



2009 Can-Am News

Welcome to another year of BMX racing at Can-Am, BMX! Your Board of Directors has a lot of ideas planned for the upcoming season, and as always, VOLUNTEERS are needed in many capacities. If you have any job expertise (plumbing, electrical, building, painting, sign-making, fund-raising, etc.) or equipment available to you that could be used in

improving our track and grounds, please contact any of the board members. (See brochure or website for contact info.)

Our first order of business is work bees, to get the track and grounds ready for the season. We cannot do this alone, so anyone wishing to help can just show up on the days of the work bees and we will put you to work (bring a pushbroom or rake, too)! Our first work bee is Saturday, May 2; and our second is Thursday, May 7, which will be combined with registration and practice if the track is ready. For times check the website or call track director Chad Noetzel at 810-984-4258.



Opening Day - May 9th



Next we come to Opening Day on May 9. We are planning a silent auction and are looking for items to include. If you have an item or service that you are willing to donate, let us know. For drop off info or if you need something picked up, contact Michelle (Goodells area) at 810 325-9501, Chad (Port Huron) or Bob (St. Clair) at 810 326-0360. Even small items can be used to combine in "theme" baskets, so please let us know if you have anything to include. Suggestions include gift cards, sports equipment, or anything else you can think of. **The deadline to donate items is May 2, so that we can have things organized for our May 9 Opening Day festivities.** Remember that Can-Am BMX is a registered non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided upon request.

Changes you will see this year are more structured practice times so that younger, inexperienced riders are not always sharing the track with faster, more aggressive riders. We hope this change will allow everyone to more fully benefit from practice, as well as allow for more mentoring between new riders and more seasoned BMX-ers. On race days, the track will be CLOSED from 6:15 until the races start, as well as between motos 2 and 3, to improve our ability to keep the track in good condition and limit non-registered riders from using the track on race days. Also note that a change in regulations from the NBL states that rolled up blue jeans are no longer permitted on the track—jeans must either be taped or zip-tied.

Riders will be seeing changes in the awards system this year (medals for the top 3 places instead of trophies, with occasional trophy days TBA, and one race fee for all riders.) We will be offering prepaid coupon books for 5, 10 or full season of races which will save time in the registration line, as well as offer financial savings on the per race fee. As well, family members or businesses can "sponsor" a rider by purchasing prepaid coupon books, and benefit from some free advertising as all sponsorships will be announced whenever that rider is racing. For more information, talk to one of the board members or check out the website.



We hope to be able to install lights at the track this year, as well as purchase some decent picnic tables. Other track improvements will depend on finances as we are unfortunately still dealing with the loss of funds because of repairs needed due to the vandalism at the track last season.



Also in September we will be hosting the MI-NBL State Finals, and will need a LOT of help to make this weekend event run smoothly. And as always, remember that we are a volunteer-run organization and need a minimum of 8 to 10 ADULT volunteers per race to fill all required positions. (We encourage youth volunteers, but some positions must be filled by adults only.) Ask any board member how to volunteer, and we will be happy to train you for any position.

Look for information later in the season on participation in the Rotary International Day Parade on July 15 (with a "Magic of Story Time" theme, so if you have any ideas on tying stories and books into a BMX display, let us know!) and an open house on the last day of the 4H Youth Fair (August 1).



Please contact your board with suggestions to make this the best BMX season Can-Am has seen! Look forward to seeing you at our work bees and on May 9 for Opening Day.

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