CANADIAN RACE COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION









March 2006

COUNTDOWN TO ACTION

Let's see...February is done, there are 31 days in March, and the first contracted event of 2006 is the RACE Test Day weekend on 22-23 April. That makes only a few

weeks to excitement!

Actually, for 6 of us there was marshalling excitement in mid-February at the DAC ice-racing event in Minden.



The "lighthouse"

Dianne Bos, Andrew Overy, Alison Atwood, Mike Batty, Shirley Jones and yours



truly traveled to the "far north" to alleviate the racing withdrawal symptoms so many of us feel at this time of the year.

Front Straight

The racing was spectacular with goodsized fields and a lot of competitors that were there to race. The lighting system didn't work perfectly on either day, so we did a rotation from outside signaling with flags to the warm and cozy "lighthouse" to get warm. The temperatures cooperated fairly well, but it got pretty breezy, with

whiteouts occurring throughout the day. During one of the races, Dianne and I got a *really* close look at one of the more aggressive drivers when his



Sunday morning social

car jumped the bank only a few feet from our flag station. In the same race, another car had nosed into the bank on the same corner but on the opposite side, making it necessary for the racers to "thread-the-needle", sometimes with only inches to spare.

DAC accommodated us at the Highland Motel, which was really convenient because that's where the Saturday evening dinner was held. We were treated to a lovely meal, free refreshments and some nice gifts. As always, we were made to feel welcome and appreciated. I believe this event will be on the last weekend in February next year and we're limited to 6 spots, so if you're interested in breaking up the winter doldrums, mark it in your calendar.

The call for marshals for this year's Montreal GP has already come and gone. Several club members have been contacted by the race organizers and will be participating at the 23-25 June event. If you meet the qualifications and are interested in working the event next year, let one of the Board members know so that when next year's call comes, we can forward your name and particulars to the appropriate people.

We had good success with email callouts last year and will be continuing to use this method to advise of upcoming events this year. The callouts will be sent approximately 2 weeks in advance of the specific date so that you have time to check your calendars and respond. There are only a couple of members who don't have email access and they will be contacted by phone. There is also the online event registration option available from the website at http://www.crca1.com/id23.html. The page lists all of the CRCA-contracted events, which track configuration will be used

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! I'm sure you're as happy as I am to say goodbye to a winter that was far too wet, cold, dreary and long. Unlike the 6 lucky individuals that were able to enjoy the DAC hospitality at the ice races in Minden, I had to make do with some photos and a few stories of the exciting racing that took place throughout the weekend. It's all good now though; racing at SMP is only days away.

The Board has really become a team and they work extremely well together. Our newest member, Bob Leclair, has made a smooth transition to his position as Properties Director and is showing us the advantages of having someone with his background on the Board.

We will be introducing a couple of new initiatives this season - results of comments made in the membership survey and ideas generated by the 2005-2006 Board of Directors.

"Correction does much, but encouragement does more."

~ Goethe

The "Buddy Program" is going to be put in place with the first New Marshals' School of 2006. It could almost be compared to a mentoring system—we plan to address

several issues by "assigning" new marshals to club members who have agreed to be part of the program. Buddies will give the newbies a face to recognize in the crowd; a "go to" person for questions. They don't have to know all the answers; they just need to know where to get them.

We'll be upgrading the Saturday BBOs this year with a more varied menu, and David Keller has generously volunteered to canvas businesses for prizes to give away at them. We've had small successes collecting donations for this purpose, but I'm certain that Dave's determination will take it to a new level and we really appreciate his willingness to pitch in—thanks Dave!

On page 4 you'll find an article dedicated to the memory of Don Hyland. Several messages were sent to us in response to the news he had passed away and I'd like to thank everyone for allowing us to share their memories with club members.

You'll also see a couple of items about the John Nelson Memorial Weekend. CRCA will be involved in a big way as organizers, participants and friends remembering John Nelson. I think John would be pleased to see a party of this magnitude in his name. It promises to be a great weekend, so make sure you mark it in your calendar.

My final thought for this issue—let's all work together to make 2006 a safe, fun and exciting racing season. Keep your wits about you, your sense of humor in overdrive and let your love of racing guide your pen to the RACE calendar...

See you trackside,

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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.

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THE MARSHALS' CORNER

JOHN NELSON MEMORIAL WEEKEND SET FOR SHANNONVILLE

~www.cdnsuperbike.com/news 21 Feb 06

John Nelson was the designer, co-builder and eventually the complete owner/operator of the original seven turn Nelson International Raceway, now known as *Shannonville - The Birthplace of Champions*. Nelson passed away April 3, 2005. RACE has organized the John Nelson Memorial Weekend in his honour in conjunction with Round 4 of the RACE Superseries at Shannonville Motorsport Park, 21-23 July 06. *See "RACE Presents the..." on page 4*

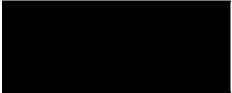


Sounds tasty, doesn't it?

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—UPDATES

Look for this space in future newsletters—whenever members submit changes to their contact info, they will be published here so that you can update your copy of the directory. The next version (published annually) will include all amendments. Note: To comply with the CRCA Privacy Policy, these updates

will <u>not</u> be part of the Blue Flag newsletters available from the website.

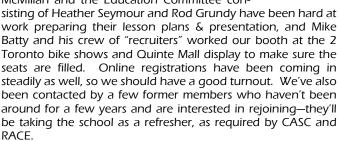


COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

We're looking for new ways to advertise for members and would like to know if you have a community paper in your area that would publish our ad for free. Local papers (printed and online) often have "community activity" sections for this purpose, so we'd just need to know the name and contact info for the paper in your community. If you can offer any other ideas for advertising, please give Mike Batty (Recruiting) a call at 613-392-7359 or email him at batty_m_s@sympatico.ca.

NEW MARSHALS' SCHOOL 22 April 2006

A New Marshals' School will be held on 22 a April 06, during the RACE Test Day. Larry McMillan and the Education Committee con-



The Education Committee welcomes anyone interested in using the 22 April school as a refresher as well—just let Larry know so seating can be arranged.

EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE



Don't forget—if you want to take advantage of the Early Bird Incentive, we have to receive your completed applications by 31 March 2006. There's still time, if you act now!

SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

Little Davie Ohmanski...

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses.

She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, Little Davie Ohmanski stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Davie?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by your-self!"

Little Davie Ohmanski...

Watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked.

"To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

"What's the matter?" asked Little Davie. "Giving up?"

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Long-time Life Member of CRCA, Don Hyland (OR-67-81) passed away peacefully on 16 January 2006. He is fondly remembered by many members as a dear friend and dedicated racing enthusiast. We hope that Gwynneth, Donna and Robert find comfort in the knowledge that he will be missed. Several members wrote in to share their memories:

"Don was a CRCA member back when I started marshalling at Mosport in the 60's. In those days CRCA owned two Austin Ambulances donated by BMC (British Motor Corporation) along with an Austin Gypsy rescue vehicle which was a sort of British version of the Jeep. CRCA provided all the rescue services then and Don Luigi Hyland was actively involved in this section of CRCA. He was also a high ranking member of St. John's Ambulance Brigade and appeared trackside in his whites and his white hard hat with the St. John's logo shining proudly on it. He and his wife Gwen were at the track for all the yearly events and Don also provided training courses for new recruits. For a period of time, shiny fire suits were the latest requirement for fire intervention and Don appeared in this garb complete with visored silver helmet. As is the case with most marshals Don had very strong opinions and you had better know what you were talking about when dealing with Don on medical/ safety matters!

Don was a well known and respected member of CRCA. Godspeed Don Luigi."

Bill and Mary Lobban

"It was with great sadness that I read the e-mails about Don Hyland. When I started marshalling in 1971, around the old Chalet was where we camped. There was Don, Pete Le-Blond, Cam Newlands, John Sullivan, Mike Miller, my best friend Marg Garland and myself. Marg and I had a tent trailer. We camped with the guys sort of surrounding us, much like a wagon train, with Marg and I in the center. They watched over us and we had some really wonderful times. When we weren't at Mosport, our second home was Watkins Glen. We travelled together frequently. Don was with St. John's. He did a lot of the training at the track. His training was that good, when we went to the Glen, we were put on the rescue units because the training we received was far better than what the Glen boys had. It was an honour to be a part of his team. the group still actively involved in racing are Mike and my-

I haven't seen Don in several years. The only original ones of self. Cam still comes to the track on occasion to spectate and we talk about the "Good Old Days"."

Anjie Giguere

How very sorry I was to learn of an Old friend Don Hyland. I first met Don at Mosport in the 1970 's when Don was working on the C.R.C.A. Track Ambulances [and later had the opportunity to work with him] when I joined

C.R.C.A. in 1980. Don Hyland was a very educated man. It was a pleasure to know him and to work with Don. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and those who worked with him on and off the RACE TRACK. May he now Rest in Perpetual Peace Semperturnum Semperturnum Requiem. Dieu Dona Nobis Pacham.

James M. Organ



PRESENTS THE:

JOHN NELSON MEMORIAL WEEKEND

JULY 21-23, 2006

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF BIKE RACING AT SMP

SPECIAL EVENTS TO INCLUDE

Memorial Parade Laps **VIP Racers Reception** Sunday Lunch BBQ Old Time Pit Bike Races Film & Picture Displays Charity Silent Auction **CRCA** Dedication Vintage Bike Displays Saturday Evening BBQ & Band Racer Interviews & Special Guests Saturday Evening Super Motard Racing Texas Hold' Em Charity Fundraiser Pro & Am Superbike Features Memorial Plaque Dedication

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- All proceeds going to the "RIDE TO REMEMBER" & CAMP TRILLIUM

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EDUCATION REPORT

~LARRY MCMILLAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR~

I would like to start off by welcoming all my fellow marshals back from an all too long winter. I know if you feel anything like I do, you too cannot wait until we can get trackside again.

Mike's recruitment efforts have already done an outstanding job with the motorcycle shows. From leads at these shows, we now have 20 potential new marshals who have indicated they would be participating in the first New Marshal's School. It is scheduled during the test day on the Fabi track on April 22.

There will be minor changes to the way we are going to do things this year. Most notably will be the "Buddy" system for new marshals. We would like to have qualified and experienced marshals available to our newbies, both on the corners and at social times such as lunch, BBOs and pit walks, aimed toward keeping them from feeling overwhelmed and/or abandoned while they're at the track.

Our New Marshals' School attendees will once again benefit from the vast experience and in-depth knowledge of the instructing team of Heather Seymour and Rod Grundy. Their ability to elicit understanding when so much information is covered is admirable, invaluable and always very much appreciated.

As for the lesson plan itself, we are planning slight variations in the order of the slides in the Power Point presentation. The system worked very well once Heather and I got over the initial jitters at the idea of changing from old-school to technoteaching. I'm now so confident in the presentation that I'm actually looking forward to presenting it again this year.

Once the theory portion of the training is complete, we will implement the "Buddy System". We'll introduce the Buddies to the students in the morning, before they go trackside. After the classroom session ends we'll deliver a few students to the corners to spend some time with their "Buddies". Based on a few of the comments in the survey, we think this will be a much more realistic experience for the potential marshal than a visit to the outside of corners 1 and 11. After and hour or so, the newbies will be collected and returned to the instructors for the remainder of their training.

The Performance and Safety portion of my responsibilities will be handled the same way as last year. Issues will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Performance and Safety Committee. Anyone wishing to discuss or identify a P & S issue can bring it to me or any member of the Board. I would hope that you will all feel I am approachable enough to come forward if you would like to discuss problems or make suggestions which will in turn help the club as a whole.

And lastly, on a more personal note, I am happy to once again be serving on the Board of Directors. I love racing, this organization, and what we do. Please come out and support your club whenever you can and remember to "play safe – and have fun!"

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SHANNONVILLE TRADES LAYOUTS

MOTOR PORT PARKING

www.cdnsuperbike.com/news 10 Jan 06



Following recent discussions between Shannonville Motorsport Park's organizing group RACE Events Inc. and reps for the Parts Canada Superbike National Championship, a layout change has been made for the upcoming 2006 National tour.

The Victoria Day opener at Shannonville will now take part on the traditional 15 turn, "Long" track layout. The final, series deciding National at Shannonville on Labour Day weekend at the start of September will now utilize the ten turn "Pro" circuit set-up.

The Pro venue is the fastest of the many Shannonville versions possible. Opened in 1994, the Pro track uses a new left hand turn two, immediately after the fast right hand turn one. This creates a fast "ess" section that skips the traditional, technical infield section of the Long Track. The Long Track, as well as the north Fabi extension, was created during a major construction push at Shannonville in 1986-1987.

"The goal is to conduct these events as efficiently as possible," explains RACE Director of Competition Chris Chapelle. "The previous plan had us on the long track in September, and that venue typically takes longer to run. When you add in the year-end podium presentations, we've had some really long days. Now the layout with the longer time frame moves to the start of the season, when there is less end of the year business to stretch out the schedule."

The changes at Shannonville means that the Parts Canada Superbike Competitors will have run a total of nine days around Shannonville's famed Long Track in less than a year. Last Labour Day, Pascal Picotte won the final National of 2005 for Yamaha Canada. In mid-October, 2005, the series conducted two days of Pirelli tire tests in front of the change to Spec. rubber for 2006. At that most recent on-track Parts Canada Superbike session, Kawasaki's Tom Kipp set the pace on the works ZX-10R.

COUNTDOWN TO ACTION (Continued from page 1)

(SMP), and even allows you to request a guest pass for the days you are working. Plan your dates and let us know!

As always, I'll be looking for contributions to this newsletter. If you have enlightening, earth-shattering or just plain funny articles or photos that you'd like to share with your clubmates, get them to me by email, snail-mail, friend or carrier pigeon and if it's suitable for "family viewing" I'll use them. If you've borrowed from another source, make sure you include this info so that credit can be given as appropriate.

I'll see you trackside, and don't forget to bring your hip waders, earmuffs, sunglasses, raingear, mitts, ball cap, toque and sunscreen...

CREVIER ON A PICOTTE-BACKED Buell at Daytona

Press Release issued by Deeley Harley-Davidson Canada:

XBRR TEAM CANADA

Deeley Harley-Davidson Canada has a historic tradition of motorcycle racing that traces back to the late Trevor Deeley who raced for Harley-Davidson at Daytona in the 1950s, as well as numerous Canadian venues. When the company was a distributor for Yamaha in the 1960s and 1970s, the Deeley organization fielded as many as 12 road race motorcycles in the Daytona 200 with riders including Yvon Duhamel, Barry Sheen, Jim Dunn, Peter Kellond, Mike Duff and Steve Baker, the first American to win a 750cc world championship.

This tradition of racing continues today with Canadian Thunder Champion Darren James, sponsored by Deeley Harley-Davidson Canada. The battle for the Canadian Thunder Championship began in 2002 and James has won the Championship for four consecutive years including last year's 2005 National Thunder Championship. James also won the CCS Thunderbike National Championship at the 2004 Daytona Race of Champions.

It has been the ongoing relationship between Darren James and Pascal Picotte that now continues the racing tradition with the new Buell XBRR. Their collaboration, such as James riding a 600cc Yamaha prepared by Picotte Racing in the 600cc expert class in the Parts Canada Superbike Series, has laid the groundwork for Picotte Racing and the first Canadian XBRR rider, Steve Crevier, to compete on the XBRR in the AMA Formula Extreme series for the 2006 season in the United States.

Deeley Harley-Davidson Canada, in conjunction with Picotte Racing, will bring championship team experience to the XBRR Team Canada introductory season. Picotte Racing, under the guidance of Pascal Picotte, will be providing the at-track support and management that will provide the competitive advantage for Team Canada. His credits include being Superbike Champion in 2003 and 2004, Supersport Champion in 2003 and 2004, and having the top 5 finishes in AMA Superbike and Supersport. In addition to his racing experience, he brings research and development experience dating back to his involvement with the Harley-Davidson VR project in the early 1990s. Also, a key member of his team is Paul Fournier, a three-time Tuner of the Year as rated by Inside Motorcycles.

Steve Crevier, a Canadian legend, has the most wins in Canadian history. He has competitively raced nearly all major motorcycle brands and has been the 2005 Supersport Champion, 2003 runner-up to Superbike Champion Picotte, and is the holder of 15 Championship titles; a phenomenal achievement in Canada.

Their 17 year relationship and wealth of experience will be instrumental in advancing and developing the success of the XBRR. The launch of the Buell XBRR will be a multi-national effort with riders fielded by the United States (Mike Cicotto for Hal's), Canada (Steve Crevier for Deeley Harley-Davidson Canada), Great Britain (Jeremy McWilliams for Warr's) and Ger-

many (Rico Penzkofer for Hannover).

NELSON ON YAMAHA WITH Z1

Press Release issued by Z1 Racing 11 Feb 06:

Z1 Racing and Andrew Nelson are united again and will be campaigning the Yamaha R6 and R1 in the Parts Canada Superbike Championship. Andrew Nelson will return to Z1 Racing after being on factory Honda's for the past two seasons.

Zaid Saleemi said, "Yamaha has some very exciting motorcycles in the proven R1 and the new R6. We are very happy to work with and represent Yamaha. Our team is solid, Yamaha have the bikes to beat, and we have the rider to take us to the top of the box."

Nelson is confident, "New bikes to me, new tires for all of us, but Zaid and Yamaha know what it takes and I believe in them. I don't want just race wins anymore, it's the #1 plate were both after and with the support Yamaha has shown, I know we have the right mix for a championship."

The team is expected to contest several US rounds as preseason testing.



Toronto Indy 2005 Photo courtesy of Paul Webb (via Larry McMillan)

HUMAN RACE AT BRANDS HATCH

~ FROM MARATHON PHOTOS.COM ~ SUBMITTED BY RICK HELMAN



It was people - not cars - who powered around the track at the Brands Hatch Half Marathon. Of all the car racing circuits in Britain, Brands Hatch is the one with the most character and history. As a spectator venue, it is unsurpassed.

The last British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch was held in 1986 and now the magical Kent circuit attracts different types of racing - including the six lap half marathon. The event is organised by Running Fitness magazine and was held this year to raise

funds for Cancer Research UK.

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2006 AT A GLANCE

RACE:

22-23 Apr—Open Test Days

28-30 Apr— RACE Rnd 1
19-21 May—Nat'ls Rnd 1 / RACE Rnd 2
9-11 June—Round 3
21-23 July—Round 4
25-27 Aug—Round 5
1-3 Sep—Nat'ls Rnd 7 / RACE Rnd 6
22-24 Sep—Round 7

VRRA:

16-18 June—SMP 18-20 August—Mosport 16-17 Sep—North Bay (T)

3-5 June—CRDA 16-17 July—DAC 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 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.

SMP Events for May

• 19-21 May—Parts Canada Superbike Nationals Rnd #1 and RACE Rnd #2

Mosport Events (tentative as of 12 Jan 06)

- 13-14 May BEMC/CASC
- 20-21 May Victoria Day Weekend SpeedFest

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A BRIEF HISTORY

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 commu-



nity 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/Membership Director at 613-392-7359 or batty_m_s@sympatico.ca.



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