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BENNETT CONTINUES WEEKEND DOMINATION, WEISBERG OVERCOMES FRIDAY FIRE

MILLVILLE, NJ JUNE 25 – A dominating weekend continued for Jonathan Bennett and the #54 Inspire Motorsports/Composite Resources team. Bennett was first in practice on Friday and on Saturday, earned the pole position for the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship at the Mazda Festival of Speed Presented by VisitFlorida.com at New Jersey Motorsports Park.

With car difficulties that put him at the bottom of the results from last month’s event in Monterey (and down in the Championship), Bennett was happy to put his Elan DP02 on top of the Lites 1 qualifying grid here.

“We had a tough race at Laguna, but racing sometimes is tough,” said Bennett. “We regrouped, my team got behind me and put together a car that was handling like a slot car today. It was so easy to drive, so I’m very happy to be here and happy for the crew.”

Equally happy was John Weisberg, driving the #75 BERG Racing/Redcom West WR1000 in Lites 2, after some adventures on Friday that limited his practice time.

“We had a breather hose from our oil tank that melted and cause a small fire that burned up some wiring,” explained Weisberg. “The end result was a lot of clean up work, but the crew did a fantastic job getting the car back together. We had a little gearing issue in qualifying, running out of gear on the front straight, which really hampered the top speed, so I think we can go a little faster.”

Featuring racing between two sports racer prototype classes, Lites 1 and Lites 2, the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship presents a dimension of competition as drivers must be aware of classes with distinctly different speeds as they navigate the race tracks. This is the same challenge faced by the drivers of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón.

The 2010 Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship season continues July 9 - 11, with Rounds 7 and 8 held in conjunction with the Larry H. Miller Dealerships Utah Grand Prix at Miller Motorsports Park.

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