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Phenom Racing Group Inc. Mid Ohio Test

Phenom Racing Group Inc. just completed a very successful two day test at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. After surveying the newly paved circuit, the drivers were very excited to learn what the new surface would do to performance. All three drivers (Michael Guasch, Mark Pavan, and John Faulkner) reported billiard table smooth conditions. The new surface presented engineer Pete Mercier with new and exciting challenges. "We were able to really work on developing maximum mechanical grip without the usual need to preserve the soft compound Goodyear tires. All three drivers drove very well and seemed to really enjoy the new smoother surface."

New Phenom signing Mark Pavan, a series veteran, had this to say:

"The Phenom Racing Group Pro Mazda ran flawlessly during our two day test at Mid-Ohio, as demonstrated by the 450 miles of testing we completed. I credit the mechanical group who worked diligently to prepare the cars at the shop before the test and at the track during the test. The new track surface necessitated a number of small changes to the existing setup, but after implementing those changes, we were able to run materially quicker than we had previously. The mechanical and engineering group, led by Pete Mercier, was able to make changes to the car that immediately improved the small handling imbalances we initially discovered. I am confident the Phenom is now well positioned to race and qualify well when we return here to race in May."

John Faulkner - Masters Championship contender driving the #93 Pro Formula Mazda

"The combination of good track conditions and a great set-up on my car allowed me to better my previous track times by a significant margin. I am really pleased with the direction Pete's taken and with the information learned about the "new" track. Lap times in the 19's and consistent 20's were the order of the day .We ran a 35 lap race simulation and the car got faster and faster which was very encouraging. The new curbing is really interesting as well.....even the blisters on my hands felt good!"

Michael Guasch - Team Owner and driver of the Phenom Racing Group # 91:

"This was my first time at Mid Ohio, and I must say I'm impressed. This is a very challenging and exciting circuit. Mark and John have both raced here before; there experience was very helpful for learning the track and getting up to speed. Once I was comfortable with the rhythm of the track I slowly worked the speed up. The crew did a great job preparing the cars, which allowed us to run over 400 miles each without a hiccup. Now that I have tested at a track we will compete at; I am very excited about our team's prospects for the race in May.

Tom Dyer, a proven winner in everything from Karts to Stock Cars took to the track in a Phenom car during the two day test. He was up to speed very quickly, turning fast times in just a few laps.

"I was really looking forward to getting into a Pro Mazda car for the first time. They are fantastic cars that are very quick, reliable and of current technology, which is important when making the move to a higher classification of race car. In fact, these cars are quite unique. They are great for up and coming drivers with higher aspirations, as well as for the racer who is wants to drive a rocket ship formula car, without spending close to a million dollars to do so and has no interest of trying to go to F1 or Indy. They really offer a great unparalleled combination of performance and value."

"The Phenom team was great! Pete, Roger, Cory, Stephen and Mike did a fantastic job of putting forth a top notch professional, systamatic and clean effort throughout the whole test. For a new team in their first year these guys have really bonded well and are doing a bang up job with things. The car set up was fast and very easy to drive straight away off the trailer and the cars ran flawlessly for two days straight, never missing a beat. I think the cars actually wore out the drivers as opposed to the other way around!"

"I was really impressed with the experience as a whole. The car, crew and overall atmosphere were great. I know the other drivers testing with Phenom were very happy as well. I'd very much enjoy competing in the Pro Mazda series with a team like the Phenom Racing Group. The only thing that I can say that I didn't get enough of was more laps!"

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