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Dear Competitors, Judges, Techs, and Volunteers,

I want to thank you again for your participation in this past weekend's MTCC. Despite the rain, we put on a wonderful event together.

I'm writing to inform you that we found a mistake in the tabulation of the preliminary scores. Kevin Bingham's score of 12.91 on the Ascent Event did not register in his preliminary total. Had that score been picked up properly in the equations, the top five preliminary competitors on the men's side would have finished as follows.

1. Abdon Leon-Espinosa 136.11 points
2. Nick Markley \* 135.52 points \*
3. Kevin Bingham 133.7 points
4. Lucas Drews 131.92 points
5. Eric Clos 131.39 points

Since Nick Markley was an out of state competitor and the decision was made to limit the Master's Challenge to three competitors, the correct qualifiers should have been Abdon Leon-Espinosa, Kevin Bingham, and Lucas Drews.

We are deeply sorry for this mistake and understand the gravity of it. Although we are proud of the organization, efficiency, and accuracy we have maintained over the past years with this part of the competition, we know that we have to do more in the upcoming year to ensure we don't find ourselves in this position again. As in previous years, we will begin the work of planning for an improved competition in 2021 right away, and scoring will be one of many areas we will address.

After discussing this unfortunate error, the MTCC Committee has made the decision that there will be no change to the standings as originally announced. We simply do not have the time, resources, or ability to rectify this mistake, and we also do not want to discredit the three outstanding climbs we saw in Traverse City. Furthermore, I have personally reached out to Kevin Bingham and Eric Clos to explain the Committee's scoring error. The Committee has offered future event recognition to Kevin Bingham to acknowledge his accomplishments in 2020.

Thank you all again for your efforts and camaraderie this past weekend. We look forward to supporting Lucas and Katharine at next year's ITCC and to an even better MTCC in Belle Isle next September.

Should any of you want to discuss this scoring issue, please contact me directly.

Respectfully,

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