

FONDA SPEEDWAY OPENING DAY EVENT WINNERS

Below are the winners of opening day events held at the Fonda Speedway over the last 75 years starting in 1948 up to 2026 (no events were held in 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952)

1948 - Buddy Shuman
1953 - Chuck Kotwica
1954 - Jim Luke
1955 - Pete Corey
1956 - Pete Corey
1957 - Jim Luke
1958 - Irv Taylor
1959 - Pete Corey
1960 - Bill Wimble
1961 - Tom Kotary
1962 - Pete Corey
1963 - Lou Lazzaro
1964 - Lou Lazzaro
1965 - Ken Shoemaker
1966 - Lou Lazzaro
1967 - Pete Corey
1968 - Don Wayman
1969 - Lou Lazzaro
1970 - Rene Charland
1971 - Lou Lazzaro
1972 - Jack Johnson
1973 - Maynard Forrette
1974 - Dave Pelczar
1975 - Pep Pepicelli
1976 - Jack Johnson
1977 - Lou Lazzaro
1978 - Lou Lazzaro
1979 - C.D. Coville
1980 - C.D. Coville
1981 - Dave Lape
1982 - Jack Johnson
1983 - Jack Johnson
1984 - Dave Lape
1985 - Jimmy Horton
1986 - Bob McCreadie
1987 - Mike Romano
1988 - Jack Johnson
1989 - Dave Lape
1990 - Danny Johnson
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1995 - Dave Lape
1996 - Pat Ward
1997 - Jeff Trombley
1998 - Dave Camara
1999 - Jeff Trombley
2000 - Jeff Trombley
2001 - Bobby Varin
2002 - Jeff Trombley
2003 - Brett Hearn
2004 - Tim McCreadie
2005 - Bobby Varin
2006 - Mitch Gibbs
2007 - Danny Johnson
2008 - Matt DeLorenzo
2009 - Pat Ward
2010 - Bobby Varin
2011 - Ronnie Johnson
2012 - Mike Mahaney
2013 - Matt DeLorenzo
2014 - Matt Sheppard
2015 - Stewart Friesen
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2017 - Justin Boehler
2018 - Stewart Friesen
2019 – Matt Sheppard
2020 – Stewart Friesen
2021 – Stewart Friesen
2022 – Stewart Friesen
2023 – Tim Fuller
2024 – Michael Maresca
2025 – Stewart Friesen
2026 – Josh Kane (Enduro)

SUMMARY

Jack Johnson – 8 – 1972, 1976, 1982, 1983, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1994
Lou Lazzaro – 7 – 1963, 1964, 1966, 1969, 1971, 1977, 1978
Stewart Friesen – 7 – 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2025
Dave Lape – 5 – 1981, 1984, 1989, 1993, 1995
Pete Corey – 5 – 1955, 1956, 1959, 1962, 1967
Jeff Trombley – 4 – 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002
Bobby Varin – 3 – 2001, 2005, 2010
Jim Luke – 2 – 1954, 1957
C.D. Coville – 2 - 1979, 1980
Danny Johnson – 2 – 1990, 2007
Matt DeLorenzo – 2 – 2008, 2013
Pat Ward – 2 – 1996, 2009

Matt Sheppard – 2 – 2014,2019
Buddy Shuman – 1 – 1948
Chuck Kotwica – 1 – 1953
Irv Taylor – 1 – 1958
Bill Wimble – 1 – 1960
Tom Kotary – 1 – 1961
Ken Shoemaker – 1 – 1965
Don Wayman – 1 – 1968
Rene Charland – 1 – 1970
Maynard Forrette – 1 – 1973
Dave Pelczar – 1 – 1974
Pep Pepicelli – 1 – 1975
Jimmy Horton – 1 – 1985
Bob McCreadie – 1 – 1986
Mike Romano – 1 – 1987
Dave Camara – 1 – 1998
Brett Hearn – 1 – 2003
Tim McCreadie – 1 – 2004
Mitch Gibbs – 1 – 2006
Ronnie Johnson – 1 – 2011
Mike Mahaney – 1 – 2012
Justin Bohler – 1 – 2017
Tim Fuller – 1 – 2023
Michael Maresca – 1 – 2024
Josh Kane – 1 – 2026 (Enduro)