



NLSA to Raise Funds for Fellow Racer in 2010

Greg Cybulski, WINNIPEG, MB (January 28, 2010) The Northern Lightning Sprint Association will be embarking on an ambitious fundraising campaign to benefit the Travis Rutz Trust Fund during the 2010 racing season.

Canadian Sprint Car driver Travis Rutz of Langley, British Columbia was involved in a serious accident while racing with the All-Star Circuit of Champions sprint car series at the Terre Haute Action Track in Indiana on September 27, 2009. A three-car crash resulted in Rutz suffering severe head trauma. He was airlifted to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana where he spent one month in a coma before being transported back to his home town to Langley Hospital where he remains today.

Travis has since come out of his coma and is now involved in a rehab program to help him recover from his injuries. To date, Rutz is making progress, something that doctors and other medical professionals gave the family little hope for. Parents Doug and Kathy Rutz are determined to give their son every opportunity to fight and recover from his injuries.

Unfortunately, even in Canada, most of the treatments and therapy that Travis requires to improve his basic quality of life is paid for by his family. The racing community has come together to raise money to help cover Travis' medical expenses, however, more will be needed to continue the fight for the 21 year old racer.

In an effort to help their fellow Canadian, the NLSA will be holding special auctions of donated racing-themed items during the 2010 racing season. Prizes will be announced at a future date. The goal for the membership is to raise awareness in the local racing community and to raise money for the Travis Rutz Trust Fund.

The NLSA will also be involved in additional promotions throughout the year including a \$1,000-to-win Lightning Sprint race in July which will be part of their Travis Rutz fundraising drive. More details are to follow.

About the Northern Lightning Sprint Association:

Created in September of 2008, the Northern Lightning Sprint Association is a rapidly growing organization committed to the creation and maintenance of safe, fast, fun, and affordable open wheel racing. Many of the organization's members are dedicated to helping charities such as the Children's Hospital Foundation and Cancer Care of Manitoba. More information can be found at <http://www.nlsprints.com>