

World Speed Secures Two Top Fives and Two Top Tens at Mazda Raceway in GT3 Cup

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This past weekend was the American Le Mans Series race weekend at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, and World Speed Motorsports showed up to the battle with two Porsche GT3 Cup cars. Drivers Chris Cumming and Dave Smith competed in the Patron GT3 Challenge in the Platinum and Gold Cup classes.

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Saturday was round three of the series, and Chris Cumming qualified his 2010 Platinum car in 7th position. Smith, who is new to the car and series, qualified his Porsche in 8th position. "The race was wild," noted Team Manager John Olsen. "There wasn't a lot of green flag action, but when it was green there were cars bumping and rubbing and fighting hard for position. Chris and Dave both raced clean, and stayed out of trouble in a race that was chaotic." Cumming ended up one position shy of a podium finish in 4th, and Smith secured his first top ten in the series with a strong 7th place finish.

On the grid for Sunday's race Cumming started in row three, and Smith started in the sixth row. Both drivers got a great start and were able to improve their positions by race end. Cumming improved one position finishing 4th, and Smith moved up three spots securing his second top ten in the series.

The World Speed Motorsports GT3 team is now preparing the Porsches for an exclusive test day in early June before the long haul out to New Jersey Motorsports Park for rounds five and six.

The Patron GT3 Challenge series is broken into two classes; the Platinum Cup and the Gold Cup. The Platinum Cup is for the most current GT3 Porsche Cup car, and the Gold Cup is for earlier versions. Prize money is available to both classes, and races are televised on SpeedTV. In 2010 the series is entering its sixth season of competition. Sanctioned by the International Motor Sports Association in conjunction with Porsche Motorsport North America, the series gives top semi-professional drivers from the United States and North America the opportunity to compete with such prestigious organizations as the American Le Mans Series in the world's most successful GT3 car - the Porsche 911.

Round 3 Starting Lineup:

<http://www.imsachallenge.com/2010/events/laguna/results/GT3%20Laguna%20Seca%20R3%20SLU.pdf>

Round 3 Race Results:

<http://www.imsachallenge.com/2010/events/laguna/results/GT3%20Laguna%20Seca%20R3%20Final%20Race.pdf>

Round 3 Race Summary:

<http://www.imsachallenge.com/2010/events/laguna/results/GT3%20Laguna%20Seca%20R3%20Race%20Summary.pdf>

Round 4 Starting Lineup:

<http://www.imsachallenge.com/2010/events/laguna/results/GT3%20Laguna%20Seca%20R4%20SLU.pdf>

Round 4 Provisional Race Results:

<http://www.imsachallenge.com/2010/events/laguna/results/GT3%20Laguna%20Seca%20R4%20Prov%20Race.pdf>

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Frank McCormick Finishes 12th in the Star Mazda presented by Goodyear Race

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World Speed also competed in the Star Mazda presented by Goodyear race this past weekend with perennial racecar driver Frank McCormick. McCormick raced his first season in the Star Series in 1994, and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca is one of his home tracks. He qualified 18th and made up six positions in the race finishing 12th overall. McCormick finished ahead of all of the Expert Series drivers, and was in the hunt for a top ten by the time the white flag dropped.



“Frank did a great job all weekend,” stated WSM Crew chief Jan Trojan. “Craig DiGrazia his mechanic was on top of things all weekend, and that allowed Frank and I to spend time working on setup, reviewing data and video, and developing a race strategy.”

2010 is McCormick's 16th year of racing with World Speed Motorsports. In those 16 years McCormick has won multiple races in FM, Formula Renault, and Pro Formula Mazda. McCormick also secured a Formula Renault Championship in 2003.

More about Frank McCormick: <http://www.worldspeed.com/news/team/2009/McCormickExaminer.html>

Star Mazda Presented by Goodyear: <http://www.StarMazda.com>



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This weekend's competition would not have been possible without the various marketing partners associated with World Speed Motorsports and their drivers. Chris Cumming is partnered with Innovative Fitness. Dave Smith's partners are Canon Business Solutions-NEWCAL, and Copa Cachaça. Frank McCormick's main marketing partner is Onyx Pharmaceuticals.

Information on the companies that power all of the fun and excitement can be found online at:

Copa Cachaça: <http://www.copacachaca.com/>

Canon Business Solutions-NEWCAL: <http://www.newcal.com/>

Onyx Pharmaceuticals: <http://www.onyx-pharm.com>

Innovative Fitness: <http://www.innovativefitness.com>

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