

Discourse communities are abundant and variant, incorporating multiple personality types, preferences, and interests. One more unconventional discourse community that I personally take part in, is drag racing. Drag racers share special knowledge, vocabulary, and genres, that would otherwise be foreign and mysterious to the uninitiated. Similar to other communities, drag racing has a subset of participants that report and document highlights and succeeding racers in magazines and other publications such as "Drag Illustrated." Words such as, "pass", "holeshot", "stage", and "break out" are all commonly utilized within this unique population's vernacular to communicate with each other upon the subject. Moreover, shared characteristics between members even include the generally simple, and breathable clothing that is worn on race days to avoid grease stains and overheating. The most important communal practice is the passion and love of the sport that each individual possesses.

The University of Central Florida chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is another social community that I have involved myself in. This club has provided connection to students who wish to pursue a similar career to mine, and has given me valuable knowledge into the mechanics and inner workings of aviation. As a subscriber to the newsletter affiliated with AIAA, I am able to identify and comprehend the language being written to accurately and effectively gain the knowledge I need to be an active and participating member in the club. Although both communities have many distinctive differences, they share commonalities that associate them. For example, both communities are mechanically focused, with emphasis on the specific motorization and motility of the vehicles being propelled. Another example, is that each group's main goal is to ultimately see their vehicle succeed to its best ability and brilliance. Many

communities may share similar aspects, but each is unique in their own purpose, motivation, and specific ways of being.