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NASA Great Lakes Time Trial drivers return to Mid-Ohio!

July 24th saw the start of the 4th event of the 2010 NASA Great Lakes Time Trial season. The sold out event had 45 Time Trial drivers competing on Mid-Ohio's Club Course for the first time since April of 2009. The track was switched over to the more familiar Pro Course configuration on Sunday. The sweltering heat and small bit of rain did nothing to deter any of the NASA drivers, as 6 new track records were set and more than 10 new drivers joined the TT ranks!

TTU saw the first track record being broken with Michael Edmondson setting a fast lap of 1:31.380 on Saturday in his Tachitup Motorsports Chevrolet Corvette. Edmondson was followed by newcomer Nick Gill in his Ford Mustang and Mike Combs in his Chevy Corvette on Saturday and by Dave Hussong driving his Chevrolet Corvette and Dan Gardner driving his Scion TC.

Danny Popp knocked out the next track record driving his Raft Motorsports Chevy Corvette to a win TTS both days. Popp's fast time was a 1:32.309 on the Club Course, followed by Patrick Croston in his Mitsubishi Evo and Ralf Lindackers driving his Gilson Motorsports Porsche 911 G2. Croston had to pack up early on Sunday, allowing Lindackers to move into second place. John Schmitt then moved into third in his Honda S2000.

In TTA, Brian Ahmer was the man who everyone was trying to catch this weekend, taking a clear win both days in his Chevy Corvette. Saturday saw newcomer George Clark, also driving a Chevy Corvette, in second place and veteran Bruce Raymond in third with his Chevrolet Camaro. On Sunday, Raymond was able to snatch second place away from Clark, proving that TTA isn't quite a spec Corvette class just yet!

TTB saw Rebecca Roth driving the Team Honda Research Acura TL for the win on both days, setting a new track record on Saturday with a time of 1:41.695. Saturday saw Jon Cindric in his Porsche Cayman S taking second place, followed closely in third by Patrick Renaud in his Chevrolet Camaro SS. While Sunday still saw Roth in first, Renaud was able lay down a fast lap for second place, with Cindric dropping to third.

In TTC, driver Rob Symonds was trying a new setup on his Backstreet Performance Nissan 240SX. In my opinion, the new setup works pretty well as he was able to handily take the win on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday Ford Mustang driver Terry Leroux took the second place position, followed closely by Jason Remley in his Nissan 350Z. Sunday saw Paul Milligan driving a borrowed BMW 318i to a second place finish, bumping Leroux back to the final podium position.



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TTD saw carbon copy results both days in the top three spots. Bill Brees, driving his Winking Lizard Tavern sponsored Mazda Protégé, took the win on both days. His driving earned him a new track record on Saturday with a fast time of 1:44.556. Bradley Smith took second on both days in his Smith True Value sponsored Honda Prelude. Newcomer Thomas Todaro held on for third place each day driving his Mazda Miata.

In TTE competition, the same car saw first place each day, albeit with a different driver each day. On Saturday, Brian Makse drove the Pakistan Express Honda Civic to a new track record with a lap time of 1:45.489. Jeff Preston followed him in second with his BMW 325i and Jonathan Davis driving his Nissan Sentra finished in third. On Sunday, Andrew Locke took his turn behind the wheel of the Pakistan Express Civic, driving his third Civic of the year. Locke was able to take the win, followed by Davis in second and Preston in third.

TTF saw one car entered on both days. Melissa Davis, driving her Graphic Detail sponsored Dodge Neon took the easy win on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, Melissa set a new TTF track record with a lap time of 1:57.321, shattering the previous record by nearly 10 seconds! I am anxiously waiting to see the lap times this car will be turning once it is fully sorted and tuned.

Thank you to all of the drivers that braved the heat and rain to run with us this weekend. It was a great weekend at the track and I sincerely hope everyone had as good of a time as I did. As always, thank you to all of our sponsors for the continued support of the NASA Time Trial program. (Hoosier Tires, Hawk Brakes, AST Suspension, Treadzone, Mazda, and Pfadt).

Coming up next we are back at Mid-Ohio August 13-15 for the 5th round of the 2010 season. We only have 3 rounds left for the season and some of the points battles are really shaping up to be a close fight. Sign up soon so you don't miss your chance! Hope to see everyone out at the track.

For complete results and lap records, please see www.nasagreatlakes.com.

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