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# Formula Student - Racing for 1st



Team RMIT

First time entrants in Formula Student, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) from Australia took 1st place overall finishing with more than a 100 point lead. Though this team is new to the international event, RMIT has competed in their home court at the FSAE-Australasia event held every December. Forty students were involved in building the car as part of their coursework and were assessed on it as part of the degree program.

Eight team members were chosen to bring the car to the UK competition to compete against international universities including The University of Bath, Helsinki Polytechnic, University of Toronto and Dartmouth College.

With combined efforts of SAE and IMeche staff and the 750 Motor Club volunteers, England was host to the 7th Annual Formula Student Competition. The event was held at the Bruntingthorpe Aerodrome and Proving Grounds from July 9 – 11, 2004. The event schedule opened with Design, Presentation and Cost Judging along with Scrutineering on Friday. The Dynamic events started on Saturday leaving Sunday to finish with the Endurance race.



Like the Formula SAE, Formula Student had a record-breaking registration with a total of 85 teams in all four classes from 19 different countries. Unlike the Detroit and Australian

events, Formula Student offers different classes of entry. Class 1 is for a first-year fully constructed and running vehicle. Class 1- 200 Series is for second year cars which have been modified. Class 2 is for teams that have progressed beyond

initial design concepts into manufacture of complete vehicle systems. The minimum requirement in this class is a complete chassis. Class 3 is intended as the basic entry for teams new to the competition, where it introduces the projects at the design and component/model validation stage.



Ecole de Technologie Superiere during the tilt test

## **Overall Winners:**

Class 1 - RMIT University, Australia

Class 2 - Imperial College, United Kingdom

Class 3 – University of Bath, United Kingdom

#### Top 5 Overall in Class 1:

1) RMIT University, Australia, Car #29

2) University of Toronto, Canada, Car #1

**3) Technical University of Braunschwieg,** Germany, Car #19

**4) KTH The Royal Institute of Technology,** Sweden, Car #71

**5) Dartmouth College,** United States of America, Car #37

Class 1 Best Design was won by Ecole de Technologie Superiere, car #86



## The Dell MP3 Player goes to...

The winner of the Dell MP3 Player is Nicholas Strand of the California State University - Sacramento FSAE team.

The Dell MP3 Player and Car Kit is awarded to one lucky student member who transferred from student membership to professional membership during the competition season.

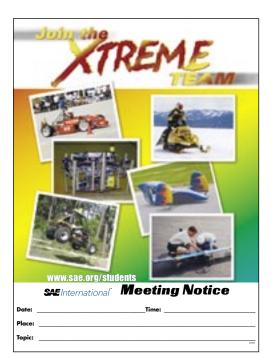
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This is your final chance to qualify to win FREE Registration to a 2005 competition of your choice. Your team will have the opportunity to register prior to the registration start date. That means your guaranteed to participate!

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## **Posters online**



Meeting notice posters are available online at <a href="http://">http://</a> www.sae.org/students/ student.htm. There are seven to choose from including Mini Baja, Clean Snowmobile, Formula SAE, and Aero Design among others. There are two different sizes, 8x10 and 11x17, for your printing convenience. They are an eyecatching resource to gain members and promote your team around campus. Check them out! It just might be you and your team on the posters!



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## **FSAE Brazil**



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For the first time in history, SAE BRAZIL will have their own Formula SAE competition. FSAE BRAZIL will join teams of students and teachers from Brazilian engineering universities to design, fabricate, and compete with small formulastyle race cars. International restrictions and specifications are placed on the car frame and engine so the students' knowledge, creativity, and imagination are tested.

The first Formula SAE BRAZIL 2004 official presentation will occur during the XIII SAE BRAZIL Congress on November, 16 to 18th, 2004, with a well located booth and a dynamic demonstration on November, 18th, at the parking lot of Transamerica Expo Center in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Please visit <a href="http://www.saebrasil.org.br/">http://www.saebrasil.org.br/</a> for more information on Formula SAE BRAZIL.



Queens University

# New Grant Established to Assist Formula SAE® Rookie Teams

A new grant that will assist Formula SAE rookie teams has been established in recognition of the late Bill Adam, a 35-year member of SAE and long-time supporter of Formula SAE.

The William R. "Bill" Adam Formula SAE Grant for Rookie Teams will provide funding to assist a rookie team with the development of its project. The selected team will receive a grant of \$500 that will be used toward the development of the vehicle or to help support travel expenses to the competition.

During a career that spanned more than 40 years in the automotive industry, Adam was active in program management, ride development, and NVH on-road development. He was a co-patent developer of integrated manifold-muffler-catalyst design, and an avid race car enthusiast. The grant recognizes his lifelong dedication to mentoring young engineers.

Contributions for this grant are being accepted by the SAE Foundation and can be mailed to the SAE Foundation, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001. For more information, please call 724.776.4841 or e-mail foundation@sae.org.

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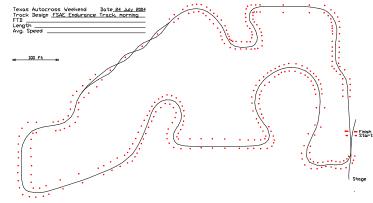


## **Texas Autocross Weekend 2004**

#### Submitted by Bob Woods, UTA

On Saturday July 24, eight Formula SAE teams converged on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington to practice driving, to compete with each other, and to share ideas of design and driving of these unique racecars that are designed and built from scratch by universities in a time period of one year. The universities represented were the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), the University of Texas at Austin (UT), the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Texas A & M University (TAMU), the University of New

Mexico (UNM), the University of Oklahoma (OU), the University of Kansas (KU), and the University of Cincinnati (UC). Between the eight universities there was a total of 20 cars and 53 drivers.



Morning track, FSAE endurance

The morning session used a track based on

the Formula SAE endurance event course specifications. In the afternoon, a second track was setup that was more open and faster representative of a Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) autocross course.

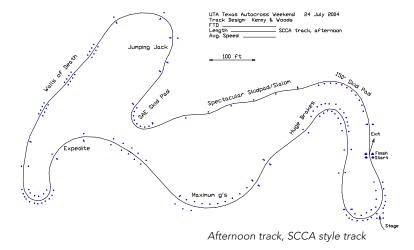
In the morning session, Jordan Mussler, TAMU, took the fastest time of the day (FTD) in the 04 car (no wings) with a time of 50.240 seconds around the 0.504 mile course with an average speed of 36.1 mph. In second place was Ken Hassler, UTA, with a time of 51.535 in the 99 250 cc car revving to 20,000 rpm. Erick Kohler, UTA, placed third in the winged 04 car with a lap time of 50.128 plus a 2 second penalty for a cone he hit.

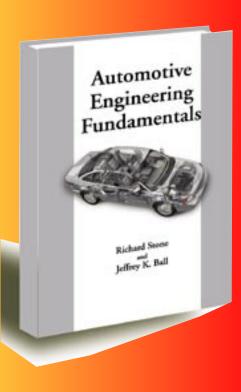
In the afternoon session, the cars with wings got a better workout around the 0.555 mile course. Erick Kohler took FTD with a 48.749 in the 04 winged car with an average speed of 41.0 mph. The car recorded a turn at over 1.6 g's on the asphalt parking lot. Jane Willis who took first place at SCCA Nationals in FSAEL last year in UTA's 03 car ran 51.768 in her first drive in the 04 UTA car.

On Sunday July 25, the FSAE cars gathered for the Texas Region SCCA regional autocross for the largest AM (or FSAE) class ever held. There were 13 cars and 36 drivers entered. SCCA named the event the "Carroll Smith Memorial Event" in honor of the legendary author and racecar engineer. Carroll was the chief design judge for FSAE, Formula Student and FSAE-Australasia and attended several Texas Region and Texas Autocross Weekend events.

Erick Kohler, UTA, took the top time of 36.007 driving the 04 car with wings. Jordan Musser, TAMU, took second with 36.365 in the 04 car without wings; wow what a spectacular display of driving of a car that had handling issues. Dr. Bob Woods, UTA, placed third with a 36.702 in the 03 winged car.

The full results for event 5 are posted on the autocross website <a href="http://autocross.com/texasregion/">http://autocross.com/texasregion/</a>. This was a weekend filled with socializing, exchanging of ideas, and true FSAE competing.





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