

### 9-30-23: Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park (Asphalt Road Course)

Thompson is about the closest track to where I live at only an hour's drive, and I'd somehow never been to the road course before. They use it all the time but most of it isn't countable. I decided to head out there today for the NELCAR legends for a there-and-back Trackchasing couple of hours.

I picked up my brother and we drove down, getting there about 10 minutes after the first race was scheduled to begin. I didn't know what the setup was going to be but it turned out that we could just drive right up to the track and watch from there. We started out in turns one and two and just sat on top of the car to watch since the fence was pretty low. There were a couple other people standing in their truck bed as well.



There was a small patch of water on the track that really seemed to give them trouble. I'm assuming they were all running slicks since the track was basically dry but with the rain over the past couple days there were spots of water and the one on the turn exit caused several cars to get rather sideways.

We then drove down into turns four and five. They had some small bleachers set up there which we stood on to watch the cars come down the hill and enter into the oval track.



There were a decent number of cars on track, though I couldn't count exactly how many. They were very spread out by the time we got there but they were able to hold a good bit of speed through the track. It was enjoyable enough, and an easy new track to count when I had nothing in particular to do otherwise. We stayed about 20 minutes before heading home.