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## Another Scorching Weekend of Dodge Viper Cup Series Action Concludes

Impressive Weekend for Both Celebrity Drivers

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Richie Hearn, retired Indy Car and Champ Car star, and Steven Cole Smith, long-time auto journalist and amateur racer, gave Dodge Viper ACR-X owners/competitors a run for their money during races No. 3 and No. 4 in the Viper Cup series in Jennings, Okla.

Both celebrity drivers pushed their car and themselves to the limit in scorching-hot racing conditions. Hearn especially brought on the heat placing second in race No.3 and winning race No.4. He's the first celebrity driver to win a race in the Dodge Viper Cup series.

As a result of his impressive weekend on the track at the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Dodge Motorsports will donate a total of \$11,000 to Hearn's favorite charity of choice, the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation.

Smith also proved to be very competitive by qualifying well and placing seventh in both races. "I've raced in other spec racing series before and have never seen such a friendly group of people or such helpful driver coordinators like the Dodge Motorsports team. Of course, having Richie Hearn as a personal driving coach didn't hurt either!"

Series broadcast coverage of Race No. 3 on Versus is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 5. Coverage of Race No. 4 on Versus is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. EDT Sunday, Sept. 12. Schedules are subject to change, so viewers should check local listings.

### The 2010 Dodge Viper Cup series standings - after four of 10 races:

Name	Car No.	Race Wins	Total Season Points
Ryan Schimsk	67	2 (VIR and Hallett)	230
Ben Keating	33	1 (VIR)	210
Jim Stout	1		147
<i>Richie Hearn*</i>	52	1 (Hallett)	129
Michael Von Quilich	19		124
Keith Verges	90		122
Connie Bogan	10		104
AJ Morgan	59		77
Ted Hughes	5		68
Kurt Sollberger	84		65
Jeff Courtney	99		60
<i>Steven Cole Smith*</i>	53		56
<i>Michael Kohn*</i>	53		48
Eric Galerne	37		46
<i>Shaun Bailey*</i>	52		40
Larry Carter	44		28

\*Names shown in italics are celebrity drivers.

### Race No. 3

With outside temperatures hotter than 100 degrees throughout the weekend in Jennings, Okla., there was no stopping the heat coming from the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit as races No. 3 and No. 4 of the 2010 Dodge Viper Cup series took to the track this past weekend.

In race No. 3 on Saturday, Aug. 14, Ryan Schimsk used a strong standing start and steered his No. 67 Dodge Viper

ACR-X to victory by running a strong and steady pace, being careful to keep his spec racer out of trouble and as cool as possible in blistering 106 degree temperatures.

"It's amazing that a car with this much power can run this well in the scorching heat," said Schimsk.

Dodge celebrity driver Richie Hearn, a seasoned open-wheel competitor from Indy car fame making his first sports car race start, took second place in his No. 52 Dodge Viper ACR-X.

#### **Race No. 3 Results:**

Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Raceway = 1.8 mile road course

<b>Finish Position</b>	<b>Car No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Laps Completed</b>	<b>Total Time</b>	<b>Best Lap Time</b>
1	67	Ryan Schimsk	16	21:12.225	1:17.978
2	52	Richie Hearn	16	21:17.849	1:18.829
3	19	Michael Von Quilich	16	21:18.778	1:18.647
4	1	Jim Stout	16	21:24.246	1:18.785
	84	Kurt Sollberger	16	21:36.890	1:19.632
6	10	Connie Bogan	16	22:01.441	1:21.083
7	53	Steven Cole Smith	16	22:14.225	1:21.279
8	59	AJ Morgan	16	22:18.967	1:19.688
Did Not Finish	90	90 Keith Verges	15	20:03.665	1:18.748
Did Not Finish	33	33 Ben Keating	11	14:43.932	1:18.288

#### **Race No. 4**

In race No. 4 on Sunday, Aug. 15, Dodge celebrity driver Richie Hearn won from the pole in convincing fashion.

"Yesterday, I feathered the clutch on the Viper ACR-X and didn't get the start I wanted," said Hearn. "But today, after talking to other Viper guys, I dropped the clutch completely off the line, saw the opening on the outside, and went for it."

Hearn's relatively unchallenged race laps left the other drivers fighting for second and third spots. It was an intense competition behind Hearn with one major contact incident and six spins off the track.

AJ Morgan placed second with his No. 59 Viper ACR-X in his very first sports car race. Series race No. 3 winner, Ryan Schimsk, spun off track on lap seven and dropped from third place down to seventh, but fought his way back to a podium finish in third place.

#### **Race No. 4 Results:**

Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Raceway = 1.8 mile road course

<b>Finish Position</b>	<b>Car No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Laps Completed</b>	<b>Total Time</b>	<b>Best Lap Time</b>
1	52	Richie Hearn	22	29:03.398	1:17.998
2	59	AJ Morgan	22	29:21.694	1:18.478
3	67	Ryan Schimsk	22	29:22.666	1:18.221
4	19	Michael Von Quilich	22	29:23.702	1:18.506
5	1	Jim Stout	22	29:34.425	1:18.934
6	84	Kurt Sollberger	22	29:35.965	1:18.830
7	53	Steven Cole Smith	22	30:10.903	1:20.009
8	33	Ben Keating	22	30:17.338	1:18.167
9	10	Connie Bogan	22	30:28.731	1:20.514
Did Not	90	Keith Verges	7	9:27.656	1:19.101

Finish

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