15th, during the IRL open test session, BMP announced that tickets have been sold to thirty

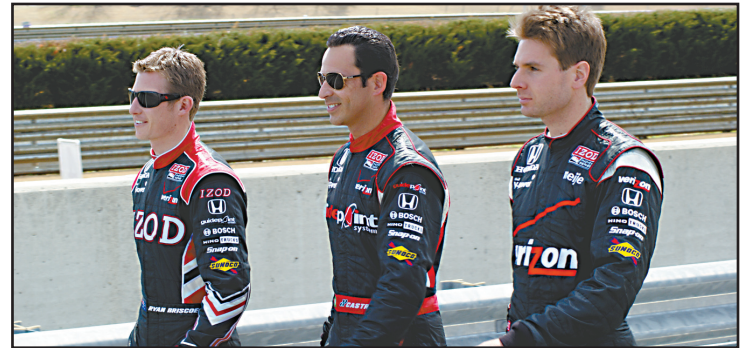
states and twelve countries already. MSA was on-hand for this year's test session. There was a lot of great action on the track—as well as interesting people around the track.

Team Penske's Helio Castro-Neves, last year's inaugural winner, ran the fastest lap in this year's open test at 115.090 MPH—over his teammate Will Power at 115.058 MPH. Will Team Penske find victory lane again?

There are a lot of celebrities scheduled to be at this year's race. Rick and Bubba' (of the Rick and Bubba' Show) are the Grand Marshals of the race. Patrick Dempsey, the star of Grey's Anatomy and co-owner of Dempsey Racing, will be around. And American Idol's winner Ruben Studdard will appear to sing the National Anthem.

Friends, I look forward to seeing you all at Barber Motorsports Park in April. If you have not been there—or if you have not been to an IndyCar race—I encourage you to make the trip. You will not be disappointed! Visit www.barbermotorsports.com.

-Rocky Sinyard
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