



# HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY

## HPR What's Happening! October 10, 2008



Of course, **the bigger story is WHAT'S HAPPENED!!** Our last *What's Happening!* letter on August 7th reported that construction had begun at HPR. Progress has been absolutely dramatic!! As so often is the case, a picture is worth a thousand words, so here is the latest aerial photo of the site (kudos to Mark Mercer for the photos).

Other images from the sky: [Click Here](#) or [Here](#). Or, perhaps you'd like to [ride along with a video of an actual lap??](#)

We are thrilled to report that the Phase 1 effort is now essentially finished. All the paving work is complete, and the earthwork crews are putting the final touches on the grounds and the detention ponds. When construction started in August, there was some apprehension about being able to get all the asphalt in place before the weather turned cold. The temperature limits for paving are fairly stringent, and there was a chance that the paving might not be finished until next Spring. Thankfully, September stayed clear and warm, and Premier Paving, Inc. cooperated by working long hours and long weeks until the job was finished. It's pretty amazing to see how much asphalt can be laid down in a ten-hour day. Approximately 42 asphalt delivery trucks circulated between the batch plant in Denver and the jobsite to keep the paving rig going. PPI coordinated their crews so well that the top layer of pavement contains only a single transverse seam---which means they paved continuously for the entire 2.55 mile run, avoided stops and restarts, thereby producing a very smooth racing surface.

There have been a number of visitors to the track in the past two weeks, and everyone who has seen the layout and walked the course is very, very excited. By all accounts, the topography and Bill Howard's superb layout make HPR one of the most interesting road course designs in the country. Take a look at the photo page on [HighPlainsRaceway.com](http://HighPlainsRaceway.com), or better yet, go see for yourself. We think you'll agree HPR has the potential to become one of the premier venues in North America. The entire community should be very proud of this achievement, made possible by the efforts of your clubs and your personal contributions. CAMA is now moving into the next phase of the project, to add the amenities that will be required to fulfill the dream, including real restrooms, garages, RV hookups and a permanent Timing and Scoring/Control building. These features will take time and money, and we have launched a renewed Capital Campaign to help fund these efforts.

There are still a lot of potential users of HPR who have yet to contribute. Some doubted that the project could be built, while others have waited to be sure the Phase 1 project would be completed this autumn. Well, it's now time for those people to do their part.

**[Help us create not only a great circuit, but also a great facility!](#)**

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