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CMC Driver Kick off the season at Autobahn

The first race of the year for the NASA Midwest Camaro Mustang Challenge was kicked off at Autobahn Country Club April 16-17. Drivers, crews, families and fans converged at for 2 days of racing. Eight CMC2 cars were in attendance for this event.

Event Summary;

2 CMC2 races towards the NASA Midwest Series championship points

8 CMC2 cars, Two winners Sidney Franklin on Saturday and Steve Michael on Sunday.

2 CMC2 drivers took the competition school and passed

Saturday Qualifying

Qualifying was in the rain on Saturday. Steve Michael in the # 8 Camaro got the pole with a 2:02.584, Kent Owens # 30 Firebird was second, Sidney Franklin # 64 Firebird third, Jeff Jorgensen # 67 Firebird fourth, Robert Salus #24 Firebird fifth, Tim Bennet # 70 Firebird sixth, and Bryan White # 18 Firebird seventh.

Saturday Race

Saturday's race was a flying start and started off in a drizzle which then became rain towards the end of the race. Steve Michael, Kent Owens, and Sidney Franklin had a good start and were duking it out for most of the race. Unfortunately we had several cars fall out of the race due to problems. Steve Michael # 8 Camaro finished first but was DQ'd for passing under yellow leaving the finishing order as Sidney Franklin # 64 Firebird with the win, Tim Bennett # 70 Firebird in second, Jeff Jorgensen #67 Firebird in fourth, Bryan White #18 Firebird in fifth with a broken transmission, Kent Owens # 30 Firebird in sixth with a broken rear end, and Robert Salus in seventh with an electrical gremlin. Saturday night was a mad thrash to get the three cars repaired for Sunday's race. We had three cars down and everyone chipped in to get them fixed. Tim Bennett # 70 Firebird lent his spare rear end to Kent Owens to repair his car. Bob Denton #67 Firebird who rented his car to Jeff Jorgensen for the weekend brought a spare transmission which he lent to Bryan White in # 18 Firebird. Tim Bennett and Bob Denton also helped Robert Salus in # 24 Firebird repair his electrical issues. All cars were fixed and ready to go by 10pm Saturday night.

Sunday Qualifying

Sunday's weather was much nicer and drier with temperatures in the 60's. Steve Michael in the # 8 Camaro got the pole with a 1:38.844, Sidney Franklin # 64 Firebird was second, Bryan White # 18 Firebird third, Dave Lowum #302 Mustang in fourth, Tim Bennet # 70 Firebird fifth, Kent Owens # 30 Firebird sixth,



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Jeff Jorgensen # 67 Firebird seventh and Robert Salus #24 Firebird had the same electrical issue again.

#### Sunday Race

Sunday's race was a flying start. Steve Michael # 8 Camaro took off to an early lead with Sidney Franklin # 64 Firebird in second place. During the first lap Sidney's transmission stuck in fourth gear and he was forced to run the rest of the race with one gear. Meanwhile Kent Owens #30 Firebird and Bryan White # 18 Firebird were battling for several laps for third when with three laps to go Bryan' Firebird ran out of gas. Dave Lowum # 302 Mustang had a transmission failure about seven laps into the race. Jeff Jorgensen # 67 Firebird hit the tire wall around the last lap trying to avoid Robert Salus # 24 Firebird who spun. The final finishing order was Steve Michael # 8 Camaro in first, with Sidney Franklin # 64 Firebird in second place, Kent Owens # 30 Firebird in third place, Robert Salus # 24 Firebird in fourth, Tim Bennett # 70 Firebird fifth, Bryan White # 18 Firebird sixth, Jeff Jorgensen # 67 Firebird seventh, and Dave Lowum # 302 Mustang eighth.

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

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