



# SPEED BULLETIN MAY 2012



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**Ninjas are everywhere! OMRRA's 250 Ninja Cup heralds in a new era at Portland International Raceway**

## ROUND ONE IS IN THE BOOKS!

Thanks to all the racers and volunteers for making the 2012 OMRRA season opener a great success. The weather was fantastic and the racing was just as hot as it left off last year. This year, we saw the introduction of a new class and what could be a new trend in club road racing; the 250 Ninja Cup. The low cost of entry and close racing are very attractive to novices and veterans alike. The paddock was abuzz with the club's fastest professing their desire to throw their hat in the ring and test their skills in a class where the rules keep bikes on par with one another. Is spec racing the future of OMRRA? Judging from the buzz, it very well could be.

April saw the usual suspects doing the business at Portland International Raceway. Alan Schmidt (#1) continues to dominate the Formula Ultra ranks. Cody Wood (#1v) brought new iron to the game and had a spectacular weekend, including breaking a lap record, to assume the early Vintage Championship lead. The clubman championship is hotly contested with Chris Ancien (#41) leading a pack of hungry wolves. For more a more extensive list of results, visit [OMRRA.com](http://OMRRA.com).

## GWS SEAN BUCHANAN

The season opener saw an outpouring of support for Sean Buchanan, a favorite photographer and supporter of the club. The club came together and raised funds to help Sean and his family in their time of need. Thanks to all that gave to a club friend. Sean is still going to need support so if you still want to donate, you can go to a local Wells Fargo branch and donate under Sean's name.

## GIVE. WIN. RIDE. RACE.

OMRRA welcomes the Intel Motorcycle Club Oregon Chapter to our Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> event. The IMC will be raffling off tickets to win a brand new, black, 2012 Kawasaki Ninja ZX6R. Funds are being raised for CureJM.org. Tickets are \$25 each or a 5 pack for \$100. IMC is only selling 1000 tickets. That's right, \$100 gets you a 1 in 200 chance to win a new bike! All Oregon residents are eligible. Non-Oregon residents check eligibility. More details: <http://bit.ly/IgSW8W>

## ENEMY AT THE GATE!

On Friday and Saturday evenings during drag racing events, only those possessing one of the following will be admitted without paying the drag racing gate fee;

- OMRRA Season Pass (still available for purchase!)
- OMRRA Vendor Season Pass
- OMRRA Photographer Season Pass
- OMRRA Wristband

If you do not have one of the above as proof of purchase with OMRRA, PIR will charge the drag racing gate fee. The fee goes to drag racing, not OMRRA. OMRRA will not reimburse nor issue an OMRRA wristband for payment of drag race gate fees.

Please read the following on OMRRA.com for more information on Friday & Saturday evening gate entry and Friday night tech-inspection.

[Gate Entry](#)

[Friday night Tech Inspection](#)



**Cindy and Andy Dibrino head up the efforts to raise donations for Sean Buchanan GWS campaign**



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### TGIF! NO, NO, NO. PRWPTIF!!!

Huh? Friday's with OMRRA are "Preregistered Racers With Paperwork Tech Inspection Friday." What does that mean? If you managed to get through the gate (see previous page) and pick up your pre-registration paperwork between 7-8pm on Friday, you can take your bike(s) through tech inspection Friday evening and enjoy a little more time with a scone and your whipped mochaccino on Saturday morning. Pre-reg has benefits!

### OMRRA, WE HAVE A PROBLEM

And it's electric, boogie woogie, woogie. Ugh. Have they convicted the authors of the Electric Slide yet? Anywho, we have an electrical issue at PIR; we're tripping GFIs on a mass scale. The problem: the circuits are overloaded. The solution? Use less. Please scale back usage so the system can serve as many as possible.

### SIMULCAST RACES ON PIRLIVE.COM

Can't hear the announcements over the WWII-era speakers in the paddock? PIR has done a great job of supplying alternatives to hear the PA. Available every race weekend, KPIR 1620 AM (track only) and PIRLive.com simulcast OMRRA races LIVE! Online, OMRRA can be seen and heard from Puyallup to Paris! If you can't make it out to PIR, check us out online.

### CAN I GET YOUR DIGITS?

Racers, our volunteers need your help. Working a corner is not meant to be an eye test. 3V3N 1F YOUR NUM83R'5 4R3 L3G4L, they may still be difficult to R34D, comprehend? When designing your next paint scheme, consider the following: front fairings with your race number on one side are difficult to read from one side of the track or worse yet, when that side of your bike is nuzzling the dirt. Belly pan numbers are encouraged. So go on, give us your digits like you're the hottest thing in the club!

### LET'S BE PAYPALS

As introduced last month, OMRRA is able to receive PayPal payments. Here's the rub: when you send a payment you should send an email to inform us what you're paying for since there is no shopping cart attached to your payment. Sending in blind payments could result

in administrative confusion. For best results, send an accompanying email when using PayPal.

### FAREWELL TO GRACE!

A few important rules were introduced to OMRRA's rulebook for 2012. At the top of the list were the new helmet requirements (section E-1) and aftermarket case covers for inline fours (F-36). NOTICE: Grace has left the building and June will be joined by Mandy Tory for the next round. In other words, adherence to the rulebook is REQUIRED for June. No exceptions.

### PREVIEW JUNE 2-3 RACE SCHEDULE

The schedule makers must read the newsletter because it is no longer in military time. We have the power! Check out the schedule: [Click here for the pdf](#)

### NO RACING IN MAY!?!?

While weather this May has been inexplicably delightful, the 2012 schedule allowed us more summer dates (read: less rain). As a consolation, we're bringing you two race weekends in June! You're welcome! As an added bonus, the June 23-24 round will have sidecars and the TTXGP (electric superbikes!). Additionally, an electric vehicle festival will be held in the outside pits.



Jason "On The" Gasparinatos in 1 of 6 races in April.

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