

May 2006

OFF TO A GREAT START

~ FROM THE EDITOR

I know most of you won't believe this, but even though we had an amazing holiday touring Scotland, it's really good to be back home and back into the lifestyle that has become routine for us.

We missed the RACE Test Days and RACE Round 1 but felt comfortable leaving the details in the capable hands of our Board. Rick dealt with club issues, Mike handled the membership callouts and miscellaneous communications, Larry instructed at the first New Marshals' School of the season, Shirley took care of the BBOs and Robert was backing everyone up with whatever support was necessary. They did a fantastic job and so we're planning to skip town again since we know things run smoothly without us...



We had a pretty decent turnout at the Parts Canada Superbike Round 1 and RACE Round 2 weekend. I tallied our numbers and we did quite a bit better than last year for this event (51 in '06 vs 41 in '05). It was really good to see our OEs out to brave the elements—Keith Gilbert, Bob Baxter, Rob Edwards, Barry Dafoe, Michel Bergeron and Randy Scott all came out, traveling from as far away as North Bay and Ottawa to enjoy some of the best racing action in the country, and I'm certain they weren't disappointed. Jordan Szoke (#101) walked away with the Pro 600 Sportbike race, but SuperBike was a different story. Even though he finished in the front once again, he had to battle hard against Kevin Lacombe (#34) to do it. Francis Martin (#1) trailed them in 3rd and was ready to take advantage if either made a mistake. As always there were races within the races and with only a few red flags the whole weekend, we were entertained from start to finish. The

days were bitterly cold wet, dreary and loong, but a very thoughtful Dr Steve Walker (#78) and Michael Ferreira (#210 & 2005 CRCA ROTY) treated all of us to hot beverages delivered to the corners on Saturday!

June is our busiest month and the next event on our schedule is CRDA which will be happening within days of you receiving this newsletter (2-4 June). It's a great car event, and one of only two on our contracted event schedule so if you want to work a car event at SMP this is the time to do it. And don't forget, we're running our Marshals' Track Evening on the Saturday—whether you have a car to drive or would rather be a passenger in one of the racer's cars, come on out and let CRCA & CRDA show their appreciation for your trackside support! If you'd rather take to the track on your bike, RACE is holding a few spots in their 9 June school for us, but you need to get your name to Chris Fry right away so he can make the necessary arrangements.

RACE Round #3 takes place on 9-11 June, and that Saturday we'll have the 2nd and possibly final New Marshals' School of the season. If you have friends that are interested, let them know so they don't miss out on the fun.

Next on the agenda is VRRRA at SMP, 16-18 June. We always have a great time that weekend with the vintage bikes (& riders). In years past, there was more time spent cleaning up oil and picking up bike parts that had fallen onto the track than was spent racing, but the quality of machinery (and maintenance) has greatly improved, making it competitive and a lot of fun to watch.

Hope to see good participation all summer long...

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- SB Standings after Round 1
- Cape Breton Festival of Speed—CANCELLED

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

I’m writing this entry for the May newsletter having just finished the PMP National Super Bike weekend Round 1 at SMP.

Many of you came out for 1, 2 or 3 days on the weekend and I sincerely thank you for choosing to spend your free time supporting our club, for your spirit when the weather was so incredibly miserable, and most of all for your commitment—I couldn’t be more proud of the patience and positive attitude exhibited during 3 of the longest, coldest, wettest trackside days that I can remember in my 10 years of marshalling.

I believe that the consideration given to volunteer workers by PMP has declined over the years and I hope to reverse this trend by voicing the comments and feelings of our members in a letter sent to the event organizer, Colin Fraser this week.

The move to contact Colin with these concerns was a Board decision made on behalf of the membership to ensure that the PMP organization understands that CRCA expects its members and guest marshals to be valued for their expertise and the quality of service they provide, and are not willing to accept less.

“For every problem there is a solution... sometimes the problem is finding the solution.”
~Unknown

The other issue I wanted to mention is that regardless of how long you’ve been marshalling, it’s always a good idea at the start of the season to review procedures in your mind in the event that something happens in your station; what your radio call should sound like, what you should be asking for and what information will need to be passed on to control in order to get the response you are looking for. A whole winter has passed since the last time you had to think about these things and the cobwebs need to be cleared before you actually have to make a call. I’d also recommend spending a few minutes reviewing your manuals if you have them, to refresh your memory on the use of flags for bikes vs cars, radio protocol, tracking, net silence, etc. (If you don’t have a manual and would like one, we’ll be happy to provide it.) You’ll benefit from the time and so will the competitors.

Looking forward to an exciting season, packed with action and a ton of fun—and hope to see all of you there to enjoy it!

Play safe everyone,



Introducing...

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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

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

We're looking for new ways to advertise our club 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.



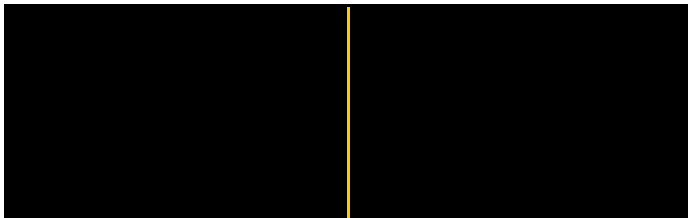
START TAKING NOTES—RIDER & DRIVER O.T.Y.

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!



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—UPDATES

Look to this space for changes to contact info for our members. Make sure you take the time to update your copy of the directory. The next version (published annually) will include all amendments. (Note that for confidentiality, this info will not appear in the website version.)



NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 26 AUGUST 06

In recent years we have been holding a few General Membership Meetings throughout the season on Saturdays following racing. We haven't been able to fit one into the schedule yet this year because of New Marshals' Schools, the Nationals, John Nelson weekend, etc, but we've got a tentative date of 26 August, the Saturday of RACE Round #5. Please make every effort to be there.



If gas prices go any higher...

~ photo submitted by Debbie Zschuppe



COLLECT YOUR EARLY BIRD GIFT



If you sent your membership applications & fee in to us before 31 March 06, you would have received a coupon with your membership card, entitling you to an Early-Bird gift. Turning in your coupon before 31 July this year will net you a CRCA logo'd T-shirt, so get your coupon to Bob Leclair and get your T-shirt!

SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

Think before you ask...

Have you ever asked your child a question too many times? My three-year-old son had a lot of problems with potty training and I was on him constantly. One day we stopped at Taco Bell for lunch in between errands. It was very busy with a full dining room.

While enjoying my taco, I smelled something funny, so of course I checked my seven-month-old daughter; she was clean. Then I realized that Danny had not asked to go potty in a while. I asked him if he needed to go and he said, "No."

I kept thinking, "Oh Lord, that child has had an accident, and I don't have any clothes with me." Then I said, "Danny, are you SURE you didn't have an accident?"

"No," he replied.

I just KNEW that he must have had an accident, Because the smell was getting worse, so I asked one more time, "Danny, did you have an accident?"

This time he jumped up, yanked down his pants, bent over, spread his cheeks and yelled, "SEE MOM, IT'S JUST FARTS!!" While 30 people nearly choked to death on their tacos laughing, he calmly pulled up his pants and sat down.

An old couple made me feel better, thanking me for the best laugh they'd ever had...

PARTS CANADA SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS



2006 POINTS STANDINGS (AFTER ROUND 1)

Pos	Rider	Motorcycle	Points
1	Jordan Szoke	Kawasaki	54
2	Kevin Lacombe	Yamaha	42
3	Francis Martin	Suzuki	38
4	Tom Kipp	Kawasaki	33
5	Pascal Picotte	Yamaha	32
6	Erick Beausejour	Honda	27
7	Frank Trombino	Kawasaki	25
8	Jean-Paul Tache	Suzuki	23
9	Andrew Nelson	Yamaha	21
10	Csaba Werner	Suzuki	19
11	Sean Heydorn	Honda	17
12	Zenon Nelson	Suzuki	15
13	Elie Daccache	Suzuki	13
14	Larry Orde	Yamaha	12
15	Clint McBain	Suzuki	3

DISCOVERY CHANNEL ANNOUNCES TELEVISED DRIVER SEARCH



**Speed Demons Wanted.
New Discovery Channel Series,
Star Racer, Looking for
Drivers With the Need for
Speed**

Insight Productions seeking
drivers of all disciplines, from

Go Karts to motorcycles, in their search for the next racing champ on a pro circuit.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Toronto, Ontario (May 18, 2006) – Drivers, start your engines! Discovery Channel announced today that casting has begun on *Star Racer*, a new docu-reality series airing this fall. The production team is on the hunt for the next Paul Tracy or Jacques Villeneuve, offering the chance of a lifetime to one extraordinary driver. Produced by Toronto's Insight Productions in association with Silverscreen International, the team is searching for 24 fearless racers who will compete for the Grand Prize – the title of Star Racer and a full season ride on a racing team in the professional circuit next season. Casting continues over the summer with principal photography expected to begin in June.

As the Canadian Go Kart season gets underway at racetracks across the country, this peddle-to-the-metal challenge will take the producers to qualifying Kart races in Barrie, ON; St-Rochde-

L'Achigan, PQ; and the highly anticipated nationals in Edmonton, AB, in the coming weeks and months. Twelve competitors from the Karting circuit will move onto the main competition at Le Circuit in Mt. Tremblant, Quebec. The producers will also be looking for 12 speed demons from various other disciplines, including dirt trackers, stock car drivers, motorcycle racers, ice racers, snowmobile racers, street racers, and others with a passion for speed.

Potential Star Racers, divided into rival groups, will move into spectacular Mt. Tremblant chalets to attend the world famous Jim Russell Driving School on the legendary Le Circuit racecourse.

Star Racer will combine the complex science of racing, the precise design of racecars and engines plus the evolving social dynamic of the competitors as they race to the finish line. But speed alone won't win the *Star Racer* crown. Throughout the quest, competitors will be held up to intense scrutiny by a special three-person jury comprised of established experts from the motor sports world. This jury will evaluate the drivers based on all aspects of championship racing. The decision of the jury will help determine which racers are worthy of remaining in the chase and which racers fail to make the starting grid. At the finale, one racer – the Star Racer – will capture the checkered flag and drive away with a future in big time racing on the professional circuit.

"*Star Racer* is a perfect fit for Discovery. It will have everything our viewers expect from us: a blend of high-octane stakes, great characters and compelling story lines all rooted in cutting edge science," said Ann Harbron, Director of Commissioning and Production for Discovery Channel Canada. "As we start meeting these intrepid drivers, we are thrilled to have Insight at the helm of *Star Racer*. High-concept competition formats are very challenging to produce and Insight's enormous success with CTV's *Canadian Idol* uniquely positions its talented production team to deliver a gripping and entertaining hybrid designed specifically for Discovery's audience. I know they will find us Star Racers with stories that will engage us and draw us into this world."

Insight Productions, under the leadership of John Brunton, is one of Canada's foremost television producers. A natural-born storyteller, Brunton is well into his third decade at the helm of Insight Production Company Ltd. Heading into the casting process for *Star Racer*, Brunton's message is simple: "Strap into your harness, drivers. *Star Racer* is going to be an adrenaline-pumping, heart-pounding, rubber-burning first. Not just in Canada but everywhere motor sports reaches in the world. We can't wait to discover this passionate group of drivers, and for one, make their racing dream a reality."

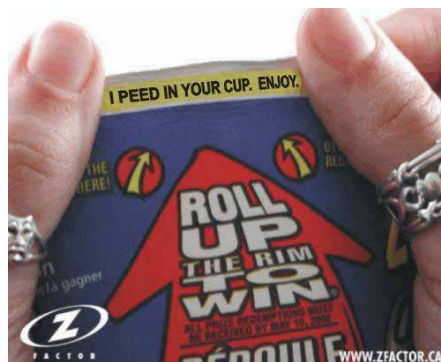
The Insight team will work in association with Roy Krost of Silverscreen International. Krost, a lifelong motor sports fan, adds, "*Star Racer* will be pure excitement. We're thrilled that the series represents a significant and meaningful opportunity for young drivers hoping to follow in the footsteps of Ron Fellows, Paul Tracy, Jacques Villeneuve and the other great Canadian stars of racing."

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SMP JUNE 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 CRDA (cars)	3 CRDA (cars) Marshals' Track Evening (cars)
4 CRDA (cars)	5	6	7	8	9 RACE Rnd 3 Marshals' RACE School (bikes)	10 RACE Rnd 3
11 RACE Rnd 3	12	13	14	15	16 VRRRA (bikes)	17 VRRRA (bikes)
18 VRRRA (bikes)	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2006 AT A GLANCE
<p>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</p> <p>VRRRA: 16-18 June—SMP 18-20 August—Mosport 16-17 Sep—North Bay</p> <p>3-5 June—CRDA 16-17 July—DAC</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Register online at: www.crcal.com </div>



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 July

SMP Events

- 15-16 July - DAC (cars)
- 21-23 July - RACE Round 4 & General Membership Meeting
- 26-30 July—Simcoe Kart Club

Mosport Events

- 1-2 July - BARC/CASC Ontario Regional Races
- 14-16 July - Superbike Double-header

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

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