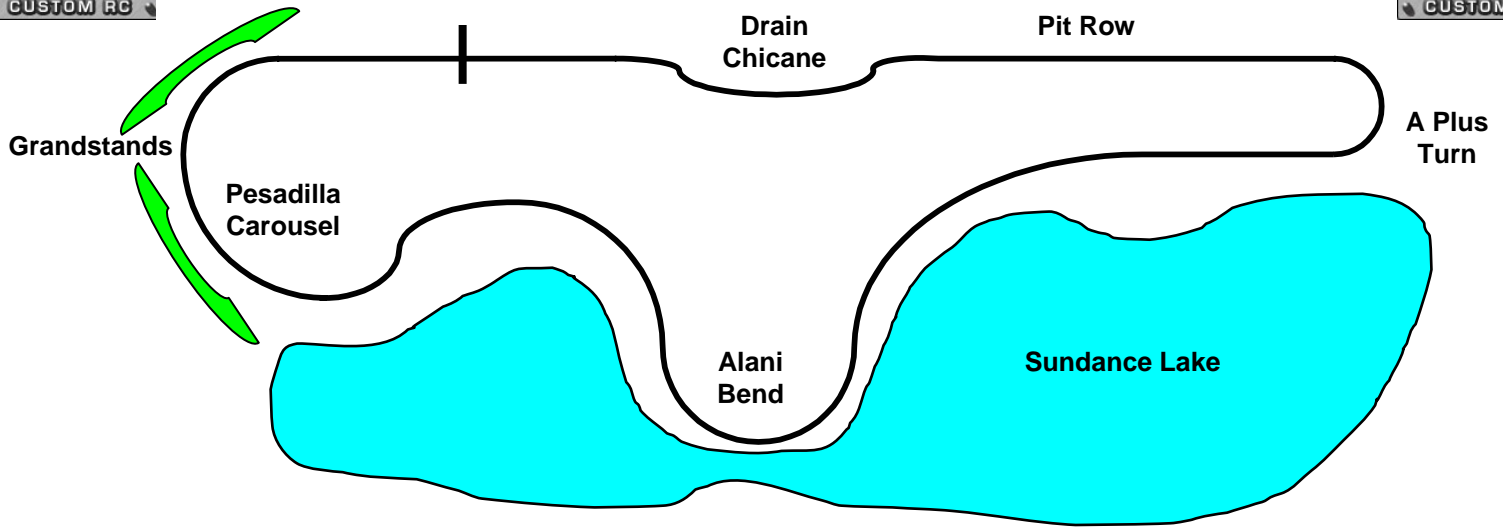




BFC XMODS Racing Series

Lakeside SpA

December 19, 2003



Time Keeper: B. Lucas

Track Marshals: G. Stephenson, B. Lucas, M. Lombardo, K. Berning

Starting Grid:

Pole – A. Santamarina, 2 – R. Hester, 3 – K. Schloer, 4 – K. Morrison

The King Has Been Dethroned

The qualifying heats continually get more tenuous week after week with local favorites Al Romack, Gary Stephenson and Keith Berning getting set aside in the early races. Stephenson was smooth as silk in the practice but couldn't pull out the single seat win against Toyota rival Ken Morrison. Many drivers asked, "What is his secret?" as they heard the whisper quiet number 12 car glide around the course. Modifications abound but the pure prevailed.

In an effort to keep Santamarina at bay, Hester took the risk and ran with his new power plant only after one day of practice. Big mistake... practice laps had him rolling tires and spinning out but the BP/Toxic Lemon driver was desperate to keep Santamarina out of the top position. The increased power from new motor was too much for the Swiss to handle, creating an uncontrollable missile that was periodically bucked in the Drain Chicane, only surviving to a disappointing 3rd place finish.

Santamarina was on fire and in command, he out braked every other driver in the key corners to end in comfort with a 2 lap lead! As usual traffic was a headache but he kept his cool and weaved his way through the thunderstruck pack. The race was a battle even for this talented driver as he was off by 1 minute from his track PR.

Ken Morrison continues to add up the points with a solid finish. Although he was running very well in the first part, fatigue set in and he lost concentration as well as his 3rd place in the field. With a second place finish, sleeper Keith Schloer is primed to overtake Hester in the points. So, with Hester's below par 3rd place finish Santamarina has taken the lead in the point standings placing Hester uncomfortably in second place with only a 6 point lead over Keith Schloer.

Results:

1 – A. Santamarina, 2 – K. Schloer, 3 – R. Hester, 4 – K. Morrison

Organizer Notes:

Given the holidays I asked each driver if they would be present on 12/24 and 12/31. Based on the majority attendance it was decided that we will not have a race on 12/24 but will be holding the Lakeside Time Trial on 12/31, with a full field heat race schedule returning on 1/9. So for those diehards here on 12/24 please feel free to practice to your hearts content and ready yourself for the race against the clock.

Winner's Disclosure: Santamarina's Nissan only had lubricated bearings and fresh rubber (no points deducted)

Happy Holidays, Russ