

... And The Dust Rolls On

After being away from the track for about six weeks, I had hoped the course would be solid and have a layer of grass to replace the areas we had worn down to the clay surface. Of course, with only a minimal amount of rain, the grass had not grown back and the dusty areas were as solid as a pile of flour.

With the wind blowing across the track the Start line had to be moved to prevent the dust from blowing into the neighbor's yard. This was one of the rare times when the Start line pointed downhill, with a long sweeping slalom to keep the speeds down. We moved the course back to some of the original areas that we have not used in four or more years.

The first driver change was delayed for one problem after another, one car had a flat tire and was towed in off the course, another had overheating issues and later had to run with the hood removed, and another driver had to reset the spring tension on the suspension because the car ran too soft. With only six cars split between 12 drivers and two of the six having three different drivers, working on three of the cars brought the racing to unplanned break. The remainder of the morning brought a cloud of dust that raced up the hill overtaking some of the competitors.

After a quick lunch of hot dogs and sausage, expertly grilled by Logan Murphy, we returned to racing. The wind helped to blow the dust off the course all day, and as we removed the grass from the new sections that had not been used in a while, the dust cloud grew to cover entire sections of the course at a time. After four more runs the dust became a bigger challenge to race through than the shape of the course, and it was time to call it a day.

With two events left in the season there is still no definite leader in some of the classes and the “Best Driver of the Year” award is still up for grabs. I hope to see everyone again at the last two events.

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Finger Lakes Region, SCCA RallyCross Results

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Rallymaster: Mark Laitenberger

times include all penalties

Original order	Car number	Class		Name	Car	In Class	Overall	Total	total number of cones
12	776	Modified	U2	Ben Gilmore	Damn Neon	1	1	10.76	0
3	4	Stock	O4	Mike Woodruff Sr	Impreza	1	2	10.90	1
2	2	Stock	O4	Mike Woodruff Jr	Impreza	2	3	10.96	0
5	7	Modified	U2	Brad Johnson	Slo Car	2	4	11.07	1
8	11	Modified	O4	Scott Prior	Legacy GT	1	5	11.17	3
7	10	Stock	O4	Logan Murphy	Mitsubishi Evo	3	6	11.22	0
9	97	Modified	U2	Cory Kuhns	Slo Car	3	7	11.57	6
6	9	Modified	U2	Ed Jeffries	Slo Car	4	8	12.12	8
4	6	Modified	O4	Andrea Olson	Legacy GT	2	9	12.31	0
1	1	Stock	O4	Daniel Lampie	Outback Sport	4	10	12.93	0
11	666	Modified	U2	Jim Perrin	Damn Neon	5	11	13.16	3
10	116	Modified	O4	Marnie Soom	Legacy GT	3	12	13.54	3

run 1	cones	run 2	cones	run 3	cones	run 4	cones	run 5	cones	run 6	cones	run 7	cones	run 8	cones
1.33		1.34		1.34		1.35		1.34		1.35		1.37		1.34	
1.40		1.34		1.35		1.44	+1	1.34		1.34		1.36		1.33	
1.36		1.38		1.37		1.35		1.39		1.38		1.37		1.36	
1.38		1.37		1.36		1.35		1.35		1.48	+1	1.43		1.35	
1.39		1.42		1.35		1.34		1.33		1.37		1.44	+1	1.53	+2
1.50		1.43		1.40		1.37		1.44		1.38		1.33		1.37	
1.39		1.35		1.64	+3	1.37		1.37		1.36		1.45	+1	1.64	+2
1.55	+1	1.54		1.50	+1	1.37		1.50	+1	1.58	+2	1.37		1.71	+3
1.56		1.53		1.49		1.48		1.47		1.80		1.50		1.48	
1.46		3.00		1.40		1.40		1.46		1.39		1.43		1.39	
3.00		1.61		1.40		1.47	+1	1.39		1.39		1.57	+2	1.33	
1.60		1.44		3.00		1.36		1.42		1.49	+1	1.84	+2	1.39	