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We had another great turn out for the May Great lakes race weekend. 30 Spec Miata racers signed up for the races at Putnam Park in Greencastle Indiana.

The Lightning group had a split qualifying so SM had the track to ourselves. Rookie Chris Price qualified on the pole, with Chris Williams in 2nd and Kyle Jones a close 3rd. Putnam record holder David Spencer had technical difficulties and didn't register a qualifying time so he had to start at the back of the field.

By the time the green flag was dropped the light rain made for a slippery start giving the racers running rains an edge. This was Price's first race at the track and he walked away from the hometown boys like they were parked. It was an amazing display of car control. Price continued to gain on the field and took the checker more that 30 seconds ahead of Chris Williams in 2nd and Robert Keller in 3rd. Incredibly, Spencer was able to picked up 21 positions in the rain. With only 4 laps left in the race he crashed into the wall in Dead Bear #8 ending his weekend.

Sunday morning came with the clouds still looming and rain in the forecast. By qualifying, the track had dried out and the SM group turned some excellent lap times. Price qualified on the pole again, only a few tenths off the track record. We had a very tight group as the 5th place qualifier and the 11th place qualifier were separated by only 2/10s of a second. In the end, Price took the checker followed by Chris Williams and Kyle Jones.

What a great weekend!

Beaver Run is just around the corner and we're having record turnouts, so you might want to sign up early. See you there!

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