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APRIL 27 PRESENTATION AT TRACK FIRST

The slogan at the top of this page is the reason Reed has agreed to work with Track First on a presentation scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM at the Track First store in Hudson, Ohio. Many of you are already familiar with Track First. They have a great store and stock a wide variety of racing equipment. What really impressed us was the scope of their inventory. They don't stock just one or two brands. For example, we have always told people to try on helmets from different manufacturers before making a selection. People have different shaped heads and what feels comfortable to one person may be very uncomfortable to another. Track First has a large selection 'in stock'. They also have one of the biggest selections of seats we have ever seen. It is worth a visit simply to check out what is available.

A good time to stop by would be during Reed's presentation on the 27th. The general objective of the presentation will be to use his years of racing experience to offer advice on topics such as going from track days to actual racing, both from the standpoint of driving and choosing/maintaining a vehicle. Significant time will be spent answering specific questions from those attending.

If you want to attend please go to the Track First Facebook page and let them know so they can plan.

ROAD ATLANTA TRANSAM

Up until this event the 2016 season had been one of frustration. A crash during testing in January was a set-back and then another competitor used David's Corvette for target practice during the first lap of the TransAm opener at Sebring. The April 10th event at Road Atlanta would go much better.

We arrived Wednesday and raced late Sunday afternoon. The weather was always cold and windy. But we didn't have any of the snow being experienced back home in Ohio. Thursday testing went well. Friday qualifying resulted in David's best result in many races. Last year the TransAm series had a special program for the quickest qualifiers called the "Fast Five". David was always knocking on the door but never quite making it. This year the program is gone and David qualifies fourth. Go figure.

TransAm weekends never go without a few problems. We had a small leak in the radiator and found a belt rubbing the steering rack. Both were easily repaired. But the replacement radiator also had a pinhole leak. The third radiator was leak free. The crew did a great job and we actually left the track at a reasonable hour on Saturday evening.

The race's start wasn't David's best and he dropped to seventh. For those of you who have raced you will understand what happened. The rolling start was faster than anticipated, resulting in revs being higher than expected, and as soon as he hit the throttle when the green flag waved the engine quickly found itself up against the rev limiter. It is extremely frustrating and the momentary change in focus usually costs a spot or more. We have all done it at one time or another.

David did recover. And just to prove he belonged closer to the front he held the quickest lap time of anyone in the race during the early laps. For a long time it looked as if there would be no cautions but the second half of the event saw one for a blown engine and another for a stalled car in a bad location. After the second caution David was running fifth in a group of six fighting for the victory. We all felt fourth would be a sure thing and third was within reach. But the third and final caution of the race kept David in fifth. It wasn't as high a finish as we all thought was possible, but the competitiveness shown leaves us with lots of confidence for the upcoming season. Next up is Watkins Glen on May 15.