

MOPAR and RAM TRUCKS Dominate TORC Season Opener with a Pro 2WD Win and Back-to-Back Pro Light Victories; Mark Jenkins and Andrew Caddell Podium in Pro 4X4 and Pro Light



The Traxxas Off-Road Championship (TORC) kicked off its 2011 season at the historic Red Bud MX park in Buchanan Michigan, where heavy rains soaked the track and added mud to the list of challenges for the trucks to overcome. At the end of the weekend, the track became the ultimate proving ground for Mopar power and Ram Trucks as Samuel Hübinette and Rob MacCachren dominated the Traxxas Pro Light and Pro 2WD classes in their 2011 Traxxas TORC series debut. Andrew Caddell also took the Traxxas Pro Light podium with Mopar power, and Mark Jenkins earned his first podium of the season in Pro 4X4. With a total of five podiums between Hübinette, Maccachren, Caddell, and Jenkins, the 2011 TORC season is off to an exciting start for Jenkins Brothers Racing.

Samuel Hübinette Sweeps Traxxas Pro Light With Wins in Rounds 1 & 2, Andrew Caddell Takes Round 2 Podium

Prior to Round 1, drift-car champion, touring-car racer, and Hollywood stunt driver Samuel Hübinette had less than ten test laps in his Mopar/Ram truck at Crandon International Raceway. The handful of test laps was not only his first in the new truck, but his first laps in any short-course truck, on any track, ever. Nevertheless, Hübinette quickly mastered the slippery, muddy Red Bud MX track as he raced from 16th position into the lead, overtaking and holding off 2010 Pro Light champ Casey Currie to take the win. In Round 2, Hübinette once again took the win, and was joined on the podium by fellow Mopar-powered JBR racer Andrew Caddell. Hübinette's back-to-back wins make him the first TORC pro driver to win the first two races of the season in his rookie year.



Samuel Hübinette



Hübinette's skill behind the wheel cannot be overestimated, but "the Crazy Swede" was quick to credit his Jenkins Brothers Racing-built Mopar/Ram truck and the JBR team's contribution to the win. The Jenkins Brothers Racing chassis is a new design that debuted the Mopar spec V8 engine in Pro Light racing competition. "I was given a winning truck in my Mopar-powered Ram, and to have the Jenkins Brothers Racing team behind me, who has done this for years—I have the best of the best backing me," said Hübinette. "I just showed up with my gloves on and raced the truck. It helped having Rob MacCachren as a coach," said Hübinette of his Mopar/Ram teammate and TORC Pro 2WD driver, who went on to a win of his own at Red Bud MX.

In addition to their TORC trophy plaques, Hübinette and Caddell earned Traxxas Pro Light contingency payouts. In 2010, Traxxas joined forces with TORC to raise the Traxxas Pro Light series purse to historic levels, and the program has been extended into the 2011 season. The top spot on the podium for each race pays \$5,000, while second and third earn \$2,500 and \$1,500 respectively. Even drivers who don't make it to the podium stand to earn dollars, with payouts all the way to tenth place.

In addition to the money guaranteed to the top-ten drivers, there's also an additional \$1,000 Traxxas Maxx® Lap cash payout to the driver of the fastest lap in each round. Hübinette won the extra grand on Saturday, upping his weekend haul to \$11,000!



CJ Graves, Samuel Hübinette and Andrew Caddell



Rob MacCachren

Rob MacCachren Wins Pro 2WD

After a rain-out on Saturday, Sunday's race marked the debut of Rob MacCachren's new Mopar/Ram Pro 2WD machine. MacCachren is a veteran short-course champion, and he put his experience to work to grab the lead right from the start. Challengers Chad Hord and Marty Hart battled to reel in the Mopar/Ram truck, but skidded off the track and were soon joined by Mike VandenHeuvel and Bryce Menzies as the mud claimed more victims. Scott Taylor and Mike Oberg were left to chase MacCachren for the podium and they finished in that order, with MacCachren locking down the win. MacCachren also took home the Oakley Bomb award for the fastest lap, establishing Mopar power as the class of



the field from the first race of the season. On the podium, MacCachren expressed his appreciation for the teamwork that put him on top of the box. "This is the first time I've run this truck in the dirt," said MacCachren. "The Jenkins Brothers Racing Team did an awesome job with the settings on this Ram Truck, the BFGoodrich's hooked up, and Mopar power kept us up front so we didn't have to pull a tear-off all day. Looking forward to coming back to Red bud MX next year!"

Mark Jenkins Podiums in Pro 4X4

Traxxas/Amsoil/BFGoodrich driver Mark Jenkins took over the lead early in Sunday's Pro 4X4 race after leader Johnny Greaves overshot the track's massive step-up jump. A red flag due to a crash bunched the field behind Jenkins, putting Scott Douglas and Rick Johnson squarely on his bumper. When the green flag unleashed the field, Jenkins held off both multi-time champions. Fighting the mud to put together the best lines on the tight and slippery track, Jenkins made a small error that let Douglas and Johnson past. Undaunted, Mark held onto third for the remainder of the race to take his first podium of the 2011 season.



Jenkins Brothers Racing congratulates Mopar/Ram Trucks, Samuel Hübinette, Rob MacCachren, Mark Jenkins, Andrew Caddell and all their team members for bringing home the wins and podiums in a challenging weekend of competition against short-course racing's best and mother nature's worst.



The next stop for the TORC Series, Jenkins Brothers Racing, and the Mopar/Ram Truck team is Crandon International Raceway, June 18 & 19.

