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Pacific F2000 Series Opens 2010 Campaign at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana

Buttonwillow, Calif. (March 4, 2010) – The Pacific F2000 Championship Presented by Terminal Velocity Processing again begins the season at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana with a pair of 30-minute races as part of VARA's Route 66 Classic Formula Festival this coming weekend, March 7/8.

Dave Freitas Racing leads the entry with four cars for the first event of the 2010 season including two time and defending series champion Robert Podlesni in the #84 Terminal Velocity Processing/Alpinestars Van Diemen. Alongside Podlesni and in his fifteenth season with DFR is the #27 Barry I Goldstein, CPA/Sparco Van Diemen of Ira Fierberg. Ira is entering the season with renewed vigor and anxious to challenge for the Expert Class Championship. Also returning for DFR is Peter Hastrup in the #5 Western Building Materials/Nuttall, Brown & Cloutts Van Diemen. Hastrup is the defending Masters (drivers 51 and over) Champion and has good chance of retaining that title this year. The fourth entry driven by Peter West who looks to improve on his performances last year hopes to benefit from his second consecutive season behind the wheel in the #99 Terminal Velocity Processing Van Diemen.

PR1 Motorsports retained last year's Rookie of the Year David Cheng for a full season this year in the #26 Speedware Motorsports/Zerlag Communications Van Diemen. After splitting his season between Skip Barber and Pacific F2000 last year, David is fully committed to challenging to the title this year. Joining David at PR1 Motorsports will be Scott Rarick in his second season with PR1 after several seasons as an independent that saw him capture the Expert (drivers 35-50) Championship last year. Scott hopes to improve on that performance this year by taking the overall title. Both Rarick and Cheng competed earlier this season at Auto Club Speedway during the Cal Club National/Double Regional weekend in January and Rarick has several podium finishes as well as a Pole at the speedway. Miles Maroney in a third PR1 Motorsports entry with Maroney Company sponsorship will compete in the #22 Van Diemen campaigned by series runner-up Max Hyatt last season.

Bob Negron returns to the series opening round for the first time in several years in his #9 FengshuiMeBaby.com Van Diemen to make a run at the Masters Class title having shown the ability to outpace the competition with a pair of class wins at Laguna Seca last year and with a full season planned is capable of securing the title.

Series promoter Les Phillips is back with his #89 Swiss Implants Mygale one of only two in the field. The other being piloted by Michael Murphy who ran strong last season and steadily improved until his season came to an end in the gravel at Laguna Seca with a heavily damaged car. Michael returns this year and looks to continue his improvement.

Another driver to return after having missed the past season is Bill Kincaid in his #46 Van Diemen. Bill was entered in the event at Laguna Seca last year but sustained a neck injury precluding him from participating in the event and with it all of last year but also after having run some SCCA events at the end of last year is looking forward to this season.

Finally Peter Thomas who entered the series at the season finale in Las Vegas last year was so impressed with the cars and the series has decided to return for a full season in the #7 Refrigeration Control Co./Hytech Exhaust/Church Automotive Testing Van Diemen and is a welcomed addition to the series. Peter had strong performances in the two events in Las Vegas showing improvement with each succeeding session.

Rain is predicted for the weekend which could present distinct challenges to the drivers as they compete on the 2.8 mile road course inscribed within the 2.0 mile Fontana oval and can provide unpredictable results. In past events at the speedway drainage has been an issue at turns 12 and 16-18 and can make for a difficult race. These conditions existed in January when Rarick and Cheng ran in the Cal Club event and therefore have some familiarity with the conditions but as the speedway surface changes from event to event, this weekend is going to be tremendous challenge.

Experience and past performance would place Podlesni and Rarick as favorites for the Championship as both have been able to finish on the podium with consistency and with a field as even as this one bad performance can be the difference.

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