

# SPiKE

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## K O H L B E C K E R R A C I N G



### PERSONAL BIO

My name is Spike Kohlbecker. I am 20 years old and I am following my dream. Since I was three years old I've been racing anything that has wheels (and a few things that don't). My Dad used to draw a chalk track in our driveway and I would put on my red Superman cape and jump into my electric go-kart and do laps. Today I don't wear a cape, but I do race cars. Motorsports is a passion, a way of life for me — I love everything about it — the intensity, the competition, the problem-solving, the friendships, the memories, and of course the thrill of a WIN. Here are a few things you should know about me:

### EDUCATION

**Post-secondary Education** — Boise State University  
Dean's List - College of Business and Economics  
**Grades 10-12** — Graduated in December 2020 (early graduate),  
Kirkwood High School's Launch Online School, first student  
in the State of Missouri to study internationally  
**Grades 7-9** — Chaminade College Preparatory School  
**Grades K-6** — The College School

### ASPIRATIONS

To continue to build upon my recent racing success by being in the most competitive series with big fields of professional drivers (Road to Indy USF2000, Toyota Racing Series Formula 3, United States Formula 4, and F1600 in Canada, New Zealand, and United Kingdom) and karts (Margay Racing factory driver) by constantly challenging myself on and off the track. In 2023, with the help of the new Toyota GAZOO Racing's GR Cup, I have a unique opportunity to be part of something extremely competitive that has the backing of a major automotive manufacturer. **The goal remains the same, to represent my supporters, my sponsors, and the St. Louis community at the highest levels of motorsports.** I'm excited for this year and grateful that my racing journey continues!

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### PLAN

My plan is simple - continued progression to the top levels of motorsports by seeking the toughest competition in the most competitive racing series. After winning the "Rookie of the Year" honors in the Road to Indy USF2000 Series my plan now shifts to the ultra-competitive, Toyota GAZOO Racing's, GR Cup. After racing in Toyota's Formula 3 Series in New Zealand where I was awarded the series "Most Improved Driver", I have first-hand experience of the outstanding commitment to racing from Toyota — it's a great program for the drivers, teams, fans, AND sponsors. I'm excited to continue to expand my racing resume and to always challenge myself against the best professional drivers in a great series like the GR Cup. I have the best supporters, trainers, coaches and mentors both on and off the track and I am confident my racing career will continue to progress.

### REFERENCES

**Nicolas Caillol:** Category Mgr. for Toyota GAZOO Racing New Zealand  
**Tim Neff:** Team Owner, TJ Speed Motorsports  
**Rick Fulks:** Race Director for US Auto Club, Ford Driving Skills for Life, WKA Hall of Fame  
**John Crawford:** Owner, Motorsports Solutions of New Zealand  
**Cliff Dempsey:** Owner, Cliff Dempsey Racing  
**Keith Freber:** Owner, Margay Racing, WKA Hall of Fame  
**Keith Scharf:** SCCA Member #130411, Driving Coach  
**Penni Barker-Adams:** Canada Toyo Tires Formula 1600 Series Director

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I have been watching Spike for three years, he is going to become the next superstar. He already has the winning principles in his driving portfolio ... he just needs to continue adjusting those principles to more powerful and faster race cars. — **Merle Bettenhausen**, *American Racing Legend*

I've been watching Spike all day. The kid has talent, real talent. — **Bob Bondurant**, *American Racing Legend*

Spike Kohlbecker is the one to watch. — **Benjamin Carrell**, *Talk Motorsport NZ*

Smart, educated, fast, aggressive and a rare thing in young drivers, humble. As well as driven and mature beyond his years, Spike exudes confidence and knows he can learn from everyone he comes into contact with in motor racing and boy is he working at it. — **Jonathan Green**, *Co-host Speed City Broadcast and the voice of The Circuit of Americas*

## DRIVING RESUME

I have been racing karts competitively and exclusively as a factory driver for Margay Racing, since I was five years old and I've raced formula cars in seven different countries since starting in the Toyo Tires F1600 Championship Series in 2018 at age 15.

### CARS

**2022 USFPRO Championships by COOPER Tires**  
Season "Top 10" Finisher

**2021 Road to Indy COOPER Tires USF2000 Championship**  
"Rookie of the Year" Award

**2020 Formula 4 United States National Championship**  
3rd Place

**2020 Toyota Gazoo Racing Formula 3 TRS Series**  
Series "Most Improved Driver" Award

**2019 Avon Tyres UK National Championship**  
Driver for Cliff Dempsey Racing, series Vice-Champion  
Winner of the prestigious Henry Rilett Trophy

**2019 New Zealand F1600 National Championship**  
Partial season, double podium in first two weekends of racing, pole position in second race weekend, challenged for multiple wins with limited testing and an unfamiliar car.

**2018 Canadian F1600**  
Driver for Exclusive Autosport — Indian Summer Champion  
Formula 1 Montreal Grand Prix — fast lap of race and 2nd place  
Mosport Historic Car Grand Prix — Champion  
Canada Super Series — 3rd place  
Ontario National Championship — 3rd place (youngest driver in field)

**2017 Bob Bondurant School of Racing**  
Graduate (14 years old)  
4-Day High Performance Racing School  
Forza Grand Prix Road Racing School

**2017 Lucas Oil School of Racing**  
Advanced 2-Day Lapping Program

**2017 Lucas Oil Formula Race — NOLA**  
Qualified 2nd, finished 5th

**2014 Porsche Club of St. Louis — The Art of Racing**  
Classroom Graduate, 2-day classroom training program

### KARTS

**2010-2020 Factory Driver, Margay Racing**  
Represent Margay Racing at a variety of national, regional and local races, trade shows, open houses, spokesperson, public appearances (TV/press interviews)

Factory Test Driver (2-cycle and 4-cycle engine packages, prototype chassis, new tire compounds, etc.)

**2016 and 2018 WKA Daytona Kart Week**  
Yamaha Junior Class, National Champion

**2017 Champion**  
Inaugural New Castle Endurance Champion, Solo Driver

**2017 Rock Island Grand Prix**  
Junior Class Champion

**Route 66 Series Yamaha Sportsman**  
Series Class Champion

**St. Louis Mercedes Club**  
Guest Instructor Gateway Kartplex

**Gateway Kartplex Track Record Holder**  
Sodi GT-5 Karts

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