



Check out the photo above, that's our own Ray Bustamante Jr.

After an early morning overcast sky burned off, Race #5 of the Red Line Oil Karting Championship ran under sunny skies with a slight breeze to make the day perfect for racing at the Jim Russell International Karting Center at Infineon Raceway. Due to the continued large turn out of the Rotax Masters/Masters Light race group, they was split into two different races and the action in both classes made for great watching. The Trapeze Arts "Move of the Race" award went to Amber Friedberg for her multiple passes in the Senior Rotax Main and the Hard Luck award from Metal Mashers went to Steve Peterson.

Senior Rotax and Italian Motors IAME TaG

The IAME Tag karts joined the Senior Rotax karts for this race. In Qualifying, Carlos Calderon took his second pole in a row with Jarrett Lile taking the off pole position for the first time this year. In the first Heat Calderon took the lead off the green and started to motor away from the field with **Raymund Bustamante, Jr.** trying to keep the smooth Calderon close. Amber Friedberg then started her afternoon of charges by coming from fourth on the grid to third, then worked her way past **Bustamante** and right at the end of the eight lap heat race, got by Calderon to take the win. In the second Heat, Calderon again took the lead at the green and again Friedberg moved through the field to move into second with three laps to go. With two laps to go, Friedberg made a pass going into the last turn and took the lead, but on the last lap, Calderon took the lead back with a strong clean pass. Going into the last turn just before the checkered, Friedberg made a pass attempt for the lead but this time she and Calderon tangle allowing Bustamante to take the win with Lile second, Calderon third and Friedberg fourth. At the start of the Main, **Bustamante** took the lead at the green flag, Calderon in second and Friedberg got shuffled back to fifth. This is where Friedberg's charge started and she first picked off Lile then Matt Weiss. In the mean time, Calderon took the lead when he got by **Bustamante**. Friedberg then got by **Bustamante** and with just three laps remaining, she made the pass for the lead getting by Calderon. In the end Friedberg took her first feature win of 2010, Calderon second, and Matt Weiss coming home third.

Rotax Masters Light

This Nor Cal regional class has continued to be popular since the drivers can run a the same 365 pound weight as Senior Rotax. Points leader Mary Beth Wilson took yet another pole ahead of 2009 champ Andrea Delfanti with **Mert Solis** in third. In the first Heat, Wilson took the early lead and went on to a convincing win with Luca Delfanti, taking second and **Mert Solis** third after Andrea Delfanti had kart problems and had to retire early. In the second Heat, Andrea Delfanti took the lead at the start and went on to a two second win over Wilson with **Solis** in third. In the Main, Wilson was on pole with **Solis** right next to her. At the green flag, **Solis** took the lead and for thirteen laps was driving his best drive of the year just ahead of Wilson, but right near the end of the Main, Wilson found the spot to make her move and took over and held the lead to the checkered flag. **Solis** had to settle for a well-deserved second with Andrea Delfanti taking third but having to hold off Steve Weiss the entire fifteen laps of the Main.