

11-16-24: Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway (Inner Asphalt Oval)

The second stop on plan C for the day after Nitrocross and Placerville both canceled was at the newly-renamed Kevin Harvick's Kern Raceway. Their season finale on the asphalt track was happening tonight and it included classes running the inner ¼ mile oval which I had not seen before.

They did, however, start with supermoto, something I have never seen before at a car track. It was an entirely asphalt course which, from the way the announcers talked about it, was a first for them. It was marked out with chalk on the inner oval and going through the pits and out onto turn four before coming down the frontstretch plus one small jump that it was apparently optional to even take as many skipped it.



The supermoto was mildly entertaining, nothing particularly special. Once we got through two races of that after about 45 minutes the legends took to the track for the first countable race on the inner oval. There were 14 legends that started straight into their 30 lap feature, running 24 laps green until a caution for an infield cone getting pushed out onto the track. Then it was multiple separate crashes in the final laps including one backing hard into the wall.

They did a short drift expo by some of the drift cars from Irwindale then ran the Crown Vics race. 6 of them ran the inner track for a green to checkered feature with some good battles for the lead the whole race. The winner did his own drifting around the infield to celebrate.

The inner track was completely flat except for a bit of banking where it went up on the frontstretch, but it put on a decent show for the classes that ran there.



The main event was the Cars West Pro Late Model race for 100 laps around the outer oval. I had other plans for later in the evening but I stayed just long enough for my friend to count the outer track before heading out, which was too bad because it was looking like it was going to be a pretty good late model race.