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## **Local LeMans Karting Driver Debuts in First Pro Nascar Race This Weekend**

*Mike Shawhan leverages indoor karting experience to make K&N West Pro Series Starting Grid*

**Fremont, CA (June 13, 2014)** - Former LeMans Karting-Fremont employee, Michael Shawhan, will be starting his first professional car race this weekend on June 21st. By recently passing both his oval and road race tests conducted by Jack Sellers Racing, a well established NASCAR race team, Shawhan earned his chance to start in the K&N West Pro Series stock car race held at Sonoma County Raceway this weekend.

While working at LeMans karting Fremont, Shawhan not only repaired the go-karts, but also participated in the many local league races held there, giving him the 'seat-time' practice needed to hone his race-craft. Obsessed with road racing, Shawhan expanded his race knowledge into wins with the United States Touring Car Championship and the SCCA BMW Spec E30 race series, where he is currently the 2014 points leader.

"I got my start in wheel-to-wheel racing at LeMans Karting in Fremont, and continue to race there to stay sharp between my BMW and now pro-series races", said Michael Shawhan.

"We do our best to create as real a motorsport experience as possible for all levels of drivers - from novice to pro - and to do it affordably", said Rick Gaan, co-owner at LeMans Karting. "Pro-level drivers like Michael appreciate our use of European-designed and manufactured E85-powered karts because they mimic the feel of real racing. Our community of drivers participate in weekly league racing, not only for the sport, but also to meet with their friends while improving their race craft."

### **About LeMans Karting**

Founded in 2002, LeMans Karting is Northern California's longest running go-kart racing and meeting facility. Powered by E-85 ethanol, their European-built karts are 'greener' than electric-only karts, can run continuously for more than two hours and are rated to 50 miles per hour. LeMans Karting brings the thrill of real wheel-to-wheel racing excitement for drivers of all skill levels. Conveniently located off of the Mission Blvd. cross-over between highways 880 & 680, LeMans holds corporate team building events for many of Silicon Valley companies such as Apple, Google, and Tesla Motors. Popular also for private parties, racing leagues and arrive-&-drive racing, LeMans Karting is definitely a must do in the Bay Area. Reservations are recommended by calling [510.770.9001](tel:510.770.9001), or by visiting [www.LeMansKarting.com](http://www.LeMansKarting.com)

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