



Playa del Rey Board Speedway from the April 14, 1910 issue of Motor World magazine.

Playa del Rey One Mile Circle Board Track

Date	Race	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Additional Information
March 19, 1911 Sunday					Auto Topics 3/25/1911
	100 mile match race 1:14.29.20	Teddy Tetzlaff Lozier	Ralph DePalma Fiat		
April 9, 1911 Sunday					Automobile 4/15/1911
	24 Hours 1,491 miles 62 1/8 mph	Valentine Hust/ Frank Verbeck Fiat	Adair/Baudette Cadillac 1,448 miles		10 cars started, 7 finished. Started Saturday 4/8/1910 at 4:01.21

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October 21, 1911 Saturday					Motor Age 10/26/1911
	5 miles 101-230 ci .4.25 1-5	Roscoe Anthony Regal	Clarence Smith Maxwell	William Endicott Reo	
	10 miles 231-300 ci .7.45 1-5	Harris Hanshue Mercer	Rupert Jeffkins Schacht	William Carlson Cole	
	1 mile time trial .44 3-5	Harvey Herrick National			
	5 mile free for all .3.25 3-5	Teddy Tetzlaff Fiat	Bert Dingley Pope-Hartford	Dave Lewis Stutz	
	25 miles 231-300 ci .20.59 1-5	Harris Hanshue Mercer	William Carlson Cole	Roscoe Anthony Regal	
	5 mile handicap free for all .3.58 1-5	Bert Dingley Pope-Hartford	Roscoe Anthony Regal	William Endicott Reo	
	5 mile free for all .3.33 1-5	Teddy Tetzlaff Fiat	Bert Dingley Pope-Hartford	William Endicott Inter-State	
October 22, 1911 Sunday					Motor Age 10/26/1911
	5 miles under 600 ci 3.40.20	Bert Dingley Pope-Hartford	William Endicott Inter-State	Dave Lewis Stutz	
	10 miles 231-300 ci .7.55	Shain Schacht	William Carlson Cole	Roscoe Anthony Regal	
	10 miles 161-230 .8.42.41	Clarence Smith Maxwell	Roscoe Anthony Regal	William Endicott Reo	
	5 mile free for all .3.19.35	Teddy Tetzlaff Fiat	Lee Oldfield Fiat	William Endicott Inter-State	
	25 miles 231-300 .19.49.57	Shain Schacht	William Carlson Cole	Roscoe Anthony Regal	
	5 miles free for all .3.20.33	Lee Oldfield Fiat	Teddy Tetzlaff Fiat	Bert Dingley Pope-Toledo	
	5 miles handicap .4.02.98	William Endicott Inter-State	Bert Dingley Pope-Hartford	Roscoe Anthony Regal	
	2 mile match race Heat 1 .1.18.57	Teddy Tetzlaff Fiat	Lee Oldfield Fiat		
	2 mile match race Heat 2 .1.17.9	Teddy Tetzlaff Fiat	Lee Oldfield Fiat		

It was the beginning of the purpose built speedways. Up to this point it was one mile fairground tracks, public road courses, and ocean beaches that provided the sites for automobile racing. In 1909 purpose built race tracks were built in Indianapolis and Atlanta. In 1910 the Playa del Rey one mile circular board speedway was added to the list of purpose built automobile racing tracks.

Playa del Rey in Los Angeles held races 1910 and 1911. August of 1912 fire swept the grounds of the board track. By 1915/1916 seven new board track were built with another 12 board tracks to follow. From 1915 to 1931 the bulk of automobile racing was held on board tracks ranging in size from 1.125 miles to 2 miles all with high banking in the turns.

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