

CANADIAN RACE COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

THE MARSHALS' CLUB



April-May 2007

RACE TEST DAYS DONE...ROUND 1 IN THE BOOKS!
~ EDITOR

We had a great start to the 2007 season in a couple of ways...for the RACE Test days the weather was awesome, and we had enough marshals to put 2 on a few corners! Can't remember the last time that happened for the first event weekend.

We (Mike Batty and me) faced a bit of an obstacle on Saturday morning. Mike was keeping me company in Control for the day to get oriented and see if it's something he'd like to do, and since Saturday's activities were scheduled on Fabi track, we toddled off to the Fabi tower in his truck. We got there and discovered that the stairs to the tower had been removed, as in, no where in sight. Apparently the parking area was going to have some paving work done so in anticipation, Ken and the boys removed the stairs—a little prematurely I think, considering that the weekend on Fabi has been scheduled for months however, no challenge is too great for CRCA! Mike backed his truck up to the doorway and we used the side of the bed to boost us high enough to climb in the doorway. A little butt shuffle over the door jamb and we were there. Taking nature breaks took a little longer than usual but we persevered. Frank Trombino was pitted close to the tower and on one of my excursions he asked if my job description covered climbing in and out of buildings. I told him that I was going to ask for more pay. ☺

RACE Round 1 saw another new face in the tower—Larry McMillan is trying his hand at tower Control. At this point he's not sure if it's something he wants to do but is game to give it a go. We were on the Nelson circuit for the series opener and were delighted to see a minimum of 4 people on every turn! We've got several QEs from the April New Marshals' school coming out each weekend as well as a number from last year's schools, and all are developing nicely. There were 25 students at the school and 22 of them de-

ecided to join the club. The next school is set for May 19th and will probably be done by the time this newsletter gets to you. There aren't as many registered for this one, but still enough to make it worth while. As Chief Instructor, Larry McMillan does a terrific job instilling in the students a sense of excitement and the importance of what we do. Our quest now is to keep them coming out and to make them feel welcome when they do. If you see a new face in the crowd, make sure you go out of your way to introduce yourself and make the new members part of our group.

Our new marshals are coming from Toronto and Ottawa, as well as a couple from the local area. Our recruiting drives at the Toronto bike shows are paying off, as is the display at Quinte Mall in Belleville. At the end of the month our booth will be set up at the Grand Re-opening of Motorsports Plus in Kingston. We've been invited and the owner is keen to help us by giving us space to advertise in his shop.

Development is key in bringing our new marshals along, and something that we initiated last year is now in place—all QEs will do a rotation through tower Control. It's much easier to explain why communication protocol is so important if they actually see what it's like to be on the receiving end of calls when an incident (or 5) happens. Getting them in from the corners and then back out is a breeze with the "CRCA Break" that Chris Chapelle has built into all of the morning and afternoon RACE schedules. He really does look after us well.

Corner Seniors have been doing an outstanding job of explaining, training and assessing the performance of the QEs across the board. The evaluations are concise and our QEs understand the development process because you are honest and open in your assessments. Well done!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this the first two rounds of RACE and our two scheduled new marshal's schools will have been completed. The turnout for all was or is anticipated to be very good. Seven QEs who took our first school on April 21st were eager to learn more and joined us for our first RACE weekend and from all indications very much enjoyed their time on track. To date we have five QEs signed up for the upcoming RACE weekend and 9 potential marshals for the school. I encourage all new members to come on out and enjoy a weekend of racing.

As an added incentive and in an attempt to encourage more marshals to participate at our contracted events we have managed, with the kind generosity Michel and Odette Mercier of the FAST Riding School, to secure a place in a Phase One FAST School for 2008. The criteria for this draw is the same as for the MCO School, that is, you must participate in a least 10 CRCA contracted event days in order for your name to be entered in the draw. For every event day you do over 9 your name will be entered.

"Just as there are no little people or unimportant lives, there is no insignificant work."

~Elena Bonner

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mike Batty for his hard work and contribution to CRCA. Mike has been doing a considerable amount of behind-the-scenes work for the betterment of our club. This includes but is not limited to organizing the marshals lapping evening scheduled for June 2nd in conjunction with the CRDA weekend and his tireless efforts with recruiting and as CRCA's representative on CASC-OR's Worker Recruitment and Retention Committee (WRRC) which he was instrumental in getting back on the rails. Without volunteers like Mike a club like ours would not exist. Thanks Mike.

I hope to see you all trackside in the very near future,



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If you have some experience and a few contacts and would like to help create a "celebration to remember", please contact any of the above committee members.

THE MARSHALS' CORNER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

There will be GMMs following racing on the Saturday of RACE Round 3 (23 June) and on the Saturday of the National Super-Moto Event (15 September). If you have any items you would like added to the agenda, please forward them to the club secretary prior to the meeting dates. The usual Saturday BBOs will take place immediately following the meetings so we will keep them as brief as possible. Please plan to attend.



START TAKING NOTES—RIDER & DRIVER O.T.Y.

Yes, it's still very early in the season, but it's never too early to start thinking about who will best fit the "sportsmanship, dash and flair" criteria for the club's Rider and Driver of the Year nominees. Ballots will be sent out with the July newsletter so we have time to tabulate results and get the trophies prepared. Make sure you take the time to complete & return the ballot!

MEMBER INCENTIVES GALORE! ++

If you remember, in the last newsletter we told you about the MCO driving school and the RACE school with Chris Chapelle. Well, we have even more on the go for you! Michel and Odette Mercier have offered a spot in their FAST school to show their appreciation for what we do and to encourage maximum participation by our members!

So for each day over 9 that you come out to work at a CRCA-contracted event your name will be entered into a draw for a prize to be awarded in 2008. More to follow!



QUOTABLE QUOTES

See if you can guess to said this one...

"I don't make mistakes. I make prophecies that immediately turn out to be wrong."

(Answer on page 4)



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—UPDATES



Note: For confidentiality, this info will not appear in the website version.

SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a cheque. "

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my bulldog Spike. He won't bother you but whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!"

"I REPEAT, DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment

the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking bulldog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"

VRRR NORTH BAY

The Vintage Road Racers Association has a terrific weekend every September in North Bay. They appropriately call it the "Runway Romp" because they lay out a track on the runway there. It is still an active airport with aircraft landing and taking off regularly throughout the weekend. Just ask Dianne Bos—too bad we don't have a photo of her face when that very large aircraft came in for a landing, right over her head! Running an event there has its challenges—the track is bumpy, catching some of the riders off-guard, we have to open and close pedestrian gates between races, allow aircraft to taxi out to or return from the active runway, reset pylons that continually get knocked about, clean up hay bales when a rider fails to negotiate a turn, and like last year, worry about if/when the fog will lift so the riders can see the course. Despite all of these issues the weekend is still an absolute blast! The mood is light and the racers and volunteers share an atmosphere of relaxed racing fun. If you have the chance, this is an event you'll want to participate in. It takes place on 8-9 September so mark it on your calendars!



Shirley at the Runway Romp



One of the challenges at last year's event...finding the track!

QUOTABLE QUOTE by...

None other than the famous, Murray Walker! Who else, really.

TRACKSIDE AUTOMATED DEFIBRILLATOR AT ALL RACE EVENTS

Michel Mercier, of Fast Racing School and Rahul Dua of GoLoRacing announced the addition of a fully Automated Cardiac Defibrillator and CPR assistance Unit as their first contribution to the Canadian road racing community. They announced this very first step towards track side safety in the loving memory of Max Mercier. They were able to achieve this goal by the support from fellow road racers who donated very generously and the sponsors who contributed for a good cause.



The Defibrillator unit will be provided to the medical staff to use for all the RACE events. The equipment will be made available to other series or track day organizers.

From a release issued by GoLo Racing, May 2, 2007



MAX MERCIER CHARITY FUND

The Max Mercier Memorial Charity Fund got a boost during the opening round weekend with a memorial breakfast. Racers and volunteers were invited to attend at no cost, but donations to the fund were welcomed. All contributions to the Fund go to the Canadian racing community.

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PMP PARTS CANADA 2007 SCHEDULE



RD1: May 31 - June 3
Le Circuit Mont-Tremblant
Mont-Tremblant, QC

RD2/3: June 28 - July 1
Race City Motorsport Park
Calgary, AB

RD4/5: July 12-15
Mosport Int'l Raceway
Mosport, ON

RD6: August 9-12
Atlantic Motorsport Park
Shubenacadie, NS

RD7: Aug 31 - Sept 2
Shannonville - Pro Track
Shannonville, ON

DUCATI OFFERS OVER \$51,000 IN CONTINGENCY FOR THUNDER NATIONAL COMPETITORS

April 18, 2007

Ducati North America announces increased support for Ducati racers participating in the 2007 Parts Canada Road Race National Thunder Series plus the 2007 Calgary Ducati Cup. Total funds posted for 2007 are \$59,000 CDN.



The program posts \$4,850 per Parts Canada National Thunder race date at seven events plus a Grand National Championship bonus of \$10,000 to the series winner, \$5,000 for second and \$2,500 for third on a Ducati. Four models of motorcycles are eligible: SS1000, Monster S2R1000, Sport Classics and the 2008 Hypermotard. The Calgary Ducati Cup is a grass roots level "Ducati only" series with bike model application in the CMRA rule book. Ducati North America is supporting the 6 race series with \$8,050 CDN posted.

Ducati North America also offers further club racing support with "racer only" pricing on selected new Ducatis, as well as specially discounted racing kits for specific models.

Just The Facts from Ducati for the Thunder national series:

- Number of events: 7 Nationals
- Total posted: \$51,400 CDN
- 1st \$1,000
- 2nd \$750
- 3rd \$650
- 4th \$500
- 5th \$450
- 6th \$400
- 7th \$350
- 8th \$300
- 9th \$250
- 10th \$200

Series Championship: \$10,000, 2nd Overall \$5,000, 3rd Overall \$2,500



NASCAR
CANADIAN TIRE SERIES
SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The inaugural season of the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series competition will begin on Saturday, May 26 at Cayuga International Speedway, and includes races across 10 tracks throughout Canada, with the season-ending event on Sunday, Sept. 23 at Kawartha Speedway.

"The 2007 NASCAR Canadian Tire Series calendar presents a challenging variety of racetracks in key markets, from the sizzle of running in conjunction with the NASCAR Busch Series race in Montreal and during the Champ Car event in Edmonton, to storied oval and road circuits across Canada," said George Silbermann, NASCAR's managing director of racing operations. "Coupled with a strong, recognized series sponsor and a tremendous television package, this sets the stage for an outstanding season of racing."

Canadian Tire Corporation announced its official entitlement of the newly formed series in September, 2006. The series is also supported by Canada's leading sports network, TSN, which will televise 12 one-hour broadcasts featuring racing action from each series event.

"As the country's leading automotive retailer and an avid supporter of racing in Canada for more than twenty years, we are thrilled to be able to bring the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series to drivers and race fans across the country," said Tony Kuczynski, vice president, automotive, Canadian Tire.

"The NASCAR Canadian Tire Series offers TSN the opportunity to showcase and support Canadian drivers and Canadian racing as part of the network's all-encompassing NASCAR coverage," said Phil King, president, TSN. "As NASCAR's popularity north of the border continues to grow, TSN has enjoyed increased NASCAR audiences, which have more than doubled in the past 10 years."

The 2007 schedule will include a visit to Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal's famed 2.71-mile road course on August 3-4, as a companion event to the NASCAR Busch Series which will make its Canadian debut.

Other key dates:

- The 2007 schedule includes races on eight ovals: Cayuga International Speedway (2), Barrie Speedway (2), Sun Valley Speedway, Mosport Speedway, Riverside Speedway, and Kawartha Speedway; and four road courses: Mosport International Raceway, Grand Prix Edmonton, Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, and Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres.
- On May 26 and Sept. 1, the Series will visit the renowned Cayuga International Speedway, a 5/8-mile track that has long been associated with some of NASCAR's biggest stars.
- On June 16-17, the series will run at Mosport International Raceway in Bowmanville, Ontario at the facility's 2.5-mile, 10-turn road course. The series will return on August 11 to race on the Mosport Speedway, the facility's 1/2-mile oval.
- On July 1 and Sept. 8, the series will make stops at Barrie Speedway. Barrie is a 1/3-mile oval and a feature track for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series.
- In July, the series will make its western swing, with races at Sun Valley Speedway in British Columbia and at the Grand Prix Edmonton in Alberta. Sun Valley Speedway is a 1/2-mile oval and a featured track for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series. The Edmonton race is a companion event to the Grand Prix Edmonton, a 1.973-mile temporary road course constructed on runways at an active airport.
- On Aug. 17-19, the series will be a companion event to the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres. The event will take place as part of the historic racing weekend on the city's 1.53-mile street course.
- On September 15, the series will make a visit to Eastern Canada at Riverside Speedway, a 1/3-mile oval track that is a scale-model of the legendary Bristol Motor Speedway, and is located in Nova Scotia.

NASCAR CANADIAN TIRE SERIES (CONT'D)

• The Championship will run its final event at Kawartha Speedway, a modern, progressive banked 3/8-mile oval that always provides fans with tremendous racing action.

NASCAR has a strong fan base in Canada with 5.8 million fans, representing one out of four Canadian adults. NASCAR is the No. 1 motorsport series on television in Canada. TSN recorded record ratings for its coverage of the 2006 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series with a national average audience of 332,000 viewers, up 15 percent from 2005.

NASCAR has a long and celebrated history in Canada, having held sanctioned events in many different NASCAR divisions dating back to the 1950s. In 2007, NASCAR will continue to support Canadian motorsports with three main initiatives: NASCAR Busch Series race at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series at circuits throughout Canada, and the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series races at Edmonton International Raceway in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Barrie Speedway in Ontario and Autodrome St. Eustache in St. Eustache, Quebec.

2007 NASCAR CANADIAN TIRE SERIES SCHEDULE

Date – Site, Location

- May 26 – Cayuga International Speedway, Hamilton, ON
- June 16-17 – Mosport International Raceway, Bowmanville, ON
- July 1 – Barrie Speedway, Barrie, ON
- July 14-15 – Sun Valley Speedway, Vernon, BC
- July 20-21 – Grand Prix Edmonton, Edmonton, AB
- August 3-4 – Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal, QC
- August 11 – Mosport Speedway, Bowmanville, ON
- August 17-19 – Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres, QC
- September 1 – Cayuga Int'l Speedway, Hamilton, ON
- September 8 – Barrie Speedway, Barrie, ON
- September 15 – Riverside Speedway, Antigonish, NS
- September 23 – Kawartha Speedway, Peterborough, ON

TSN's broadcast schedule (all times ET):

- Cayuga Int'l Speedway – Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m.
- Mosport Raceway – Sunday, June 24, 12 noon
- Barrie Speedway – Saturday, July 14, 1 p.m.
- Sun Valley Speedway – Sunday, July 29, 12 noon
- Grand Prix Edmonton – Saturday, Aug. 4, 11 a.m.
- Circuit Gilles Villeneuve – Saturday, Aug. 18, 2 p.m.
- Mosport Speedway – Sunday, Aug. 19, 12 noon
- Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres – Saturday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m.
- Cayuga Int'l Speedway – Saturday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.
- Barrie Speedway – Saturday, Sept. 15, 11:30 a.m.
- Riverside Speedway – Saturday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.
- Kawartha Speedway – Saturday, Oct. 6, 1:30 p.m.

Schedule Subject to Change

FELLOWS TO REUNITE WITH PILGRIM FOR FINAL MOSPORT ALMS RACE



Corvette Racing will enter a third Corvette C6.R driven by Ron Fellows and Andy Pilgrim in *Mobil 1 presents the Grand Prix of Mosport*, which will be held from August 23-26. Former teammates Fellows and Pilgrim will be reunited for the ninth round of the American Le Mans Series at the Mosport road course near Fellows' home in Mississauga. This is expected to be Fellows' final ALMS race at Mosport.

"I'm excited, and I know that Andy's excited," said Fellows. "It should be good fun. Andy and I are both a part of Corvette Racing history, and this will be a real treat."

Fellows and Pilgrim raced together at Mosport in August 2000, finishing second on a track that went from wet to dry in the closing laps. One month later, the pair won at Texas Motor Speedway, scoring the first of Corvette Racing's 55 victories.

"I'm thrilled to be running with Ron in Canada," Pilgrim said. "Mosport is a very special place for Ron, and I'm excited about the prospect of being his teammate there. It's always great to race with Ron, and it's even better to be doing it at his home track. Mosport is extremely fast, and it's an eye-opening experience to race a GT1 Corvette there."

The third Corvette C6.R will run in Arctic White paint that celebrates the limited edition Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Champion Corvette Z06. "The team wanted to salute Ron and his many friends and fans at Mosport," said GM Racing Road Racing Group manager Steve Wesoloski. "Andy Pilgrim is the perfect choice as Ron's teammate at this special event. They scored the first win for Corvette Racing, and they're teammates in several races with Team Cadillac. Andy's very active with the Corvette Museum and is very popular at Corvette events. This is an opportunity to spotlight two great Corvette racers."

Both drivers have vivid memories of their first race together on the fast 2.459-mile Canadian circuit. "The race at Mosport was the first time I'd driven with Ron, and we almost pulled off the first win for Corvette," Pilgrim recalled. "We had a good effort, but lost the lead late in the race with rain tires on a drying track. It was a disappointing result, but we made up for it with a victory at the next race in Texas."

"I'd convinced GM Racing that if we went to Mosport, I'd guarantee a win," Fellows reported. "That was pretty bold on my part, but we had it covered until the track dried up while our car was on rain tires. The change in weather was terribly unlucky, but it made for a great race."

Pilgrim and Fellows will be doing double-duty at Mosport, driving their Corvette C6.R in the ALMS race and Cadillac CTS-V race cars in the SCCA World Challenge GT event.

"I was kidding Andy that we'll be jogging together from paddock to paddock," Fellows said. "He'll get a taste of what I've been doing the last few years at Mosport."

The American Le Mans race will run as a part of *Mobil 1 presents the Grand Prix of Mosport*, on Sunday, August 26, 2007. The 2-hour, 45-minute race will begin at 3 p.m. EDT and will be televised live on SPEED.



SMP June 2007

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2007 AT A GLANCE

RACE:
 21-22 Apr—Open Test Days
 4-6 May—RACE Rnd 1
 18-20 May—RACE Rnd 2
22-24 June—RACE Round 3
 20-22 July—RACE Round 4
 3-5 Aug—RACE Round 5
 31 Aug-2 Sep—Nat’ls Rnd 7 & RACE Rnd 6
 28-30 Sep—RACE Round 7

VRRA:
15-17 June—SMP
 8-9 Sep—North Bay

1-3 June—CRDA

Register online at:
www.crcal.com



CONTACT FOR MOSPORT EVENTS

If you’re planning to participate at any Mosport events this year, we recommend that you call Dorothy Manganello at 905-434-8821. She’ll ensure you are registered with MMS and that your credentials are waiting for you when you check in at registration.

SMP Events for July

SMP Events

- 20-22 July - RACE Round 4

Mosport Events

- 30 Jun-1 Jul - BARC/CASC Ontario Regional Races
- 13-15 Jul - Canadian Superbike Doubleheader Weekend

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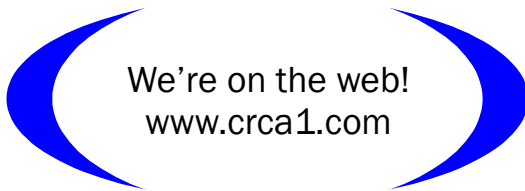
The Canadian Race Communications Association (CRCA) is Canada's first and most experienced race marshalling club. It has played a significant role in the Ontario racing community since 1959, joining the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs (CASC) in 1960, and acquiring its Federal Charter in 1962. Based at Shannonville Motorsport Park, the Club supports the racing environment by providing Corner Marshals for all forms of racing events including regional open and closed-wheel cars, R.A.C.E. Series motorcycles, go-karts and numerous special interest groups.

CRCA Marshals have participated at racing events at Mosport Park from opening day to the present. Our members worked at events at Green Acres (near Goderich, ON) and Harewood Acres (south of Hamilton, ON) until their closing.

Our club organized the Corner Marshals for the first ever Canadian Grand Prix at Mosport International Raceway (formerly Mosport Park) in 1967, and also in 1967, were responsible for providing Marshals for the Motorcycle Grand Prix of Canada, notably the only time this country has had an FIM-sanctioned Grand Prix!

CRCA has been involved in the Toronto Molson Indy from its inaugural event, and continues to participate each year.

If you would like to learn more about what we do or are interested in becoming a corner marshal, please contact Mike Batty, Recruiting and Membership Director at 613-392-7359 or recruiting@crca1.com.



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