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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR SEBRING'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY 12-HOUR CLASSIC

Tickets are now on sale for the 65th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida. America's greatest endurance racing tradition runs March 15-18, 2017.

To celebrate 65 years of racing, Sebring Raceway has revealed a special offer for the next 65 days- a commemorative Sebring t-shirt free to all fans purchasing two four-day Super-tickets and a parking pass.

"We are really enthused about our 65th anniversary," stated Sebring Raceway President and General Manager Wayne Estes. "Our staff is planning a variety of special events and activities to help celebrate Sebring's stature as the oldest and most historic endurance race in North America. With tickets now on sale, we decided to make this special offer to our loyal fans over the next 65 days."

All Sebring Super-tickets purchased by February 15th will receive the advance purchase discount. After that date, gate prices will apply. Super-tickets are available as four-day, two-day (Friday-Saturday) and Saturday-only tickets.

As always, Children 12 and under are admitted free at Sebring when accompanied by an adult. Sebring is known as one of America's most fan-friendly circuits, with every ticket offering access to the competitor paddock.

A wide variety of parking and camping options are also available at Sebring International Raceway, including reserved track side spaces at several locations around the legendary 3.74-mile circuit. For availability call 800.626.7223.

The Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida is the second

race on the 2017 International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Gates open at 6 am on Wednesday, March 15, and remain open 24 hours a day through Saturday's 12-hour classic.

SIR Introduces Highlands County Resident Discount Ticket

A new discounted ticket to the legendary



Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida is now available to residents of Highlands County. This four-day ticket is available only to Highlands County residents presenting a valid photo ID. The \$50 price represents a \$55 savings over a standard four-day Super-ticket sold at the gate.

The 65th annual edition of America's greatest endurance racing tradition takes place March 15-18, 2017.

"We believe a special discount for Highlands County residents is long overdue," stated Sebring Raceway President and General Manager Wayne Estes. "The support we have received from our home county has been remarkable over the years,

and we think the time is right to create this special opportunity for our loyal Highlands County fans."

From now until Feb. 24, the Highlands County discount ticket can be purchased online at sebringraceway.com or at the track office. Fans with this special ticket must always present their photo ID indicating they are a Highlands County resident when entering the track, including after leaving and then returning to the track.

The Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida is the second race on the 2017 International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Next year will mark the 65th anniversary of America's oldest endurance race.

For more information visit sebringraceway.com or call 800.626.7223.

65TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT

Sebring International reveals a draft of their 65th anniversary T-Shirt.



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TECNAM COMPLETES FIRST FLIGHT OF P2012

11-SEAT COMMUTER COMING TO US

You may know Tecnam as a manufacturer of two-seat light sport aircraft from Italy with many aircraft in the United States, but it makes commercial commuter aircraft too. The company announced the first flight in Capua, Italy, of its 11-seat P2012 (named for the year it was designed).

The flight was observed by aircraft designer Luigi Pascale, now in his 90s, the head of Tecnam's research and design team. Test pilot Lorenzo De Stefano

reported no problems on the first flight and described the landing as "a very short distance." The aircraft is nicknamed the Traveller.

No performance numbers were released from the flight. The propeller aircraft is powered by two 350-horsepower Lycoming TEO 540 engines. The turbocharged electronic engine has a single ignition button and is claimed to start as easily in winter as it does in summer. Mixture and propeller controls are managed electronically with a single engine control. The engine can burn a variety of fuels including mogas.



Tecnam says the aircraft will cruise at 175 knots true airspeed at 10,000 feet and has a range of greater than 600 nautical miles. It is said to have a "reduced" takeoff run. It carries nine passengers and one or two pilots.

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SFSC PROPOSAL AMERICA'S PROMISE JOB-DRIVEN GRANT OPPORTUNITY



South Florida State College (SFSC) intends to lead a regional workforce development partnership that will launch relevant sector strategies designed to promote job development and economic growth in the Healthcare and Advanced Manufacturing industries. These industry sectors represent demand occupations with high-wage, high-skill job opportunities that will position the Heartland's regional economy for long-term stability and future growth. While the Healthcare and Advanced Manufacturing industry sectors hold real potential for rural central Florida, creating a platform supportive of regional economic growth requires development of skilled workforce pipeline. Rural central Florida must have a robust network with the capacity to quickly launch responsive workforce development programming. In order to achieve this, SFSC proposes to bring together key workforce development stakeholders to design and implement a customizable sector-based career pathways system built on innovative instructional methodologies. *Continued on page 5.*

Proposed Partners – SFSC would like to include the following partners in this initiative:

- CareerSource Heartland
- CareerSource Polk
- Polk State College
- Economic Development Councils for Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, and Polk counties
- Employer partners in the Healthcare Sector (at least 5)
- Employer partners in Advanced Manufacturing (at least 5)

Innovative Instructional Practices

- SFSC envisions a lattice of stackable certifications and credentials that will support a career pathways approach from entry-level positions through upper-level management. These workforce pipelines will be grounded in educational practices that truly prepare graduates for workforce success, including job-based learning, competency-based credit, apprenticeship experiences, and real-world applications.

Industry-Education Partnership - Sector strategies will drive the project model, with strong employer involvement throughout the development phase. The employer partners will be involved in all aspects of program development and launch. The project team will also utilize an interactive app to allow employers to share real-time feedback regarding graduate success in the workplace.

If funded, the initiative would support development of the following degrees and credentials:

Advanced Manufacturing

Manufacturing Standards Skills Certification Systems Integration Certificate Mechatronics Degree.

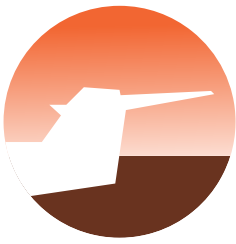
Healthcare

Expanded LPN and RN Cohorts Paramedic to RN Bridge Program Healthcare Administration.



South Florida State College will become ... a globally aware academic destination driving regional transformation through innovative collaboration.





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With strategic access to major markets by land, sea and air—Sebring Regional Airport and Commerce Park offers a wide range of business advantages and incentives to support your company's future. In the heart of Central Florida, the 2,000-acre park is conveniently situated within a 150-mile radius of 85 percent of the state's population. Already home to Sebring International Raceway, a premier sports car racing facility, the park is uniquely positioned to accelerate your business.

SITE MAP

- Future Development
- Existing Industrial Park
- Catalyst Site
- Airport
- Future Commerce Park
- Sebring International Raceway



ACCELERATE YOUR BUSINESS'S POTENTIAL