CANADIAN RACE COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

THE MARSHALS' CLUB







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HOPE YOU DIDN'T MISS IT!

Since the last issue we've had a round of RACE and the CRDA weekend. There are so many things to update you on that I've had to make notes so that I wouldn't forget any-thing, but even that's not fool-proof so forgive me if I miss something.

The Max Mercier Charity Fund breakfast held by Raoul Dua of Golo Racing at Round 1 was a huge success with donations going toward heightening awareness of safety on the track. I think everyone in the paddock and most of the marshals attended.

At Round 2, Chris Chapelle surprised us with an announcement at the Saturday morning riders' meeting. He asked that all of the marshals join the meeting, so we knew something was up but most of us thought that he asked us there so that the riders' could show their appreciation for our efforts. He did in fact ask them to give us a round of applause, but the main reason he asked us there was so that we could all hear what Golo Racing (Raoul Dua) and Katherine Rolland have planned. They are holding a silent auction using items contributed by the racers, teams and sponsors, to raise money for our club! It has not yet been determined what will be purchased with the funds and we have no idea how much will be raised but that really isn't the point. Doesn't it make you feel terrific to know that what we do out there weekend after weekend, in the rain, snow, sleet, hail and blistering heat is truly appreciated? Golo Racing is putting a tremendous amount of effort into the auction-Katherine has been working very hard to contact the racers and sponsors and was seeing great success very early on. She briefed everyone at the riders' meeting and was very well-received. Chris told us that she put a minimum value of \$250 on contributions and as of that first weekend, already had approximately \$5,000 worth of items donated. I don't know about you, but I'm absolutely floored by this level of generosity—especially knowing that so many of the riders have a financial struggle just to keep themselves in the series. It's a statement to the importance of what we do and the fact that the racers realize that they need our club and our volunteers to be there for them so that they can do what they love.

Next on our calendar of contracted events was our one and only car event of this season, CRDA. We had a bit of a change this year as George McCullough took over as Chief Clerk, with Gianni Biral as his Assistant Clerk. Both gentlemen were extremely knowledgeable and were a delight to work with. The weekend had its challenges though. There were several delays on both days; the ambulance was a little late, the registrations didn't appear to match transponders causing serious problems for timing and scoring, which carried over into gridding problems. Despite all of this, drivers kept their heads and didn't take their frustrations out onto the track. The organizers provided us with lunches and a Saturday BBQ which was catered by Lou and the girls in the canteen, and it was delicious!

Now, for the best parts: The weekend was supposed to be a very special day in a couple of ways. Mike Batty had organized the 2nd annual Marshals' Track evening with the assistance of St Lac members/drivers John Kinnear and Eric Brunner. John and Eric took everyone that wanted to participate around, showing the line and giving pointers, then set us loose to see what we could do on our own. It was a blast (and no major off-roads this year)!

Mike had also found out that Derek Daley (former F1 driver and commentator on Speed Vision) was at the track to observe his 16-year old son, Conor, in the F1600 races. Mike arranged to have Derek speak with us on Sunday at lunch—a 30 minute monologue that ended far too quickly. Derek's incredible wit

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~ EDITOR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have just arrived home from Montreal where I marshalled at my second Canadian Grand Prix and once again I really enjoyed the experience. I was fortunate enough to be on the same QRFA team that I have worked with for all the racing events that I have

attended in Quebec. Although the forecast was for a chance of rain the weatherman fortunately was proven wrong and we enjoyed a great weekend of weather and racing. While the attrition rate was high, and in spite of the safety car being required on four separate occasions the Formula One race was still very exciting. Support races included the Formula BMW, the Formula Ford and the Ferrari Challenge all of which also provided some great racing. While in Montreal I was once more the guest at the home of André Lalancette (Chez André) and was made to feel very welcome; thank you André. If events at Shannonville do not conflict with the Grand Prix I plan to attend again next year. If anyone has not had the opportunity to attend I highly recommend it and if you have any questions please feel to ask me.

"The past always looks better than it was because it isn't here."

~Finley Peter Dunne

We are now about one third of the way through our racing season and to date the support for the club from the membership has been nothing less than outstanding. This year has seen the largest number of new members participating and we are very glad to have them trackside. Some of our members, old and new, travel up to 3 hours to support the sport and the club we really do appreciate the time and commitment from all who attend our events. I would like encourage all members who have not had the opportunity to spend a day or weekend at an event to take the time to join us in the coming weeks or before you know it, the season will be over and you will have to wait another six months to get your fix.

I hope to see trackside,

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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.

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FROM RACE ROUND 2

Thank you all for being there at Shannonville on the weekend. It was the sidecars first round and it would not have happened if not for all you kind people. Great job and see you all soon.

Paul Boyd #1 F1 Sidecar

MARSHALS' TRACK EVENING



The 2nd Annual Marshals' Track Evening took place on 19 May and was enjoyed by a number of the members. John Kinnear and Eric Brunner started us off by taking us around and showing us the line in their cars, then took us around in our own cars. Once it was evident

that everyone was managing to stay ON the track they set us loose in our own cars (without our guides) and it was a blast! We had no exciting off-road excursions this year, just a lot of fun on a nice clean & dry track. Thanks to John and Eric for offering their time and vehicles, and to Mike Batty for making all of the arrangements.

OUOTABLE OUOTES

"If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: Take two aspirin and keep away from children."

~Author Unknown

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY-UPDATES



SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

John, my darling husband,

Before you return from your overseas trip I just want to let you know about the small accident I had with the pick up truck when I turned into the driveway. Fortunately not too bad and I really didn't get hurt, so please don't worry too much about me.

I was coming home from Wal-Mart, and when I turned into the driveway I accidentally pushed down on the accelerator instead of the brake. The garage door is slightly bent but the pick up fortunately came to a halt when it bumped into your car. I am really sorry, but I know with your kind-hearted personality you will forgive me. You know how much I love you and care for you my sweetheart. I am enclosing a picture for you. I cannot wait to hold you in my arms again.

Your loving wife, Samantha



P.S. Your girlfriend called

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and limitless experience had us all mesmerized. He then answered questions from several marshals and thanked us for inviting him to speak!

Seems Mike Batty really can outdo himself-time after time!



Canadian Racing Drivers Association Shannonville Shootout – Rookies Show their Stuff!



The blistering heat at Shannonville didn't seem to affect the F1200 Championship Series drivers intensity at the CRDA Shootout. Rookie driver Michael lamundi was unaffected by both the intense temperatures during the weekend, and the relentless pressure from experienced F1200 drivers. lamundi came out extremely fast in qualifying and went on to win the first race of the weekend and narrowly missed 1st place for the trophy race late Sunday afternoon, being edged out on the last lap by veteran Randy Smith.

Dominating the weekend's racing were Frank Steinhausen, Guy Bellingham, Randy Smith, and Michael lamundi. Smith was leading the first race of the weekend by a considerable margin until a front wheel spindle broke at high speed sending him airborne into the infield. Shaken, but not deterred, Smith was back out for Sunday's races after front-end repairs that had he and his technical team working late into Saturday night. Running once again with veterans Steinhausen and Bellingham, the trio found themselves on the edge attempting to chase down the lightning fast, and smooth running lamundi. In a classic F1200 finish, Smith and Steinhausen caught up with lamundi on the final straightway with Smith passing the young up and comer and Steinhausen just not quite having enough speed or time to do the same. At the finish line, it was Smith taking the checkered flag, followed by lamundi, Steinhausen, Bellingham, and Toby Beaudin, running on a replacement motor installed the night before, finishing behind Bellingham to round out the top 5.

While lamundi stole the show on the weekend, many of the F1200 rookies showed their talent at Shannonville with tremendous wheel to wheel racing within the second pack of Vees throughout the weekend; Jason Legge and Andrew McMurray battled it out constantly with Toby Beaudin and Eric Barrett during the 2-day event. Rookie Michael Rogers, who was quickly coming up to speed during Fridays practice, was plagued with mechanical issues, while Phil Wang ran strong races throughout the weekend and was very competitive within the mid pack of the F1200 groups. Robert Tronchi another of the exciting F1200 rookies this year, also had a consistent showing throughout the weekend but was also effected by mechanical issues. Rookie Aaron Lang, a strong performer at the season's first race, ran well during practice and qualifying but ran into engine overheating problems come Sunday and found him self battling it out with newcomer and rookie Carl Woychuck at the back of the pack in the trophy race. Second year driver Devan Matkovich also broke a front wheel spindle during practice, recovered for qualifying, but was unable to keep up with the field for most of the weekend.

The F1200 Championship continues at the all new Calabogie super track July 28th & 29th weekend.

See www.formula1200.com for more information on the series and this season's schedule.

Thank you's

From Paul Anderson, President CRDA:

"Thank you all for the great work this past weekend...very much appreciated..."

From Dave Matkovich of TLM Racing:

"I would like to extend my appreciation to your track workers for a job well done despite their having to deal with the timing issues and the brutally hot and humid weather. Thank you!"

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MOLSON INDY NO MORE...STEELBACK BREWERY BECOMES NEW TITLE SPONSOR FOR GRAND PRIX

Toronto, Ontario

After 21 years, history was made today for Toronto's premier



sporting event of the summer when the Grand Prix of Toronto announced that Steelback Brewery has signed a multi-year agreement to become the event's title sponsor. The 21-year old racing event will return July 6, 7 and 8th to Exhibition Place as the Steelback Grand Prix of Toronto.

"This is a momentous occasion and we're proud to have Steelback Brewery as our new title sponsor," said Charlie Johnstone, President and CEO, Grand Prix Association of Toronto. "In Steelback, we've secured a dedicated, enthusiastic title sponsor who shares our vision of what this event can be and who will work hand-in-hand with us to make the vision come to life. The combination of a new title sponsor and some of the best ontrack action to ever race on the streets of Toronto, will make this a truly great year to attend the Steelback Grand Prix of Toronto."

JUNE 2007

DOUBLE VICTORY FOR SZOKE AT OPENING ROUND

Cdnsuperbike.com—3 June 2007

Jordan Szoke made a good start to his Canadian Superbike title defense Sunday afternoon at Le Circuit Mont-Tremblant, taking the Parts Canada Superbike Championship feature race win.



Pascal Picotte leads defending champ Jordan Szoke, Francis Martin, and Kevin Lacombe in the opening laps of Sunday's Superbike final at Le Circuit Mont-Tremblant

Canadian Kawasaki factory superbike rider Szoke followed twotime Canadian National champion Pascal Picotte around the picturesque 4.275-KM circuit in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal for the opening seven laps of the 16-lap final before moving into the lead.

After Szoke, who now has three National Superbike titles to his credit, took over the lead on lap eight he was able to work through traffic quicker than Suzuki mounted Picotte, enabling the number one plate holder to pull a slight gap on the field and hold his lead to the finish.

By lap five, Szoke and Picotte on the Team Suzuki Blackfoot Picotte Performance GSX-R1000 had started to pull away from the rest of the pack, leaving a three bike battle for the final po-

dium position.

The chase group was led by Picotte's Suzuki teammate Francis Martin who was being hunted by Clint McBain and Kevin Lacombe. Unfortunately, soon after Lacombe had moved into third, Martin's motorcycle suffered a mechanical problem just before the half-way point forcing him to retire from the race.

Steve Crevier made a late race charge on the Fast Company Yamaha and broke away from a two way race with 15-yearold Rookie Pro Factory Kawasaki rider Brett McCormick and was catching McBain and Lacombe. With only two laps to go, McBain's Acceleration Racing Suzuki suffered a flat rear Pirelli tire, which allowed six time Superbike champ Crevier to take the position. Lacombe, riding a Team Toyota Brooklin Cycle Yamaha R1, was able to stay comfortably ahead to finish third.

McBain was able to ride to the finish and hang on for fifth place behind Crevier, with McCormick finishing sixth in his first National Superbike race. Matt McBride was seventh on the Rider's Choice Suzuki entry, with Andrew Nelson on the Z1 Cycletech Yamaha in eighth. Frank Trombino finished ninth on a Suzuki, while Honda rider Erick Beausejour completed the Mont-Tremblant top ten.

Szoke now leads the championship with 52 points over Picotte's 42. Lacombe heads to Round 2 at Calgary's Race City Motorsport Park with 37 points. No qualifying points were awarded to the Superbike class at round one after official timed qualifying was cancelled on Saturday, however, Szoke was awarded the Inside Motorcycles Superbike Pole Award for topping Saturday morning's practice session, from which the starting grid was built.

The MBP/Brembo Superbike Performance Award from Mont-Tremblant went to Fast Company's Scott Miller – tuner of Steve Crevier's Yamaha superbike.

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TOP 20 IN SUPERBIKE STANDINGS AFTER 1 ROUND

Pos	No.	Class	Name	Hometown	Laps	BestTimeMake	Model	
1	1	SB	Jordan Szoke	Brantford, ON	16	01:40.368	Kawasaki	ZX-10R
2	21	SB	Pascal Picotte	Granby, QC	16	01:40.358	Suzuki	GSXR1000
3	34	SB	Kevin Lacombe	Granby, QC	16	01:40.291	Yamaha	YZFR1
4	14	SB	Steve Crevier	Maple Ridge, BC	16	01:41.211	Yamaha	YZFR1
5	9	SB	Clint McBain	Cochrane, AB	16	01:40.450	Suzuki	GSXR1000
6	6	SB	Brett McCormick	Saskatoon, SK	16	01:41.239	Kawasaki	ZX-10R
7	13	SB	Matt McBride	Mississauga, ON	16	01:41.420	Suzuki	GSXR1000
8	26	SB	Andrew Nelson	Nepean, ON	16	01:41.701	Yamaha	YZFR1
9	31	SB	Frank Trombino	Vaughan, ON	16	01:41.783	Suzuki	GSXR1000
10	47	SB	Erick Beausejour	Val Senneville, QC	16	01:42.545	Honda	CBR1000
11	28	SB	Jean-Paul Tache	North Bay, ON	16	01:42.567	Suzuki	GSXR1000
12	196	SB	Matthew Cooper	Guelph, ON	16	01:43.256	Yamaha	YZFR1
13	81	SB	Jeremy Stepper	Calgary, AB	16	01:43.324	Suzuki	GSXR1000
14	87	SB	Dave Young	Woodstock,ON	16	01:46.171	Suzuki	GSXR1000
15	74	SB	Adam Roberts	Hammonds Plains, NS	16	01:46.175	Yamaha	YZF-R6
16	39	SB	Ross Millson	Hamilton, ON	16	01:46.129	Suzuki	GSXR600
17	723	SB	Andrew Dunlap	Truro, NS	15	01:47.329	Kawasaki	ZX-6R
18	69	SB	Zenon Nelson	Bowmanville,ON	15	01:47.428	Suzuki	GSXR600
19	333	SB	Steve Bourdeau	Verdun, QC	15	01:47.408	Honda	CBR600RR
20	89	SB	Dany Jourdain	Saint-sur-Richelieu, QC	15	01:46.133	Suzuki	GSXR1000

NEW MARSHAL'S SCHOOLS A SUCCESS FOR 2007

Thanks to the efforts of Mike Batty and his team of volunteers from the bike shows to the Quinte Mall displays, the participation at the New Marshals' Schools has been a resounding success.

The first school, held April 21, 2007 had 24 participants and one recertification of an existing marshal. Also attending this event was Frank MacDonald, the promoter/organizer of the SuperMoto event which is going to be held at SMP in September.

Curiosity got the best of Frank, which resulted in him calling the night before the school to ask if he could attend. He said he found the information very interesting and was surprised to see exactly how much responsibility the marshals have when performing their duties. There is no doubt this information will make it back to the rest of his group, which will make their new event this year run even smoother. I found it very encouraging to see this kind of enthusiasm from a new organizer.

The second school was held May 18 with another 8 students being trained. A third very small school was held June 16. This school was a late addition to this year's schedule to handle anyone not able to make it to the scheduled schools as well as anyone who signed up at the MotorSport Plus Grand Re-Opening display.

Lorie again came to the rescue with the updating of the PowerPoint presentation for all of our New Marshals' schools. Thanks must also be extended to Rick Helman for obtaining the projector and loaning us his laptop for each of the schools.

The PowerPoint presentation which was implemented two years ago and refined a couple of times since has resulted in a very consistent method of teaching. It ensures all the basics are covered, but we never fail to mention the fact that the training continues on the corners through the work of our CRCA Corner Seniors. Thank you to all for continuing the classroom efforts out on the corners!

The schools have resulted in 25 new marshals joining our club to date. The most encouraging aspect for me though, is the fact there has been more participation by new marshals trackside than in previous years. I would like to think that we as a club, with the implementation of the Buddy system, and with the extra effort by everyone, have made the "newbies" feel welcome.

Lastly, to all newcomers – thanks for your participation in the class and your attendance at the track. The more the merrier is certainly true here. Come out as often as you can... we love to have you!

Performance and Safety

I am pleased to report we have not had any major incidents requiring the intervention of the Performance and Safety Director. I would like to remind everyone that I am available if any of you feel there are safety issues which need to be addressed.

One thing I would like to mention though... please make sure

to mention any medical conditions to your Corner Senior or the CCM before the event – especially things like diabetes, allergies to bee stings, or any other item that could effect your safety or the safety of your co-workers on the track. Remember, play safe!

Larry McMillan CRCA Board of Directors Education and Performance & Safety



STRESS MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUE—TRY IT!

Just in case you are having a rough day, here is a stress management technique recommended in all the latest psychological journals.

The funny thing is that it really does work and will make you smile..

1. Picture yourself lying on your belly on a warm rock that hangs out over a crystal clear stream.

2. Picture yourself with both your hands dangling in the cool running water.

3. Birds are sweetly singing in the cool mountain air.

4. No one knows your secret place.

5. You are in total seclusion from that hectic place called the world.

6. The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity.

7. The water is so crystal clear that you can easily make out the face of the person you are holding underwater.

See.....It really does work. You're smiling already.

SMP July 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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2007 AT A GLANCE

RACE:

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 & R

31 Aug-2 Sep—Nat'ls Rnd 7 & RACE Rnd 6 28-30 Sep—RACE Round 7

MCO

27-29 Jul—Ted Powell Memorial Race Weekend(Calabogie)

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

CRDA 1-3 June—SMP Register online at: <u>www.</u> <u>crca1.com</u>



CONTACT FOR Mosport events

If you're planning to participate at any Mosport events this year, we recommend that you call Dorothy Manganelli 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.

Events for August

SMP Events

- 3-5 Aug—RACE Round 5
- 31 Aug-2 Sep—RACE Round 6 and Nationals FINAL

Mosport Events

- **11-12 Aug** BARC/CASC Ontario Regional Races
- 24-26 Aug—ALMS



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