



SPEED BULLETIN PRESEASON 2013



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TIME TO ROCK PIR!

The story of the 2013 season is about to be written. Will Sam Verderico and Kevin Pinkstaff be able to reel in Alan Schmidt and deny him a 10th consecutive championship? With revamped vintage rules, who will emerge as the new Vintage champion? Ryan Sutton and Andy Dibrino are poised to battle it out for ultimate supremacy in the Clubman championship, but is someone waiting in the wings to spoil the party? One thing is for sure, the six-round saga begins this weekend. Don't miss it!

April 19 – New Racer School

April 20-21

May 18-19

June 8-9

July 26 – New Racer School

July 27-28

August 17-18

September 14-15

November 2 – Grand Awards Ceremony

All the preseason prep work is done. The season is here. Decisions in the paddock and on-track will determine a racer's fate. A slight change here or a split-second choice there can make the difference between leading the pack and meeting your goals or chasing demons and fighting from behind. The only certainty in motorcycle road racing is the blur of speed and the ear-splitting roar of the engines. Racing happens between the fairings and under the helmet at ludicrous speeds. We are ready. Are you?



Ninjas are multiplying! OMRRA's Ninja racing is gaining in popularity. Early rumors have noted veterans joining the dojo.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The new season is upon us. This weekend OMRRA kicks off our 42nd year of road racing in the Northwest. While everyone has been busy readying for the upcoming season, we've been working tirelessly to enhance the racing experience for our racers, volunteers, vendors and spectators. This year, we're introducing a new electronic registration system which will allow racers to better manage their season and pay with ease. This system will speed up the registration process for our racers in a secure and efficient manner.

This year, we've updated the OMRRA.com homepage and brought it into the current century. More user-friendly with ease of navigation, the new interface is an effort to improve our online presence. Look for continued enhancements throughout the year. Also new for 2013: after extensive testing, OMRRA will run the festival curves for the June and August round. This wrinkle of asphalt will bring new challenges to our racers and provide spectators with added excitement. We've also changed tech inspection this year. I don't want to spoil the headline on page 2 of this newsletter, but I'm sure you'll be pleased.

As is the case every year, I cannot thank the volunteers of OMRRA enough for their continued commitment and effort year round. The tireless dedication and energy each of you put into this organization is a testament to your passion. 'Thank you' cannot begin to express the level of gratitude everyone involved with this volunteer organization owes to our volunteers.

One last note before we begin the season. The tea leaves of the economy continue to send mixed signals. For OMRRA, at this point, the best we can do is continue to reduce our costs and make OMRRA as efficient as possible. The climate continues to challenge us but we hope that you'll agree that we're continuing to head in the right direction and deliver the best road racing show in the Northwest. This coming weekend, the sounds of high-revving motorcycle engines will fill the delta as the west coast's fastest racers tear up the tarmac at Portland International Raceway. Thank you for joining us. See you at the track.

Mike McDonough
President OMRRA



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GEAR TECH IN 2013

In an effort to streamline the process, upon a racer's first event of the season, ASIT will conduct a one-time per season helmet certification inspection. ASIT will also perform a one-time per season condition inspection of leathers, back protector, gloves, boots and med forms. If you pass, you get a gear sticker affixed to your helmet for the season. If you crash, the sticker is pulled and you restart the inspection process. ASIT will confirm pit location and on-site contact. Eventually, ASIT will be provided a pre-registration list including pit location and on-site contact, generated by Track Intelligence. For those who have updated TI with the correct information, only a "check, check" process will be necessary. Anyone who isn't on the Registration list, or has not updated their pit info, will provide it at that time.

SPRING NRS – SOLD OUT!!

Sold out? Some have asked, "How can we sell out when we need as many new riders as we can get?" First, let's acknowledge how awesome it is that 30 new racers signed up for NRS. Second, all NRS students occupy the track at the same time with bikes ranging from vintage machines to liter bikes. Throw in a dozen instructors on the 2-mile course track with our newcomers and having a 30 student cap starts to make sense in the interest of safety. But don't worry, tell anyone you know who is interested in racing to sign up for the July NRS early!

ONLINE REGISTRATION

OMRRA is proud to introduce new online registration through Tag Heuer TrackIntelligence. Gone are the days of faxing in registration forms. If you received an email from OMRRA to start your TI account, we strongly encourage you to do so. We know once we're all used to the system it will make registering a snap for our racers and registration divas. Check it out!

HOGS BENEFIT FOR OREGON FOOD BANK

Sunday, The Rose City H.O.G.S. are back and raising funds for Oregon Food Bank. This year instead of raiding your righteous supply of kidney beans we're collecting CASH ONLY donations. So instead of buying some nachos with suspect cheese, reach into your wallet and grab a few duckets to throw in the bucket for a great cause. Your waistline and theirs will thank you!

IT'S A BIKE NOT AN EYE EXAM

Since this is the 2nd time I've been asked to include a section on bike numbering in the newsletter, I'm forced to quote dreadful regulations in regards to bike numbering, Section F-27 of the OMRRA rulebook states numbers must be black on a white background, SIX inches high minimum and no crazy fonts either. If you've got a small tail section consider putting a number display on lower fairings.

OMRRA AFTER HOURS

This ain't no disco. This is a city park and as such PIR has politely advised OMRRA that we must do a better job of adhering to park rules, especially after hours. So 'erbody needs to slow their roll. We have use of this great facility and let's keep it that way. Police each other before they police us. Ain't nobody got time for dat! Movin' on.

SEASON PASSES

So far, OMRRA has set a record in season passes sales. It's not too late to get yours. If you miss the first weekend and still want one, we'll prorate the remaining rounds. To purchase a regular season pass, vendor pass or photog pass, contact omrrainfo@gmail.com for more information.



Caravatta leads the goliath SVs of Harper & Dibrino

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