

## AFM - General Info

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The AFM, American Federation of Motorcyclists, is a non-profit California corporation that was founded in 1954 by a group of sport riding enthusiasts in the North Bay Area. It is the oldest racing organization in the country dedicated solely to motorcycle road racing.

Northern California has one of the largest populations of sport riders in the country. Many of those sport riders find their way from the areas mountain and canyon roads to the AFM and the race track. Many of them, after a season or two on the track, cut back or quit street racing when the relative safety of pushing their limits on the track becomes clear. A typical AFM race day will see three to four hundred racers, which will account for up to 700 total race entries. Each new racer is required, before entering a race, to pass an AFM approved NRS from one of these providers, Keigwins, Z<sup>2</sup> Track Days or Pacific Track Time.

Eddie Lawson, Wayne Rainey, Kenny Roberts, Steve Rapp, Tony Meiring and Bobby Fong are a few who've raced with AFM.

The AFM holds races at Infineon (Sears Point) Raceway in Sonoma. Infineon is known to be a "rider's track", a challenging mountain course where skill and handling are worth more than horsepower or engine size. The AFM also holds events at the SCCA race tracks, Thunderhill Park, near Willows, CA (off I-5 north of Sacramento), and Buttonwillow Park, near Buttonwillow, CA (off I-5 south of Bakersfield). Both courses are interesting and quite different... most racers really enjoy these new tracks. The AFM normally runs 2 events each at Thunderhill & Buttonwillow during the season.

On racedays, awards are given to the top expert and novice finishers in each class. Points are tabulated towards Season Championships. Many classes also have contingency or sponsor monies offered by various manufacturers, businesses or shops. The AFM's premier event, The AFM's Formula Pacific Challenge... the fastest riders on the fastest bikes... also has prize and contingency monies.

The AFM welcomes spectators and racers alike, and we try to provide the best show possible with the safest and most responsible crew you are likely to find. We are a volunteer organization and are always looking for interested people to join in the fun.