

FORMULA CAR CHALLENGE

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EAST COAST REGION: Doug Peterson Captures Opening Round of East Coast Formula Car Challenge Series

March 10, 2010. Savannah, Georgia. Former Star Mazda Championship Master Class champion Doug Peterson kicked off his 2010 racing season with a wire-to-wire victory in Round One of the East Coast Formula Car Challenge on the historic 2.2-mile Roebling Road race circuit.



With frost in the morning giving way to mild temperatures and sunny skies, the track was ideally suited for quick laps with Peterson capturing the pole position for the 23-lap event just a few tenths off the track record. Joining Peterson on the front row was fellow Formula Mazda driver Curt Harrelson.

As the green flag flew the drivers took off with Peterson holding the lead as he was chased by Harrelson and Sam Lockwood. Despite a concerted effort by Harrelson, Peterson was able to gradually increase his lead to capture the opening round victory.

"I got a good start and was running with Doug on the opening laps but as the race went on my car was getting a little to loose to maintain the pace and hang close to Doug," Harrelson commented afterwards.

Lockwood would join Peterson and Harrelson on the podium with a solid third place finish to start the season.

"This was a great race and after the unusually cold winter here in the south I am happy that the weather was nice," explained regional series official Bruce Lawrence. "The temperature was just right with the track warm enough to provide decent grip with the air cool enough to make really good horsepower, which made for some extremely fast lap times. This was great way to kick off the 2010 season and I'm looking forward to Round Two coming up at Road Atlanta as we expect a large field of drivers competing for the top prize."

Round Two of the East Coast Region Formula Car Challenge is slated for Road Atlanta on March 19-21.

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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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