

Winter Newsletter 2017

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Early Winter 2017 Quarterly Newsletter

TIME TO REGISTER

You like your number! You want to keep your number!

The easy way to make sure that happens is register by January 31st.

Fill out the registration & medical form and get it back to the office with some cash. It is that easy! Just follow the links.

<http://2017 OMRRA Membership Application>

<http://2017 OMRRA WMMRA Medical Form>

OMRRA Workshops!

OMRRA is in the middle of the Workshop Season: meeting with prospective racers, volunteers, and track day riders and answering questions on how they can join us. The first workshop, generously hosted by Beaverton Motorcycles, has passed, but there are 3 more to tell your friends all about!

- **Feb. 15th at 6pm - EDR Performance**
- **Mar. 8th at 6pm - Cheshire Motorsports**
- **May 20th at 3pm - Vicious Cycle**

Job Opportunity - Airfence

OMRRA deploys approximately 66 units



Note from OMRRA President

OMRRA Members:

Here's hoping you all spent the recent Days of Ice and Snow doing nothing but oil changes, coolant flushes, placing sponsor stickers, and imagining sunny days at PIR. The wait is killin' me!

But, we can see the 2017 OMRRA season from here. Step 1 is definitely to get your Membership and Med Form into the OMRRA office, so Indy can help you keep your race number. Step 2 is to target a "vulnerable" friend, and bring him or her to one of our upcoming New Racer Workshops. And Step 3 is to come on out to the Portland Motorcycle Film Festival, an OMRRA Air Fence Fundraiser, on January 27-28.

(aka "bales") of Airfence (soft barriers) to 3 locations at PIR each event weekend. The Airfence is stored in shipping containers on the PIR property, and is moved to and from their deployment positions on an OMRRA owned 20' flatbed trailer.

Typically requires 2 or more independent contractors and one vehicle capable of towing the 4000# trailer (loaded). Estimated at 18-20 man hours, Thurs pm through Sun pm. \$1000 per weekend.

Interested parties please email info@omrra.com for more information.

OMRRA & WMRRA Hosted Round

OMRRA has enjoyed hosting WMRRA at PIR the past two years. There have been questions asked by OMRRA Membership about the lack of a hosted round in 2017. This attempts to answer the primary questions. The OMRRA Board remains optimistic about a hosted round in 2018.

Why isn't there a hosted round in 2017 at PIR?

- OMRRA formally asked the WMRRA Board to align 2017 schedules, avoid conflicting weekends and participate in a 2017 hosted round at PIR, with initial and repeated outreach from OMRRA beginning July 2016, via email, phone and in person.
- WMRRA decided not to schedule a hosted round at PIR with OMRRA on Jan. 12, 2016.

Why isn't there a hosted round in 2017 in Washington?

- WMRRA did not formally present an option for a combined or hosted round in Washington to the OMRRA board.
- To be considered, a proposal must be received well before the annual scheduling process with PIR. OMRRA requests track dates for the following

After 4 years, the Film Festival has raised over \$50,000 for Air Fence and safety gear purchase and deployment at OMRRA events. Thanks to all who bought tickets – shows are sold out, so we'll see you there.

The 2017 race schedule is published, with New Racer School and chicane dates chosen. Unfortunately, due to schedule challenges and shifting priorities, WMRRA has chosen not to join OMRRA for a combined round at one of our events this season. I'm disappointed, since they were our largest events the past two years, and we'll miss seeing the Washington crew here as a group. But...look for other interesting mid-season special events. The gap is a challenge and an opportunity to create something new. More to come on that.

We'll be sharing more about those plans for the season, and soliciting ideas for ongoing improvements to our Association, at the February General Membership Meeting. Come on out, bring your questions and ideas for the Board, and be part of the process.

See you soon!

Cheers,
Chris

REMINDER DATES

January 27 -28

PDX International Motorcycle
Film Festival

Feb 15th

OMRRA Workshop - EDR Performance

Feb. 21st

General Membership Meeting

Mar. 8th

OMRRA Workshop - Cheshire Motorsports

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The general membership meeting will be at Ringlers Pub on February 21st starting at 7:00

season by the end of August, and PIR assembles its provisional schedule in September. OMRRA's provisional schedule was sent to WMRRA and AFM to help avoid conflicts, as there is still some flexibility through October. Typically other clubs send their proposed dates to OMRRA for the same purpose. The schedule is firm by November.

- When informally asked by WMRRA members, the OMRRA Board has remained open to the possibility of going to the Ridge.
- A Ridge event would almost certainly mean a 7th round for OMRRA. Once dates are given up at PIR, OMRRA risks losing first right of refusal (not being able to get dates back the following season). The permanent loss of a date would limit OMRRA's ability to thrive in the future. The OMRRA Board would need to have a conversation with the General Membership about support for a 7th round.

What is the difference between a "Combined" round and a "Hosted" round?

- Hosted means the race event is entirely organized and operated by the Host Club including track rental, insurance, registration, timing and scoring, staffing and administration. At the 2015 and 2016 OMRRA events, WMRRA attendees were guests, as were riders from AFM or elsewhere.
- A "combined" event would mean two clubs splitting management, cost, labor, and financial risk/reward to run an event. Due to the complexity of equitably splitting all those, to-date OMRRA has not designed or offered such an arrangement, nor has OMRRA received such a proposal. For the sake of simplicity, the hosted format has worked well.

Has OMRRA given money to WMRRA for the 2015 or 2016 hosted rounds?

- In 2015, with no past experience as a

pm. The Pub is located at 1332 W. Burnside St.

SCHEDULE UPDATES

The New Racer Schools will be held April 27-28 and July 13-14. June and August will be the Chicane weekends.



OFFSEASON MOTORCYCLE FUN

PDX Motorcycle Film Festival

Yes it is sold out but that is great news for OMRRA Racers - all proceeds go to the OMRRA Airfence & Safety Fund! If you were lucky enough to get tickets, the event is **Jan. 27 -28** at the Hollywood Theater.

The One Moto Show

Always a great time to see amazing bikes & hang out with friends. OMRRA will have a booth there as well so stop by and say hi. **Feb. 10- 12** at 900 N. Columbia Blvd.

Flat Track Racing

Many OMRRA racers have been racing flat track motorcycles down at the Salem Speedway during the off season. The next races are season racing on **Feb. 11** from 5- 10 pm and Pro Flat Tracking on **Feb. 12** as part of the One Moto Show.

Flying 15 Season Opener

March 26 is the date - details to follow on the Flying 15 Website.



guide, no money was requested or exchanged. WMRRA asked OMRRA to host a date that season after they'd only scheduled five race weekends that year.

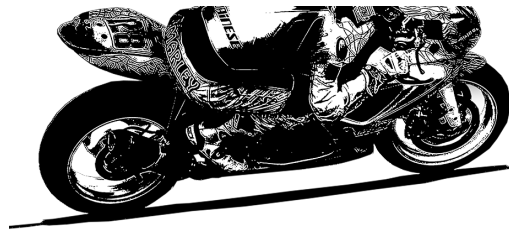
- OMRRA offered and paid WMRRA \$5,000 following their return visit in 2016. That calculation was made following the event based on a percentage of profits after expenses were paid.
- OMRRA increased the financial offer to WMRRA for 2017, with incentives to elevate rider attendance, that could have paid \$7,500-\$10,000.

Why was WMRRA paid in 2016?

- The second event was as financially successful as the first. Payment was both an acknowledgement of the contribution WMRRA racers made to the bottom line, and to lay the groundwork for future reciprocation. It was a sound business decision, and in short, OMRRA thought it was fair.

Who bears the costs of a Hosted round at PIR?

- OMRRA bears the costs including track rental, insurance, and staffing. WMRRA would similarly bear the costs for OMRRA to attend a round in Washington. Some generous WMRRA volunteers asked if they could help in 2015 and 2016. Their hotel rooms were paid for by OMRRA, and they received the same food, drink, and warm thanks that OMRRA's volunteers receive. OMRRA did not require WMRRA volunteers to help.
- If WMRRA incurred other costs, those are not known to OMRRA.



KEEP BUSY

OMRRA has many opportunities for volunteering during the off season!

OMRRA New Racer Workshops

OMRRA will be holding the remaining new Racer workshops in February, and March, and May. Racers are always a welcome addition to these events to talk to new prospective racers and volunteers!

ASIT Shack

It is going to be repaired this off-season. Stay tuned on Facebook for announcements looking for help.

Website Maintenance

Omrra is looking for computer savvy folks to help keep the ship running and up to date. If you have this skill set and a little extra time, just email [OMRRA](mailto:info@omrra.com).

Committees

OMRRA needs help behind the scenes - there are active committees for Communications, Sponsorships, Safety, and Membership issues that all do work during the off-season. Email [OMRRA](mailto:info@omrra.com) and we'll make sure you get connected!

Any questions? Contact info@omrra.com or call 503.841.6185



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