

NWR members at the Runoffs

EP, 40 starters: Ryan Ennis, DNF
FC, 22 starters: Nick Belling, 10th; Mark Belling, 16th
FF, 33 starters: Larry Bangert, 14th; Mark Keller, 17th
FM, 24 starters: Mel Kemper Jr., sixth; Rodney Jessen, 24th
FV, 39 starters: Dennis Andrade, eighth; Quinn Posner, 18th; Cheryl Gilbert, 23rd; Robert Posner, 30th
GT3, 27 starters: Dave Humphrey, third
SRF, 48 starters: Johnny Humphreys*, 35th
SSB, 28 starters: David Mead, 10th; Amanda Hennessy, 19th
SSC, 25 starters: Jim Eli, 17th
SM, 55 starters: Andrew Caddell, first
TI, 23 starters: Edward Zabinski, fifth; Scotty B. White*, 17th
T2, 26 starters: Steve Valentinetti, DNS
* Dual member of NWR



Sherri Masterson photo

Dave Humphrey took third in GT3.

Several NWR officials also attended the Runoffs including Rich Weixler, Bob Grass, Glen and Carol Wilhelm, Pat Gleason, Jim Graffy, John and Geri Martinsen, and Tom and Sherri Masterson.

decision when he encountered some very wet areas on the pace lap. At the drop of the green Caddell accelerated into turn alpha and toward turn one, taking the lead

Clements got crossed up in turn two, causing the pack to scatter behind Caddell. He sped away and led to the end, taking the inaugural Spec Miata Championship home to the Northwest Region. San Francisco Region's Brad Rempelberg was second and Matt Cross was third, making it a West Coast sweep.

"This is amazing," Caddell said. "Coming into this week, all these fast drivers, we thought we might have a top five, we knew it was going to be a battle getting the win. When I heard the rain last night I knew we had a good chance, because we were good in the rain. Then this morning the track began to dry out, and we knew that we could win on dry tires.

"The first pace lap I thought we were in trouble, because going into the corners we locked up, but the dry tires turned out to be a good choice. Early in the race, I saw Blake (Clements) spin off and I knew we were in good shape, because he was the only guy on dry tires who was close to me. We made a good choice and I just drove for the win."

Karl Zimmermann, of Austin, Texas, and Eric Foss, of Braselton, Ga., completed the top five. No. 4 Michael Neal, of Indianapolis, Ind., earned the Sunoco Hard Charger Award for advancing 25 positions throughout the race, from 56th to 31st.

Sixty-one cars were scheduled to begin the race, with 55 taking the green flag. Other members of NorPac finished 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th. Not a bad showing for our division.

Caddell and three other Mazda drivers who all finished first in their respective races have all qualified for Mazda's generous contingency award of a new Mazda MX-5 to race in 2007. The four eligible drivers are completing proposals for the 2007 racing season and Mazda will select one of them to jump to the pro level.

Along with the new car, Mazda is also supplying the "optional" accessories, like a roll cage, a special racing suspension and a very large box of MAZDA-SPEED parts with which to turn the street car into a race car. SCCA will also include all entry fees for the winner in the Mazda series in 2007. The winner will be announced later this year.

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