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## NASA officially goes back to the RA-1 Posted by Sterling Doc - 11 Aug 2009 01:34

Toyo Tires® Renews Longtime Sponsorship with NASA

August 11, 2009 7:48 AM âll The National Auto Sport Association announces it is renewing its longtime partnership with Toyo Tires; extending its contract for an additional three years beginning January 1, 2010. As a part of this extension, all NASA spec tire classes will be going back to the Toyo Proxes RA1 as the required tire. This will become effective January 1, 2010 with a three-weekend grace period to allow the use of the previously allowed R888 tires. âll This move was made in response to customer input, and we hope the racers will be pleased by this announcement. The RA1 has become a favorite amongst many NASA racers and has proven itself for speed, consistency, and longevity, â la said NASAâ 🛮 🗷 s National Chairman Ryan Flaherty.

NASA Competition Racing has a wide variety of road racing classes designed to welcome both entry level and seasoned racers who wish to compete wheel to wheel. Toyo Tiresâ | Proxes® RA1â c is an R-compound, street legal competition radial and is the spec tire for several classes in this exciting program.

âll NASA and Toyo Tires have enjoyed a successful relationship for 14 years and we look forward to adding another three years to that run,â□□ said Jerry Kunzman NASA's Executive Director. â□□ In our opinion Toyo has always had the best interest of their customers in mind so it's great to see the relationship continue in this manner.â 🛮 🗈

â□□ Toyo Tires is proud to continue our sponsorship of NASA road racing,â□□ said Stan Chen, manager of events and motorsports, Toyo Tire U.S.A. Corp. â 🛮 🗘 Our Proxes RA1 has long been popular with amateur and professional racers and is a great fit with this exciting series.â 🛮 🗈

Great for vehicles ranging from sport compacts to European and American muscle machines, the Proxes RA1 is cost-effective by delivering excellent wear and winning consistency on the track. NASA classes using the Proxes RA1 include: American Iron, Camaro-Mustang Challenge, Factory Five Challenge, Honda Challenge, Spec 3/Spec e30 (BMW), Spec Focus, Spec Miata, and 944-spec.

To learn more about the many driving opportunities provided by NASA, whether racing or high-performance training, log on to nasaproracing.com. To learn more about the full line of Proxes tires from Toyo Tires, log on to toyotires.com. Toyo Tires manufactures and distributes a complete line of replacement tires for high performance cars, luxury vehicles, light trucks and SUVs as well as tires for commercial trucks, buses and off-road and construction applications.

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## Re:NASA officially goes back to the RA-1 Posted by rlofgren - 12 Aug 2009 14:50

i don't know how it was intended to read, but the way i read it is Jan1, 2010 and a 3 week(end) grace period. that takes us to jan22, 2010? Did they mean 3 RACE weekend grace period into 2010? that would be more like april or may until we could no longer use the r-888. even this will hurt people who aren't out there every possible race weekend.

p.s. at my home track, thunderhill, my all time unbeatable single lap(i thought) of 2:11.2(in qualifying, with worn ra-1s) was eclipsed earlier this year(by me in qualifying, worn r-888s, 2:09.2) two seconds faster. same car, same driver, cooler track conditions. r-888s can definitely do a faster lap, but i agree that they go away faster both in the session and over the tire's life. I also never found that they were very grippy at the beginning of the tire's(r-888) life. Ra-1s, simple back to a driver's series sounds good to me.

## Re:NASA officially goes back to the RA-1 Posted by mcmmotorsports - 12 Aug 2009 17:42

It is the first 3 race weekends for your region.