

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN June 16, 2010** – 15-year-old Andretti Autosport driver Zach Veach obtained his drivers permit last week to begin training to add a driver's license to accompany his IMSA closed-circuit auto-racing license. While his father will be assisting him in learning to drive on today's highways, Veach needs little introduction to closed-circuit driving. Veach heads to lowa Speedway for his June 19 Cooper Tires presents the USF2000 National Championship powered by Mazda event, the fourth round of his 2010 season.

"I'm really excited to be racing at lowa this weekend," said Veach, who wrapped a campaign with Oprah Winfrey's "No Phone Zone" last month with 33 Indy 500 drivers, CNN's Anderson Cooper and IZOD IndyCar CEO Randy Bernard. "Iowa is right in the thick of grass-roots racing and I'm told the race weekend has been a sell-out every year the IndyCar Series has been there. We had a lot of work to do after the ORP race last month, but I think we've improved in the areas we were lacking. It will be great to be back in the race car, as I've been training on my racing sim and now that school is out, this summer will be all about the racing."

While Veach's primary training has been in wheeling street and road course events, he'll take his first tour of the 7/8mile lowa Speedway when practice begins on June 18 for only his second oval race of his budding career. In his oval race debut at O'Reilly Raceway Park in late May 2010, Veach, who was named to CNN's "Most Intriguing People" list, placed fourth, adding a second top-five finish to his 2010 campaign.

Even though the Freshman High School student has been let out from school for the summer, Veach continues to carry his notebook to testing, practice and race-weekend activities as he's working to finish his upcoming book, 99 THINGS YOU WISH YOU KNEW BEFORE YOU TURNED 16, which will be released later this year as part of the "99 Series" wide-ranging library of self-help mini-guides.

To follow Veach's progress in his No. 7 Team ADS Andretti Autosport car, live timing and streaming video coverage is available on <u>www.usf2000.com</u> and <u>www.usf2000timing.com</u>.

The USF2000 will be joined at Iowa Speedway by other series that are part of the "Road to Indy" program, including the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear and the Firestone Indy Lights. The feature event, the IZOD IndyCar Series' Iowa Corn Indy 250, will take the green flag on June 20, in open-wheels racing's all-encompassing weekend.

## About Zach Veach

Zach Veach is a 15-year-old autoracing driver that competes in the Indy Racing League's 'Road to Indy' USF2000 Championship Series for Andretti Autosport. Veach began his racing career at age 12 in go-karts. It was in 2007, where Veach caught the eye of Dave Fisher, father of IZOD IndyCar Series driver and team owner, Sarah Fisher. For the next two years Fisher [Dave] coached and developed Veach's talent, as he did with Fisher [Sarah] in the early stages of her career. By the middle of 2009, in just 16 months, Veach had progressed from entry-level karting to Formula BMW. In late 2009, Veach signed with Jensen Motorsport to compete in the Atlantic Championship Series, before it folded in early 2010. Veach has created a safe-driving initiative: Ziggy's Teen Safe Driving Campaign, with seminars and supportive school programs to be held in race markets where Veach competes in 2010. He'll release his first published iPhone and Droid application, due out in mid-2010, to help consumers avoid dangerous text messaging while driving. Further, he's set to author a book, due out on his 16th birthday, "99 Things You Wish You Knew Before You Turned 16,"set to be released Dec. 9, 2010. For more information, please visit www.zachveach.com.

## About Andretti Autosport

Based in Indianapolis, Ind., Andretti Autosport is led by racing legend Michael Andretti. Andretti Autosport, which is the winningest team in Indy Racing League history, fields multiple entries in the IZOD IndyCar Series. Andretti Autosport also campaigns multiple cars in the Firestone Indy Lights series in a joint venture with AFS Racing and two cars in the USF2000 National Championship. The company boasts three IZOD IndyCar Series championships (2004, 2005 and 2007), two Firestone Indy Lights titles (2008 and 2009) and has won the Indianapolis 500 twice (2005 and 2007). For more information, please visit www.AndrettiAutosport.com.