



## **Gorilla 2011 Race Plan**

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We have been bombarded with inquires about Gene's racing career. So here is the news:

The 2010 race season was great; Gene's time with the experts at Gresham Motorsports has boosted his experience and knowledge tremendously within every aspect of racing. Whether in the shop or at the track, the opportunity for Gene to learn the operations of a race team has been supreme. The team's professionalism gave insight, responsibilities and experience that are unmatched with anything Gene has done before. His crew chief, Gene Roberts and the group of guys who surrounded the Gresham team are all top notch with great expertise.

2011 has continued with Gene's schedule of:

- Online schooling which resulted in Graduating High School Class of 2011
- Workouts (keeps his 6 ft. 5 in. tall and 210 lb. body still fitting in the car)
- Working on race cars in the shop
- Racing simulator
- Snow plowing biz this year was a very profitable "blizzard" - ☺
- Working hard at his uncle's fab shop



Gene has been very busy doing the things he enjoys but he will tell you that the time out of the car makes the heart grow fonder. Racing has been Gene's defining activity to date. Plan B, "college" does require short term sacrifice

but the balance will pay off strategically. Parents of 18 year olds earn their keep when these big decisions rain down.

Gene's first love of racing is also balanced with his sights set on a future in business and entrepreneurship. He will be attending YSU (Youngstown State University) in the fall. This will keep him close to home, enabling work and racing when the opportunity knocks. The decision to increase his knowledge within the business world has enabled him a chance to work closely this summer with his uncle's company, Kirila Fire Training. This opportunity will have Gene traveling the world. Even now as this update is being written, he is in Texas experiencing 14 hour work days in construction and has been there for the past 2 weeks. His education and business experiences are currently a priority and will allow him the flexibility to choose a career within any industry he finds an interest.

Racing for 2011 will be spotty, no full season is scheduled. Gene turned 18 mid-season and balancing all factors, the priority this year is to get into college and give it the old "college try". Then next year prioritize racing aspirations with career choices.

The family is adjusting to not being at the race track every weekend. This is the first Memorial Day weekend in 12 years we have not been at the track. Seems like yesterday we were chasing the 6 year old's go kart, now he is towering over Dad.

Gene's racing experiences as well as responsibilities throughout his life so far have been a true blessing. To enhance his knowledge and give him the tools he needs to succeed will only enhance his chances to WIN.

Thanks for all the support and we will see you at the track.