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CMC finishes off 2009 with strong competition

Friday

The new CMC car hit the track with no major issues other than a lack of power in the morning. Checked the timing and found that the timing was off, after the timing was readjusted the power was there, however so was some engine noise. We tore off the intake and found some brass in the valley area, so we quit running the new car for the weekend. Even with the engine failure it was still a success though. For sure Bob and I thought we would be chasing electrical issues all weekend and in the 4 sessions I went out we didn't have any electrical problems at all. The car handled pretty good, as expected and felt pretty good. We even got an annual tech for it with no issues. We are going to get the engine out this week and get it repaired to make it to another event this year.

Saturday

Sidney broke during qualifying. He heard a POP going down the front straight and thought he blew it up. Car would turn over but no spark. Bryan made a run to Autozone and we (mostly Bob & Bryan!) swapped the coil, module, rotor, pickup and cap. Started right up and I made the second race. Rear end started overheating and dragging very bad, felt like the brake pedal was about 1/2 down!. Finished 3rd and drove it on the trailer. Had a slight hit from a GTS 944 but it sounded worse than it was as he mostly got my right rear wheel.

Kent had a great weekend racing. Kicked everyone's butt in the first race by a mile. Literally. Bob's RA1s were all but gone showing cords all the way around on the left rear. On the second race Bob put on his set of R888 because that is all he had. We had a very tight race and Kent had the same strategy Bob would have had.....get through traffic as fast as possible and hope Bob gets caught in traffic...Well Kent and Bob were very close and were working their way through the two factory fives and Jeff Henderson. They ran within a couple car lengths for most of the race and Bob could never get close enough to make a move. Kent would pull Bob by about two lengths down the front stretch but Bob could only close the gap from turn 2 to 7. then repeat. When it started to sprinkle midway through the race Bob could no longer close the gap but Kent would continue to pull Bob on the straight. After a few laps it stopped raining and Bob was able to catch up to where he had been but was not enough for Kents great drive. A well deserved win!

Kent was fast on new RA1's, Bob on old RA'1s and half used R888's.



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Kent won both races with Bob a very close 2nd. If Kent doesn't get a bigger helmet his head is going to POP.

Sunday

Bob, Kent and Sidney all drove Ray's 944 in the One Lap Challenge. Ray, Eric, Angel, and Neil all drove Kent's car. CMC won as Neil locked up the tires and blew the first chicane.

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