

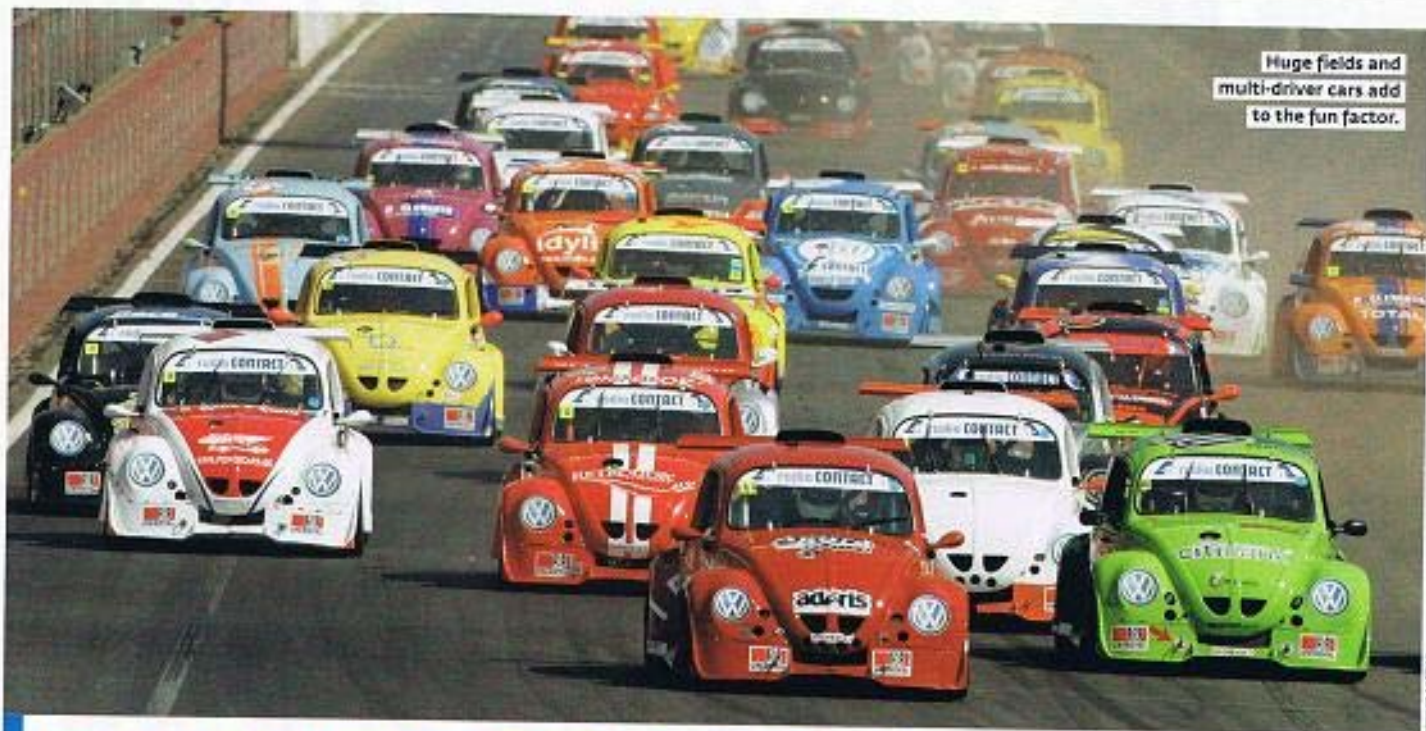
MAKING TRACKS

RACERS RISING



Pro Cup: not just for veterans anymore.

Growth stock The youth movement in stock car racing is having a knock-on effect down the line, as exemplified by Trevor Farbo, who already has an accomplished record in Legends cars and the Aaron's Pro Challenge Series, and now, at the age of 16, is set to leap into the USAR Hooters Pro Cup Series, where he will be competing against rivals more than twice his age in 625hp stockers racing on short ovals across the Southeast. Farbo was a force to be reckoned with in the Aaron's series last year, scoring three national victories along with a majority of top-five finishes.



Huge fields and multi-driver cars add to the fun factor.

CATCH THE BUG AGAIN

Europe's Fun Cup Racing formula hits U.S. shores, offering amateur racers maximum motorsports bang for their bucks

For those looking to get involved in motorsports for fun rather than necessarily as a career, there's always been a tipping point between investment requirements (in terms of both money and time/effort) and material and spiritual rewards. A new venture brought over from Europe offers amateur racers another way to balance that equation.

The Fun Cup series, which makes its U.S. debut this May,

follows the familiar spec format with identical tubular-framed, rear-wheel-drive cars, skinned in VW "New Beetle" style fiberglass bodies and powered by sealed, midmounted, 150hp Audi four cylinder engines, riding on BFGoodrich street tires. Cars can be rented for a weekend or entire season, or purchased outright. Ready-to-race cars sell for \$34,950, the cost of which is typically split between team members.

"The Fun Cup's founders had one thing in mind, and that was to create a series that put the fun back into racing," says Greg Clough, president of Fun Cup Inc. "They kept the cost low, the playing field level and incorporated elements like the

camaraderie of team racing and full trackside technical support. By doing these things, they have removed much of the stress of racing and created a series that promotes fun and enjoyment as its core values."

A typical team consists of three drivers, while the races are all at least three hours long, with mandatory pit stops and driver changes to ensure that each team member gets plenty of seat time.

The Fun Cup's first U.S. season will include five races, on tracks including Laguna Seca and Infineon Raceway. The season will culminate with a 25-hour race at Thunderhill Park Raceway. For more info, check out www.fun-cup.com.

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VW body covers spec tubeframed racer.

