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Track Report – Road Atlanta ***June 28 & 29, 2014***

Four St. Louis Viper Club members including “Viper Dan” G., Jeff T., Terry S. (aka Ricky Bobby) and Frank Palazzo made the haul to Braselton, Georgia last Friday, June 27th for two days on world-class, road course track, Road Atlanta. This track has been the site of many professional road races including the annual Petit Le Mans endurance event which is run for 1000 miles or 10 hours whichever comes first and is part of TUDOR United Sportscar Championship’s North American Endurance Cup (NAEC.) The NAEC is a championship within the TUDOR Championship along with the Rolex 24 at Daytona, 12 Hours of Sebring, 6 Hours of the Glen (at Watkins Glen).

This weekend’s event was organized by MVP Tracktime, run by Mark Pfeffer based in Brentwood, MO. Mark’s events are very well run and organized, again with safety as the number one priority. Mark’s mantra is “This is not a race!” which is a theme he emphasizes several times each morning at the daily drivers’ meeting and that is maintained by his staff of highly professional and user-friendly instructors who are provided to drivers in the Novice Group at no additional charge.

Despite a somewhat ominous forecast for scattered thunderstorms, the weather was generally sunny with an ideal temperature in the mid-80’s so the track was dry, fast and safe. Everyone got their fill of track time with six sessions per day to enjoy the challenges of Road Atlanta and work on developing their driving skills. A great time was had by all who then returned safely, if exhausted.

Road Atlanta is just one of the world-class tracks the St. Louis Viper Club “Track Rats” have the opportunity to drive. The rest of the year includes events at Putnam Park (just this side of Indianapolis; Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, IL; the newly constructed track at the National Corvette Museum in Nashville (Vipers love crashing Vette parties); and Road America, in Elkhart Lake, WI. Earlier this year we’ve visited Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Al; Mid-Ohio Sportcar Course in Lexington, OH and the newly constructed home of the US Formula 1 Race, the Circuit of the Americas, Austin, TX.

Why not come out and join the fun? Feel free to talk to any of the above folks about joining in plus Steve W., MIKE PERKINS, Ray M. and Steve H. all of whom frequently track their cars.