



## MAZDA PERFORMANCE CELEBRATION AT SCARBORO MAZDA – DRIVERS AND CARS COMPETING IN THE MOBIL1 GRAND PRIX OF MOSPORT ON DISPLAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Toronto racer David Ostella and his AIM Autosport team will join the Dyson Racing ALMS team and Ontario Mazda enthusiasts to raise money for Toronto Hospital for Sick Children

On August 23, from 10am – 4 pm, Scarboro Mazda, Ontario's leading motorsports and high



performance Mazda dealer for the last thirteen years, will host a Mazda Performance Celebration to benefit the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

This event will take place at the dealership, located at 2124 Lawrence Avenue East, and will be the biggest of its kind in Canada. Among the drivers on hand to meet fans, sign autographs, pose for pictures and answer questions will be

rising open-wheel star and Toronto native David Ostella, along with his Woodbridge-based AIM Autosport team. Ostella will race the #71 AIM Autosport/Global Precast Mazda in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear event scheduled to take the green flag at 5:35 pm, Saturday August 29.

Also participating in the Scarboro Mazda Performance Celebration will be the Dyson Racing

Team and their ALMS Mazda MZR-R B09/86 Lola LMP2 Coupe. Dyson Racing is the premier sports car team in North American with seventeen championships, sixty-two victories and fifty-six poles. Mazda, long recognized as one of the worldwide leaders in motorsports participation, has partnered with Dyson Racing to lead its expanded two-car LMP2 effort in 2009 and beyond. Sponsored by



the BP energy company, the team will campaign two Lola LMP2 coupes in the ten-race American Le Mans Series for the 2009 season. The BP Dyson Racing Mazda coupes will be powered by the 2.0 liter turbo Mazda MZR-R engines

In addition, any Mazda street, high-performance, or race vehicle is welcome to attend; street cars, Road Race, Solo, Drag or Drift... all Mazda enthusiasts are invited to bring their cars car out to this event. Proceeds from the \$5.00 entry per person will be donated to the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. Representatives from two top motorsports enthusiast magazines, Inside Track (Canada) and Grassroots Motorsports (U.S.), will also be on hand to observe the event and chat with readers.

"We've had pre-race events like this in the past and hundreds of Mazda and motorsports enthusiasts have showed up to be part of the excitement," says Scarboro Mazda General Manager Alan Balinsky, himself a driver who races a second-generation Mazda RX-7. "With the Star Mazda Championship and ALMS teams displaying their drivers, cars and transporters this year, we're expecting this to be a genuine 'event' for anyone who likes cars, and to raise money for a really great cause."



Also on display will be the Scarboro Mazda Racing 1st and 2nd Gen RX-7's, along with fellow regional competitors from Mazmark Auto, Can-Saf Auto Racing, RPM Performance, Nummelin Motorsports and the Mazdee's Performance 20b 3 rotor. Also participating will be

the RX-7, Mazda6 and Trillium Miata clubs, as well as Mazda Canada with their historic 1967 10A Mazda Cosmo, displayed alongside Scarboro Mazda's 1990 Cosmo 3 rotor twin turbo – a rare meeting of two rare vehicles.

Festivities at the Mazda Performance Celebration will also include a free barbecue, prizes and the Mazdaspeed and Mazda Genuine Accessory 'Sale to end all Sales.' The event will run from 10 am – 4 pm, rain or shine at Scarboro Mazda, 2124 Lawrence Avenue East Scarborough, Ontario, M1R 3A3.

David Ostella, from Maple, Ontario, Canada drives the #71 GP Global Precast/Alpinestars Mazda for Woodbridge-based AIM Autosport (the team that won the Star Mazda championship in 2008 with American John Edwards). A karting champion who moved up to Formula BMW in 2008 and graduated to the Star Mazda Championship this season, Ostella was born Oct. 8, 1991 in Toronto. Currently 12th in the championship battle, his best result so far was a podium finish

on the 7/8ths-mile oval at Iowa Speedway and he has also scored three top-10 finishes so far this season.

The Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear is the college varsity of open-wheel (Indy-style) auto racing, a high-speed training ground for future stars of auto racing. Series graduates – including Indy Car stars Marco Andretti and Graham Rahal as well as rising NASCAR star Michael McDowell — have gone on to race in F1, Indy Cars, NASCAR, ALMS and Grand-Am. Prize money up for grabs total \$1.5 million, including a fully-sponsored drive for the series champion in the 2010 Atlantic Championship courtesy of the *MAZDASPEED* Motorsports Driver Development Ladder, the only automaker-supported motorsports scholarship reaching from karting to the top levels of the sport.

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For more information on the Star Mazda Championship and its drivers, as well as the Mazda Motorsports ladder system, please visit <a href="www.starmazda.com">www.mazdausa.com</a>. For information, interviews and photos, contact Star Mazda Communications Director Peter Frey at (818) 398-5733 or <a href="StarMazdaPR@aol.com">StarMazdaPR@aol.com</a>.

