



# Kirila Puts on a Great Show at Anderson, SC

**Kirila Race Update 8-11-08**

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The Kirila Gorilla race team ran at Anderson Motor Speedway in Anderson, SC this past weekend. Gene started 12<sup>th</sup> and finished 11<sup>th</sup> during the 100 lap race. With a damaged hotrod, our team was happy and it gave an opportunity to show some great driving skills and talent in our young driver. Gene was running in 6<sup>th</sup> place when he was taken out by another driver who ran him up into the wall. Gene kept the 05 in the race and managed to make the best of a damaged car.

The weekend started out really well as the team had practiced on Friday and was in the top five all day.

On Saturday we were pumped up for the race knowing we had a top five car. The team was ready to go Qualify and looking for a top five qualifying position. With Gene sensing that the car had a shot at a great qualifying run, he overdrove the car, charging the corner a little too aggressively. Tough lesson for our 15 year old driver, but taking advantage of the car's capabilities is critical. This mistake cost Gene the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a second he needed and with the very competitive field, it placed



Gene in 12<sup>th</sup> for his qualifying and race start position. The team was not too happy and knew they had their work cut out for them. Putting things into perspective; two months ago, this team would have been very happy with qualifying 12<sup>th</sup> as a first year team.

As the green flag dropped for the feature race, the 05 was on the outside where there wasn't much grip. The train of cars, bumper to bumper, took off into turn one. As the leader checked up (slowed down quickly) to get his car into the 1<sup>st</sup> turn, the cars stacked up behind the leader and a wreck occurred. The 05 was able to miss the pile of cars and was get into the 6<sup>th</sup> place position for the restart after the yellow. Gene settled in and conserved the tires for the next 20 laps. It was on lap thirty when the 05 was battling for position with the 7<sup>th</sup> place car who was trying to pass the 05 on the inside. The 7<sup>th</sup> place car broke loose hitting the rear end of the 05 machine, causing the 05 to slap his right side into the wall. The 05 was able to continue but was damaged enough to throw the set up off and created a bad handling race car. The 05 was able to fight the ill handling car and bring home an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish. Crew Chief Tony and many others at the track noted that after the hit into the wall Gene showed maturity and great driving skills to nurse the car through the race and complete the 100 laps.

Thank you to all our fans who are continually supporting us!