

American Automobile Association Racing Board

1905 National Automobile Racing Circuit

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
06/10/1905	Morris Park 5.56-miles Bronx, NY 1.39-mile DO	Louis Chevrolet	Don Wurgis	Guy Vaughn
06/17/1905	Charter Oak Park 5-miles Hartford, CT 1-mile DO	Barney Oldfield	-	-
06/26/1905	Empire City Track 10-miles Yonkers, NY 1-mile DO	Louis Chevrolet	Webb Jay	-
06/29/1905	Brunots Island Track 10-miles Pittsburg, PA 1-mile DO	Louis Chevrolet	Barney Oldfield	-
07/04/1905	Morris Park 5.56-miles Bronx, NY 1.39-mile DO	Webb Jay	-	-
08/12/1905	Glenville Driving Track 5-miles Cleveland, OH 1-mile DO	Charles Burman	Herbert Lytle	Don Wurgis
08/19/1905	Kenilworth Park 5-miles Buffalo, NY 1-mile DO	Barney Oldfield	Montague Roberts	Herbert Lytle
09/09/1905	Readville Track 5-miles Boston, MA 1-mile DO	Barney Oldfield	Emanuel Cedrino	Frank Durbin
09/18/1905	New York State Fair Track Syracuse, NY 5-miles, 1-mi DO	Guy Vaughn	Don Wurgis	Maurice Bernin
09/23/1905	Narragansett Park 5-miles Providence, RI	Barney Oldfield	Emanuel Cedrino	-
09/29/1905	Dutchess County Fair 5-miles Poughkeepsie, NY 1-mile DO	Barney Oldfield	Don Wurgis	Charles G. Wridgway

1905 National Automobile Racing Circuit Championship Point Standings

1.	Barney Oldfield	22
2.	Louis Chevrolet	12
3.	Don Wurgis	7
4.	Webb Jay	6
5.	Guy Vaughn	5
6.	Charles Burman	4
	Emanuel Cedrino	4
8.	Herbert Lytle	3
9.	Montague Roberts	2
10.	Frank Bernin	1
	Maurice Bernin	1
	Charles G. Wridgway	1

May 1905 the American Automobile Association announced that the Racing Board would sanction a National Automobile Racing Circuit which would determine a champion for 1905.

- Entrants for the title must declare their intention of competing for the championship
- In addition to the regular sanction fee of \$10 for members, \$50 for non-members there will be an additional sanction fee of \$25
 - The \$25 additional sanction fee will be applied for the purchase of a championship car owner trophy
- Free-For-All Championship Race minimum first place prize of \$150
- Minimum race distance-5 miles
- Maximum race distance-10 miles
- Point scoring:
 - 4-Points for race win
 - 2-Points for second place finish
 - 1-Point for third place finish

1905 Circuit Dates:

6/10 * Morris Park, Bronx, NY	6/16-17 * Charter Oak Park, Hartford, CT
6/21 Baltimore, MD	6/24 Philadelphia, PA
6/28-29 * Brunots Island Track, Pittsburg, PA	7/3-4 * Morris Park, Bronx, NY
7/22 Empire City Track, Yonkers, NY	8/1-2 Grand Rapids, Mich
8/4-5 Grosse Pointe, Detroit, Mich	8/11-12 * Glenville Driving Track, Cleveland, OH
8/18-19 * Kenilworth Park, Buffalo, NY	9/4 * Readville Track, Boston, MA
9/9 Narragansett Park, Providence	9/23 Morris Park, Bronx, NY
9/29 * Dutchess County Fair, Poughkeepsie, NY	9/30 Empire City Track, Yonkers, NY

The schedule was revised to include 9/18 Syracuse, NY. *, Empire City Track (6/26) *, and Narragansett Park (9/23) * races were rescheduled.

Webb Jay and Karl Kiser were involved in career ending crashes. Paul Sartori crashed and injured a spectator. Barney Oldfield crashed at Grosse Pointe and a hand full of other drivers crashed which created headlines "Racing Cars Bolt Track; Three Hurt", "Kiser's Serious Accident Mars Day's Sport", "Webb Jay Seriously Injured At Buffalo", "Track Racing Condemned To Die", "The Doom of Track Racing", "Barney Oldfield Says That Another Year Will Witness the Demise of Track Contests" overshadowed the initial A.A.A. National Championship. There would not be another A.A.A. National Championship until 1916 (Dario Resta), the Championship was interrupted by World War 1 in 1917. The A.A.A. National Championship resumed in 1920 (Gaston Chevrolet).

* Championship race conducted

Information was obtained from the Horseless Carriage Foundation, Automotive Research Library. The data was based on articles and race reports found in 1905 magazines such as The Automobile, Horseless Age, Motor, Motor Age, Automobile Topics. Also the Syracuse Journal newspaper.

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