

**CANADIAN RACE COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION**

**THE MARSHALS' CLUB**



September-October 2007

**CATCHING UP FOR SEP-OCT**

~ EDITOR

You may have noticed that there was no newsletter last month—it wasn't for lack of news. In fact, there was so much going on in September that I really couldn't find the time to settle in and get it done, so I'll try to catch you up on all of the news in this, the final issue of 2007.

Since the last report we've had the final round of the Nationals combined with the 6th RACE round, VRRRA's Runway Romp in North Bay, the SuperMoto National finals and the final round of the RACE Superseries. It was a busy season for CRCA despite losing 1 car event and only having 1 Superbike event this year, but the Board is absolutely thrilled with the number of marshals that came out each weekend, all season long. I'll leave that for the "Pres" to dwell on.

I'll give you a brief rundown on the individual weekends: the Nationals round was the same as every year—an awful lot of pomp and ceremony for the Pro 600/Pro SB riders. The organizers cater to these guys because that's where the money is, but there was incredible racing through all of the classes and all of the riders deserve credit for taking it to the limit to the last lap. Records were smashed over and over again, some riders breaking their own records several times in qualifying and then again in the races. A rundown of the finishes and some special awards is on page 5.

From the Nationals round we moved on to the Runway Romp. Always one of my favorite events, this year was no exception. Although the temperatures were not warm, the sun shone throughout the weekend and the racing was exciting, to say the least. In all of the years we've been going up there, I can't ever remember there being 3 transports in one day, but it happened this year. Fortunately all of the riders were back at the track by the evening so the injuries were not serious. On Saturday night a group of about 16 marshals went out to dinner at a local restaurant. Paul

Bowyer and Pat Nicholson of VRRRA paid for the before-dinner round of drinks to thank us for sticking around when their day ran later than anticipated. Racing resumed on Sunday with no further transports and by about 5 p.m. we were on our way home with much gratitude expressed to the club from the organizers.

Next up it was SuperMoto. I must say that the weekend did not start out great. There seemed to be a lack of discipline by the participants and a lack of control from the organizers, which by 10:30 a.m. Saturday had scared the crap out of me on a number of occasions. Then it got better. This was the first time at SMP for the Race Director and he had his hands full, but by lunch time things started to come together and by the end of the day, we knew where we were at. Well, at least we knew where some of us were at 'cause we couldn't see the others for the dust! Right Kevin & Melanie? (See photo on pg 3.)

The last and for me, the absolute best weekend of the season was the final round of RACE. There was a record number of entries—more than any other round this season including the nationals, and more than any other final round...ever! The paddock was filled to overflowing and the riders were there to race. There were several good tumbles, one of them happening during Friday practice, but we heard from Chris on Saturday that it had looked worse than it was and the rider was recovering well. The most amazing part of the weekend came on Sunday when Chris Chapelle asked all of the marshals to come to the riders' meeting. To find out why, turn to the President's Message...

Running out of room here so have a safe winter and we'll see you at the AGM!

*LC*

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- Annual Awards
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this, the final newsletter of 2007, I'd like to start off by taking this opportunity to thank the many people whose hard work has contributed to making this year such an inspiring success. For those of you who worked the final RACE event of the season, you'll already know that we received an extremely generous donation from Katherine Rolland, wife of racer Ian Frost. Her gratitude for, in her words, "keeping her husband safe" was expressed in dollars when we were presented with the proceeds from the silent auction that she organized. On the same day it was announced that the winner of the draw for the Isle of Man TT 100th Anniversary commemorative helmet was #78, Steve (Doc) Walker. After presenting Steve with his helmet, Dave Hughes presented CRCA with a cheque for the proceeds from that fund-raising endeavour. We were then given a 3rd cheque from Diane Walker (Doc's wife) for the profits from her bottle/can drive during her weekends at the track. She personally collected and returned beer containers and handed over the money to our club. And finally, SRA handed us an envelope as they had done several times over the season, with proceeds from their 50/50 draw. I can say without hesitation that this year has been unsurpassed in terms of the appreciation shown by racers, teams and their families for our efforts to "keep them safe".

I'd next like to thank the marshals who came out, weekend after weekend to support the club and more specifically, racing at Shannonville. Recognizing that we had only 1 car event in 2007 and that we do have many marshals whose preference is cars, we still had better numbers participating this year than we have had since I came back to the club in 2001. This demonstrates to me that we have marshals who are not just fans, but individuals that are truly dedicated to motorsports, and that is what our club is all about.

*"Whoever wants to reach a distant goal must take many small steps."*

*~Helmut Schmidt*

In order to keep a club running requires a considerable amount of effort, but this year, we've accomplished more than that. Bringing in new members, training them, maintaining a line of communication and maintaining the interest of the membership is hard work and requires a team effort. I've been extremely fortunate to have an incredibly hard-working, imaginative and loyal Board of Directors. Vice President and Treasurer, Rick Helman, Directors, Mike Batty, Shirley Jones, Bob Leclair, Larry McMillan and Secretary Lorie Cooper should all be commended for their dedication and have my personal gratitude for jobs well done.

This year's Annual Awards banquet was well attended with the numbers increasing a little more each year. The guest speaker, Bob Armstrong, regaled us with stories of his career in car racing, dating back more than 30 years. His presentation included a photo gallery documenting his adventures from the early days to present, and the humble manner in which he presented his impressive accomplishments was a testament to the kind of man he is. The night was pulled together by a terrific emcee, Lindsay Thompson. His own experiences, knowledge of our club and his well-timed humour were a welcome addition to the festivities. Thank you to both for making the evening complete.

With the end of the season comes thoughts of the future. The Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting will be held on the 20th of January 2008, (details on pg 3) and we'll need you there to vote on your choice for the President's and two Directors positions. **Note: The draw for winners of the FAST and MCO driving schools (entries based on 2007 event participation) will be made at the AGM.**

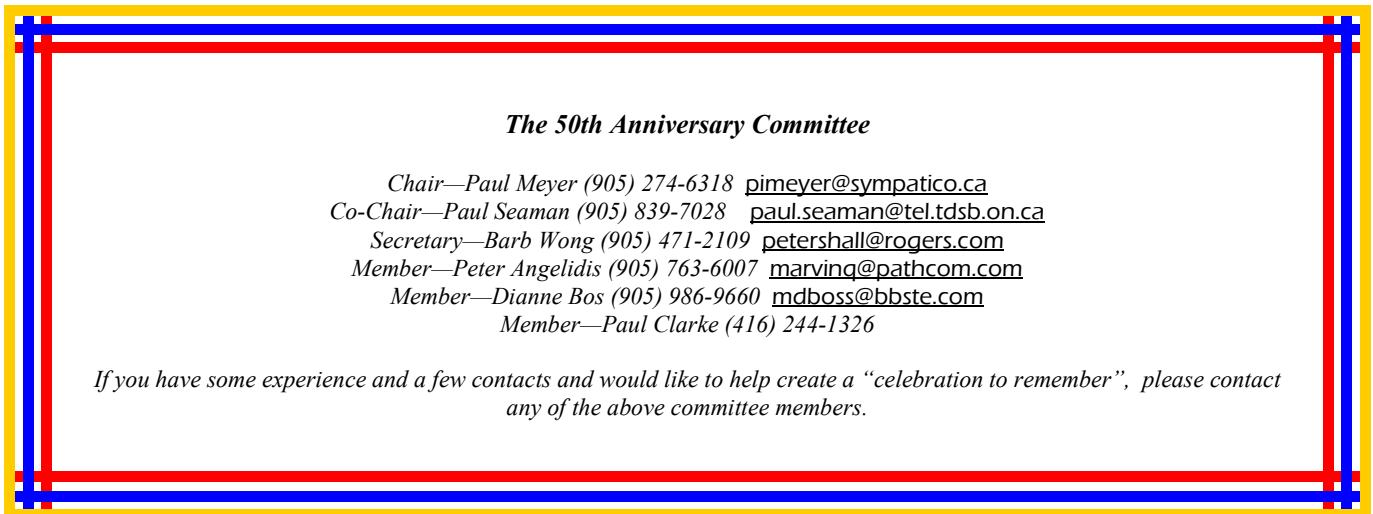
With expectations for even better things to come, I look forward to seeing all of you next season.



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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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual General Membership meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday, January 20th, 2008 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Best Western, 341 Dundas St E, Belleville.

Board of Directors terms are up for the President, Marty Cooper and two Directors, Larry McMillan and Bob Leclair. All have agreed to stand again.

Notice of the AGM as well as a nomination and proxy form will be sent out during the month of December to all members in good standing. Please keep an eye on your mail and ensure you send in your nominations by the cutoff date indicated on the form.

If you have any items you would like added to the agenda, please advise the club secretary at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.

Please set aside Sunday, 20 January 2008 and plan to attend.

## CHIMNEY SWEEP?...COAL MINER?



Why no! Its...

S'MOTOMAN!!

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—UPDATES

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



## SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

### "Proverbs" by 6-year-olds...

1. Don't change horses..... until they stop running.
2. Strike while the.....bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before.....Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never under estimate the power of.....termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but..... how?
6. Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.
7. No news is.....impossible.
8. A miss is as good as a .....Mr.
9. You can't teach an old dog new.....math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust..... me.
12. The pen is mightier than the.....pigs.
13. An idle mind is.....the best way to relax.
14. Where there's smoke there's.....pollution.
15. Happy is the bride who.....gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is.....not much.
17. Two's company, three's .....the Musketeers.
- 18 Don't put off till tomorrow what..... you put on to go to

- bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and..... you have to blow your nose.
20. There are none so blind as..... Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed..... get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you ..... see in the picture on the box.
24. When the blind lead the blind..... get out of the way.

And the WINNER

25. Better late than..... Pregnant.

LAJOIE WILL RACE WERA ENDURANCE SERIES IN 2008



July 31st, 2007 - <http://www.cdnsuperbike.com>

After several races in the United States at the start of the 2007 season in which she achieved excellent results, including a 3rd place at Daytona, Nadine Lajoie is reaping the rewards of her dedication by signing for the 2008 season in the United States. Nadine will be joining the Dublin Sun Racing Team and taking part in the major WERA National Endurance series comprising of 10 events across the United States. Members from the team had met the Canadian racer in 2006 and made her their first choice. "We have known Nadine for 2 years and picked her for her riding abilities and her race results. We are confident she'll be an excellent member of the team," team manager Mike Wescott stated.

The team will start preparing for next year by taking part in at least 2 races this year starting with Summit Point, WV, and Nelson Ledges, OH. The Québécoise racer is thrilled with this new challenge, as the Endurance races are really different and, for her, a totally new experience. Since her best times often come at the end of a race, she's hoping for good performances because having lots of track time will help her build up a good rhythm.

She feels the news comes at a good time for her this year: "I'm so happy... I'm really anxious to be with a real team, because here in Canada, I have to do everything all on my own... It's really exhausting and a bit discouraging. Fortunately, I do have a mechanic, Jessica Soodeen of Calgary, but only for 4 races during the entire summer, which isn't really enough. If I'm to perform better, I really need more support so I can concentrate more." Nadine is classed 12th at present in the Canadian National Championship for men, halfway through the season, for which her next race will be in Nova Scotia. She plans to continue racing in Canada in 2008, whenever her U.S. schedule permits.

"I'm addicted to excitement and I discovered motorcycle racing in September 2003 through a series for women only. I got a 3rd place in my very first outing and since 2004 I have plunged into the competitive world of the race-track, winning 10 podium finishes in 2004, another 10 podiums in 2005 and 13 podiums in 2006. Along the way, I won the 2006 Expert 600 RACE championship in Ontario, together with a 7th place overall in the RACE 600 class with men.

"My peak adrenalin rush... motorcycle racing!"

"Having raced against men in a number of competitions in which I gained a 3rd place in the "Middleweight Superbike" in Daytona and a 6th place at VIR in March 2007, I'm hoping to finish among the first 5 in the men's category for the 2007 season.

"This new female presence on the racetrack has taken some people by surprise and is causing quite a stir. You will find

numerous mentions in media reports and a great 4-page feature in Road Racing World (January 2006) that brought us invitations to race in the US and Europe. I hope to race more and more in different parts of the world..."



Final RACE Round

Photos courtesy of Ray Zschuppe





VRRA SAYS THANKS!

"We really want to thank you all so very much for the dedication which you and your wonderful team showed to us over the very busy North Bay weekend. It was delightful to see so many of the regular CRCA team coming up to North Bay as well as meeting some new local Corner workers.



"This is a more challenging weekend than those we run at formal race tracks & we were all very impressed by your team's experienced & professional approach to

all aspects of track work and also by everyone's careful attention to detail with radio reports, flag work & track clean-up. The additional challenge of working an event on an active airport kept us all hopping. As a recent returnee to the organizational aspect of racing I have to tell you that I was extremely impressed by your team's efficiency & I learnt oodles about coping with the challenges behind the scenes.

"In addition, please thank everyone on your team very much for helping us out on Saturday by staying late enough to allow us to regain our schedule so that we could go into Sunday without making any changes. It really made a dramatic difference to every VRRA racer's weekend & I know that they really appreciated your team's commitment to both our Club & vintage M/c racing.

"We were also very lucky to have the additional show from the Snowbirds & formation helicopters so I think this North Bay weekend will be a great memory for all of us for many years to come.

"Thank you again for your help and advice over various issues during the season. We look forward to working with you again in 2008 & are currently looking into bookings for the coming season.

"Hope everyone enjoys a pleasant fall & active winter & also hope to see you at the January Show."

Cheers,  
Pat Nicholson  
VRRA Competition Coordinator

PMP FINALS  
RACE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

**Parts Canada Pro Superbike:**

1. Steve Crevier, 2. Brett McCormick, 3. Kevin Lacombe, 4. Jordan Szoke, 5. Clint McBain

**Yoshimura Pro 600 Sport Bike:**

1. Jordan Szoke, 2. Steve Crevier, 3. Brett McCormick, 4. Frank Trombino, 5. Andrew Nelson

**International Motorcycle SUPERSHOW Amateur 600 Sport Bike:**

1. Pedro Sousa, 2. Catherine Nadeau, 3. Paul Glenn, 4. Martin Ricard, 5. Yvan Carrier

**Thunder**

1. Michael Taylor, 2. Dave Estok, 3. Chad Pasowisty, 4. Jim Proulx, 5. Paul Penzo

**Suzuki SV650 Cup**

1. Robert Busby, 2. Martin Grande, 3. Derek Vammus, 4. Jeff Fenwick, 5. Andre Talbot  
Additional Awards...

**Inside Motorcycles Pole Position Award Winner**

Superbike: Jordan Szoke

**Top HJC Pro Rookie of the Weekend**

Brett McCormick – 2nd, Superbike

**Performance Under Gear Performance of the Race Award Winners**

Amateur 600 Sport Bike: Pedro Sousa

Thunder: Chad Pasowisty

**MBP/Brembo Superbike Performance Award Winner**

Team Toyota Brooklin Cycle Yamaha for Kevin Lacombe's Superbike

**MBP/Brembo Performance Award Winner – Thunder**

Dan Thompson for Jim Proulx's Buell

New Lap Records...

**Parts Canada Superbike** - Jordan Szoke, Qualifying - 1:04.632

Yoshimura Pro 600 Sport Bike - Steve Crevier, Qualifying - 1:05.637

Thunder – Chad Pasowisty, Race - 1:08.551

Suzuki SV650 Cup - Robert Busby, Race - 1:10.863





## *Minutes of the General Membership Meeting*

***15 September 2007, Knap Shack, SMP***

Members in attendance:

John Yarrow	Robert Adams
Michelle Woodward	Herb Choquette
Scott Patterson	Debbie Zschuppe
Larry McMillan (BoD)	Ray Zschuppe
Lorie Cooper (BoD)	Ken Miller
Marty Cooper (BoD)	Bob Baxter
Kevin Salmon	Randy Scott
Melanie Freeland	Keith Gilbert
Bob Leclair (BoD)	

Note taker:  
Lorie Cooper

- 1) The meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the last GMM (21 Jul 07) were not brought to the meeting. All GMM & AGM minutes are available from the club website at [www.crca1.com](http://www.crca1.com)
- 3) *Officers Reports*  
Nil
- 4) *Committee Reports*  
Nil
- 5) *Special Orders*  
Nil
- 6) *Unfinished Business*  
Nil
- 7) *New Business*
  - i) Marty Cooper thanked everyone for coming out to work the weekend and for staying for the meeting.
    - (1) He reminded all that the banquet is coming up on 27 Oct and that tickets are available from any Board member
    - (2) A new crest has been designed by Larry McMillan for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo and will be included in the next Blue Flag
    - (3) Marty congratulated all of the marshals for bringing along our new members so well. We have a larger number of OEs this year than we have had in many years, and their high-quality training by experienced marshals has made them valuable to the club
    - (4) Reminder to fill in the ballots for the Annual Awards – those completed and submitted before the cutoff date will be placed in a special draw for one of the 3-in-1 jackets
    - (5) If you'd like to enter the draw for the other 2 great prizes, remember to write your name on the back of your CRCA \$ and place them in the bin
    - (6) The next meeting will be the AGM in January at the Best Western in Belleville. A notice will go out to members some time in December
  - ii) Bob Leclair reminded everyone that we have a fair amount of logo'd merchandise for sale and he asked for ideas for other items that people would like to have us sell
- 8) *Announcements*  
Nil
- 9) *Adjournment* – there being no further questions or issues for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Original signed by: Marty Cooper

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President

15 September 2007

Date

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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 and Membership Director at 613-392-7359 or [recruiting@crca1.com](mailto:recruiting@crca1.com).



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