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20th Annual AASP-MN Race for Automotive Education Raises Nearly \$9,000

The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) held its 20th Annual Race for Automotive Education, February 23 & 24, at ProKart Indoor Racing in Burnsville. The event raised nearly \$9,000 to support the Alliance's Automotive Education Fund and will fund scholarships for automotive students enrolled in ASE Accredited auto service and collision repair programs in Minnesota's technical colleges.

During the two nights of racing, twenty-one teams (105 racers) of auto service and collision repair shops and industry suppliers took to the track in go-karts reaching speeds of up to 40 miles per hour. Many spectator fans were also on hand to cheer on their team.

Trophies were awarded to the 1st place and runner-up teams each night. They were:

Wednesday, February 23rd

- 1st Place Wenzel Auto Electric, Mankato
- Runner-Up Fairway Collision & Mechanical, Vadnais Heights

Thursday, February 24th

- 1st Place LaMettry's Collision, Minnetonka
- Runner-Up Lancer Service, St. Paul

In addition to the twenty-one race teams, this event was supported by:

- Auto Value Parts Stores/APH
- CBIZ
- Elite Worldwide
- FinishMaster
- LKQ-Minnesota
- Lube-Tech
- United Fire Group

The Automotive Education Fund was established in 2002 to provide financial resources to support automotive students, enhance automotive programs and raise awareness of career opportunities in the automotive service industry. Since its inception, nearly \$290,000 has been invested in student scholarships, Skills USA and automotive education programs throughout the state.

For more information, visit www.aaspmn.org or call the Alliance office at 612-623-1110.

AASP-MN is an association of independently owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving Minnesota's automotive service industry and the success of its nearly 700 members. For more information, visit www.aaspmn.org.



1st place team Wednesday, February 23 – Wenzel Auto Electric, Mankato



1st place team Thursday, February 24 – LaMettry's Collision, Minnetonka