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## Cal Poly 'Black Widow' Supermileage Racer Gunning for Top Spot in '09 Competition

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Students from Cal Poly's College of Engineering are tuning up the 'Black Widow' supermileage racecar and looking for another first-place win.

Cal Poly will enter its vehicle, the Black Widow, to compete against 51 other high school and university teams from around the world in the 2009 Shell Eco-marathon Americas. This year's supermileage challenge event takes place at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana from April 16 to 18.

In 2008, with a whopping 2,752.3 miles per gallon, Cal Poly's 'Supermileage' car finished second place in the competition. In 2007, Cal Poly's "Black Widow" took first place with an impressive 1,902.7 mpg.



***The 2008 College of Engineering  
Supermileage Team with the Black Widow***

The annual student competition, hosted by Shell oil company, awards cash prizes of up to \$5,000 for the most fuel-efficient vehicles. Not only are the 52 student teams looking to break the 1,208 kilometres per litre record set in 2008, they are providing the world a glimpse into the fuels, technologies and transportation of tomorrow.

The 2009 Shell Eco-marathon Americas roster contains 52 teams from high schools, universities, technical schools and colleges from North and South America - including Brazil, Canada, Mexico and the United States.

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