

FORMULACAR CHALLENGE

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Winter Series Opening Weekend at Infineon Raceway

Kohls and Weaver win race 1 and Guasch & O'Donovan win race 2

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Sonoma, CA

Formula Mazda and Pro Formula Mazda racers from all over the country converged on Infineon Raceway this weekend for the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear Winter Series.



Race one took place on Saturday, and FIA GT3 driver Michael Guasch was on pole in the Pro FM class. Multi-time FM champion Bill Weaver was fastest in the Formula Mazda class.

Racing conditions were perfect, as the racers took the green flag. In turn eight Guasch and Chuck Hulse were side-by-side and made contact ending both of their races. At the restart Stan Kohls and Frank Cusack battled for a few laps with Bill Weaver having moved into third overall. By the end of the race Kohls had pulled out a decent lead and took the win. Cusack took second, and Jim Mali who had started at the back of the field took the third spot on the podium. In the FM class Weaver took the win followed by Derry O'Donovan, and Stew Tabak.

Lloyd Read, a new racer to the series, finished 4th in the Pro Mazda class after only first getting into the car for the morning sessions. "Lloyd did a great job especially considering that he only had about 12 laps before the race started," stated Read's engineer. "Most drivers do 5 or 6 days in the car before they enter a race weekend, and so this was no small feat."

On Sunday the skies opened up and track conditions were wet. Sunday's event used the track configuration that features the turn nine chicane. In qualifying Michael Guasch was fastest in Pro FM and Bruce Carpenter was fastest in FM.

Only moments before the race the sun came out and began to dry the track. All the teams scrambled to find the appropriate setup. Most drivers went out on slicks. Guasch got a good start and ended up taking the PFM win, while O'Donovan charged to the front and won in the FM class.

"We really have to thank [Goodyear](#), [Mazda](#), [Red Line Oil](#), [NASA](#), and [Copa Cachaca](#) for making the series a fun place to compete," stated Series Official Ben Hetteema."

The Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear Winter Series is open to the Pro Formula Mazda, the Formula Mazda, and the FormulaSPEED2.0. The series heads to Arizona next to compete in a double header at Phoenix International Raceway on December 4th-5th. The finale is a triple header in January with CalClub at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana on Jan 21st through the 23rd.

More Information can be found on the official website: <http://www.FormulaCarChallenge.com>

The photo gallery: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/formulacar/sets/72157625224276089/>



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West Coast Champions Provided with Additional Prizes for 2010 Red Line Oil and Infineon Raceway announce additional bonuses

Stan Kohls the 2010 Pro FM West Coast Region Champion, and Cameron Parsons the 2010 FM West Coast Region Champion were informed of a couple of extra championship benefits from series supporters Red Line Oil, and Infineon Raceway this past weekend.

Red Line Oil Supports Series Champions:

Red Line Oil the official oil of the West Coast region and the inaugural FCC NASA National Championships announced that they will be providing PFM and FM West Coast Region champions with a brand new custom fit Red Line Oil racing suit. "This is another great benefit added to the growing prize package for this season," stated series official Ben Hettema. "It has been great to have a local company like Red Line Oil come alongside us to help promote the series."



World Speed Motorsports, the promoter of the West Coast region, has been using Red Line Oil exclusively in its race cars since the early 90's. Red Line Oil was a feature sponsor on World Speed's Champ Car Atlantic racecar for years. "We have been affiliated with Red Line Oil for years, and we won't use anything else in our racing cars. The products are reliable and perform under the most serious conditions," noted World Speed President Telo Stewart.

Infineon Raceway Supports Series Champions:

Infineon Raceway announced this weekend that they will be providing the two Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear champions a free test day at the famous race track.

Infineon Raceway is a year-round motorsports complex offering one of the most comprehensive schedules in the country, highlighted by three of the top racing series in the country - the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series and the IZOD IndyCar Series. It is also the headquarters for World Speed Incorporated.



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"We really appreciate the support that the staff of Infineon Raceway provides us," stated series official Ben Hetteema. "The staff is great, and there isn't a better place in the world for us to be based."

More information can be found at:

<http://www.RedLineOil.com>

<http://www InfineonRaceway.com>




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.

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

			
	FORMULA MAZDA (FM)	FormulaSPEED2.0 (FS2.0)	Pro Formula Mazda (PFM)
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 www.MSRparts.com	World Speed Inc. www.FormulaSpeed.us	Star Race Cars www.StarMazda.com