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UXBRIDGE'S MAJORS SEEKS TO MAKE MOST OF MOSPORT LITES DEBUT

BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO (AUGUST 17, 2010) -- Nick Majors will join the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship next weekend, making his series debut in the Lites 1 class at the Mobil 1 Presents the Grand Prix of Mosport. But while Majors is new to the series, the Uxbridge native is very familiar to race fans around the Toronto area, having committed several years ago – very successfully - to making racing his full time job.

“When I sold my company five years ago (at age 52 - hence the preferred car number of "52" on all of my race vehicles) I took the opportunity to walk away from the business world and put lots of time and resources into my passion for road racing, as well as various volunteer organizations and charities,” says Majors.

First bit by the motorsports bug 16 years ago, Majors bought a black Dodge Viper Competition Coupe in 2006 subsequently dubbed “Darth Viper” by the local racing scene. He competed locally with the Viper for the next three years, winning three consecutive GT-1 Championships including the overall Mobil 1 Road Race Title for Ontario in 2008.

Majors sold the Viper in early 2009 and took a year off from driving, while serving as VP of CASC-OR, the Ontario racing organization and sanctioning body. But earlier this year, he knew it was time to return to active driving – the question was, where?

“I considered buying a Formula car as I had never run open-wheel, but was strongly predisposed to sports racers and prototypes. I had seen IMSA Lites cars at ALMS events and spoke with a young friend of mine, Kyle Marcelli, who encouraged me to buy one. Kyle and I are members of the same racing club (BARC - British Automobile Racing Club) and he has worked with me on several occasions this year as my driving coach, teaching me the ins and outs of the DP02.

“Driving the Élan DP02 is unlike any other race experience I have had - I can't stop smiling while in the cockpit! The precision, speed, and g-forces are all new to me and the high speed cornering capabilities are indescribable.

“I have only run the car in five local events to date - but successfully enough to lock up the 2010 Ontario Formula Libre Championship at Mosport on August 7 - after only five of the scheduled eight points weekends. Brian Graham Racing (who were also Kyle Marcelli's team when he won the Ontario Formula Ford Championship) are managing me and the car and providing my trackside support services.

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“Competing with the field of drivers represented in the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Series is a big step up for me and a wonderful challenge. It gives me a chance to benchmark my progress against a strong group of talented and experienced drivers. Based purely on lap times, I may have a ways to go before I can challenge for a podium in IMSA Lites, but I am ready, anxious and excited to begin. The series will be seeing more of me.”

Majors also considers it an advantage to be making his series debut at a track he knows so well.

“Mosport is my home track, though I also compete at Shannonville, Calabogie, and have 3 appearances in support races at the Toronto Indy and one at the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal.

“I love Mosport and have several hundred race days under my belt there. It is a truly world class track with high speed corners, exciting elevation changes, and some challenging technical aspects. Race fans and track workers at Mosport are already familiar with me - and it will be great to debut in front of so many of my friends and supporters in such a high profile event as the Grand Prix of Mosport.”

The Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship features racing between two sports racer prototype classes, Lites 1 and Lites 2, presenting a dimension of competition as drivers must be aware of classes with distinctly different speeds as they navigate the race track. 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 comes to a close at the legendary Petit Le Mans, September 29 – October 2 at Road Atlanta. Follow along on the race weekend at [www.litestiming.com](http://www.litestiming.com), on Facebook and Twitter, and visit [www.prototypelites.com](http://www.prototypelites.com) for the latest schedule and updates.

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