



July 2006

FROM THE EDITOR

~ LORIE COOPER

In order to keep within the page limit for BF mailings, I've relinquished my space in this issue to Rick Helman for his take on the Toronto GP. Enjoy!

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MOLSON GRAND PRIX OF TORONTO—JULY 7, 8 AND 9 (“DON’T CALL IT THE “INDY”...”)

Race 7 in the Champ Car World Series was won by A J Allmendinger, his third in a row. Second was Forsythe teammate Paul Tracy; third was Sebastian Bourdais.

**Side note:** A J Allmendinger; Yogi Berra; Dick Butkus; Itzak Perlman; Northern Dancer – what do they all have in common? See end of story.....

Since I’m not especially knowledgeable about Champ Car (or F1, for that matter), I can’t describe in much detail what went on on track. Instead I’ll talk about impressions, moments, and trivia – and contrasts with the Grand Prix du Montreal a couple weeks earlier...

**Registration:** ...for F1, at a trailer somewhere on Ile St Helene (couldnta found it without Andre ☺) ... Champ Car – at a downtown hotel. Advantage: Toronto

**Morning Meetings:** at Montreal, 6:00; 6:15, and 7:00 (Fri, Sat, Sun), with lots of juice, fruit, muffins, coffee, etc.. In Toronto – at 6:45 every day; coffee and muffins. Advantage: Montreal

**Shuttles from/to Parking and Corners:** - at Montreal, school buses.....at Toronto, lots of passenger vans, with A/C and music; they even helped us load and unload our stuff ☺ Advantage: Toronto

**Corner Assignments:** Rotated at Montreal; same corner all three days at Champ Car. Advantage: Montreal

We were at Corner 8, which is a 90-degree right-hander with a straight-ahead run off; a good corner to get a good up-close view of the cars. There were five on my crew – not enough to man the Safety positions, but with Champ Car they don’t want you out on the track responding to stuff anyway ☺. As it happened, the mirror-flagging station across track was in front of a pass-control

crew who had brought along a portable barbecue for the weekend, which they offered to let us use. So Sunday we had a nice hot lunch, in addition to the lunches supplied (which were good).

It was interesting that, at our station (and presumably at others), there were land line connections at both the main and mirror stations, and at the blue flagger’s post.

There were two temporary grandstands set up on scaffolds under the Gardiner Expressway, just down track from our station. On Sunday afternoon, everyone on one of the platforms was sitting with their backs to the track – not watching the racing but watching the World Cup final on someone’s TV or laptop ☺.

My Corner Captain was a fellow from Maryland; nice guy. His wife got to ride in one of the vehicles carrying the drivers for the drivers’ parade. I’m told Don Cherry and Wayne Gretsky were also in the parade vehicles, but I didn’t see them (at that point we were probably barbecuing lunch ☺). Our crew also included a guy from England, whom I’d met at the F1 race; and two MMS marshals. Good group....

**Apres-Race:** ...at Toronto, lots of hot food and cold drinks... at Montreal, lots of hot food and BEER!! Advantage: Montreal bien sur ☺

**Quality of Experience:** Both terrific; will do’em again. Advantage: tie

We were treated extremely well at Toronto; continually supplied with water and ice; driven here and there whenever we needed; and just generally looked after thoughtfully by BARC. Even for a sort of non-Champ Car fan, it was a great experience. We had a good time; met lots of neat people; and, as always learned something. (This was my first experience checking the welds on man-hole covers and drains on the race track...☺). I’ll be there next year, and I’d recommend it to anyone else who’s interested.

**Answer to Side Note Question:** They each have the perfect name for what they do ☺ (Race driver; baseball player; football player; violinist; race horse...)

~ Rick Helman

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- Molson GP of Toronto  
~Rick Helman
- Minutes of the 15 July 06 GMM

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,  
I thought I would use this space to bring you up to date on a few items.

The first is the status of the new race venue at Calabogie. Rod Grundy, Heather Seymour and I have been asked to meet with the owners to assist in determining the ideal locations of the marshals' stations. For those of you that haven't heard, this track has more corners and elevation changes than Mosport and will be a challenge from the competitors' as well as the marshals' standpoints. Owners are still hoping for the track to be ready for racing by this fall...

We have a bit of a break from marshalling for the next couple of weeks, then we're off to Mosport for the Vintage Road Racers Association (VRRRA) bike weekend. We always enjoy this event because it gives us the opportunity to work with MMS marshals, many of whom have become good friends. One of those friends, Mike Hodge, is coordinating workers from the MMS group. We get to enjoy a change of venue, catch up on the happenings there and kick back with the VRRRA folks who always treat us well. I hope all of you will consider volunteering at this event—it's a whole lot of fun and a great addition to your log books!

*Motivation is what gets you started.  
Habit is what keeps you going.*

*~ Unknown*

The last thing I'd like to mention is the John Nelson Memorial Weekend that took place at RACE Round 4. The Nelson Family—Grace, Steve and Jackie—were there to welcome everyone who came to honour John's memory. Though the number of spectators was lower than anticipated, the weekend was extremely successful in raising money for John's favourite charities. Jackie spoke briefly about her father's respect for CRCA and our club's contribution to racing, and thanked us all for making it possible. The weekend was a moving tribute to a man that gave so much to motor racing.

Play safe everyone,



### *Introducing...*

#### *The 50th Anniversary Committee*

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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 AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Your ballot can be found on pages 5-6 of this newsletter. Please make sure you complete and return it so that your voice can be heard in the selection process for the Annual Awards. If you prefer, you can complete the electronic version from our website at [www.crca1.com](http://www.crca1.com). Whichever method you choose, please ensure we receive your choices by 5 September 2006.



### JOHN NELSON MEMORIAL WEEKEND

As you are probably aware, RACE Round 4 was a special weekend this year. The family and friends of John Nelson were there to remember his life and his love of motor-racing.

A plaque with high-lights of his life was dedicated and will be hung in a place of honor at the track. His wife Grace and children Steve and Jackie donated an award in his name to the Vintage rider accumulating the most points over the course of the weekend—the proud recipient was Peter Hurst.

CRCA workers were asked to gather at Start/Finish so that Jackie could express her appreciation for all we do for motor-racing. Everyone was given a very warm and personal thank you, and to remember the occasion, we were given a "John Nelson Memorial Weekend" ball-cap.

Two auctions, BBO lunches, sidecar rides and a number of other activities raised money to be donated to John's favorite charities.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—UPDATES



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



## VRRRA MOSPORT & NORTH BAY'S RUNWAY ROMP

VRRRA has once again asked us to handle the marshalling responsibilities at their Mosport and North Bay events. The Mosport event takes place 18-20 August. Similar to last year, anyone who works the Friday will share in the fee paid by VRRRA (i.e. whether there are 10 workers or 20, the total fee for the day will be shared equally among all who register in advance and who work the Sat-Sun; payment will be made on Sunday). This worked extremely well last year and no one was disappointed.

Runway Romp in North Bay is set for 16-17 September and promises to be a fun-filled and exciting weekend. They've traditionally invited us to their dinner cruise for \$25 per person (subject to change for 2006 rates) on Saturday evening, and for those without sea legs, a large group of us have gone out to a local water-front restaurant and enjoyed wonderful cuisine and great company.

If you're interested in working either of these events, please register online or by calling Marty at 613-372-1892.



### REMINDER—PLEASE RETURN YOUR TROPHIES



If you were a recipient of a club award last year, please make sure you return your trophy by no later than the end of August so that they can be prepared for the 2006 "owners". They can be dropped off to one of the Board members any event weekend at the Knap Shack, or you can make arrangements for return by calling Bob Leclair at 613-354-5387.

## SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

### Bumper-sticker Humor...

"IF YOU CAN READ THIS, I'VE LOST MY TRAILER"

"BOLDLY GOING NOWHERE"

"STOP LIGHTS TIMED FOR 50 KPH ARE ALSO TIMED FOR 100 KPH"

The following was upside down on the bumper of a Jeep:

"IF YOU CAN READ THIS, PLEASE FLIP ME BACK OVER"

"HONK IF ANYTHING FALLS OFF"

"HORN BROKEN, WATCH FOR FINGER"



"POLITICIANS & DIAPERS: BOTH NEED TO BE CHANGED, AND FOR THE SAME REASON."

"MAKE IT IDIOT PROOF AND SOMEONE WILL MAKE A BETTER IDIOT"

"HE WHO LAUGHS LAST THINKS SLOWEST"

"I STARTED OUT WITH NOTHING AND STILL HAVE MOST OF IT LEFT"

"I SAID NO TO DRUGS, BUT THEY JUST WOULDN'T LISTEN"

"TIME IS WHAT KEEPS EVERYTHING FROM HAPPENING AT ONCE"

*Minutes of the General Membership Meeting*

*15 July 2006, Knap Shack, SMP*

Members in attendance:

Shirley Jones (BoD)	Peter Angelidis	Dan Nowell	Keith Gilbert
Allison Atwood	Dianne Bos	Lorie Cooper (BoD)	Eric Cheng
Andrew Overy	Rick Helman (BoD)	Marty Cooper (BoD)	Mike Smith
Barb Wong	Bob Leclair (BoD)	Darlene Smith	Randy Scott
Mark Cunningham	Mike Batty (BoD)	Barry Dafoe	
Debbie Zschuppe	Ray Zschuppe	Melanie Freeland	

Note taker:  
Lorie Cooper

1) The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

2) Minutes of the last GMM (25 Jun 05) were not brought to the meeting.

**Action Item:** Secretary to Bring Forward the Minutes of the 25 Jun 05 meeting to be read & accepted / amended at the next GMM.

3) *Officers Reports*

Nil

4) *Committee Reports*

Nil

5) *Special Orders*

Nil

6) *Unfinished Business*

Nil

7) *New Business*

i) Marty thanked everyone for coming out to work the weekend and for staying for the meeting. He noted that our numbers for both car events this year have exceeded those in recent years and it was great to see.

ii) Marty asked if anyone had any questions to ask the Board members since everyone but Larry was in attendance.

(1) Barb Wong asked if there was an update to the activities planned for the John Nelson Memorial weekend. Marty had just been in touch with Chris Chapelle and the memorial and special activities planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SMP are still planned although they've been down-scaled from what was originally intended because of a lack of sponsor support. There will be a BBQ on Saturday evening, and fund-raising events such as a silent auction and BBQ on Sunday, from which all contributions will be donated to John's favorite charities. The Nelson family will be making a special presentation to CRCA at lunch time on Sunday.

8) *Announcements*

Nil

9) *Adjournment* – there being no further questions or issues for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m., (just in time for the DAC BBQ) motion by Shirley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie, passed.

Original signed by: Marty Cooper

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President

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15 Jul 06  
Date



## Annual Awards



Annual awards presented by CRCA to its members, recognizing service to the Association:

### Events Marshalled

30 events	-	a dash plaque
60 events	-	a small, pedestal-type trophy with space to attach the above plaque
100 events	-	a Hekaton
150 events	-	a pewter stein
500 events	-	(200 if member prior to 2003) a Life Membership, subject to resolution by the Board

- For each succeeding 50 events, a small plate (bar) to be mounted on the Life Membership plaque

### Special Awards

With the competition year almost over, the following are the terms of reference for awarding the 6 Special Awards:

- Founders Award
  - o Instituted in 1962, this award is presented for outstanding service by a member (not a Director or Committee member) and is the choice of the Board of Directors
- Presidents' Award
  - o Instituted in 1976 in memory of Harry Clarke, a President who appreciated and valued the assistance of the members of his Board of Directors and Advisory Committee members. The award, to recognize outstanding service of a Director or Committee member is the choice of the President.
- Rookie of the Year Award
  - o This award was instituted in 1979 and is awarded, at the discretion of the Board, to the first-year marshal who most embodies the requirements of the ideal marshal.

The Board of Directors would welcome names of possible recipients with reasons why you think they qualify for any of the above awards, but the decision rests with the President/Board of Directors, and is final.

### Club Awards

**Driver of the Year**        **Rider of the Year**  
Each trophy is awarded for "Sportsmanship – dash and colour"

### Gilles Villeneuve Award

Trophy and Keeper donated by CRCA to the member of CRCA who has contributed most to motorsport during the year

### Barb Browne Memorial Trophy

Awarded annually to the member who does the most to encourage, support and guide the new marshals – chosen by the new members

**[This is the only ballot you will receive – please return it or complete the online ballot at www.crca1.com](http://www.crca1.com)**

OVER ►

Please complete any or all of the following, and either bring it to Shannonville by no later than 5 Sep 06, or mail it by no later than 1 Sep 06 to:

CRCA Member Services  
3748 McConnell Rd, RR1  
Harrowsmith, ON  
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A. My choice for:

**DRIVER of the Year**

**RIDER of the Year**

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B. My choice for:

**The Gilles Villeneuve Award**

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C. My choice for:

**The Barb Browne Memorial Trophy** (New Members vote)

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D. I have completed during the year (or will, by the middle of October), the following number of CRCA events (circle the number that applies):

30    60    100    150    200    250    300    350    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Log Book #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>VRRR Mosport</i>	19 <i>VRRR Mosport</i>
20 <i>VRRR Mosport</i>	21	22	23	24	25 <i>RACE Round 5</i>	26 <i>RACE Round 5</i>
27 <i>RACE Round 5</i>	28	29	30	31		

**REGISTER TO WORK ANY OF THESE EVENTS ONLINE AT <http://www.crca1.com/id23.html>  
OR BY CALLING 613-372-1892 / 613-539-1803**

**LATE NOTICE CANCELLATIONS (TFROM HURSDAY BEFORE WEEKEND)—PLEASE CALL 613-539-1803**

UP NEXT	
<p><b>RACE:</b>                  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  <b>25-27 Aug—Round 5</b>                  1-3 Sep—Nat’ls Rnd 7 / RACE Rnd 6                  22-24 Sep—Round 7</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;">                     Register online at:  <a href="http://www.crca1.com">www.crca1.com</a> </div>
<p><b>VRRRA:</b>                  16-18 June—SMP  <b>18-20 August—Mosport</b>                  16-17 Sep—North Bay</p> <p>3-5 June—CRDA                  15-16 July—DAC                  26-30 July—SKC (Go-Karts)</p>	



**CONTACT FOR MOSPORT EVENTS**

If you’re planning to participate at any Mosport events this year, we recommend that you call Dorothy Manganeli 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 September

**CRCA Events**

- 1-3 Sep—PMP Nationals (Finals) & RACE Round 6
- 16-17 Sep—VRRRA North Bay
- 22-24 Sep—RACE (Finals) Round 7

**Mosport Events**

- 1-3 Sep—ALMS
- 16-17 Sep—BEMC/CASC
- 30 Sep-1 Oct—Mosport/CASC Celebration

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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](mailto:batty_m_s@sympatico.ca).



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