



# American IRON SERIES



*NASA NorCal Region, 2011 Season, ROUND 4  
Thunderhill Raceway Park, Willows, CA*

*Weekend Racing Recap  
14/15 May 2011*

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### **THUNDERHILL RACEWAY WEEKEND RACE SUMMARY:**

- + 3 CMC2 **races** toward California championship points
- + 6 total race group sessions with over 2 hours of track time!
- + Aaron Schroeder (CMC) was evaluated, earned his competition license and will be racing at the next event!

FRIDAY – like so many California days, warm temperatures, sunny skies, and light breezes greeted the CMC drivers as they made their way into the paddock area, and got setup for another great weekend of American V8 racing.

SATURDAY PRACTICE – Friday's warm temps turned into a cool and breezy Saturday as a cold front began it's march east. Not daunted by the change in weather, the CMC'ers got ready to take the track.

Due to the unusual "All Competition" weekend, the CMC drivers had an unusual schedule. Saturday warm up had nearly 60 cars on track, making for a very busy session. CMC did their usual qualifying race, but it was the first race on Saturday, and the grid was determined by hat-draw. Corky Schroeder (CMC'er Aaron Schroeder's dad) pulled car numbers from a hat, putting Ginsberg on pole, Tisinger in P2, Lariviere in P3, and Plum P4.

SATURDAY RACE #1 – CMC lined up for the standing start, and the green flag dropped! Ginsberg bogged on the line, allowing Tisinger, and Plum to get a good lead. Lariviere tried to get around, but Ginsberg recovered, and began his chase of the other CMC'ers. Within 4 laps, Lariviere was black flagged for breaking sound (113db!), and was forced to come in.



*The #13 coming in for sound violations. Image by Suzi Plum.*

Up front, the #57 and #77 were battling out, with multiple lead changes in the short 20 minute race. At the checker, it was Tisinger's #57, Mike Plum in the #77, Ginsberg's #5, and Don Lariviere in the #13.

Immediately after the qual race, a qual session was run to provide grid positions for Sunday's morning race. Tisinger took pole with a 2:06.307, followed by Plum (2:07.579) and Ginsberg (2:08.620) – Lariviere wasn't able to get his sound issues resolved prior to the qual session. The qual session went off without a hitch, tech was performed with no violations found, and the CMC'ers broke for lunch.



*Saturday post race tech inspection. Images by Suzi Plum.*

During the afternoon break, CMC potential Aaron Schroeder was evaluated for his comp license, and passed with flying colors. His car required a few minor changes to be competition compliant, but will be joining the CMC group at Buttonwillow in June.



*The #99 during license evaluation. Image by Corky Schroeder.*

SATURDAY RACE #2 – The Saturday afternoon race was scheduled for 4:30pm, and was being run within the 1.5 hour Enduro – a “race within a race”. The Enduro drivers took their green flag, followed by another race group, then the CMC’ers took their flying green start. Plum and Tisinger got moving, quickly, with Lariviere and Ginsberg close behind. With CMC starting behind the Enduro, traffic played a very significant role – traffic worked to help some, and hurt others. Within a few laps, Lariviere was again black flagged for sound violations, putting him on the trailer for the weekend. Tisinger and Plum duked it out for the entire race, each hoping the other would make a mistake. At the checker, it was Tisinger in the #57, followed by Plum, and Ginsberg. Tech was completed with no drama, and all positions stayed as they were from the drop of the checker.



*Saturday race podium. From left to right – Mike Plum (P2), Derek Tisinger (P1) and Adam Ginsberg (P3). Image by Suzi Plum.*

SATURDAY NIGHT – NASA had their usual BBQ and beer bash, and all the CMC'ers enjoyed an evening of beverages, food, and fun.

SUNDAY MORNING WARMUP – The CMC drivers went out for what was supposed to be 3 warm up laps, but it turned into 35 minutes of pace laps as NASA was trying to sort out communications problems to the corner worker stations. This extra track time would soon play out during the morning race.

SUNDAY MORNING RACE – Once the communications issues were sorted out, the CMC drivers gridded for a flying start, 40 minute race, with the Enduro group starting close behind. Tisinger, Plum and Ginsberg took off at the green, eager to finally get underway.



*Sunday's race start. Image by Suzi Plum.*

Tisinger took the lead, but Plum was close behind. However, as the race progressed, the #57 began to worry about fuel consumption due to the extended amount of time on track. Plum began to press Tisinger, but the #57 backed off in an effort to save fuel. The #77 was able to get around the 57, taking the checker, with Ginsberg in P3.



*Plum leading Sunday's race. Image by Suzi Plum.*

**CONCLUSION** – Running an all competition weekend was unusual, but the CMC'ers had a great weekend of V8 racing.

Our next event is 25/26 June 2011 at Buttonwillow. Come out and watch the American Iron and Camaro Mustang Challenge V8 racers battle it out!

For more information, the following websites should be able to answer any of your licensing/rules/racing questions:

[www.nasaproring.com](http://www.nasaproring.com)  
[www.nasatx.com](http://www.nasatx.com)  
[www.americanironracing.com](http://www.americanironracing.com)  
[www.camaromustangchallenge.com](http://www.camaromustangchallenge.com)

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