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NASA Time Trial Drivers Set Track Records at Blackhawk Farms

Can you say FUN!!!! The NASA Midwest TT group showed up in force for this event with their sights set on track records. The action was FAST and camaraderie superb! We welcomed several new kids to the TT ranks with Mike Trifilio in his Corvette, Nicholas Georgieff in his Porsche and Jason Pulvermacher in his MR2 making the leap from HPDE4 to Time Trial on Sunday. Congrats to them!

The records fell faster than Congress can spend money! Where to start? How about with "A" as in TTA? Ryan Winchester set a new mark of 1:22.172 obliterating the prior record of Don Guest and his Corvette of 1:34.340. Rumor has it that the TT Director was looking Winchesters car over very closely because he couldn't figure out how a Corvette could be beat. The old mark was probably set on a wet track at night. Jeff Vance established a new TTB mark running a 1:24.295, beating the old record by less than three tenths of a second. John Slinkard retained his title as TTC record holder, but Bryce Austin was right there with a run of 1:21.555. One half a second from a new record! Trevor Kindlon in his Mustang had a fast lap of 1:22.571, another RECORD, unseating Allen Skillicorn in TTD. Jose Pietri, in his VW Bug, crushed the old TTE record of Gene Hoesman with a new record of 1:25.642! Can you imagine what Pietri could do if he had a Corvette? Eric Nasset and his supercharged Miata established a new record of 1:36.263 in TTR despite battling mechanical gremlins all weekend. He gets my vote for "Mr. Perseverance". Don Guest and his CORVETTE set a new mark in TTU of 1:17.404 erasing Damian DelaHuerta from the record book. And finally, a CORVETTE set a new record in TTS of 1:15.396. What....you think just because there wasn't any prior record it isn't important to your humble Series Director?

I had never been to Blackhawk before but thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Someone described it over the weekend as an "old school" track, with the close proximity oak trees, woodchucks, and occasional deer. But it was FUN! They have made significant investment to infrastructure as the buildings all appear in excellent condition. We pulled in Thursday night to a warm welcome at the gate and that "welcome feeling" was on display by the entire staff the whole weekend. God I love this sport. You really need to be there in August!

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