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AMERICAN  
SPEEDWAY, "Ship of

### **Fools” (Prophase Music)**

☆☆☆ — Straight out of Philadelphia come the snarling, powerful riffs of American Speedway, whose “Ship of Fools” vinyl-only release (people still buy actual LPs?) finally gets a full-fledged CD release, with a pair of rocking bonus tracks — “Pennsylvania” and “Watch Your Step” — to boot.

Frontman Michael Thursby Speedway would have been at home screaming vocals for any number of thrash metal bands back in the day, and bandmates Chris Callahan (drums), Billy Angry (bass) and Johnny Griswold (guitar) add plenty of punk-fueled riffs to supplement killer cuts “One Foot In, One Foot Out,” “Drinkin’ and Drivin’,” “Don’t Tread On Me” and the title track.

Just 18 months into their career, American Speedway are a band on the rise. (JS)