



APRIL FOOLS DAY

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EMOTIONS AND STAKES RUN HIGH AT FORMULA SUN ONE GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — March 30, 2001 — SunStruck, the pranks division of Sun Microsystems, Inc., today announced the first-ever Clocktower Grand Prix — the Silicon Valley "Formula Sun ONE" race — to provide a true test of executive-rank driving abilities and tolerance to public humiliation. The championship race features unsuspecting execs Eddy "Andretti" Zander and "Mika" McNealy, who will drive modified Formula 1 race cars (aka golf carts) designed to provide an exciting, yet arduous race.

The Clocktower Grand Prix 0.684 mile/325 km circuit is located in the heart of Silicon Valley at Sun's new world headquarters. The track offers a combination of "fast" straights (up to 12 mph!) and low speed left-hand corners (0.04 degree bank turns), coupled with gusty 5 mph winds and deafening overhead airplane clamor via the nearby airport. Given these circumstances, the Clocktower circuit is among the most challenging and punishing of the Championship.

As first reported on ESPN.com, Eddy "Andretti" Zander will drive the big wheel muscle E-Z-GO golf cart (top speed of 14 mph!) owned by Planet Racing. This baby features a 16 hp twin "V" cylinder, air-cooled, Briggs & Stratton, Vanguard, 4 cycle engine and features a bicycle-pedal start for that winning edge! Hydraulic brakes in the rear provide sure downhill control (but we don't have any) and instant breaking — even at peak speeds of 14 mph!

Zander hasn't competed since he was banned for excessive speeding violations on public roads in 1999. The 36+-year old veteran has led 382 laps at the speedway but could never elude the California Highway Patrol along Highway 280.

Finnish-born "Mika" McNealy, representing the United States, will drive classic Detroit iron: a mini-Escalade modified golf cart, powered by Cadillac Northstar 4-cylinder engine and featuring the OnStar navigational system (Mika's acknowledged handicap is his lack of directional sense, coupled with his inability to simply ask for directions).

"This race will be closely watched around the world, since Mika is accustomed to driving cars as big as a golf course. Today is a true test of man versus machine — it's a challenge that pits Mika against Eddy Andretti in some of the most technologically unadvanced carts on the planet!" exclaimed Mario Presario Ferrario.

The Course

The Clocktower circuit includes two pit stops that test a driver's speed, accuracy and sense of humor. Pit Stop #1 requires the driver to exit his cart, grab a CPU/memory board and insert it into the new Sun Fire™ 3800 server to instantly boost the system's capacity. Pit Stop #2 requires the driver to exit his cart and "slam-dunk" as many software CDs into a basketball hoop within a 30 second timeframe. Any "I am not gonna do this" attitudes are grounds for immediate disqualification.

Background Information

Identities of the pranksters are held in strictest confidence. Pranks are generally hatched by a small, scattered group of engineers and the intended victim is always a corporate exec (it's considered an honor to be the chosen prank victim). All prank work is done on personal time and expenses are paid by money raised especially for the purpose. This year, we'd also like to thank those vendors (MadMacs, LJ Yanagihara) who donated their time and services to this noble cause.

The pranks are instigated as a reminder to Sun employees that while we work hard, we should also play hard, and that we should enjoy our work environment. We also do it.... "because we can." As a result, the annual Sun prank has become an unspoken part of Sun's corporate culture.

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