



# **PACIFIC F2000 RACING**

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## **Series Returns Home to Buttonwillow Raceway for Rounds 5 & 6**

Buttonwillow, Calif. (April 29, 2015) – The Pacific Formula F1600/F2000 Championship is set to return to its home track Buttonwillow Raceway Park for Rounds 5 & 6 and be run with Cal Club as part of the SCCA U.S. Majors Tour this weekend May 1-3, 2015. The action begins at 8:00am Friday morning with the first of seven run groups taking to the track for 25 minute practice sessions to be followed in the afternoon by the first round of 25 minute qualifying sessions. Final qualifying sessions will be held Saturday morning with round 5 races to be held for both Formula F1600 and Formula F2000 that afternoon. Sunday will conclude the activities beginning with warm-up sessions in the morning followed by afternoon round 6 races.

This weekend the series drivers will be competing within run groups made up of several different classes due to a revised series format. This weekend when the drivers take to the challenging 3.020 mile road circuit, the Formula 1600 group will be running in FF trim and included along with FE, FV, and F500 while the Formula 2000 group will be running in FC and grouped with FA, FM and the sports racer groups P1 and P2.

Leading the way in the F2000 class will be Tom Hope driving his #10, H+M Racing Van Diemen hoping to extend his series winning streak this weekend, having won both of the recent events at Thunderhill raceway just three weeks ago. Hope has also won four consecutive U.S. Majors Tour events and has looked strong all season.

Hoping to challenge Hope for victories this weekend will be Robert Armington in the #11, Tomasi Motorsports, Chisholm Engineering, Premium Power Systems, Inc., Hoosier Tire, Cypress Lane Racing, Van Diemen. Armington pressed Hope in the last event finishing in third and second places respectively and out-qualifying Hope to take the pole position on both days.

Other notables hoping to compete are Peter West; #99, Racing Optics, Ken Partch, Frank Monise Motors, Dave Freitas Racing Van Diemen, Yufeng Luo; #6, Dave Freitas Racing Van Diemen, Connor Funk, #97, Dave Freitas Racing Van Diemen, Alex Kirby, #81, L.A. Prep, Fast Forward Racing Components, Swift DB3 and Nick Kodenko, #31, Kodenko Automotive, Associated Tire, Kodenko Jeans, Van Diemen. West won the opening round in January at Fontana and had a strong second place finish recently at Thunderhill. Luo was off from the last round racing in events in the U.S. F2000 series at NOLA and last week had a sixth place finish at Barber Motorsports Park in the most recent event. Kirby is racing in both classes running a 1989 Swift in F2000 and a new Piper/Honda in F1600.

The F1600 competitors include Ed Erlandson, #8, Artwork by Eli, Porter Racing Swift/Honda; Alex Kirby, #81, LA Prep Inc., Fast Forward Components, Piper Race Cars, Piper/Honda; Daniel Swanbeck, #27, BigWheels.com, SmugMug, TwoSeven Design Piper/Honda; Scott Huffaker, #99,

Piper DL7/Honda; Denny Renfrow, #11, Wheely Open Racing, Piper DL7/Honda; Rick Payne, #75, Payton Pools, Van Diemen/Honda; Bret Smrz, #10, Swift DB6. Both Kirby and Huffaker were victors at Thunderhill with Swanbeck, Renfrow and Payne nipping at their heels.

The single-seat, open-wheel F2000 cars are powered by 2-liter Ford Zetec engines and are capable of speeds in excess of 140 mph. The F1600 cars will be powered by either the 1500cc Honda Fit engine or the venerable 1600cc Ford 'Kent' engine.

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