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Michelin Challenge Series Newsletter

Spring Mountain & Button Willow.... By Skip Thomas

Points of Interest

- ⇒ Viper Days will be on the Travel Channel on May 7 at 9 & 10 pm EST and May 17 at 4 & 5pm EST. On the show **American Supercars.**
- ⇒ Please visit our sponsors on page 6.

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Spring Mountain Motor Sports Park was the third stop for 2006. The weather was cool on Friday but sunny! The registration party at the Pahrump Winery was great. The food was excellent and the new wine releases were also excellent. There were groups of drivers around the room meeting new drivers and others reacquainting themselves with old friends. Saturday brought the fear of rain in the afternoon. The rain did come but at 2:30 and all that was effected was the race as it was postponed till Sunday. The drivers that drove in the rain all said they learned a lot and would do it again. David McNichols said that "He could not believe how at such a slow speed that he spun and will no longer tail gate in traffic!" He went on to say "No wonder people get in trouble when traction is reduced and they keep the same spacing doing the same speed! Stupid!! Every driver should go through a driving school so they can learn." Rookie Virginia von Quilich stated that she was driving back to Las Vegas on Saturday night and found that the new mirror position she was taught was an accident saver. "No one ever told me how to properly adjust my mirrors. It eliminated the blind spot!" Comments like this make it all worth while!

The banquet on Saturday night was at the track and the Las Vegas caterers provided a great spread of entries and desserts. If it was not for the heaters it would have been a cool evening in the tent. The auction was a laugh a minute and we raised over \$400.00 for the Hendrick Marrow Charity. Thanks to all bidders that made the auction fun! Sunday was a great day for drivers. Those who stayed and ran in the afternoon had a private track and lots of track time!

The Button Willow event was preceded by the Brian Angen Memorial track day on Friday. We are extremely pleased to be associated with the Angen family and the memorial as Brian was a special person and a great driver. His brother Kurt is following in his footsteps and won the Sunday race!!

The weather was cool, breezy and cloudy, Sunday was picture perfect though! The nine rookies who showed up did a great job and learned a lot.

The weekend went well after the typical Saturday morning track offs. Do they remember my talk about cold track, damp track, you have to learn the track and slow in fast out!! Oh well.... It was much better the rest of the weekend!

The reception and banquet were excellent and our compliments to the Sheridan Four Points!

The auction was again a great success and raised over \$2,500 for the Brian Angen Memorial Foundation. Many thanks to the Brian Angen workers for all their support and efforts!

We are off to Sebring for the fifth stop on our schedule. This world class track will be fun for all that attend!

S-Mod trophy winner David McNichols at Button Willow.





Skip—Founder of Viper Days... Living a dream!

Intermediate Certification program “Fast Track”

Viper Days and The Performance Driving School is proud to announce its first “Fast Track” Intermediate Certification program at VIR on July 13, 2006. The classroom will be held on the 13th at the host hotel from 8am till 5 pm. All seven modules will be covered during this time period. Friday and Saturday will be utilized for in-car instruction and the practicing of the techniques taught earlier. Sunday will be the final exam held on track as well as a verbal exam. Upon completion you will be awarded the certificate and a wallet size card.

The cost of the “Fast Track” program is \$495.00 plus all track event fees. It will be limited to FOUR drivers and we already have one signed up! Do not miss out on this opportunity.

Visit the web site at www.viperdays.com or www.theperformancedrivingschool.com For more details!



Jim Mace adding Motul to his car.

Super Stock Winners: Philip Wilson and David Bulow.



MOTEC SEMINAR to be held at MID-OHIO

Sunday at Mid-Ohio we will be holding a Motec Seminar presented by Jim Kelly president of Precision Race Services, Inc. They will hold classroom at the host hotel on Sunday from 9 – 5. The seminar will be a “Hands on” how to seminar. All the features of the Motec system will be covered along with an introduction to upgrades and new modules available for the system. They will also be there Monday and Tuesday to do installs or sales for your convenience. Jim has stated that there will be discounts offered on several upgrade modules and packages! This is a great opportunity to learn what your system can do. It will also be a great opportunity for non CC owners to learn what is available. The cost for the seminar is \$75.00 advanced registration or \$100.00 at the door. Call or e-mail Skip for your registration for this fantastic seminar. We are constantly striving to offer benefits and knowledge to all participants.

2006 Schedule

- Jan– 20-22 College Station, TX
- Feb – 4-5 Willow Springs, CA
- Mar – 18-19 Spring Mountain, NV
- Apr – 1 & 2 Buttonwillow, CA
28-30 Sebring, FL
- May – 19-21 Mid America Motorplex, IA
- Jun – 12-13 Mid-Ohio, OH
- Jul – 14-16 VIR, NC
- Aug – 11-13 Putnam Park, IN
- Sep – 8-10 Hallet, OK
29-Oct 1st Reno-Fernley, NV
- Oct—27-29 FINALS Heartland Park, KS



Motul USA is very pleased with our relationship with Viper Days and the Performance Driving School. We appreciate the support of the racers this season.

What's New?

Motul USA is pleased to announce it's relationship with Autohaus Motorsports and Tommy Archer driving the Dodge SRT Competition Coupe in the Speed GT.



Tech Talk- Gear Oil

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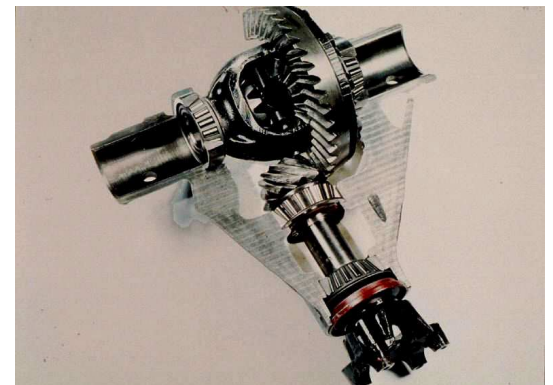
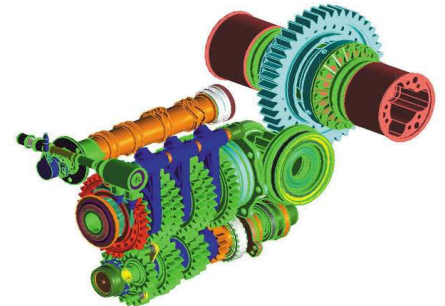
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Subaru WRC, NISMO Japanese GT,
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Additive package + base stock + special

components + experience = gear oil that is

“just made to win”



Motul Fact

Today, Motul is a recognized global player in the lubricants industry. In addition to it's European headquarters located in Paris, Motul conducts business in Germany, Italy, Spain, Russia, the USA, and nearly 100 offices throughout the world.



BRAKE PADS: GENERAL INFORMATION:
 Brake pads from "The Brake Man" are the latest, most advanced pads available today. These pads have been specially formulated to correct the common problems experi-

enced by the serious racer every day.

The two main factors are 1; the stability of the pads provide much greater predictability for the driver, thereby increasing driver confidence, and 2; all pads are far more rotor friendly than those available from our competition. Even with this in mind, it is still important that you understand your particular needs, and select the correct compound by reading the following information.

SELECTING THE RIGHT COMPOUND:

It is extremely important to understand which compound is the best for your particular application. Read the following section carefully to determine which of the following descriptions comes the closest to your needs.

The most important item to remember is that our pads are made to work for a specific heat range. We have temperature paints available that can be painted on your rotors to help you determine your operating range. If you have wondered whether you could use a lighter rotor, such as our new "REVOLUTION", to save unsprung weight, these paints used on your present rotors will help us determine whether you are a candidate to try lighter rotors.

Compound#3 USED BY MOST VRL DRIVERS

For those severe duty conditions encountered on all cars being run on hard braking tracks, or cars being driven by drivers whose style demands the most from the brake system, we have developed a pad that can handle temperatures including the glowing red rotor conditions, (1200 degrees Fahrenheit and up). At the same time, the coefficient of friction stays high (approximately .48) and is very consistent throughout the temperature range. If you want true control and to get rid of the "on-off" light switch characteristic found in many pads, then the #3 is perfect for you. This pad is ideal for asphalt applications on all cars including Grand National applications and will yield better, more consistent lap times if you learn that slamming the nose down on corner entry may feel good, but hurts lap times. It also works great on aluminum rotors; in fact **THIS IS THE BEST PAD AVAILABLE TODAY FOR ALUMINUM ROTORS!** If you are converting to the lightweight "REVOLUTION" rotor, we recommend you use this pad for the best results and rotor life.

Compound#61

Brake Man #61 compound has the same characteristics as our #3 compound but with a higher "Tip-In". That means that the pad grabs harder and makes the vehicle dive rather than squat. Also, our #61 compound works great on steel rotors when high temperatures are present.

Compound#7

Brake Man #7 Compound is an low price performance race pad for your GM D52 and D154 applications. This compound offers good wear that is grade above your "off the shelf" brands.

Compound#62

Brake Man #62 is similar to the #61, but without the ability to handle the extreme temperatures of track conditions for long times. The trade out, however, is that this pad works great for short track periods and slalom, and does do while staying quiet on the street with minimal dusting. This is the *IDEAL track/street pad!* **AVAILABLE at Archer Racing Accessories at the track or 866-272-4375**



Dedicated Viper fan Julie McDonald with her cool Viper tattoo. When can we expect our first Viper Days tattoo??



Michael Dolan winner of the Safety Award. Skip Thomas presenting.



Michael Greenberg receiving his 1st place Unlimited trophy.

**CORSA® PERFORMANCE INTRODUCES NEW
3-INCH EXHAUST SYSTEMS FOR C6 & Z06 CORVETTES**

Engineered to increase flow, power and torque without drone



BEREA, Ohio – CORSA® Performance has developed straight through, three-inch, military grade 321L stainless steel performance exhaust systems offering increased horsepower and torque for both C6 and Z06 Corvette owners.

“The Z06 comes stock from the factory with 3-inch pipes but a 2 ½-inch inlet muffler, while the standard C6 has a 2 ½-inch pipe and muffler. Our systems are 3-inches, all the way,” said Michael Schwartz, chief business officer, CORSA Performance. “This design unlocks even more of the Z06’s already impressive performance potential for up to 10 additional horsepower and 14 lb/ft. of torque, while still providing the distinctive CORSA sound for the Corvette’s race-bred 427-cubic inch displacement engine.”

CORSA's 3-inch Corvette C6 and Z06 exhaust systems feature the company's exclusive, patented Reflective Sound Cancellation™ (RSC) technology that allows for a full-bodied performance sound at idle, a visceral growl during acceleration and a comfortable tone that's respectful of music and conversation at highway cruising speeds. This leading-edge technology creates a "tuned" performance sound without the use of baffles or steel wool packing materials.

“We have an extremely loyal Corvette customer base that understands our devotion to innovation and quality,” said Schwartz. “This new system delivers on that promise, while offering what only CORSA can in an aftermarket exhaust system - increased horsepower and torque, without the cabin resonance and drone.”

Hand-built in the U.S.A., CORSA's exhaust systems are engineered for a crisp and clean, slightly more aggressive V8 muscle car sound. Both systems eliminate interior cabin resonance and come with a choice of dual handcrafted 4.0" Pro-Series tips or four of CORSA's 3.5" Pro-Series tips. Each tip is made from high quality 304L stainless steel and polished to a mirror finish.



No welding or cutting is required for the bolt-on systems and complete installation hardware and an illustrated installation guide are included.

The 3-inch CORSA Corvette performance exhaust systems have a limited lifetime warranty, are 50-state emissions legal, do not void the new vehicle warranty and can be purchased direct from CORSA Performance or through select dealers, retailers and distributors nationwide.

Focusing on the development of proprietary technology, CORSA Performance employs patented Reflective Sound Cancellation technology in its performance automotive exhaust systems. CORSA's 100% stainless steel cat-back exhausts are specifically tuned to each vehicle to eliminate passenger cabin resonance and to produce just the right sound. CORSA offers performance exhaust systems and accessories for cars, trucks

and SUVs. For more information, visit www.corsaperformance.com, or contact CORSA Performance, 140 Blaze Industrial Parkway, Berea, OH 44017, 800-486-0999, fax 440-891-1868.

Lou Gigliotti Advanced Driving Clinic

Sebring will be the next event that the Lou Gigliotti Advanced Driving Clinic will be offered and it will be limited to twenty drivers. The school will be held on April 28, 2006

Make your reservation now at: www.theperformedrivingsschool.com

Click on the Lou Gigliotti logo and fill out the application. That will reserve your spot. No deposit will be taken until two weeks before the event. Do not loose out.... Sign up now time is running out!!

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