



Natalie Fenaroli

1995 – Present

Nationality: American

Raced: 2000 – Present

Background: Natalie Fenaroli was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1995. She was just four years old when she first got behind the wheel of a go-kart and by the age of five she already began racing go-karts. She quickly became a dominant force in the Midwest area, competing whenever she had the opportunity. From ages five through seven, Fenaroli raced in the Kid Kart class, and in 2003 she participated in the Kid Kart National Championship, where she finished in first place for her age group. She moved up to the Cadets class when she turned eight years old and raced there for the next three years. Fenaroli was extremely successful and had several high finishes in the KART Road Racing Nationals during this time. With experience racing Kid Karts and Junior One Yamahas, she again took another step forward in her career and started driving TAG 60s and TAG Jrs. In 2007, she was selected to participate in Lyn St. James' 14th Annual Women in the Winner's Circle Foundation Driver Development Academy. Fenaroli was just twelve years old at the time and the program was a wonderful opportunity for her to improve her skills while learning from some of the best experts in the field. The following year she received a scholarship from Project Podium, also founded by St. James' Women in the Winner's Circle Foundation. Fenaroli was proud to be involved with it and took away a deeper understanding of the motor sports' world and the many skills necessary to be a successful racer. She continued to build her career throughout 2009. In May she was invited to model in the 28th Annual CARA (Championship Auto Racing Auxiliary) Charities Fashion Show in Indianapolis. CARA serves the racing

community through its charitable work and Fenaroli was excited to be able to participate in the show. She also attended her first car racing school during the 2009 season at Hallett race track near Tulsa, Oklahoma. She drove a Spec Racer Ford at the school and was awarded a competition license to race COMMA (Competition Motorsports Association) at Hallett race track for this coming year. 2010 will be a big year for Fenaroli. She will begin racing cars this season, while also continuing to compete in karts. She has also been offered the opportunity to go to Mexico and test three new kart chassis and a Formula Renault in March 2010. Fenaroli is eager to make the trip and continue to gain more experience behind the wheel.

Inspiration and Influences: Fenaroli became involved in motor sports thanks to her father. After listening to a program on NPR detailing how children learn and embed information in their brains at early ages, he thought it would be advantageous to put Natalie behind the wheel of a go-kart so that she could become accustomed to driving at a young age. He never would have guessed that it would be the start of a career for her. He bought Natalie her first go-kart when she was five years old, and she fell in love with it and immediately became mesmerized by the motor sports world. She knew racing was something she wanted to pursue and she has done so ever since. She admires many of the women racers who have come before her, including Danica Patrick, Lewis Hamilton, Denise McCluggage, and Lyn St. James. Fenaroli considers them all to be her SHEroes and is determined to make them proud as she works to achieve her goals of one day racing Indy Cars.

Racing Accomplishments:

- Participated in the Kid Kart National Championship in St. Louis in 2003 at age 7.
 - Finished in 1st place in Group 2.
- Participated in the KART Road Racing Nationals as part of the Cadet class (ages 8-11), where she had 2nd and 3rd place finishes.
 - Earned a 2nd place finish at the KART Sprint Nationals.
 - During this three year period she never finished out of the top 5 in nationals in 20 consecutive races.
- Central States Super Series champion in the Tag 60 Novice class in 2007.
- Invited to participate in Lyn St. James' Women in the Winner's Circle Foundation Driver Development Academy in 2007.
- Central States Super Series champion in the TAG Junior class in 2008.
- Recipient of a Project Podium Scholarship in 2008.
- Granted a competition license to race COMMA at Hallett race track for the 2010 season.

Life off the Track: Fenaroli has successfully managed to juggle her roles as a racer, a student, and a friend. Despite all of the traveling she does to compete, she is still an "A" student in school. She enjoys spending time with her friends and when she does have spare time, she loves to read. Fenaroli is an active Girl Scout and in 2008 she even served as assistant counselor at Scout day camp.

Interesting Fact: Fenaroli attended the Road Racing Drivers Club/FIA Young Drivers Symposium held at the Performance Racing Industry Show in Orlando, Fla., on December 11, 2009. She was invited on stage by physical fitness professional Jim Leo, where he asked if she could perform 20 push ups in an effort to demonstrate that women were not as strong and fit as men. She negated his assumption by doing over 30 push-ups and impressed the crowd even more.

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