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American Iron has its strongest showing of 2010!

The American Iron series had a strong weekend of racing at the historic Mid Ohio Sports Car Course on July 24-25, with 14 cars listed on the roster including many new drivers.

The July weekend was a mixed bag of weather. We had HOT and humid, damp, wet, and just plain pleasant weather with lots of new faces to the Great Lakes Region. Thanks to the new guys for making a great show. On Saturday it was three dry sessions of 90° plus on the club course, but that didn't slow the young pup of the American Iron drivers, Brian Faessler (# 018 Paul's Automotive Engineering/Ford Racing 2011 Coyote Mustang GT) down at all. He put it on the pole and showed seven other drivers he had a lot of bite in his new Mustang. Dean Martin in the orange (# 52 Rehegan Racing/Grand Am , 2009 Mustang had the pole for American Iron Extreme with three cars showing.

Saturday's race was late in the afternoon heat where it showed what the drivers and cars were made of. The start was rather ugly, but Dean Martin weaseled his way through and ran away with the AIX win over newcomers Dave Willoughby (#94 WMS INC, 2003 Ford Mustang GT) and Nick Gill (#20 Scrubs4everyone.com, 2008 Ford Mustang GT). In AI T.J. Bain (#134 Midway Displays Firebird) and Todd Rogers (#60 Moser Concrete/G.E. Baker, 98 Mustang GT) leaned on Faessler, but couldn't rattle the kid. Faessler went flag to flag for his first AI win followed by Bain, Rogers, Durbin, Cece, Shawn Taylor, Lakomiak, and Diehl. Club course lap records fell in both classes courtesy of Faessler AI (1:39.595) and AIX Martin(1:38.004).

Sunday's race was on the Pro Course and qualifying was wet. This time Nick Gill landed on the AIX pole and Todd Rogers nabbed the AI pole. When the green dropped once again Dean Martin got a good start and went on to win over Nick Gill and recently licensed Dave Willoughby in AIX. In AI Todd Rogers took the lead with T.J. Bain in close pursuit. The two went back and forth for the lead early on in the race with T.J. eventually taking it for good. Starting from the back Chris Durbin worked his way through the field with a respectable lap time of (1:36.840). Durbin made his way to second before his GM powered Mustang got a little heated under the hood and had to retire from the race. T.J. Bain took the top spot followed by Rogers, Faessler, Lakomiak, Cece, Shawn Taylor, Diehl, and Mike Taylor.

Next Event: Mid Ohio August 13-15, 2010

NASA Great Lakes region will host the American Iron East Coast Championship. Attendance will be high and Track records will most likely fall.

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



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