



Professional Race Driver Resume

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MICHAEL CENZI



Personal Info:

Age: 17

Height: 5'6 Weight: 140

Hometown: Naples, Florida

Hobbies: Racing, lacrosse, paintball, and mudding

Years Racing: 11

Current Ride/Car #: Late Model/# 92



Current Tracks/Series: Charlotte County Motorsports Park, Auburndale Speedway, Citrus County Speedway, Orlando Speedworld, New Smyrna Speedway and Columbia Motorsports Park/Sunco Florida All-Star Touring Series (FAST)

Charities: No Phone Zone & Collier County's Food for Backpacks

Interesting Facts: Captain of the Palmetto Ridge High School Varsity Lacrosse team

Formal Education/Skills: 11th grade high school

Top Racing Accomplishment: In 2007 I advanced into the Pro Division of FasTruck and STARS racing series at the young age of 14 when we experienced our first win, four (4) poles, earned Rookie of the Year, and finished second in the points competing against fields more than double my age.

Career Goals: 2010: Participate in the Race 101 program; competing in our late model; pound the pavement for sponsorship in order to run a limited schedule in ARCA; acquire an internship at a race shop for the summer. 2011: Compete in the ARCA series full time and graduate from high school. 2012: Compete in, what is now called, Camping World Truck Series and attend college. 2013: Continue competing in the truck series and attend college. 2014: Move up into the Nationwide Series and of course, attend college. Ultimate goal: Competing in "Cup".



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Racing Career Highlights & Accomplishments:

2010 - Late Model

Sunoco Florida All-Star Tour

2009 - Late Model

Raced a limited schedule

2008 – Truck & Late Model

STARS Pro Truck Series

Raced a limited schedule

2007 - Truck & Open Wheel Modified

STARS Pro Truck Series

Rookie of the Year

One (1) Win

Two (2) Pole Positions

Five (5) Top Five Finish

2nd in points

FasTruck Pro Series

Two (2) Pole Positions

Five (5) Top Five Finishes

4th in points

2006 – Truck

FasTruck Kids Series

Ten (10) Top Five Finishes

4th in points year-end

2005 – Truck

FasTruck Kids Series

4th in points year-end

2004 – Go Kart

Florida Championship Series Divisional

Jr. Sportsman II Light

2nd place year-end

Jr. Sportsman II Heavy

1 pole / 1 win - 2nd place year-end



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2003 – Go Kart

World Karting Association - Nationals
Jr. Sportsman II Light
Two (2) Top Five Finishes
6th place year-end

Jr. Sportsman II Heavy
9th place year-end

2003 – Go Kart

Florida Series - Divisional
Jr. Sportsman II Light
1 win / 2 pole positions
3rd place year-end

Jr. Sportsman II Heavy
4th place year-end



2002 – Go Kart

Florida Championship Series - Divisional
Jr. Sportsman I Light
4th place year-end

Jr. Sportsman I Heavy
4th place year-end

Driver Bio:

I began racing through our local karting club, West Coast Karting Naples, at the age of six. After two years of competing in Kiddie Karts I graduated to Jr. Sportsman I, a 5hp Briggs and Stratton. I joined the World Karting Association (WKA) in 2002 and the Florida Championship Series (FCS) which consisted of five races held at several road course tracts throughout Florida. My driving was highly competitive allowing us to consistently finish in the top three. The State competition was not enough; our race team was formed, Dirty Paws Motorsports (DPM). We acquired a sponsorship from SunStream Hotels and Resorts and hit the road in 2003 to race on the national level with WKA's Hortsman Gold Cup Series as well as the state level with FCS.



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At the age of eleven, 2004, I advanced to Jr. Sportsman II. Still competing on both levels, remaining sponsored by SunStream Hotels and Resorts, the team was approached by Margay half way through the season to become part of their factory-supported team. In 2005, the team decided to enter into the world of short track racing by competing in the FasTruck Kids series at the age of 12; I was the youngest driver in the kids division. In 2007, DPM decided to advance me into the Pro Division of FasTruck and STARS at the young age of 14 years-old. I finished second in points and earned Rookie of The Year.



During practice at the Charity Truck race held in December at Orlando Speedworld, our truck bit the wall hard forcing DPMS to hang up the helmet for the short-term. Not wanting to sit idle, I decided to dust off my go-kart and head for the local track, my philosophy, race what you got! Plus any time in the seat racing is time well spent, no matter what you are piloting. It was a valuable year, wrenching on my go-kart, racing and clinching my first eagle, Champion in the Briggs Gold class. Returning to the oval in 2009 after purchasing a late model, I made my come back in May at Charlotte County Motorsports Park.



November 2009 Michael was accepted into the Race 101 program for 2010! A scholarship Program focused on working with the youth of our sport in a effort to build a better driver'. Founder and instructor Tony Blanchard, has become known among the insider racing circles as one of the top crew chiefs in the industry for working with and coaching young race car drivers. He is especially well known for his work with Joey Logano as Joey's crew chief for Joe Gibbs Development for the USAR Hooters Pro Cup Series.



Cenzi plans to focus on the RACE 101 program in 2010 while campaigning his family's late model stock car at Charlotte County Motorsports Park, Auburndale Speedway, Citrus County Speedway, Orlando Speedworld, New Smyrna Speedway and Columbia Motorsports Park. He has aspirations of eventually racing at the NASCAR level.

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Marketing & Promotional Experience:

Past Sponsors

SunStream Hotels & Resorts
International Data Depository
Anderson Auto Repair
Q Auto & Injury Attorneys
POLO Engineering
Lely Development
Competition 101
American Racer Tire

Current Sponsors

Keith Isaac Photography
CPH Engineers
Race 101

SunStream Hotels & Resort, Sue Fenger Director of Sales & Marketing stated, "His energy in front of a crowd is electrifying. Michael represented us for several years and at a young age demonstrated nothing but loyalty & professionalism. In sponsoring Michael, our company truly saw a return on our investment."

Keith Isaac, "I just began my relationship with Michael as an associate sponsor and I have already acquired new customers because they saw my information on the car as well as my work via Michael's website & signature cards".

David Gierach, — CPH Engineers, Inc., "I love the way our logo just pops on the race car and the way Michael represented our firm during driver introductions, a true professional".

Team Experience:

Dirty Paws Motorsports (DPM) was established in 1999 competing in go-kart racing on the local level. In 2002, DPM began competing divisionally and nationally in sanctioned races by the World Karting Association. Michael Cenzi was the elder of two drivers for DPM.

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In 2005, the team decided to enter into the world of short track racing by competing in the Fastruck Kids series with 12-year old Michael Cenzi #92, the youngest driver in the kids division. We teamed up with Danny Anderson of Anderson Motorsports who owned the first truck piloted by Michael. "At 12 years old it takes a special kid to drive a truck that fast," says Anderson. "He's smooth, but he goes into the corners hard...."



Searching for the competitive edge, DPM hired Todd Blevins as Cenzi's crew chief in 2006. Todd is not only a fabricator, chassis builder and suspension specialist he is a mentor. Blevins has crewed for numerous Hooters Pro Cup Teams as well as Crew Chiefed for Scott Krehling in 2003 and 2004.

In 2007, DPM decided to advance Michael into the Pro Division of Fastruck and STARS at the young age of 14 years-old. In October, Stuart Lacett of Competition 101 sponsored Michael for the annual October Spectacular Open Wheel Modified 100 by lending Michael a car to pilot.



Continuing racing the truck, DPM purchased a limited Late Model and made our debut in 2009 but ran a limited schedule.



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Awards, Certifications, and Programs

RACE 101 scholarship winners to be introduced - Naples teen Michael Cenzi among recipients

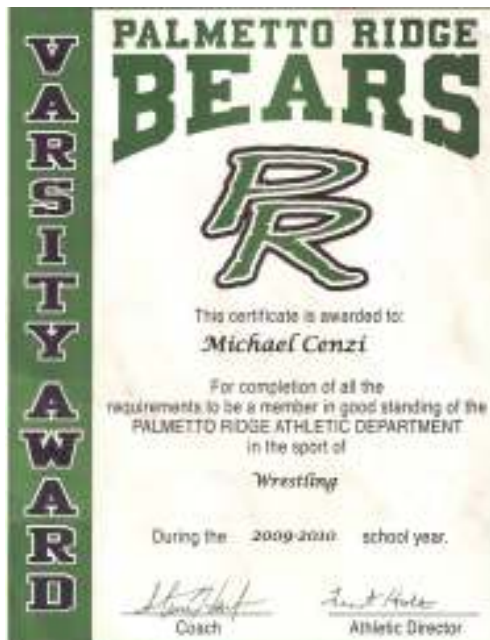
DENVER, NORTH CAROLINA, January 26, 2010

Fifteen of North America's brightest car racing prospects converge on Charlotte, North Carolina, this Friday to be introduced as RACE 101's inaugural class. An acronym for Research, Analyze, Consult, Educate, 1 on 1 – RACE 101 is a one-year advanced motorsports education program designed for aspiring race car drivers looking to advance their careers. The inaugural class consists of 15 scholarship winners from across North America. Naples, Florida, racer Michael Cenzi was chosen from hundreds of applications based on his desire to learn along with an impressive racing resume.

The 16-year-old started racing when he was six, and he has amassed an impressive list of victories from go-karts up to full-sized late model stock cars. Cenzi plans to focus on the RACE 101 program in 2010 while campaigning his family's late model stock car at Charlotte County Motorsports Park, Auburndale Speedway, Citrus County Speedway, Orlando Speedworld, New Smyrna Speedway and Columbia Motorsports Park. He has aspirations of eventually racing at the NASCAR level.

Need for "motorsports" based education

RACE 101 was founded by acclaimed crew chief Tony Blanchard. Best known for his work with NASCAR Sprint Cup sensation Joey Logano during his formative stock car racing years Blanchard recognized a need in the racing industry. "Achieving a career in motorsports requires much more than racing talent," says Blanchard. "Young racers need to understand the mechanical side of their cars, and they need a solid public relations foundation. "We're able to provide an education in their area of need. I'm excited to work with these young racers, and we have some great instructors and mentors involved with the program.



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In The Media



Naples speedster shows drive

Class Contributor and Column 2007

Florida's most prominent car racing program, recognized as Charlotte, North Carolina, this past Friday to be introduced as RACE 101's inaugural class.

"Among those members in Naples' Downfall racer Michael Cenzi, who was chosen from hundreds of applications based on his desire to learn along with an impressive racing resume.

"I am very excited to be participating in the Race 101 program," says Cenzi. "I hope to learn how to be a more complete driver, not only understanding how the car works but also the inner workings of the racing industry that will enable me to advance my career to the highest level possible."

An acronym for Beginner's Academy, Cenzi will, Evidently, 3 on 1, RACE 101 is a one-year advanced motor sports education program designed for aspiring race car drivers looking to advance their careers. The inaugural class consists of 15 scholarship winners from across North America.

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"My long term goals are to move up that ladder of NASCAR starting in 2011 with a full-time ride in the Camping World Truck Series," Cenzi stated. "After finishing college, I plan to continue to move up the ranks including ARCA/Bowling Green Series followed by the Camping World Truck Series, Nationwide Series and ultimately securing a ride in the Cup Series by 2015."

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Naples resident Michael Cenzi will start at Motor Sports Park in Naples, Florida in his debut in the inaugural class of RACE 101, a one-year motorsports education program for aspiring drivers. The program will already have 10 years of racing under its belt and has experience of providing a way to NASCAR's young race.



July 2005 - Michael Cenzi was featured on NBC affiliate in Fort Myers, Florida as an up and coming driver and the next "Cup" hopeful.



The boy behind the wheel

Michael Cenzi, center, is a local 12-year-old racer currently making a splash in the Fast Kids Series throughout Florida. He is flanked by his father, Jeffrey Snyder, left, and truck owner Danny Anderson of Bradenton, Story, SC. Tom Rife



Michael was chosen by Fastruck as one of four Ambassadors for the series. This not only exhibited Michael as a driver, but provided our sponsors and the team access to a wide variety of media exposure including radio, TV and billboards for the 2006 season.

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July 18, 2005

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- Communicates well with Crew Chief and team
- Leader/Team player – Captain of varsity Lacrosse team
- Physically Fit – Wrestling & Lacrosse
- Quick learner
- Intuitive
- Competitive
- Well spoken
- Consistent
- Possesses Charisma
- Fearless
- Adopts to change well
- Focused
- Determined
- Patient
- Ability to look ahead and anticipate - foresight
- A passion to learn and improve his skills
- Willing to re-locate



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