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MTI Hosts Inaugural “All-Out Spring Car Meet” SquadronOne teams up with MTI to raise funds for the automotive program

(Bradenton, FL—April 26, 2011) The Manatee Technical Institute automotive technology program will team up with SquadronOne to host the inaugural All-Out Spring Car Meet. The event will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MTI Main Campus, 5603 34th Street West, Bradenton. The money raised at the event will help send students to the SkillsUSA National Championships.

SquadronOne strives to promote automotive enthusiasm without the violence associated with street racing. What started as a team of friends on a mission has grown to numerous chapters spanning the United States to the Dominican Republic. Members range from technicians and students to doctors and lawyers.

“The team began with 5 friends that wanted to set themselves apart from trouble makers. Today, 5 years later, we have our own website, an online store, a clothing line, and our Florida chapter has over 30 cars and 40+ members. We all treat each other like brothers and sisters, with respect. Most importantly, we are a family. We started SquadronOne to make a difference in the community and I can safely say we did,” says SquadronOne founder and MTI Automotive Technology student Mervin Hernandez.

At the meet, there will be a Chinese fire drill contest, a spark plug relay race, a pit stop challenge, and a 1-gallon guess challenge. The money collected will be divided between the winner of the challenge and the Automotive Technology program.

All years, makes, and models of cars ranging from lifted trucks to exotics, classics, import tuners, hot rods, and motorcycles are welcome. Vendor spots are available for a donation.

For questions or for more information, please contact Mervin Hernandez at (941) 580-2036, Mervin@squadronone.net or MTI instructor Jose Cestero at (941) 224-0004, cesteroj@manateeschools.net.

About Manatee Technical Institute:

Manatee Technical Institute is fully accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a postsecondary career and technical education center under the School District of Manatee County offering over 40 career preparation programs. The mission of Manatee Technical Institute is to meet and exceed our community’s training and educational expectations. MTI is a 2007 Tampa Bay Business of the Year, and its students have won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past seven years.

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