Locals in spotlight at NightFire N

oc Brophy of Oakley, Rick Santos of Antioch and Pete Kaiser of Pleasant Hill head the entry list for Saturday's NightFire Nationals at Sacramento Raceway.

Brophy's 290-mph Final Countdown will be challenged by three other jet dragsters. The Concord chiropractor will be opposed by Bill Carter's Hot Streak from Atascadero, Dave Douthit's Simple Pleasure from Palmdale and Joe Zaccora's Muy Caliente from Los Angeles.

Santos, whose S&S Automotive small block Chevy set an all-time elapsed time record of 5.69 seconds in winning the Western States Championship top alcohol dragster title in his last start, will face challenges from more than a dozen sportsman drivers.

Among the early entrants are John Shoemaker of Sacramento, Dennis Allen of Roseville, Greg Summers of Grass Valley, Larry Sutton of Anaheim Hills, Mark Woods of Kingsburg, Dr. Stephen Fedele of Fresno, David Busby of Laguna Beach and George VanDerpool of Redding.

Kaiser, who has won twice during 1995 in nostalgia top fuel competition, has three challengers with 230-mph capabilities in front-engine machines, including Fair Oaks' Ted Taylor, who holds the Sacramen-



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to track record of 6.17 seconds. Other contenders are Bob Hallock of Fair Oaks and Brenden Murry of Sacramento.

The day's action will start at 10 a.m. with time trials for super comp, super gas, super eliminator and super street.

The alcohol dragsters will qualify at noon and 3 p.m., with eliminations starting at 6:30 p.m. The jets will run at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults. There is no charge for kids under 12 accompanied by ticket holders. Pit passes are an additional \$10.

Round 14 of the AMA's U.S. Supercross Series will be held June 3 at Spartan Stadium in San Jose at 7:30 p.m.

The rider roster is headed by points leader Jeremy McGrath of Murrieta, the reigning 250cc titlist; South African Greg Albertyn, three-time world champion; Larry Wood of Florence; and Jeff Emig of Riverside.

The 250 and 125 riders will practice from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday to check out the course loaded with whoop-de-doos and mighty moguls.

Jeff Glenn, a 22-year-old San Jose State advertising and business management major from Pleasanton, has joined Team San Jose for the American Cities Racing League.

"I'm really excited about moving up to the ACRL with a faster Cosworth-powered car," said Glenn, who won five of six SCCA Regional races in 1994 to earn the championship. "Our testing program has gone very well, and I have great trackside support and engine work from Tom Rust, as well as excellent teammates in Chris Ronson, Lee Lucas and Bob Dorricott."

WELCOME STRANGERS:

Settling in at Speedway, Ind., to prepare for the 79th running of the Indianapolis 500 on May 28, Roger Penske's team is a delight to the community's merchants. Fifty team members have taken up residence while working on the cars of Al Unser Jr. and Emerson Fittipaldi.

Penske's shopping list included 10,000 gallons of iced tea, lemonade, sodas and juices, 800 pounds of beef, 1,200 pounds of chicken, 250 pounds of salad, 900 pounds of vegetables, 500 gallons of dairy products, 250 gallons of water and 400 pounds of bread and grains.

The team expects to run up a laundry and drycleaning bill of between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

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