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**Former Red Bull F1 driver Scott Speed
joins ROTAX MAX CHALLENGE**

Gary Carlton, Scott and Alex Speed confirmed for Florida Winter Tour IRMC

Trio will race ROTAX 125 MAX DD2 against reigning Grand Finals and North American champions

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Formula Kart Productions, Inc. announced today that two-time and reigning U.S. ICC national champion Gary Carlton, along with three-time U.S. ICC national champion Alex Speed and two-time SKUSA SuperNationals champion and former Red Bull F1 driver Scott Speed, have all been confirmed as entries in the 2008 Florida Winter Tour ROTAX MAX DD2 class.

Carlton and the Speed brothers will face a considerable challenge if they wish to knock off the current North American aces in the DD2 category. They'll face the likes of SRA Karting's Pier-Luc Ouelette, who recently captured the 2007 DD2 class at the ROTAX MAX Challenge GRAND FINALS. Making the FWT competition all the fiercer will be the presence of United States DD2 champion Stuart Marsell and U.S. runner-up Brandon Marsell. This event will also mark the first time the Speed brothers have competed against each other in official competition. With 21 other drivers already registered for the DD2 class there is guaranteed to be plenty of action for all.

Pre-registration for the first event of the 2008 FWT has smashed all previous FWT records, as 197 drivers are already signed up for the January 11-13 RMC weekend with opening practice still over two weeks away. With an entire weekend dedicated to the six ROTAX classes (DD2, Senior, Masters, Junior, Mini Max, Micro Max) and with such large entry lists, participants at the FWT can expect an unmatched level of competition.

"It's completely surpassed our expectations," commented Bill Wright, FWT promoter and President of Formula Kart Productions, Inc. "This ROTAX IRMC weekend is already the largest race in the history of the FWT. The timing is perfect, given that parts of the Homestead track have just been repaved along with even more barriers being installed. Combined with our unparalleled awards program, this is the type of racing product that we're eager to provide to the drivers and teams who support the FWT."

FKP, Eastern U.S. ROTAX distributor SSC East and Canadian Rotax Distributor SRA Karting, working together with BRP-Rotax, will provide fully funded rides to the 2008 ROTAX MAX Challenge GRAND FINALS (RMCGF) to the points champions of the '08 FWT ROTAX DD2, ROTAX Senior and Rotax Junior classes. FWT IRMC Champions in those three classes will be awarded air fare and hotel accommodations for the driver, chassis rental, engine rental, race tires, trolley rental, lead rental, fuel and oil, and two tickets to the official Welcome Party and Prize Giving ceremonies at the 2008 RMCGF.

In addition, SSC East will offer FWT RMC Masters and Mini Max class Points Champions paid entry packages to the United States or Mexican Grand Nationals. Series runner ups* in all FWT IRMC classes will be given an allocation to the '08 US Grand Nationals (*must meet U.S. Grand National driver requirements).

The Formula Kart Racing Florida Winter Tour is one of the longest running and largest sprint kart racing series in the world. For the 9th straight year the 2007 FWT set records for entries and awards, averaging 551 entries, including drivers from 15 different countries, 24 U.S. States and 5 Canadian Provinces. The 10th Annual FWT has already surpassed those number in pre-registrations alone. To see a complete list of the \$100,000+ awards for 2008, or for more information about the FWT, visit the FWT web site at www.floridawintertour.com.

Numbers of starters for each category:

Junior	68
Senior	49
Mini Max	29
Masters	25
Micro Max	22
DD2	20