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Autosport Development's Dane Moxlow makes Saker, GTO racing debut this weekend at Mid-Ohio

Trenton, MI – June 28, 2006 – Autosport Development's Dane Moxlow will take to the track July 1st and 2nd and compete in two Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) amateur club events at Mid-Ohio Sports Course in Lexington, Ohio.

Moxlow will pilot a Saker SVS GTA in the A Sport Racer (ASR) series and a 2006 Pontiac GTO in the Improved Touring Everything (ITE) series. Weighing less than 1700 pounds, Sakers are purpose-built, Subaru powered sports racers similar to Daytona Prototypes and can exceed 400 hp. Originally designed in New Zealand, the custom built cars are manufactured in Autosport Development's Trenton, Michigan facility under an agreement with Illinois based Saker Motorsports LLC.



Moxlow will be behind the wheel of the No. 20 Trenton Forging/PR Machine Works GTO driven by Stu Hayner in the SPEED World Challenge GT Series at Mid-Ohio last May. Without even testing the car, Hayner managed an impressive ninth place finish after a 20th place start. Autosport Development is the first road racing team ever to develop and field Pontiac GTOs.

It's the first time Moxlow, who turns 18 on July 1st, competes in either car. Recently, he tested both cars at Mid-Ohio Sports Course.



"Dane began testing in the Saker, because he had been around the track once before in that car," says Chris Trapp, AD crew chief. "It helps to go with little changes rather than the big ones.

"Except for a high speed feeling of lightness in the front of the car, the Saker ran and handled great, and Dane drove with a lot of confidence."

The real test for Moxlow and the team came when he took out the GTO.

"It's the highest horsepower car he'd ever been in so we were all a little on edge," says Trapp. "But after only two laps his times came down one second a lap and,

after six laps, his time came down to 1.35. He got more comfortable in the car and understood the limits of engine braking and performance.”

“My first time in a sedan or such a large car was something to get used to,” says Moxlow. “I had to learn how to deal with body roll and weight transfer like I have never felt before. In the end, I felt great, although a little wiped out – it sure gets hot in there!

“I ended up running within a few seconds of some the World Challenge drivers my first time, but with practice, I’m sure I’ll be competitive.”

Moxlow began racing karts at age 13 and earned his SCCA competition license at 16. In 2005 and 2006, he competed in the Skip Barber Southern Sportsman Regional Championship and earned seven top five finishes with three first place wins.

“The kid truly has the talent and skill to become a great driver,” says Trapp. “We’ll try and do at least three regional SCCA races to get him more seat time. Our ultimate goal is for Dane to drive in the SCCA SPEED World Challenge pro series in 2007 and race for rookie of the year.”

Autosport Development competes in the SPEED World Challenge GT Series recently named “the most competitive road racing series in the world” by *Racer* magazine. In 2005, driver Stu Hayner, finished the season seventh in points, a huge feat considering the team had no factory support from any major automotive manufacturers. As the *first* team to develop GTOs road racers, Autosport Development’s expertise is in demand by other teams now fielding these cars. The race shop is also involved in prototype and racecar development, preparation, fabrication, assembly, carbon fiber work as well as automotive manufacturing. For more information, visit www.autosportdevelopment.com.

The Sports Car Club of America is a 60,000-member not-for-profit motorsports organization featuring over 2,000 amateur and professional motor sports events each year. True grassroots motor sports participation remains the backbone of the club as 110 regional chapters conduct the vast majority of the club's events. For more information, visit www.scca.com.

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