

Mk 14 Forsgini



Forsgrini MK14 formula 5000/A 1970 Images
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Hello Frank -

The first Forsgrini Formula C that Lyle Forsgren built was the car Mike Campbell won the national championship at Riverside in November, 1968. The year before I sold him my Lotus 20 and the second year in 1968 he ran SCCA national races in both Oregon and Northwest Regions with the Forsgrini.

I was then a landscape architect and planner in Portland and Campbell called around midnight to tell me he had won. That year I was racing a 970 Cooper 'S' I bought in England. I qualified for the Run-Offs but was on a short schedule to complete drawings for a new project and forever regret not going to Riverside that year.

The might have been the car Lyle Forsgren built for Campbell to compete in the Tasman Series in early 1970. I don't know but remember Campbell asking me to come to Seattle to paint the car at a body shop for him.

The car was Ford powered and the engine built in California, the result of a contact Campbell made with Jacque Passano (sp?) then director of the Ford racing program. The engine was defective and there were other problems with the car. Forsgren went down to help but the car performed poorly.

Campbell was the first manager for Portland International Raceway. I completed design for the PIR racing circuit in 1971 when I was the RE for Oregon Region,

SCCA and was previously associated with John Hugenholtz the Dutch circuit designer and manager of the Zanvoort Circuit from 1949-1974.

I think Campbell lives in Seattle and has an events promotion business. I've had no contact with him for many years.

In 1966 I designed the road circuit and was the principal design consultant for the Ontario Motor Speedway at Ontario, California that was completed in 1970.

In 1972 I organized the Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing Association, patterning after SCCA organization. In 1972 and 1973 I competed in some of the AMA national road races and ran at Daytona in 1973.

Discovering your website brought back memories for this old guy. If you have other questions about racing in the Northwest during that 1960s period I may have some answers.

Regards - Mike Parker