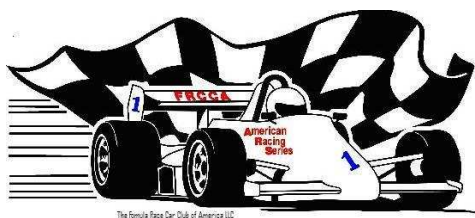


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## Banking on June for Great Racing and We Doubled our Expectations

### Race 6 & 7 in the Books

The FRCCA ran races 6 & 7 on the Shenandoah track at Summit Point Motorsports Park. Race 6 was run on Circuit D'AJ, the long course and race 7 on Shenandoah's Bill Scott Challenge Circuit Clockwise.

The FRCCA Spec Class Formula Pro-Avanti saw Jim Peruto winning his first race of the season by leading every lap. Don't let his leading every lap be misleading because he was under constant pressure from second and third place finishers Kirk Davis and Dominick Vitale.

Finishing fourth was Dan Clark and Bob Lima fifth. Missing from the finishing order was Andrew Graham who had engine problems on lap 14 of the 20 lap CPR.

Fast lap of the race went to Dan Clark with a 1:36.668. Top qualifiers for the day were Kirk Davis at 1:39.548, Dan Clark 1:40.289, and Andy Graham 1:40.400.

Formula 1600, the second of the FRCCA Spec. Classes, was won by Christian Pedersen with Andy Abrahams second and Rich

Schwegler third. Greg Lane and Mark Carberry rounded out the top 5.

The Pole Sprint was won by Christian Pedersen. Formula Ford (SCCA rules) was won by Terry Vesper. Vesper also won the Pole Sprint.

Formula Continental (SCCA rules) was won by Greg Honeycutt, with Honeycutt also taking the Pole Sprint win.

The Formula Tyro CPR was won by Guy Frank with John Caporaso second. Lap 12 saw the young Andrew Stoeckert get off track and into a soft wall on turn 6. Despite that, he did manage to turn in the fast lap of the race and win the Pole Sprint.

Formula Vee (SCCA Rules) was won by rookie Bill Carroll over Doug McLellan. This race was very close between Carroll and McLellan, going back and forth several times until the very end. McLellan won the Pole Sprint.

Saturday night saw a storm blow through that destroyed several canopies and fill at least one car to the top of the lower frame rail with



Terry Vesper enjoys the top step.



Jim back in front



Close Racing in Vee Bill Carroll and Doug McLellan

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Andy has been around quite awhile with the club. He has become an integral part of the operation. Not only is he the chief driving instructor but he also helps with lining up races and.

**Worker of the  
month— Andy  
Graham—Chief  
Driving  
Instructor**

Andy is a racer he eats, drinks and breathes it. His favorite driver of all is Nigel Mansell, and I am not so sure that his driving doesn't show it.

Thanks Andy!



Congratulations Doug keep on goin!



Thanks Girls you make it all possible!

## Banking on June (Continued from pg 1)

water after his cover blew off.

However, Sunday dawned refreshing.

Formula Pro-Avanti saw Kirk Davis get out front on lap 7 after getting by the previous day's winner Jim Peruto. Once he got out there he never looked back. Dominick Vitale ran a strong third until he had mechanical issues crop up on the lap 18 of the 26 lap event. This put Dan Clark up into third with Andy Graham using 1600 driver Ron Beard's car coming up to fourth.

Fast lap of the race went to Andy Graham turning a 1:23.635. Qualifying saw Christian Pedersen turn a 1:23.31, Andy Graham 1:26.034 and Kirk Davis with a 1:26.214.

Formula Ford was won for a second day in a row by Terry Vesper who also took the Pole Sprint.

Formula Continental saw Greg Honeycutt do the double also over John Bachmann. Honeycutt completed the

weekend with a Pole Sprint win too.

Formula 1600 saw Ron Beard take the win, over Rich Schwegler and Mark Carberry. Anthony Caracappa finished a hard fought fourth.

Formula Tyro saw Guy Frank taking the win with Greg Cobb finishing second and Andrew Stoeckert finishing third in a borrowed Banshee from Formula Haus. Perry Ervin finished fourth.

This was the first time that the Formula Haus built Banshee Engineering Banshee swept a podium in the cars short life time.

Greg Cobb won the Pole Sprint.

Formula Vee saw Bill Carroll win over Doug McLellan for the second day in a row. Carroll also managed to take the pole sprint.

Notable Notes from the weekend;

Christian Pedersen was sponsored into the Formula Pro Avanti group; however, it is unknown at this time what

car he will be in since he and Pro-Avanti driver Dan Clark have been sharing the 71 car for 2 years.

Hats off to Ron Beard for lending his car to Andy Graham after Graham had mechanical issues on Saturday.

Graham and Dominick Vitale also gave their assistance to Bob McCown after a head gasket went on the McCown entry on Saturday morning.

These are just some of the notable assistance and news of the weekend. Much more goes on that goes unnoticed. I want to thank all the people who were able to help with the kart action that we needed at the end of the day on Sunday.

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# Bill Scott Formula Car Series

Points as of July 1, 2009

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	85	Tyler Sandmeyer	440

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	71	Christian Pedersen	445
2	29	Anthony Caracappa	405
3	76	Mark Carberry	355
4	11	Rich Schwegler	345
5	7	Ron Beard	290
6	84	Dan Cezar	165
7	57	Greg Lane	160
8	69	Andrew Abrahams	90
9	99	Roberto Hertel	70
10	1	John Heckman	0
11	24	Dani Jackson	0
12	28	Jeff Zeller	0
13	77	Arnie Levine	0

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	24	Terry Vesper	635
2	69	Andrew Abrahams	110
3	51	Vincent Wrynn	95
4	94	Dave Cutchins	90

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	7	Andy Graham	540
2	13	Dominik Vitale	495
3	71	Dan Clark	470
4	52	Kirk Davis	345
5	20	Bob Lima	223
6	29	Oscar Pacheco	219
7	5	FHR	213
8	35	Jim Peruto	185
9	76	Team LBR (Wollman/Carrberry)	175
10	15	Matt Amos	170
11	71P	Christian Pedersen	5
12	12	Jeff Kobza	0
13	89	Mike Breuer	0
14	91	Chris Terranova	0

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	29	Andrew Stoeckert	580
2	30	Guy Frank BSR	520
3	10	HMG	215
4	41	Greg Cobb	185
5	77	Theo Koloukus	175
6	11	John Caporaso	165
7	57	Jeff Mohan	165
8	55	Perry Ervin	159
9	84	Daniel Cezar	155
10	7	Buddy Donahue	70
11	3	Charles Volpe	0
12	31	Wayne T	0
13	50	Jeff Krause	0

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	10	Bob McCown	102

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	50	Greg Honeycutt	440
2	39	John Bachmann	290

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	45	Doug McLellan	600
2	55	Bill Carroll	395
3	22	Jim Granitski	110

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	58	Sergio Penna	110





# Summit Super Series

## Points as of July 1, 2009

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	71	Christian Pedersen	48
2	29	Anthony Caracappa	38
3	76	Mark Carberry	36
4	11	Rich Schwegler	34
5	7	Ron Beard	32
6	84	Dan Cezar	15
7	57	Greg Lane	14
8	69	Andrew Abrahams	10
9	99	Roberto Hertel	5
10	1	John Heckman	0
11	16	Pat Egan	0
12	20	John Smyles	0
13	24	Dani Jackson	0
14	28	Jeff Zeller	0
15	61	George Grivas	0
16	77	Arnie Levine	0

1	10	Bob McCown	0
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Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	58	Sergio Pena	12

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	24	Terry Vesper	70
3	69	Andrew Abrahams	12
2	51	Vincent Wrynn	10

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	45	Doug McLellan	64
3	55	Bill Carroll	44
2	22	Jim Granitski	12

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	71	Dan Clark	50
2	7	Andy Graham	44
3	13	Dominick Vitale	39
4	52	Kirk Davis	35
5	35	Jim Peruto	20
6	76	Team LBR (Wollman/Carberry)	18
7	29	Oscar Pacheco	16
8	20	Bob Lima	16
9	15	Matt Amos	15
10	5	FHR	10
11	71	Christian Pedersen	1
12	12	Jeff Kobza	0
13	91	Chris Terranova	0

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	85	Tyler Sandmeyer	48

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	50	Greg Honeycutt	48
2	39	John Bachmann	32

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	29	Andrew Stoeckert	58
2	30	Guy Frank BSR	32
3	55	Perry Ervin	22
4	41	Greg Cobb BSR	20
5	77	Theo Kouloukis	10
6	11	John Caparoso	7
7	84	Dan Cezar Jr	6
8	10	HMG	0
9	3	Charles Volpe	0
10	17	Raphael Garcia	0
11	7	Buddy Donahue	0
12	31	Wayne T	0
13	50	Jeff Krause	0
14	57	Mohan	0



# American Racing Series Points

## As of July 1 2009

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	11	Rich Schwegler	44
2	7	Ron Beard	44
3	71	Christian Pedersen	43
4	29	Anthony Caracappa	39
5	76	Mark Carberry	27
6	84	Dan Cezar	16
7	57	Greg Lane	14
8	69	Andrew Abrahams	10
9	99	Roberto Hertel	5
10	1	John Heckman	5
11	16	Pat Egan	5
12	20	John Smyles	5
13	24	Dani Jackson	5
14	28	Jeff Zeller	5
15	61	George Grivas	5
16	77	Arnie Levine	5

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	71	Dan Clark	74
2	7	Andy Graham	48
3	52	Kirk Davis	39
4	13	Dominik Vitale	34
5	35	Jim Peruto	30
6	29	Oscar Pacheco	25
7	15	Matt Amos	23
8	5	FHR	18
9	20	Bob Lima	16
10	76	Team LBR (Wollman/Carberry)	10
11	71P	Christian Pedersen	4
12	91	Chris Terranova	-1
13	12	Jeff Kobza	-2

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	10	Bob McCown	14

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	50	Greg Honeycutt	70
2	39	John Bachmann	34
3		Steve Garito	0

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	24	Terry Vesper	80
2	69	Andrew Abrahams	14
3	51	Vincent Wrynn	0
4	94	Dave Cutchins	0

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
1	29	Andrew Stoeckert	65
2	30	Guy Frank BSR	43
3	41	Greg Cobb BSR	21
4	11	John Caparoso	17
5	84	Dan Cezar Jr	14
6	55	Perry Ervin	12
7	77	Theo Kouloukis	11
8	31	Wayne T	8
9	3	Charles Volpe	0
10	7	Buddy Donahue	0
11	17	Raphael Garcia non-Member	0
12	50	Jeff Krause	0
13	57	Mohan	0

Position	Car #	Driver(s)	Total Points
2	55	Bill Carroll	60
1	45	Doug McLellan	55
3	22	Jim Granitski	24



## Timing & Scoring Shack

A correction to the last article. Transponders should be 1" not 1/2" away from metal or carbon fiber parts.

The July race looks like it will be very busy for those of us in T&S. With almost double our normal cars we will find ourselves very busy for a while.

Blue Grass may find things even more interesting with even more cars expected.

Remember to be sure to install your transponder on the side of the car that we have the antenna on. This helps the system pick you up.

We are going to try and get a

scan of each groups times up on the new internet site so it is always just a click away.

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KIM



SUE

## A Visit To Blue Grass



Visit to Blue Grass – Over the last weekend of June Sue and I went to visit the new Blue Grass Motorsports Park near Sparta, KY. We met with the marketing director and the track manager and found them both very nice guys who love racing and are genuinely interested in our club. We spent about 4 or 5 hours with them discussing both their future and ours.

The September 4, 5 & 6 (Labor Day) race will be the first road race in 50 years in KY. We will be part of it.

Andy Graham has found rooms for us at a Ramada call 859-567-7223 but we need at least 10 rooms.

The track configuration we will be using is a 2.5-mile long roller coaster. It is everything a race track should be. We will be using a bus stop about 800 feet up the 3200 foot straight away to help our lower powered cars stay competitive with each other rather than allowing the big HP generators to run away. This is a drivers' track, like Shenandoah, where you are not going to learn the quirks of the track in just a weekend.

We are working on finding multi car transports to get our cars there; we have been looking at everything from U-haul to tractor trailers. I am trying to make this as cost effective weekend as I can, realizing this is something very different than we are used to. It took us about 8.5 hours to get from there to home (20-miles from Pocono).

We are also going to be joined by SCCA regional racers out there. We have one Formula First club of 16 to 18 cars that cancelled there next race weekend to race with us there. The FV and FFST will have there own races away from the Ford powered cars. Fords will include our spec classes, FF and older FC cars. They will be split starts so we won't be starting all over each other.

## NOTES on this and That

Notes;

- ⇒ Christian Pedersen was sponsored into the Formula Pro-Avanti class over the last race weekend.
- ⇒ The next race at the Summit Point track will be very crowded. Please be patient and please park as directed.
- ⇒ The next race we have a Friday Practice too.
- ⇒ Andy Graham has gotten a block of rooms for us at Blue Grass please call 859-567-7223 to reserve your room. The cancellation will be 72 hours prior due to the holiday weekend.
- ⇒ We are looking for ways to reduce the number of vehicles towing out to Blue grass while increasing the number cars.
- ⇒ We are looking for classifieds for the Transmissions.
- ⇒ We are looking for advertisers for Transmissions too.
- ⇒ Did you ever think of giving your driver giving him or her a congratulations in Transmissions? Make their day and try it.

## Tech-Line

### Tech-Line – Fair Rules?

In a club, the challenge of writing fair rules is a great one; particularly when you are in a club where Sportsmanship is at the top of the list in the mission statement and rules book. Some rules you encounter or areas where you think there should be rules become difficult.

What do you do? I wish there was a ready answer to every problem, but there isn't. Unfortunately sometimes it is difficult to ask people too because they will sometimes look from the side of the racer in them or the business they have and look at the influence of the rule in

comparison to themselves.

I have recently had just such an area to review. The issue has been there for 30 years and all of a sudden it came out. Sometimes the best decision is no decision at the time but to sit a wait and see what happens. This is what I am doing with this particular issue, nothing. It has lived in a Sportsmanship atmosphere for 30 years and 6 more months isn't going to hurt it.

The good thing that has come out of this is that I have found my concisions, that one person I can go to help me with a decision I need to make but am torn about. The best person for the job is one who is close to the club but has no

stake in the game if you know what I mean.

This doesn't take away from the technical committees I set up in the beginning of the year. No they are in-place and will be called on as I begin to review the rule book for 2010. They are just that my **technical** committees.

The problem I had to wrestle with was difficult not from a technical side but from a sportsmanship side and not that anyone did anything unsportsmanlike. The problem was, believe it or not the answer could have reduced our clubs sportsmanship factor, which is something that has always made me proud to be associated with this club.



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## Registration Table

Registration Table – Management has been kicking around the possibility of on-line pre-registration. We may be able to do it on the new web page [www.formularacecarclubofamerica](http://www.formularacecarclubofamerica). We are looking into this; we are not sure how many people would be interested in this? Right now as long as Sue has your information it is not a big deal to do it the way we are. We are working on things that should be invisible to you where we can get the information printed out and registered easier for us. Right now it takes quite a bit of time to go through and do the paper work.

The July race is going to be very busy, in there may be more cars than

transponders so we are working on renting transponders from the timing and scoring company. We will need to do this for Blue Grass too the way it looks.

Hopefully, you are finding the lack of writing that you need to do at registration and technical inspection much easier and helping to make your day more enjoyable.

You may have noticed that we have moved registration closer to timing and scoring. This was to make it easier for our small but efficient crew to do their jobs.

Remember, if anything on your physical or medication changes it needs to be noted on your next race entry form

or give us a call and we can change it prior to the race. This is important because this information is captured in a book and given to the ambulance on race days then at the end of the day they give it back.

Remember, if you have any questions please give a call, we are here to make your hobby fun and safe.



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## So Who is Doing WHAT????

So who is doing what?

Actually the only real changes are me being president of the FRCCA, Sue becoming the secretary and the added advisory groups I am developing.

President – John Heckman

Secretary – Sue Heckman

Treasurer – Roni Sue Ahrner

Head of Registration - Pat Cvercek

Assistant – Roni Sue Ahrner

Head of Timing and Scoring – Kim Palumbo

Assistant – Sue Heckman

Formula 1600/ Tyro / Avanti Technical Advisory Committee –

Bill Pedersen, Oscar Pacheco, Jeff Krause, Rich Schwegler

FC Technical Advisory Committee –

Greg Honeycutt and John Bachmann

Chief Race Control – Mark Clancy

Safety Committee – Mark Clancy, John Bachmann, Andy Graham

Non-Technical Committee – Bill Pedersen, John Heckman, TBD as needed

Driver instruction and advancement – Andrew Graham and David Wollman

Note: where there are 2 or an even number the president is the tie breaker.

We are looking to add committees for Marketing and a couple of others. All of these people and more will help me to see all sides of an issue. As I have told them we won't always agree but hopefully we come out with the right decision.

I thank these volunteers and will rely on them during the season.

## Congratulations

Formula Haus and Banshee Engineering  
on the 1, 2 3 Finish in the Junes Races



# Through the Lens of Bruce Stark





Through the Lens of Bruce Stark



# August 2009

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30	31					

# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	Blue Grass 4	Blue Grass 5
Blue Grass 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Summit Point 27	28	29	30			



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## From the Desk of the President

Presidents Desk – Well we are half way through our first year at the helm. I know everyone wants to know how we are doing.

Well, it is going well. We are averaging about 25 cars per race and our new membership is up over last year. The strange thing about that is that it continues to go up with new members still joining. This should make you proud as a member of this club, it tells me that people are seeing you and joining because they are impressed with you the members. Members make the organization! The organization does not make good members, organizations can only hurt things many times, when they don't listen and respect its' membership.

Now let me be honest 25 cars won't make the bills at our current expenses. Prices may need to go up a little from where we are. I need to guide this in rough waters until September. September 6 is our last insurance payment, and that is what is killing us right now. I wish I knew in February what I know now about insurance we would be better off, financially. Financially speaking we are still in the black, which is great. We had many people thinking that we would not make it this far this season, and I am

proud to say with a good July and with me contributing a little more into the account we should be in the black at the end of the season yet. When I signed my name on the bottom line as owner I wasn't sure what to expect. Luckily many good things happened along they way to get us to where we are.

There may need to some changes in the end of the year schedule, but my goal is to have a little money in the bank to start next season, and this will happen.

I am so positive that I have started looking into next year. It looks like we may be running at both NJMP tracks, Pocono, Obviously Summit. We will see if we can get back to Blue Grass once we see how everything goes this year. I have started some early talks with Shangri-La-II (Owego, NY.) to see if we can get a date on their new oval that has replaced the one that got dug up 2 years ago. I am currently not at liberty to say how we are getting to the other tracks, since I am in discussions currently. Oh yea, Watkins Glen may get on the schedule although that may be a long shot at this time.

My hope is to put us back on

the map.

By the way check out our new website [www.frccallc.webs.com](http://www.frccallc.webs.com) or [www.formularacecarclubofamerica.com](http://www.formularacecarclubofamerica.com), same site just 2 ways to get there. We are not getting rid of the [www.frcca.com](http://www.frcca.com) site. These are to compliment that one right now. Eventually we will go to the new one but not until much farther into the future. You can now download photos on the new site, post forms like APEX SPEED, and there is even a place to put videos. Have fun and let me know what you would like to see on it.

