



To all Star Mazda racers:

We have now completed the first four events in the 2006 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear and each event had a unique character: historic airport, temporary "street", natural terrain, and one mile oval. The only track without a long history was the inaugural race at Houston. One of the big announcements from Houston was that the 2006 Star Mazda Championship winner will be awarded a test with a top Champ Car Atlantic team, sponsored by Champ Car and Mazda. In addition, if our 2006 champion goes on to race in the 2007 Champ Car Atlantic series, there will be no entry fees charged by Champ Car! Of course a lot of our top drivers do tests with Atlantic teams, but this deal establishes a direct link from Star Mazda to Champ Car, so it has significance beyond the monetary value of the test. We are clarifying at least one pathway to a career in motorsports.

A lot of new faces started the season, and an interesting mix of drivers and teams is now set to start race # 5 of the 12, the Montreal race on the F-1 weekend. Star Mazda has always boasted large fields and close competition. It is with some degree of satisfaction that we note the provisional starting grid for Montreal, which is based on Series standings, shows nine different teams represented in the top ten spots, demonstrating the equality of the teams, as well as the parity of the equipment. As always, consistency is rewarded, and even though there have been flashes of brilliance, no one driver or team has been able to dominate for long. 2006 looks like another strong crop of talent, with excellent prospects for moving up in the motorsports world.

On the club racing front, the latest news is SCCA seems to have decided to sell Enterprises, if they can. The last few misadventures have proven costly. In the long run, the membership will benefit from an organization more focused on building successful events and promoting the sport and its participants. Several of you have expressed an interest in taking part in the Runoffs at the new Topeka venue. It is always fun to do a new track. We had some memorable weekends there with the Best Western Championship, when the FMs were faster than the Craftsman trucks. Good luck to those who make the trip!

Looking forward to Montreal, we are pleased to note that the Star Mazda race will be on Saturday, immediately following F-1 qualifying. That should give us an excellent crowd of formula racing fans to show off for. It was amusing last year that whenever something exciting happened on track with the Star Mazdas, those of us on the pit lane could here an audible reaction from inside the F-1 garages, as the F-1 crews watched on closed circuit TV. Being part of the Grand Prix experience first hand is beyond description. You really have to BE there.

We are enclosing the latest point standings, provisional grid for Montreal, and schedules for the next pro races. Please note: GPF1 Canada is severely limiting the number of golf cart credentials. Most of you have already advised us if you need to have use of a private golf cart for that event and we think we have you all covered. If you have not touched base with our office on this subject, do so NOW. We have been promised the usual Canadian Customs documents in the next few days. Keep checking our web site www.starmazda.com under Competitor information. We will post it all, as soon as it arrives. It makes the border crossing really easy.

Miller Motorsports Park and its facilities have been getting rave reviews from those that have seen them. Please note there are a few peculiarities for this event: 1) Promoter test day is Wednesday, 2) the main event is Saturday (as is our race), and 3) we have had to change the spec tire compound to 430. The 20+ turn course keeps the tires loaded nearly all the time and tire temps are some of the highest we have seen for a road course. Add in the expected ambient temps for Utah in July and the choice was clear.

Start planning now to make the trip to Trois-Rivieres, 3 - 6 August, to be part of the Star Mazda Championship and that week's main event(us). Talk to anyone you know that has been to a race there. The whole town "goes racing" and the people are delightful. Everyone that ran the demo race there last year just smiles when the subject comes up. It is going to be a real treat. We are looking forward to a huge Star Mazda party.

See you at the races!

Sincerely,

Gary Rodrigues



Montreal preliminary grid order:

- 1) # 3, Herrington
- 2) # 14, Carrio
- 3) # 53, Potekhen
- 4) # 38, Justice
- 5) # 45, Varsha
- 6) # 9, Bonilla
- 7) # 74, LaCroix
- 8) # 23, Gomez
- 9) # 52, Losch
- 10) # 69, White
- 11) # 22, Scuncio
- 12) # 87, Petersen
- 13) # 12, Branam
- 14) # 2, Jaeger
- 15) # 24, Brownson
- 16) # 15, Pew
- 17) # 85, Poscente
- 18) # 18, Bunker
- 19) # 8, Smith
- 20) # 93, Faulkner
- 21) # 86, Anti
- 22) # 77, Thienes
- 23) # 28, Walker
- 24) # 56, Tomlin III
- 25) # 58, Tomlin Jr
- 26) # 29, Fogg
- 27) # 71, Hickham Jr
- 28) # 25, Wieringa
- 29) # 91, Guasch
- 30) # 42, Ali
- 31) # 40, Sutherland
- 32) # 92, Pavan
- 33) # 67, Haskell
- 34) # 35, Mabey
- 35) # 11, Guerrieri
- 36) # 26, Cumming
- 37) # 96, Williams
- 38) # 36, Arseneau
- 39) #60. Thornton

Grid order determined by Series points standings, Series finishing positions, Series qualifying positions, Series entry date, race entry date. Subject to change based on Series rules, subsequent entries, penalties, etc.