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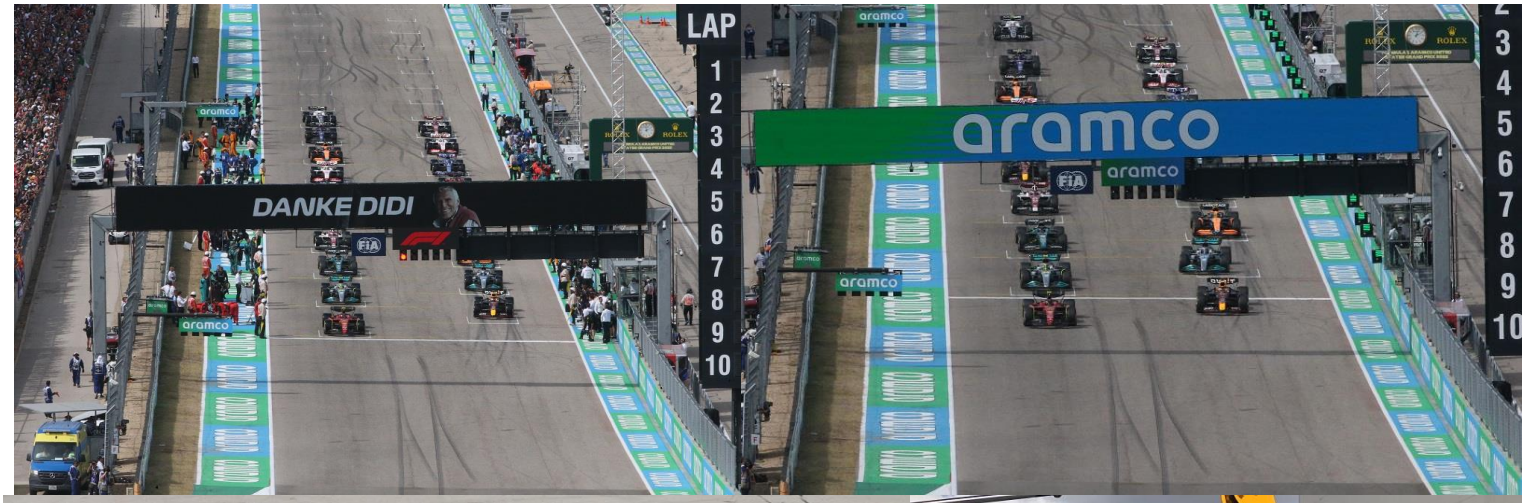













*This year our team has been:*

***Lynne Huntting**, Oakland CA*
***Nico Matamoros,** St. Paul, MN*
***Pablo Matamoros**, St. Paul, MN*
***Ron Searle**, Houston TX*

*The Newsletter is very much a team effort and we wanted to thank ACCUS, FIA, and COTA for their support with a special mention to Tim Mayer (USRM).*



### GARY CONNELLY, Chairman F1 Stewards

The newsletter is important to the event. The event can't run without the marshals. They are very efficient at what they do, practice their skills, and have a great team spirit. I'm impressed with the great camaraderie. They're doing a great job!



### GEORGE SILBERMAN - President of ACCUS

I echo what Gary said. I was a weekend warrior back in the day, working corners, so I pay more attention to the marshals. I'm pleasantly amazed at the job they're doing. I'm happy to see how they all come together so well.

### AZIZ THAWADI

Abdul Aziz Al Thawed, General Manager of the Bahrain Motor Federation, and President of the FIA Volunteers and Officials Commission is here this weekend at COTA, visiting marshals. He's had an extensive tour of the circuit and posts with Bryan Gregory, F&C Chief. Although Aziz is now qualified as Clerk of Course for FIA series including WEC, F1, F2, F3 etc, he started as a marshal, so he understands and has respect for the job they do. He started a Marshal's Gazette at the Bahrain F1. It went for several years, and then resumed again recently. Aziz joined the VOC in 2012 and became President this year. In this role he's trying to visit different venues, to be close to the marshals. The next VOC project this year is the FIA VOC Weekend November 11-13 2022. This and other project are informed to the ASNS, who then inform their members. The information is also imparted to various social media outlets including the FIA websites, Instagram accounts, etc. There will be a visual/digital component on Safety going out to participants the first day of the VOC weekend.



One of the biggest issues Aziz sees for the marshals is the need for respect. The work they do is hard. The marshals are not paid. They are volunteers, and need/ should receive respect for the essential job they do. One shouldn't talk about the marshals unless one knows exactly what they do. The safety of marshals is a high priority.

One of the upcoming FIA projects is an online Conference, called Safety Week, on January.25 and the VOC is trying to be part of it.

The marshals website is coming along. It is going to be a kind of training vehicle, and it's nearly ready. Mike Cobb, President and CEO of SCCA, is the USA Representative on the VOC.

https://www.fia.com/fia-volunteers-officials

## 10 QUESTIONS – JAMEY OSbORNE



F1 USGP Allocated Position: Chief of Start

How long have you been a race official

Since 2014

What is your officials' organization

SCCA

How did you get started

Been a race fan all my life but I always looked forward to watching the guy wave the checkers at the Indy 500. Little did I know that I'd get to work with him one day! I discovered by accident the old speedway in College Station TX (Texas World Speedway) and found out they were still racing there. I joined SCCA and started working F&C there and at MSR-Houston. I worked MotoGP at COTA in 2014 and the USGP that same year. In 2015, I moved to the Starter role and got my national license in 2016. I started working as a track marshal at COTA in 2016 and that continues to the present.

What is something most officials don't know about you

I host a radio program that's been on the air since 1999 playing "contemporary instrumental" music. I'm also an aviation fanatic.

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

I teach Professional Communications at Texas Lutheran University and my wife and I have a home-based travel agency.

What's your favorite race track

COTA (duh!), followed by Watkins Glen, Laguna Seca and Spa de Francorchamps

How many F1s have you worked and where

This is my ninth Grand Prix. All at COTA except I was Chief of Start at Miami earlier this year.

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

Danny Ricciardo

Who is your favorite F1 driver - team

I don't really have a favorite driver (I do believe in the non-partisan official thing) but I do appreciate what McLaren is doing in F1 and IndyCar, so they'd be top of any such list.

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

I'm hoping Spa doesn't get wiped off the list; that's too iconic of a track to lose. As for adding a track, I'd say put Hockenheim back on the calendar












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