I.T. Tour Report

The final round of the Midwest Division I.T. Tour produced almost no changes of significance in the final standings. In fact, only in two classes, ITA and SM was there even the potential to dethrone the class leader and it didn't happen in either one.

- <u>ITS</u> ~ Mark Andrews (StL) had a 17-point lead and didn't need this race. However, **Paul Lerman** (StL) and **Jack Schulz** (OzMt) came to do battle and vaulted past **Bill Denton** (MidS) into 2nd and 3rd place.
- <u>ITA</u> ~ With only eight points separating the top four drivers, none of them went to the final round at MAM. That left the win to **Jan Gerber**, who jumped from 14th to 6th in the final points but left the gold, silver and bronze medallions to **Ben Bricker** (NeOk), **Jude Rudder** (OzMt) and **Steve Bachenberg** (KC).
- <u>ITB</u> ~ Chris Albin (SIII) had already run up the max 72-point score. Tristan Poplin (StL) was only a point ahead of Patrick Findley (MidS), but they left that standing for silver and bronze.
- <u>ITC</u> ~ Jarold Boettcher (KC) is the only medalist in this class, racking up four wins before trying ITA in a CRX Si. **Ray Barker** (Wich) and **Carrie Barker** (Wich) were 2-3 in points, but did not run the minimum three races to qualify for awards.
- <u>ITE</u> ~ Loren Moore (OzMt) had the championship clinched, but **Scott Davie** (Ark) had a challenge from **John Waldbaum** (Neb) for the runner-up spot. Second place at MAM ensured Davie the silver medallion.
- <u>IT7</u> ~ Nadeem Bari (StL) had enough margin not to have to worry about Lynn Lamb (Okla) and Lynn had enough his wife Connie (Okla) couldn't catch him, so that's how they left it.
- <u>SM</u> ~ This will be the last year for SM in the I.T. Tour as it will become part of the National Racing program next year. The final champion is **Stephen Johnson** (KC) with one win out of six finishes. **Jarrod Igou** (DMV) won the race and tied **Tom Kraft** (DMV) for second in points, winning the tiebreaker by most victories.

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