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Above: \#67 Bill Weaver and \#78 Brad Drew lead the second wave of cars in group 1/2 to the green. Cover: Bob Lesnet leads the vintage Formula Fords on the pace lap.
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Round 13 \& 14 - September 30-October 1 Enduro Practice \& Enduro - October 14-15

## RENO REGION SCCA SCHEDULE

Events held at Thunderhill Raceway Park
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REGIONAL 13\&14-SONOMA RACEWAY

SEPTEMBER 8-10
INDY CAR - WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1
RENNSPORT - WEATHERTECH RACEWAY
LAGUNA SECA
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## 2023 SCHEDULE

*July 22 RENO SCCA Tim Trials/Tack Event \#3 Hosted by Reno Region SCCA Includes 80-minutes track time each day for all groups Tech 7:30 am Driver Meeting 8:30 am Go to: http://www.renoscca.motorsportreg.com for details and registration.
*Sept 09-10 RENO SCCA Time Trial/Track Event \#3\&4 Hosted by Reno Region SCCA
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## Confessions of a Cone Slayer



The Self-Proclaimed Mechanic
My wife, whom I love, did things with the engine of our van that no man could ever have done. She drove the engine at temperatures even the manufacturer had not tested, she ignored pesky dashboard warning lights, and in the end she blew up the motor in a manner normally only seen by professional NHRA mechanics. When I asked her what happened to our family van, she said, "It made a funny noise, then it was smoking, but that was about a half an hour before it quit running."

## "Awesome, Honey."

Sure, I could have yelled at her for not stopping and saving the engine from total destruction, but I knew that it was not her fault. How could I possibly expect her to understand the inner workings of an internal combustion engine? How could I possibly hold her responsible when the dashboard warning light only says, "Check Engine" or "Hot." Obviously, car manufacturers are to blame. They design cars for women these days, with vanity mirrors and child seats, but they neglect to make sure that the dashboard warning lights say, "Hey lady, pull this thing over immediately before your spouse kills you for further damaging the engine of this car."

However the engine was damaged, whether it was my beautiful wife's lack of common sense or a Detroit conspiracy to have the engine blow up two miles after the warranty expired, l'll never know. Regardless of how it happened, I was then faced with the task of repairing the family van. I had a couple of choices, I could attempt to fix it myself (which would have meant working on an engine I knew nothing about) or I could pay someone else to do it (which would have meant paying out money I didn't have.) My job as a husband and a father is lawn care and vehicle maintenance. I do not swerve from my path of duty no matter how big the weed or how broken the car.

I headed into the garage to conquer the van. I informed my family that I would need food and water occasionally to keep me alive and that I would not be coming back into the house until the van was running again. My wife looked doubtful.
"Are you sure you can fix the van?" she inquired.
"Of course, I race cars, remember when I fixed the Honda?" I assured.
"Yes, and it broke down again."
"But that wasn't my fault; that was a design flaw."
"The Honda only had a dead battery, isn't this a little more involved?"
"Dead battery, blown engine, it's all just nuts and bolts honey. I can fix it."

Once I got her out of my hair, I started getting to business. Garages are sacred places for men, and like any sacred place, I have my rituals before starting any mechanical adventure. I cranked up some rock and roll, got a cold beer and then started looking around for my tools. After a few hours I found a majority of my wrenches and sockets and was feeling pretty confident from the alcohol. Once I figured out how to open the hood of the van I was quick to take apart anything that I could reach with a ratchet. A few hours into disassembly mode and I had a pile of parts, a pile of beer cans, greasy hands, two bloody knuckles, but really still no idea what was wrong with the van.

Eventually I found a hole in the radiator which explained the engine
overheating. I ordered a new one and then tried to see how much damage was caused to the engine from my wife's half-an-hour-doomsday-drive after the engine got too hot. As it turned out, after four more bloody knuckles and a lot of swearing, I realized the head gasket was blown. So, in the end, it wasn't the battery.

Since I couldn't put the van back together until the parts I ordered arrived, I started to go back into the house, defeated. I was stopped at the door by my wife.
"Is the van fixed, I have to go to the store?"
"No, the van has real problems. I'm coming in."
"You're too greasy to come into my house."
"Where am I supposed to go?"
"I don't care if you have to get naked in the garage, you're not coming in the house with all of that grease."
"I got this greasy fixing the van you broke, Sweetheart!"
As I'm sure anyone could guess, I stripped down to my birthday suit and washed in the garage like I had been in a nuclear accident before I was allowed to come inside the house. A week later the van parts arrived and it was time to go back into the garage and finish what I had started. The only problem was, taking stuff apart is easy and fun, putting things back together the way they are supposed to go; and actually making them work is challenging and not so fun. I wasn't quite as enthusiastic about going into the garage as I was a week before. Probably because the week before I still had just the right combination of arrogance and ignorance to actually think I could fix the van myself.


I put the project off a few days until the constant sound of my wife complaining about her not having a car to use while I was at work got to the point where I went into the garage for some peace and quiet. Since I was in the garage anyway I tried to remember how the parts fit underneath the hood. It was like one big crazy jigsaw puzzle covered in grease. I was struggling with the project so I enlisted help from the one person I knew could fix anything, my Dad. I called him up and explained that I couldn't get the thing-a-majigger to fit with the whats-a-ma-call-it. I asked him how he knew how to fix all of those things he fixed when I was growing up. Did he take some classes, did he have manuals, or was he just a genius? He told me he had been winging it and he never knew what he was doing, he just acted like he did. His advice to me was, "You'll figure it out."
"Thanks, Dad?"
Eventually I did figure it out. I cleaned all of the beer cans out of the engine compartment, hooked up the thing-a-majigger and turned the key. Nobody was more surprised than me when the van started up on the first try. I was triumphant!

To celebrate my victory in the garage I drove that van directly to a dealership (before it broke down again) and quickly traded it in on a new car for my wife.

Rob Krider is a national champion racer and author of the novel Cadet Blues.

## REGIONAL 7 \& 8

After several months of horrible weather, we finally had a clear weekend. We were hoping for mild temperatures in early June at Thunderhill, Raceway Park. But, what we weren't prepared for was sweltering heat. This 2023 year seems to be a year of extremes. We either have pouring rain or or unbearable heat. "It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature!"

With the entry list of 146 cars, despite the heat, it looked like it was going to be a good weekend of racing. The volunteer Worker crews would have benefited from a larger turnout, but we managed, with - as the song goes "a little help from our friends." Various Drivers and Crew members pitched in between sessions on various crews, and their
help was most welcome! We also welcomed several new Workers.
This weekend also marked the first time ever that we had the Crossflow Cup racers as part of our program. If you have ever wondered what happened to all of those Formula Fords from the sixties, seventies, and eighties, wonder no more. They are running in the Crossflow Cup! All Ford-powered Crossflow Ford engines in the back of these beautiful machines. They are a vintage race group which run on treaded vintage race tires but, do not kid yourself. These drivers race hard. Some of the best races of the weekend were the Crossflow Cup races. We look forward to having them again!

Group 1\&2


This weekend was one of three restricted regionals that the San Francisco Region of SCCA was hosting for the 2023 race season. In the truest sense of the definition, it wasn't really a restricted regional, whereas certain classes of cars are not invited for that particular weekend. In the case of Regional 7 and 8, the restriction was that Groups One and Two were combined. The reason was more time was needed. so we could run a Group 8 for the Crossflow Cup racers.

Group 1 and 2, had an entry list of 24 cars which included three FA2 cars, one P1, one P2, one FX, nine Formula Mazdas, two Formula Continentals, three Formula Atlantics, and four F4s.

Looking at the entry list going into the weekend, the safe money for the pole position was going to be on either Jay Henry Horak or Nicole Havrda. Horack, who is a veteran of the FA2 ranks has seen his fair share of young up-and-comers show up to challenge him. Havrda is one of those young comers and is looking to show Horack she means business. With the qualifying session at 8:30 AM on a nice warm day, the track conditions were ideal for laying down some fast times. On the third lap of the qualifying session, Havrda laid down her best time of a 1:45.400 seconds. Not to be out-done by the young Canadian. On the very next lap Horak set his best time I have a 1:44.569 seconds to take the pole position. With less than a second separating the two FA2 competitors, both in Ligier JS F3, cars, the race was shaping up to be a good one. Qualifying third, also running the FA2 class, was Larry Schnur from Santa Monica California. Chris Vian took fourth position in his P1 Elan DPO2. Fastest of the nine Formula Mazdas was Bill Weaver, who out-qualified Brad Drew by .7 seconds. Preston Lambert was the fastest F4 car by less than two seconds over James Lawley.
While qualifying early in the morning, this group went out for their race
at 1:05 PM, when the temperatures were in the high 90 s to almost 100 degrees. If you can't stand the heat, then you need to get out of the kitchen! That saying does not apply to Havrda. When the green flag flew over the first group of the split start race, Havrda jumped into the lead, surprising Horak. Schnur slotted into third place behind Horak. Havrda is a tough racer. She got into the lead and had Horak hounding her every move for the entire 17 lap race. Havrda did not flinch. She kept her cool and kept the hard charging Horak at bay. Horack, for his part did everything he could to find a way around Havrda. At the end, Horak conceded and finished 3.2 seconds behind of Havrda. The race and win will look nice on her resume, as she aspires to a pro career.

In the FM race, Bill Weaver did what Bill Weaver does. That is, he gets his red white and blue Formula Mazda to the front of the class and makes everyone chase him. Weaver had Brad Drew chasing after him the entire race. The victory for Weaver was no walk in the park, as Drew did everything he could to harass Weaver for the FM class victory. C. J. Ray from Huntington Beach California came in third place in Formula Mazda. Weaver, Drew and Ray were all part of a three-car Formula Mazda train that put on a great display of racing
The F4 race saw James Lally take the initial lead in the class. He was chased by Preston Lambert and Dimitri Pistoliako. On Lap Five Pistoliako got past Lally for the class lead. Pistoliako would go on to win the F4 class. Preston Lambert used a pass on the last lap of the race to get by James Lally for second place.
The Formula Continental race between Paul Rodler and Jeffrey Pietz had to deal with the F4 cars. From lap 12 on, the F4 cars of Lambert and Lally interrupted the Rodler/Pietz battle. Pietz was able to prevail and took the class win over Rodler.


The F4 race. \#177 James Lawley followed by \#33 Dimitry Pistoliako. They each won a race during the weekend.

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| 1 | 1 | 2 | Nicole Havrda | FA2 | 17 | 1:47.198 | Ligier JS F3 | Courtenay BC | SFR | 683399 | Farrow |
| 2 | 2 | 37 | Jay Henry Horak | FA2 | 17 | 1:47.134 | Ligier JS F3 | Mesa AZ | SFR | 450049 | AutoEnginuity |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | Larry Schnur | FA2 | 17 | 1:49.836 | Ligier F3 | Santa Monica CA | CSCC | 336700 | Worldspeed |
| 4 | 1 | 49 | Chris Vian | P1 | 17 | 1:49.089 | Elan DP02 | Auburn CA | SFR | 624382 | Vian Enterprises/The Bro |
| 5 | 1 | 0 | Edd Ozard | FA | 17 | 1:51.827 | Mazda Pro Formuli | Auburn CA | SFR | 20453-1 | PacWest Solutions |
| 6 | , | 60 | Troy Tinsley | P2 | 17 | 1:52.832 | Carbir CS2 | Montara CA | SFR | 360702 | Heritage Aviation Spirits |
| 7 | 1 | 27 | Tao Takaoka | FX | 17 | 1:53.338 | Formula Speed F S | Richmond CA | SFR | 437817 | Reyes Racing |
| 8 | 1 | 67 | Bill Weaver | FM | 16 | 1:53.154 | Mazda Formula | Fresno CA | SFR | 272665_1 | James G. Parker Insuran, |
| 9 | 2 | 78 | Brad Drew | FM | 16 | 1:54.150 | Mazda Formula | Camas WA | Ore | 221118 | Coast Lighting \& Tools |
| 10 | 3 | 75 | C.J. Ray | FM | 16 | 1:53.820 | Mazda Star Formu | Huntington Beach CA | SFR | 616127 | Sem's Carwash and Motc |
| 11 | 4 | 77 | Derry O'Donovan | FM | 16 | 1:53.788 | Mazda Formula | Napa CA | SFR | 229422 |  |
| 12 | 5 | 7 | Woody Yerxa | FM | 16 | 1:53.331 | Mazda Formula | Colusa CA | SFR | 126989_1 | Colusa Body and Paint |
| 13 | 6 | 63 | Lars Jensen | FM | 16 | 1:54.029 | Mazda Formula | San Ramon CA | SFR | 424700 | Dig This Inc. |
| 14 | 7 | 28 | Stew Tabak | FM | 16 | 1:53.863 | Mazda Formula | Pacific Grove CA | SFR | 177403_1 | Tabak Law Firm |
| 15 | 1 | 33 | Dmitry Pistoliako | F4 | 16 | 1:54.051 | Ligier JS F4 | Los Altos Hills CA | SFR | 700290 | IWE / Speed fanatics / D |
| 16 | 2 | 1 | Preston Lambert | F4 | 16 | 1:53.991 | Ligier JS F4 | Folsom CA | SFR | 697094 | Trackmagic/Turnone |
| 17 | 3 | 177 | James Lawley | F4 | 16 | 1:53.402 | Ligier JS F4 | Halifax NS | SFR | 688492 |  |
| 18 | 1 | 80 | Jeffrey Pietz | FC | 16 | 1:55.264 | Van Dieman DP 0¢ | Fresno CA | SFR | 378566 | Cleveland Infant Care |
| 19 | 2 | 68 | Paul Rodler | FC | 16 | 1:55.903 | Van Diemen RF OC | San Rafael CA | SFR | 229162 | Porter Racing |
| 20 | 4 | 00 | Alexander Cornfeld | F4 | 16 | 1:56.189 | Ligier JS F4 | New York NY | CSCC | 533727 |  |
| 21 | 8 | 91 | Ritchie Hollingsworth | FM | 16 | 1:56.952 | Mazda Formula | Colusa CA | SFR | 310455 | FX/FM 89 Heal Siftly Brur |
| 22 | 2 | 17 | Julian Kift | FA | 16 | 1:58.984 | Swift Atlantic 008 | Reno NV | SFR | 373208 | Rev Limit Racing |
| 23 | 3 | 6 | Alex Dodd | FA | 16 | 1:58.337 | March 80A | Sonoma CA | SFR | 706823 |  |
| 24 | 9 | 20 | Ben Booker | FM | 15 | 2:03.829 | Mazda Star Formu | Loomis CA | SFR | 688055 | B \& H Wholesale Roofing |



The two FC competitors ran close. Paul Rodler \#68 leads Jeffrey Pietz \#80. Pietz ended up winning the class.

Nicole Havrda woke up Sunday morning intent on keeping her momentum from Saturday going. The race she had on Saturday with Jay Henry Horak was the battle between two titans of the large bore formula car ranks. Havrda ended up prevailing. She was looking to send a message. She really wanted to qualify on the pole for the Sunday race. It took her only four laps, and on that fourth lap she posted a time of 1:43.332 seconds, which was over a second faster than Horak could do in seven laps of trying.

In FM there was a shake up at the front. The usual pole qualifier, Bill Weaver, was only third fastest in the Formula Mazda Group. Derry O'Donovan logged nine laps during qualification; and on the eighth lap posted his fastest this time of 1:51.889 seconds, which was .2 seconds faster than second in Formula Mazda, Woody Yerxa. Saturday's race winner, Bill Weaver, had to settle for third fastest in the class.
The Sunday 1:00 PM race had Havrda and Horak leading the first group of cars up to the green flag. When the green flag flew, Horak jumped into the lead. It looked like he was about to turn the tables on Havrda. Horak led for four laps, much to the dismay of Havrda. The two FA2 competitors stormed off into a personal battle that neither driver wanted to acquiesce. On Lap Five Havrda made her move going into Turn One on the 3-Mile Thunderhill, Raceway Park course. She snuck in and took away the inside line from Horak. All Horak could do was give room and find a place to return the favor. Unfortunately for Horak, Havrda was not interested in Horak paying her back. She held onto the lead until the end of the 14 lap race. The margin of victory was 3.067 seconds, which up until the last lap was much closer than that. For her efforts, Havrda ended up with one pole position and two race victories. She also had the fastest lap of the Sunday race. It made the trip down from Courtenay British Columbia worth the drive.
This was a split start race. The second wave of racers was led down the track by Derry O'Donovan and Woody Yerxa. When the green flag flew, O'Donovan grabbed the lead and Yerxa fell back four positions.

Saturday's race winner, Bill Weaver, passed Yerxa and took second place. Weaver looked to set the record straight by getting around O'Donovan and claiming his rightful place on top of the FM throne. Another driver who was looking at setting the record straight, but more in his favor, was C. J. Ray. He was in fourth place in the opening laps of the FM race. By Lap Three he moved up to third place, close behind O'Donovan and Weaver. Lap Five Weaver pulled off the track with a very uncharacteristic mechanical issue. That promoted CJ Ray to second place right behind O'Donovan. Lap 10 was O'Donovan's undoing. He fell three positions, which handed the lead of the CJ Ray. With that, Yerxa took up the second position. So now the running order was Ray, Yerxa, and O'Donovan. Ray was able to hold onto the lead until the end of the 13- lap race. O'Donovan used some last lap maneuvering and got by Yerxa for second.

The Sunday F4 race saw a reversal of the top two finishing positions. James Lawley was able to get around Dimitri Pistoliako on Lap Three of the 13-lap race. As the race wore on, the duo came up to the Formula Mazda of Lars Jensen. Lawley was able to get around the Jensen car and put a competitor from a different class between him and Pistoliako. The race ended with Lawley as the winner and Piatoliako runner-up.
In the FA class Ed Ozard had no match. Ozard was seven seconds faster than the FA car of Alex Dodd. Ozard had a lonely run out the front. Hopefully he will be at the Pro Formula Mazda reunion for Regionals 11 and 12. At that event there should be plenty of competition in the FA class.
Formula Continental was won by Jeffrey Pietz. Pitts is only competitor in FC. Paul Rodler did not start the race.
FX was won by Tao Takaoka, as he was the only competitor in the class.
P1 was taken by Chris Vian also the only competitor in the class,
P2 was taken by Troy Tinsley as he had no one else to race.


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Qualifying for Group Three saw 13 cars line up on the grid. The question for this weekend was whether or not Johnathan Greco could continue his perfect season. So far there have been six regional races, which equates to six wins for Mr. Greco. Driving the Armorallsponsored BMW M3, the car is a slick and fast Bavarian ultimate driving machine.
Qualifying for Group 3 was at 9 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Greco used only six minutes of the allotted 25 minutes to set his fastest time at 1:51.313 seconds. Looking to upset his run on a perfect season was Kristofer Olson in an Acura NSX. Olson has been sporadic in his recent race attendance. However, when he does show up, he is a threat to win overall. Case in point: he qualified second with a $1: 52.516$ seconds lap, which was 1.2 seconds off of Greco's pace. Considering the lack of recent running, Olsen's time was impressive. Third fastest was Skip Rebozzi, also driving a BMW M3; but he was entered as a GT2 car, whereas Greco competes in ITE.
The AS class had four competitors. Most of the AS racers also compete in Group 5, as SMG Mustangs. Earlier in the day in Group 5, Roger Eagleton took the win over Andrew Chinnichi. The qualifying session for the AS cars had Eagleton outpacing Chinnichi by about .5 seconds. Third fastest in AS was Michael Lowe, who for some reason, was over four seconds off of Eagleton's pace.
Group 3 race had a start time of 1:50 p.m. The reason for the mention of the starting time was because by this time of the day, it was hot enough to fry an egg on the asphalt. Apparently, Jonathan Greco's car does not care how hot it is, as once the green flag was thrown, Greco grabbed the lead and never relinquished it. To make Greco's day a little less stressful, Olson helped out by falling to seventh position on the first lap. That left Skip Rebozzi to fill in the number two spot. Roger

Eagleton temporarily occupied the third spot. Once Olson recovered from his first lap falter, he took over third by Lap Two. Olson, who I am sure, was frustrated with the circumstances surrounding Lap One, set his sights on Rebozzi. While doing so, Olson set the fastest lap of the race of a 1:52.466 seconds. The pursuit of second place lasted eight laps. It was the Acura NSX of Olsen versus the BMW M3 of Rebozzi. Lap 10 saw Olsen's efforts pay off as he displaced Rebozzi to third position. After 16 laps, the finishing order was Greco first (also first in ITE,) Olsen second (second in ITE, ) and third Rebozzi (first in GT2.)

The fourth place finisher was Anthony Bonino, who was driving a Ford Mustang. The reason I point this out is this was not a Ford Mustang that we see run in AS and SMG. It was much more highly modified which had to run in ITE.

Speaking of AS, the safe money was that Roger Eagleton was going to continue his winning streak and take the victory in the class. For 14 laps it looked as though that was going to happen. After Olsen passed him, Eagleton was cruising around in fourth place. It did not seem like he had any kind of issues. However, on Lap 14 he experienced a problem and did not finish the race. That left the door open for Andrew Chinnici to take the class win.
Bob Murillo driving a Porsche 911 Carrera earned the Hard Charger award by moving up three positions from where he qualified.

This race featured 19 calls of track limits for violations at Turn 12. It seems this group did not get the memo regarding the enforcement of the Turn 12 track limits.

Missing from the race was Michael Lowe, who in the previous Group 5 race was penalized for avoidable body contact.

\#16 Scott Howard was running as high as second during the Sunday race. He finished sixth overall.

\#68 Lenny Celiberti slows down for Turn 11.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 18 | Jonathan Greco | ITE | 16 | 1:54.115 | BMW M3 | San Mateo CA | SFR | 638583 | Greco Racing/TC Design |
| 2 | 2 | 49 | Kristofer Olson | ITE | 16 | 1:52.466 | Acura NSX | Shingle Springs CA | SFR | 389018 |  |
| 3 | 1 | 48 | skip Rebozzi | GT2 | 16 | 1:54.343 | BMW M3 | Morgan Hill CA | SFR | 354698 |  |
| 4 | 3 | 55 | Anthony Bonino | ITE | 15 | 2:05.130 | Ford Mustang | Incline Village NV | SFR | 427325 | ACT2 Services Inc |
| 5 | 1 | 99 | Andrew Chinnici | AS | 15 | 2:07.139 | Ford Mustang | Los Angeles CA | CSCC | 679504 |  |
| 6 | 4 | 82 | Bob Murillo | ITE | 15 | 2:07.722 | Porsche 911 Carre | Santa Cruz CA | SFR | 283058 | Rothsport |
| 7 | 1 | 17 | Michael Cheney | T2 | 15 | 2:07.098 | Chevrolet Corvette | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 695266 | Valley Plumbing/Napa Au |
| 8 | 2 | 11 | Roger Eagleton | AS | 14 | 2:05.558 | Ford Mustang | Burlingame CA | SFR | 415261 | Five Star Property Manag |
| 9 | 5 | 81 | Behram Soonawala | ITE | 14 | 2:10.296 | Porsche 911 | Santa Rosa CA | SFR | 280022 | FreeM USA Racewear |
| 10 | 3 | 30 | Matt Lituchy | AS | 14 | 2:09.813 | Ford Mustang | San Francisco CA | SFR | 669507 |  |
| 11 | 6 | 68 | Lenny Celiberti | ITE | 14 | 2:12.129 | Maserati Biturbo | Windsor CA | SFR | 660738 | Auto Italia |
| JNF | NF | 112 | Enzo Marino | GTX |  |  | Chevrolet Monte C | Sonoma CA | SFR | 675569 | schelville racing |

At the end of the Saturday race, winner, John Greco suffered a catastrophic failure to his car. The good news was it was at the end of the race. The bad news was that the car could not be fixed before Sunday morning. The problem - his rear differential broke a tooth which damaged the ring gear. With no ring gear, you have no drive, which meant he was unable to race the car for Sunday's race. Enter Skip Rebozzi. Skip was racing in a similar BMW M3, but he was racing in the GT2 class. Greco has raced every race this season and is vying for a Regional Championship. Rebozzi is not contending for a Regional Championship. So once he found out about Greco's situation, Rebozzi lent his car to John so he could compete in the Sunday race. If you have ever owned a race car, you could understand how big a decision this was for Rebozzi. Every racer at the track spends countless hours and buckets full of money to keep in his/her car race worthy. To let somebody else drive what is essentially your pride and joy shows a great deal of sportsmanship and camaraderie. This type of sportsmanship and camaraderie only exists amongst the amateur racing community. Needless to say, Greco was very grateful. Kudos to Rebozzi!

When it came to qualifying the next day, Greco belted himself up in the red, white and black BMW M3 of Rebozzi. After getting familiar with the car for one lap, he then set his fastest time of a 1:55.067 seconds, which by the way took the pole position. It was not as fast as he had done in his own car, but you have to understand, it takes a while to learn the little idiosyncrasies of someone else's car, let alone worrying about damaging someone else's property. So naturally, you will not drive it as hard as you would if you owned it.
Second fastest was Scott Howard in a GT2 Camaro with a time of 1:56.532 seconds, which was a little under 1.5 seconds slower than

Greco. Third on the grid was Andrew Chinnici, who was first out of the four AS racers. He beat out second place in AS Roger Eagleton by . 2 seconds.

Missing from the session was obviously Skip Rebozzi, Saturday's second-place finisher Kristopher Olson, the two Porsches of Behram Soonawala and Bob Murillo, and the ITE car of Anthony Bonino.
Only eight cars took the green flag for the start of the Sunday afternoon Group 3 race. As expected, Greco jumped into the lead, in the borrowed car, and drove away from the field. He was never threatened and spent the next 13 laps getting used to and taking care of Mr. Rebozzi's BMW M3.

In second place, Scott Howard looked to be cruising along for the first six laps. He was putting in lap times in the sub two minute range, which was plenty fast enough to hold the position. The third and fourth place drivers of Andrew Chinnici and Roger Eagleton were lapping in the 2:06 range. On Lap Seven, Howard experienced an issue and fell back five positions. This meant that Chinnici moved up to second, with Eagleton hot on his bumper in third. Lap Nine Eagleton snuck by Chinnici for second place overall and first and AS. Eagleton and Chinnici then completed the next four laps in that order with Eagleton taking second place, but more importantly, first in AS. Chinnici who is from Calclub, raced hard, all weekend and set the faster time than Eagleton. If Chinnici becomes a regular in our region, Eagleton will have a new foe to worry about.

Scott Howard ended up finishing the race and set the fastest time of 1:57.762 seconds. He took the GT to class victory. However, he was the only GT car in the race.

\#48 Skip Rebozzi won GT2 on Saturday.

\#49 Kristofer Olson came in second on Saturday.


| 1 | 1 | 148 | Jonathan Greco | ITE | 13 | 1:58.418 | BMW M3 | San Mateo CA | SFR | 638583 | Greco Racing/TC Design |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 1 | 11 | Roger Eagleton | AS | 13 | 2:05.833 | Ford Mustang | Burlingame CA | SFR | 415261 | Five Star Property Manag |
| 3 | 2 | 99 | Andrew Chinnici | AS | 13 | 2:05.771 | Ford Mustang | Los Angeles CA | CSCC | 679504 |  |
| 4 | 1 | 17 | Michael Cheney | T2 | 12 | 2:07.915 | Chevrolet Corvette | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 695266 | Valley Plumbing/Napa Au |
| 5 | 3 | 10 | Michael Lowe | AS | 12 | 2:10.309 | Ford Mustang | Hayward CA | SFR | 497261 | ILM Tool |
| 6 | 1 | 16 | Scott Howard | GT2 | 12 | 1:57.762 | Chevrolet Camaro | Pleasanton CA | SFR |  |  |
| 7 | 4 | 30 | Matt Lituchy | AS | 12 | 2:09.943 | Ford Mustang | San Francisco CA | SFR | 669507 |  |
| 8 | 2 | 68 | Lenny Celiberti | ITE | 12 | 2:13.749 | Maserati Biturbo | Windsor CA | SFR | 660738 | Auto Italia |
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| JNS | NS | 112 | Enzo Marino | GTX |  |  | Chevrolet Monte C | Sonoma CA | SFR | 675569 | schelville racing |
| JNS | NS | 48 | Skip Rebozzi | GT2 |  |  | BMW M3 | Morgan Hill CA | SFR | 354698 |  |
| JNS | NS | 49 | Kristofer Olson | ITE |  |  | Acura NSX | Shingle Springs CA | SFR | 389018 |  |
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| JNS | NS | 81 | Behram Soonawala | ITE |  |  | Porsche 911 | Santa Rosa CA | SFR | 280022 | FreeM USA Racewear |
| JNS | NS | 82 | Bob Murillo | ITE |  |  | Porsche 911 Carre | Santa Cruz CA | SFR | 283058 | Rothsport |


\#81 Daniel Wise has \#3 Blake Tatum following him towards Turn 11.

With the addition of the Cross Flow Cup drivers, Group Four saw an influx of Club Fords that were able to double dip between Group Eight and Group Four. This is the first time that anyone from Group Four has had this opportunity. In addition to the Cross Flow Cup Racers, Group Four had a stimulus from the Formula Ford Tire Series, which spends its time between Northern and Southern California race tracks. The field of 15 cars lined up for the Qualifying session on Saturday morning at 10:30 in the morning. Unlike the Spec Racer Ford racers, this group utilized the entire 20 minutes of qualifying time allotted to establish their starting positions. Fastest in the group was Denny Renfrow driving his Piper Honda DL7. Renfrow posted a time of $1: 56.208$ seconds, which was faster by 2.13 seconds than Jon Brandstad, who was entered as a FFT competitor. So the front row was occupied by Renfrow in a FF car and Brandstad in a FFT car. Third place was David Jalen competing in FF and fourth was Tom Duncan, who as a transfer from the Cross Flow Cup Racers, was racing in Club Ford.

FV had two cars entered. Fastest was Blake Tatum by three seconds over Ron Wake.

The Saturday race was at 4:05 p.m. This was the hottest part of the day and the heat wreaks havoc on the cooling capabilities of the small formula cars, especially the air cooled Formula Vees.
Danny Renfrow took the green flag and took the lead going into the first turn. Jon Brandstad slid in behind him and did his best to stay on

Renfrow's tail pipe. Dave Jalen was third. Jalen lasted one lap in third before he fell all the way back to sixth on Lap Four. But Jalen did not throw in the towel. He scratched and clawed his way back to his third place starting position. Tom Duncan took advantage of Jalen's miscue and was in third place for two laps in his Club Ford. The surprise of the race was Brian Forster. He qualified 13th for the race and by Lap One was in fifth place. By Lap Four Forster was in fourth place and was looking for the next opportunity. That opportunity was Andy Paterson. He was also making up for a botched qualifying session, as he had no times posted. During the race Paterson was experiencing troubles with his transponder, and just before the halfway point received the no transponder board. On the following lap, Paterson pitted and went into the back paddock. This moved Forrester to third place, which was pretty good considering Forster has not run in a Formula Ford race within the region for at least 15 years. But the vision of a podium celebration was quickly dashed when David Jalen passed Forster with two laps to go. Also getting past Forster with two laps to go was Tom Duncan. The race finished with Renfrow, taking a commanding victory over Brandstad, and Jalen taking third
Class winners in the FF category were Renfrow taking FF, Brandstad taking FFT, and Duncan taking CF.

In FV Blake Tatum had a several car lengths lead over Ron Wake, when just past the halfway point he experienced a suspension failure. Tatum retired in the weeds drivers right Turn Two. Ron Wake cruised to the FV victory.


Denny Renfrow and Jon Brandstad lead Group 4 up for the start.

\#27 Stewart Paterson leads \#44 Jon Brandstad out of Turn 1.

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| 1 | 1 | 11 | Denny Renfrow | FF | 16 | 1:57.759 | Piper/Honda DL7 | Kelseyville CA | SFR | 203432_: | Towhee Racing |
| 2 | 1 | 44 | Jon Brandstad | FFT | 16 | 1:59.103 | Swift Formula Fors | Stockton CA | SFR | 351454 | JBF Racing |
| 3 | 2 | 50 | David Jalen | FF | 16 | 1:59.069 | Mygale SJ-09 | Alameda CA | SFR | 58335 | OverBudgetRacin' |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | Tom Duncan | CF | 16 | 2:00.532 | PRS RH02F | "Chico, CA 95926 CA' | SFR | 147849 | Road Runner Racing |
| 5 | 2 | 83 | Brian Forster | FFT | 16 | 1:59.565 | Tiga FFA77 | Sebastopol ca | SFR | 122369 | Brili Enterprises |
| 6 | 2 | 66 | Max Minshull | CF | 16 | 2:02.976 | Crosslé 35F | Palos Verdes Peninsu | CSCC | 624060 |  |
| 7 | 3 | 12 | Michael Bernstein | FF | 15 | 2:03.344 | Piper DF5 | San Ramon CA | SFR | 100211 | Karen Bernstein |
| 8 | 3 | 94 | Michael T. Malone | CF | 15 | 2:10.368 | Van Diemen RF79 | Oakland CA | SFR | 377009 | Margo Malone/OverBudg |
| 9 | 3 | 62 | Mike Callas | FFT | 14 | 2:15.966 | Swift DB-1 | North Hills CA | CSCC | 519501 |  |
| 10 | 1 | 41 | Ron Wake | FV | 14 | 2:15.457 | Mysterian M4 | Lafayette CA | SFR | 50380 |  |
| 11 | 4 | 8 | Andy Paterson | FFT | 9 |  | Swift | Fallbrook CA | CSCC | 351062 | Picks Racing Engines |
| 12 | 2 | 3 | Blake Tatum | FV | 9 | 2:15.148 | Formula Vee Crusi | Stockton CA | SFR | 121119_: | Read it in the WHEEL |
| JNF | NF | 27 | Stewart Paterson | FFT |  |  | Swift DB6 | Fallbrook CA | CSCC | 311666_( |  |
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| JNS | NS | 81 | Daniel Wise | CF |  |  | Crossle 25F | Benicia CA | SFR | 336409_: | Scuderia Cowbell Volante |
| JNS | NS | 79 | Jim Lynn | CF |  |  | Crossle 35F | Carmichael CA | SFR | 612600 | Edward Towne |


\#83 Brian Forster had \#41 Ron Wake right behind him.

The Sunday qualifying for Regional Group Four saw a change at the front. Stewart Paterson, who had experienced issues on Saturday, remedied those problems and set the fastest time in his Swift DB6. Paterson is part of the FFT series and he was running on the Hoosier bias ply tires. He was 1.9 seconds faster than Denny Renfrow, who races a FF and runs the spec radial FF tire. Third fastest was Jon Brandstad, who was in a FFT; and fourth was Andy Paterson, also in a FFT. The fastest Club Ford was Max Minshull, who hails from Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, and he was piloting a Crossle 35F. Blake Tatum was the fastest FV about 1.5 seconds over Ron Wake.

By the time the 3:40 p.m. race rolled around on Sunday afternoon, the racing paddock was starting to look like a ghost town. Also, looking forlorn was the grid for Group Four. Only six cars showed up, meaning
eight people had packed up and gone home.
When the field took the green flag, Denny Renfrow jumped into the lead. Jon Brandstad took second, and Stewart Patterson fell down to third. By the second lap Patterson motored by Brandstad on the front straightaway, and set his sights on Renfrow. By Lap Four Patterson had caught up to Renfrow and passed him in the same manner. The positions at the front by Lap Five were Patterson first, Renfrow second, and Brandstad third. When the race ended 13 laps later, the order had not changed.
In FV, Blake Tatum took the initial lead with Ron Wake right on his push bar. Tatum and Wake swapped positions a couple of times in the early going, but Tatum's engine started to misfire. He retired ending a tough weekend, as he had the pace, but he did not have the reliability.


Sunday race winner, Stewart Paterson .


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| 1 | 1 | 27 | Stewart Paterson | FFT | 13 | 1:57.436 | Swift DB6 | Fallbrook CA | CSCC | 311666_1 |  |
| 2 | 1 | 11 | Denny Renfrow | FF | 13 | 1:57.682 | Piper/Honda DL7 | Kelseyville CA | SFR | 203432_: | Towhee Racing |
| 3 | 2 | 44 | Jon Brandstad | FFT | 13 | 1:59.073 | Swift Formula Forc | Stockton CA | SFR | 351454 | JBF Racing |
| 4 | 2 | 50 | David Jalen | FF | 13 | 2:00.531 | Mygale SJ-09 | Alameda CA | SFR | 58335 | OverBudgetRacin' |
| 5 | 1 | 41 | Ron Wake | FV | 12 | 2:14.319 | Mysterian M4 | Lafayette CA | SFR | 50380 |  |
| JNF | NF | 3 | Blake Tatum | FV | 5 | 2:14.616 | Formula Vee Crusi | Stockton CA | SFR | 121119_: | Read it in the WHEEL |
| JNF | NF | 12 | Michael Bernstein | FF | 1 | 2:08.808 | Piper DF5 | San Ramon CA | SFR | 100211 | Karen Bernstein |
| Not classified |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| JNS | NS | 8 | Andy Paterson | FFT |  |  | Swift | Fallbrook CA | CSCC | 351062 | Picks Racing Engines |
| JNS | NS | 66 | Max Minshull | CF |  |  | Crosslé 35F | Palos Verdes Peninsu | CSCC | 624060 |  |
| JNS | NS | 62 | Mike Callas | FFT |  |  | Swift DB-1 | North Hills CA | CSCC | 519501 |  |
| JNS | NS | 2 | Tom Duncan | CF |  |  | PRS RH02F | "Chico, CA 95926 CA' | SFR | 147849 | Road Runner Racing |
| JNS | NS | 79 | Jim Lynn | CF |  |  | Crossle 35F | Carmichael CA | SFR | 612600 | Edward Towne |
| JNS | NS | 81 | Daniel Wise | CF |  |  | Crossle 25F | Benicia CA | SFR | 336409_: | Scuderia Cowbell Volante |
| JNS | NS | 83 | Brian Forster | FFT |  |  | Tiga FFA77 | Sebastopol ca | SFR | 122369 | Brili Enterprises |
| JNS | NS | 94 | Michael T. Malone | CF |  |  | Van Diemen RF79 | Oakland CA | SFR | 377009 | Margo Malone/OverBudg |


\#2 Nolan Stinger was the lone ITS car. He was able to work on his novice permit.

It's 8 a.m. Saturday morning. The air is crisp. The temperatures are cool. The track is green, and it's a great time to be the first car out on the track. The first trip of the weekend was Group Five, which is affectionately known as Group 5. It does not have any nicknames, such as big bore production, or wings and things, or small bore formula cars. This group is just known as Group 5, but it does offer a variety of classes. The dominant class in the group is either a SMG Mustang or an STU car such as a BMW M3. If you were to give the group a name, I guess the best description would be small bore production based cars.

Wilson Powell drives a STU BMW M3 amongst other things. He took only five laps in qualifying to set the fastest time in the group at 2:02.021 seconds. That placed him 1.629 seconds faster than Roger Eagleton and his SMG Mustang. The next three qualifying positions were occupied by SMG Mustangs, with the order being Andrew Chinnici, Michael Lowe, and Matt Lituchy. Sixth fastest overall was the first of the Miata type cars. Taking the pole position in those cars was David Covin entered as an ITX. Second place amongst the Miata cars was Matthew Wyatt, who entered his Mazda Miata in ITA. Nolan Stinger qualified 10th fastest in an ITS BMW 325I. The only other class represented this weekend was Mauro Pellegrini in his T4 Mazda 3.
The first race after lunch got going at 12:20 p.m. Shortly there after Wilson Powell also got going when the green flag flew. He jumped into the lead and never looked back. Powell made it so the race was boring for anyone who was spectating. He qualified on the pole, led every lap, and set the fastest lap of the race at a 2.02 .621 seconds.
Roger Eagleton, who was the fastest SMG, slid into second place at the start of the race and held that position for the entire 15 laps. Eagleton did all he could to chase down Powell, but try as he did, he still finished 8.752 seconds behind Powell. You had to look back to the fourth place position to see a change in the running order. Michael Lowe fell all the way down to eight position on the first lap. On the second lap, he passed three people and was in fifth place behind Matt Lituchy. And on Lap 3, Lowe made it by Lituchy and held the fourth spot overall until the end of the race. Holding onto the spot would not be a very accurate description of what actually took place. Why? Because in Impound, Lowe was determined to have made avoidable body contact with the ITS car of Nolan Stinger. Lowe was moved to
last overall and received no championship points.
Here recently, the SCCA Stewards have decided that they want to enforce the track limits at Turns 12 and 13 at Thunderhill. As a result, several cars received track limit notifications, including runner-up Roger Eagleton and third place finisher Andrew Chinnichi.

ITX front runner David Covin made only one lap before he realized he had a mechanical issue, pulled into the pits and then paddock. He was in the paddock for a short time before coming back out on track, which is a violation of the rules. As he passed by the Starter stand, he received the black flag and had to retire.
With Covin out the picture, Matthew Singler took the lead of the Miata contingent. The first lap he took over the fifth place position, and had Covin, David Vrane, Michael Lowe, and his sister, Caitlyn Singler behind him.

On the second lap of the race Caitlyn Singler spun in Turn 2, but she continued. She dropped down two positions. Caitlyn had to work hard over the next four laps to get back up to ninth overall. Also, on the second lap, Nuno Goncalves Pedro spun off course in Turn 5, and continued.

Back at the front of the Miata competitors in ITA, Matthew Wyatt made it around the ITA leader, David Vrane on Lap 6. Not only did Vrane lose the lead, he fell back two positions to eighth overall (Matthew Singler passed him also.) Before Vrane got comfortable in the eighth position, on the very next lap, he snatched back the lead of the Miata contingent, displacing Wyatt to seventh overall and SIngler to eighth overall. For the remaining eight laps, Vrane and Wyatt went nose-to-tail. However, they never swapped positions. Vrane took ITA with Wyatt coming in second.
In the meantime, Matthew Singler, who at one point was leading all the Miata cars, fell back to eighth overall. But the good news for him was that he was still first in ITX, which he went on to win. This victory in ITX represents Matthew Singler's second win of his Rookie season. His sister Caitlyn recovered from her spin and came in second place in ITX. She is also a Rookie driver.

Mark Davis won the GTL class uncontested. Mauro Pellegrini won T4 uncontested.


ITX class winner, Rookie Matthew Singler.

\#77 Wilson Powell won both days.

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| 1 | 1 | 77 | Wilson Powell | STU | 15 | $2: 02.621$ | BMW M3 | Danville CA | SFR | 338274 |  |
| 2 | 1 | 11 | Roger Eagleton | SMG | 15 | $2: 03.329$ | Ford Mustang | Burlingame CA | SFR | 415261 | Five Star Property Manag |
| 3 | 2 | 99 | Andrew Chinnici | SMG | 15 | $2: 04.952$ | Ford Mustang | Los Angeles CA | CSCC | 679504 |  |
| 4 | 3 | 30 | Matt Lituchy | SMG | 15 | $2: 09.978$ | Ford Mustang | San Francisco CA | SFR | 669507 |  |
| 5 | 1 | 34 | David Vrane | ITA | 14 | $2: 11.977$ | Mazda Miata | San Jose CA | SFR | 623200 |  |
| 6 | 2 | 71 | Matthew Wyatt | ITA | 14 | $2: 12.538$ | Mazda Miata | San Francisco CA | SFR | 647230 | Yang Chen Commercial R |
| 7 | 1 | 33 | Matthew Singler | ITX | 14 | $2: 12.546$ | Mazda Miata | Red Bluff CA | SFR | 545761 |  |
| 8 | 2 | 66 | Caitlyn Singler | ITX | 14 | $2: 16.663$ | Mazda Miata | Provo UT | SFR | 652640 |  |
| 9 | 3 | 155 | Nuno Goncalves Pedı | ITX | 14 | $2: 15.859$ | Mazda Miata | Half Moon Bay CA | SFR | 478234 |  |
| 10 | 1 | 75 | Mauro Pellegrini | T4 | 14 | $2: 15.031$ | Mazda 3 | Redwood city CA | SFR | 416564 | MP Transportation/Welde |
| 11 | 3 | 55 | Aravind Ramachandr | ITA | 14 | $2: 18.113$ | Mazda Miata | Cupertino CA | SFR | 694910 | A+ Racing |
| 12 | 4 | 43 | Michael Olivier | ITA | 14 | $2: 17.709$ | Honda Civic EX | Santa Rosa CA | SFR | 324980 | The Garland Company |
| 13 | 5 | 44 | Anand Ramachandra | ITA | 14 | $2: 18.069$ | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 694860 | A+ Racing |
| 14 | 4 | 27 | Keith Korth | ITX | 13 | $2: 21.157$ | Mazda Miata | Clovis CA | SFR | 696513 | Lesher Motorsports / Mid |
| 15 | 1 | 29 | Marc Davis | GTL | 12 | $2: 37.988$ | Datsun 1200 | SACRAMENTO CA | SFR | 659130 |  |
| 16 | 4 | 10 | Michael Lowe | SMG | 15 | $2: 07.937$ | Ford Mustang | Hayward CA | SFR | 497261 | M\&L Metals Inc |
| JNF | NF | 54 | David Covin | ITX | 2 | $2: 16.399$ | Mazda Miata | Piedmont CA | SFR | 649280 | Lesher Motorsports |
| JNF | NF | 2 | Nolan Stinger | ITS | 1 | $2: 22.065$ | BMW 325i | Los Gatos CA | SFR | 694191 |  |



Identical twin drivers Aravind and Anand Ramchandran race each other.

Sixteen cars came out for the first qualifying session of the weekend, which was Group 5, which consists of six classes: ITA, ITS, TX, SMG, STU, and T4.

With only one STU car entered, it was going to be interesting to see which car and driver combination was going to set the fast time. Wilson Powell set the fastest lap by more than a second quicker than Roger Eagleton in a SMG Mustang. Eagleton had three other competitors in his class and looked to continue his string of victories dating back to the Western Shootout. ITA was the biggest class in the group, and Matthew Wyatt set the fastest time in that group with a 2:11.833 second lap time. He out-qualified David Vrane, by 1.2 seconds. Fastest amongst the Miata classes was David Covin, who was entered in ITX. His time of 2:11.839 was slightly faster than Wyatt's.
The first race of the day was at 12:20 p.m.. Wilson Powell, who qualified on the pole, fell down to third place on the first lap. Roger Eagleton was there to fill the space that Powell vacated by taking the lead. The third place qualifier Andrew Chinnici took second place. Powell only needed one lap to put Chinnici back into his qualifying position. From Lap Two on, Powell chased after Eagleton until the seventh lap. He caught Eagleton and passed him for the lead. With Powell back in the lead, he spent the next four laps keeping Eagleton behind him. Powell would go on to finish in first place; but the margin
of victory was a scant .090 seconds. Eagleton finished second overall, but first in the SMG class. Andrew Chinnici took third overall and second in SMG. He was over 16 seconds behind Eagleton at the end.
In Group 5, Mazda Miatas run in two classes - ITX and ITA. The difference in car prep is zero. It comes down to the drivers' preference as to which class he/she runs. When you're watching the race, it is hard to tell the difference between an ITX driver and an ITA driver. The reason is they have a tendency to run together, plus they are racing the same type of car. The winner of the Miata group was David Covin. He qualified seventh overall, which was second amongst the Miata contingent. At the start, Covin jumped ahead of Vrane and never looked back. He spent the next 12 laps, making sure that Vrane got smaller and smaller in his rear view mirror. Covin finished 10 seconds ahead of Vrane. He took the ITX class victory over rookie driver Matthew Singler. Don't feel sorry for Vrane, because he was the ITA winner over second place Matthew Wyatt. Vrane finished 16 seconds ahead of Wyatt.

GTL was won by Marc Davis. He had no other cars running in his class. ITS was won by Nolan Stinger, who also had no one else to compete with in his class. Lastly, T4 was won by Mauro Pellegrini, who ran alone in his class.

\#30 Matt Lituchy came in third in SMT.

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| 1 | 1 | 77 | Wilson Powell | STU | 12 | 2:03.958 | BMW M3 | Danville CA | SFR | 338274 |  |
| 2 | 1 | 11 | Roger Eagleton | SMG | 12 | 2:04.946 | Ford Mustang | Burlingame CA | SFR | 415261 | Five Star Property Manag |
| 3 | 2 | 99 | Andrew Chinnici | SMG | 12 | 2:06.290 | Ford Mustang | Los Angeles CA | CSCC | 679504 |  |
| 4 | 3 | 10 | Michael Lowe | SMG | 12 | 2:09.790 | Ford Mustang | Hayward CA | SFR | 497261 | M\&L Metals Inc |
| 5 | 4 | 30 | Matt Lituchy | SMG | 12 | 2:09.718 | Ford Mustang | San Francisco CA | SFR | 669507 |  |
| 6 | 1 | 54 | David Covin | ITX | 12 | 2:13.334 | Mazda Miata | Piedmont CA | SFR | 649280 | Lesher Motorsports |
| 7 | 1 | 34 | David Vrane | ITA | 12 | 2:13.867 | Mazda Miata | San Jose CA | SFR | 623200 |  |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | Nolan Stinger | ITS | 12 | 2:14.203 | BMW 325i | Los Gatos CA | SFR | 694191 |  |
| 9 | 2 | 71 | Matthew Wyatt | ITA | 12 | 2:15.248 | Mazda Miata | San Francisco CA | SFR | 647230 | Yang Chen Commercial R |
| 10 | 2 | 33 | Matthew Singler | ITX | 12 | 2:15.268 | Mazda Miata | Red Bluff CA | SFR | 545761 |  |
| 11 | 3 | 168 | Peter Phung | ITA | 11 | 2:14.775 | Mazda Miata | Daly City CA | SFR | 545337 | Slant I Motorsports/PHU |
| 12 | 4 | 149 | Nadeem Bari | ITA | 11 | 2:16.848 | Mazda Miata | Redondo Beach CA | STL | 294506 |  |
| 13 | 3 | 66 | Caitlyn Singler | ITX | 11 | 2:16.841 | Mazda Miata | Provo UT | SFR | 652640 |  |
| 14 | 5 | 43 | Michael Olivier | ITA | 11 | 2:17.878 | Honda Civic EX | Santa Rosa CA | SFR | 324980 | The Garland Company |
| 15 | 4 | 155 | Nuno Goncalves Pedı | ITX | 11 | 2:16.363 | Mazda Miata | Half Moon Bay CA | SFR | 478234 |  |
| 16 | 6 | 114 | Keira Howard | ITA | 11 | 2:17.666 | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 479084 |  |
| 17 | 1 | 75 | Mauro Pellegrini | T4 | 11 | 2:17.841 | Mazda 3 | Redwood city CA | SFR | 416564 | MP Transportation/Welde |
| 18 | 5 | 27 | Keith Korth | ITX | 11 | 2:18.366 | Mazda Miata | Clovis CA | SFR | 696513 | Lesher Motorsports / Mid |
| 19 | 1 | 29 | Marc Davis | GTL | 10 | 2:32.011 | Datsun 1200 | SACRAMENTO CA | SFR | 659130 |  |
| Not classified |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| JNS | NS | 44 | Anand Ramachandra | ITA |  |  | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 694860 | A+ Racing |
| JNS | NS | 55 | Aravind Ramachandr | ITA |  |  | Mazda Miata | Cupertino CA | SFR | 694910 | A+ Racing |



The race story always begins with qualifying. You have to know where they start to understand where they finished. A field of 23 Spec Racer Fords were on hand to see who was going finish at the front. The field was divided up into three classes, 15 SRF3, seven SRFH, and one SRF.

The contenders for SRF3 were Bill Booth, Greg Hoff, and Umberto MIlletti. This race weekend was Milletti's first appearance with San Francisco Region of the SCCA for the 2023 season. We have yet to see Robert Sachs, who was a main player in the 2022 Regional Championship.

In SRFH the contenders were Michael Woolley, John Sollner, and Robert Brenton. The " H " at the end of the class designation refers to the " H " pattern transmission these cars have as opposed to the (newer) sequential transmission the SRF3 cars have.

With only one SRF car, Jake Woolley was obviously the main contender in that class.

As of late it seems a lot of the racers set a fast time and then come in. Maybe they do not want to put any more wear and tear on their car, or maybe they want to save their tires. Probably both. But in any case, Umberto Milletti was on the track for four laps which is about eight minutes of the 20 minute qualifying session. On the third lap he set his fastest time of 1:59.265. After setting that time he pulled into the paddock and parked the car. This ended up being good enough for the pole position. Greg Hoff was on the track five laps but he set his fastest time on the third lap too. His time was only .014 seconds slower than Milletti's. With the front row set the next question was how the rest of the field was going to line up. Next were Eric Hand and Sean O'Boyle. They set their fastest times on Lap Four and they too only ran half the session. Bill Booth ran the entire session and put in ten laps; but his fastest time was recorded on Lap Three just like Milletti and Hoff. Booth qualified sixth.
The SRF3 guys go to great pains to line-up next to someone they
know is fast. This session points out why they do this. They run faster together, but when their running mate pulls in, there is no need to continue. When Milletti pulled in, Hoff knew going faster was not going to happen. When Hand pulled in, O'Boyle did the same thing. Booth stayed out for the entire session; but set his best time when he was running with Milletti and Hoff.
The 23 cars took the green flag and Milletti grabbed the lead. Hoff fell in behind Milletti, and Hand was in third. But before the group could get into any kind of rhythm, the Safety Car was deployed. John Sollner's disabled car at Turn 9 was considered a hazard. It took three laps to get the field back under green flag conditions. When it did go green, Milletti stayed in the lead, Hoff stayed in second, and Hand was still in third. Bill Booth was the only racer at the front who was making progress up the leader board. Lap Seven O'Boyle bobbled in Turn 11 and fell three positions from fourth to seventh. Booth went off to avoid the bobbling O'Boyle, as did Jacobs. There was some body contact between Booth and Jacobs, but they both continued. Michael Woolley jumped two positions in all of the drama; and now the order was Booth fourth, Woolley fifth, Jacobs sixth, and O'Boyle seventh.
The green flag racing lasted only a couple more laps when the second full course caution came out for the day. But the sneaky Booth managed to pass Hand on the lap for third place before the caution. With the Safety Car deployed for a second time, the Stewards declared the race official and it ended under the caution flag.

Michael Woolley won the SFRH class. His chances of winning greatly increased when Sollner went out on the first lap. The second place SRFH car of Paul Luca was seven places behind Woolley.
Jake Woolley won SRF as he was the only car in the class.
Milletti and Eric Fulkerson both had the closed black flag waved at them for exceeding the track limits at Turn 12. They must have been out of the office when the memo was issued.


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| 1 | 1 | 34 | Umberto Milletti | SRF3 | 12 | 2:00.377 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Francisco CA | SFR | 343482 | Bulldog Motorsports \& In |
| 2 | 2 | 14 | Greg Hoff | SRF3 | 12 | 2:01.274 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Oakland CA | SFR | 437964 | John Cerini / Cornerstone |
| 3 | 3 | 57 | Bill Booth | SRF3 | 12 | 2:02.104 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Cupertino CA | SFR | 336219 | Bulldog Motorsports |
| 4 | 4 | 76 | Eric Hand | SRF3 | 12 | 2:02.324 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Jose CA | SFR | 545935 |  |
| 5 | 1 | 8 | Michael Woolley | SRFH | 12 | 2:02.065 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 497355 | Woolley Brothers and Da' |
| 6 | 5 | 67 | Sean O'Boyle | SRF3 | 12 | 2:01.768 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Francisco CA | SFR | 276755 |  |
| 7 | 6 | 00 | Joshua Jacobs | SRF3 | 12 | 2:02.024 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Houston TX | Hous | 382875 | Flat Out Racing |
| 8 | 7 | 116 | Sean Saint | SRF3 | 12 | 2:03.430 | SCCA Spec Racer I | SAN DIEGO CA | SFR | 670863 | AccelRaceTek |
| 9 | 8 | 49 | Bruce Richardson | SRF3 | 12 | 2:03.073 | SCCA-E Spec Race | Los Gatos CA | SFR | 340127 | Accelracetek |
| 10 | 9 | 66 | Brandon Lewis | SRF3 | 12 | 2:03.670 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Francisco CA | SFR | 436461 | HSE Racing |
| 11 | 10 | 21 | Paul Mantiply | SRF3 | 12 | 2:04.353 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Columbia CA | SFR | 670923 |  |
| 12 | 2 | 83 | Paul Luca | SRFH | 12 | 2:04.504 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Sonoma CA | SFR | 193814 |  |
| 13 | 3 | 12 | Hank Raymond | SRFH | 12 | 2:04.980 | SCCA Spec Ford R | Gardnerville NV | SFR | 404034 | TahoeAutoRepair.com |
| 14 | 11 | 141 | Eric Fulkerson | SRF3 | 12 | 2:03.536 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Walnut Creek CA | SFR | 528732 | Golden State Orthopedics |
| 15 | 12 | 71 | Jerry Aplass | SRF3 | 12 | 2:03.902 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 404463 | Burrell Consulting Group |
| 16 | 13 | 79 | EJ Abed | SRF3 | 12 | 2:04.546 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Mountain View CA | SFR | 695378 |  |
| 17 | 4 | 51 | Robert Breton | SRFH | 12 | 2:06.097 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Ukiah CA | SFR | 149841 | CSR Performance |
| 18 | 5 | 41 | Ken Woolley | SRFH | 12 | 2:07.407 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 150687 | Woolley Brothers and Da' |
| 19 | 14 | 55 | Sam Bhaumik | SRF3 | 12 | 2:10.297 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Mateo CA | SFR | 286954 |  |
| 20 | 15 | 37 | Dean Crowe | SRF3 | 12 | 2:05.919 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Los Gatos CA | SFR | 639565 | Accelracetek |
| 21 | 6 | 24 | David Wright | SRFH | 12 | 2:13.421 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Roseville CA | SFR | 210244 |  |
| 22 | 1 | 33 | Jacob Woolley | SRF | 11 | 2:14.078 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 696278 | Woolley Brothers and Da' |
| JNF | NF | 18 | John Sollner | SRFH |  |  | SCCA Spec Racer I | Sonoma CA | SFR | 648504 | Sollner and Sons Racing |



The fight for the SRFH lead. Michael Woolley \#8 leads \#18 John Sollner out of Turn 1.

The Sunday Qualifying for a lot of the SRF group lasted only three laps. Here again the fast guys lined up together and here again they posted fast times. Umberto Milletti grabbed the pole position, with Bill Booth taking second. Sean O'Boyle was third and Saturday's second place qualifier, Greg Hoff, was all the way down in sixth. The three laps were barely enough time for the group to get any kind of flow going and the lap times were not quite as good as they were on Saturday. For example, Milletti posted a 1:59.265 time on Saturday while on Sunday he did a 2:00.839, roughly a second slower. It is hard to blame the three lap session solely for the cause of the slower lap times, but I suspect it had something to do with it.

In SRFH Michael Woolley qualified first with John Sollner second. Maybe they would get a chance to race each other on Sunday.
The Sunday race got started when the outside temperatures were well past 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature was quite a shock to even the most seasoned Thunderhill veteran, because up until this weekend, people were still raiding the local Walmart for sweatshirts.
Temperatures like this don't really affect the SRFs because they have adequate cooling. It does affect the lap times, and it does affect the drivers, even in a 25 minute race.

The Sunday race beginning was nearly a repeat of Saturdays race beginning. Milletti took the lead, and after one lap there was a full
course caution. This time, the caution was for the disabled car of Sean O'Boyle, who was not having the best of weekends.
After two laps, the track went green again and Milletti maintained his position at the front, followed by Booth. Third place was Fulkerson; and Hoff was fourth, having gained two positions, one because O'Boyle's retirement, and one by getting past Eric Hand.

Hoff and Hand would see their races fall apart shortly after racing resumed. On Lap five, Hoff spun and fell all the way to the back of the packL Hand spun on Lap Seven and fell back to 11th. In the meantime the only movement for the front running car was when a driver had an off. There was no on-track passing.
The race ended with Milletti taking the win over Booth by a large margin. Booth had his mirrors full of Fulkerson but he did maintain his position.

Michael Woolley won the H pattern class. The race between he and John Sollner never materialized, as Sollner was stuck racing with Jerry Aplass. They finished several seconds behind Woolley.

Jacob Woolley finished the race and won the SFR class, and later got his Log Book signed off by Chief Steward Dave Deborde, one more step towards getting his Novice Permit signed off and exchanged for his Competition License.


Umberto Milletti took home two race wins this weekend.

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| 2 | 2 | 57 | Bill Booth | SRF3 | 11 | 2:03.269 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Cupertino CA | SFR | 336219 | Bulldog Motorsports |
| 3 | 3 | 141 | Eric Fulkerson | SRF3 | 11 | 2:03.286 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Walnut Creek CA | SFR | 528732 | Golden State Orthopedics |
| 4 | 4 | 00 | Joshua Jacobs | SRF3 | 11 | 2:02.674 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Houston TX | Hous | 382875 | Flat Out Racing |
| 5 | 1 | 8 | Michael Woolley | SRFH | 11 | 2:03.120 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 497355 | Woolley Brothers and Daı |
| 6 | 5 | 71 | Jerry Aplass | SRF3 | 11 | 2:04.784 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 404463 | Burrell Consulting Group |
| 7 | 2 | 18 | John Sollner | SRFH | 11 | 2:04.347 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Sonoma CA | SFR | 648504 | Sollner and Sons Racing |
| 8 | 6 | 66 | Brandon Lewis | SRF3 | 11 | 2:04.435 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Francisco CA | SFR | 436461 | HSE Racing |
| 9 | 7 | 49 | Bruce Richardson | SRF3 | 11 | 2:04.063 | SCCA-E Spec Race | Los Gatos CA | SFR | 340127 | Accelracetek |
| 10 | 8 | 76 | Eric Hand | SRF3 | 11 | 2:03.643 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Jose CA | SFR | 545935 |  |
| 11 | 9 | 79 | EJ Abed | SRF3 | 11 | 2:04.908 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Mountain View CA | SFR | 695378 |  |
| 12 | 3 | 83 | Paul Luca | SRFH | 11 | 2:04.440 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Sonoma CA | SFR | 193814 |  |
| 13 | 4 | 51 | Robert Breton | SRFH | 11 | 2:05.240 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Ukiah CA | SFR | 149841 | CSR Performance |
| 14 | 10 | 116 | Sean Saint | SRF3 | 11 | 2:04.112 | SCCA Spec Racer I | SAN DIEGO CA | SFR | 670863 | AccelRaceTek |
| 15 | 11 | 37 | Dean Crowe | SRF3 | 11 | 2:04.897 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Los Gatos CA | SFR | 639565 | Accelracetek |
| 16 | 12 | 14 | Greg Hoff | SRF3 | 11 | 2:02.373 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Oakland CA | SFR | 437964 | John Cerini / Cornerstont |
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| 18 | 13 | 21 | Paul Mantiply | SRF3 | 11 | 2:04.943 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Columbia CA | SFR | 670923 |  |
| 19 | 6 | 41 | Ken Woolley | SRFH | 11 | 2:08.353 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 150687 | Woolley Brothers and Daı |
| 20 | 7 | 24 | David Wright | SRFH | 11 | 2:14.139 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Roseville CA | SFR | 210244 |  |
| 21 | 1 | 33 | Jake Woolley | SRF | 11 | 2:14.383 | SCCA Spec Racer I | Newcastle CA | SFR | 696278 | Woolley Brothers and Daı |
| JNF | NF | 67 | Sean O'Boyle | SRF3 | 1 | 2:04.597 | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Francisco CA | SFR | 276755 |  |
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| JNS | NS | 55 | Sam Bhaumik | SRF3 |  |  | SCCA Spec Racer I | San Mateo CA | SFR | 286954 |  |



Greg Hoff and Alan Gjedsted lead the start of the Group 7 race on Saturday

\#36 Joseph Carl and \#195 Daniel Kulas take evasive action at Turn 5.

A large field of 23 Miatas presented themselves for the Saturday morning qualifying session. I say morning, but it was actually 11 a.m. The day was already starting to get hot, and the volunteers were certainly looking forward to the end of the session so they could get a respite from the heat.

Group 7 has three classes competing in it. All the cars are Mazda Miatas, but they are prepared at different levels. The classes include SMT, which runs on a spec Toyo tire. It also has SM, which runs on the spec Hoosier tire that SCCA mandates. Then there is SSM, which is a sealed spec Miata. Sealed means the cars are put on a Dyno and tuned to a certain horsepower.

Qualifying for this group had Greg Hoff return to 2022 form by taking the pole position over Alan Gjedsted by .810 seconds. Third was Jared Korth .867 seconds behind and then Scott Story.
SSM Rookie Driver Matthew Singler took the pole over Daniel Kulas, who is making some really good strides in his pace this year.

The last race of the day on Saturday saw Hoff take the lead into the first turn. Korth fell in behind him with Story taking the last podium position. The three maintained this order until the Safety Car was deployed for David Covin, who was in parked in a hazardous position outside of Turn 11. Gjedsted fell to fourth; but after the restart he grabbed third from Story, and the two spent the next three laps fighting for the last spot on the podium. Unfortunately all good things come to an end, and Gjedsted had a mechanical issue retiring the car on Lap Ten.

The battle at the front was a matter of who would flinch; and with two laps to go, Korth got Hoff to do exactly that. Hoff flinched and Korth took the lead, winning the race by 2.02 seconds. Story took third, but had fallen several seconds back while fighting with Gjedsted.

Matthew Singler took SSM. His race was with cars not in his class, as second place in SSM Malon Brown had the SMT cars of Leeson Grant and Joseph Carl between him and Singler.

\#71 Matthew Wyatt and \#89 Kevin Carter side by side. Wyatt took fifth and Carter was sixth on Saturday.

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| 1 | 1 | 27 | Jared Korth | SMT | 13 | 2:11.347 | Mazda Miata | Clovis CA | SFR | 675789 | Lesher Motorsports / Mid |
| 2 | 2 | 7 | Greg Hoff | SMT | 13 | 2:11.724 | Mazda Miata | Oakland CA | SFR | 437964 | Larry Oka Racing |
| 3 | 3 | 32 | Scott Story | SMT | 13 | 2:13.547 | Mazda Miata | El Dorado Hills CA | SFR | 624903 |  |
| 4 | 4 | 85 | Scott Carter | SMT | 13 | 2:14.066 | Mazda Miata | Suisun City CA | SFR | 177333 | Imports Unlimited |
| 5 | 5 | 71 | Matthew Wyatt | SMT | 13 | 2:13.840 | Mazda Miata | San Francisco CA | SFR | 647230 | Yang Chen Commercial R |
| 6 | 6 | 89 | kevin Carter | SMT | 13 | 2:14.190 | Mazda Miata | Elk Grove CA | SFR | 437616 | Imports Unlimited |
| 7 | 1 | 33 | Matthew Singler | SSM | 13 | 2:14.470 | Mazda Miata | Red Bluff CA | SFR | 545761 |  |
| 8 | 7 | 03 | Leeson Grant | SMT | 13 | 2:14.226 | Mazda Miata | Danville CA | SFR | 404684 | Competition Autowerks |
| 9 | 8 | 36 | Joseph Carl | SMT | 13 | 2:15.156 | Mazda Miata | Santa Cruz CA | SFR | 402223 | Rusty's Repair |
| 10 | 2 | 16 | Malon Brown | SSM | 13 | 2:16.240 | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 610793 | Larry Oka |
| 11 | 3 | 195 | Daniel Kulas | SSM | 13 | 2:17.030 | Mazda Miata | Sunnyvale CA | SFR | 483501 | Larry Oka |
| 12 | 4 | 155 | Nuno Goncalves Pedı | SSM | 13 | 2:16.701 | Mazda Miata | Half Moon Bay CA | SFR | 478234 |  |
| 13 | 9 | 96 | Joan Linehan | SMT | 13 | 2:19.045 | Mazda Miata | Clayton CA | SFR | 445423 | Competition Autowerks |
| 14 | 10 | 8 | Alex Mancano | SMT | 13 | 2:18.814 | Mazda Miata | roseville CA | SFR | 694740 | formula jake |
| 15 | 11 | 44 | Anand Ramachandra | SMT | 13 | 2:19.258 | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 694860 | A+ Racing |
| 16 | 5 | 66 | Caitlyn Singler | SSM | 13 | 2:17.884 | Mazda Miata | Provo UT | SFR | 652640 |  |
| 17 | 6 | 91 | Michael Cheney | SSM | 13 | 2:20.941 | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 695266 | Larry Oka Racing/Valley F |
| 18 | 12 | 55 | Aravind Ramachandr | SMT | 13 | 2:19.269 | Mazda Miata | Cupertino CA | SFR | 694910 | A+ Racing |
| 19 | 7 | 41 | David Samuel | SSM | 13 | 2:26.782 | Mazda Miata | Fresno CA | SFR | 501035 | Larry Oka Racing |
| 20 | 13 | 34 | David Vrane | SMT | 12 | 2:13.714 | Mazda Miata | San Jose CA | SFR | 623200 |  |
| 21 | 14 | 2 | Frederick Greis | SMT | 12 | 2:29.694 | Mazda Miata | Center Moriches NY | NYR | 653804 |  |
| 22 | 15 | 49 | Joel Odelson | SMT | 12 | 2:33.120 | Mazda Miata | LIVERMORE CA | SFR | 672613 |  |
| 23 | 8 | 76 | Andy Goldberg | SSM | 12 | 2:36.001 | Mazda Miata | San Jose CA | SFR | 547914 | Gallery Framing |
| 24 | 16 | 14 | Alan Gjedsted | SMT | 11 | 2:12.787 | Mazda Miata | San Francisco CA | SFR | 402683 | Larry Oka Racing |
| 25 | 17 | 20 | David Mccoy | SMT | 11 | 2:26.318 | Mazda Miata |  | SFR | 655391 | A+ Racing |
| 26 | 9 | 31 | Bruce Burch | SSM | 11 | 2:41.496 | Mazda Miata | Kane'ohe HI | HI | 663416 | MCM Motorsports Race R |
| JNF | NF | 54 | David Covin | SMT | 4 | 2:15.573 | Mazda Miata | Piedmont CA | SFR | 649280 | Lesher Motorsports |
| JNF | NF | 09 | Nadeem Bari | SMT | 3 | 2:22.188 | Mazda Miata | Redondo Beach CA | STL | 294506 |  |
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| JNS | NS | 168 | Peter Phung | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | Daly City CA | SFR | 545337 | Slant I Motorsports/PHUT |


\#7 Greg Hoff leads \#27 Jared Korth down the front straight.

Group 7 was the last qualifying session of the morning. Twenty-three cars all fed out onto the track for their 20 minute qualifying session. Polesitter Kevin Carter used only eight minutes of that 20 to establish his best time of 2:11.485 seconds. Greg Hoff, who spent five laps around the track, qualified second, but his fastest lap was Lap Two at 2:11.65 seconds. Jared Korth qualified third with a $2: 11.893$ seconds. By the last qualifying session of Sunday morning, the stewards were having a heyday with the track limits issue. David Covin ended up having his fast time eliminated for exceeding the track limits, as did Michael Cheney. Like I said earlier, someone missed the memo.
Fastest among the SSM cars was Matthew Singler. He outperformed Malon Brown by .9 seconds. Daniel Kulas qualified third in SSM.

The 23 car field took the green flag with Greg Hoff jumping into the lead over Kevin Carter. Third place was Jared Korth, followed by Scott Story in fourth. Hoff maintained the lead for five laps; but on Lap Six, he inexplicably fell to fourth position, and was only able to recover one of those spots by the end of the race to finish third. The sixth lap saw the demise of Kevin Carter, who qualified on the pole. He fell to fifth by Lap Five and saw him retire on Lap Six. This left an opening
for Korth. He took it advantage of Hoff's and Carter's misfortune, and took over the lead on Lap Six. David Covin, who had suffered the wrath of track limits in qualifying, was busy moving up the order; and by the time Hoff and Carter exited, he was in second place. With Covin in second place, has set his sights on Korth, who has several car lengths ahead. Covin reeled off three laps in the 2:13 second range, while Korth was setting down times in the 2:14 range. It looked as though Covin was going to give Korth a serious challenge for the win; however, on Lap Nine, Covin was held up and his lap of 2:15 compared to Korth's 2:14 saw him fall back. The race ended with Korth taking the win by 1.4 seconds over Covin.
Scott Story had a good race, finishing Fourth; and Joseph Carl moved up three positions to finish fifth.

Rookie driver Matthew Singler took advantage of the fastest posted time in SSM, beating Malon Brown in the class. Brown was behind Singler on the track, but a good 20 seconds further off his pace. Third place in SSM was Caitlyn Singler, who is also a Rookie driver. She finished behind her brother, but I am sure she will have her day.

\#76 Andy Goldberg enters turn 11 with Anand Ramachandran chasing him

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| 1 | 1 | 27 | Jared Korth | SMT | 12 | 2:12.993 | Mazda Miata | Clovis CA | SFR | 675789 | Lesher Motorsports / Mid |
| 2 | 2 | 54 | David Covin | SMT | 12 | 2:13.232 | Mazda Miata | Piedmont CA | SFR | 649280 | Lesher Motorsports |
| 3 | 3 | 7 | Greg Hoff | SMT | 12 | 2:13.007 | Mazda Miata | Oakland CA | SFR | 437964 | Larry Oka Racing |
| 4 | 4 | 32 | Scott Story | SMT | 12 | 2:13.283 | Mazda Miata | El Dorado Hills CA | SFR | 624903 |  |
| 5 | 5 | 36 | Joseph Carl | SMT | 12 | 2:13.893 | Mazda Miata | Santa Cruz CA | SFR | 402223 | Rusty's Repair |
| 6 | 6 | 85 | Scott Carter | SMT | 12 | 2:14.632 | Mazda Miata | Suisun City CA | SFR | 177333 | Imports Unlimited |
| 7 | 7 | 34 | David Vrane | SMT | 12 | 2:15.049 | Mazda Miata | San Jose CA | SFR | 623200 |  |
| 8 | 8 | 71 | Matthew Wyatt | SMT | 12 | 2:14.900 | Mazda Miata | San Francisco CA | SFR | 647230 | Yang Chen Commercial R |
| 9 | 1 | 33 | Matthew Singler | SSM | 12 | 2:15.272 | Mazda Miata | Red Bluff CA | SFR | 545761 |  |
| 10 | 2 | 16 | Malon Brown | SSM | 12 | 2:16.529 | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 610793 | Larry Oka |
| 11 | 3 | 66 | Caitlyn Singler | SSM | 12 | 2:16.780 | Mazda Miata | Provo UT | SFR | 652640 |  |
| 12 | 9 | 149 | Nadeem Bari | SMT | 12 | 2:17.103 | Mazda Miata | Redondo Beach CA | STL | 294506 |  |
| 13 | 10 | 8 | Alex Mancano | SMT | 12 | 2:16.990 | Mazda Miata | roseville CA | SFR | 694740 | formula jake |
| 14 | 11 | 114 | Keira Howard | SMT | 12 | 2:19.177 | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 479084 |  |
| 15 | 4 | 91 | Michael Cheney | SSM | 12 | 2:18.606 | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 695266 | Larry Oka Racing/Valley F |
| 16 | 5 | 155 | Nuno Goncalves Pedı | SSM | 12 | 2:17.355 | Mazda Miata | Half Moon Bay CA | SFR | 478234 |  |
| 17 | 6 | 195 | Daniel Kulas | SSM | 12 | 2:16.573 | Mazda Miata | Sunnyvale CA | SFR | 483501 | Larry Oka |
| 18 | 7 | 41 | David Samuel | SSM | 11 | 2:28.428 | Mazda Miata | Fresno CA | SFR | 501035 | Larry Oka Racing |
| 19 | 12 | 2 | Frederick Greis | SMT | 11 | 2:28.079 | Mazda Miata | Center Moriches NY | NYR | 653804 |  |
| 20 | 8 | 76 | Andy Goldberg | SSM | 10 | 2:39.385 | Mazda Miata | San Jose CA | SFR | 547914 | Gallery Framing |
| 21 | 9 | 31 | Bruce Burch | SSM | 10 | 2:43.521 | Mazda Miata | Kane'ohe HI | HI | 663416 | MCM Motorsports Race R |
| 22 | 13 | 89 | kevin Carter | SMT | 6 | 2:13.004 | Mazda Miata | Elk Grove CA | SFR | 437616 | Imports Unlimited |
| JNF | NF | 29 | David Mccoy | SMT | 5 | 2:28.271 | Mazda Miata | Modesto CA | SFR | 655391 | A+ Racing |
| Not classified |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| JNS | NS | 03 | Leeson Grant | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | Danville CA | SFR | 404684 | Competition Autowerks |
| JNS | NS | 14 | Alan Gjedsted | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | San Francisco CA | SFR | 402683 | Larry Oka Racing |
| JNS | NS | 44 | Anand Ramachandra | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | Pleasanton CA | SFR | 694860 | A+ Racing |
| JNS | NS | 49 | Joel Odelson | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | LIVERMORE CA | SFR | 672613 |  |
| JNS | NS | 55 | Aravind Ramachandr. | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | Cupertino CA | SFR | 694910 | A+ Racing |
| JNS | NS | 96 | Joan Linehan | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | Clayton CA | SFR | 445423 | Competition Autowerks |
| JNS | NS | 168 | Peter Phung | SMT |  |  | Mazda Miata | Daly City CA | SFR | 545337 | Slant I Motorsports/PHUN |


\#5 Martin Lauber has \#4 Nicolas Colyvas stalking him. Colyvas came in fifth on Saturday and fifth on Sunday.

The Cross Flow Cup made its San Francisco region debut this weekend. What a debut, with 27 entries lined up for the first qualifying session.

The Cross Flow Cup is a group of racers that race vintage Formula Fords, 1972 to 1982 eligible, and they run based on 2016 Monoposto Rules for Formula Ford. The idea behind the group is to have fun racing FF, where camaraderie and sportsmanship take precedence over winning.

Obviously, this is a very popular combination of clean, affordable racing that has brought back names from the past. Looking at the entry list, you see guys like Bob, Lesnett, Brian Forster, and Neil Porter entered. These are guys were involved in Formula Ford racing in its heyday, which was the late 70s through early 90s. And there were even more familiar faces amongst the crews of these fine vintage machines. it was like the good old days of SFR FF racing.
Speaking of names from the past, fastest qualifier in the group was none other than Bob Lesnett. He out-qualified Art Hebert by a scant .38 seconds. Another .1 of a second behind Hebert was series founder, Andrew Wait.

The group is divided into two classes, Vintage Club Ford and Vintage Formula Ford. The vintage Formula Fords are cars built before 1972 and the Club Fords are cars built up to 1982.
The inaugural Cross Flow Cup race with the San Francisco region had a $2: 35$ p.m. start time, so, by that time of the day, it was very hot. Even hotter was the pace that the front row brought to the 27 car field down the front straight for the start of the race. The pace initially appeared to be a problem with the starter; however the real problem was a car spun in Turn 14, and it was positioned in a hazardous spot. Not knowing if the car would be cleared by the time the field came around, the start of the race start had to be aborted.

The second lap around the field got the green flag. Bob Lesnett took the initial lead with second place qualifier Andrew Wait dropping down to fifth position. Steve Romak took second and Nicholas Colyvas was in third. Fourth was Martin Lauber. The top five started pulling
away from sixth place Neil Porter. Four laps of nose to tail racing ensued. Wait passed two cars on the second lap, and was feeling the heat from the exhaust of Romak. On the third lap, as the top group came to Turn Five, Martin Lauber had an issue. He pulled over to the drivers right hand side of the exit and stopped his car. This created a hazardous situation, and the Safety Car had to come out. The cleanup of Lauber's car lasted a lap and a half, and on Lap Seven the field got the green flag. It was now a three-lap sprint to the finish that had Wait close enough to see how much fluid was in the overflow tank of Lesnett's car. Wait had Romac equally close. The three cars held station and on the last lap down the front street Wait had a run on Lesnett. The two cars passed the start finish flag stand with Lesnett about a half a car length ahead. While it appeared Lesnett had failed to remember that the timing loop was another 30 feet past the start finish stand, not so. He said afterwards his car just didn't have the steam to hold back Wait, who pulled into the lead and crossed the timing stripe first...just barely.
If you're feeling bad for Lesnett, you can stop. Because Wait was driving a vintage Formula Ford, and Lesnett had a vintage Club Ford, they both won their respective races. Wait just won overall.
Neil Porter came in fourth place and second in Vintage Club Ford. Nicolas Colyvas fell from third to fifth. Hard Charger of the race was Brian Swanson, who started at the very back of the field, due to transponder issues.
The timing loop - appropriately designated by a broad checkered flag stripe - is one of the little idiosyncrasies about Thunderhill Raceway Park. I have been to numerous drivers schools and drivers meetings where it has been pointed out that the race is not over until your car passes the timing loop. Think of it as ground rules at a baseball diamond. Each professional baseball diamond has rules as to what is considered a home run, what is considered a ball in play, and what happens if a ball gets stuck somewhere. For example, at Wrigley Field the outfield wall is lined with lvy. If the ball rolls up and gets stuck in that ivy, play is stopped and the base runner is given the next available base.

\#7 Brian Swanson overcame transponder issues to win the Vintage CF race on Sunday.

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| 1 | 1 | 23 | Andrew Wait | VFF | 9 | 2:00.717 | Titan Mk 6 | Greenbrae CA | SFR | 489401 | John Anderson Racing |
| 2 | 1 | 10 | Bob Lesnett | VCF | 9 | 2:01.041 | Crossle 32F | Novato CA |  |  | Lesnett Motorsports |
| 3 | 2 | 19 | Steve Romak | VFF | 9 | 2:00.526 | Titan MK 6 | Benicia CA | SFR | 237579 |  |
| 4 | 2 | 56 | Neil Porter | VCF | 9 | 2:00.908 | Ford Crossle' 35 | Merced CA | SFR | 79330 | Porter Racing / Pacific CrI |
| 5 | 3 | 4 | Nicholas Colyvas | VFF | 9 | 2:02.441 | Ford Titan Mark 4 | San Francisco CA | SFR | 320083 |  |
| 6 | 4 | 8 | William Jackson | VFF | 9 | 2:02.527 | Titan MK6 | Santa Barbara CA | CSCC | 496399 |  |
| 7 | 3 | 7 | Brian Swanson | VCF | 9 | 2:01.435 | Van Diemen RF80 | Petaluma CA | SFR | 264046 |  |
| 8 | 5 | 119 | Tim Monahan | VFF | 9 | 2:02.619 | Titan Mark 6 | Pacific Palisades CA |  | 320054 -1 | na |
| 9 | 4 | 83 | Brian Forster | VCF | 9 | 2:02.173 | Tiga FFA77 | Sebastopol ca | SFR | 122369 | Brili Enterprises |
| 10 | 5 | 2 | Tom Duncan | VCF | 9 | 2:02.253 | PRS RH02F | "Chico, CA 95926 CA' | SFR | 147849 | Road Runner Racing |
| 11 | 6 | 12 | John Plavan Jr. | VCF | 9 | 2:04.278 | Ford Crossle 30F | Park City UT | SanD | 323075 |  |
| 12 | 7 | 66 | Max Minshull | VCF | 9 | 2:03.004 | Crosslé 35F | Palos Verdes Peninsu | CSCC | 624060 |  |
| 13 | 6 | 17 | Jack Wilson | VFF | 9 | 2:03.569 | Winkelman WDF3 | San Francisco CA |  |  | None |
| 14 | 7 | 72 | Chris Schoap | VFF | 9 | 2:04.953 | Titan Mark VI | Eugene OR |  |  |  |
| 15 | 8 | 98 | Eric Verdin | VFF | 9 | 2:03.352 | Ford Titan MK6 | Mill Valley CA |  |  |  |
| 16 | 8 | 79 | Jim Lynn | VCF | 9 | 2:08.941 | Crossle 35F | Carmichael CA | SFR | 612600 | Edward Towne |
| 17 | 9 | 81 | Daniel Wise | VCF | 9 | 2:09.907 | Crossle 25F | Benicia CA | SFR | 336409_1 | Scuderia Cowbell Volante |
| 18 | 10 | 77 | Tom Minnich | VCF | 9 | 2:09.589 | Ford Tiga | Pebble Beach CA | SFR | 360627 | SRS |
| 19 | 11 | 94 | Michael T. Malone | VCF | 9 | 2:11.246 | Van Diemen RF79 | Oakland CA | SFR | 377009 | Margo Malone/OverBudg |
| 20 | 12 | 175 | Alan Dezzani | VCF | 9 | 2:11.083 | Royale RP-24 | Santa Clara CA | SFR | 77851 | DezzaniDigitalArt.com |
| 21 | 13 | 6 | Mark Keller | VCF | 9 | 2:09.851 | Crossle 45f | Snohomish WA | Nwst |  | Blackjack Racing |
| 22 | 9 | 61 | Jonathan Kitchen | VFF | 9 | 2:12.147 | Lotus 61 | San Francisco CA | SFR | 462939 |  |
| 23 | 10 | 05 | David Sandlin | VFF | 9 | 2:13.932 | Titan MK 6 | San Jose CA | SFR | 476630 |  |
| 24 | 11 | 68 | Art Hebert | VFF | 8 | 2:00.891 | Ford Titan Mk. 6 | Larkspur CA | SFR |  | Motorsports Market |
| JNF | NF | 5 | Martin Lauber | VFF | 3 | 2:01.755 | Titan Mk6a | Tiburon CA | SFR | 344661 |  |
| JNF | NF | 73 | Alex Dodd | VCF | 1 | 2:56.830 | Crossle 16/20F | Sonoma CA | SFR | 706823 |  |
| JNF | NF | 14 | Edward VanTassel | VFF |  |  | Titan Mk6 | Klamath Falls OR |  |  |  |


\#79 Jim Lynn and \#94 Michael Malone fight for position.

\#23 Andrew Wait tries to get around \#61 Jonathan Kitchen.

The Sunday morning qualifying session for the Cross Flow Cup saw Andrew Wait take the pole with a time of 1:59.783. Wait set his best time on Lap Two. Art Hebert took second place, which was the same position in which he qualified on Saturday. The front row was represented by two vintage Formula Fords, and both drivers ran Titan MK6 race cars. The fastest of the Club Ford drivers was Brian Swanson, who qualified fourth with a lap time of 2:00.804 seconds. Swanson was driving a Van Diemen RF80. He was also reeling from the Saturday qualifying session where his transponder was not working. Saturday's polesitter, Bob Lesnett, qualified 21st overall with a lap time of 2:09.119 seconds. This was 10 seconds slower than his qualifying time during the Saturday session. He only turned in one lap during the Sunday qualifying session. The third place finisher from Saturday, Steve Romak, did not post a time.
Sunday race day was even hotter than Saturday. These cars do not like the heat on top. On top of that, a 30 minute race is cutting it close for a lot of these cars, because the fuel tanks are not big enough. Because of the heat and the fuel issue, the Sunday race was shortened to 20 minutes at the request of the Cross Flow Cup competitors
The Sunday race got off to a good start with only one pace lap. Andrew Wait took the initial lead and held off Art Hebert for seven
laps. Slotted into third position was Nicholas Colyvas. All of the top three were in a vintage FFs. Fourth was Brian Swanson and first in the Vintage Club Ford class. On Lap Four Swanson got around Colyvas and had visions of an overall victory since he had the more modern car which theoretically would be faster. But Hebert and Wait are both very experienced vintage FF drivers, plus their equipment lacks nothing.

You could tell that Wait and Hebert were used to running with each other. They mirrored each other's moves on every corner with either one looking to seize an advantage. That advantage came Hebert's way on Lap Eight. He got a good run on Wait out of Turn 15 and made the pass for the lead going into Turn 1. Wait was looking for the over and under pass; however, he just did not have enough momentum. The top three were now Hebert, Wait, and Swanson. They held station for the rest of the race, but that does not tell the whole story. Both Wait and Swanson tried everything they could to get around Hebert, but Hebert drove a clean race. He was barely able to keep Wait behind him as the margin of victory was .064 seconds. Swanson finished a whopping .79 seconds behind (sarcasm.) Fourth place was Neil Porter and fifth was Nicholas Colyvas.

\#68 Art Herbert won the Sunday Race in Vintage FF.

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| 1 | 1 | 68 | Art Hebert | VFF | 10 | 1:59.933 | Ford Titan Mk. 6 | Larkspur CA | SFR |  | Motorsports Market |
| 2 | 2 | 23 | Andrew Wait | VFF | 10 | 2:00.485 | Titan Mk 6 | Greenbrae CA | SFR | 489401 | John Anderson Racing |
| 3 | 1 | 7 | Brian Swanson | VCF | 10 | 2:01.085 | Van Diemen RF80 | Petaluma CA | SFR | 264046 |  |
| 4 | 2 | 56 | Neil Porter | VCF | 10 | 2:01.638 | Ford Crossle' 35 | Merced CA | SFR | 79330 | Porter Racing / Pacific Crı |
| 5 | 3 | 4 | Nicholas Colyvas | VFF | 10 | 2:01.363 | Ford Titan Mark 4 | San Francisco CA | SFR | 320083 |  |
| 6 | 4 | 8 | William Jackson | VFF | 10 | 2:01.748 | Titan MK6 | Santa Barbara CA | CSCC | 496399 |  |
| 7 | 3 | 10 | Bob Lesnett | VCF | 10 | 2:01.920 | Crossle 32F | Novato CA |  |  | Lesnett Motorsports |
| 8 | 4 | 83 | Brian Forster | VCF | 10 | 2:03.237 | Tiga FFA77 | Sebastopol ca | SFR | 122369 | Brili Enterprises |
| 9 | 5 | 2 | Tom Duncan | VCF | 10 | 2:02.458 | PRS RH02F | "Chico, CA 95926 CA' | SFR | 147849 | Road Runner Racing |
| 10 | 5 | 14 | Edward VanTassel | VFF | 10 | 2:03.596 | Titan Mk6 | Klamath Falls OR |  |  |  |
| 11 | 6 | 12 | John Plavan Jr. | VCF | 10 | 2:04.441 | Ford Crossle 30F | Park City UT | SanD | 323075 |  |
| 12 | 6 | 17 | Jack Wilson | VFF | 10 | 2:05.132 | Winkelman WDF3 | San Francisco CA |  |  | None |
| 13 | 7 | 72 | Chris Schoap | VFF | 10 | 2:05.484 | Titan Mark VI | Eugene OR |  |  |  |
| 14 | 8 | 98 | Eric Verdin | VFF | 10 | 2:06.749 | Ford Titan MK6 | Mill Valley CA |  |  |  |
| 15 | 7 | 6 | Mark Keller | VCF | 10 | 2:08.529 | Crossle 45f | Snohomish WA | Nwst |  | Blackjack Racing |
| 16 | 8 | 77 | Tom Minnich | VCF | 10 | 2:08.558 | Ford Tiga | Pebble Beach CA | SFR | 360627 | SRS |
| 17 | 9 | 175 | Alan Dezzani | VCF | 10 | 2:08.518 | Royale RP-24 | Santa Clara CA | SFR | 77851 | DezzaniDigitalArt.com |
| 18 | 10 | 79 | Jim Lynn | VCF | 10 | 2:08.358 | Crossle 35F | Carmichael CA | SFR | 612600 | Edward Towne |
| 19 | 11 | 81 | Daniel Wise | VCF | 10 | 2:07.714 | Crossle 25F | Benicia CA | SFR | 336409_: | Scuderia Cowbell Volante |
| 20 | 12 | 73 | Alex Dodd | VCF | 10 | 2:09.146 | Crossle 16/20F | Sonoma CA | SFR | 706823 |  |
| 21 | 13 | 66 | Max Minshull | VCF | 9 | 2:11.976 | Crosslé 35F | Palos Verdes Peninsu | CSCC | 624060 |  |
| 22 | 9 | 05 | David Sandlin | VFF | 8 | 2:13.534 | Titan MK 6 | San Jose CA | SFR | 476630 |  |
| JNF | NF | 119 | Tim Monahan | VFF | 1 | 2:11.158 | Titan Mark 6 | Pacific Palisades CA |  | 320054 -1 | na |
| Not classified |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| JNS | NS | 5 | Martin Lauber | VFF |  |  | Titan Mk6a | Tiburon CA | SFR | 344661 |  |
| JNS | NS | 61 | Jonathan Kitchen | VFF |  |  | Lotus 61 | San Francisco CA | SFR | 462939 |  |
| JNS | NS | 94 | Michael T. Malone | VCF |  |  | Van Diemen RF79 | Oakland CA | SFR | 377009 | Margo Malone/OverBudgr |
| JNS | NS | 19 | Steve Romak | VFF |  |  | Titan MK 6 | Benicia CA | SFR | 237579 |  |

## Regional 7 \& 8 Conclusion

There were two very valuable commodities this race weekend: Water/ Ice and Shade. One was a valued and welcome supply and we ran out of the other.

The addition of the Crossflow Cup added a nice change of pace for our racing community. These racers have nicely prepared cars and put on a great show. Having them all paddock together was cool because you could walk around and see their cars in one area of the paddock. And it was nice seeing so many familiar and friendly faces among their competitors and crews.

As Sunday unfolded, you could see the heat was taking its toll. The
grids were getting smaller as the temperature was getting higher.
You had to feel sorry for all of the volunteers. The Grid people only had a small canopy to fend off the heat. The Tech workers had little in the way of shady areas. The corner workers were stationed under the thin plywood roof of their flagging box. But the guy I felt for the most was Eric Diamond. He was the lone pit fire volunteer. Eric had no protection from the sun, plus he had to wear the heavy fire jacket that the pit fire guys wear. Even though he had to be uncomfortable, he greeted every group with a thumbs up as they entered the track for their race. Thank you Eric!

# That Races That Never Happened: Regional 9 and 10 

Regional Races 9 and 10 were going to be the region's biggest race since the Runoffs came to the West Coast. Weathertech Raceway at Laguna Seca had just been repaved. We were going to be the first racing organization on the new surface. More than 240 entries were poised to try out the new ribbon of asphalt.
The region set the schedule up so that the weekend included a free test day on Friday, before the racing began on the weekend. The test day was set up so everyone was running with his/her run group. The day started out with people discovering the track had less grip than anticipated; but they were looking forward to the track rubbering up and unleashing some fabulous lap times.

The anticipation level for this weekend was so high Friday morning that the track limit was reached during a morning session. The maximum amount of drivers allowed per track length was reached, and no new cars could enter the course until another car exited. When did that ever happen recently?
Another 'first' on Friday was lack of body (car vs car) contacts. There were none!

Just as the schedule was about to get through the second round of
sessions for all the groups, the FA car of Rod Rice lost a motor. The motor went up with a big explosion, causing the body work of his beautiful Stohr F1000 car to catch fire.

Rice had to stop the car and jump out as the flames were engulfing all of the bodywork. He stopped the car on the flat area between Turns Seven and Eight. The fire crew responded and put out the fire.
Rice escaped without any injury. The car was badly damaged. In addition to the car, the track suffered some damage and Granite Construction had to be summoned to make a repair. They did a great job, but in the meantime the County of Monterey caught wind of the incident. They responded to the track first thing Saturday morning and shut us down.

So 244 racers had to go home. Millions of dollars were spent by the racers to attend the race. All of that was gone! Shops lost money, the volunteers were out hotel and transportation costs, and the region was out several thousand dollars.

The Irony was that four days later the track allowed motorcycles on the track for a threeOday professional!


Group 4 lines up to go on the track. They never made it.


## SFR Solo II

## Round 7

The largest number of competitors so far this year came out for Round 7 of the SF Region's Solo II Championship Series, which was held on June 17, 2023, at Crows Landing. One-hundred fifteen drivers took to the course designed by Ben Martinez, with the event co-chaired by Brenda Barnes and Gordon White.


Justin Bowen led the AS group in a 2014 Porsche Cayman S. He was followed by Darren Shortes in a '02 Chevrolet Corvette Z06,
while Edwin Garcia rounded out third in a '18 Mercedes Benz GTR.
The DS group saw Dhiraj Jadhav take first place in a '22 Subaru BRZ. Cody Mountjoy, in a ' 23 GR Corolla, came in second, with Ed Runnion taking the last podium spot in a ' 22 BRZ. The rest of DS included Andy Mathers, Christopher Smith, Craig Boyle, Micheal Scott, Jose Fait, Saurabh Kulkarni, Ryan Nguyen, and Jeromy Quach. Rebecca West ran uncontested in DS-L in a '17 Toyota 86.

The Solo Spec Coupe class was led by John Subosits in a '13 Subaru BRZ. Glenn Austin took second in a '14 BRZ, while Bill Charron finished third in a'15 BRZ. Dawn Danton and Eric Martin rounded out the rest of SSC.
Mark Lewis, in a '20 Mazda MX5, took first place in STR. Nipping closely


Isaiah Cruz takes his widebody 2017 Toyota 86 through the course at his heels was Praneil Prasad in a '97 BMW M3. Arvind Govindaraj took the last podium spot in a '20 MX5. The rest of STR included Rich Lee, Erik Acks, Glen Anderson, Philip Ma, Kevin Bui, Dennis Quilantang, Matt Francavilla, Megan Anderson, Jarrett Isaacson, Joey Zhu, Kevin Quach, Andrew Santos, and Ahmed Shmara. Connie Lu ran uncontested in STR-L in a '97 M3.
Justin and Mack Tsang finished one-two, respectively, in STU in a '06 Subaru STI. Steve McLaughlin rounded out third in a '07 Nissan 350Z. Paul Tibbals and Jeremy Eaton rounded out the rest of STU.
Teddie Alexandrova ran uncontested in STX in a '15 BRZ.
Rob Luis led the Classic American Muscle group in a '19 Chevrolet Camaro. Hal Dorton, in a '17 Ford Mustang GTPP, came in second, while Gordon White finished third in a ' 23 Mustang GT. The rest of CAM included James Way, Leon Weinroth, Greg Back, and Bret Treece. Danielle Whitehead ran uncontested in CAM-L in a ' 23 Mustang GT.
The Modifieds group saw Ben Martinez take the top spot in a ' 84 Van Diemen RF84. Boris Vujasinovic took second in a '95 RD, with Sy Danton finishing third in a ' 84 Ford Van Diemen. Maurice Velandia, Ryan Cirillo, Sean Velandia, Michael Lella, and Dennis Losher rounded out the rest of Modifieds. Alex Kang ran uncontested in M-L in a '84 Van Diemen.

Nicholas Young led the Novice class in a ' 22 Hyundai Elantra N. He was closely followed by Caden Farley in a '16 BMW M4. Eric Zhao rounded out third in a ' 14 Ford Fiesta ST. The rest of the Novice class included Kris Hicks, Bryan Rivera, Vin Narayan, Nathan Louie, Jonathan Fung, Thomas Perales, Gavin Flint, Donald Wright, Nikunj Chokshi, and Terry Dalziel.

Lisa and Eric Gnesa took first and second, respectively, in the Prepared class in a '09 Porsche Cayman S. James Leano, in a '90 Miata, took the last podium spot. Derek Boyd and Brandon Flowers rounded out the rest of the Prepared class.
Eric Lam, in a ' 15 Porsche GT3, finished in first place in S1. He was followed by Derek Punch in a '20 Porsche GT4, with Alex Ottoboni rounding out third in a '18 Tesla 3.
The S2 class was led by Zach Heidepriem in a ' 11 BMW M3. Gary Fazekas, in a ' 22 Mustang, finished in second place, while Rich Bishop took third in a 17 BMW M240ix. John Osgood rounded out the
 rest of S2.

Bret Treece in a 1966 Chevelle
Eric Nielsen ran uncontested in S3 in a '99 Miata.
Kaustav Acharya, in a ' 22 Volkswagen GTI, took the top spot in S4. James West took second in a ' 20 Honda Civic Si, with Rob Krider rounding out third in a ' 18 Honda Civic Sport. The rest of S4 included James Rowney, Samuel Galindo and Al Andersen. Kristen Acharya took the top spot in S4-L over Kristen Barnes. Acharya was in a '22 GTI while Barnes was in a ' 13 Mini Cooper Coupe.

Matt Ales led the SMP class in a '11 BMW M3. He was followed by Scott Mullens in a ' 16 MX5, with Cliff Fong taking third in a ' 93 Honda Civic. Jaime Mendoza, David Chau, Darrell Moskowitz, Arie Villasol, Frank Perez and Isaiah Cruz rounded out the rest of SMP.

## ST2, STM, XS

Todd Winstanley led the ST2 class in a '91 Miata. He was closely followed by Wyatt Taylor in a ' 90 Miata, while Shaun Luis rounded out third in a '97 Miata. The rest of ST2 included Brenna Comacchio and Tristen Wu.

Phil Castro and Christian Mesina took first and second, respectively, in STM. Castro was in a ' 15 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X, while Mesina was in a '03 Lancer Evo 8.

Jake Obniski, in a '07 Lotus Exige, finished in first place in the XS class. Hot on his heels was Andrew Vo in a '05 Lotus Elise, with Khoa Cao rounding out third in a '07 Honda S2000. Kelly Prior and Jason Hammond rounded out the rest of the class.


Edwin Garcia pilots his 2018 Mercedes Benz GTR around the course

## Round 8

Round 8 of the SFR Solo II championship series was attended by 98 drivers on June 18, 2023, at Crows Landing. The event was co-chaired by Gordon White and Brenda Barnes, with the course designed by Ben Martinez.

in second, while Boris Vujasinovic took third in a '95 RD. The rest of Mods included Sy Danton, Douglas Hargrove and Sean Velandia. Alex Kang ran uncontested in M-Ladies in a ' 84 Van Diemen.

Kris Hicks took the top spot in the large Novice contingent in a '12 Mini Cooper S. Brandon Williams and Coby Hartman finished second and third, respectively, both driving ' 91 Mazda Miatas. Micheal Lane, Jerry Wong, Tiffany Dao, Calvin Le, Chris Rosier, Donald Wright, Yagiz Savas, Terry Dalziel, Clark Zhang, Harald Jiang, Zachary Tanner, David McLaren and Yulin Liu rounded out the rest of the Novice class.


Darrell Moskowitz in a 1994 Honda Prelude
Eric and Lisa Gnesa finish first and second, respectively, in Preps class in a '09 Porsche Cayman S. James Laeno rounded out third in a '90 Miata. The rest of Preps included Derek Boyd, Darrel Lunge, Dwayne Komush and Brandon Flowers.

Derek Punch eeked out first place in S1 in a '20 Porsche GT4. Eric Lam finished second in a '15 Porsche GT3.
Gary Fazekas handily took the top spot in S2 in a ' 22 Ford Mustang. John Osgood took second place in a '13 Cadillac CTS-V.


Brandon Flowers in a 1984 Ford Thunderbird
Danee Kenyon, in a ' 16 Miata, took the top spot in S3. Levon Samvelyan finished in second place in a '02 Toyota MR2 Spyder.

James Rowney led the hot hatch contingent in S 4 in a ' 22 Volkswagen GTI. Christopher Smith, in a '21 Honda Civic Type R, finished in second place, with Gracie Smith rounding out third in a ' 15 Ford Fiesta ST. The rest of S4 included Sean Murray and D P. Kristen Barnes led co-driver Danielle Whitehead in S4-L. They shared seat time in a '13 Mini Cooper

Coupe.
Matt Ales finished in first place in SMP in a '11 BMW M3. Darrell Moskowitz, in a '94 Honda Prelude, took second place.
The ST2 class was led by Tristen Wu in a '17 Subaru Crosstrek. Paul Mattish, in a '04 Dodge SRT-4, finished in second, while Armando Armijo rounded out third in a '04 Subaru Forester XT.

Jake Obniski took the top spot in XS in a '07 Lotus Exige. He was followed by Scott Mullens in a ' 16 MX-5, while Kelly Prior took third in a '07 Exige. Jason Hammond and Paul Rangel rounded out the rest of XS.

Justin Bowen, in a '14 Cayman S, took first place over Darren Shortes in a '02 Chevrolet Corvette.

Alex Muresan led the DS class in a '19 Civic Type R. Hot on his heels was Mark Scroggs in a '23 Hyundai Elantra N, while Cody Mountjoy took third in a ' 23 GR Corolla. The rest of DS included Lloyd Feaver, Tiberiu Muresan, Kevin Bui, Eileen Blando, Ed Runnion, Craig Boyle, Michael Scott, Fred Campbell and
 Jose Fait.

The Solo Spec Coupe class was led by John Subosits in a '13 Subaru BRZ. Glenn Austin, in a '14 BRZ, was a close second, while Eric Martin finished third in a '13 Scion FRS. Suze Morrison, Dawn Danton and Kevin Chauvin rounded out the rest of SSC.

Mark Lewis, in a ' 20 MX5, took the top spot in STR. Arvind Govindaraj finished in second place in a ' 20 MX5, with Praneil Prasad rounding out third in a '97 BMW M3. The rest of STR included Rich Lee, Erik Acks, Glen Anderson, Megan Anderson, Matt Francavilla, Ahmed Shmara, Andrew Santos, John Bautista and John Bautista IV. Connie Lu ran


Paul Mattish in a 2004 Dodge SRT-4 uncontested in STR-L in a '97 M3.

Justin and Mack Tsang finished one-two, respectively, in STU in a '06 Subaru Sti. Steve McLaughlin took third place in a '07 Nissan 350Z. Paul Tibbals and Jeremy Eaton rounded out the rest of STU.

Teddie Alexandrova took the top spot in STX over Jay Haksar. Alexandrova was in a '15 BRZ while Haksar was in a ' 14 FRS.

Hal Dorton took first place in Classic American Muscle in a '17 Mustang GTPP. He was followed by Gordon White in a '23 "Justa GT" Mustang, while Leon Weinroth and Greg Back rounding out the rest of CAM. Brenda Barnes ran uncontested in CAM-L in a '23 "Justa GT" Mustang.


## Fresno Chapter July Autocross

## Krider Classic 100

On a blistering hot July 15, 2023, the Fresno Chapter held its seventh regional event of the 2023 season which was the Krider Classic 100 autocross and poker run. The concept of the annual Krider Classic 100 event is to bring some of the fun of 1970 s car rallys with some of the pageantry bestowed on national level road racing events, and inject them into the sport of autocross. Participants were provided dash plaques, event stickers, track maps, and patches at registration. Top three finishers in each class were awarded trophies with the driver's names on them. Event win stickers went to class winners and a champagne spray celebration was setup for the top three PAX drivers on a Formula 1 style podium.


Rob Krider clinched the State Championship title in H-Street in the California Autocross Championship with the win

Eighty-seven competitors braved the extreme Central Valley temperatures for the Krider Classic 100, which started an hour earlier than most regional events to try and beat the heat. To keep the vibe at the track festive, Adam Haro worked the DJ booth playing automotive themed high energy music between run groups. The Fresno SCCA went above and beyond to take care of course workers by providing canopies for the worker stations along with individual coolers filled with ice, water, and zero sugar Gatorade. Double Nickel Nine Motorsports provided donuts at the drivers meeting and a relaxing station with two large canopies, chairs, a swamp cooler and water for attendees. The first run group cars were placed on grid and the engines were turned off for the official call, "Ladies and Gentlemen, START YOUR ENGINES!" With the growl of thirty race cars firing up at the same time the Krider Classic


Brandon Griggs won the Index class and took the Top PAX spot in his 2020 Mazda Miata

## 100 had begun.

The well flowing course, designed by Rob Krider, had names for each of the corners and elements like Turn Uno, The Mc Left, Carl's Chicane, Commode Corner, Cone Death Slalom, This Corner Sucks and Happy Pedal Curve. As drivers completed each of their five runs, they received a Krider Classic 100 "unofficial" timing slip along with a Krider Classic 100 playing card. The event wasn't just an autocross, but also a poker run. After five runs, each driver would have a poker hand (some good, some not so good.) At the end of the event it was a flush hand held by Robert Douglas that took home half the pot, $\$ 335$, with the other half of the pot going to support the chapter. The competition on course was fierce, with drivers vying for the opportunity to earn a Krider Classic 100


Rebecca West clinched the State Championship title in D-Street in the California Autocross Championship with the win plate trophy. There was also competition for awards you didn't want to earn, like DFL (Dead Last) which was a necklace with a toilet bowl on it, or the DNF award which was a hot wheel track with an MGB hot glued on it for the driver who made their own track on course. Additional awards that were being fought after were Fastest Porsche (a Lego Porsche, ) Fastest Japanese car (a Lego Supra) and Fastest American car (a screaming bald eagle.) Some of the trophies were personalized license plates with a Krider Classic 100 license plate frame sourced by Aaron Douglas.
At the end of competition award winners had the chance to stand on


Ric Quinonez, driving the golf cart, handled Safety Steward duties. the podium alongside cardboard cutouts of Max Verstappen and Ricky Bobby. Here are a list of some of the fun awards and their recipients:

Top Time of Day (TTOD License Plate) Phil Castro Fastest Lady (FASTCHK License Plate) Audrey Tan Poker Run (\$335 and Deck of Krider Classic 100 Cards) Robert Douglas Fastest Japanese Car (Lego Supra) Phil Castro<br>Cone Slayer (CONESLYR License Plate and Cone) James West Fastest Porsche (Lego Porsche) Matt Britter Check Engine Light (CEL Framed Photo) Chris Sochan Best Dressed (Oscar with Barbie Clothes) Brad Dawson Fastest American Car (Bronze Eagle) Richard Schmidt Repeat Offender (2022/2023 Sticker) Aaron Douglas Best Spin (MAYTAG License Plate and I/O Port Racing Supplies Sweatshirt) Chris Rodriguez<br>Fastest Wagon (Foam Brick) Jerry Kell<br>DNF (Hot Wheel Track with MGB) Corey Bradley<br>Loudest Car (LOUDNESS License Plate) James Collins<br>Fastest Electric Car (Trophy Plate with Extension Cord on it) Jorge Diaz Best Car (BESTCAR License Plate and Checkered Blanket) Yang Moua

Once the fun awards were handed out, it was time to get to the serious matter of bringing the top three drivers of each class to the podium so they could receive their Krider Classic 100 platter style trophies. That evening anyone who won a plate trophy could take it to Tactical Ops Brewing in Clovis and earn a free pint of beer during the "Plates for Pints" night celebrating the drivers of the Krider Classic 100. And to mention


Adam Haro was the official DJ during the Krider Classic 100. Photo by Rob Krider


Andrew Padua, Brandon Griggs and Rob Krider enjoyed the spoil of victory with a champagne shower
just a few of the drivers who were celebrated: David Jackson driving his 2006 Lotus Elise winning A-Street, Yang Moua driving his 2023 Toyota Corolla winning B-Street, Richard Schmidt driving his 2018 Ford Shelby GT350R winning CAMC, John Rowe driving his 2019 Honda Civic Type-R winning D-Street, Craig Boyle driving his 1994 Mazda Miata R winning E-Street, Gary Fazekas driving his 2022 Ford Mustang winning F-Street, James West driving his 2020 Honda Civic Si winning G-Street, Sam "Terp" Galindo driving his 2018 Honda Civic Sport winning H-Street, Kelsey Stoltenberg driving her 1999 Mazda Miata winning Ladies Index, Taylor Coon driving his 2018 Porsche Cayman winning Novice Index, Phil Castro driving his 2015 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X winning Street Mod, and Andrew Padua driving his 2017 Honda Civic Si winning Street Touring Hatch.

When it was all said and done for the different classes there was one more podium to recognize, the Top PAX drivers, who would receive gold colored plates for trophies. The overall event PAX winner would get an Indy 500 style wreath and win a watch. After a small drumroll... in third place, Rob Krider, second place, Andrew Padua and the winner of the 2023 Krider Classic 100, by a mere 15 thousandths of a second.. Brandon Griggs! Brandon drove his 2020 Mazda Miata perfectly and picked up his second, and consecutive Krider Classic 100 overall win. The champagne sprayed, the music played and that was the end to a really special event for the

Fresno Chapter.

## California Autocross Championship Round 4

Fresno Chapter's Round 7, the Krider Classic 100, was also the fourth round of the California Autocross Championship. The statewide championship series utilizes a Formula 1 style point system using results from some of the premiere autocross events throughout the year. Drivers who choose to compete in the series can register through MotorsportReg and receive a t-shirt, a dash plaque and participant stickers for their cars. After each round, registered drivers who won their class also receive Event Winner stickers. To be considered for an end of the year trophy registered drivers need to attend three of the five different events. Of the five events, the driver's lowest score will be dropped. With the Krider Classic 100 being the fourth event on the California Autocross Championship calendar there was an opportunity for drivers to clinch their class prior to the final event of the season (the Bill Fleig Enduro at Thunderhill with the Sacramento Chapter October 15, 2023.)

When the champagne was sprayed in Fresno at the end of the event, two drivers clinched their respective classes with undefeated seasons (each driver won all four of the first four of five rounds:) Rebecca West won D-Street Ladies and Rob Krider won H-Street. The fourth round of the series saw some shake up in the standings in many of the classes, but most classes won't have a defined State Champion until the last round in October. For drivers who want to see where they are currently ranked and/or register for the series, go to www.calautoxchamps.com. Drivers can register for the series up to one week prior to the last event of the season and any points they earned prior to registering still count toward the championship.


PAX \& SM winners, and a few fun award winners

## Thunderhill Report

With over 31 years in the books I am proud to say that Thunderhill Park is doing far better than most people thought it would when it began. Here is the current report. While income is down for the month of May by $10 \%$, year to date income, January through May, is up $18 \%$. Expenses for this same period were only up $2 \%$, which I know defies all claims by those wanting increases in their prices or to get a raise. This result is because of good management and the realization that the money we make is not ours, but belongs to the track to use in order to ensure its long-term financial success and survival. Our June Billing Report, that tabulates our billings to customers for the month, was up $27 \%$ over the same June month in 2022. The Balance Sheet remains solid, the kind of "solid" that financial analysts love. We still have no debt, and we have money in the bank for proper maintenance and expansion. The track is on the books for $\$ 23$ million, but would draw many times that if appraised in the marketplace and compared to other tracks around the country. Thunderhill has always made a profit at the end of the year since 1994.

The 2023 booking schedule shows 314 days rented on the 3-mile, 255 rented on the 2 -mile, and 336 rented on the skid pads. This means we have achieved the equivalent of 905 days of rentals counting each surface as a rental day. There is still time to rent a lot more.

The big news going on right now is the changing of the guard at the top level. My last day as your CEO and visionary will be December 31, 2023. Matt Busby, formerly of Kentucky Raceway Park and New Orleans Louisiana, a track called NOLA in deference to the nick name for the city, will take over January 1, 2024. Matt and his wife Courtney have moved into a home in downtown Willows where he plans to stay for some time. When next the SFR/SCCA appears at Thunderhill, Matt will be well along the way in taking over the operation of the track and the vision for its future. Wish him well and get to know more about how he found his new mission in his racing business career by taking on the "Mission of Thunderhill Park!"

My plans after retirement are unconfirmed at this time, but will surely be in the business of motorsports. One cannot help but learn good stuff when you have the opportunities that I have had for the past 60 plus years. I find the business of motorsports fascinating. I have also enjoyed some meaningful successes along the way. Come say goodbye if you want at the final SFR/SCCA race of the 2023, October 25-27. I am trying to race a Miata on that final weekend as a way of putting a cap on that side of my racing passion as well. I need a ride!

Before I leave the position of CEO, I hope to have the 23 garages that are rising from the ground ready and $100 \%$ occupied. The first bank of ten garages is all rented with deposits, but there seems to be some churn going on regarding the upper 13 garages. I have some deposits on those garages but not all. Some have said they want, which does not count until the deposits are paid and the leases signed. When rented these garages will add over $\$ 200 \mathrm{k}$ as a new revenue stream to help keep the park open. Also, before I go, I plan to enclose the canopy that is on the north side of the big club house in order to have more office space. The deadline by the end of the year may be optimistic; but it will be started and, hopefully, far along!

After over 35 years of working the mission of Thunderhill 24/7 there are so many people to thank not only for the opportunity, but for their unselfish help along the way. As is typical of a Club, there were many people in the early days who thought the Club should not build a track. Some did not like the people behind the effort including me and Tom McCarthy. Some could only see Thunderhill Park for what it could do for them. The majority, however, shared and supported my long-term vision of making the track a solid player in the recreational motorsports industry. That is what we did, and we positioned Thunderhill to be on target to get even better in many other ways. The track is mostly turn-key with a good book of business, great reputation and staffing to keep things going and on an upward trend.

I truly hope that everyone along the way and especially those who come to Thunderhill in the future, enjoy and support the track. The business will change and Thunderhill will change and be on the cutting edge of what comes down the chute, so as to maximize its value to Thunderhill Park and generate even more new and profitable adventures.

There was a time in the late 80's when a small group of Club members stood on top of a hill in Glenn County that overlooked the Thunderhill Ranch. The grassy rolling hills looked the same everywhere around them. It had looked that way since the 1800's when the then residents traveled up the two-lane road out front going from Willows to Elk Creek, Chrome, and Stonyford Lake. For a few present those hills looked like a beautiful, prosperous, potentially great racetrack. I was one of those few. It has been fun, rewarding, challenging and at times, frustrating; but now it is done, at least for me!


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## What is The Scoundrel?

The Scoundrel is a red blend of predominantly Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from the Sierra Foothills AVA. This popular style of winemaking combines at least two varietals to create a delicious wine, full of flavor and freshness. Juicy, bright fruit, and soft, sweet oak make a lovely glass of wine. It's a perfect wine for casual dinners or barbeques out on the patio - so go ahead, have a party, and bring out The Scoundrel!

## Tasting Notes:

Dense and juicy, this wine packs a blend of red fruits, blue fruits, and oak notes that will be the perfect complement for your everyday fare.

