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TENTH ANNUAL STREETS OF LANCASTER GRAND PRIX TO CLOSE OUT 2018 CALIFORNIA PROKART CHALLENGE

## City of Lancaster welcomes Superkarts! USA for finale event of regional program

TEMECULA, CA (September 22, 2018) – The 2018 California ProKart Challenge is set to close out the season with the sixth event of the championship chase. On September 29-30, the flagship regional program for Superkarts! USA heads to the 10th annual Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix. The two-day street race and three-day festival has been part of the California PKC program since 2011, when SKUSA took over as partner with the City of Lancaster in promoting the event. It has grown to be the biggest street race in the western half of the United States, welcoming drivers from all over the country. The 2018 edition will be no different, expected to be another large turnout of drivers along with deciding this year's series champions in the 12 IAME and Stock Honda divisions. This year, SKUSA has invited three new classes – KA 100 Junior, Senior and Master – to join the Lancaster lineup and experience this exciting temporary circuit in preparation for their run at SuperNationals 22 in November.

One title that is wrapped up before heading to Lancaster is the *Mad Old Nut* S1 Pro Stock Honda class. Billy Musgrave has a five-race win streak heading into the finale, locking up the championship before hitting SOLGP. Since 2013, Musgrave has yet to win the Final at the Streets of Lancaster, making this year's edition an interesting challenge for him – to end the season perfect as well as end his losing streak. S1, running on track with S2, is half of the headline categories set to compete under the lights on Saturday evening in Lancaster. Keawn Tandon remains the driver to beat in the *Swiss-Micron* S2 Semi-Pro Stock Honda standings. Two podium finishes in a row have kept Tandon ahead, now leading Prescott Campbell by 124 points going into the finale. Round One winner Dean Heldt still has an outside shot at the title, along with Monterey winner Worawong Komarakul. The *Phil Giebler Racing* X30 Senior class is the other division to run under the lights Saturday evening. While a number of top drivers will be vying for the victory in both categories, this title still remains up for grabs. Joseph Daniele leads the championship standings, coming off his first 2018 victory in Monterey. Round Two winner Jake Drew is the top challenger, trailing by 180 points going into Lancaster. Three-time LAKC winner Edward Portz is carrying the momentum, and still has an outside chance at the crown with a solid day at SOLGP.

Two drivers enter Lancaster separated by 40 points in the *Ace High Designs* S3 Novice Stock Honda division. Three wins have Eddie Tafoya at the top of the standings, with two-time winner Emon Fazlollahi sitting second. Each session in Lancaster will be vital toward their championship bid. Nick de Graaf has a stronghold on the *Rolison Performance Group* X30 Master championship lead heading to SOLGP. Four wins in five rounds of racing put de Graaf into the provisional championship spot ahead of Steve Martin and Carlos Calderon. Robert Switzler holds the lead in the *Empire Karts* X30 Super Master standings heading into the finale. Only 11 points separate him and Round One winner John Nielsen in the championship chase, with the Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix to be the deciding event.

The *Doran Motorsports Group* **S4 Master Stock Honda** division still has Mike Mantel at the top of the point standings. His advantage is only 30 points – with Vivek Tandon giving chase. Three-time winner Rob Logan may have the advantage and the momentum to cut into the lead Mantel has to steal the championship. John Crow has locked up the championship in the *Musgrave Racing Company* **S4 Super Master Stock Honda** class. Four straight perfect scores in the last four rounds has Crow's name etched in the championship trophy, as he tries to make it five in Lancaster.

Junior rookie Cole Morgan remains at the top of the *Nash Motorsportz* X30 Junior standings heading into Lancaster. Morgan has been consistent in 2018 with five top-five finishes, including three on the podium. One more is needed at the SOLGP, with Alan Tang sitting 84 points back in the championship chase. Jace Denmark-Gessel has the momentum, winning in Monterey and having math on his side to possibly steal the title from both. Defending *Mike Manning Karting* S5 Junior Stock Honda champion Jacopo Pizzinato needs a solid weekend in Lancaster to add a second-straight title. Pizzinato leads by 100 points over Logan Meyer, with three-time winner Cash Baxley still in the hunt.

The *Ryan Perry Motorsport* Mini Swift championship is even closer going into the final round between Logan Toke and Kai Sorensen. Toke has three wins on the season to Sorensen's two, and leads now by just 19 points. You can believe they will be watching each other all weekend in Lancaster. Graham Trammell has four wins of his own in the *PKS Kart Supplies* Micro Swift class to enter the finale weekend as the point leader. John Antonino has kept Trammell honest all season, earning one win and four podiums heading into Round Six to trail by only 165 points.

Race Pre-Entry for the Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix is open now. The deadline for online registration for the California PKC finale has been extended to Tuesday, September 25 at midnight PDT – with the discounted price of \$405 for entry and stamped race tires. A SKUSA membership is mandatory to register and compete. Move-in begins on Friday, September 28 at 10am, with Registration Check-in from 10am to 6pm. The two-day event begins Saturday morning with gates and registration opening at 6:00am, a mandatory drivers' and mechanics' meeting at 7:00am, and the track going hot at 7:30am. Pit spots, RV spots and overnight camping reservations are still being accepted but are filling quickly. Complete race and venue information, along with a tentative weekend schedule, can be found at the California PKC Event Page.

For more information on anything related to Superkarts! USA, please visit the website – <a href="https://www.superkartsusa.com">www.superkartsusa.com</a> and be sure to follow the Superkarts! USA <a href="https://www.superkartsusa.com">Facebook</a> page, <a href="https://www.superkartsusa.com">Twitter</a> and <a href="https://www.superkartsusa.com">Instagram</a> accounts.

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2018, the organization will be promoting the ninth edition of the SKUSA Pro Tour, which features the WinterNationals, SpringNationals and SummerNationals. All of it leads up to the 22nd running of the annual SKUSA SuperNationals – the biggest kart race in the world – held every November in Las Vegas, NV. For more information on SKUSA, please visit <a href="https://www.superkartsusa.com">www.superkartsusa.com</a>.