

Aerospace Components

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Most entrepreneurs do not usually think of business and pleasure synonymously, but that's the case at Aerospace Components, where an American dream lives on through the passion for racing.

At first, the family-owned and -operated business, now more than 22 years old, did government contract work, mainly consisting of missile and defense systems, and by the mid-1980s, the company had begun researching and developing braking systems and other racing components.

Today, Aerospace Components is one of the leaders in manufacturing high-performance racing products. Almost all of its components are designed and built at the company's 35,000-square-foot facility in Tampa Bay, Fla., which is equipped with state-of-the-art CNC machining centers.

"Our quality-control department is superior in this industry," said Aerospace Components President and Design Engineer Alan J. Kussy. "All of our parts are thoroughly tested on our race cars."

Aerospace's designers, machinists, and sales staff are committed to being number one in customer service, and they strive to produce top-quality products at a fair price, including brake systems, water pumps, fuel pumps, regulators, filters, double-adjustable front struts, double-adjustable rear shocks, vacuum pumps, transmission components, and shifters.

Because of Aerospace's ongoing commitment to racers, the company supports tracks through

sponsorship. Aerospace currently sponsors Florida's Bradenton Motorsports Park and the Five Day Winter Bracket Series and Memorial Day Bash and Labor Day Bash events and has backed NMCA races, Milan Dragway, and the Holcomb 10.5 Outlaw Drag Racing Series. In addition, Aerospace has participated in NHRA's Be a Winner, Be a Member program for many years and currently offers a dealership program.

One of the company's newest efforts is sponsoring NHRA's King of the Track program, which gives all NHRA member tracks the opportunity to host a onetime special event that crowns one racer King of the Track. Aerospace Components King of the Track champions earn a special-edition Wally, limited-edition champion's hat, two championship decals to display on the car, and a \$100 Aerospace Components certificate.

"We are very pleased to be working with NHRA and sponsoring the King of the Track program," said Kim Kussy, Aerospace's executive vice president and chief marketing officer. "It's a

unique program that gives local racers a rare opportunity to earn an NHRA title, and it's a great fit for us because those weekly racers are at the heart of our business."

As Aerospace Components enters its third decade in business, company officials thank all of the racers who look to Aerospace for the latest in innovative racing products, and the company's staff looks forward to helping racers achieve the highest performance possible.

For information about the dealership program, contact Kim Kussy, kimkussy@msn.com. To view the company's products, log on to www.aerospacecomponents.com. To place an order or for a free catalog, call 727-347-9915 Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. **ND**

