

# CANADIAN RACE COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

## THE MARSHALS' CLUB



# RACE

March 2007

## KICKING OFF 2007

~ EDITOR

Regardless of how you spent your winter, if you're a true racing fan you're more than ready to hear the roar of engines, the screech of tires and the squeal of brakes as riders and drivers take to the tracks around the province next month.

Some of us were lucky enough to break up the long winter months with some ice racing in Minden. Dianne Bos, Andrew Overy, Allison Atwood, Larry McMillan, Bob Leclair, Tom Smith (MMS) and Marty Cooper braved the elements and the stormy driving conditions on the way up there in order to support DAC at their annual event. There was some spectacular racing with many of the drivers demonstrating that they are masters at their craft, no matter what surface they run on. Others not so much...

Although Klaus Bartels' presence was, and will be missed for many years to come, DAC kept the mood light and the races running smoothly, treating our workers to hot beverages throughout the weekend, the traditional awards dinner on Saturday night, breakfast Sunday morning and paid for accommodations for anyone who needed them. It was a fun weekend as always - just the way Klaus would have wanted it.

This year the racing season kicks off for us with the RACE Test Days on the 21-22 April weekend. It's a little later start than the last couple of years, so maybe those extra few days will give us a few degrees more warmth—one can only hope! As usual the weekend coincides with the first New Marshals' School of the season and at the moment we have over 35 students waiting to take the course. With the additional people we hope to get at the Quinte Mall display this month, that should bring the number up over 40, which reflects a lot of hard work and dedication by the Member Services & Recruiting Director, Mike Batty and the team of volunteers that helped with setting up and tear-

ing down and working in the booth during the Toronto bike shows and Belleville mall displays. Mike has also arranged to have a display at the Grand Opening of the new Motorsport Plus to bring the club some publicity in the Kingston area.

### *Switching hats for a moment...*

For those who will come out to work at our events this season, I look forward to greeting all of you each day in the Knap Shack. If you could remember to show up in time to check in, sign your waivers, turn in your logbook (this is a must so rather than trekking up the stairs a second time, bring it with you!), receive your corner assignment, grab your radio, flags, water and other essentials and be ready for the morning briefing at the posted time, it would really make things go smoothly in the morning. If you want to purchase a hat or exchange your Early Bird coupon for your free gift, please wait until you find Bob Leclair or me in a quiet moment and we'll gladly help you. If you need to discuss something with a Board member, let him/her know and as soon as possible you will be given his/her full attention—but please consider everything else that is going on and understand that your issue may not be the top priority at that moment. If you're showing up with application forms and money in hand, show up early! That way we can take care of you and have you on the track without disrupting everything else that must happen that morning.

There will be General Membership meetings in the Knap Shack, scheduled after racing is done on 23 June (Saturday of RACE Round 3) and 15 September (Saturday of SuperMoto). Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend so that you can be made aware of issues that affect our club.

I look forward to seeing you...often!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may have heard at the AGM that we've lost a few events this year. There will be only 1 National Superbike event at SMP—Parts Canada set the schedule to run two back-to-back rounds at Calgary in 2007—the final round will run at Shannonville.

VRRA in Mosport had to be rescheduled to a different weekend this year because of a conflict with one of Mosport's major events, and the only open date was one that conflicts with our RACE Round 5 weekend. MMS has accepted the contract for the 2007 event.

We have also lost the DAC event at SMP this year, due again to a scheduling issue but this time it's the competitors who have the conflict. With the Toronto Champ Car race weekend happening the weekend prior to the SMP event, the drivers feel there are too many races in a short period of time and many plan to give up the DAC weekend, which would drop entries below a feasible level for the club.

You shouldn't be disheartened by these changes—I have every reason to believe that VRRA will contract our club for their 2008 Mosport event and that DAC will return to SMP in 2008. I couldn't even guess as to the plans PMP has for the Nationals and I suspect they won't really know until they see how this year's schedule works.

The loss of revenue for our club because of these changes is substantial, but will be somewhat offset by a new contract we have picked up. The organizers of the SuperMoto National event have asked us to provide them with full marshalling services in September and that promises to be an exciting and very different way for us to wind up the season.

The remainder of the schedule is much the same as last year, with the RACE SuperSeries continuing to act as the proofing ground for young up-and-comers and a valuable resource for practice time for the pros.

I'm looking forward as always to an exciting season with some of the best racing action this country has to offer. I hope to see more of you out this year to continue the trend of increasing numbers we began 3 years ago. See you trackside!



"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives."

~ William A. Foster



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# THE MARSHALS' CORNER

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Your 2007 CRCA and CASC membership and license applications were sent out in the November newsletter. Before you send them in, please ensure you provide all of the information requested on both forms, including a copy of your current logbook\*. If you haven't got access to a photo-copier you can send the logbook with your applications and it will be returned to you with your CRCA membership card.

*\*Note: This has been a CASC licensing requirement for several years but they have not enforced it as long as CRCA vouched for the applicant's experience level. This soft line will no longer be permitted so you must submit your logbook when you apply or your application will not be accepted.*



**THIS MEANS YOU!**

Don't forget—we give out "Early Bird" gifts as a reward to members who renew their memberships before 31 March! (coupons must be redeemed by 31 Jul 07)

## MEMBER INCENTIVES GALORE!

Remember that weekend last year when you were allowed to take your own car onto the track following Saturday racing at the CRDA event, or alternatively, take the RACE school with Chris Chapelle? Well, it was such a hit (no, not that kind except maybe for Bob Leclair in a BORROWED car...) that our Membership team has arranged to do it again this year—bigger and better—with the assistance and support of Ontario Race Organizers (ORO), RACE and CRDA!

And never wanting to be accused of resting on their laurels, the Board has also initiated another incentive that will knock your socks off! This year, for each day over 9 that you come out to work at a CRCA-contracted event your name will be entered into a draw for a prize to be awarded in 2008 ... and what is the draw for, you ask? The winner will receive a spot in the MCO Weekend Driving School! For all of the details, read Mike's Membership Report on page 4.

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**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—UPDATES**



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

## SMILES 'N CHUCKLES

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A bit of trivia—see how "smart" you are!

- a. The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were?
- b. The Scottish game originally named, "Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden" is in current times known as?
- c. The first novel ever written on a typewriter?
- d. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?
- e. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go before you found the letter "A"?
- f. Most boat-owners name their boats—know what the most popular name is? ↓

a. Fred & Wilma Flintstone b. Golf c. Tom Sawyer  
d. honey e. one thousand f. Obsession

## SUPPORT THE SPORT, AND THE SPORT SUPPORTS YOU!

~ MIKE BATTY

One of my responsibilities on the Board is to be a member of the CASC WRRRC. That would be, "Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs Worker Recruitment and Retention Committee". Wow! Loosely translated, that means figuring out (in conjunction with several other clubs) how to reward those volunteers (such as you) who go the extra kilometer to support the sport. After attending several meetings in Toronto, here is how our Participation Rewards system works.

We actually have two Participation Reward systems; one supported by CASC which, as the name suggests, relates only to car events. The second is independent of CASC, is specific to our members, was developed by CRCA, and relates to all CRCA events. In order, then, here is a brief explanation of each.

The CASC Participation Rewards are for all volunteers at CASC (i.e., "car") events. We have a label pin which you will get for the first event; a prize such as an umbrella, chair, or duffel bag after 8 days at the track; and a very nice jacket for 10 individuals for outstanding performance in their fields. Last year Dianne Bos won a CRCA Marshal of The Year jacket, as did Larry McMillan the year before. And finally, from all the CASC volunteers with over 12 event-days one name is drawn at random for a full day in a F2000 at the Bridgestone Racing Academy at Mosport. Sounds good to me!

All of the CASC Rewards come with a little good news and a little bad news. The good news is that all CASC events at Shannonville get double points, i.e., each day at Shannonville counts the same as two at Mosport. This is in recognition of the fewer events we have and the greater distance many of the volunteers must travel. But the bad news is that we may be down to only one car event in 2007, meaning anyone must do regional events at other tracks to qualify for any major prize other than CRCA Marshal of the Year. C'est la Vie. And remember, F1 and the Indycar events do not qualify, nor does ALMS.

If you do volunteer at another track, please make sure you sign the Volunteer Registration Sheet when going through the morning registration. This will ensure your efforts get recorded and you get all you deserve.

Now, on the CRCA Rewards: Much simpler! Any CRCA marshals who participate at Shannonville more than 9 days will get their names entered into a draw for their choice of a full weekend at the MCO driving school or a day-long RACE riding school in 2008. It gets even better; you get an additional ballot for each additional day you work so with 10 days you'll have 1 entry, 11=2, 12=3, etc. A very motivated marshal could get a lot of chances in the draw!

Now in addition, our events have the usual smaller handouts such as t-shirts, hats and the like, and (not quite certain yet, but very likely) time on the track in conjunction with the CRDA weekend in June. These rewards are there for any of us to enjoy, intended to be rewards for supporting the sport

In summary, there are a lot of rewards available for those who donate their valuable time to the sport. I know we participate for the love of the sport, but a little reward never hurts!

## DAYTONA (2007) ROAD TRIP!

~LORIE COOPER

This all started with Dianne Bos. She's been down to work at Daytona more times than she can count, and she enjoys it every time. Her enthusiasm is infectious and we and the Zschuppes finally caught the bug and decided to join Dianne, Andrew and Allison down there for Bike Week and the Daytona 200. A few months in the planning and 100's of questions later, Ray, Debbie, Marty and I set off on our road trip at 7 a.m. on Saturday the 3rd of March in our RVs.

It was still way below freezing when we left so the first day was the longest leg—we had to get far enough south that we could stop at a KOA and not freeze our "facilities".

We led the way the whole trip and our Garmin GPS system proved worth every cent as it took us through or around cities depending on what it determined to be the quickest route. (I called it "Carmen-the-Garmin" because it speaks to you in a female voice, but after several impressive routes through busy areas I renamed her Dora the Explorer.)

We reached West Virginia the first day and stayed at a KOA there. All seemed fine until morning when Ray found that their water line had frozen during the night so they were delayed getting water for coffee, showers, etc and they weren't even grumpy!

We were off again and experienced some interesting interchanges in Maryland that temporarily confused Dora and she suddenly evolved into Wanda the Witch when she took us astray and found that we couldn't get there from where we were. "U-turn, u-turn! As soon as you can, make a u-turn!" Bossy & \*\$%#@! Once we were heading back in the right direction her tone changed and she reverted to Dora for the remainder of the trip.

The second day took us through Virginia, North and South Carolina where we finally stopped again at a KOA. Debbie and I took turns getting meals, and that night it was my turn. After 2 days on the road, supper was quick 'n easy—and stupidly included beans...

Day 3 saw us up bright and early and heading directly to a Krispy Creme for coffee and donuts, but not before Ray had a nice telephone conversation with his bank—you'll have to ask him about that one. We reached Georgia a short while later and were finally able to take the jackets off. Palm trees and swamps started appearing along the I-95 about the same time as the 6' fencing that we were told was to keep deer and gators (!) from reaching the road. Did you know that swamps stink? At least that's what Marty told me it was...

We arrived at our destination at about 4:30 p.m. Monday. Dianne, Andrew and Allison were still on track but Dianne arranged for someone to meet us and show us where to set up. We were supplied with water, electricity, cable (yes, cable), a honey-wagon service and even laundry service during the time we were there.

Paul and Donna Meyer were vacationing in New Smyrna Beach and contacted us shortly after our arrival. They showed up a short while later and treated Ray, Debbie, Marty and I to supper from *Sonny's Southern BBQ*. The meal was delicious and especially good because it was shared with great friends.

The next day was Vintage racing and Dianne was the only CRCA marshal working that day. The rest of us set off exploring and Debbie and I found our way to the Daytona Flea Market, about a 20-minute walk from the track. We only managed to see a small part of it in the time we had so Deb and Ray went back to it later in the week.



DAYTONA (2007) ROAD TRIP! (CONT'D)

We went to work on Wednesday for the practices and qualifying. We were split up the first day with me on Corner 1, Ray and Debbie on 8, Allison, Andrew and Marty on 3 and Dianne (Captain) on 9. Thursday we almost all managed to work on corner 5 with only Andrew and Allison missing—they held the fort at 4. Race day (Saturday) found us spread out again with Ray and Debbie at 8 again, Marty (Captain) and I on 3 with 9 others(!), and Dianne (Captain), Allison and Andrew on 1. Everyone got a chance to work flags and safety. It was interesting to see the difference in the flags (they blue-flag bikes, use 2 flags to differentiate between oil and debris, have a special ambulance flag, etc.)

The first day we followed Dianne around like puppies because the routine was so new to us. The second and third days we followed her around because we wanted to annoy her...and it worked! Just kidding—Dianne was ridiculously patient and took lots of time to explain the nuances of marshalling at Daytona. Just to give you an idea of the routine:

- Breakfast (eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, hash-browns, biscuit, bagel, coffee, juice) at 6:30 a.m. provided for us in the Daytona Raceway Museum Restaurant
- Morning meeting at 7:00 where we were provided with sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses, gloves, Fox 40 whistles, diapers (the oil-wicking type), sweatbands
- On track ready to go by 8:00
- Practice/qualifying/racing then a 1-hour lunch break (sandwiches or salads, snacks and drinks) back at the covered area where the morning meetings took place
- Back out on track for the afternoon activities then in for the end-of-day briefing
- Supper either catered on-site or at a local restaurant, also provided free to workers

At the end of my first day, the corner Captain, Dave Somethingoother, drove along the apron at the base of the embankment at turn 1. He stopped and told me to get out and walk up the slope 3-4 steps and pretend to pick something up (so we wouldn't get in trouble for being there). I managed to take 3 steps before I started to slide backward—until you see the real thing, you just don't appreciate the angle or how slippery the surface is. That was a memorable experience!

Friday was a day off for us so Marty and I went to a couple of the local malls to see what there was to see and moseyed around some of the NASCAR and AMA booths on the way there. I'm not a NASCAR fan so that part didn't interest me, but there were some pretty wild pieces of machinery sitting on display.

All of our days at Daytona were busy—even the off days were spent exploring and/or shopping and with temperatures reaching 80°F every day we were a little dragged out at the end of each day, but I don't think it was as bad as we expected.

Some of the workers were given passes to the Super Motocross event on Friday night—we opted out figuring that Saturday was going to be a pretty intense day. The motocross activities made a real mess of the track but we were sent out to check our stations at 9:00 and racing wasn't set to start until 11:00 so it gave us enough time to sweep straw and have cars that were parked in the infield from the night before put on flatbeds and removed (without the knowledge of their owners). They don't fool around when SpeedVision is involved.

The actual races weren't what I'd expected—they were incredibly fast of course, but compared to our regional races, there

didn't seem to be as much action—you know, bikes falling down and such—which could have been because I didn't do comms so only knew what was happening in our corner and wherever the cameras were pointed when I managed to sneak a peek at the Jumbotrons. We had only 1 incident all day long on race day but it was one of the more exciting ones. Jamie Hacking and Aaron Yates came together at the entrance to 3 and both went down. Yates was able to continue but Hacking's bike was too badly damaged so his day was done. Without handlebars you'd think it would be tough to move, but the

**SIX** marshals that went out to get it had no trouble at all... On Sunday Paul & Donna picked us up at 10:00 to go on an adventure. We visited Merritt Island Conservation area and Haulover Canal where we managed to see alligators and manatee in the wild. Our hosts treated us to a terrific BBQ and brought us back pooped, full and ready for bed.

We started our return trip the next morning but without our travel partners. Ray and Debbie were meeting up with friends and were taking a detour into Charleston so we parted company. We took almost the same route back with only a couple of excursions along the way. We went into Gettysburg and sat in on a great electronic map presentation at the museum, then did the battlefield tour in the RV because by that point we were back in the cold, wet weather again. There are literally hundreds of monuments dedicated by various regiments to the thousands of soldiers who lost their lives over the 3-day battle. The tour took us a couple of hours, and we were on our way again.

The remainder of the trip was event-free and included numerous stops at outlet malls for shopping. It's nice to see things that are different from what we see here. Marty would say that I brought them all home, but that's an exaggeration—I left a few things on the shelves.

I enjoyed the trip start to finish and would recommend it to anyone who has the time and inclination. We were treated very well throughout the week and if you don't mind the 4500 km drive (return), it's worth it!



SOCIAL UPDATE

~SHIRLEY JONES

It's officially spring and it's almost that time of year. After a long seven months we're finally heading out to the track again. It's that time when we renew friendships and camaraderie with those that we haven't seen since last race day.

This year, as in years past, we will continue doing the Saturday post-race BBQs. Along with the regular hotdogs and hamburgers we will serve up chicken, sausage on a bun and I'm always open to suggestions for other BBQ ideas. Despite the great lunches Lou serves, we are always ready for the post-race BBQ and the chance to relive the day's events.

Mike Batty is already lining up the guest speakers for our next banquet, held on the last Saturday of October. In past years, Mike has managed to arrange for interesting, informative and amusing speakers for our banquet such as Jerry Malloy, Jim Kenzie (Targa Newfoundland winner), Pat Barnes (Isle of Man TT participant), and Bruce Gregory (co-owner/developer of Calabogie Motorsport Park). This year, he has confirmed Bob Armstrong (I2005 CRCA Driver of the Year) as our guest speaker. For only \$10.00, we will have another great dinner, great prize giveaways, entertaining guest speakers and a D.J. I'm anticipating a great race season...and hope you are all able to participate.

# MINDEN 2007—SNOW BUNNIES

Photos courtesy of Tom smith



L-R: Andrew, Allison, Tom, Dianne, Larry, Bob & Marty



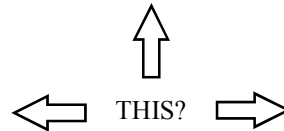
Coming or going?



Bumper reads, "Driver powered by beans & cabbage."

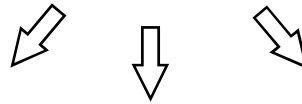


Everyone lends a hand pushing out



or... "Chalet Bunnies" ?

OR THIS?



# DAYTONA 2007—SUN BUNNIES

Photos courtesy of Ray Zschuppe



The famed Main St



Grandstands & infield



Reserved parking...

# SMP April 2007

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	19	20	21 RACE Open Test Day New Marshals' School
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29	30					

### 2007 AT A GLANCE

**RACE:**

**21-22 Apr—Open Test Days**

- 4-6 May—RACE Rnd 1
- 18-20 May—RACE Rnd 2
- 22-24 June—RACE Round 3
- 20-22 July—RACE Round 4
- 3-5 Aug—RACE Round 5
- 31 Aug-2 Sep—Nat’ls Rnd 7 & RACE Rnd 6
- 28-30 Sep—RACE Round 7

**VRRA:**

- 15-17 June—SMP
- 8-9 Sep—North Bay

1-3 June—**CRDA**

Register online at:  
[www.crcal.com](http://www.crcal.com)



### CONTACT FOR MOSPORT EVENTS

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

## SMP Events for May

### SMP Events

- **4-6 May** - RACE Round 1
- **18-20 May** - RACE Round 2

### Mosport Events

- **12-13 May** - BEMC/CASC
- **19-20 May** - Victoria Day Weekend Speedfest

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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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