

Talking Track with Stu – May 2006

Mid-Ohio race is in less than two weeks. How are you preparing for this race?

With the race only a few weeks away, I have had some restless nights. This will be the first race with the Trenton Forging/ PR Machine GTO since last fall. To get prepared, I am eating well and trying to take my racing karts out a few times a week. The physical pounding will build up stamina for sure. I only wish I could be in a racecar or kart everyday!

What do you hope to accomplish at Mid-Ohio?

Trenton Forging and PR Machine will have many of their friends attending and will bring some high expectations. Our GTO has been a fun car to drive and was very fast all of last year. We believe we will have a front running car from the start of the race and who knows, with a little luck, maybe pull off a win. No matter what, it's going to be an exciting race to watch.

What challenges do you anticipate at this race?

I am assuming that our competition has not been waiting around for us to show up. While we finished last year running in the top five, starting mid-year is going to be a huge challenge.

What do you like about the Mid-Ohio course?

The Mid Ohio racecourse has it all and is one of my favorite tracks. It has beautiful grounds, die hard race fans and a track with every type of turn imaginable. From the blind turn one to the fast downhill straight, to the up and over - off camber turns, it is one of the best.

You're starting in the fourth round of the World Challenge series. How has it felt to be watching the series and not racing?

In the past, I have not been comfortable watching races that I think I should be in and doing well. But the SPEED World Challenge races are so exciting. I haven't missed a one. SWC has some of the top drivers in the world, and they all are showing us all how to get it done.

What can we expect to see from you at Mid-Ohio?

Trenton Forging and PR Machine will be at Mid Ohio in a big way. We are bringing nearly 300 friends, family and associates to watch the SPEED World Challenge GT race. We may be a little rusty in first practice, but by race time we will be a presence. Strap me in guys! Let's rock!