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**USAC Gold Crown Division Owner's Exploratory
Group to Evaluate Road Course Potential
- Test Set for October 1st at Putnam Park -**

Indianapolis, Indiana (September 26, 2008) - The United States Auto Club Gold Crown Division Owner's Exploratory Group will be evaluating the potential of the Gold Crown Division to compete on road courses with a test at the Putnam Park road course on Wednesday, October 1st.

The test continues the formation of the Gold Crown Division as a North American open wheel destination series with USAC.

"This test is just another step in the development and evaluation process of the Gold Crown Division as a true destination series as well as training ground for future stars in North American motorsports," stated Kevin Miller, USAC president. "Road course racing adds another element to the USAC portfolio as we continue to rebuild and solidify the USAC brand."

The car that will be tested will be prepared at Hemelgarn Racing. The test will be an open-forum for manufacturer's, chassis builder, competitors and the sanction to develop a note book for further evaluation and execution of road course event(s) for the Gold Crown Division car(s) moving forward. Aaron Pierce, who is a veteran USAC driver, will drive the car in the test.

"Upon conclusion of the test we plan to have a clear understanding of the viability of an event of this type," stated Roger Johnson, USAC Gold Crown Division OEG representative. "With our vision of an overall destination series, as well as playing a role in the development department, road courses play a vital role in the landscape of the division and series moving forward."

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