



September/October 2006

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

~ EDITOR

The season is most definitely winding down, and in fact by the time you get this mailing the RACE SuperSeries and all CRCA-contracted events will be done for 2006.

We've filled the time since the last newsletter with the Nationals Final/RACE Round 6, VRRR Runway Romp at North Bay (what a blast!), and the final round of RACE. For those that weren't able to make it out to the Nationals event on Labour Day weekend, you missed some terrific racing. As mentioned in the callout, all of the championship titles were undecided going into the final round which led to some spectacular battles throughout the event (see page 5 for the results recap). Surprisingly, the races finished pretty close to the schedule both days, and Sunday went smoothly without a single red flag called!

VRRR North Bay was as entertaining as ever, and at one point we thought we'd have to give CPR to Dianne Bos when a Hercules aircraft (big by North Bay standards!) flew in and landed on the airstrip only a couple of hundred yards from her marshal's station. I actually saw her duck down from my "perch" at the start/finish line...it was hilarious and I wish we'd had a camera on her at the time.

We were invited to join the competitors at a dinner at the military Officers' Mess near the airport on Saturday evening. The catered meal was wonderful, as was the solo musician who added a nice touch to the festivities.

The RACE SuperSeries final round occurred this past weekend and we had a good turnout of workers compared to last year. Chris Chapelle anticipated bad weather on Sunday so advised the competitors Saturday morning that if racing had to be cancelled

Sunday due to weather, they'd be assigning points based on Saturday's qualifying and heat races. Fortunately, circumstances, luck and good planning enabled the races to be held *around* the periods of hostile weather—like the incident at pit in that brought out the fire-truck to wash away the dish-soap used to cut through an oil patch laid down by one of the bikes *in the middle of a downpour*. Who says we don't have fun anymore? Again, where was my camera when I needed it.

Despite a couple of red flags and some serious-looking crashes, there weren't any injuries serious enough to require transport and the day finished close to schedule.

Dinner at Mike's was well-attended with about 18 people taking the club up on its offer to pay for their meals. Good food, good conversation and a great way to finish out the season.

Speaking of which, the end of season banquet is drawing near and if you plan to attend you'd better get your tickets soon—remember you can't pay at the door. We opted for chicken this year instead of the usual beef dinner, we have the same DJ as last year, we've got some nice give-aways and terrific big prizes for you (two 3-season jackets & a 100% waterproof/breathable rain suit).

To get more people involved in the club awards nominations the Board decided to set aside one of the big prizes as an incentive. Only those people who submitted fully completed nomination forms before 6 Oct 06 will be eligible. For this draw only, the winner does not have to be present at the banquet. Sound great? Hope you got your form in on time!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

I'd like to remind you that the Annual General Membership meeting will take place at the Best Western in Belleville on 21 January 2007. Please set this day aside so that you can attend. The VP's and a couple of Director's positions will be opening up and we'll be looking for nominations and/or volunteers to fill them. None of the tasks involved in being part of the Executive are onerous, but do require a small amount of time and a strong sense of responsibility. From what I've observed, many of the members of our club fit the criteria and could do a pretty fine job in any of the roles.

Much planning has and will go into this year's Awards Banquet. Mike Batty has been attempting to secure a guest speaker but at time of writing, had not received a firm commitment. He's come up with some fantastic ideas and is still on it. Everyone loves a little intrigue, but this can't be good for Mike's digestion... Shirley has done a terrific job of setting up the venue, the DJ, the meal and the decorations. Bob is getting the prizes and awards together, ensuring trophies are in tip-top shape and properly identified for their new owners. Rick is taking care of the money end of things and Larry will assist as always, wherever needed.

"The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it."

~ John Ruskin

The work outlined above is just a sample of the teamwork that has been demonstrated by the current Board of Directors throughout the season. They have all shown a willingness to work and a dedication to the club that has made my job a breeze. When you come to the banquet, please take the time to congratulate them all on a job well done. Tickets for the banquet are still available so make sure you get hold of any one of the Board members using the contact info on the back page of this newsletter. Cheques by mail are perfectly acceptable forms of payment...

Hope to see you there,



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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

MINDEN ICE RACES

As is the tradition, DAC will be looking for 5-7 marshals to work at their 2007 ice racing event in Minden on 3-4 February.

For those of you that have never experienced ice racing, you really should try to make it to this fun-filled weekend. We "flag" from a heated hut using switches connected to a lighting system set up at strategic points around the track. The organizers pay for the accommodations on Saturday and invite us to their Awards Banquet that night. Hot drinks throughout the day, lunches and breakfast on Sunday are also provided courtesy of DAC.

If you'd like to enjoy the action at this year's event, you can sign up from the website Event Registration page or by giving Marty a call at 613-372-1892.

Note: the 2007 series schedule is included on page 6 of this newsletter.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—UPDATES



Note that for confidentiality, this info will not appear in the website version.

TAKING ORDERS FOR CRCA LOGO'D WATCHES



Bob Leclair has found a supplier for good quality logo'd watches and would like to hear from anyone interested in purchasing one. He hasn't got a firm quote as yet because the more we are able to order, the lower the price will be but he expects he can get them for between \$80-100 if we order 12+. You can contact Bob to let him know you're interested at 613-354-5387 or by email at b.leclair@sympatico.ca. You must be prepared to pay for the watch in advance, once the order has been confirmed.



2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP (AGM) MEETING

The 2007 AGM meeting will take place at the same location as last year, the Best Western, 387 North Front Street in Belleville on 21 January beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The official notice, nomination and proxy forms will be sent out mid-to-end of November to ensure everyone receives them in time to set the date aside and to allow you time to consider which position you would like to run for—the terms for Vice President, Social Director and Member Services are up and nominations/volunteers will be welcomed and must be submitted by 31 December 2006.

SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

Every year, English teachers from across the country can submit their collections of actual analogies and metaphors found in high school essays. These excerpts are published each year to the amusement of teachers across the country. Here are the winners...

1. Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.
2. His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.
3. She grew on him like she was a colony of e-coli, and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.
4. She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.
5. Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.
6. He was as tall as a six-foot, three-inch tree.
7. The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.
8. McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty bag filled with vegetable soup.
9. From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and Jeopardy comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.

10. Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.
11. The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.
12. John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
13. He fell for her like his heart was a mob informant, and she was the East River.
14. Even in his last years, Granddad had a mind like a steel trap, only one that had been left out so long, it had rusted shut.
15. Shots rang out, as shots are wont to do.
16. The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work.
17. He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame, maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.
18. The ballerina rose gracefully en Pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.
19. It was an American tradition, like fathers chasing kids around with power tools.
20. He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a garbage truck backing up.

THE RUMBLE WRAP UP

~Frank Wood

Shannonville

· Hearty congratulations to the "God of Thunder" Darren James for his second consecutive National Championship and accompanying number one plate in Canadian Thunder. His Tom Morin prepped Buell XB9R ran flawlessly through the wet final and James rode a smart and respectable race to fourth place and the points to secure his crown.

· Ruthless racing crew chief Morin has his work cut out for him when he gets back to the race shop. Both "O V", Olivier Spilborgs and the "Kid", Brett McCormick crashed in the final and while both riders reported in OK the bikes.. well like I say Thomas has some work ahead of him.

· Chris Duff was very proud to have two of his teammates from the BMW Mottorad team on the top two steps of the podium (Oliver Jervis won and Michael Taylor was second) but it was obvious that Duff would rather be riding. Chris injured his left ankle in a frightful get off at Shubie.

· Paul Penzo expressed some joy with his third place finish on the Toronto Ducati Paul Smart Replica 1000 but under the never quite satisfied column, Paul would rather have stood on the top step. John Boddy who prepped the pole sitting Ducati, beamed with pride and took several photos as Chris Wall from Pirelli Tires presented the trophies and champagne.

· After the podium, Darren James was presented with his #1 plate again and for the second year in a row his beautiful wife Caroline dashed onto the platform and gave "God" a big kiss.

· I'm afraid I read between the lines admittedly with some hopeful anticipation when I spoke with Corey Warren from the North America Ducati race team. In my last blog I reported that Corey was coming back as a rider. What he said was he's hoping to return and that that was a rumor. I hope he comes back but I don't want to start any rumors.

· As to Ducati North America and their race plans for 2007 we'll await a press release. It is of note that Ducati is officially out of AMA Superbike for next year and tat in theory should free up some money for Kevin Davis to divert into Canadian Thunder. While not a stellar year for Ducati there were definite high points that promise for 07. Chad Pasowisty's podium in Calgary, Derek Vammus' podium at Circuit Mt. Tremblant. Vammus' pole position for the Mospot doubleheader and Paul Penzo's fast qualifying and resultant pole position at both Atlantic Motorsport Park and again at Shannonville and of course the aforementioned third place.

· This is the second year in a row that Deeley Harley-Davidson Buell has sponsored the final round of the Parts Canada Superbike Championship at "The Birthplace of Champions" and sadly the second time we've had rain there but it sure didn't erode any fan enthusiasm. Weather considered, the fan turnout was very good.

· I had a chance to speak with Don James from Deeley Harley-

Davidson on the "Air cooled Airwaves" and also got some good words from Ric Marrero about the 07 Buells. I didn't take the opportunity to track down Don's partner Malcom Hunter or Clarence Hill who was visiting this event at his choice, up from Milwaukee. Neither Marrero or James would crack when questioned about the much rumored Buell V4 Superbike.

· It was Chris Wall from Pirelli who told me that all of the 2007 Buell's, save the Blast, will come from East Troy Wisconsin shod with Pirelli tires for 2007. Is that like a spec tire?

· The P U G "Performer of the Race" award winner in the Canadian Thunder Championship final was judged to be Oliver Jervis. The decision based largely on his brave charge to pass both Paul Penzo on the Ducati and OJ's partner Taylor late in the race to take the victory. The award comes from Todd Ruston of Performance Under Gear.



On July 28, 2006 the Ontario Municipal Board approved the Official Plan Amendment and the required zoning to allow for the operation of Calabogie MotorSports Park. The Alan Wilson designed facility is the largest track in Canada, and the first of this scale to be constructed in more than thirty years. Track-CorpCanada is pleased with the decision of the Board, and will be commencing paving operations immediately. Projected opening for the facility is September 29th, 2006.

We'd like to give everyone the opportunity to include Calabogie MotorSports Park in their calendars for this shortened season. Demand has been very strong for Fall track rentals, and we will do our best to accommodate. Rentals will be at an introductory rate, and as an incentive to prospective clients, passes for CMP's exclusive pre-opening test day will accompany each confirmed rental for the 2006 and 2007 seasons. Preference will be given to those that had taken tentative bookings for the 2005 season, and a system for bookings will be sent out the week of August 28th to all groups and individuals that have made inquiries over the past 36 months. All rental inquiries should be emailed to: info@calabogiemotorsports.com.

We'd like to thank everyone for their patience, enthusiasm, and continued support. TrackCorpCanada Inc. continues to receive a very high volume of inquiries and requests. Weekly updates to the website www.CalabogieMotorSports.com will include paving progress, detailed information on accommodations, restaurants and services, local and regional points of interest, track policies and regulations, and our on-site ambulance service.

SZOKE CLINCHES THIRD TITLE

SHANNONVILLE, ON – Brantford, ON’s Jordan Szoke clinched his third career Parts Canada Superbike Championship with an eighth-place finish in the final round of the season at Shannonville Motorsport Park on Sunday.

The 20-lap race was won by Szoke’s closest rival in the title chase, Kevin Lacombe, but Szoke hung on to claim the title by 11 points, 319-308.

Szoke became just the third rider in the 26-year history of the Canadian national Superbike series to win three championships. He also won in 1998 and 2002.

“It’s a great feeling,” said Szoke, who won five of the season’s seven races aboard his Canadian Kawasaki Motors Kawasaki ZX-10R. “You don’t have too many years like this. It’s something unbelievable. We deserved it. The team worked so hard this year.”

Szoke qualified seventh and spent most of the race, which was held in very wet conditions, running just ahead of fellow Kawasaki rider Jeff Williams in ninth, a position that would guarantee him the title no matter what Lacombe managed. He moved up to eighth in the results when Frank Trombino was penalized four positions for a jump start.

“I had a little moment in turn 2 just a few laps in but after that I settled in and got a good pace going,” Szoke said. “The track seemed to get a little faster near the end and I picked it up a little.”

Lacombe grabbed the lead off the start on his Team Toyota Yamaha / Picotte Performance Yamaha YZF-R1 and spent most of the race battling with outgoing Parts Canada Superbike champion Francis Martin. The Granby, QC rider took the lead for good three laps from the end and edged Martin’s Team Suzuki / Blackfoot Suzuki GSX-R1000 by 1.152 secs.

It was Lacombe’s second straight victory after Szoke claimed the opening five events of the year.

“With about four laps to go I got him [Martin] in the hairpin and after that I gave it all I had,” Lacombe said. “I’m used to riding in the wet and I think we had a little advantage today because of that.”

Lacombe’s teammate Pascal Picotte of St-Cecile Milton, QC finished third on the other Team Toyota Yamaha / Picotte Performance Yamaha YZF-R1 after running off the track at the end of the backstraight on lap 12. Although Picotte didn’t lose any positions in the incident he did lose touch with the lead duo.

Vicious-I Pole Position Award winner Matt McBride finished fourth aboard the Riders Choice Suzuki GSX-R1000 and Tom Kipp completed the top five on the second Canadian Kawasaki Motors Kawasaki ZX-10R.

In other action at Shannonville, Szoke also locked up the Hindle Exhaust Pro 600 Sport Bike Championship with an 11th-place finish on his Kawasaki ZX-6RR. His nearest title rival Lacombe



placed second on a Yamaha YZF-R6, leaving him 18 points behind Szoke in the standings, 309-291.

Lacombe’s teammate Picotte dominated the 16-lap race, leading every lap and winning by 6.241 secs. on another Yamaha. Martin finished third on his Suzuki GSX-R600.

Stephane Chabot of Oshawa, ON won the HJC Pro Rookie of the Year award after finishing ninth in the Pro 600 Sport Bike race on his Acme Slate Yamaha YZF-R6.

The Canadian Kawasaki Motors team was named Inside Motorcycles Team of the Year.

Karl Daigle of Granby, QC finished third in a dramatic race to clinch the International Motorcycle SUPERSHOW Amateur 600 Sport Bike title on his Honda CBR600RR.

For most of the race polesitter Brett McCormick of Saskatoon battled with St-Jean Richelieu, QC rider Dany Jourdain. Jourdain fell on the final lap but managed to rejoin the race and still finish second behind McCormick on the track. But McCormick was penalized four positions for a jump start and the Yamaha YZF-R6 rider was relegated to fifth in the results, giving Jourdain his first victory of the year on his Suzuki GSX-R600.

Hamilton’s Ross Millson finished second on another Suzuki GSX-R600 and took second in the championship, 22 points behind Daigle.

A fourth-place finish was enough to give Buell XB9R rider Darren James his second consecutive Thunder title. The North Vancouver racer ended the season with 303 points in the twins class, seven more than Victoria’s Oliver Jervis, who won the 14-lap race on his BMW RS1200.

Despite running off the track on lap 4 Dave Bagshaw of Kin-cardine, ON clinched the Suzuki SV650 National Cup title with a seventh-place finish at Shannonville. Brantford, ON’s Rob Busby dominated the 12-lap race.



CASC-OR CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION



Results for the Ontario Regional car race championships can’t be pared down enough to fit in one newsletter, but are available at <http://www.casc.on.ca/roadRace.php>.

CASC 2007 Magnum Ice Race Schedule and Daily Race Rotation

Schedules and # of laps may be altered for time and/or weather conditions: check the registration window!

Ice Race Advisory 416-667-9500 877-667-9505	Jan 20/21	Jan 27/28	Feb 3/4	Feb 10/11	Feb 17/18	Feb 24/25	Mar 3/4
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Mar 10/11
	BARC	PMSC	DAC	TLMC	BEMC	TAC	Rain
Saturday Registration & Scrutineering open at 8:00 Drivers' Meeting 8:30am - BE THERE!							
Practice	5 laps Toronto Tirecraft SSC 9:00am						
Practice	10 minutes for all rubber classes						
Practice	5 laps	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
Race # 1	10	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
2	10	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
3	10	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
4	10	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
5	10	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
6	10	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
7	10	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
Lunch: time for race 8 start to be posted on the registration window.							
8	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
9	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
10	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
11	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
12	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
13	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
14	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
15	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
16	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
17	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
18	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
19	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
20	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
21	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
Sunday Registration & Scrutineering open 11:00. Drivers' Meeting 11:30am							
8 Laps	12:00pm LTB Memorial Shootout (Top 3 from races 14 to 21 Saturday) Rubber tires only						
Practice	5 laps Toronto Tirecraft SSC						
Practice	10 minutes for all rubber classes						
Practice	5 laps	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
Race # 1	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
2	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
3	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
4	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
5	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
6	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
7	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
8	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
9	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
10	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
11	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
12	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
13	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
14	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
DISABLE YOUR CAR AT END OF EACH RACE DAY							

Classes
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>2416 mm
wheelbase
4
4 WD

2nd Driver Classes
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Front WD
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14
4 WD

STUD
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 CASC CELEBRA- TION at Mosport	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 MCO at Calabogie
15 MCO at Calabogie	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 CRCA AWARDS BANQUET
29	30	31				

SEE YOU IN 2007!



Aw shucks...no more racing 'til next season!

Events for October

CRCA Events

2006 Season is Done!

Mosport Events

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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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