



### Howard Carte Biography

I grew up in Grass Valley, CA and attended high school at Nevada Union. In my junior year I started R.O.P. (regional occupation program) and was hired at Datum Precision Inc where I started out on the grown floor and got to sweep a lot. I was taught how to run mill, lathes, and read blue print.

After graduation in 1991 I attended Sierra Collage where I took classes in machining technology and continued to work at Datum. At this time Datum was in the beginnings stages of the v4 motor for Denis Manning and the streamliner that became Tenacious II.

In 1993 I moved to Idaho where I worked as a machinist for a foam tooling company and started as a crew member with a supermodified team. This team raced a 20 race schedule in 5 western states including the copper world classic. In 1996 I moved to Colorado Springs where I took a job with Halliburton and continued to race with a local supermodified team.

After two years of big corporate life I was ready to go back home. I called John Jans at Datum and he had a job for me. I moved back to California and went back to work for Datum. At this point the BUB team had finished Tenacious II and had been testing the bike. I rejoined the team to help with building parts and doing the computers for the data acquisition for the bike. Tenacious II did not perform the way that the team thought it would.

In 2001 John and Denis started the new bike that was to become 'Seven'. In 2003 I was named Vice President and partner in Datum Precision Inc. At that time we formed Ilium Works and Dirt Demon Racing as divisions of Datum. In September 2006 we finally had success with "Seven", setting a new world record at 350.884 mph. We are now working on improving the performance of both "Seven" and our Datum business endeavors.