

## For Immediate Release

### 8.16.08 MDR California 200 Night Race - Lucerne, CA.

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TOTAL CHAOS Fabrication Inc. pro driver Dan Vance takes home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place podium finish out of 14 trucks. This was his first race back after performing a Toyota 4.0L motor conversion. All season DNF Racing has suffered from power plant failures while running the previous Ford 5.0L motor system. "The power was there and it was a blast to drive the truck with the Ford motor, but Toyota power plants have put me on the podium dozens of times in the past. Converting back to the motor that matches my chassis will also allow me to enter other sanctioning body pro classes to compete in the future. My first race back proved the reliability in the factory Toyota parts," stated Vance. "Nothing came easy for me this race. During my 2<sup>nd</sup> test session last Saturday while preparing for this race I suffered a part failure which caused my truck to roll and kart wheel at 70 MPH. The truck suffered severe damage to the body, light bar and a few other components. I had less than a week to re fabricate the parts and prep it for the race."

Vance started the race 8th and passed 6 trucks by mile 16. There was almost a 5 minute lead when Dan handed over the truck to his co-pilot Austin Farner at the end of lap 2. Less than a minute and a half separated 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Pro Class 1400 after they completed 4 laps on the 50 mile long race course. "I would really like to thank everyone for sticking with me through the ups and downs this season. TOTAL CHAOS Fabrication, Goodyear, Light Force, Toyota Technician Training & Education Network (TTEN), K&N, PCI Radios, LIFT Safety, Doug Thorley Headers, and Fox Shox."

The race started at 7pm and dust was a factor the entire first lap dealing with navigation at sun set. Heavy rains caused flash floods the weekend before the race which had converted Lucerne's traditional landscape and shifted the sand exposing rocks. The whole TCF crew assisted the 1450 ORG series and ran a pit for the organization at MM 25. The pit was fully equipped with tools and a light tower. The TC crew donated water and mechanical assistance to 8 racers during the race. 73 starters took the green flag in the super bowl of mini desert truck races on Saturday. Every year this race grows with more Class 1400 pro racers and Sportsman Class 1450 entrants. Drivers from outside the local race scene have started to enter this popular race and are adding to the list of competitors who want to claim victory from the deep pool of talented racers. This year Class 1450 grew to over 40 race starters.

TOTAL CHAOS Class 1450 racer Mike Koenig loaded up his Gen 3 Caddy kit equipped race truck on a trailer and he and co driver Troy Robinson left Sacramento on Friday to race in the event. "I've never raced against this many people in my class up north in the VORRA series that we run. I had to make the trek and see where we stacked up against such a deep field of competitors," Mike said after the race. A 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in his Toyota race truck proved the Nor Cal off road scene breeds some competitive racers that can battle with the deep talent pool of racers in the So Cal Mecca. Other

TOTAL CHAOS racers, Brian Goves and AJ Steeber saw the checkered flag with a 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

TOTAL CHAOS posted a \$200 cash prize for the official last place finisher in the Sportsman Class 1450. The appropriately named "TC Trooper Award" Winner was Robert Peterson #1473 who finished 25<sup>th</sup> in 6:36.06. Congrats to Robert and his team for not giving up!



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