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### **Performance Touring Race Report BeaveRun**

A hot and humid weekend made for a mostly dry race weekend. Saturday provided plenty of sun and burned drivers and crew. Sunday followed suit with more of the same until an instant downpour developed during the second Lightning race. As fast as it appeared, it was gone, leaving the track wet.

**PTB** – Only one player competing in the PTB class this weekend. Mark Bardes, driving the MotorKars Racing, BMW M3, collected points from Saturday's race, as well as the Armco barrier after the kink in the back straight. The M3 was about a foot shorter and done for the event. This was a steep price to pay for a PTB track record. The big lesson here was "don't pass in the kink at BeaveRun". A few other cars in different classes learned the same lesson but luckily without the same results.

**PTD** – Two old foes were competing in PTD. Patrick Smith, driving the bumblebee colored Mazda Miata and Ron Dodson, driving his superbly maintained Acura Integra. These two know each other well so surprises are rare. This being Dodson's home track, the advantage was for the Integra. Smith's Miata was out for the first time this year and may have been "shaking the cobwebs" somewhat. This was evident as a problem appeared at the beginning of the Saturday race. Dodson's track knowledge showed as he won all three races of the weekend. Smith made vast improvement as he was gaining on Dodson at the end of the last race Sunday. These two will be battling again next month at MidOhio. They are always entertaining to watch!

**PTE** – The PTE class finally had a few competitors this weekend. After being the most competitive class in Performance Touring a year ago, this was long awaited. Brian Makse, driving the Pakistan Express Honda Civic, Eric Waddell, driving his Honda Civic and Trevor Melville, driving a Honda Prelude competed for bragging rights. Makse was the driver to beat as he is the returning Great Lakes Regional Champion from 2009. Eric Waddell was using a freshly rebuilt engine and Trevor Melville made the long drive from the NASA Mid-Atlantic Region. Makse and the Pakistan Express Honda proved to be too much as he took all three races of the weekend, collecting a track record along the way. Waddell will be back for MidOhio next month and trying to regain his mojo from years past. Hopefully we will see Trevor again as he was right in the mix all weekend taking second place in two of the three races.

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