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**Charles Bates, MD, Top Cat Video Productions.**

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Charlie Bates known throughout the racing industry as Top Cat Video. is in a unique position and needs to have everything just right. He has been associated with DIB lead AV Engineer Trevor Wilkinson for nearly 20 years. Charlie recalls back in 1984 with his first OB Van. "I had just started out on my own and Trevor came and wired up the van. He's a real engineer he only had to look at the equipment ask me where I want it and he did the rest." Since then the relationship has been maintained with other vans being set up. Budget has always been high on the agenda and so Charlie has an ongoing program of upgrading his vans. He has been able to budget accurately based on the DIB quotes. DIB has just completed Charlie's state of the art, fully digital OB Van.. The Van is equipped with the latest DV Pro (Panasonic) equipment which is the same format used by Channel 7 and Sky Channel. It has an 8 Vision mixer with 4 different recording formats. Charlie was full of praise when it was finished "I am always happy to wait for Trevor. I know what I am getting and can trust him to get it right.., ." It's knowing that I can rely on it to work wherever I am, the cables are done properly, fully labeled, the drawings are accurate and its this relationship that I look to keep."