



Jeff Glenn, Pleasanton, CA, won the Driving Championship for the American City Racing League while driving for Team Beverly Hills aboard a factory Carbir Sports 2000. Glenn, seated on the Carbir, has strong support from his crew, standing from left, Mark Cezon, lead mechanic on #72; Ban Banks, lead mechanic on #71 (driven by Mark Neuhaus, not pictured); Robyn Johnson, hospitality liaison; Norton Gaston, shock engineer; Eric Purcell, chief engineer; Steve Glenn, father; Cherryll Glenn, mother; Brian Utt, CEO of Carbir Race Cars. Glenn will be honored Jan. 10 as the Closed Wheel Driver of the Year by the Motor Sports Press Association.

# Jeff Glenn wins ACRL driver title off Reno Hilton GP win

By Roger Diez

RENO, NV, Oct. 18—Jeff Glenn of Team Beverly Hills posted his second straight win in the American City Racing League and scored the 1997 ACRL Driver's Championship during the Hilton Challenge season finale.

The ACRL returned to Reno for the "Reno Hilton Challenge" with both team and driver championships undecided. The ACRL race was the leadoff event of the weekend, run at high noon Saturday.

Jeff Glenn of Beverly Hills shaved his 23 point deficit to Las Vegas' Peter Zarcades by two points in qualifying, capturing his sixth pole of the season. Zarcades had only to finish fifth or better to clinch the title.

A good finish by Zarcades and teammate Chris Ronson could vault Las Vegas into the team points lead over Fresno as well. There was drama early on, as Ronson's chief mechanic Steven Line did a lightning engine swap between practice and

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qualifying. Crew work continued after qualifying, with the Beverly Hills crew rebuilding the entire rear of Mark Neuhaus' Carbir after a qualifying encounter with a concrete wall.

Glenn took the lead at the green flag, which didn't stay green for long. Third fastest qualifier Mike Wright of Vancouver smacked the wall in Turn 1 on lap two, bringing out the first of three full-course cautions.

On the restart, Glenn took off with Fresno's Steve Romak tucked in behind him. The pair opened a gap to the rest of the field, with Reno's Rick Lee, Fresno's John Ostlund, Vancouver's Jeff Clegg, Zarcades, Woodland's Joe Giroski and Ronson battling for third through eighth.

Zarcades was running sixth, needing to move up one spot.

Trying an outside pass on Ostlund on lap 13 the two cars made contact and Zarcades banged the Turn 1 wall, ending his race and apparently the championship fight. But wait...due to the ACRL "drop rule," under which points for one race are dropped, Glenn still had to finish third or better to take the championship.

Glenn seemed to have it well in hand, but on lap 21 Reno's Leo Sismani, up to ninth after starting at the back of the pack, collected Vancouver's Bill King in Turn 8, bringing out the third full-course yellow. When the green waved again there were two laps to go, and Romak was all over Glenn. Crew chief Eric Purcell advised Glenn to

let Romak pass if he had to, because second would clinch the championship.

Glenn's reply was, "Hell no, we came to win this thing", and win it he did, by scant inches. Clegg finished third, Giroski took a season-high fourth and defending champion Lee was fifth. Romak's second won him Rookie of the Year honors, and combined with Ostlund's sixth secured the team win and season championship for Fresno.

The "B" class battle was also hard-fought, even though Fresno's Frank Arnold had already clinched the driver's title. Arnold was fast qualifier, but was passed by a determined John Bachofner on lap six, and by San Diego's Jay Messenger on the final circuit. Messenger had driven 1300 miles non-stop from Texas for the race, and started at the back with only a few orientation laps of the track under his belt. His effort netted him the S2000 Rookie of the Year title.

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continued on the following restart after he got caught up in an incident with Rick Ziehl along the front straight.

Unfortunately, there was more front straight mayhem on the next restart after fifth place Cory Kruseman climbed the fence and flipped end-over-end. Kruseman was not hurt, but the Harlan Willis-owned machine was not so lucky.

Once racing resumed, Shuman continued to lead, with Williams still closely in pursuit. "The Flying Shoe" maintained his lead through lap 21 and in doing so, earned a \$1,000 bonus in the memory of Jeff Bagley.

Williams relentlessly pressured Shuman during the laps that followed and at the completion of lap 25, took the lead. But, Shuman had a reply and regained the lead in Turn 3 one lap later.

Williams made several good runs at the lead during the final four laps, but Shuman was more than ready for his challenge and held on to score his 19th career SCRA win. Shuman also pulled to within five points of the SCRA point lead with one race remaining.

Griffin, the current SCRA point leader, finished third and gave his car owner, Chaffin, a four point advantage over Willis in the owners' points chase. Sherman was fourth in the Larry Clark/ABC Sand & Rock No. 78 Ellis, ahead of Mike Kirby in Brad & Nancy Geurin/Cosmi Corporation No. 6 Stinger. Earlier in the evening, rookie driver Tray Rutherford drove the Jordan Bros./Skoal Bandit Racing No. 111 TCR to his first

Torrance CA, Blair 33, 18.694; 23. Jimmy May, Oxnard CA, May/Schuck 72, 18.757; 24. Danny Ent, Big Bear City CA, Ent Racing 81, 18.864; 25. Rusty McClure, Ashland OR, M&M Motorsports 189, 16.871; 26. Ron DiDonato, Riverside CA, DiDonato 57, 18.932; 27. Rick Hinrichsen, Lakeside CA, Hinrichsen 22, 18.957; 28. Steve Venard, Tustin CA, Venard 97, 19.029; 29. Keith Williamson, Pomona CA, Williamson 95, 119.038; 30. Wally Pankratz, Orange CA, Alcosta 77, 19.103; 31. Gary W. Howard, Fontana CA, Jones 38, 19.141; 32. Dwight Cheney, Arcadia CA, Cheney 42, 19.232; 33. Cal Smith, Montclair CA, Pratt 39, 19.329; 34. Sid Carlson, San Diego CA, Carlson 73, 19.444; 35. Alex Grigoreas, Chino CA, Ruth 25, 19.479; 36. Joe Custer, Fountain Valley CA, Scott Mtrspts. 30, 19.541; 37. Rick Byler, Phoenix AZ, Byler 33, 19.546; 38. Rick Crease, Castaic CA, Crease 18, 19.606; 39. Ed Patterson, Jr, Ventura CA, Patterson, Jr 56, 20.057

HEAT 1 1. Rusty McClure, 2. Rodney Argo, 3. Rick Ziehl, 4. Steve Ostling, 5. Verne Sweeney, 6. Mike Kirby, 7. Troy Rutherford

HEAT 2 1. Ron DiDonato, 2. Bobby Michnowicz, 3. Richard Griffin, 4. J.J. Yeley, 5. Jay Drake, 6. Rickie Gaunt, 7. Tony Jones,

HEAT 3 1. Jerry Coons, Jr, 2. Ron Shuman, 3. Billy Felts, Jr., 4. Rip Williams, 5. Mike English, 6. Rick Hinrichsen, 7. Jimmy May,

HEAT 4 1. Jeremy Sherman, 2. Troy Cline, 3. Steve Venard, 4. Cory Kruseman, 5. Danny Ent, 6. John Scott, 7. Mike Boat,

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1997 SCRA Drivers' Point Standings

DIVISION, SCRA Point Standings as of: 11/08/97

CAR NAME	HOMETOWN	STARTS	POINTS
1. 50 Richard Griffin	Silver City NM	34	2038
2. 2 Ron Shuman	Tempe AZ	34	2033
3. 2 Rip Williams	Yorba Linda CA	34	1946

## Reno Results

Fin	St	Driver	Team	Class	Laps	Best
Po	Pos				Comp.	Race Lap
1	1	Jeff Glenn	Beverly Hills	SS2	30	1:02.592
2	2	Stephen Romak	Fresno	SS2	30	1:02.745
3	8	Jeff Clegg	Vancouv BC	SS2	30	1:03.810
4	7	Joe Giroski	Woodland	SS2	30	1:03.839
5	4	Rick Lee	Reno	SS2	30	1:03.767
6	5	John Ostlund	Fresno	SS2	30	1:04.227
7	12	Gary Hewett	Reno	SS2	30	1:05.384
8	13	Chris Ronson	Las Vegas	SS2	30	1:05.110
9	10	Dennis Pavlina	Wilsonville	SS2	30	1:04.681
10	9	Bill Bachofner	Wilsonville	SS2	30	1:04.565
11	11	Bob Young	San Diego	SS2	30	1:05.223
12	19	John Bachofner	Wilsonville	S2	30	1:06.514
13	24	Jay Messenger	San Diego	S2	30	1:07.027
14	15	Frank Arnold	Fresno	S2	30	1:06.797
15	20	Leo Giroski	Woodland	S2	30	1:07.657
16	16	Edd Ozard	Reno	SS2	30	1:06.384
17	17	Ian Wood	San Diego	S2	30	1:06.934
18	21	Margie Smith-Smith	San Diego	SS2	30	1:05.873
19	22	Mark Neuhaus	Beverly Hills	SS2	30	1:06.121
20	18	Bill King	Vancou BC	SS2	21	1:08.484
21	25	Leo Sismani	Reno		21	1:04.915
22	23	Joe Casanova	San Jose	S2	20	1:18.494
23	6	Peter Zarcades	Las Vegas	SS2	13	1:16.852
24	14	Greg Lemond	Reno	SS2	8	1:18.973
25	3	Mike Wright	Vancou	SS2	1	No Time

Margin of victory: 0.314 seconds. Time of race: 39:43.205. Length of race: 38.100 miles. Winner's average speed: 57.553mph. Fastest Lap: Jeff Glenn - 1:02.592 (new record).

## Reno Sports 2000 Championship Results:

1. John Bachofner - 100; 2. Jay Messenger - 93; 3. Frank Arnold - 88; 4. Leo Giroski - 84; 5. Ian Wood - 80; 6. Joe Casanova - 76.

## Reno Team Points Results:

1. Fresno - 169; 2. Beverly Hills - 157; 3. Woodland - 145; 4. Vancouver BC - 140; 5. Wilsonville - 134; 6. Reno - 130; 7. San Diego - 125; 8. Las Vegas - 119; 9. San Jose - 48

## Final Overall Driver Standings:

1. Jeff Glenn, BH - 645; 2. Peter Zarcades, LV - 633; 3. John Ostlund, FRE - 557; 4. Rick Lee, RNO - 556; 5. Stephen Romak, FRE - 538; 6. Dennis Pavlina, WIL - 516; 7. Chris Ronson, LV - 471; 8. Leo Sismani, RNO - 470; 9. Joe Giroski, WDL - 441; 10. Bill Bachofner, WIL - 431; 11. Frank Arnold,