

Durable, Reliable and Impressive, Even on the Road

On the eastern edge of Drumheller, in a topographical vista, lies a racetrack that is home to a minimum of 16 roaring race cars, 1,000 screaming fans and an average ambient sound pressure level of 100db or more. Hidden Valley Motorsports Park is a not for profit organization that specializes in oval racing. The facility has been built into a valley and boasts a grandstand built into the hillside and a beer garden and picnic table area where fans can partake in the action. Operating June through September, Hidden Valley Motorsports Park, has employed Gary McRae, Owner/Operator of Prestige Sound and Lighting, as their sound company of choice for the past 5 years.



Prestige Sound and Lighting provides live sound reinforcement from rock to rodeo. Gary McRae operates a community focused company, specializing in Christian installations (houses of worship), indoor/outdoor events, rodeos, fundraisers, keynote speakers, and six piece bands. Drumheller is a small community of 7,000 people. It has a few churches, an arena, and many events. From April to September, Prestige Sound and Lighting focuses on the rental, transport, installation and operation of sound systems, security and CCTV systems.

Hidden Valley Motorsports Park does not have a fixed P.A. System. They hire Prestige Sound and Lighting to provide sound reinforcement at the track throughout the summer months supporting 6-8 events each year. Prestige Sound and Lighting travels to each event with a portable P.A. System, which includes TOA's HX-5 Variable Dispersion Angle Speakers supported with the FB-120 Subwoofers. At a venue like this one, creativity has to be paramount to make the P.A. system a success. Gary uses the shape of the track and the valley to his advantage. The speakers are suspended from 1" steel pipe (used to hold up a large awning) using aircraft cable and chains. Prestige Sound and Lighting puts the system to the test at each race and it performs each time. The track and fans are impressed with the sound clarity and intelligibility of the P.A. system at such a loud venue.



On occasion, Prestige Sound and Lighting has recorded the races using TOA's Combination Dome Cameras. The picture quality is good and the shot is steady. Panning and zooming are all very smooth and the camera is fast enough to follow the cars. Some of the videos can be viewed on Hidden Valley Motorsports Park website. Prestige Sound and Lighting would install the camera high above the racetrack on a support pole and operate the camera from the control booth at the track.

http://www3.telus.net/drumheller_demo_derby/

Hidden Valley Motorsports Park has had world renowned trackchasers including Randy Lewis (world's #1 ranked trackchaser) visit their facility. Randy was impressed with the sound system at the track, among other things. In one of Randy Lewis' recent articles on his website he wrote; *"They're doing a number of things right. The P.A. system is one of the best I have heard anywhere and that includes tracks like the Perris Auto Speedway and Irwindale that have stadium quality sound."*

<http://www.ranlayracing.com/1201hiddenvalleymtr.htm>

Gary and his staff at Prestige Sound and Lighting emphasize the durability, reliability and sound clarity of TOA's products. The P.A. System always stands up to the travel (to the track as well as other venues that the company services), installation and dismantling and it's normal operation. "It's a busy place. I'm competing with 16 stock cars, 1,000 fans, and the HX-5's stand up to the challenge every time." explained Gary.