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## **Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix powered by Mediacom announces course changes for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary races**

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. - In preparation for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix powered by Mediacom, organizers reached out to friends and participants for suggestions to help make the event special. Many suggested changing up the race course after 25 years.

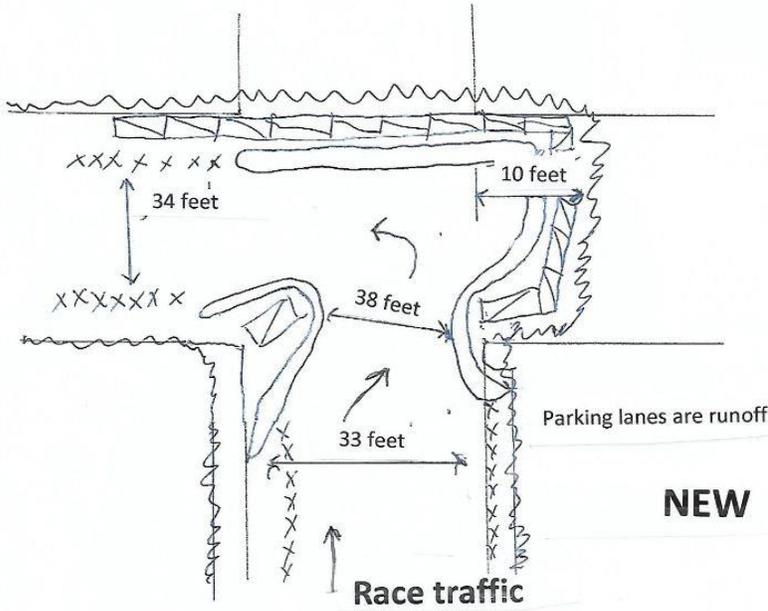
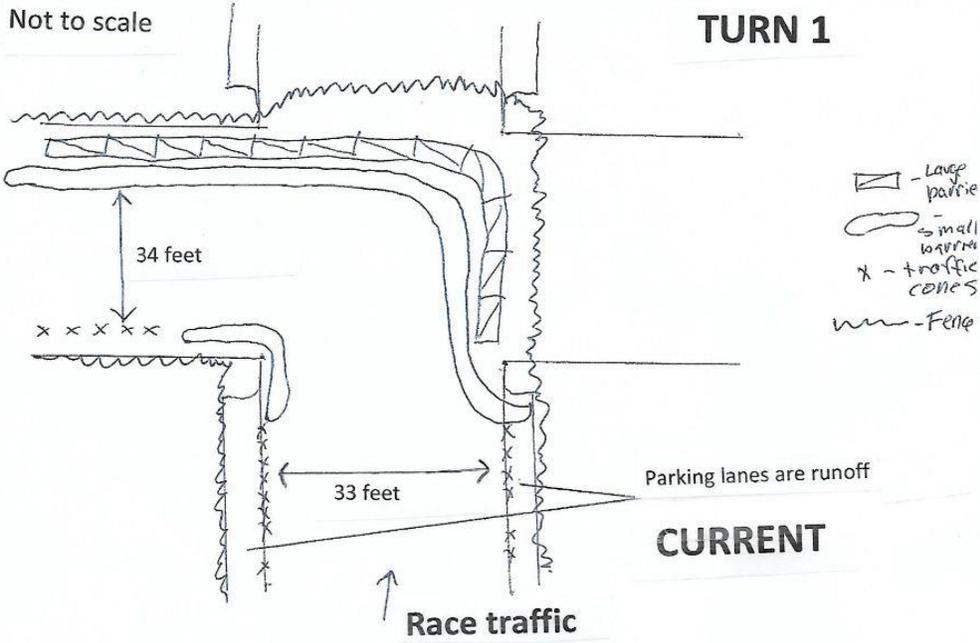
Due to the challenges of a temporary circuit, brick roads, demands by neighboring property owners, locations of electricity and more it was determine that it was not feasible to make a major structural change or to run the course backwards. But RIGP organizers did see an opportunity to change the course while improving it by adjusting 2 corners for the race to be held August 31 and Sept. 1, 2019 through the city streets of Rock Island, Ill.

### **TURN 1**

This turn features a significant bump on the exit the last few years. The city has said they will try to improve it, but the new layout will avoid that issue. It also will not allow racers to try and go through the corner 4-wide and instead offers a challenge of their race craft by adding a slight right turn followed by a harder left into the two-block straight.

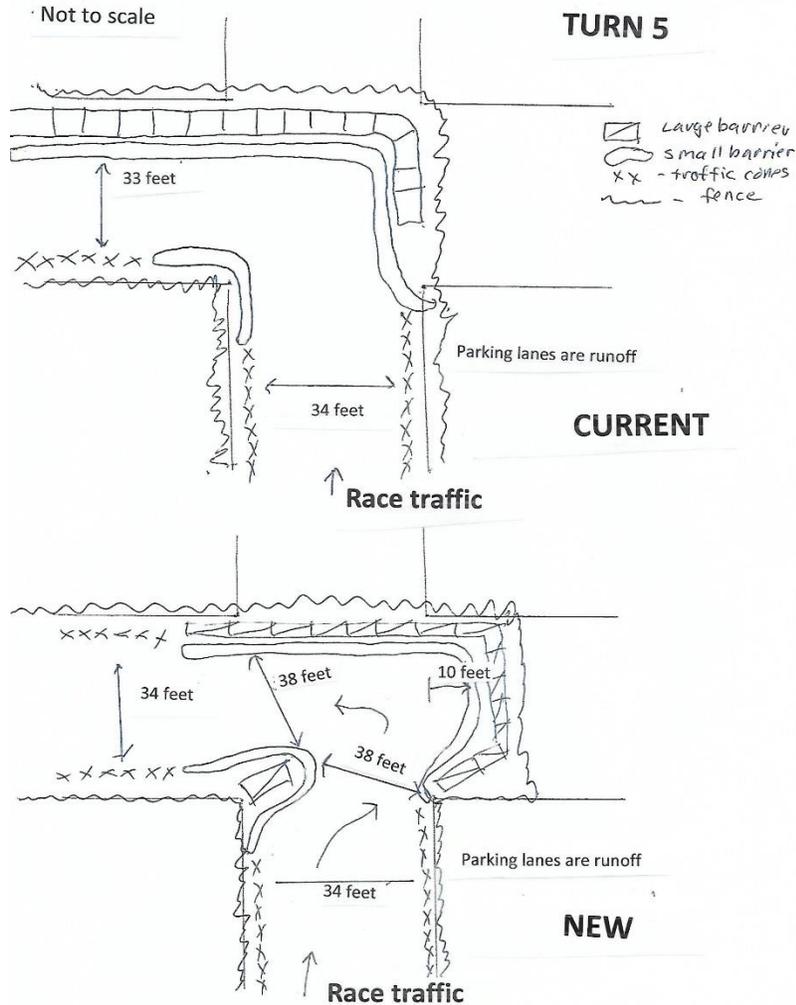
Not to scale

# TURN 1



## TURN 5

This corner offers challenges to racers because of the manhole cover and the severe crown in the road which can pitch karts toward the outer barriers. Applying a similar design as in Corner 1 will avoid the manhole and take the pitch in the road out of play.



In making these changes safety has been our main objective and all classes of karts have been considered. The changes will change the course significantly for shifter classes yet should not slow down the corners enough to be a detriment to clutch karts. Because of the changes we cannot offer any suggestions as to gearing. Track adjustments may be made during Saturday practice at the discretion of the race director.

In any case, the course will race differently this year which was the main goal many racers requested for the 25th anniversary year.

Sponsors for this year's event include: Mediacom, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Hoosier Tires, LeCont Tires, Gett Industries, Briggs & Stratton Racing, Modern Woodman Financial/ Joe Schurr agent, CBS TV4 / Fox 18 and CW, Schurr Power Racing Engines, Sunbelt Rentals, AMT Ambulance, Johannes Bus Service, The

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As always, we are ready to answer any questions. More information can be found at [rockislangrandprix.com](http://rockislangrandprix.com). See you in September!