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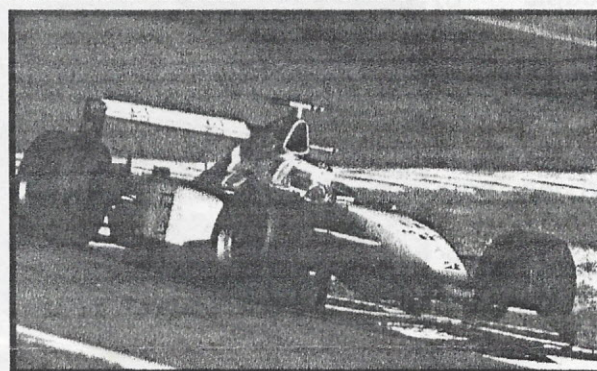


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## Unbelievable Thrill Ride

*Editor's Note: As many of you may know, Robbie Naish, the world renown wind surfing champion and business man is an avid sports car racing fan and a member of the SCCA Hawaii Region. He has an Evans that he runs with us in Solo I and Solo II. He e-mailed me the other day with the following article he recently wrote for a German magazine. It outlines his "unbelievable thrill ride" in the two-seat McLaren F1 "Adrenaline Project" car. I told him that I thought I spoke for all of us when I said I "hated him" for it. He told me that was the usual response he got from his friends. I have known Robbie since we were both kids. He is a very nice and approachable man. Take the time to ask him about this experience. I'm sure he never gets tired of remembering it!*

I happened to be in Germany at the time, making my way home from the Canary Islands Windsurfing World Cup events, so the timing was perfect for me to stop off and catch the Hockenheim Formula One Grand prix. I was invited by my friends at Boss and West McLaren Mercedes to join them at the event, after getting to know them during a joint promotion the year before at Nurnbergring. (There are a number of ex-windsurfing people involved with f1 and f1 related sponsors these



days) I had heard about the "Adrenaline project" at McLaren, and saw a photo of the two seater in a car magazine the month before. When they told me that there "might be a chance to get a drive in the car" I was on my way from Munich to Hockenheim at 4:00 am as fast as I could drive, with fingers crossed. The opportunity for a "motorhead" racefan like myself to drive in an F1 Car is an opportunity of a lifetime.

When I arrived at the track, it had been OK'd by the powers that be (Ron Dennis) that I could drive in the car. First I had to pass a physical exam at the on track medical facility (which fortunately I did) and then I had to get "fitted for the car." When you see the car, you immediately recognize that it is definitely no toy. Basically a slightly wider version of the present McLaren F1 car with one plus one seating, the MP4-98T is the first of it's kind.

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