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HAAS RECOGNISES VOLUNTEER MARSHALS & OFFICIALS







Michael Herman of Portland Oregon, working Turn 5 A as Chief Post Marshal, representing all COTA volunteer marshals, met with Gunther Steiner, team principal of Moneygram Haas Formula 1 team. The team wanted to recognize, acknowledge and thank the entire marshal crew for their work and diligence. The meeting was in the Haas pit Friday morning. Gunther presented Michael with a team bandanna, saying he knew of the marshal's dedication as volunteers. Gunther said that (the late) Charlie Whiting told him to take care of the marshals, as they are so important. Gunther said he honestly respects the marshals' work, and for the marshals to do what they do at such events, they certainly must have passion, especially with no compensation. He knew it was a difficult job, and it wasn't something he could do.







10 QUESTIONS – BRUCE DEES

F1 USGP Allocated Position: Scrutineer, garage technician Aston Martin



How long have you been a race official
9 years
What is your officials' organization
Scrutineering
How did you get started
my buddy referred me for a MotoGP event
What is something most officials don't know about you
I enjoy racing sailboats
When you're not at the track, what do you do for a living
I advise hospitals and doctors on how to handle large populations of people in their area
What's your favorite race track
Lime Rock Park
How many F1s have you worked and where
4, COTA and MLA
If you could have a drink with a F1 driver, who would it be
Danny Ric
Who is your favorite F1 driver - team
LeClerc, Ferrari
If you could add another track to the F1 series, what/where would it be
Laguna Seca

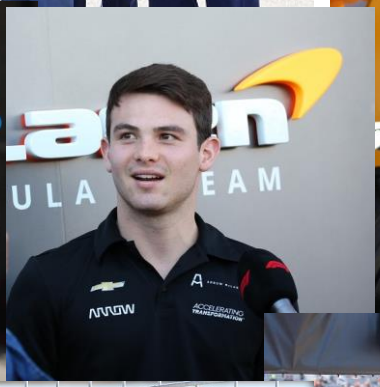
10 QUESTIONS – ADAM GAVALLA

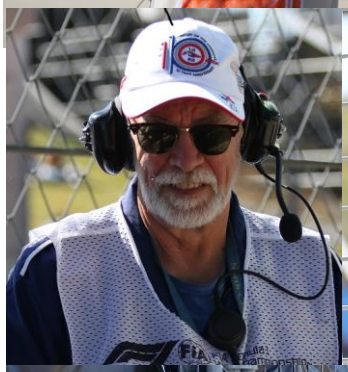
F1 USGP Allocated Position: Chief Scrutineer



How long have you been a race official
I have been a race official for 10 years
What is your officials' organization
I'm licensed as a Scrutineer under SCCA Pro, and answer to ACCUS and the tracks for major events. I'm a member of the San Francisco Region of the SCCA
How did you get started
Dumb luck! In 2012 Suzanne Royce had a last minute opening on her MotoGP Scrutineering team, and I was available. The first time I stepped onto pit lane at COTA I was hooked!!
What is something most officials don't know about you
I have a BFA in Photojournalism from the Rochester Institute of Technology
When you're not at the track, what do you do for a living
I'm an IT Director for the Monterey County Office of Education
What's your favorite race track
It's hard to choose one. COTA is my favorite track to work, you can't beat the facilities. Laguna Seca is home, so it's extra special. I love Barber for the decor. Brooklyn was one of my favorite overall events because there was so much to do afterwards
How many F1s have you worked and where
This will be my 9th race as a worker
If you could have a drink with a F1 driver, who would it be
I'm not a drinker, but I would share a "Shoey" with Daniel Riccardo
Who is your favorite F1 driver - team
I thoroughly enjoying keeping an eye on all the teams equally!
If you could add another track to the F1 series, what/where would it be
Laguna Seca so I can sleep in my own bed





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10 QUESTIONS – NADJA POLLARD



F1 USGP Allocated Position: Pit / Paddock Grid Chief

How long have you been a race official

Started flagging in 1985 and began officiating FIA in 2017. Currently hold an SCCA Steward license.

What is your officials' organization

SCCA

How did you get started

Saw people dodging cones in parking lots while at Texas A&M University and began autocrossing in 1985. That led to working my first road race that year at Texas World Speedway in College Station, Texas.

What is something most officials don't know about you

That I actually have a full-time job away from the track!

When you're not at the track, what do you do for a living

Manage a team of technical writers for a software company.

What's your favorite race track

Hands down, Road America. But I have a special place in my heart for Brainerd International Raceway as it reminds me so much of Texas World, which was demolished for housing in 2017.

How many F1s have you worked and where

All USGPs at COTA and the inaugural Miami GP.

If you could have a drink with a F1 driver, who would it be

Current driver would be Sebastian Vettel and all-time driver would be John Fitch, whose safety inventions after the 1955 LeMans disaster continue to save lives decades later.

Who is your favorite F1 driver - team

Lando and McLaren

If you could add another track to the F1 series, what/where would it be

Watkins Glen International, New York

10 QUESTIONS – DON ERICKSON



F1 USGP Allocated Position: Intervention Chief

How long have you been a race official

Since about 1991

What is your officials' organization

SCCA, member SFR

How did you get started

Went to the LBGP in 1991(?), saw the SCCA recruiting booth. Didn't realize it was that easy to get involved. The next year I was working the LBGP, about 10 years later, I was a CPM at the first Indy F1

What is something most officials don't know about you

I used to write for a beer magazine

When you're not at the track, what do you do for a living

I am an engineer.

What's your favorite race track

Laguna Seca and Montreal.

How many F1s have you worked and where

About 35: Indy, Montreal, COTA, and Miami GP.

If you could have a drink with a F1 driver, who would it be

Probably Jackie Stewart. He was the first F1 star I was aware of. Also his activitism about safety. Every time I watch "Grand Prix", I marvel how far we've come..

Who is your favorite F1 driver - team

I don't really have one these days. I'm just happy I get to be part of F1

If you could add another track to the F1 series, what/where would it be

Keep or return the historic tracks like Spa and Zandvroot


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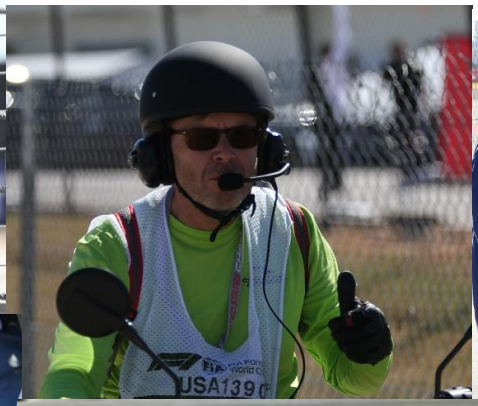
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