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*NASA NorCal Region, 2010 Season, ROUND 2
Thunderhill Raceway Park, Willows, CA*

*Weekend Racing Recap
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Our northernmost track, Thunderhill, played host to this year's third race for the combined NorCal and SoCal AI/AIX/CMC/CMC2 2010 season!

It was great to see so many racers returning for the season – Plum, Wildride, Bergman, Smith! And, it was nice to have a bit of a later start than usual as we warmed up Saturday morning and the track conditions were just about ideal.



Current West Coast points leader John Wheeler's 4th Gen Camaro. Image by Karl Chicca.



American V8's, ready to take the track. Image by Karl Chicca.

SATURDAY QUALIFYING – started just before lunch with 34 cars on the track. Steyn set a blazing fast time at 2:00:025 in his AIX car, MacMillan's AI car was just over a second behind at 2:01:227 and Dave Brown, of Life's Good Racing did a fast lap at 2:02.361 to grab pole.



The CMC train! F-R: Dave Brown (Team Life's Good Racing), Jeremy Bua, Mike Plum, Larry Klamecki, and James Griffith Jr. Image by Karl Chicca.

SATURDAY RACE #1 – It was a beautiful clear afternoon when the 34 cars rolled out for the first race of the weekend. Everyone got off to a nice clean flying start and settled in. Shortly into the race it was once again proven that NASA's safety rules ROCK! Fowler lost his brakes coming into turn 15 and his beautiful AI car smacked the k-rails, but safety gear being as good as can be meant he was unscathed. Thanks again to Blaine Fabrication for building a beautiful cage... racers appreciate all those hard-working guys out there looking out for them. The CMC2 battle was pretty exciting from the stands until Steel spun and did a little outfield mowing in turn 6, things happen fast out there on the track! The 25 minute session wrapped up with Steyn (AIX), Wheeler (AI) and Team Lifes Good Racing (CMC2) taking firsts.



Hard AI and CMC action! Image by Karl Chicca.

Sunday dawned a bit windy, with a few canopies taking flight in the paddock, but the racers took it in stride as they prepared for Sundays challenges.

SUNDAY INVERTED QUALIFYING RACE – CMC and CMC2 ran an inverted qualifying race for the 20 minute morning session, which always makes for some real excitement as the guys fight for position. Steel laying down a lap at 2:02:418 and taking first for CMC2 and Smith taking first for CMC. MacMillan took first for the American Iron group with a best speed at a whopping 89.126 MPH.



Dave Brown, leading the AI/CMC pack! Image by Karl Chicca.

SUNDAY RACE – 34 cars rolled out for the Sunday main event with Wheeler (AI), Team Life's Good Racing (CMC2) and Tsinger (CMC) in pole positions for the flying start. It was a good hard race, with Wheeler holding his lead, Steel fighting hard to catch Team Life is Good and Tsinger holding his own. Lots of excitement as racers battled traffic, a few light "off's" and a couple broken machines, but in the end, the pole sitters held on and finished in first. In the American Iron group Dewell took second and Hall a third. For CMC2 Steel fought from a 4th position start to take second and Bua got third.



Where's Waldo??? Nick Steel takes a spin in the grass, hunting gophers. Image by Karl Chicca.



Karl Brown and Nick Steel, laughing it up after their hard fought Sunday race. Image by Karl Chicca.

CONCLUSION - Many thanks to NASA, the officials, the safety crew and all the builders for making racing fun and SAFE! It's a good reminder to us all that the rules exist to keep racing good for us all.

Huge congradulations to Dennis "Smitty" Smith for taking his first ever CMC win!! We look forward to more fast action from Smitty soon!

The next event is May 22/23 2010 at Willow Springs in the high dessert of Rosamond, CA. Come out and watch the American Iron and Camaro Mustang Challenge V8 racers take on the altitude challenge!



Jeremy Bua's #4 SN95 CMC2 Mustang. Image by Karl Chicca.



Mike Plum's #77 CMC2 3rd Gen Camaro. Image by Karl Chicca.



Robert Walter's #44 SN95 CMC2 Mustang. Image by Karl Chicca.

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- www.nasaproracing.com
- www.nasatx.com
- www.americanironracing.com
- www.camaromustangchallenge.com

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