

José Carlos Pace Race Track celebrates 75 years-old in 2015

São Paulo circuit went through a stage of reforms in the past year and has established itself as one of the best racing tracks in the world.

The Autódromo José Carlos Pace, better known as Interlagos Circuit, Full 75 years this year, bringing in historical moments of the Brazilian auto racing and world. On 12 May 1940 was born one of the main circuits of Latin America that began to receive national and international categories, plus evidence of Motorcycling, other motor sports and other events.

From Formula Vee, passing the stock car to the machine of Formula 1, São Paulo track also has motorcycling steps as Super Bike or heavyweights such as Formula Truck trucks. In lane assist, which was part of the old route, continue activities and training of flight schools, automakers and test of rush in the new recently renovated stretch.

Besides, Karting Ayrton Senna also has been improved and has returned to the scene of disputes for new pilots in karting in early 2015. In other spaces, music festivals such as Lollapalooza and other events complete the full calendar of the equipment, with the move all year.

Brief history

Initially, Interlagos had been planned to be a satellite town where, plus a racetrack, have infrastructure such as homes, commercial complexes, hotel, church and other establishments. The first project was first designed in the mid- 1920 by British engineer Louis Romero Sanson, who owned an estate plan for the south region of São Paulo. With the participation of Alfred Agache, French urban planner suggested name the area "Interlagos", the similarity with the Swiss region of Interlaken – which means "between the lakes" -, because it is between two dams in São Paulo, Billings e Guarapiranga.

"This circuit is a reference, contributed to the development of the region and was the birthplace of the biggest names in national motorsport ", highlights. "This circuit is a reference, contributes to the development of the region, and was the place for the biggest names of the Brazilian car racing", points out. In 1985, the site was renamed the Autódromo José Carlos Pace Municipal, tribute to the pilot died eight before in a plane crash.

Track changes

The original track had Autodrome 7.960 meters long, and decreased to 7.873 meters 1979, when renovations were made to get back to Formula 1. But after a major intervention was performed in the late 1980 that the route now has 4.325 meters long, according to the new requirements of the organization category.

"The circuit had to adapt, as part of a process of modernization that also favored the safety and sportiness of other national tests. All pilots praise enough the tracing, to be challenging and provide a great spectacle to the public ", Chico says Rosa, technical and sporting advisor Autodrome.

Renovation

Between July and November 2014, the Autodromo received the first stage of interventions for improving equipment, which included:

- resurfacing of the entire track of the official circuit and also the pit lane (paved area lateral to the race track used for receiving cars);
- increased entry of boxes, that was wider – going from 30 for 45 m – and more extensive, starting about 300 meters before the old;

- creation of a run-off area on the curve 'S of Senna' about 10 meters and track change in the output of boxes.

The works are part of the Growth Acceleration Program (PAC) launched by the Ministry of Tourism in 2013 to stimulate the industry across the country. In São Paulo, the Interlagos Racetrack had transfer of \$ 160 million and interventions were performed by Sao Paulo Works (SPObras, company of the Municipality of São Paulo linked to the Municipal and Urban Infrastructure Works – Siurb).

According to the Race Course manager, João Mihalik, changes were praised by motor sports professionals. "The improvement to the access to boxes, for example, was a former pilots request, because a risk point was eliminated on site ", explains. "In addition to ensuring increased security for evidence of motoring and motorcycling, the improvements brought the infrastructure Autodrome, placing the high-level circuit, considered one of the best in the world ", emphasizes Wilson Poit, President of SPTuris.

In 2015, the second stage works include the construction of new auxiliary boxes and the complete overhaul of the existing current.

Motoring Cradle

Twelve curves, 1.150 meters long and almost half decade. This is the Karting Interlagos, one of the first tracks dedicated to the sport. Inaugurated in 1970 and was reopened in 2015 with new asphalt and other improvements made in the same period of reforms in the Autodrome in the previous year.

According to Chico Rose, the Karting track served as a learning experience for the main Brazilian drivers. "They passed Emerson Fittipaldi here, Walter Travaglini, Ayrton Senna, Paul Carcasci, Rubens Barrichello, to name a few ", remember. "All alumni on this track which is a real school in the early career", reinforces.

Many riders who still run today kart training to keep in shape. Motoring Cradle, the equipment was renamed in 1996 Karting Ayrton Senna in honor of the three-time champion of Formula 1.

Drag strip

This year, the so-called "Retão" – the auxiliary track that is part of the old circuit of Interlagos Circuit -, also debut a new structure that, in addition to the courses taught by flight schools, enables drag racing disputes. An excerpt with 500 meters long has equipment to ensure more security for this type of activity.

500 meters of guardrails were installed on both side of the track, side protection grid, painting and signaling asphalt. The track allows the realization of evidence paired with two cars, disputing the torn side by side safely for pilots and public. It may also, we avoid the so-called "street cracks", dangerous because they occur on public roads and endanger people's lives.

Public space

Not everyone knows, but around the official circuit track there is also the park perimeter Interlagos, which has a runway of almost 4 kilometers long and can be used for physical activities such as walking, running or cycling. The area of the park is open every day (except when there are events and the entry is restricted), from 6:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the entrance is free.

"Car"

Motor racing is a sport that has very specific vocabulary, with many words and expressions used almost automatically by fanatics Race Cars. The Interlagos Race Course website has a list of technical terms, slang names and widely used by those who follow motor sports: www.autodromodeinterlagos.com.br/wp1/dicionario.

Did you know that...

... the Interlagos track was inspired on the slopes of Indianapolis, in the United States, Brooklands, and Inglaterra, e Monthony, France?

... were used in the construction 7.200 cubic meters of stone, 435 tons of asphalt and 135 miles of barbed wire?

... the current circuit has Racecourse 11 curves and the width of the track varies between 12 and 15 meters long?

... there is a gap of about 56 meters between the highest point, the curve "S Senna", and the lowest, and "Curva do Lago"?

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