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No V8 Supercars at Barbagallo

However the racing doesn't stop with Smarter than Smoking Night Masters on 13 March

Though the V8 Supercars may not be making an appearance at Barbagallo Raceway in 2010 all is not lost for motor racing fans here in the West. The local scene is thriving as the WA Sporting Car Club gets stuck in to the 2010 racing season with the second of the **Smarter than Smoking Night Masters** at Barbagallo Raceway on Saturday 13 March. For only the second time since night racing commenced at Barbagallo Raceway back in 1991 racing will be on the long circuit with a record entry of over 140 cars covering eight categories of racing.

This record entry coming down the huge hill on the long circuit at 200kmh plus in the dark should provide an awesome spectacle of flaming exhausts and brakes glowing bright red.

Last season saw a huge growth in competitor participation and produced entertaining close racing throughout the season in all categories and looks to continue this year. The popular Saloon Cars return for this meeting with the huge Commodore/Falcon category broken into two fields of cars with the Falcon AU/ Holden VT and the Falcon EA/Holden VN doing battle. State Champion in the AU/VT class Nathan Callaghan will lead the Commodore battle along with 2008 Champion - Dion Panizza, Grant Johnson, and Brett Stewart up against the ever improving Falcons of the Tremeer trio of Jason, Craig and Colin along with Rick Gill, providing plenty of panel rubbing action.

National Saloon Car Series contender Clint Harvey returns in the Falcon EA/Commodore VN class in his Commodore to do battle with the Commodores of Michael Julien, Travis Sharpe and Chris Reindler while the stand out Falcon should be Rick Gill in his EA and a class that is currently dominated by the Holden Commodore.

For open wheeler fans Formula Ford will be back in force in what should be an exciting year for this class which always produces fast and close racing action with a number of new competitors and some rising stars looking to take out this year's WA State Championship. Could this be the year we see the first female motor racing champion in WA? Hollie Tucker in her Fastlane Van Diemen was impressive in 2009 and should rattle a few of the boys like Christopher Mitchell, Justin Locke, Ben-Lee D'Limi and Aaron Caratti.



Formula Vee gets a boost with a number of new competitors and the return of Cameron Edwards in the Brett Scarey Ajay 08 up against Derek Burns and Daniel Gate should produce some entertaining racing.

The fastest growing category at the moment with the widest range of manufactures is Improved Production Cars. Ashley Barnett kicked of the season impressively in his Nissan 200SX but will be under pressure for this meeting from the Subaru WRX of Kevin Ledger from the Commodore of Kerry Wade and Matt Cherry in the Monaro.

Sports Cars and Sports Sedans should see close racing between Steve Myburgh's very quick Nissan up against the Mazda RX-7 of Cade Bell and the Porsche GT3's of Walter Epple, Benhan Bordbar and George Bradbury

Street Cars are back in growing numbers with the biggest field in three years looking to take it to the Mazda RX-7 brigade headed by Mark Greenham, Peter Major and Troy Stones.

Racing kicks off at 2.30pm Saturday afternoon going through to 10.00pm into the evening with non-stop motor racing action, including an on track demonstration by the UWA Formula SAE World Championship winning team.

Adults just \$10 and kids under 14 are free. There is lots of food and drink and free rides for the kids, so bring the family. Entry into the pits is free, so you can come and meet the drivers and get up close and personal with the cars.

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