



## SRL STATEMENT

December 12, 2024

Bakersfield, CA – It was announced earlier this week that Spears Manufacturing will be moving their annual sponsorship away from the SRL to a competing race series for the 2025 season. We've had a legacy relationship with Wayne and Connie Spears through Spears Manufacturing that spans more than three decades from event sponsorships at Mesa Marin Raceway, to the 15 years of Spears being the title sponsor of the SRL Southwest Tour Series. We cannot express the high level of gratitude we have for the support of Spears Manufacturing over the years. Our relationship with the company crossed over the typical sponsor/client association. It was deeply ingrained in personal relationships and operating our series to the high standards that Spears Manufacturing set in its own industry. It's a challenging time in short track racing in our region and the way some are doing business and impacting our sport is not viewed as the best for all those involved and invested in the sport. The SRL will continue to be part of short track racing in the western region and beyond. We will continue to make decisions that are best suited for all those involved. We will help direct our sport in a way that everyone is proud to be part of it, just as we have since 2008.

As we move into 2025, we are excited about the Silver Anniversary season for the SRL. Look for announcements on the upcoming season as we visit new tracks and attract new race fans in 2025.

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**About the SRL Southwest Tour Series:** Celebrating its twenty-fifth season in 2025, the SRL Southwest Tour Series is a regional stock car series competing on paved ovals in the southwestern portion of the U.S. <http://www.srlsouthwesttour.com>. "The SRL Southwest Tour Series...Where the Champions Race".