

In the zone

Throughout his very successful racing career, Andy Pilgrim has had the pleasure to work with a number of great teams and drivers on the track, and is now working with a few off the track to help your young driver.

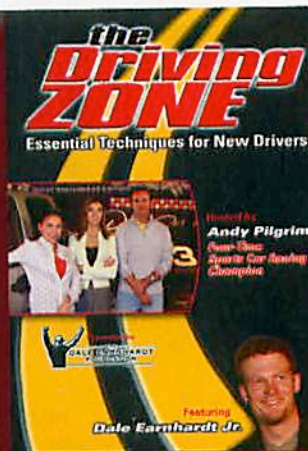
For over 15 years, Pilgrim has been visiting high schools to educate students on safe driving. To help spread the message, Pilgrim created the DVD *The Driving Zone*, with help from long-time friend and fellow racer Dale Earnhardt Jr. The DVD has been played for thousands of students in classrooms across the country.

This work made Pilgrim a perfect fit for a new program from the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners encompass 22 pediatric hospitals across

North America, and specialize in caring for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate at no charge to patients or families.

Sahar Hassani, MS, the director of research administration at the Chicago Shriners, created the Automotive Safety Project last year. The intent of the program is, "to reduce serious and fatal motor vehicle injuries in infants, children, adolescents and young adults by providing helpful services," says Hassani. As part of the program, Shriners offers free car seat safety checks and education for new drivers.

In an effort to reach out to more new drivers, the Automotive Safety Project has made 200 copies of Pilgrim's *Driving Zone* DVD available at no cost for new



drivers. To request one of the free copies, send an e-mail to drivingzone@andypilgrim.com, and make sure to include your shipping address.

For more information on *The Driving Zone*, visit www.andypilgrim.com. To get details on the Shriners Automotive Safety Project go to www.shrinershospitals.org.



Is this the new face of racecars? West is banking on it.

Electrifying cars head to the track?

Dodge unveiled the Circuit EV at the 2009 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. This all-electric sports car promises performance rivaling similar fossil fuel powered cars, without using a drop of gasoline.

"The Dodge Circuit EV offers an extremely fun-to-drive, expressive sports car without fuel consumption and with virtually no impact on the environment," says

Ralph Gilles, vice president of design at Chrysler.

An expected range of 150-200 miles should more than cover the average commute, and performance claims of 0-60mph in less than five seconds, with the 1/4-mile coming in around 13 seconds, puts the Circuit EV in quick company.

The performance numbers come courtesy of a 200 kW (268hp) electric motor, running

off of a lithium-ion battery that can be recharged from a standard 110-volt outlet.

With nearly 150 Tesla Roadsters already on the road, and seemingly every other manufacturer with models in the works, it won't be long before we see these silent racers taking to the autocross course.

Visitors to the 2008 Performance Racing Industry trade show got a glimpse of the 2009 West/KleenSpeed WX10-T, an all-electric sports racer that shares much of its DNA with the WX10 Honda powered sports racer.

The WX10-T is expected to reach speeds over 150mph, and deliver 45 minutes worth of race power. A quick-change battery system will allow teams to turn the car around in the pits, ideal for endurance races or back-to-back heats.

Plans call for five cars to be built in 2009, with the first one already sold, and production to ramp up in the coming years.

What was the future just a few short years ago is quickly becoming today's reality, and undoubtedly in the near future the car next to you in the paddock may just be one of these electrifying cars.

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Robert Whitney 2/11/1959

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Roy Bergman 2/11/1964
Donald Burris 2/11/1964
Jerome Hinkle 2/11/1964
Robert Murphy 2/11/1964
George Schwelkie 2/11/1964
James Whelan 2/11/1964

40-YEAR MEMBERS

Richard Capone 2/11/1969
Jack Dartigalongue 2/11/1969
Loretta Eandi 2/11/1969
Richard Fischer 2/11/1969
John Flowers 2/11/1969
John Gianelli 2/11/1969
Scott Gordon 2/11/1969
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Elisabeth McKnight 2/11/1969
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Robert Barr 2/11/1974
Stephen Best 2/11/1974
Steven Costello 2/11/1974
Anthony DeMuth Jr. 2/11/1974
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Louis Lugiano 2/11/1974
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