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I recently went to a town hall where Mr. Travis Nelson wanted the attendees to believe that there was a direct correlation between leaded race fuel at Portland International Raceway (PIR) and low-test scores at neighboring schools. A 2017 study done by G2 consultants states that no measurable amount of lead was detectable along the south side of PIR, with minimal amounts detected closer to the racing surface. Mr. Nelson cited a study done in 2022 that stated nearby schools showed low test scores. What was happening in our world that would have contributed to low test scores? The COVID-19 pandemic was coming to an end. Children had an entire year or more of online self-instruction. Why weren't test scores an issue prior to the pandemic? If lead was an issue in the past low-test scores should have been a concern also. This is just another swipe at a facility that some people don't like.

If leaded fuel is banned at PIR, it will more than likely be a death sentence for the facility. No more safe facilities for motor sports. More street take overs. More street racing. No more bike nights. No more charitable events such as the holiday light display. If the parks department tries to keep the park up and running it will become a money suck in a time of monetary shortage.

DO NOT ban leaded fuel that is legal in all 50 states for off road use. SAVE PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY!!!