



Women in the Winner's Circle Team wins for charity at the Eighth Annual Petit Kart Challenge at Road Atlanta

BRASELTON, Ga., Sept. 25, 2009 - After the first day of practice for this weekend's Petit Le Mans event on Road Atlanta's 2.54-mile road course, world-renowned champion drivers, as well as aspiring professional drivers, competed on the same circuit for a great cause. Motorsports Ministries held its Eighth Annual Petit Kart Challenge, a three-hour endurance race where teams of four rotated throughout the race.

The Women in the Winner's Circle team, including drivers Shannon McIntosh, 21, and 17-year-old Ashley Frierberg, took first place while drivers David Murry, Memo Gidley, and Andy Lally joined them on the podium as second-place finishers.

USAC Midget driver McIntosh was excited to be a part of the Challenge. "It was great to make the trip to support a great cause," she said. "I don't come from road racing and quite frankly have only raced on ovals since I started racing when I was five years old, so getting my foot in with drivers like Memo Gidley, Andy Lally and David Murry to try my hand at some road racing is a great opportunity! I look forward to racing against these drivers at tracks like Road Atlanta in the next few years.

"I have been working with John Wright of Wright Motorsports out of Cincinnati, Ohio, to put together a program to get experience with some road racing. I want to thank John Gorsline (principal of The Gorsline Company, which insures a number of racing drivers around the world) and all who made the event possible and for allowing me to be a part of it. I hope to come back next year."

The event was a kickoff to the Petit Le Mans, in which series such as the American Le Mans, IMSA Cup, Formula Atlantics, and others will be competing this weekend at Road Atlanta.

Women in the Winner's Circle Foundation is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization dedicated to professional development of talented, up-and-coming young female race-car drivers. The foundation encourages women to pursue opportunities in automotive fields and conducts two primary programs: the Driver Development Academy and Project Podium.

The Driver Development Academy is a comprehensive training and education program for those who aspire to the professional level in racing. Involvement in the program requires a year-long commitment and is by invitation only. Applications for both programs are available on www.lynstjames.com <<http://www.lynstjames.com>> . Current partners are the Atlantic Championship Series, Indy Car Series/Firestone Indy Lights Series, NHRA, Newman's Own, Grand Am Road Racing Series, NASCAR Foundation, Mazda, Toyota, VW, Rolex and Mike Helton.

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