

First News:

First Classification becomes a reality in SCCA's Central Division:

Starting in the '05 season, Formula First will now be known as "FST". That is the class designation given to Formula First by the Central Division Area 4 and Area 5 regional championships. This decision was made at the CenDiv roundtable in November based on the number of First entries in FS over the past three seasons. Each year, the number of First entries has more than doubled. This also puts the grouping question to rest, as CenDiv FST will be placed in the FV race group. This will insure that FST will be racing with the speed appropriate group.

First Cars due to hit the track in '05:

Doug Dale's new Evolution chassis kit is scheduled for delivery between Christmas and the New Year. Doug is very excited and is planning a full season of FST races in '05.

Mark Kelly is working on his BRD First conversion and is planning to run the CenDiv EWC series in '05.

Jason Steeb has acquired a '97 Adams Aero FV and started his own First conversion to be completed in spring of '05. Look for Jason's "Sam Adams" to be at many Area 4 races in the coming season.

Dion Dunn is currently converting his Lynx B to Formula First specifications and will race in the Area 4 championship after the arrival of his newest crewmember in late April.

Jim Smalley decided at the end of the '04 season that Formula First was the way to go for '05. He is currently converting his FV over to FST specs and plans to race in many Area 4 and 5 races this coming season.

Don Smith has been working on the conversion of his Citation/Zink Z-18B FV to Formula First specs and will be racing in Area 4 races during the '05 season.

Tim Woods is currently building a new First car of his own design and hopes to get it completed during the '05 season.

Greg Rice is well under way on the design and construction of his Formula First car, "Sybil" and a second FV conversion car. Both cars are planned for completion to race in the '05 season

Bob Sepulveda of California is currently building the first West Coast Formula First car of his own design and is said to have many interested races waiting to see the car. It is rumored that Bob also purchased the Australian "Stinger" and wants to build "Stinger First" cars on the West Coast.

Second prominent engine builder comes "on-board" with First:

FV engine builder, Jim Walschlager of Vee-Tech in Milwaukee, WI is on-board with Formula First and is currently building his second Formula First spec engine. Jim has been building VW racing engines for many year and notes that Formula First engines are much like off road class 11 VW engines. We are glad to have him join our effort and look forward to seeing Jim at the track.

Committee Car '05 rental program announced:

DRE and SRacing have made an announcement that should be pleasing to anyone interested in driving a Formula First car. They are offering a rental program on the Committee Car specifically for the driver that wants to "test the water". The Committee Car is a '72 Lynx B Formula Vee that was the prototype for Formula First. It was converted in 2002 and has acted as the "test grounds" for the class. DRE and SRacing have completely rebuilt the car and will be renting the car for the '05 season. Committee Car rental rates for '05 races on the DRE schedule is:

**\$500.00 for a single SCCA Regional race
\$750.00 for a double SCCA Regional race**

Contact DRE for further information.