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Spec E30 Invades Putnam Park

We had 4 Spec E30 racers show up to compete at Putnam Park. Regulars Simon Hunter, Kyle Smith and Sean Louisin were joined by rookie Carl Furhmann and Anthony Magagnoli who was competing in his 2nd weekend with the Spec E30 group.

Saturday – Scattered rainy conditions brought some interesting track conditions into play. Qualifying started out dry but it started to sprinkle after a few laps. Anthony Magagnoli blitzed the field by qualifying on pole by an almost 3 second margin. At the start of the race the track was still wet and Anthony quickly showed that it was a bit dicey when he navigated turn 10 completely sideways at the start. Coming into turn 1 we had to then navigate through the Spec Miata start which had multiple cars spun or in the grass. Once we got sorted out, Anthony showed his rain skills and pulled away easily.

Simon Hunter and Sean Louisin battled for a number of laps before Simon was able to pull away to take 2nd. Carl Furhmann finished a lonely 4th after he was late to the grid and had to start at the back. At tech Anthony was a smidge underweight giving the win to Simon.

Race 1 video from Simon
<http://www.vimeo.com/4684503>

Sunday – A beautiful sunny day greeted us on Sunday but it made no difference in qualifying as Anthony qualified on pole ripping off an amazing 1:22.3 which was well under the current track record. Kyle Smith who took over from Sean in the #53 qualified 2nd. At the start Simon was able to box in Kyle and follow Anthony through the traffic. He kept Anthony in sight for a number of laps until Anthony was able to pull away as he navigated through traffic. With no problems in tech this time Anthony was able to take the win. Simon got some solace in the fact that he barely got the track record by edging out Anthony's best lap of 1:22.998 with his own 1:22.984. Kyle finished 3rd and Carl 4th.

Race 2 Video from Simon
<http://www.vimeo.com/4699938>

With a number of guys building cars the Spec E30 fields in the Great Lakes region look to only get bigger every event. Come join the fun.



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