## MotorsportRoad CourseRepeat Win at Sahlen's Six Hours at the Glen

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After rain washed out the qualifying laps on Saturday, fans were not too sure if Mother Nature would cooperate on Sunday either. The race started at 10am with the temperatures in the mid-60s which made for good lap times. The starting lineup was determined by the team's championship points seeing how there were no qualifying laps.

By 2:30 pm there was continuous rain all around the area. Most cars changed to their wet tires. Out came the fifth yellow flag of the race because of weather and track conditions. At 2:41 the red flag came out as the clock continued to count down. The trucks came out to broom water off the track and at 2:55 the engines are restarted and the race resumed.

Fifteen minutes later we have another yellow flag caused by Oliver Gavin in his #4 Corvette which spun into the tires on turn one. Just 10 minutes after that, once the green flag was raised Ricky Taylor wrecked his car.

It was a disappointing day for Ricky Taylor and his #10 Corvette. After leading the majority of the laps (55), Taylor hit the outer barrier by turn 10 with 50 minutes left in the race. He spun across the track causing the #01 car of Joey Hand to spin also. Hand's car continued on but Taylor limped into the pits without the front bodywork of his car. Taylor had to quit with 39 minutes left of the race.

The race ended under caution with cars sliding off the track due to the rain.

Richard Westbrook and Michael Valiante, who won last year's six hour race at The Glen, ended up in the winner's circle again this year with their #90 VisitFlorida.com Corvette. They led just 18 of the 160 laps including the final 3 behind the pace car. They are the first drivers in the series to win twice this year.

Second place went to Scott Pruett and Joey Hand. Their #01 Ford was leading late in the race but had to pit for fuel with 10 minutes left in the race giving Westbrook the lead.

Barbosa/Fittipaldi/Papis with their #5 Corvette came in third.

The team of Sellers and Henzler barely won the GT Le Mans class with their Porsche 911 after taking a big chance and not stopping to refuel.

Van der Zandel, Hedlund and Popow won the Prototype Challenge division. It was the team's second win this series.

Carter, Lawrence and Goossens won the GT Daytona class in their #93 Dodge Viper.

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Barber Motorsports Park - Triumph Superbike Challenge



## Se Pit Stops & Stompin' Grounds



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Barber Motorsports Park hosted the Triumph Superbike Challenge on June 12-14. The MotoAmerica Classes of Bazzaz Superstock 600, KTM RC Cup, Supersport, Superbike/Superstock 1000 were on hand for eight races over the three day event.

Friday was a practice day. The action continued on Saturday, the second round of qualifying, practice sessions, two Superbike/Superstock 1000 Superpole events and the three races: Supertsport Race 1; Bazzaz Superstock 600 Races and the KTM RC Cup Race 1.

In the Supersport Race 1, JD Beach on his Yamaha YZF-R6 took the checkered flag. Josh Herrin of Dublin, GA on his Yamaha second and Garrett Geroff was third on his Yamaha.

In the Bazzaz Superstock 600, Joe



Roberts was on the pole and led all fifteen laps. This was Roberts' sixth win of the season. Richie Escalante was second and Travis Wyam for third. The top three were all riding Yamaha Y2F-R6s

In the KTM RC Cup race, Gage McAllister took the checkered flag with Jody Barry, second and Hayden Schultz third.

The Monster Energy/Graves Mo-

torsports Yamaha team continued its domination of the 2015 MotoAmerica AMA/FIM North American Superbike Championship. In race one on Sunday under a searing heat in Alabama, Josh Hayes won his fifth Superbike race of the season and his 75th career AMA victory spanning all the classes.

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