

Andrew Caddell signs for a second season in Mustangs

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PORT HUENEME, Calif. — Kaufmann Racing team principal Chris Kaufmann recently announced that Andrew Caddell of Graham, 2005 and 2006 Northwest Region Spec Miata champion and the current Mustang Challenge World Champion, has agreed to campaign the Kaufmann Racing FR500S Mustang in the 2009 season.

In a unique effort to get the champ back in the series, Kaufmann offered the car that Hot Rod editor Rob Kinnan wheeled with Kaufmann in the inaugural 2008 season.

“We watched, raced against and worked with Andrew and his father, Roger last year,” Kaufmann said. “We were impressed with Andrew’s rare combination of talent, maturity and humility. During the off-season, we observed Andrew and began discussing the potential of racing together. Over the years in my racing with Jack Roush, Bob and Bill Glidden, Kenny Bernstein, John Force and Paul Gentilozzi, I have seen a common thread. These champions integrated youth with experience to forge success. If you include Roger Caddell, Andrew and me, we almost cover three generations of racers.”

In 2005 when Caddell turned 16,

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Find out about 2005 and 2006 Northwest Region and 2006 SCCA National Spec Miata champion Andrew Caddell’s racing life at www.andrewcaddell.com.

he began racing an SCCA Spec Miata. In his very first year of sports car racing, he entered 25 races and had nine wins, 21 podium finishes, two track records and was crowned the SCCA Northwest Region Spec Miata Champion. He was also awarded with the region’s Novice Driver of the Year award.

2006 saw Caddell repeat as SCCA Northwest Region Spec Miata Championship. He also won the SCCA Novice Driver of the Year while winning the SCCA Spec Miata National Championship at the Runoffs in Topeka, Kan.

The Runoffs victory gained Caddell an invitation to the 2006 Mazda Shootout where he won a Mazda MX-5 Cup car to race in the 2007 MX-5 Cup series in which he won two races, two poles and finished second in the point championship.

2008 was a great year in which Caddell won the inaugural Ford Rac-

ing Mustang Challenge for the Miller Cup by winning three races, taking five poles, getting seven podium finishes and five track records in the new FR500S Mustang.

The Mustang series is the brain child of Larry Miller, who passed away in February.

“In an effort to carry on his dream, we are going to do everything in our power to get as many cars to these races as possible,” Kaufmann said at his Southern California headquarters. “It is a fantastic series with a ton of talent behind the wheels. Larry Miller was one of those rare individuals who gave back so much, to so many. His need for speed was alive until the end and he leaves a big hole in our hearts, but we know he wanted us to keep racing. That is part of the Larry Miller legacy.”

“I look forward to defending my championship in the Ford Racing Mustang Challenge,” Caddell said. “The series was fantastic last year and is promising to be even more competitive and successful in 2009. I am even more excited to be teaming up with car owner Chris Kaufmann for the 2009 season, his experience with over 40 years in racing and his long background with Ford Racing will give us every opportunity to make the 2009 season successful.”

SCCA gives national awards, details finances

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LAS VEGAS — The first day of the 45th SCCA National Convention at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas on Feb. 19 saw several region awards handed out and the first formal introduction to new SCCA President and CEO Jeff Dahnert.

The morning sessions were capped off with a luncheon to recognize individual region achievements.

The Tom Burke Award for region

growth was awarded to Badlands Region (small), to South Jersey Region (medium), San Diego Region (large) and Colorado Region (jumbo).

For outstanding communications efforts, Nebraska Region won.

For overall region achievement, Chattanooga Region (small), Hawaii Region (medium), Finger Lakes Region (large) and Colorado Region (jumbo) were recognized.

Representatives from SCCA National, SCCA Pro Racing, SCCA En-

terprises, RoadRally, RallyCross, Solo, Time Trails, Club Racing and the SCCA Foundation each presented their annual reviews to the SCCA board of directors. SCCA Enterprises and SCCA Pro Racing both posted profits and paid off substantial sums on their loans. SCCA Inc. reported an operational profit despite challenging economic times. While all three companies were profitable operationally, there was an overall net loss due to investment returns.