

Fall 2015 September Edition

MONTHLY BULL-etin



New Year, New Car

Last season has drawn to a close and we are in full swing into this new season. We are not making enormous expectations for this new year, but rather, our main expectation is an enormous commitment to excellence. An award winning 6th place overall at Formula SAE Lincoln last summer has the team excited about what the new season will bring.



New Executive Board

The new executive board for the 2016 season has been announced! They have been working since the summer to get USF Racing to competition for the upcoming year.

Alexander Kim - President
Michael Ramos - Team Captain
Zachary Evling - Vice President
Richard Wade - Treasurer
Evan Fountain - Shop Manager
Andrew Nelson - Public Relations Director

Frequently Asked Question of the Month

Question: How does USF Racing operate?

Answer: This year, our focus is comprised of three aspects: design, manufacturing and testing. With these aspects in mind, our Team Captain Michael Ramos, has compiled a detailed schedule.

USF Racing works on a timetable completely dependent on us. We are college students with varying schedules. We all have tasks and deadlines that we meet independently.

We all work extremely hard like professionals. We value our time and resources very much because they determine our place at competition.

Communication is very important. Everyone's projects have to be on the same page. Speaking of Projects, creativity is highly encouraged while taking time and resources into account. The possibilities are endless with this in mind, but you have to follow the rulebook of course.

The projects that students get involved with at USF Racing are not just car related, but business related, graphic design related, communications related, even art related.

As a second year team member, I still think that when I come to the shop I always learn something new. I strongly believe this club will propel me to my future career.

Featured Team Member



Michael Ramos - Team Captain

Michael Ramos is a Senior in the Mechanical Engineering Department who has been a part of USF Racing since the Fall semester of 2013. His first project was USF Racing's first flowbench. This is similar to a strong vacuum cleaner that pulls massive amounts of air. It tests primarily air intakes. He is dedicated and passionate and will certainly bring this team to the promise land.

Question and Answer

How did you join USF Racing?

"I was a transfer student and heard about it through a friend. I joined in the fall once I got situated in school. I knew about it and wanted to do it. I tried to join before but the team wasn't responsive at the time. Started coming since the start of my first new member meeting and have been coming consistently every week since the past two years. My mindset was, I would do anything and everything to be a part of the team. You could say I was obsessed." - Michael Ramos

Tell us about yourself!

"I work for a Formula One power boat engine shop called Power Performance Engineering.

"I am counting down the days till the Star Wars premier Force Awakens."

Dream Car?

BMW M3 (E30)

Dream Job?

"Race Engineer on a World Endurance Championship team."

Look Who's Sponsoring Us



Shout out to Tampa Bay Steel for the frame jigs. They provided material and lasercutting with a fast turn around time and great quality! They do so much for us and we really appreciate them. We hope to pay them a visit soon.

On behalf on the USF Racing Team, Thank you Tampa Bay Steel!



Thanks to Columbia Sportswear for making us warm, dry and stylish! Their donated rain coats look and feel amazing. We plan to embroider them with our names and logos soon. Thank you for the support!





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