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Performance Touring Race Report

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Another nice weekend at MidOhio is in the books. The weather held up fine outside of a wet qualifying session Sunday. Saturday's racing was on the "Club Course" and Sunday's was the "Pro Course". This made for a nice change-up as drivers got to go for lap records on both. We added two new race drivers after they completed competition licensing school the previous day. Both competitors had nothing but praise for the MidOhio Competition Licensing School. A big welcome to Joe Hayes and Matt Johnston!

PTB – We had a couple World Challenge cars playing with us "scouting" the Mid Ohio terrain. Dan Gardner, in his manufacturer leading Scion TC, and Eric Meyer in his Xowii Racing Mazda RX8, were getting a pre World Challenge refresher. Gardner qualified first but did not race giving Meyer the win.

PTC - Joe Hayes, competing in the Myers Motorsports Honda Civic, was a new comer to the Performance Touring series. This was Joe's first wheel to wheel race. Joe has an abundance of Time Trial competition on his resume and finally made the jump to a race series. Joe ran alone in class but got that first race "anxiousness" out of the way. Sunday brought more seat time as Joe ran unopposed again and was visibly improving. How many of us can say we finished first in our first two races? Glad to have Joe aboard!

PTD – Old rivals and one new comer competed in PTD. Patrick Smith, driving the Voodie Racing supercharged Mazda Miata, Ron Dodson, in his family sponsored Acura Integra, Kelsey Smith, in his red and black Honda Prelude, and newbie, Matt Johnston in his freshly prepared Mazda RX7. Matt, fresh out of competition, school showed his Time Trial skills to this group of veterans by qualifying second on Saturday. Patrick Smith's "King Voodie" Miata qualified first and followed that with a win Saturday and Sunday. Sunday brought a new set of circumstances as the qualifying session took place in the rain. Kelsey Smith showed his wet track ability by qualifying first. By race time the track was dry. Dodson's Acura Integra was pushing the Voodie Miata until an attempt for the front position, in the "keyhole", resulted in an off track excursion. Dodson recovered nicely and was gaining on Smith's Miata but ran out of time.

PTE – PTE had five competitors for the weekend. As it turned out, only four cars ran Saturday and Sunday's race. Eric Waddell, driving his old school Honda Civic SI, caught some oil on track before the race Saturday, and found a wall. The Honda is done for the season and possibly for good. There is a rumor another Honda is in the works. Brian Makse, driving the only Pakistan Express Honda we have seen this season, qualified first and took the win Saturday. Makse holds the



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track record for PTE on both Pro and Club courses at Mid Ohio. Eric Waddell drove the Pakistan Express Honda to a win Sunday as Makse had commitments away from the track. Steven Eich came to compete in his white Nissan Sentra. The Sentra qualified third and finished second both days. Eich and the Pakistan Express car are not strangers as they traded places frequently last year. Rob Jones brought his Sentra home 3rd both days after qualifying on pole Sunday in the wet. Jim Warren, driving his very cool red Datsun 260Z missed qualifying Saturday and had to start in the back. That handicap proved to be too much as he finished fourth. The rainy qualifying session Sunday put the Datsun in the same position as Saturday producing the same race result.

A big thanks to all competitors for their participation and hope to see everyone at Mid Ohio in August!

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

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