



Trackside

Quarterly Newsletter

March 2015

Letter from the President

Welcome to the 2015 race season!

I hope you, like me, have been spending time in the garage these past months preparing motorcycles for April. Fluids to change, pads to check, chains to lube...and months to wait. We're nearly there.

Over the winter, I'm happy to say, your Board and a growing number of volunteers have been hard at work behind the scenes to make this an exciting year, and one of unique progress in the history of our Association.

We're especially looking forward to the first ever OMRRA Track Day, integrated with our Saturday race schedule. While track days will add revenue for OMRRA, helping us keep race fees the same as last year, our bigger hope is these track riders will be tempted and impressed by OMRRA, and will join our family as racers and volunteers over time.

This year we'll be deploying additional Air Fence and updating some of our safety equipment, thanks to funds raised by the Portland Motorcycle Film Festival; over \$22,000 the past two years. Repairs have been made, and extra Air Bales ordered, as part of our commitment to continue improving safety for motorcyclists at PIR.

We're also looking forward to hosting WMRRA as part of our September event. Races that weekend will count for both OMRRA and WMRRA championships, with bigger grids full of old friends as a result. Should be fun!

Last, I'd like to personally thank the people who've helped with all it takes to run and improve OMRRA this winter. Whether it's working through the endless details of Track Intelligence, building a new permanent trailer for ASIT, documenting our registration system and teaching our new staff, or updating OMRRA's logo and website, it all takes time, dedication and enthusiasm. It's appreciated. Thank you.

Now...let's race!

See you in April,

Chris



2015 Sponsors

OMRRA welcomes back many of our sponsors, and appreciates their dedicated support of road racing in Oregon!

KFG Racing, owned by Barry and April Wressel, once again is the OMRRA title sponsor. They bring their top shelf skills in trackside support; with race tuning, suspension, Pirelli tires, and outstanding service. Thank you bringing your superb shop and crew to OMRRA.

Portland's own Langlitz Leathers, home of the 'World's Finest Leathers' repeats as the Vintage Championship series sponsor. World famous for their made-to-measure leather riding jackets, pants and vests, the Langlitz family has been suiting up motorcycle riders since 1947.

Our friends at Vicious Cycle, Sang-Froid Riding Club, Competition Motors, MotoCorsa, Beaverton Motorcycles, Rubber Side Down Motorcycle Towing, CycleGear, GP Suspension, Autumn Industries, APEX, Zlock Racing, Glass From the Past, Velomacchi, Northwest Structural Moving, and JR Johnson Inc. take pleasure and pride in partnering with OMRRA in 2015! The list of sponsors, with click-through links, will appear on omrra.com. Please patronize the businesses who sponsor and contribute to the ongoing success of OMRRA, and thank them at the cash register!

REMINDER DATES

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| • April 1st | Vote on Bylaws begins |
| • April 1st | Registration Opens |
| • April 16 & 17 | New Racer School |
| • April 18 & 19 | First Race Weekend! |
| • May 9 & 10 | Second Race Weekend |

BYLAW AMENDMENT VOTE!

ALL 2015 members (racers, members, volunteers with membership) are asked to please vote when you receive the vote-by-email ballot on a proposed change to OMRRA Bylaws Election Rules. A newly established Elections Committee has drafted expanded Election Rules, and asks your support through voting - either Yes or No - on the proposed amendment. Details of the change will be published in the Forum on the OMRRA Website.

To amend OMRRA Bylaws, a minimum of 30% of 2015 Membership must vote for the election to be valid, and a 2/3 majority is required to pass the proposed amendment. If there is a low voter turnout, the election will be invalid. Every member has a responsibility to participate in the process, as the Bylaws are our most important organizational document. Thank you in advance for your participation.



NEW RACER SCHOOL

As of this writing, April 16/17 session of New Racer School has only **5 spots left** for students ready to learn the basics of racing from our team of experts.

Washington, Canada, Alaska, and Oregon riders filled the seats at three New Racer Workshops over the winter, and are in final stages of bike, gear and paperwork to move their dreams of racing forward. High fives to CycleTune, Beaverton Motorcycles, and Cheshire Motorsports for opening their shops to our NRW teams.

Thursday night, April 16th, the NRS kicks off its classroom session at MotoCorsa at 6:30 pm. Friday, April 17th, from 8am to 5pm is the all day on-track instruction at PIR. Many OMRRA experts volunteer their time to instruct, evaluate and mentor new racers. New Racer School is led by Kevin Pinkstaff and Steve Suitor.

FORMULA III RETURNS

Promising larger grids in 2015, a passionate group of Formula III racers requested a re-vote by the Membership on the matter. The 97-14 result in favor means the immediate reinstatement of Formula III for 2015!

2010 HELMETS!

MAKE SURE YOUR HELMET IS RACE LEGAL!

Your Race Helmet is required to be at least Snell 2010 or ECE 22-05 approved for the 2015 season at OMRRA, WMRA, and AFM.



No Snoozin' means
No Losin'!

OMRRA TRACKDAYS

Track Days at OMRRA are happening! Beginning April 1, riders who do **NOT** have race licenses are able to signup online for OMRRA Track Day sessions, offered on Saturdays within race weekend. Go to <http://omrra.com/track-days/> for costs and details. Racers, direct your track day friends there and let them share the race weekend experience with you. The goal of this effort is to grow the club. **Racers are not eligible to sign up for track day sessions.** We are looking for referrals from our motorcycle community to fill the 30-spot session each race weekend Saturday. You know you can ask omrrainfo@gmail.com for more information.

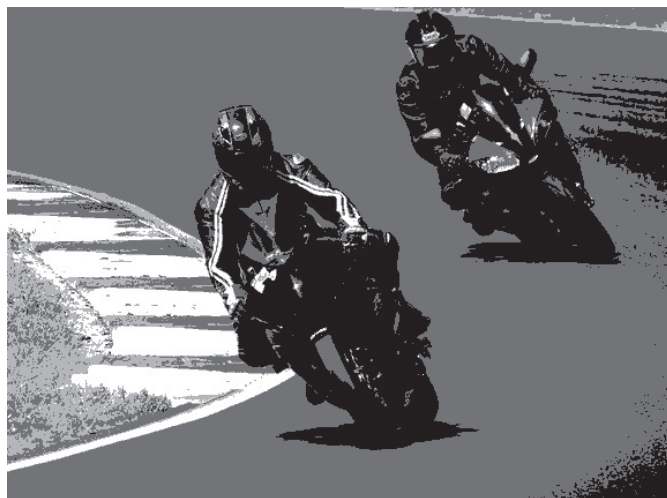
When: Saturdays, each race weekend

What: Four 15-minute sessions, 2 before lunch and 2 after.

Cost: \$100 plus \$10 at the gate

Limit: 30 riders

Applicants must have run in A or B group in a PIR track day in the past 2 years, or in A group at a track day elsewhere in that timeframe. Motorcycles must be SV650 or larger, from year 2000 or newer, and of sportbike or "standard" style.



RACER NEWS

Our club members have much to be proud of this off-season! We'd love to share what you are doing so email patig57@gmail.com with any racer updates. You can also share updates directly at <http://www.facebook.com/omrra.racing>

OMRRA racers racing in Moto America

Devon McDonough will be racing in MotoAmerica's Superstock 1000 class on an Aprilia RSV4 on the HSBK Racing Team this year. The crew chief for the team is OMRRA racer and owner of RSRacecraft Ronnie Saner. Go Devon and Ronnie!

Sponsored by ICON, Motorsport.com, EDR, GP Suspension, and Dunlop, Andy DiBrino will be racing MotoAmerica's Superstock 600 class. When he's not riding nationally, he'll be out at PIR with OMRRA. Go Andy!

OMRRA Racers In Australia

OMRRA racers Jon Munns, Eirik Neilsen, and Dan "Joe Signs" Weir returned to Australia this January to race in the Phillip Island International Challenge. Competing against racers such as famed TT champion John McGuinness, the trio were honored to represent OMRRA at this prestigious event. The OMRRA racers faced stiff competition, but earned a handful of top-five finishes in multiple classes.

OMRRA Racer Helps Local Teens Build Race Bike

OMRRA vintage racer Ron Bloker knows a thing or two about building bikes. When his local high school lost its shop teacher due to budget cuts, Ron stepped in to help out. Ron tells the story: "I approached the administration and asked if they would let me teach a small engines class. I proposed that students learn the basics of engine theory while they disassemble and assemble a Briggs and Stratton L-head engine. After completing the D&A on a new engine, they work on the class project - rebuilding a CB160. The students are preparing a total rebuild with the intent of selling the completed motorcycle at the end of the school year to finance their next project."

OMRRA Racers to race Pike's Peak

OMRRA racers Brian Osborne and Jason Doody plan to race the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Race this year. This race is famous for its challenging course up 14,110-foot Pikes Mountain. The weather can change dramatically from the beginning to the end of the race. It will be fascinating to talk with them about their strategies to the top and their bikes! Go Brian and Jason!



RACE WEEKEND CHANGES!

We have a few new volunteers and systems for 2015. Please give yourselves a little extra time for the first race weekend of April 18 & 19th. Be aware of the following changes:



ASIT has a new home, a permanent structure at the base of the Tower. Both gear tech and bike tech will happen in one convenient location! Thanks Tullio and Matt!



Scott Soper will be the 2015 Race Director. Scott brings years of racing, track day riding, and volunteering experience to this position. Thanks Scott!



Betty Marie Herlocker will be the 2015 Race Day Volunteer Coordinator.



Tullio Celano will be the 2015 Membership Representative and will work closely with Betty Marie.



Bike tech will be slightly different this year with the addition of once a season Belly Pan Technical Inspection. You will need to remove your Belly Pan and bring it to Tech for your first race weekend. Once it is inspected, it will get a sticker for the year. This will be identical at AFM, WMRA, and now OMRRA.



Contingency Tech will be done in conjunction with Bike Tech. Look for an important Contingency Only email in early April and check the OMRRA forum for more information.



Track day Riders will go through same gear tech & bike tech lines as OMRRA Racers. Make sure to say Hi and help them find their way.



Taste of Racing will be happening on Sundays all season long. Let your friends know!

SMOOTH REGISTRATION

April Race registration opens April 1! 2015 rule changes revised motorcycle technical specs in several OMRRA classes. Please re-run the bike interview for each bike in your race garage, including any new additions!

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

OMRRA always needs Volunteers. Specifically, we are looking for Bike and Contingency Tech Inspectors for Race Weekends, Corner Workers, and there will be an opportunity to refurbish the new ASIT permanent trailer at the base of the Tower. Email omrrainfo@gmail.com if you can help!