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NASA Great Lakes Returns to BeaveRun!

June 26th and 27th saw NASA Great Lakes Time Trial competition return to BeaveRun Motorsports Complex for the first time since 2006. The third round of the 2010 Championship saw fewer drivers than normal, but the ones that showed up were out to enjoy the clear weather and attack the track with some blazing speed. How fast was the competition? Well let's just put it this way, a new track record was set in every competing class over the weekend!

In TTU, Saturday saw two cars taking to the track. Tim Dorsch took the win in his Ford Mustang, narrowly edging out Edward Boothman in his Factory Five Roadster. Engine problems sidelined Dorsch on Sunday, allowing Boothman to take the win unopposed, setting the fastest TTU time of the weekend with a 1:06.322.

TTS saw Tom Schneidau take the green unopposed on Saturday, taking the win and track record with a 1:09.238 in his Ford Mustang. Mechanical woes sidelined Schneidau on Sunday, but we hope to see his beautiful Mustang back in action soon.

TTB was another two car field with Patrick Renaud and his Chevrolet Camaro SS doing battle with Jon Cindric in his Porsche Cayman S. Renaud was able to hold off Cindric on both days, but it was close, with a mere 0.219 seconds between the two on Saturday. Patrick's final record-setting time for the weekend was a 1:07.182.

Matt Johnston and Terry Leroux battled it out this weekend for the TTC honors. Johnston in his freshly built RX-7 and Leroux in his Ford Mustang. Matt must have done something right with that build, as he was able to take the win both days over Leroux, setting a fast time of 1:08.456, setting the TTC track record.

TTD saw three cars take the field throughout the weekend, although only two of the made it out on Saturday. Newcomer Luke Bailey, fresh of being signed off to compete in TT was able to take the win in his Mazdaspeed 3, barely edging out Benjamin Kirkbride in his BMW M3. These two were only separated by 0.118 seconds! Bill Brees was joined in the TTD battle on Sunday after missing out the previous day. Rumor has it Brees was still installing a gas tank in his Mazda Protege. He clearly got the install right as he was able to take the win on Sunday, setting a track record of 1:09.929. Bailey finished in second on Sunday, with Kirkbride rounding out the podium. Congratulations go out to Luke Bailey for becoming our newest TT license holder!



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TTE was our largest field of the weekend, with five cars taking the green flag Saturday and four on Sunday. Brian Makse was a dominant force in his Team Pakistan Express Honda Civic, taking the win on both days. Makse posted a record setting time of 1:08.612 on Saturday. That day, he was followed by Andrew Locke in second place, also driving a Honda Civic, and Jonathan Davis took third place in his Nissan Sentra. Sunday still saw Makse in first place, but the rest of the drivers gave him a run for his money. The entire TTE field on Sunday was separated by 0.679 seconds! Locke took second again, but Joseph Sullivan, driving yet another Honda Civic, was able to edge out Davis for the final podium position.

Last, but certainly not least, TTF had one car competing this weekend. Not one to enjoy the easy victory, Melissa Davis took her Dodge Neon out on Saturday to set a new TTF record. She was then able to go out Sunday and beat her own record by nearly a second, setting a fast time of 1:17.057.

Thank you to all of the drivers that made to tow out to BeaveRun this weekend. It was a great track with some of the closest TT competition we have seen yet this season. As always, special thanks go out to all of our sponsors for their continued support of the NASA Time Trials program (Hoosier Tires, Hawk Brakes, AST Suspension, Treadzone, Mazda, and Pfadt).

Round 4 of the season is coming up next at Mid-Ohio July 23-25. I hope to see a full TT crowd out there so make sure you get signed up soon. The regional points battles are taking shape and you don't want to miss your chance to stay in the hunt! See everyone in Ohio!

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