

Peter Zarcades Wins ACRL Opener

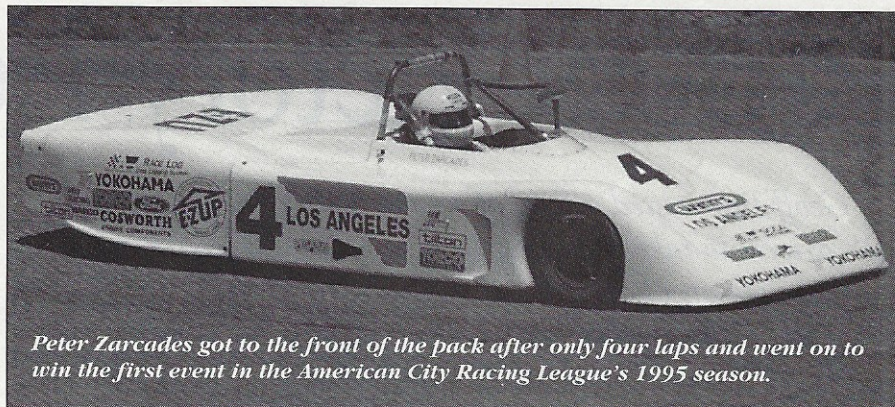
Peter Zarcades of Team Los Angeles drove to victory at Firebird Raceway in Arizona on March 12 to capture the first event in the 1995 season of the American City Racing League.

Zarcades started only ninth, but he drove to the front after only four laps and was never headed in his Wynns Oil-sponsored car. He recorded the race's fast lap with a time of 57.288 on lap seven and proved to be unstoppable.

At the green flag, pole-sitter Lee Lucas dropped back to seventh when a plug fouled on his Swift DB5, allowing rookie Jeff Glenn to lead an ACRL race for the first time. But his lead lasted only one lap as he gave way to Rick Lee's Team Reno/Tahoe Ski Centurion/Ez Up-sponsored Lola for two laps before Zarcades worked his way through traffic.

The only real race left was for second place between Lee and Lee Lucas' Audiovox-Kendall/Touch of Class-sponsored Swift. The pair traded second and third a few times, but Lee was the one ahead when it counted — on the last of the 25 laps.

Gary Green's Valvoline/Innovon Swift



Peter Zarcades got to the front of the pack after only four laps and went on to win the first event in the American City Racing League's 1995 season.

Photo/Doug Berger

gave Team San Diego valuable fourth-place points together with teammate Leo Sismani, who rented a local competitor's Tiga after having terminal mechanical problems in his own car on test day. Sismani retired after three laps with gear selection problems but earned 50 points for the defending team champions, which put them in third behind Team Los Angeles and Team San Jose after the first round.

Rick Ferguson of Team Anaheim Swift drove through traffic to race from 13th to fifth, followed by Jeff Glenn's Jag Promotions Team San Jose Swift.

Edward Guenther drove his Precision Power Swift to the B division win while finishing seventh overall for Team Los Angeles, victor in both the Cosworth DOHC division and the B SOHC division.

All cars were on Hoosier tires for the first time.

— Mary Mitchell

AMERICAN CITY RACING LEAGUE

RACE NO. 1 • FIREBIRD RACEWAY
ARIZONA • MARCH 12, 1995

FIN.	DRIVER/TEAM	LAPS
1	Peter Zarcades/Los Angeles	25
2	Rick Lee/Reno-Tahoe	25
3	Lee Lucas/San Jose	25
4	Gary Green/San Diego	25
5	Rick Ferguson/Anaheim	25
6	Jeff Glenn/San Jose	25
7	Edward Guenther/Los Angeles	24
8	Brad Krause/Santa Barbara	24
9	Chris Ronson/San Jose	24
10	Tom Bugay/Santa Barbara	24