

To Da Front – 4/14/13

To start off this edition of our weekly recap, I would like to address something I've heard plenty of times over the course of the week. Driving the #10 car on Saturday feature events at the Speedbowl for 2013 will be Terry Bombard. His racing history stems from a stint of enduro's way back in the early 90s, years of online racing, and to date 3 starts in an X-Car. Here is the link to the race filmed by David McGuire: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5-s_H7FQK4

This past Sunday was the season opener for the North East Mini Stock Tour. As most may know by now, our tour motor wasn't ready in time for this race, so in an effort for staying in any kind of points chase, we took the X-Car up with the goal to finish the race, and come time to take the checkered, we not only met but exceeded our goals as a team.

Parked down in the mud so thick that it swallowed a couple tow rigs requiring a massive amount of people to assist in pushing, we and the BIG Racing #53 team of Glen Thomas worked together being the only Waterford representatives in the field. His car was one of the fastest but gremlins throughout the day caused him to settle on a 7th place finish.

We started our only round of practice off a set of numbers we tried at Oktoberfest last fall, and the car was hooked up down low. Problem was, lapped cars had to go high when the leaders were coming, and I was well aware that being as tight as it was up high wasn't going to work out for me. In an attempt to make it better for the high line, the setup for the heat race was way off. We started second, finished 5th of 8.

Come feature time we tried a radical change on the setup, and instead of being hooked up down low, we were back to a middle groove car. There were several caution periods after a long run where I came in for an adjustment to loosen up the car. After a big collection in T3&4 I came in once again for another adjustment knowing that it was a slower car track position meant nothing to me. The crew of Brandon and Tyler did a great job with the help of Glen, Pete, Chris, and Zac, to squeak out as many tenths as we could out of the little X-Car.

At the time of the checkered flag, we officially landed an 8th place finish. Above and beyond anything we expected knowing how much of an underdog we were.

Team KRAUTs next event is this coming Saturday at the Waterford Speedbowl for a 20 lap X-Car feature with Terry behind the wheel.

For all up to date stats, schedule, and information, be sure to visit www.teamkraut.com/raceteam or check us out on FaceBook.

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