

Drivers and Fans Agree That Mobil 1 Car Swap Was Unbelievable

WATKINS GLEN, NY – Local and global reaction to the Mobil 1 Car Swap at Watkins Glen International on June 14 continues long after the sound of Lewis Hamilton's team Vodafone McLaren Mercedes has faded away and Tony Stewart's No. 14 Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet Impala wrapped up its first trip through the famed section known as The Boot. The overwhelming response has indicated that the Mobil 1 Car Swap at The Glen was an event that will last in the minds of the participants and spectators forever.

From the moment the event was announced, the anticipation and excitement about seeing two of the best drivers in the world take a spin in the other's car set mainstream and social media on fire. Race fans have flocked to the Finger Lakes Region of Upstate New York since the first race through the streets of Watkins Glen in 1948 and have made Watkins Glen International a name known worldwide. The remarks surrounding the Mobil 1 Car Swap at The Glen are just the latest example of the passion race fans have for WGI that make them the best fans in motorsports. From calling for the return of F1 to The Glen and wondering whether NASCAR will ever really run The Boot, the post-swap atmosphere has been almost as fun as the day itself.

The best way to fully understand the significance of the swap is to get it directly from the people that were there to witness history. The following comments were collected during the event, through the official WGI Facebook page www.facebook.com/watkinsgleninternational, on Twitter at @WGI or emailed to racing@theglen.com.

"The track is absolutely fantastic. It feels like a real classic. It just feels historic when you're driving around. They don't make tracks like that nowadays. When they build new Formula One circuits, they don't build them like this."

Lewis Hamilton, 2008 Formula 1 World Champion

"It was fun. That is truly an experience of a lifetime. I just can't thank the people at Mobil 1 enough for helping facilitate this, everybody at Watkins Glen. I'm glad I didn't know what these cars were like 20 years ago because I may not have put a fender on a racecar after that. I'm glad I had the experience and thankful to Lewis and his entire team for letting us do it."

Tony Stewart, two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and five-time Glen Champion

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