

MAJORS AT GINGERMAN JULY 7-9 , 2017 SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN



Fritz Wilke and Capaldi Racing overcome adversity, bring home Third Place at GingerMan.

July 11, 2017 – Chelsea, Michigan

After an up and down start to the season with three DNFs from six races, the team headed into the Majors at GingerMan ready to show our pace.

However, in the first qualifying session, the car went into limp mode early in the session and Fritz could only manage 7th fastest. Fritz started from the back of the B-Spec field in race one.

Throughout the first part of race one, Fritz steadily moved up, running as high as fourth. Then disaster struck! At the halfway point of the race, the left front hub failed in the final corner before the front straight. Note the extreme angle of the drivers front wheel before the wheel comes off the car. The car ground to a halt in the gravel trap off of turn ten.

“The crew from Capaldi racing stepped up big time – all hands working late into the night to get the Fiesta back on track for Sunday’s race two,” said Fritz.

With a new left front hub and suspension in place and expert repairs made to the bumper and driver’s fender, Fritz set out for qualifying in Sunday’s race two. With only a few laps to shakedown the car, Fritz managed to qualify 5th.

Sunday’s race saw Fritz steadily push towards the front, finishing with his first podium of the year in third place.

Ironically, as the trophies were handed out, the Third place one came out of the box with a part broken off. “It’s the way our season has gone this year,” Fritz laughed. “They tried to replace it, but I wouldn’t have it any other way. It’s a great reminder of the teamwork and perseverance of Capaldi Racing. We’re all looking forward to the summer break and we’ll be back on track in Mid-August for Grattan.”

Next event is the KidZone in Chelsea for Chelsea SummerFest on Saturday July 29th. The car will be on display for kids to hop in and get their picture taken by Michelle Massey Barnes from MMB Imagery.

Next race is the SCCA Majors at Grattan on August 11-13th in Belding, Michigan – just east of Grand Rapids.

Thanks to each of these teams for their constant support:

Capaldi Racing: www.capaldiracing.com MMB Imagery: www.mmbimagery.com

Ford Performance: www.performance.ford.com Hoosier Tires: www.hoosiertires.com

Hawk Brakes: www.hawkperformance.com