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JULY 2009

THE VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

CRA VP KYLE '2K' KNUTSON

The June weekend was full of great racing. The weather may not have been perfect all weekend but Saturday was as good as it gets and even in the rain on Sunday there were great battles and close racing. The track record for the new competition course was improved by our local gunslinger Rob Jensen (I was told "1:35.6"). And a BIG THANKS to the many workers that made it safe for us to get back out on a clean track Saturday!

Another "Twin Sprints" weekend is next and we will get to stretch our legs as July is set for the long course. The schedule will once again be tight and fast paced with a lot of racing back to back so be sure and bring lots of liquids and stay hydrated. Saturday night the annual "PIT BIKE RACES" will be held in the infield once again. Set to begin at 6:45 at the go-kart track. Rules have not been finalized so be prepared for any thing!

The Friday Worker Lunches for the July weekend will be supplied by Bonnie Dargis (aka: Marky's mom!) and B.O.D. member Mark Fisk. Be sure and thank them if you see them!

CRA welcomes Z.A.R.S (Zalusky Advanced Riding School) to the list of contingency supporters. (Check the "contingencies" section on www.cra-mn.com for this and all the great contingency payouts available.)

Looking forward to another great weekend of racing in July!

And a reminder that there are two positions on the Board of Directors that will be up for this year's election so start thinking about nominees. Know anyone that you think would be an asset to the club? Nominate them. Think you can help? Have someone nominate you! All nominations will need to be in by August 24th.

See you at the track!!!!

KK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 11th	8:00 pm	Interwebz	July Pre-registration closes
July 17th-19th	ALL WEEKEND	BIR Long Course	July Race Weekend
Tuesday, August 1st	8 pm	Interwebz	August Pre-Registration Opens
Tuesday, August 4th	7:30 pm	Richfield VFW	Membership Meeting

Save the Date: **Saturday November 14th - CRA Banquet and TT-R drawings. Watch future newsletters and the CRA website for more details to come **

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BATHROOM VANDALISM

Unfortunately we have been having problems with the bathrooms at the track being vandalized in the overnight hours. If this continues to happen, we will need to either close the bathrooms at night or hire additional security and increase camping fees to cover the expense.

If you happen to have any information regarding these incidents, please contact any of the board members listed inside the front cover. Or, if you see something going on at the track, please notify track security.

We hate to have one or two people spoil it for the whole group, but this vandalism cannot continue.

Dustin

JULY PRE-REGISTRATION

July Pre-Registration

Please remember that if you pre-registered for July Double Sprints, you must pay your balance due before you are allowed on the track. Please see me in Race Registration to pay your balance as soon as you can. Please also remember that if you pre-register and are not able to race, you are still responsible for your balance due. If balances are not paid, you will not be allowed to register for future race weekends until balances are resolved.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

Kim Mattson

Chief of Race Registration

JULY NEW RIDER SCHOOL

7:00 am	All New Riders report to classroom (for sign in and attendance, even if you attended the winter Classroom)
7:00-9:30	New Rider Class (NR's who did not attend March Class) Instructor Introduction
9:30-9:45	All New Riders Track Ride (Trucks)
9:55-10:30	New Rider Class (All New Riders)
10:30-11:00	Membership Paperwork (time to take care of any membership or tech needs)
11:00-11:25	Free time- tech bikes and prepare for on track
11:30-12:00	All New Riders on Course w/Instructors- Meet at Gas Pumps
12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:45pm	"Practice Starts" Meet at Gate (track entrance under Home Depot sign)
1:00-1:30	All New Riders on Course w/Instructors
1:45	Mandatory New Riders Meeting - All New Riders and Instructors - Classroom
2:00-5:00	All New Riders practice with instructors in "slow" practice rotation. All New Riders meet in Classroom 10 minutes following each practice session.
5:00-5:15	New Rider Race - Meet at Gate (track entrance under Home Depot sign)
5:30pm	License Presentations and Class Photo at Winners Circle

New Rider Practice Start procedure

Form up at Track entrance gate (Home Depot Sign)

Enter Track when signaled and park in a grid spot

Starter will give start signals and Flag

Launch bike like a normal start, short shift to 2nd gear, and then gently roll-off the throttle

Proceed to end of the straight and Turn LEFT on to the Drag Return Road (there will be a Course Marshal directing you)

Head down the return road through the pits, re-grid, and repeat same procedure

On the Third Practice start the Course Marshal will be off the track and you are to proceed around with your normal practice session

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CURRENT POINTS STANDINGS

Points Standings after June races

Expert:

1	Robert Jensen	#52
2	Robert Oliva	#145
3	Mark Dargis	#66
4	Shane Fletcher	#157
5	Robert Pretts	#121
6	Brad Zajic	#1
7	Christian Schmidt	#6
8	Matt Losen	#69
9	Bryant Soberg	#91
10	Tony Legueri	#126

Novice:

1	Scott Stall	#132
2	Sean Kreller	#912
3	Jason Cheng	#223
4	Michael Smith	#31
5	Anthony Myhre	#817
6	Cam Fisher	#54
7	Nate Massa	#183
8	Nick McCoy	#86
9	Dan Peters	#818
10	Kurt Mosher	#240



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CAPTAINS BLOG

Vol. 3

Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines! It's amazing how fast this stuff comes up. I've been meaning to sit down and write this edition but just haven't found the time until now...the night before it is due of course. In fact, I went all through high school and college doing things the night before they were due. I guess some things never change. This will be a short one.

Anyway, June was an interesting weekend. I had so much stuff to bring to the event for the club it barely fit in my truck and trailer. Between worker gifts, the shirts, easy-ups, water jugs, tarps, the fiddys for the drawing, and my own gear the Jeep was packed full. True enough being on the Board is a lot of "work"- so why do it? Sure there's the busy work of my particular position; reconciling the worker points after each weekend, modifying the sign-in sheet for the next weekend, considering what the workers need in the way of supplies and equipment, and placing the orders for the service gifts etc. I get satisfaction out of ensuring that stuff is done effectively, but what is most rewarding for me are the results of the hours of "thought energy" put into the role and helping drive the club in a direction that is hopefully best for all in general. Participating in the discussions and decision making is why I enjoy the job. Meeting the people and listening to the various points of view is not only enlightening but educational as well. Anybody who knows me knows I am a big proponent of continuing education and lifelong learning. Being on the CRA Board is a great way to expand horizons, set and attain goals, and have an impact. There are some positions opening up on the board and an election will be held this year so I strongly encourage you to consider running for the Board as a way of contributing to the club as well as your own experience.

In June I stayed through Monday to get some uninterrupted laps around the Competition (short) Course at BIR. Thanks to Nick and the now regionally defunct TrackAddix (<http://www.trackdaymag.com/Article.aspx?id=3756>) I got the chance to do several laps on the K1200s. My conclusion; it is a very big bike to be throwing around that track and especially through the turn 9 kink! I need a track bike. So, I purchased a crashed Yamaha R6 and am in the process of rebuilding it mainly for track use.

I didn't pay much for it and it runs good so I hope to have it ready by August 18th for DCTC (<http://www.ridingcourse.com/>). Will it lead to racing in the CRA? Time will tell, but for now I'm happy just to have a "6" again with enough money left over for a good setup and some proper gear. Let's just say I hope I never "need" the services of my fellow corner workers!

July will be tough for me. I have a potential conflict with the weekend and doubt I will be able to do both. I don't enjoy being forced to choose between the two and if I miss CRA it will be the first race weekend I've missed since I got involved. I hope to be there.

Please remember to sign in carefully...you wouldn't believe the hours involved in dealing with that sheet. The rules are you are not supposed to be given credentials if you do not check the days you are working and the specialty. There are also always several names I cannot read so please write carefully. Thanks!

Best wishes to all the racers injured this season so far and I hope you all are recovering quickly. Good luck to everyone racing in July and I hope to see you all there!

I am always open to any suggestions or feedback regarding the blog, the Board, or any other subjects. Drop me a note at workerliaison@cra-mn.com.

Mark Fisk
CRA Corner Captain
Worker Liaison on the Board of Directors



Photo submitted by Mark Fisk

FORMULA 40

Congrats to Kurt Schuschke #24 for winning this year's second Formula 40, beating reigning champion Mark Dargis by 5.41 seconds! There were 12 riders on the grid, including New Rider Martin Freeman who just earned his license the day before. Way to go old farts! :-)

FRONT GATE CO-CHIEF NEEDED

I am looking for someone interested in helping me manage the operations portion of the CRA front gate. If you or someone you know are interested email me at ward.jensen@gmail.com.

The way we are organized, Katie Schmidt & Jamie Kohn manage recruiting and scheduling workers to man the front gate during CRA events. I take care of the cash register, tickets, wristbands and procedures.

Thanks, Ward

CONTINGENCY CO-CHIEF ADDED

The CRA BOD is directors is proud to have added Gabriel Blevins (#620) to the co-chief of contingency position. Aaron Collins (#220) and Gabriel Blevins will be running the contingency program.

WOMENS ONLY RACE - 8/23

Reminder: the CRA will hold it's first Women's Only Sprint race on August 23rd. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter and cra-mn.com.

AIR FENCE HELP NEEDED

We need help setting up and tearing down Air Fence at the track. Please contact Dustin or Kyle if you can help.

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JUNE NEW RIDERS

The CRA welcomes its four newest racers Marty Freeman, Justin Julian, Aaron Nelson, and Anthony Omelian. Marty, Justin, Aaron, and Anthony all did very well starting with their Graduation of New Racer School on Friday to racing all weekend long. Mark and Jessica wish them long careers with the CRA. The CRA will hold its next New Rider Class during the July event taking place on the 3 mile Donnybrooke Course at Brainerd International Raceway on July 17-19, 2009.



Photo submitted by Jessica Zalusky

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PARADE LAPS FOR GWENN DOLNEY



The money from the June Sunday Parade Laps will be donated to the American Cancer Society in honor of Gwenn Dolney. Besides motorcycles, there were passenger cars, pickup trucks and even mini vans out there. Glancing up and seeing a mini van go around Turn 9 was quite shocking. Overall there was a great turnout and we raised \$630! Thank you to everyone involved.

AUGUST NEW RIDER SCHOOL

If there is enough interest, the CRA will hold a New Rider School on Friday August 21st. Contact Mark Miller at: (crash_mark@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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CONGRATS

To Cameron and Shelly Fisher (#54) on their newest addition: Calum Dexter Fisher, born at Fairview Minneapolis on May 14th. The details:

Details..... Ahhhhhh, ummmmmm, ok....
So he's almost two months old.
He makes a lot of noise.
He poops a lot.
He eats all the time.
He wakes his parents up at least every 2-3 hours.
He frowns constantly.
And he's very fussy.....



Photo submitted by Cam Fisher

But he can be cute, when he's asleep!!
8 lbs 7 oz
Eyes: Blue.... for the moment!

LADIES NEEDED FOR PHOTO SHOOT

This Saturday (July 18th) after the races (5:15 pm) MPDN will be taking a group shot of all the CRA ladies to help promote the first ever CRA All Women Race.

If you could please join us at track entrance by the tower with your bike, or any lady friends you can gather we'd appreciate it. Bring all the ladies you can find: Workers, Spectators, your friend's cousin's daughter...!



RACER OF THE MONTH

BRUCE MAGEE #198



Photo submitted by Bruce Magee

Well, where do I start. I am Bruce Magee #198, also known as Weeman. I am a retread racer from the late 80's. I was talked into roadracing for the first time by two of my friends Bob Poore (Past #92) and Old Man Glenn Christensen #44. They wanted to race Bob's Yamaha RD350 in the endurance race and needed a third rider. I volunteered for the third spot not knowing what I had gotten myself into.

I had previously raced dirt, but never roadraced, and thought it would be fun to try it out. After help from Glenn and

Bob in what to do and what to expect, I was off for the time of my life. Bob, Glenn and myself left for the track. I had just bought a new Ninja 600 the year before, and that was going to be my practice bike for the weekend. I had my eyes opened the first day at turn 2 at about 120 mph, I thought how could anyone comprehend anything faster than that. After that day, I was hooked, and now I am a junkie forever. RACING, the most fun you can have with your pants on.

My second time around in roadracing started in '02 after my two sons Sean and Skyler went off to college. My great friend and fellow troublemaker Paul Jensen #888 wanted to roadrace, and wanted me to join him, this was going to be his first time at roadracing. I wanted to tell him all the things that happened to me and all the great times that were to come, but somehow I forgot to tell him how addicting this thing "roadracing" is. Hopefully he will forgive me for making him into a junkie too.

Thanks to Paul and Jennifer Jensen #383 for starting JenSpeed. You can find us JenSpeeders in garage C at the track. I have to say thanks to all the Volunteers that come out to make all this happen for us racer junkies, and thanks to all the friends and family that support us.

The '09 Season will be great now that we have two tracks to ride. We also have a professional tech team to oversee our machines to keep us safe. I am grateful for that. Also thanks for all you corner workers for showing up every weekend and enduring the heat, cold, wind, rain and sometimes snow and hail, to allow us to do what we do. I really love the CRA people and appreciate the level of competition we have in this group. I can't wait to go fast and take chances again, so see you all in July. Ciao Baby

Keep the rubber side down
Weeeeman (Bruce Magee #198)



CENTRAL ROADRACING ASSOCIATION

Brainerd International Raceway

July 16 - 19, 2009 Schedule



THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009

Registration	Main Gate	7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Tech. Inspection	Tech Barn	7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 17 JULY 2009

Registration	Main Gate	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
New Rider Classroom Training	Racer's Lounge	7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Tech. Inspection	Tech Barn	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Workers Meeting	Tower	9:00 a.m.
New Rider Track Tour	Racer's Lounge	9:30 a.m.
Open Practice	Slow / Medium / Fast	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
New Riders on Track		11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Lunch		12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
Mandatory Riders Meeting	Tower	12:45 p.m.
New Riders on Track		1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Open Practice	Slow / Medium / Fast	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Race Registration	2nd Floor Tower	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bike Pick-up / Worker Break		3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Open Practice	Slow / Medium / Fast	3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
New Rider Race		5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Tech. Inspection	Tech Barn	8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Race Registration	2nd Floor Tower	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 18 JULY 2009

Registration	Main Gate	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Workers Meeting	Racer's Lounge	8:00 a.m.
Race Registration	2nd Floor Tower	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Tech. Inspection	Tech Barn	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Mandatory Riders Meeting	Tower	8:30 a.m.
Open Practice	Fast / Medium / Slow	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
National Anthem		10:00 a.m.
SUPERSPORT SPRINTS - MWE, MWN, UL, HW, LW & VIN, UNL		10:05 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Lunch		12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
Parade Laps	Turn 10 Gate (4 laps)	12:00 noon
SUPERBIKE SPRINTS - SPMN & STW, MW, UL & 125GP, HW, LW & 250GP, UNL		1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Bike Pick-up / Worker Break		3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
GRAND PRIX SPRINTS - MW, UL, HW, LW, UNL		3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
PIT BIKE RACES	Go-Kart Track	6:45 p.m.

SUNDAY 19 JULY 2009

Registration	Main Gate	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Workers Meeting	Racer's Lounge	8:00 a.m.
Race Registration	2nd Floor Tower	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Tech. Inspection	Tech Barn	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
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All Races 6 Laps ~ SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ST. CLOUD 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The CRA was well represented in the St. Joseph, Minnesota 4th of July Parade. We had 2 trucks with trailers/bikes, music, candy and schedules. Great kids helping us out for the day, riding scooters, throwing candy and wearing cool CRA shirts and a couple racers in full gear to greet the huge crowd. We (our group) handed out over 750 printed 2009 CRA schedules, tons of candy (never enough) and 200+ vanity shots courtesy of Momentum Photo for the kids! Over 10,000 people were in attendance for the 14 block parade. We had an awesome group of friends and family helping!

Special thanks to CMS Auto Body in St. Joseph for paying all the entry fees and St. Cloud SUZUKI for donating a new Toyota truck and trailer for our use that day. Thank you Zach Hughes #13 for making the trip and being such a good sport!

Nick Campbell #50



Photo submitted by Nick Campbell



Photos submitted by Nick Campbell



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