

Rydquist wins silver for AE Performance/Hankook/City Tire in Redline Time Attack season premiere

Racedriver Carl Rydquist kick-started the 2010 Redline Time Attack racing season in the AE Performance/C.A.R. Engineering/Hankook/City Tire Porsche 911 Turbo 2WD, with taking a solid 2nd place at Buttonwillow Raceway in Redline Time Attack's Modified RWD class. With a 1.55,7 during Saturday practice, and a 1.56,7 during the hot and dusty Sunday at Buttonwillow Raceway, it got clear that under the surface, Carl was not just out to play for fun, even though it can be seen as a bit of a prank to check out the competition in form of fully modded racecars, with a safely tuned and smog legal daily driven Porsche Turbo on street tires, with Bose-system, sunroof, AC and navi still weighing the car down.

The Modified RWD class record of 1.53,4 around the Buttonwillow CW13 track configuration, currently held by a Porsche 911 GT2 in the hands of American Le Mans Porsche-driver James Sofronas, is now by many in and outside the Redline Time Attack community expected to be broken should Rydquist get the AE Performance/C.A.R. Engineering/Hankook/City Tire Porsche Turbo shod with R-comp tires as well. With Hankook Ventus RS3 street tires in front and the harder Ventus RS2-tire on the rear axle, the Buttonwillow race weekend was a battle against oversteer for Carl.

- It was definitely a bit of a performance handicap to not be racing on a matched set of R-comp tires this weekend, says Carl, - however I am both happy and a little surprised that we could display such a good performance in our first race this year on these mixed street tires. - It shows that the Hankook Ventus street tire definitely a great tire and I also want to thank City Tire and AE Performance for their support at the track with so many setup adjustments taking place in one and the same weekend.

To his help for the 2WD-converted AE Performance/C.A.R. Engineering/Hankook/City Tire Porsche, Rydquist also uses a Carbonetic limited slip differential, to get the 470 hp from the flywheel to the surface without losing traction.

- It's crucial at this track to have a good limited slip differential, to be able to get on the throttle early and keep it down, Carl explains, - so from my side driving and confirming what I feel in the car by looking at the data from the onboard logger, the Carbonetic limited slip differential was doing a very strong job by delivering great traction, very smoothly. With street tires on a hot track, spinning the inside wheel can otherwise be a nightmare for the laptimes.

Redline Time Attack Round 1 is now in the books and the next Redline Time Attack race for Carl Rydquist and the AE Performance team is at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on April 24-25, another event where temperatures are expected to be high and competition anticipated to be fierce. Also spectator numbers are estimated to be tripled for this event thanks to the track's location in the entertainment capitol of the world: "Sin City".

City Tire is now preparing to bring out R-comp tires, while AE Performance is working on the Porsche's setup to shoot for top honors in Las Vegas. Follow Carl and the team on:

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