

FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE

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WEST COAST REGION: Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear Update

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Willows CA

This past weekend the Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear visited Thunderhill Raceway Park for rounds five and six. Derry O'Donovan won in the Formula Mazda class on Saturday, and Stew Tabak took the top of the podium on Sunday. In the PFM class Sean Prewett took the top step on Saturday, and Frank Cusack sailed to the win on Sunday.

As six of the sixteen races have passed into the history books, Derry O'Donovan is leading the championship in FM, followed by Cameron Parsons, and then Bruce Carpenter. The top three in the PFM class after this weekend are Stan Kohls, Sean Prewett, and Andy Brown.

Registered drivers in the series have been provided with opportunities that have included free Goodyear Racing tires, Red Line Oil products, and a chance to fight for the big Mazdaspeed prize money at the NASA National Championships at Miller Motorsports Park in September. These drivers are also given priority entry into the crown jewel of the 2010 FCC season; the IndyCar Grand Prix of Sonoma.

"The IndyCar event will be the first time in nearly seven years that an FM driver can participate at an event of this level," noted Series Official Ben Hetteema. "We are expecting to see a good number of FM drivers from outside our region for that event." The NASA National Championship will also be the first time that the Pro Formula Mazda will be able to run for a National Championship in its own class. "PFM drivers have been asking us to make this happen for a couple of seasons and we are happy to finally be able to provide them a national shootout," added Hetteema. Additional details on the IndyCar weekend, and the NASA National Championships are expected to be released the first week of May.

Next up are rounds seven and eight which will take place on June 26-27 at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma.

West Coast Region Details:

The west coast region travels to Mazda Raceway, Infineon Raceway, Portland International Raceway, and Miller Motorsports Park for 16 races in 2010. Series partners include Red Line Oil, Mazda USA, Mazdaspeed, Standing Start, Star Mazda, NASA Pro Racing, the all new FormulaSpeed2.0, and Goodyear Racing.

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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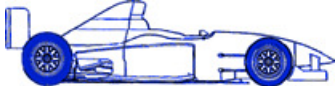
Event photos can be viewed here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/formulacar/sets/>

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

Series Partners:

- Goodyear Racing: <http://www.racegoodyear.com>
- Red Line Oil: <http://www.RedLineOil.com>
- MazdaUSA: <http://www.MazdaUSA.com>
- Nasa Pro Racing: <http://www.NasaProRacing.com>
- Star Mazda: <http://www.StarMazda.com>
- Standing Start: <http://www.StandingStart.com>
- FormulaSPEED2.0: <http://www.FormulaSpeed.us>
- Mazdaspeed Motorsports Development: <http://www.mazdamotorsports.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

