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NASA Great Lakes and Midwest Time Trial Drivers Face Off!

May 15th and 16th saw the first of three Midwest/Great Lakes crossover events of the 2010 season, and the Time Trial drivers from both regions showed up in force. Despite some off and on rain throughout the weekend, we had a full track with 38 drivers taking the green flag. All of the drivers from both regions worked well with each other allowing everyone to get a shot at their clean laps, and some of those laps were at an incredibly fast pace!

TTU competition saw Michael Edmondson out front both days in his Chevrolet Corvette. Michael set a fast lap of 1:11.577 on Sunday setting a new TTU record. This makes two track records in two events for the year. Something tells me Michael might be the one to beat this season! The podium positions in TTU were rounded out on both days with Jim Avery taking second place in his Dodge Viper and Robert Fosnaugh driving his RX7.

The TTS results for the weekend were a carbon copy both Saturday and Sunday. Midwest TT Director Geff Sawtelle took the win each day, followed closely by Joe Kellerman, both driving Chevy Corvettes. Aaron Byram, who set some excellent laps in his Honda Civic, claimed third place each day. Yes, you read that correctly, a Honda Civic is running competitively in TTS!

TTA and TTB saw two more classes with identical results on both days (are you noticing a trend yet?). Bruce Raymond took first place in TTA with his Chevy Camaro. Raymond was followed by David Connally in his Porsche 911 in second and David DeBord in third driving his BMW. In TTB, Nathan Pitcher took the win with a fast time of 1:18.075 in his Mitsubishi Evolution. Dave Lowum, driving his Ford Mustang, and Randy Johnson in his WRX, rounded out the podium.

TTC saw the largest field this weekend with 9 cars taking to the track. Aaron Leichty took the win both days posting some very fast lap times in his Honda S2000. On Saturday, second place went to Mike Ruth in his BMW M3 with third place going to David Proudfoot, also driving a S2000. Proudfoot moved up to second place on Sunday, setting a lap time a mere .076 seconds behind Leichty. Third place went to Trevor Kindlon, who showed up to the track with his Ford Mustang broken, on the trailer. He was able to get the car fixed trackside, get on track and take a podium position.... now that is dedication!

TTD saw Michael Alsip taking the win on Saturday driving his Acura Integra. He was followed by newcomer Jon Chapman in second, driving a Honda Civic and



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Mitchell Hart in his black Camaro. Saturday night after the awards party, TTC driver Mike Ruth took parts off his car so he could come down a class and drive in TTD for Sunday. I believe he made the right decision, as not only did he take the win, he managed to set a new TTD track record in the process with a lap time of 1:21.719. This pushed Alsip back to second and Chapman back to third to round out Sunday's podium.

In TTE, we are back to the carbon copy results. Jeff Preston took the win on both days in his BMW 325i. Jeff is still pretty new to TT, but he managed a lap time that was very close to the TTE track record. Second and third place each day were taken by Joe Sullivan and Andrew Locke respectively, both driving Honda Civics.

For TTF, Michael Weber was the only driver to show up driving his Infinity G20. Most drivers would take this opportunity to preserve their vehicle and collect the easy first place finish. Not Mike though. He came into the weekend gunning for a track record and easily set it with a fast lap of 1:25.511. This makes Mike another driver that has set two records in his first two events!

This weekend saw two new drivers getting their TT licenses. Congratulations to Jon Chapman and Patrick Reyes. In addition, there were several HPDE drivers that were signed off to begin running in TT at their next events. Our TT program is growing and it is doing so with excellent drivers! I had a HPDE1 student out with me during one of our Sunday and I thought his eyes were going to pop out of his helmet when he saw the skill level of our TT drivers. Congratulations to everyone for the excellent weekend.

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 for the Midwest Region is Blackhawk Farms June 12-13. For the Great Lakes region the long awaited return to Beaver Run is June 26-27. Sign up now so we can see full TT groups at those events. Hope to see everyone out there.

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