

Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs – Ontario Region

## 2023 Race Workshop November 12, 2023



- 1)Opening remarks and introductions
- 2)2023 review
- 3)Topics from the floor
- 4)2024 Planning
- 5) 2023 Championship Awards



#### 1. Opening remarks and Introductions

- Ted Michalos, President CASC-OR
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- Chris Lawson, Regional Chief Instructor
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- Mike Nilson, Regional Chief Scrutineer
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- Richard Muise, Regional Executive Steward
  - <u>Exec.Steward@casc.on.ca</u>



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- I. Report from Regional Chief Instructor
- II. Report from Regional Chief Scrutineer
- III. Report from the Regional Executive Steward
- IV. Detailed review of results from Ted Michalos



- The Role of the Regional Chief Coach/Instructor
- CASC-OR Coach/Instructors
- Licence Activities
- Accreditation of Racing Schools
- Observations/Marshal Observation Program
- Granting of single event waivers
- Race Medicals



- CASC-OR Licenced Coach/Instructors Build a group of motivated Coach/Instructors to mentor and develop drivers.
- Develop and evaluate a list of Coach/Instructor candidates from across various racing classes
- Train the Coach/Instructors
- Licence the selected/trained Coach/Instructors
- <u>We currently have a need for more Coach/Instructors. Contact Chris</u> <u>Lawson if interested.</u>



- Licence Activities
- I work closely with Jennifer at the CASC-OR office for the granting of A licences, interviewing and approving new B licence holders, A licence upgrades and licence reinstatements.
- In 2023:
  - A Licenses Granted 243 licence holders
  - B Licence Drivers Granted 93 licence holders
  - B to A Licence upgrades 20
  - New licences issued 27
  - Rookie Championship entries 16
  - 950 + emails plus many phone calls/Zoom meetings



- <u>Accreditation of Race Licence Schools</u>
- I work closely with accredited CASC-OR race schools
  - Association des Instructeurs de Sport Automobile (AISA) Race Academy (Calabogie)
  - Brack Driving Concepts (Shannonville)
  - BMW Trillium (CTMP)
  - Potentially a new school starting in 2024

#### Observations/Marshal Observation Program

- Observations are done for a variety of reasons mostly for new drivers, licence upgrades and on occasion for driver reviews as requested by race officials such as the Race Director, the Stewards and the Clerk of the Course.
- Observations are completed using talents of the Marshals, the Stewards, and the Clerk of the Course.
- In 2023, we observed at total of 26 drivers.



- Granting of Single Event Waivers
- I work closely with the Registrar to grant special one Event waivers to selected drivers from other racing organizations that do not have reciprocal licence status with CASC-OR, or require special permission to participate in a CASC-OR Event.
- In 2023, we granted approximately 13 special one Event waivers
  - This is an effort to bring more racers to our events, in the hope they come back



- <u>Race Medicals</u>
- Working closely with CTMP Medical Director Dr. Christi Kim and Dr. Bill Liang.
- We setup a race medical clinic in March 2023 in Burlington, Ontario.
- 16 race medicals completed in one day
- Plans are to run another day in 2024



#### •Any questions?

#### •Comments?



#### 2. (II) Chief Scrutineer's report

- Implemented Process Changes in 2023
  - New sign-up process for inspections
  - Self-serve decal bar
  - Timing and Registration co-ordination
  - Call outs and participation tracking
  - Recording annual inspections



## 2. (II) Regional Chief Scrutineer - 2023 Review

- Opening earlier for events
  - More inspections on test days
- Preprinted Annual Inspection forms
  - Forms were preprinted with the registration information from your MS Reg "My Garage"
- Annual Inspection process changes were well received
  - Sign up process improved driver appreciation of inspection order
- Self serve decal bar
  - puts the onus on the Driver and frees up Scrutineer's time
- Annual Inspection sticker worked well
  - Next year integrate with F1600 stickers

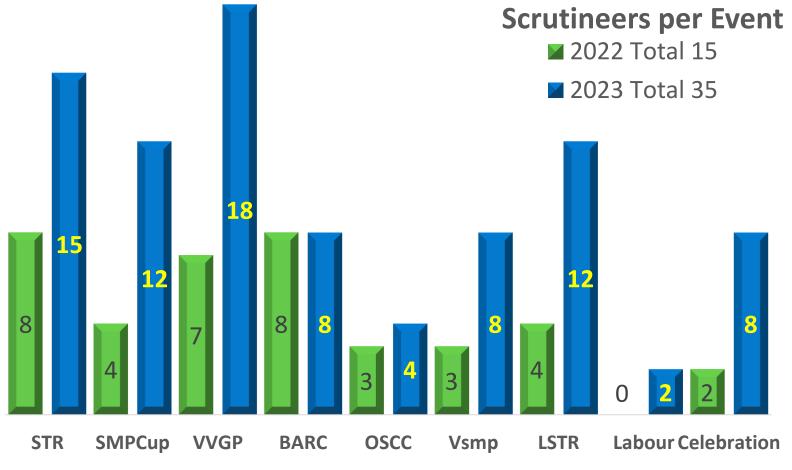


## 2. (II) Regional Chief Scrutineer – 2023 Review

- Ongoing issues with transponders
  - Drivers to ensure they are mounted properly, and subscriptions are up to date
- Communications
  - Significantly improved communication with Clerks and Timing
- Maintaining Annual Inspections database worked well
  - Next year will be optimized with less reliance on one person
- Call outs and participation tracking for scrutineers
  - People felt more involved
  - Easier to tell if we needed more scrutineers for an event
- Front Line Workers Initiative
  - Starting to work with Mock Grid and Pit Lane to try and increase cross-training to smooth out the workload



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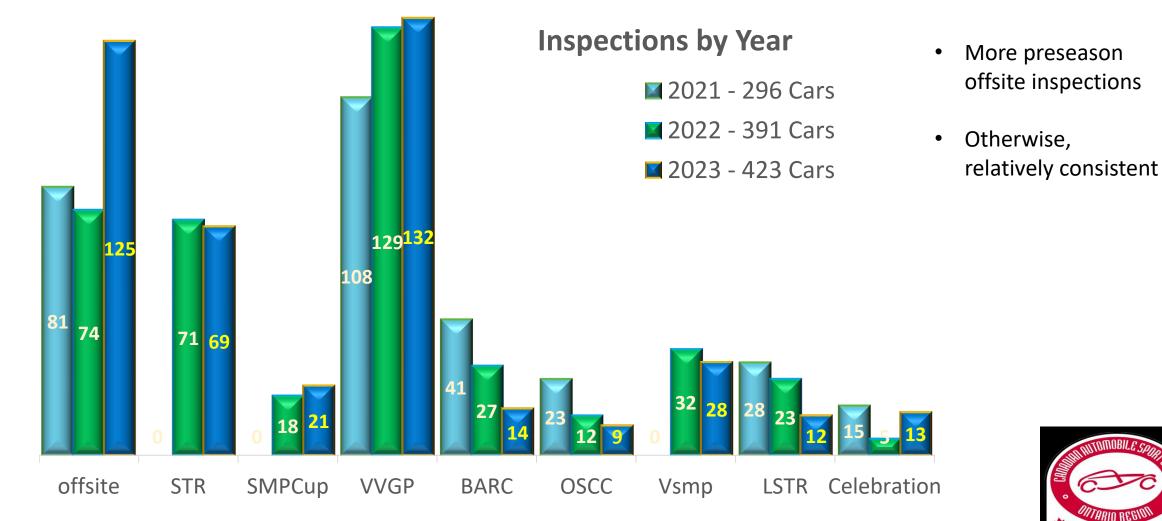


- 34 different people involved
  - changed processes allowed more unlicensed people
- Up from 15 last year
   126%
   improvement

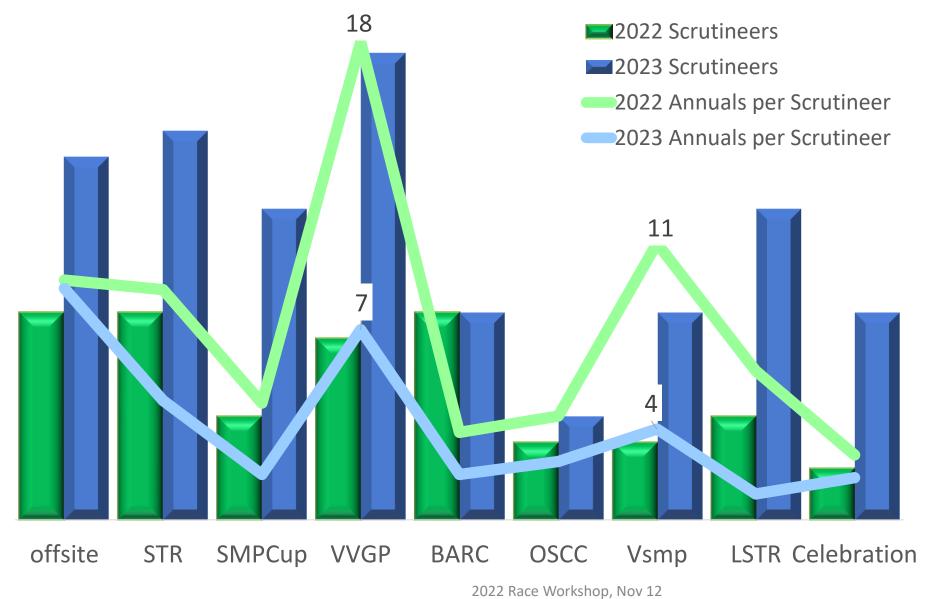


<sup>•</sup> Significant increase in working Scrutineers

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#### 2022

- Less Preseason
- Big jump for VVGP (18) and OSCC (11)

#### 2023

- Reasonable number
   per scrutineer
- Smaller jump for VVGP (7) and OSCC (4)
- VVGP and OSCC have a lot of one-time cars



#### 2. (II) Regional Chief Scrutineer – 2024

- Logbook
  - Apply online Logbook Application Form
  - Event Presentation not required at registration
  - Event Signatures available at Trailer any time
- MSREG and "My Garage"
  - enter logbook, VIN, Year, Make, and Model of the car
  - If one doesn't exist, leave blank
- Helmets
  - 2015 have been extended until 2025



#### 2. (II) Regional Chief Scrutineer - 2024

- Preseason Inspections
  - Will be formalizing the process using an event in MS Reg
- Harness Installation
  - Drivers are not following installation instructions from the manufacturer
  - Instructions and workshops will be offered to help you correct this
- Questions and Concerns Form
  - <u>New form</u>, QR code available at the trailer
  - To improve communication with the Tower



## 2. (II) Regional Chief Scrutineer

#### Questions?

Comments?



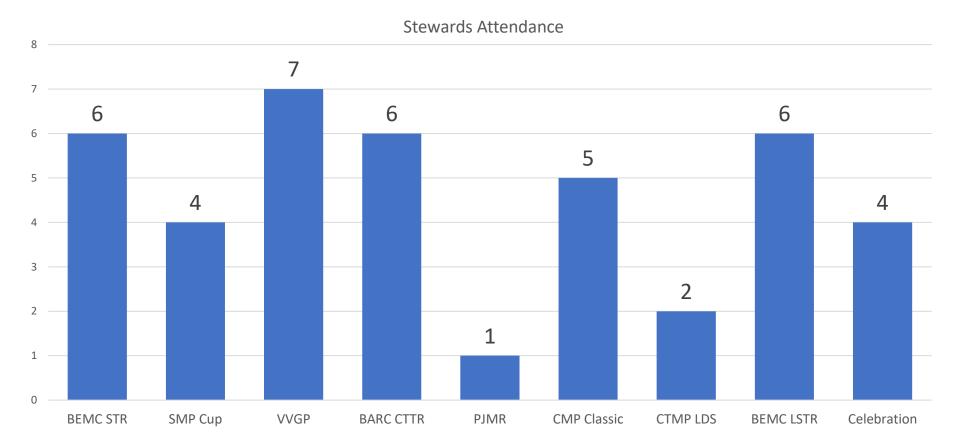
- 1.Brief description of the Stewards' role in CASC-OR
- 2.How many Stewards at each event
- 3.Breakdown of incidents over the course of the 9 events
- 4.Particular items of concern/interest for the Stewards
- 5.Recruitment
- 6.Q&A



#### Who are the Stewards?

- The Stewards are a judicial body, separate from the organization and running of an event.
  - The Stewards adjudicate any protest or dispute arising during an event. (GCR5.1.2)
- They have broad powers and responsibilities outlined in GCR.
- They report to CASC-OR. The Chair of the Stewards writes and publishes a Stewards Report for every event.
  - New template created by Mary McClure for ease of use and more consistent results.
- Dropped from 16 active stewards to effectively 13 this year.
  - Goal is a minimum of 3 Stewards at each event, but more is preferred.
- Want to make it easier to reach. Many options being discussed.



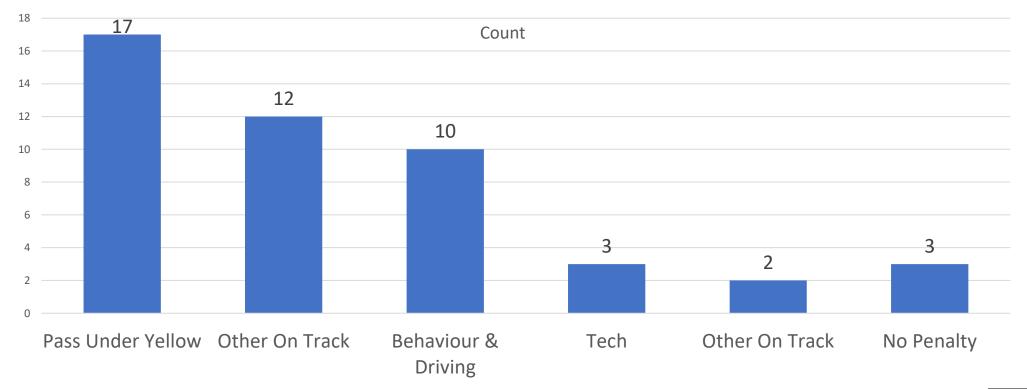




Driver Conduct

- Everyone wants to have fair and consistent officiating.
- Not everything is reported to Race Control for further actions.
  - We do not have infinite volunteers.
- If you feel something was not properly addressed, please bring your concern to the Stewards. The Stewards are there for the participants.
- Pass Under Yellows more reported than previous years.
  - One question we asked was if the flags were easily visible at all stations. We
    will work with the Race Director to review if there were areas that were more
    prone to issues.







#### Recruitment

- Volunteers in all areas are getting hard to recruit.
- The Stewards are looking for members who want contribute back to the sport, utilizing good judgement and their experience, and sense of fairness.
- Role requires good interpersonal and communications skills.
- Want to change how Stewards are perceived. This year, we were spending more time around the track and paddock. Want to be available if you have issues.



#### 2024 Regulations

- Looking to get feedback in the next week or two.
- Draft available this month, review early December and post for Jan 1, 2024.
- Changes under discussion
  - Pass Under Yellow penalty in Practice
  - Technical Updates (e.g., helmets)
  - Points
  - Shannonville breakouts
  - Red flag procedure



# 2. (III) Regional Executive Steward's Report Questions?

Comments?



### 2. 2023 Review

### How did we do in 2023?

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### 2. 2023 Review

- We held a 6 event series in 2023 with activities at:
  - Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP)
  - Shannonville Motorsports Park (SMP)
  - Calabogie Motorsport Park (CMP)



- Performed a detailed analysis of 2023 CASC OR entries
  - GT Sprints 106 (110) entrants 251 (229) entries or 2.4 (2.1) per driver
  - FL (Libre, F4, Rad) 29 (29) entrants 46 (51) entries or 1.6 (1.8) per driver
  - VARAC (VH, CL, FC) 137 (128) entrants 127 (185) entries or 0.9 (1.4 per) driver
  - F1600 (4 events) 40 (40) entrants 98 (106) entries or 2.5 (2.7) per driver
  - Overall 336 (307) entrants 564 (571) entries or 1.7 (1.9) per driver
  - We actually had 596 (600) total entries for the year due to "guest grids"



- Average entry in 2023 was 113 (101) cars per event
- Estimated "cost" to run an event was \$65,000
- Entry fee net of HST \$575.22 so revenue \$64,999.
- That means we basically broke even in 2023
- Primarily a result of "selling" extra track time when possible
- SPC joined us at SMP, FEL Radicals joined us at CMP
- Introduction of the new FPC run group



• Here is what an average entry looked like in 2023 (2022):

• GT1-2	21 (22) cars
• GT3-5	20 (24) cars
• FL/F4	14 (9) cars
• VH	11 (12) cars
• CL	18 (14) cars
• F1600 (4 events)	24 (24) cars

• FPC 14 (0) cars



• Here is what we'd like to see in 2024:

• GT1-2	25 cars
• GT3-5	25 cars
• FC/FL/F4	15 cars
• VH	15 cars
• CL	20 cars
• F1600 (4 events)	24 cars
• FPC	15 cars



- We have 3 Driver's Rep now
- Pat Cyr for Pirelli Super Touring (GT1-2)
- Bryan Rashleigh for Pirelli Grand touring (GT3-4-5)
- Michael Cross for Formula Classic/Libre/F4
- Duties to include promoting attendance at each event for their run group, while representing the concerns/needs/ideas of their group
- F1600, and VARAC already have representation of their own



# Any other items people would like to discuss regarding the 2023 Regional Race Series?



We have been asked to discuss:

- 1) Time Brackets at SMP
- 2) Points System
- 3) Anything else?



#### Time brackets at SMP

	2022	2023
GT1	1.53999	1.49999
GT2	1.54+	1.50+
GT3	1.58+	1.54+
GT4	2.01+	2.00+
GT5	2.04+	2.04+



Time brackets at SMP

- analysis from Richard Muise
- analysis from Chris Lawson



Points system

- A request has come in to alter the points awarded for Qualifying

- A request has come in to have the circuit bonuses removed



#### Points system – qualifying points 10 + below

	Current	Proposed
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	2
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	1
5 <sup>th</sup>	2	
6 <sup>th</sup>	1	



Points system – circuit bonuses

- run at one track no bonus
- run at two tracks 50 point bonus
- run at three tracks 100 point bonus



Anything else?



- I. 2024 Regional Race Schedule
- II. Guest Grids
- III. Series promotion
- IV. New hybrid run group



- I. 2024 Regional Race Schedule
- Spring Fling (and school) at SMP
- BEMC Spring Trophy Races at CTMP
- SMP Cup at SMP
- (VARAC Vintage Grand Prix at CTMP)
- BARC Canadian Touring Trophy Races
- OSCC Calabogie Summer Classic at CMP
- BEMC Late Summer Trophy Races at CTMP
- Celebration of Motorsport at CTMP

#### April 25-7

- May 4 5
- June 1 2
- *Jun 13 16*
- Jul 27 28
- Aug 16 18
- Sep 21 22
- Oct 5 6



#### II. Guest grids

- Regional race weekends run best with 6 or 7 run groups
- We have 4 core groups: Pirelli Super Touring (GT1-2), Pirelli Grand Touring (GT3-5), Formula Libre, and Formula Prototype Challenge (4 events)
- We have regularly affiliated groups: Toyo Tires F1600 Championship (4 events), VARAC Vintage Historic, Classic and Formula Classic (5 events)
- We actively seek other guests if we do not have a full schedule



**III.** Series Promotion

- Plan to attend Motorama and Drive Fest with active displays to attract both volunteers and competitors
- Renewed our relationship with Inside Track as our Media Partner, co-ordinated ads and articles promotion Race and other CASC-OR Divisions
- Continued social media postings



- IV. New hybrid run group
- preliminary development of a new run group for regional events
- hybrid between lapping/HPDE sessions and full blown D2D racing
- designed to provide a lower cost introduction to racing
- limited car prep, limited speeds, restricted passing zones
- goal is to attract non-racers to regional racing



## CASC-OR Regional Racing Award Presentations



Special thank you to...

### Penni Barker-Adams

#### 2023 Master of Ceremonies



- I. Bob McCallum Scholarship
- II. Brack Driving Concepts Rookie of the Year
- III. Motomaster Track Master Champion
- IV. 6<sup>th</sup> Gear Track Days Winners
- V. Emzone and Pagid Hard Charger Prizes
- VI. CASC-OR Formula Classes

VII. Pirelli GT Sprints Championship and Cash Awards



I. Bob McCallum Scholarship

Created by a very generous anonymous benefactor, this scholarship provides unrestricted funds to be used by a new competitor to racing on the F1600 or F1200 class.



#### Bob McCallum Scholarship eligibility requirements:

- be aged under 23 as of January 01, 2022
- be a resident of Ontario Canada
- be eligible for a CASC-OR or GDS-ASN CANADA Racing Competition License
- be able to show proof of success in motorsport / karting
- not have raced in a GT, Touring Car or Open wheel race car in the past
- demonstrated excellent academic achievement



Bob McCallum Scholarship recipient:

#### Antonio Roberto Costantino 4<sup>th</sup> overall in F1600A

We have received notice that the Bob McCallum Scholarship will be available again in 2023. Interested persons should contact the Race Director for more information in the new year.



#### II. Brack Driving Concepts Rookie of the Year

To be eligible to participate you must meet the following criteria:

- 1) You must hold a valid Competition B license from CASC-OR at the beginning of the season
- 2) You must have competed in 2 or fewer events in the prior year
- 3) Competitors may participate in ANY CASC-OR series and/or run group. Points will be calculated using the system set out in Appendix P Section 7 Points of the CASC-OR Race Regulations
- 4) The Regional Chief Instructor reserves the right to determine the eligibility status of any person that applies for the Championship
- 5) The Champion will be announced at the end of the year awards presentations.



II. Brack Driving Concepts Rookie of the Year



### **Krystian Palka**

Pirelli Grand Touring GT3

#### CASC-OR Rookie of the Year



- III. Motomaster Track Master Designation
- awarded to any driver or official/volunteer that participated in all three of:
  - Shannonville Cup June 3 4
  - BARC Canadian Touring Trophy Races July 29 30
  - Calabogie Summer Classic August 18 20



Motomaster Track Master Designation

- 21 GT Sprint and Formula Libre drivers qualified
- 14 Toyo drivers qualified
- 8 officials/volunteers qualified

All will receive commemorative jackets



Motomaster Track Master Champion



### **Brad Ranson**

Pirelli Grand Touring

GT3



IV. 6<sup>th</sup> Gear Track Days winners





V. Hard Charger Award: Pirelli Super Touring (GT1-2)



Daria Khacia

**Chantal Carter** 

**Aaron Pettipas** 

Marlin Langveldt

James Beaton

Michael DelleDonne



V. Hard Charger Award: Pirelli Grand Touring (GT3-4-5)

Daniel Deokie

lan Law

**Richard Kirton** 

Eric Ouellet

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VI. CASC-OR Formula Class Champion

- To be eligible to receive a trophy a competitor must participate in 3 or more events in the series in the Formula Libre class
- We are please to present...



VI. CASC-OR Formula Class Champion

### Stephen Sutherland 1<sup>st</sup> Place FL Champion



VI. CASC-OR Formula Class Champions

## For the Formula 4 Class we are proud to present...



VI. CASC-OR Formula Class Champions

For the Formula 4 Class we are proud to present:

- Richard Walker 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class
- Mike MacNeil 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class
- •James Morton 1<sup>st</sup> in Class



### **Overall Open-wheel Champion for 2023**

### James Morton F4



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VI. Pirelli GT Sprints Champions and Cash Awards

To be eligible to receive a trophy a competitor must participate in 3 or more events in the series.

To be eligible to receive a Pirelli Cash Award a competitor must preregister, run on Pirelli tires purchased from Braidan Tire, and participate in 3 or more events in the Series



VI. Pirelli Grand Touring Champions and Cash Awards

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place GT5 Michael Bos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GT5 Stephanie Curapov
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place GT5 Robert Turner

\$2,318.16



VI. Pirelli Grand Touring Champions and Cash Awards

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place GT4 Doug Curapov \$1,591.36
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GT4 Daniel Deokie \$1,990.40
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place GT4 Ted Michalos \$2,353.80



VI. Pirelli Grand Touring Champions and Cash Awards

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place GT3 Brad Ranson \$1,827.88
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GT3 Krystian Palka
- •1<sup>st</sup> Place GT3 Bryan Rashleigh \$2,462.34



VI. Pirelli Super Touring Champions and Cash Awards

- 3rd Place GT2 Pat Cyr \$1,951.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GT2 Doug Phillips \$2,205.86
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place GT2 Daria Khachi \$2,491.50



VI. Pirelli Super Touring Champions and Cash Awards

- 3rd Place GT1 Ed Caracini \$1,607.56
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GT1 Mark Busscher \$2,145.92
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place GT1 Rocco Marciello \$2,525.52



**Overall Closed Wheel Champion** 

### **Rocco Marciello** Pirelli Super Touring GT1



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## Congratulations to all of our 2023 Champions

