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Team Kelly Racing Living The Dream- Racing Source RMG Race Media Group

Citrus Heights residents Dana, 48, and Mike Kelly, 45, have shared racing the No. 04 Purple and Green Bomber at All American Speedway for the past seven years. The one important thing about a bomber is that you race with a passenger, but both Mike and Dana are drivers with their own passengers. The two drivers race as a team sharing the championship points. Team Kelly Racing is the only husband and wife team that drives the same car, others are just one driver and a passenger never swapping roles or others have their own cars.



Since Dana Kelly was the young age of three she has always loved racing. Dana's father would ask her what she wanted to be when she grew up and young Dana would respond with "marry a race car driver." Dana and her father were fans at heart and attended races at All American Speedway since the early 1970's and a handful of races at Sears Point, Sonoma. Family financial circumstances prevented Dana from racing at an early age. As Dana grew older she lost sight of her racing dreams and goals by getting involved in a drug and alcohol addiction. When Dana overcame her troubles and was clean and sober in 1994, she knew her life passion of racing was still possible if she continued to stay on the right path. Dana and Mike met in 2000 and encouraged Mike to pursue her dream with her. Mike supported Dana's dream by buying a bomber.

Dana won most improved driver in 2008 and finally took home a trophy dash win August 9 of this year. Dana has come close many times to winning at All American Speedway with her best main event finish a third place finish. Mike has won a total of seven heat races, four trophy dashes and five main events. Mike has also captured over a dozen fast qualifiers and Dana has set fast time once. The Team has no track records or championships, however they have never run for points, only for the excitement of the sport. Although in 2009, they led in championship points for half the season until they had what they called the "points lead curse" and started to have car problems ending up 5th in points for that year. The two of them were awarded sportspersons of the year in 2006 as the only team to ever win the title.

Team Kelly Racing consists of Mike Kelly as one driver and his fellow passenger, lifelong friend, Donnie Herzog. However this year Donnie has back problems and can't be a passenger so Dana has stepped in the car with Mike. Dana Kelly is the driver with passenger friend James Coleman. James has a heart and passion for racing and gets his racing excitement by being Dana's passenger. The race car is stored at the race shop of their home's 2 car garage and it only take the crew about 12 minutes to load the car the morning of race day. Mike doesn't have any quirks before he races, Dana does by wearing a certain clothing item that she wore when she made an A main and wearing a certain nail polish that she wore when she had her best finish. Another quirk is that both will eat a tuna or egg salad sandwich for its brain energy food to help them focus and drive smart for the main events. Team Kelly Racing racing goals for 2011 which are to have fun and overcome the close but no cigar curse and win a race.

"It's a fun division because we can have passengers. The camaraderie is so much fun. Most of all it is an affordable yet competitive division," stated Dana. "We love racing at All American Speedway and it's close and convenient."

Dana, a Chemical Dependency Counselor at Kaiser, and Mike, a Commercial and Residential Painter, work full time during the week and come out to All American Speedway to have fun and compete in their purple and green bomber together. Team Kelly Racing would like to thank all of their fans and fellow racers who are willing to help them when they need it. A special thanks to Mickey Owens and Motor Machine and All American Speedway.