

Playa del Ray

One Mile Circle Board Track

Date	Race	1st	2nd	3rd	Additional Information
April 8, 1910 Friday					Automobile 4/14/1910
	1 mile trial .36.22	Barney Oldfield Benz			
	1 mile trial amateur .37.56	Caleb Bragg Fiat			
	10 mile trial .631.37	George Robertson Simplex			
	2 mile trial .1.18.29	Ben Kerscher Darracq			
	5 mile trial .3.15.62	Ralph DePalma Fiat			
	10 miles 451-600 ci .7.49 2-5	Barney Oldfield Knox	Harris Hanshue Apperson	J. Marquis Isotta	
	10 miles 161-300 ci .9.03.25	William Endicott Cole	Joe Nikrent Buick	Linthwaite Firestone	
	5 mile free for all .3.16.3	Ralph DePalma Fiat	George Robertson Simplex	Ben Kerscher Darracq	
	10 mile 230-300 ci .1.25.22	Ray Harroun Marmon	F. Siefert Dorris	Al Livingston Corbin	
April 9, 1910 Saturday					Automobile 4/14/1910
	5 mile 451-600 ci .3.52.20	Barney Oldfield Knox	Harris Hanshue Apperson	J. Marquis Isotta	
	10 mile free for all .6.35.6	George Robertson Simplex	Caleb Bragg Fiat		
	50 mile 161-230 ci .43.49.69	William Endicott Cole	Joe Nikrent Buick	D. Miller Warren-Detroit	
	10 mile handicap .10.10.1	Hampton Ford	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	Barney Oldfield Knox	
April 10, 1910 Sunday					Automobile 4/14/1910
	15 mile 160 ci .17.07.81	Ralph DePalma Fiat	J. Marquis Isotta	Kelly Hupmobile	
	5 miles handicap .3.23.16	Frank Lescault Palmer-Singer	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	J. Marquis Isotta	
	5 mile 231-300 ci 3.55.97	Ray Harroun Marmon	F. Siefert Dorris		
	50 mile 451-600 Venice Sweepstakes .39.20.69	J. Marquis Isotta	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton		
	5 mile handicap .3.29.28	George Robertson Simplex	Frank Lescault Palmer-Singer	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	
	5 miles free for all 3.15.89	Caleb Bragg Fiat	George Robertson Simplex	Ben Kerscher Darracq	

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April 13, 1910 Wednesday					Motor World 4/21/1910
	Half mile time trial .17.91	Barney Oldfield Benz			
	1 kilometer .22.88	Barney Oldfield Benz			
	1 mile .37.38	Barney Oldfield Benz	Ralph DePalma Fiat .37.67		
	2 miles .1.59.96	Caleb Bragg Fiat			
	3 miles .1.57.71	Ben Kerscher Darracq			
	10 miles .7.26.61	Joe Nickrent Buick			
	10 miles free for all .7.01.92	Ben Kerscher Darracq	Ralph DePalma Fiat		
	5 mile handicap free for all .3.50.55	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	Ray Harroun Marmon	J. Marquis Isotta	
	50 miles free for all .37.55.53	Ralph DePalma Fiat	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	Ray Harroun Marmon	
April 15, 1910 Friday					Motor World 4/21/1910
	Half mile time trial .18.57	Barney Oldfield Benz			
	1 kilometer .25.13	Caleb Bragg Fiat			
	1 mile .36.99	Barney Oldfield Benz			
	2 miles .1.25.88	Ben Kerscher Darracq			
	4 miles .2.40.70	Caleb Bragg Fiat			
	10 miles 161-230 ci .8.40.17	Joe Nikrent Buick	William Endicott Cole	Linthwaite Firestone	D. Miller Firestone
	10 miles 601-750 ci .7.38.33	Ralph DePalma Fiat	Barney Oldfield Knox	Ray Harroun Marmon	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton
	10 miles free for all .7.11.62	Ralph DePalma Fiat	Caleb Bragg Fiat	Ben Kerscher Darracq	
	10 miles 451-600 ci .7.22.92	Barney Oldfield Knox	Ralph DePalma Fiat	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	
	50 mile 301-450 ci .39.53.55	Ray Harroun Marmon	Wade Marmon	Free Chalmers-Detroit	Joe Nikrent Buick

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April 16, 1910 Saturday					Motor World 4/21/1910
	5 mile 301-450 ci .3.52.68	Joe Nikrent Buick	Ray Harroun Marmon	Wade Marmon	
	10 miles 451-600 ci .7.20.66	Barney Oldfield Knox	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	Ralph DePalma Fiat	
	Two Hours free for all 148 Miles	Ray Harroun Marmon	Ralph DePalma Fiat 142 miles	Al Livingston Stoddard-Dayton	
	2 miles match race heat 1 .1.28.73	Caleb Bragg Fiat	Barney Oldfield Knox		Deciding heat to be run on the following day
April 17, 1910 Sunday					Motor World 4/21/1910
	10 miles 161-230 ci .8.46.74	William Endicott Cole	D. Miller Warren-Detroit	Linthwaite Firestone	
	3 mile \$801-\$1,200 .4.07.20	Pratt Ford	Roger Stearns Ford	Olsen Ford	
	10 miles 301-450 ci .7.26.61	Joe Nikrent Buick	Ray Harroun Marmon	Wade Marmon	
	2 miles match race heat 2 .1.19.20	Caleb Bragg Fiat	Barney Oldfield Benz		First heat held on Saturday
	100 miles 451-600 ci 1..16.21.90	Ray Harroun Marmon	Barney Oldfield Knox		
November 26, 1910 Saturday					Motor World 12/08/1910
	5 miles cars up to 600 ci .3.59	Joe Nikrent Knox	George Clark Cutting		
	5 miles 231-300 ci .4.31 4-5	Louis Nikrent Buick	J McNey Cutting	George McKeague Duro	
	5 mile tree for all .3.55 2-5	Joe Nikrent Knox	George Clark Cutting		
	5 miles 161-230 ci .4.41	George Bobst Oakland	Joseph Fuchs Staver		
	First hour of Two hour race	Joe Nikrent Knox 74 miles	Bruno Seibel Franklin 68 miles	George Clark Cutting 61 miles	
November 27, 1910 Sunday					Motor World 12/08/1910
	5 miles 451-600 ci .3.30 2-5	Joe Nikrent Knox	Louis Nikrent Buick	George Clark Cutting	
	5 miles 301-450 ci .4.18 3-5	Louis Nikrent Buick	George Clark Cutting	Bruno Seibel Franklin	
	5 miles pursuit race 161-230 .4.34	Joseph Fuchs Staver	George Bobst Oakland	Roger Stearns Ford	
	5 miles free for all handicap .4.54 2-5	Joe Nikrent Knox	Joseph Fuchs Staver	George McKeague Duro	
	Second hour of two hour race	Joe Nikrent Knox 146 miles	George Clark Cutting 127 miles	A.W. Horraine Parry 113 miles	

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A SPEED BRUSH BETWEEN BUICK, COLE "30," AND APPERSON AUTOMOBILES ON LOS ANGELES BOARD TRACK

Opening automobile race at the newly constructed Board Speedway, Playa del Rey, April 1910. Photo from Automobile magazine April 14, 1910.

The Automobile magazine's March 3, 1910 issue carried a construction report on the progress of Playa del Rey Board Speedway. "The track is one mile in circumference, so that the radius of curvature is 840 feet, approximately.

The surface is made of 2 X 4 scantlings laid on edge, running lengthwise, and quite securely bound."

The Motor World magazine's April 21, 1910 issue reported on the opening events of Playa del Rey, "After a two days intermission made necessary by the ruling of the American Automobile Association Contest Board that no sanction shall be issued for a meet extending over three days, racing was resumed on the Los Angeles (Cal.) motordrome on Wednesday, 13th, and with an idle day intervening, continued until Sunday, 17th when the greatest and most brilliant motor racing carnival ever held in America and probably in any other country, came to a close."

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