

## **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Deland Event.**

April is Autism awareness month. Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Today, 1 in 150 individuals are diagnosed with autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls. Autism impairs a person's ability to communicate and relate to others. It is also associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors, such as obsessively arranging objects or following very specific routines. Symptoms can range from very mild to quite severe.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Deland Autocross, we will have the opportunity to donate to Autism Speaks. At the event, drivers can pledge money for each cone hit or just donate to help this cause. Interested participants will find information the morning of the event at the registration table or see John Mackrodt.

For more information about fundraiser, you can contact John Mackrodt at [jkjmack03@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jkjmack03@cfl.rr.com). For more information on Autism, go to the following link [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org).