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NASA GTS Blitzkreig at Autobahn Country Club:

Autobahn Country Club was HOT. Both drivers and machines were tasked to the limits at this challenging Midwest track. This didn't stop the NASA GTS series drivers from overcoming the odds for a great showing.

Weekend Highlights:

Jack Money (Elephant Motorsports 95 BMW M3) edged out Roy Lipner (99 BMW M3) for the win in GTS3 by 0.25 seconds while Lipner set a new (but short lived) track record of 1:36.752. The GTS5 car of Jeff Hermann (91 BMW M3) took the GTS5 win with the BMW's of Tom Herb and Jim Hamman close behind.

On Sunday, Chris Streit (ProRaceStore.com '70 Porsche 911) took the GTS overall win after a tight battle with Jeff Hermann. Jack Money reset Roy Lipner's track record with a 1:36.591 while Lipner took the win with a 1.2 second lead.

Julian Cates (Elephant Motorsports/4cca '92 BMW 325i) took the win in GTS2 both days over Nobu Kamino despite Kamino's 3 second laptime reduction from Saturday. Cates set the new GTS2 track record at 1:39:910, bettering the previous record by 0.34 seconds

The new GTS4 driver Nic Georgioff (Geo Design '75 Porsche 911) turns in his Rookie badge at the conclusion of the weekend but vowed to preserve it for Dave Connally ('90 Porsche Carrera 2).

Saturday Race:

Saturday was a scorching day and the race started with multiple wave-offs. In GTS2 Nobu Kamino got a fantastic start and gained a 3 car length lead on Julian Cates on lap one. However Cates led a sensational charge and gained the lead in lap 7 and held on to it through the remainder of the race. Julian Cates managed to replace a damaged motor mount with the help of competitor Jack Money of Elephant Motorsports and several other GTS members.

Jack Money (Elephant Motorsports 95 BMW M3) claimed the pole for GTS3. Roy Lipner (99 BMW M3) started 2nd and pushed Money hard but wasn't able to gain the lead from him and Money went on to win by 0.25s Vince Ko made an incredible effort to fix a clutch problem and just made the race start.

Saturday evening's festivities were dampened somewhat by the temperatures through the awards ceremony and then the attack of the mosquito's during the evening showing of LeMans at the GTS biergarten.



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#### Sunday Race:

Sunday showed the same temperatures but the air was laden with humidity. Jeff Hermann once again took the GTS overall pole with followed by Jim Hamman, Chris Streit, and Tom Herb. Streit gained a position by turn one and managed to stay with Hermann for the first 7 or 8 laps with an average of a few tenths between them at the line. On lap 9 as they entered the chicane Hermann tucked behind a CMC car while Streit managed to sneak inside the corner behind a Viper. The Viper picked out Hermann and the CMC car giving Streit the overall lead. Hermann stayed glued to the back of Streit as the drivers tried to maintain focus in the heat while fighting through traffic. Hermann had to drop out just before the white flag because of a fluctuating oil pressure gauge leaving Streit with the overall and GTS4 win.

Lipner took Sundays pole for GTS 3, Vince Ko started 2nd and Jack Money was 3rd. After Vince had to retire due to mechanical issues, Lipner and Money fought heat and each other on the greasy bumpy track. The lead changed four times during the race. Traffic and the pressure by each driver were the key factors in the lead changes. With Money in the lead coming into T3, Lipner was able to get the inside to take the lead and the win two laps later. This race came down to pushing to the finish and never giving up. After the 40 minute race the drivers were all exhausted but happy.

In GTS2 Cates had the pole over Kamino as he missed qualifying getting the parts to fix his car, however Kamino got a fantastic start and took the lead by T1. Cates caught up to him several laps later with some extremely close racing to follow. Kamino had picked up a couple of seconds from the previous day and was making it very hard for Cates to affect a pass. A questionable dive into the pits by a Mustang driver put the GTS2 car of Nobu Kamino off-track and he lost his lead over Cates in lap 7 and he was not able to regain his position. Cates set the new GTS2 track record at 1:39:910, bettering the previous record by 0.34 seconds and took the win.

The weekend overall was a huge success and the Midwest GTS group welcomes the four new drivers attending Comp School at Gingerman. We'll all be rooting for you!

For complete results and lap records, please see [www.nasamidwest.com](http://www.nasamidwest.com).

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