



Gurnee, IL - July 28th, 2011, NASA Great Lakes.

Mid Ohio was a big show. 25 cars took the green flag Saturday as NASA Great Lakes returned to the Carousel. We had some new faces as drivers from out of the region make the trek to MO to prepare for the September Championships.

The weather was spectacular and the racing didn't disappoint.

Super Unlimited

We had 9 cars scheduled to battle in the unlimited class, but unfortunately lost Statnick (blue Monte Carlo) Friday after his motor decided to retire early and allow the crew to haul back to NY. We had most the usual suspects; Gerwitz (blue Diasio), Goldrich black 911GT2), Davison (silver/blue Chevy) and Walker (orange Chevy) as well as Midwesterner Bagnolli (white Speeds), occasional Massa (black/white Chriscraft), and newcomer Ellis in his lime green rocket.

Saturday Ellis lit up the field before retiring early (after posting a 1:27.694). That allowed Goldrich to run for the checker, followed by Walker and Gerwitz for the bronze. Bagnolli, Davison, Ellis and Massa rounded out the group.

Sunday the field returned, less Massa, as the big crowd gawked at all the HP. Ellis was again strong before having motor issues and relinquishing the lead to Goldrich. Goldrich had a few issues of his own and quickly the lead battle was between Walker and Gerwitz. It was truly a great battle of two very different machines. The lead changed hands several times with Walker grabbing the gold and Gerwitz the silver. Davison hauled in the bronze followed by Ellis and Bagnolli who limped their machines home.

ST1

Six cars came to the line on Saturday for another epic Corvette vs. Viper battle and they did not disappoint. The dual up front was all Pintaric and Edmonson. The red Viper worked the back half of the track hard while the green corvette lead the front half. Ultimately the corvette nabbed the lead and never looked back with the win going to Edmonson followed by Pintaric. Welham captured the bronze in his maroon comp coup, followed by Al Sweers (black Viper), Carlyle (red Corvette) and brother Ray (white Viper).

Sunday was a repeat performance as the green & red fought like cats and dogs most the race for the lead. Some tough traffic and a slight off forced the Pintaric's to retire early, allowing Edmonson to cruise to the win, literally. Something was amiss in the John Deer corvette as Welham closed to within a nose at the finish, but Edmonson held on, followed by Welham, Sweers, Sweers, Sweers, Sweers.....Carlyle.

ST2

Always the largest Super Touring field, ST2 proved to be a big battleground. James Forbis in the familiar blue Corvette with the jet engine set the pace and ran for the victory Saturday. Midwesterner Sawtelle (black corvette) was haunting his rearview mirror the whole race, but never got close enough to go for the lead. The bronze went to Vannucci (red Lotus), followed by Talbot (black/red Corvette), Croston (orange EVO), Brownlow (yellow Corvette), Dorsch (blue Corvette), Winchester (yellow Mustang), Orawiek (yellow Corvette), and Gleason.



Sunday presented the same cast of characters, minus the Rookie Whinchester and his Mustang who, after receiving a new front-end, jumped back to Al. The running order was mixed up quite a bit, with most fighting for the podium the whole race. Forbis again captured the gold while Sawtelle slotted himself as first loser. Vannucci sliced his way through the field, late braking and rocketing off the corners to capture the lowest step on the podium. The rest of the field had their own share of battles with the balance of the finishing order reading Talbot, Brownlow, Croston, Orawiek, Dorsch and Gleason.

Oh yeah, Jon Cisler broke again....

NEXT

More Mid Ohio.....August 11-13! This will be huge. We're talking Great Lakes / Midwest crossover, plus all those out of region guys looking to prepare for the Championships in September. Register now or you will be shut out!

NASA National Championships September 8-11. You're looking at the Super Touring Series Director for the event so get ready for the showdown!

The Grand Finale' season wrap-up, Super Touring Spectacular, and Awards Banquet at Road America October 7-9. This one should not be missed. Big track, big race groups, big party!

One More I have attached a brochure on the "Pro Driver Advantage" Dave Royce is hosting at Mid Ohio August 22nd. It is a tremendous opportunity to get real coaching, real data acquisition, real suspension set-up etc. without having to go to Arizona or Alabama and drive some rental corvette. Check it out!

See you soon.

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