



MC Racing Finishes Top 10 at NASA National Championships



September 12, 2009 (Tooele, UT) - Michael McColligan, driving the #36 Mazdatrix/Idemitsu Mazda RX8, overcame altitude and high temperatures to finish 8th at Round 5 of the Nitto Tires United States Touring Car Championship at Miller Motorsports Park.

After the first open practice it became clear that keeping up with the forced induction cars at the Salt Lake City altitude would be a tough challenge for the MC Racing Mazda RX8 on the high speed layout. "Our data showed we were about 16% off of our sea level power. I was able to keep up on the infield but once the track opened up there was not much I could do," mentioned McColligan. The team also struggled with high oil and water temperatures for much of the weekend but had this problem solved by the feature race. McColligan got the most out of the car in Friday qualifying running his fastest lap of the weekend placing the RX8 P7 for the standing start. At the drop of the green flag McColligan got his characteristic strong launch almost getting by the BMW at turn 1. He settled into race pace and ran consistent laps throughout to finish in the 8th position. "We got the most out of the car this weekend and I had a blast on the Miller track", summed up McColligan.

McColligan and the MC Racing Crew will be happy to get back to sea level at Round 6 at Buttonwillow Raceway October 10-11.

About MC Racing

MC Racing competes in the Nitto Tires United States Touring Car Championship aboard a Mazda RX-8 with support from Mazda, Mazdatrix, Idemitsu, Racing Beat, Konig Wheels, TC Sportline, Bell Racing, and Eibach Springs.

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