

# FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE

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## **Alan McCallum is Crowned National Formula Mazda Champion at the NASA National Championships**

*Cameron Parsons locks the West Coast FM Championship at Miller Motorsports Park Triple Header Weekend*

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This past weekend was the 2010 NASA National Championships which allowed competitors from all over the country to battle for the most coveted National Championship title in their respective class.

In the Formula Mazda class (FM) Alan McCallum was crowned National Champion after a three race battle over three days. "The racers start off the weekend qualifying and racing in two heat races," stated Series Official Ben Hettema. "The points accumulated from the heat races determined their starting position for the championship event."

More than 350 cars from all across the United States in a large variety of classes, ranging from Mazda Miatas to fire-breathing Corvettes, stock cars, and blindingly fast formula cars converged on Miller Motorsports Park to determine who would be the best of the best. The championship was settled on the ultra-fast and challenging 3.048-mile Outer Course. "The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear features the fastest cars in the NASA paddock," added Hettema. "Our fields are not nearly as big as the Spec Miata fields but they can be just as exciting with the speeds that the drivers are competing at."

The podium for race one in the FM class was Neil Alberico 1st, Alan McCallum 2nd, and Cameron Parsons 3rd. The podium for race two was Neil Alberico 1st, Alan McCallum 2nd, and Dennis Gay third.

Race three was the championship race and the grid was set by the points from the two heat races. Alberico started at the front followed closely by McCallum. Alberico, who is the 2010 Bondurant Championship Racing Series Champion, got a great start but ran into some trouble mid race that gave McCallum the opportunity to take the lead. McCallum took the top spot in the National Championship followed by Alberico, and then Parsons.

2010 was the first year that the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear was invited to participate. "The series is really growing," added Hettema. "This season we have four very strong regions with great events and growing participation. Our highest attended event saw 35 competitors entered which happened to be the largest open wheel grid in North America for 2010."



2010 Formula Mazda  
Champion Alan McCallum

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The three races this weekend were also scored as official Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear West Coast Region events. Cameron Parsons who finished on the podium at the Nationals locked the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear FM West Coast Regional Championship.

The Formula Mazda is really making a comeback in popularity due to the fact that the series is growing, and that Moses Smith Racing has taken over the production of parts for the RX7 powered racing car. A large contingent of race winning Formula Mazda drivers from past years were on hand working with this year's championship contenders.

The visiting FM alumni included Joey Hand, Ian Lacy, Moses Smith, Telo Stewart and Mikel Miller.

Mazdaspeed allocated close to \$30,000 in prize money for this event, and has also invited the FM National Champion to the MAZDASPEED MX5 Shootout where they will be evaluated in a wide variety of categories including lap speed consistency, technical feedback, and business and PR skills. The winner of the shootout will be awarded a free season in the 2011 SCCA Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup.

"In the racing world, speed is critical, but the intention of this program is to see who has the other business talents and communication skills necessary to succeed in motorsports long-term. Our three previous winners all proved themselves beyond a shadow of a doubt on the pro level. Our intention is to help support the next up-and-coming talent," noted Steve Sanders, MAZDASPEED Motorsports Competition Manager. "We are so grateful to MAZDASPEED and Mazda USA for seeing the value in the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear National Championships," added Ben Hetteema.

Up next for the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear competitors is the Winter Series which opens at Infineon Raceway on November 6th. The Winter Series is 7 races over 3 weekends and is open to PFM, FM, and FS2.0 drivers.

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## About the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear

The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear is a multiple-region series with an annual NASA sanctioned national championship. The series features a multi-class format; Formula Mazda (FM), Pro Formula Mazda (PFM), and the FormulaSPEED2.0 (FS2.0). All classes are powered by Mazda, and equipped with Goodyear Racing tires.





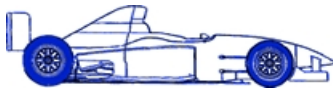
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For 2010 there are four Formula Car Challenge regions; The West Coast Region promoted by World Speed Inc, the South West Region promoted by Texas Autosports, the East Coast Region promoted by The Speed Connection, and the Mid West Region promoted by Lake Effect Motorsports.

More Information: <http://www.FormulaCarChallenge.com>

## CAR CLASSIFICATIONS DETAILS FOR THE FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE PRESENTED by GOODYEAR

			
	<b>FORMULA MAZDA (FM)</b>	<b>FormulaSPEED2.0 (FS2.0)</b>	<b>Pro Formula Mazda (PFM)</b>
Engine	Mazda RX7 Rotary	Mazda MZR 2.0	Mazda RX8 Renesis Rotary
Horsepower	180	200	240
Gearbox	Hewland 5 speed h-pattern with reverse	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse	Hewland 6 speed sequential with reverse
Weight	1200	1100	1090
Data system	Optional – open	AiM Sports spec EVO4 with steering wheel display	Optional – open
Tires	Goodyear	Goodyear	Goodyear
Chassis	Square tube space frame	Round tube space frame with Kevlar protection panels	Carbon fiber monocoque
Suspension	Outboard Koni double adjustable shocks	Pushrod actuated inboard double adjustable dampers	Pushrod actuated inboard double adjustable Ohlins dampers
Available since	1984	2010	2004
Manufacturer	Moses Smith Racing <a href="http://www.MSRparts.com">www.MSRparts.com</a>	World Speed Inc. <a href="http://www.FormulaSpeed.us">www.FormulaSpeed.us</a>	Star Race Cars <a href="http://www.StarMazda.com">www.StarMazda.com</a>