

## 2009 IndyCar Series Schedule

Apr. 5	Streets of St. Petersburg
Apr. 19	Streets of Long Beach
Apr. 26	Kansas Speedway
May 24	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
May 31	The Milwaukee Mile
Jun. 6	Texas Motor Speedway
Jun. 21	Iowa Speedway
Jun. 27	Richmond International Raceway
Jul. 5	Watkins Glen International
Jul. 12	Streets of Toronto
Jul. 26	Edmonton City Centre
Aug. 1	Kentucky Speedway
Aug. 9	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Aug. 23	Infineon Raceway
Sept. 19	Twin Ring Motegi
Oct. 10	Homestead-Miami Speedway

## 2009 IndyCar Series Race Season Kicks off at the Streets of St. Petersburg

The 2009 IndyCar Series race season will kick off this weekend with the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg at the Streets of St. Petersburg in Florida, and the #14 ABC Supply/A.J. Foyt Racing team will be there ready to begin another great season.

Here are some notes and quotes from our team on what to expect in the first race of the new season.

**Vitor Meira on St. Pete being the first race of the season:** "The first race of the season is more important in that you find out where you are relative to everyone else. You see what you have to focus on—where your strengths and weaknesses are. There are a lot of expectations built up during the off season so everyone is more anxious and that usually means there are a lot of crashes in the first race. Historically there are a lot of crashes at the street races and now that a street race is the first race of the season—that will make it



Vitor Meira on track at Homestead, Florida during the IRL open test in February

even more likely that there will be lots of crashes. The part of the track that has a lot of crashes is also the place where you can make or lose a lot of time—the first complex of second gear corners around Turn 5. What I like about St Pete is that it isn't as tight as most street courses—it has a little flow—not like Detroit where you're always braking and having very tight turns."

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## 2009 "Your Name Here" Promotion Winners Announced

From February 16th through March 13th, 2009 we gave customers an opportunity to enter to win their company name on the sidepod of the #14 ABC Supply car for one of 13 races during the 2009 IndyCar Series season.

In addition to their company name on the sidepod of the car, winners will also receive their company name on the pit wall banner, a private meet and greet with A.J. Foyt and Vitor Meira, and a

framed autographed photo of themselves with Meira, Foyt, and their car.

All of the entries are in and we are happy to announce the winners for the 2009 "Your Name Here" ABC Racing promotion.

4/5/2009—Streets of St. Petersburg  
Winner: Armstrong Homes  
ABC #131—Ocala, Florida

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## 2009 Season Kicks Off cont'd.

**Meira on Strategy:** “Our strategy is going to depend on how we do in practice—where we are at...we’ll either do the best we can or go for it [if car is really good]. I think having all this testing has helped us and I’m really confident. Our strategy is to finish because finishing this race means it will be a top 10.”

**Meira on street courses:** “Street races are harder on the cars’ gearboxes because of the bumps and more shifting—there are a lot of second gear corners. You can do things as a driver like not use as much rear brake because when you do, you’re locking the rear wheels which makes it harder on the downshift. And you have to be careful on upshifting too but in the end, it’s all a balance between gaining speed or losing time. If you do things like shift earlier and not right on the edge then you lose time and speed.

**A successful weekend?** “Maybe I’m being too realistic but a very successful weekend would be a top 5 finish

and a successful weekend would be a solid top 10—not one where you lucked into it. Everybody is really pumped and one of the best things we have going for us at St. Pete is Adam [Schaechter, new chief engineer] whose orientation has been street and road courses so that experience will really help.”

**The Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will be broadcast live April 5, 2005 starting at 2:00 pm eastern on the VERSUS (VS) channel**

**Meira on his record at St. Pete:** “I’m not sure why but I never had good qualifying sessions there but I always had a good car in the race. I have to get better at qualifying because it is so hard to pass there. Last year I was pretty close to Darren [Manning] throughout the race because we had the same fuel strategy and if I hadn’t crashed with Perera, I would have finished fifth or sixth.” He was credited with 19<sup>th</sup>. In

2007, Meira, running fifth, had a gearbox failure on lap 38—he went straight into the barrier at Turn 4. They repaired the car but he placed 16<sup>th</sup>. The first two years he started 12<sup>th</sup> and finished fifth.

## 2009 “Your Name Here” cont'd.

4/19/2009—Streets of Long Beach  
Winner: Clary Roofing  
ABC #324—Riverside, California

4/26/2009—Kansas Speedway  
Winner: Rite Way Roofing, Inc.  
ABC #299—Rogers, Arkansas

5/31/2009—The Milwaukee Mile  
Winner: Brockman Roofing  
ABC #204—Jackson, Wisconsin

6/6/2009—Texas Motor Speedway  
Winner: Texas Home and Commercial, Inc.  
ABC #039—Austin, Texas

6/21/2009—Iowa Speedway  
Winner: Nelson & Son Siding  
ABC #210—Coal Valley, Illinois

6/27/2009—Richmond International Raceway  
Winner: Best Roofing of Tidewater  
ABC #357—Chesapeake, Virginia

7/5/2009—Watkins Glen International  
Winner: The Vinyl King  
ABC #276—Poughkeepsie, New York

8/1/2009—Kentucky Speedway  
Winner: D & J Construction  
ABC #156—Indianapolis, Indiana

8/9/2009—Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course  
Winner: L & S Roofing and Sheet Metal  
ABC #009—Toledo, Ohio



2008 “Your Name Here” winner Pace Roofing at the Streets of St. Petersburg on April 6, 2008

8/23/2009—Infineon Raceway  
Winner: Tucker Lath & Plastering, Inc.  
ABC #161—Santa Rosa, California

8/29/2009—Chicagoland Speedway  
Winner: Vande Roofing, Siding, & Construction  
ABC #001—Roscoe, Illinois

10/10/2009—Homestead-Miami Speedway  
Winner: Chase Contracting and Roofing  
ABC #313—Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Congratulations to all of this years winners!