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## Crew Chat: Moore Makes A Swift Change

With the economy doing a u-turn quicker than a radar cop on highway one the reality of being the only 996 in a dwindling Porsche GT3 series made it look like young Richard Moore would be sitting out the 08/09 season. Our trusty ex Craig Baird GT3 was sold to Australia where they have a great new class for 996's and it was back to karts for some real racing.

Just when it was looking like we were in for a quiet year Winger Suzuki Hamilton offered a great option driving one of the thirteen plus 1600cc race prepped 'Swift Cup' cars.

With last a minute delivery and year twelve exams in full swing on practise day the car was rushed onto the Pukekohe track just in time for qualifying pulling a 7th and then two 6th places for Richard's first run ever in this model. With significantly less horsepower and grip than the Porsche it was a big change of driving.

'What these cars lack in power they sure make up for in having some great competition. It is great to be racing with a heap of my karting mates and to be honest most of them are way better drivers than the old guys'

Having said that a big serve on Castrol had the car tagged and into the wall. Fortunately the front wheel drive 'keep your loud pedal hard on' policy worked and we still bagged the 6th place.

So the next step was to Ruapuna for the late November meeting. Firstly the car was off to our new friends 'Onehunga Panel and Paint' for a great touch up, an alignment at 'High Spec' of West Auckland and then straight onto the transporter and off to Christchurch.

Needless to say we decided to spend this weekend testing set-ups. Not ideal when it's a race weekend but still heaps learnt thanks to a big hand from Greig Cutler and a best result of 4th in the final.

For a weekend that that destroyed four or more cars and having lost one here last season ourselves it was good to come away with a strong result. And yes believe it or not that wicked curb at 'pot hole' corner claimed another Mini but he only rolled twice, 6 times less than Richard's effort from last year so you couldn't really call that an accident!

We start again at Timaru early January and then down to the deep south at Invercargill. The locals are so keen down there, one group of hardy souls bring a house in by truck each year to join all the campervan's and tents. Last year it boasted a huge temporary deck and a spa pool, anyway we will give them something to cheer about.

A big thank you to all our supporters, especially the crew at Whitehaven Wines who have been getting some great exposure on the in-car camera on TV One's Powerbuilt race shows and shipping emergency wine supplies to friends and family round the country! Also as we mentioned Onehunga Panel and Paint, the guys at High Spec Autoworks, Sandfield Information Systems and the crew at Good Water.



Don't forget Winger Suzuki. If you are looking to save the planet then dump the gas guzzler and go and see these guys and get yourself into a Swift Sport, they do over 200k! Tell them we sent you and you might get a second one free!

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Tier One Suzuki Swift Sport Cup:  
Round 4 9-11 Jan '09 Timaru - International Motor Raceway  
Round 5 16-18 Jan '09 Invercargill - Teretonga Park  
Round 6 27 Feb-1 Mar '09 Feilding - Manfeild Circuit  
Round 7 20-22 Mar '09 Pukekohe - Park Raceway

