

FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE

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Patrick O'Neill is Crowned National Pro FM Champion at the NASA National Championships
Stan Kohls locks the West Coast PFM 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 Pro FM class (PFM) Patrick O'Neill 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 Pro FM class was Patrick O'Neill 1st, Bodee Gay 2nd, and Stan Kohls 3rd. The podium for race two was Patrick O'Neill 1st, Stan Kohls 2nd, and Frank Cusack 3rd.

Race three was the championship race and the grid was set by the points from the two heat races. O'Neill lead the pack with Gay close behind. Kohls had his hands full with Dave House and Frank Cusack and battled tooth and nail throughout the race for position. In the end the podium was O'Neill 1st, Gay 2nd, and Kohls 3rd.

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."



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The three races this weekend were also scored as official Formula Car Challenge presented by Goodyear West Coast Region events. Stan Kohls locked the FCC Pro FM West Coast Regional Championship by having strong finishes in all three of the MMP races.

This was the first time that the Pro FM has had a club national championship. Mazdaspeed allocated close to \$30,000 in prize money for this event, and has also invited the Pro 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 Hettema.

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.



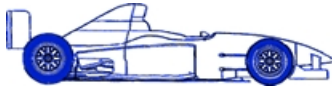
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For 2010 there are four Formula Car Challenge regions; The West Coast Region promoted by World Speed Inc, the South West Region promoted by Texas Autosports, the East Coast Region promoted by The Speed Connection, and the Mid West Region promoted by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

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

CAR CLASSIFICATIONS DETAILS FOR THE FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE PRESENTED by GOODYEAR

			
	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

