



*NASA SoCal Region, 2009 Season, ROUND 4
California Speedway, Fontana, CA*

*Weekend Racing Recap
1/2 August 2009*

The 2009 SoCal CMC season is still the one to watch!

Drivers, crews, families and fans of CMC converged on for a second time this season at California Speedway in Fontana for Round 4 of the 2009 Southern California Regional CMC Championship. 4 CMC and 6 CMC2 cars were in attendance for this event. Warm temperatures and sunny skies were on order for a great weekend of V8 racing action.

CAL SPEEDWAY WEEKEND RACE SUMMARY:

- + 2 CMC/CMC2 **races** toward championship points
- + 6 total race group sessions with 2 hours of track time!
- + 6 **CMC2 cars** including one rookie
- + 4 **CMC cars** including one rookie
- + 2 CMC2 pole position winners for the weekend – **Nick Steel** (Sat), and **Dave Brown** (Sun)
- + 2 CMC winners for the weekend – **Kevin Margetta** (Sat R1), and **Team Hollywood/Adam Ginsberg** (Sun R2).
- + 2 CMC2 race winners for the weekend – **Nick Steel** (Sat R1), and **Dave Brown** (Sun R2)
- + Brake issues plagued some of the field this weekend.

SATURDAY PRACTICE – for some, this would be their first event at Fontana, but that didn't deter anyone. Everyone put their game faces on in preparation for the weekend. SoCal CMC'ers welcomed Brad Simpson and Mike Arnheiter back in their first event of 2009.

SATURDAY QUALIFYING – With the sun shining brightly, the CMC and CMC2 drivers took to the track. Kevin Margetta eeked out pole position over Ginsberg by a tenth of a second, with the clocks showing a 2:00.776 vs. a 2:00.870, followed by Tisinger (2:02.946), and Don Lariviere (2:05.506). In CMC2, Nick Steel took the pole, laying down a 1:56.092, followed closely by Team Schotz (1:57.072), Mike Arnheiter (1:57.508), Brad Simpson (1:58.433) and Karl Chicca (1:58.653). Chicca and Steel had brake issues that required considerable time in the garage to repair.

SATURDAY RACE #1 – Saturday's race (with 50 cars across all the classes!) was plagued with a full course caution at T4 on the opening lap caused by a blown Viper engine that ate into Group B's track time. Tisinger tried a late braking move in T3 that didn't go as planned, sliding him across the track. Everyone recovered in time to see the double yellow come out at T4. Once the incident was cleared from the oval, the green flag waved. The #57 got the jump at the start, but it was short lived as Margetta took P1 back on the front straight, with Ginsberg and Lariviere close behind. In CMC2, Steel, Schotz and Chicca raced close and tight, with the rest of the CMC2 field right in their rearview mirrors. On the final lap, Ginsberg got a run on the #57 Camaro of Tisinger, moved to the inside, and took back P2 5 turns before the checker for an exciting finish. CMC finishing order was Margetta with his 2nd win of 2009, Ginsberg, Tisinger, and Lariviere. CMC2 finishing order was Steel, Team Schotz, Karl Chicca, and Brad Simpson.

During impound, restrictor plates were checked in CMC2, and ride height was examined in CMC. Flaherty and Arnheiter were DQ'd for their plates not matching their dyno sheets.



SoCal CMC2 drivers (L-R): Mike Arnheiter, Dave Schotz, Nick Steel, Brady Flaherty. Image by Robert Strickland.



CMC podium (L-R): Adam Ginsberg (2nd), Kevin Margetta (1st), Derek Tisinger (3rd).

SATURDAY NIGHT – The SoCal CMC crew hosted an evening BBQ and beer bash at Tisinger's motorhome, with Ginsberg at the helm of grill. Bench racing, eating, and good fun rounded out the remainder of the evening.

SUNDAY QUALIFYING – Sunday morning qualifying got underway as the CMC and CMC2 driver took to the track. In CMC, Adam Ginsberg, racing for Team Hollywood, took pole by a full second over the #57 of Tisinger (2:01.009 vs. 2:02.037), followed by Lariviere (2:02.356) and Margetta (2:02.748). CMC2 pole was nabbed by Dave Brown driving the #33 4th Gen Camaro with a 1:55.130. Steel took P2 (1:55.692), followed by Arnheiter (1:56.764), Flaherty (1:56.980), Team Schotz (1:57.503), and Brad Simpson (1:58.224).



4th Gen Camaros of Karl Chicca/Dave Brown (#33), and Nick Steel (#45). Image taken by Karl Chicca.



More 4th Gen's – Brady Flaherty (#26) and Team Schotz (#34). Image taken by Karl Chicca.

SUNDAY RACE #2 - Fortunately Sunday's race didn't encounter the same problems – Group B got a full, flag to flag race! When the green flag dropped, Ginsberg kept his pole position going through the banking into T3. Margetta, starting last, got a fantastic start, and moved up to P2 by T3, with Derek Tisinger and Don Lariviere hot on his back bumper! Dave Brown and Nick Steel in CMC2 went nose to tail, trying keep the other CMC2 drivers at bay. The #36 of Simpson

got around Joel Schotz (racing on Sunday for Team Schotz) on the front straight, and began to make ground on Flaherty's #26, going door to door for several turns!

The CMC race was equally fast paced, as Tisinger made a pass on Margetta, and chased down the #5 of Ginsberg. Trying the same late brake move in T3 as the day before netted Tisinger the same results....locked up front tires, gobs of tire smoke, and an off, handing P2 back to Margetta.

At the checker for CMC2, the finishing order was Dave Brown, Nick Steel, Brad Simpson, Brady Flaherty, Joel Schotz (driving for Team Schotz) and Mike Arnheiter. In CMC, Adam Ginsberg driving for Team Hollywood, took his 4th win of the season followed by Margetta, Tisinger and Lariviere.



Sunday CMC2 drivers (L-R): Brad Simpson (3rd), Nick Steel (2nd), Dave Brown (1st), and Joel Schotz (5th). Image by Tanya Lariviere.



Sunday R2 CMC drivers (L-R): Kevin Margetta (2nd), Adam Ginsberg (1st), Derek Tisinger (3rd) and Don Lariviere (4th).

CONCLUSION - Many thanks to all the drivers, crews, and fans who ventured out to make this a great weekend of V8 racing.

The next event is the NASA Nationals on 10-13 September 2009 at Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah.

The next SoCal CMC event is 10/11 October 2009 at Buttonwillow Raceway Park in Buttonwillow CA. Come out and watch the CMC'ers do battle!

2009 SoCal CMC CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

CMC	Points	Rookie Points	Driver
1	1167		Team Hollywood
2	868		Bua
3	863		Stone/Morin
4	684		Tisinger
5	489		Margetta
6	465	465	Lariviere
7	287		Plum
8	285		Pfaff
9	186		TandF Properties
10	0		Brantley
11	0		Donahoe
12	0		Murphy
13	0		Ginsberg
14	0		Smith
15	0		Hamilton
16	0		McClung
17	0		Team Search
18	0		Dunlap
19	0		Santos
20	0		Steel
21	0		Scheller
22	0		Team Prior

2009 SoCal CMC2 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

CMC2	Points	Rookie Points	Driver
1	1188		Steel
2	1075		Chicca
3	668		Weeks
4	583		Team Schotz
5	469		Team Whitelaw
6	466		Klamecki
7	377		James Griffith
8	285		Guaglione
9	280		Plum
10	188		TandF Properties
11	188		Simpson
12	186		Jim Griffith
13	93		Bernard
14	91		Arnheiter
15	0		Bua
16	0		Team BAF

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www.nasaproring.com

www.nasatx.com

www.americanironracing.com

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