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# Press Release

## **JON PROBST GETS FIRST PODIUM OF RACING CAREER**

BARK RIVER, MI. JULY 12&13

The team went north to Bark River, MI, for rounds 5 and 6 of the 2008 WSORR season tour. The first action of the weekend came on Friday afternoon. The #5 E3 Spark Plugs/Lucas Oil Nissan PRO-Light and #99 Pro-2wd were ready to hit the track. Getting three solid laps in, Jon and Kevin were both very pleased with the performance of the trucks. All that needed to be done was bolt on a fresh set of Toyo Tires for Saturday's action.

Saturday:

Saturday morning saw some early morning rain causing practice to be cancelled. The team got the new Toyo M/Ts on the truck and waited for the afternoon's races. "You never want to cancel a practice and give up extra seat time, but that's the way it goes sometimes. I'm confident in our E3/Lucas Oil Team and the job the crew has done with the trucks" Commented Jon.

The first PRO-Light race of the weekend came to the line ready to put on a show for the crowd. When the green flag dropped, Jon and his #5 E3 Spark Plugs/Lucas Oil Nissan PRO-Light hit the turn in first place. A slight bobble in the next turn cost him the lead, eventually shuffling back to fourth place. Just past the halfway point, the two lead trucks fell out with flat tires, moving the E3/Lucas Oil truck into the second spot. Unable to gain ground on the race leader, Jon brought the truck home for a second place finish. "We had a good run today to get our first podium in PRO-Light. This E3/Lucas Oil Nissan is just flying out there. The Toyo M/Ts are hooking up and the Fox Shox are performing flawlessly." said an excited Jon after the race. The excited Probst had his first Speed interview and was grinning from ear to ear with the thrill of the day.

The Pro 2wd race saw Kevin take the first turn in 4<sup>th</sup> after starting on the #8 grid position. Kevin, making moves quickly and getting to the #2 spot was gaining ground on Dan V when he spun on lap 2. Giving up 2 spots Kevin made the passes again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> position getting within 2 trucks of the leader. Power steering problems caused trouble on the white flag (last)lap shutting down the chances to finish the day on the podium. Kevin ended in 6<sup>th</sup>. "It was disappointing to know that you have a great truck and the speed to win only to have new truck blues take a toll on the day" Kevin said later.

Sunday's practice went as smooth as it could with the E3/Lucas Oil team continuing to perform well. The confidence building in Jon is apparent from the podium finish in round 5. Some fresh Toyo Tires were mounted and the team was ready for the afternoon's races.

Sunday's Pro-Lite race saw Jon come through the first turn in sixth position, but an incident involving two other trucks called for a red flag and a total restart. At the restart, Jon came through turn one in fifth and dug in for a charge

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to the front. Over the next three laps Jon worked up to the second spot, passing on both the inside and outside of the turns. Second place is where the #5 E3 Spark Plugs/Lucas Oil Nissan PRO-Light would finish the race, rounding out a solid weekend for the Probst Motorsports team. "I can't say enough about everyone who helped us get here. The crew did a great job in giving me a reliable truck, and I couldn't be happier to be up here for E3 Spark Plugs, Lucas Oil, Dixie Choppers, Simply WoW, Toyo Tires and Fox Shox.

The Pro 2wd was last on Sunday. Kevin started in 7<sup>th</sup> and came through turn one in 3<sup>rd</sup>. A series of problems plagued the new truck as sticking throttle from big rocks caused Kevin to spin several times losing position. Kevin worked hard but had to settle for 4<sup>th</sup> on the day.

The next event is Oshkosh, Wi. For rounds 7&8 of the 2008 tour.

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