



NHRA CHAMPIONSHIP DRAG RACING
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We are here to offer our support for the preservation of Palm Beach International Raceway in Jupiter, Fla.

The NHRA is the premier and largest sanctioning body of drag racing in the United States. Since our founding in 1951, we have been committed to helping take racing off the streets and to the controlled environments of racetracks. As a sport founded more than 70 years ago on that foundation, we offer our strongest possible recommendation to keep this facility in your community.

NHRA's founder Wally Parks worked with civic and law enforcement authorities to combat street racing and the sport has continued to grow into what it is today. NHRA is now the largest motorsports membership organization in the United States with 35,000 licensed professional drag racers, 80,000 members and more than 400,000 hobby racers.

As the primary sanctioning body for drag racing in the United States, NHRA provides numerous activities for drag racing enthusiasts to participate in the sport, including a very popular street legal racing program that provides hot rod enthusiasts a legal opportunity to race their cars. Palm Beach International Raceway has been engrained in the West Palm Beach and Jupiter communities for more than 40 years, welcoming racers from all over the world to its facility.

Many dragstrips like PBIR are small businesses that rely on this fundamental tradition of hot rodding to stay in business. These small businesses create jobs and a place to race and provide family-friendly entertainment, as well as a future destination for young people. Tracks like PBIR are full of friendly competition and camaraderie that bring communities together.

Without these facilities, there is no outlet for people to race in a controlled environment, and municipalities are exposed to the dangers of illegal street racing. Events at PBIR helped reduce illegal and dangerous street racing, offering an outlet for people to race or offer incentive to find a career in the motorsports and automotive world.

Illegal street racing puts many people -- participants, spectators, and the unknowing public -- at great risk.

It would be tragic for the community, for the sport and for the thousands of racers -- and future racers -- in the area to see this facility permanently go away. PBIR is a business worth keeping because of the positive impact it can have on the community and for future generations, and the jobs it can create.

We again urge you to take the necessary steps to save Palm Beach International Raceway and keep it as a vibrant and thriving part of the community.

Thank you,

Glen Cromwell
NHRA President