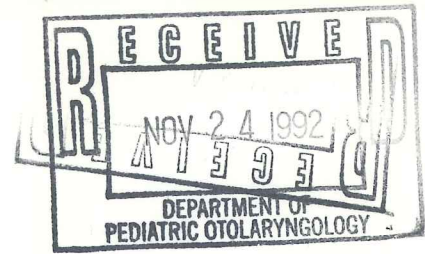




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Dear Dr. Stool:

I really appreciate the job that you are doing on the Past Presidents Lecture. The format looks excellent. I have talked with Dr. Konkle and have asked him to contact you.

He seemed a bit surprised to know that I drive racing cars; I thought that this was fairly widely known, I have been an active racer for five years now and have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the cockpit. I drive an SCCA Spec Racer, a single seater open cockpit sports racer. This differs from your Formula Car in that it has body work over the wheels, instead of having the wheels out in the open like an Indy Car. My class is a Spec Class in which all the cars, engines, transmissions, and carburetors are identical, making it a drivers class and a skill class. It is the largest single class of racing anywhere in the world with over 600 chassis in the United States competing.

I have a string of seconds, thirds, fourths and fifths in my racing career, and one of these days hope to get a win. I have competed in the 1990 SCCA National Championship Race, at Road Atlanta finishing a respectable 27th out of 40 plus cars. I also came home in one piece. Racing is actually much safer than most folks think and I feel safer in the race car than in any street car on any highway in the United States.

I recently achieved one of my lifetime ambitions and did a test day in an Indy Car at Second Creek Raceway near Denver Colorado in August of this year. I was, frankly, a bit awed and intimidated by the power, quickness, and lateral G-force of a full fledged 650 horsepower Indy Car. However, as I got used to it later in the day my lap times picked up, and by the end of the day I drove the car extremely well. There had been a race at that track the weekend before, and that car had finished third. My times would have put

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me in the top half of the grid for the race, and the fellow that did the car for me said that he had never seen anyone adapt to a Indy Car as quickly as I did. He asked me to come out and run the series, but at this point I really do not have 10 to 15 thousand dollars per race weekend to spend. That is about my total race budget per year.

I have enclosed a couple of pictures for you of my car, which is the white full body car, and the Indy Car in which I did the test date. I have a deal with Children's Medical Center of Dallas, in which I have the logo on the car, but I do not take money from the Hospital. The car is used for special appearances and publicity events to publicize the hospital, and is available for appearances for donations to the Children's Medical Foundation. I do not take money, except for a minimal amount for my own costs. It does run a substantial donation to Children's Medical Foundation to have the car up here, however. This way I benefit the Hospital and do something good with the racing. We have made many appearances, and have made some money for the hospital, and I have had a great deal of fun with it.

I hope that this information is helpful, and if you have any comments about the racing program and the pictures, please give me a call at any time.

Sincerely,

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