

Austin's 2011 racing season did not start out on a positive note. After working all winter long on the new super late model (PASS car), the team tested at a few different tracks prior to the official start of the race season and the results were promising.

The first race Austin was able to compete in was the PASS North race at Star Speedway in Epping NH.

Unfortunately, the day did not go as planned. Austin was experiencing brake problems in each practice despite the team working hard to resolve them.

Starting out last in the heat, Austin patiently waited in the rear. On lap five, it was obvious that Austin was much faster than the car in front of him, so he made his move to the inside. However, the other driver shut the door. Austin did the right thing and gave him the spot. A couple laps later, Austin tried again and the driver again tried to shut the door. This time Austin did not give up the spot, as he was up past the driver's door. Minor contact occurred between him and the other car, causing the other car to spin. He went on to finish the heat race in seventh, only three car-lengths back from the lead pack.

Since Austin is a young, new driver to the PASS series, he started the feature race in last place. The plan was to just log laps and "keep the fenders on the car". So, Austin was planning on riding in the rear of the field until the big boys settled in. Unfortunately, the brake issue came back and Austin was only able to complete 22 laps of the feature event because the front brakes went and his rotors were screeching hot.

Our next race will be the PASS North race at White Mountain Motorsports park on May 21, 2011. Hope to see you there!