

Ferret Industries

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How can Motor Racing and Ferret Industries promote your company? The following is a brief outline of our team, the car, and our objectives for 1973.

There are five individuals involved in Ferret Industries and I would like to introduce them to you.

John Scratch from Stratford, Ontario, has been selected as team driver for the 1973 racing season after we had tried several drivers during 1972. John drove his first race in a Ferret on October 1st and won, the first ALL-CANADIAN car to win a Bulova Championship race. John started Motor Racing in 1968 and is now 25 years of age. In 1971, John was the Ontario Region Formula 'C' champion, and in 1972, he won three Ontario Region Championships and placed fourth overall in the Bulova Championship for Formula Ford cars.

Eric Siegrist of Wlarton, Ontario, is the designer, engineer and constructor of the Ferret Formula Ford car. He has built several racing cars before, but seldom raced them, preferring the technical challenge of design and construction to driving. Eric completed two years in engineering at the University Of Waterloo, two years as a tool and die maker, and then three years in the aircraft maintenance industry, before opening his own precision machine shop in Wlarton, Ontario.

Bill Hirst whose racing experience in England included design, construction and driving Formula '3' and Sports Racing cars, is responsible for detail design and pre-race preparation of the car. At race meetings, he acts as Team Manager to ensure smooth functioning of the team, and good public relations. Bill will not race the Ferret in 1973, but will be involved in some test driving, and will be a back-up driver if necessary. A resident of Kincardine, Bill is employed by Ontario Hydro as a Mechanical Engineering Instructor at the Bruce Nuclear Power Development.

John Luttenberger has prepared John Scratch's cars for him since 1968, and has gained quite a reputation in Ontario for preparing fast racing cars. John will be doing the engine building and development for Ferret Industries in 1973.

Fred Wilken is in charge of development, preparation, and is the team director. He has been involved with Motorsports in one form or another since he was local soap box derby champion some 22 years ago. In 1964, along with two engineer freinds, he built the fastest "Canada Class" car in Canada. This was the first car to bear the "Ferret" nameplate.

TECHNOLOGICAL The car, designated, the SRC FERRET Mk 3c, embodies the latest technological features in design. It is unique in its class, in both appearance and construction. These features were demonstrated by its success in the 1972 racing season, where it left a significant impact on the owners of conventional imported cars. The distinctive appearance of the car enables it to be readily identified from the other cars on the track.

For 1973, our objectives are to defend the titles we won in 1972, namely the Formula 'A', Formula 'B', and Formula Libre Championships. In addition we will enter a full program of events to claim the Bulova Formula Ford Championship, which is the premier Formula Ford series in Canada. As well, we expect to claim the Canadian Formula Ford Championship title, which brings with it an opportunity for the winner to represent Canada in Europe in 1974.

If sufficient financial assistance were forthcoming, it would enable our team to compete in a number of the very popular and well publicised I.M.S.A. Series of races in the eastern United States as well as the Eastern Zone (Quebec) Series of races.



