

Stanley Calvin Ming of Guyana Racing Towards Formula 1

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It will be a special moment for race fans at the South Dakota Circuit, when 19 year old Calvin Ming drives onto the track and they see the car he'll drive in his bid to win the FIA F4 NACAM Championship in Mexico in 2015. It will also be the first time in 35 years that a purpose-built "formula car" laps the track at Timehri, driven by a young Guyanese, who might one day race in the World Championship Formula One Series.

Also watching will be his proud father Stanley Ming Snr, an ex-motorcycle racer who represented Guyana at Tracks in the UK and at Daytona Speedway, USA in the 1980s. Stanley Snr. now acts as avid fan and supporter to a son who will carry our flag and the Ming name to even greater heights in international Motor Racing.

Specially invited for this event is Chairman of Mygale (the car's manufacturer) Mr. Bertrand De Coster and his wife. The FIA F4 Mexican Series promoter Mr. Felipe Abed of RRK Motorsports and his wife will also be here, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Tuckey of Team Pelfrey, a top racing team in the USA.

Team Pelfrey arranged a test-session in July 2015 for Calvin who had just topped

the Class at the Skip Barber Racing School training course. They were so impressed with the speed and skill of the FIA- awarded Champion karter that he was drafted into the team, which will provide pit-crew and technical assistance for him in the Mexican 7-race F4 Series. To date Calvin has logged about 2000 miles in practice and testing runs in the car over the last few weeks,

in preparation for his debut in Mexico on the 1st of November. His F4 race is a support event at the Formula One Gran Prix of Mexico on that date, which will be followed by 6 others at Mexican Tracks before year end. The young engineering student at Florida International University (FIU) has been working with the mechanics as they assembled the car, consulting with the

The car was conceptualized as a stepping stone for young drivers who need to move from karts to single-seaters. So special effort was placed on making it affordable and easy to service and maintain, as well as compatible with the FIA regulations for the F4 class. While chassis specification is common to all cars racing in home series in countries around the world, the car is designed to take a variety of engines, some indigenous to the countries where they race.

The Mygale F4 was unveiled in June 2013 in England, and to date three cars have been brought into the Caribbean of the 100 sold by the company so far.

Calvin Ming's car features a Ford Eco-boost 1600cc Turbocharged Motor producing about 150hp with a 6-speed sequential transmission. The car features an F1-Style aerodynamic package of wings and ground-effects under-tray that makes it essentially a scaled-down Formula 1 car that runs on pump-gas. Keep your eyes on it – it is fast, sophisticated, high-tech and id driven by a young talented Guyanese who could make the formula 1 grid soon!

race-engineering crew on set-up and adjustment, and has also undergone vigorous physical training for his job as the team's driver. The attention to detail is amazing as every little gain counts in a sport that measures success in hundredths of a second, ensuring that Calvin will be as well-prepared as humanly possible for the task when the start-lights go green.

The Mygale F4 Cars at a glance

This unique machine has had input from seven companies specializing in various aspects of race car engineering, built in Magny-Cours, France and coordinated by Mygale, a race car conductor since 1989.

