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## CMC Drivers start off strong at Mid Ohio

The first race of the year for the NASA Great Lakes Camaro Mustang Challenge was kicked off at Mid Ohio. Drivers, crews, families, and fans converged at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH. Seven CMC2 cars were in attendance for this event.

### Mid Ohio Summary;

2 CMC2 races towards the NASA Great Lakes Series championship points.

7 CMC2 cars, Bob Denton won both races.

4 CMC2 drivers took the competition school and passed

### Saturday Qualifying

Erik Sjoblom in his # 65 Mustang got the pole during qualifying with a 1:48.471. Kent Owens # 30 Firebird qualified second, with Bob Denton # 67 Firebird third, Todd Johnston # 59 Firebird fourth, Tim Bennett # 70 Firebird fifth, Robert Salus # 24 Firebird sixth, and Dan Close # 74 Mustang 7th.

### Saturday Race

Saturday's race was a flying start with Erik Sjoblom # 65 Mustang in the grass right off the bat trying to put some distance on the rest of the group. Erik was able to pull away for a few laps until Bob Denton # 67 Firebird caught up to him and was able to get by. Bob Denton # 67 Firebird came in first, with Erik Sjoblom # 65 Mustang in second place, Kent Owens # 30 Firebird in third, Todd Johnston # 59 Firebird in fourth, Robert Salus # 24 Firebird in fifth, Tim Bennett # 70 Firebird sixth, Dan Close # 74 Mustang seventh.

### Sunday Qualifying

Erik Sjoblom in his # 65 Mustang got the pole during a wet early qualifying session with a 2:07.777. Kent Owens # 30 Firebird qualified second, with Bob Denton # 67 Firebird third, Tim Bennett # 70 Firebird fourth, Todd Johnston # 59 Firebird fifth, Robert Salus # 24 Firebird sixth, and Dan Close # 74 Mustang 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunday Race

Sunday's race was also a flying start. Erik Sjoblom in his # 65 Mustang did not get a very good start as Kent Owens in the # 30 Firebird got the jump on him and was able to get around. Then Bob Denton in the # 67 Firebird took advantage of Erik getting boxed in and was also able to



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get around him. Then as Kent and Bob were entering the keyhole Erik was able to out brake Kent for second place. Then a full course caution brought everyone back together again. Erik was able to get the jump on the restart when he made a mistake going into the keyhole a little to hot and spun. Erik was able to avoid any contact during the spin but watched hopelessly as several cars went by. Bob Denton, Kent Owens, and Robert Salus all went by before Erik was able to safely pull on to the track again. Bob Denton # 67 Firebird won the race, with Erik Sjoblom # 65 Mustang in second, Kent Owens # 30 Firebird in third, Tim Bennett # 70 Firebird fourth, Todd Johnston # 59 Firebird in fifth, Dan Close # 74 Mustang sixth, Robert Salus # 24 Firebird in in seventh.

What an awesome start of the season! Lots of fender to fender racing and no paint was exchanged but it sure was close many times. The next race for the Great Lakes region will be a crossover with the Midwest region at Putnam Park road course in Mount Meridian, IN.

For complete results and lap records, please see [www.nasagreatlakes.com](http://www.nasagreatlakes.com).

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