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Putnam Park Road Course/October 2-4, 2009/NASA Great Lakes-Midwest
Crossover Event

Performance Touring Race Report

The weather at Putnam Park Road Course, in Meridian, IN, was partly cloudy and cool for the final event of the year. There were a few bits of light rain during the first race Saturday. Temperatures were in the high 50's to low 60's. Performance touring ran three classes.

PTC – Bo Lemastus, driving his Mazda MX5 Cup Car, had an eventful day of racing. During qualifying he was bitten by the off camber turn 9 which left him exposed in the track. A spec Miata said “hello” and the first race was not to be. Bo got the car back in order and completed the second race. This concluded another eventful weekend with NASA for Bo. Bring one or both of your cars back next year for some fun. I just might be in your class.

PTD – Three cars competed in PTD: Rookie driver John Graber, Points Leader Bill Biagi (& David Miller. Horse power versus handling. In race #1 Graber was able to hold the inside line turn 1 – turn 3, take the lead and get enough of a gap to keep Biagi behind. The lead stayed consistent with Graber taking the win, Biagi second only a few seconds back followed by Miller. Race #2, Biagi had the holeshot and disappeared after T1. Miller had a strong move to the outside, but Graber was able to hold him off. Early traffic caused a bobble for Graber and a train of cars moved through. Biagi ran strong up front while Graber worked patiently to close the gap. The battle was on until Biagi ran into some mechanical issues and Graber went by and on for the win.

PTE – Another good battle to end the season in our most competitive class. Brian Makse handed his Pak-Ex ride to rookie PTE driver Brian Flint and climbed into the Meyer Muffler Bearings Civic. Makse proved he may not just have a good car, he may actually have some talent, winning both. Bob Keller had another strong showing. I hope to see the same players in this class next year as it was very competitive and fun to watch all season.

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