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Greetings Corner Marshals!

Welcome to the 2006 Motorcycle Roadracing Association season. We are looking forward to another exciting year of racing action. As Corner Marshals, you are a vital part of the MRA. – By making the track safe, **you** make it possible for the sport to continue.

As in the past three seasons, my primary role will be to keep you informed about each event. This season's Track Marshal is Tim Young. Kip Book continues as Head Corner Marshal.

Although it is long, please read this letter thoroughly!

This year there are some changes in how we'll be operating. If you have any questions, be sure to contact myself or Kip. Our contact information is at the bottom of the letter. Enclosed with this letter is: the full 2006 season calendar, a typical day's schedule, a list of items you should bring with you, and important things to remember.

MRA Event Locations: As most of you have heard, during the past year three racetracks have been closed in Colorado: Second Creek, Continental Divide, and Pikes Peak. This leaves only two road race tracks: PMI Pueblo Motorsports Park, and La Junta Raceway. However, there are two great tracks that are opening this season: Miller Motorsports Park (MMP) in Utah, and Motorsports Park Hastings (MPH) in Nebraska. This year MRA will conduct two rider schools and three races at Pueblo, two race events at La Junta, one weekend with two race events at Miller, and two weekend events at Hastings.

Training Sessions: This year we will conduct the classroom training on the same date and place as the rider school days. (Sunday, April 16 and Friday, April 21) The rider schools are the best time to train new workers because on these days we can familiarize ourselves with trackside procedures without the pressure of a full race schedule. We'll have a classroom session first, and then go trackside for the rest of the day.

On these days, we'll spend the first couple hours covering procedures such as: race day operations, responsibilities of each crew position (i.e. flagger, assist, captain), communications protocols, and most importantly: safety. Then we'll be trackside for the remainder of the day. Please be there by 7:00am. We should be finished by 4:00 pm (maybe earlier).

So that new marshals receive the best possible training before their first full race day, we need as many experienced marshals as possible to attend the rider school days. So everyone, please plan to attend –Novice and Expert marshals alike

MRA Race Event Weekends: Below is the basic information about the MRA race events. Detailed schedules are on the enclosed pages. Remember, MRA events are Saturday and Sunday, there is racing on both days. So whichever day you work, you will see some action. If you can't be there both days, consider coming out on Saturday. On Saturdays we typically have less crew members who come out, but it is just as important to have a full staff. We also pay a bonus if you are able to work both days.

Saturdays – Be there by 6:30am. Practice sessions run until approximately 12:00 pm. Afternoon brings a bit more practice, two Endurance Races, and a Sprint race. We should be done by 4:00pm.

Sundays -- A full race schedule is run on these days, it's important that you be there no later than 6:30 am so that we have time to get organized and perform track prep. We need as many marshals as possible. Lots of Bikes and Lots of action! We usually finish by 5:30pm.

MRA Race #7/8 (July 8/9 @ MMP) –MRA DOUBLE HEADER WEEKEND.
We will run the usual Sunday full race schedule on BOTH Saturday **and** Sunday.

Setup / Teardown: In order to streamline the operations each race event weekend, we will be instituting some new morning setup and afternoon tear-down procedures.

-- On Saturday mornings, the first thing that will occur is distribution of equipment to all corners and start/finish. We will need several people (hopefully volunteers) to perform this task. After gear is placed, then crew assignments will be announced and crew will be positioned on the course. Prior to going 'Hot' the Track Marshal (or designee) will make an inspection lap to verify course conditions and readiness/placement of all workers and equipment.

-- On Sunday, after all races are complete, ALL workers are expected to assist in loading the gear from their assigned corners into the equipment truck. We need a person to be the designated 'Loadmaster' to ensure the gear is stowed properly. After the corner equipment is loaded and the truck returns to the pits, then we will hold a post-race briefing and distribute pay.

-- After the crew is paid, then we will be looking for a couple of people to assist our equipment manager in loading all the remaining MRA gear into the truck. This includes the Air Fence, Pit Bikes, Radios & Transmitters, Canopies, Starting Lights, Inspection Ramps, Tables, etc, etc...

If you are interested in helping with any of these extra duties, contact Kip Book.

AMA Superbike Race: This year the AMA race will be held June 16-19 at Miller Motorsports Park (MMP) in Utah. The MRA is **not** providing the corner crew for this event. If you are interested in working this race you must contact MMP directly. To volunteer, visit their website: www.millermotorsportspark.com or contact Jill Giles at 801.563.4261.

Daily Reimbursement: For race event weekends you will be reimbursed \$50 per day, plus a \$10 bonus if you can work both Saturday and Sunday. It is also planned to provide lunch at all events, though the details on how this will work are not finalized. For the rider's school/training days, as last year, the reimbursement will be \$40/day; a bit less than a normal race event day because the MRA derives no income on these days. The MRA plans to provide lunch on all days.

Lodging Expenses: The MRA will help to defray your lodging expenses when a race is held outside your local area. You can be reimbursed for both Friday and Saturday nights. To be eligible, you must work the day following the night you wish to be paid for. The reimbursement rate is \$35 per person, per night, when you stay in a hotel/motel (not to exceed the actual cost of lodging). If you share a room with one or two friends, this should cover typical costs. — Also remember, most of the racetracks will allow free camping.

Special Transportation and Lodging for MRA races at Miller and Hastings:

It is planned to have transportation to/from the events at these out-of-state locations. Details are still being worked out, but will most likely be in the form of the MRA renting 12-15 passenger van(s) that will depart/return from the Denver Metro area. Also, the MRA plans to book a block of hotel rooms for the corner crew. –No out-of pocket expenses for you! But in order to make enough reservations for both the transport and lodging we will need you to tell us in advance if you will work at these events. We'll contact you later to capture this information.

New Workers: New corner workers are welcome anytime! We highly encourage you to attend one or both of corner crew training/rider school sessions before working a regular race event. But, if unable to, or you are joining us later in the season, we'll provide on-the-job training on any MRA race or practice day.

Spread the Word! We can always use more Corner Marshals!! So bring your friends and acquaintances with you!! Enclosed are some additional advertising flyers you can use to recruit more Marshals. Please display them at work or school and give them to anyone who may be interested. If you want more copies, let us know, and we'll send you as many as you need. Don't forget to tell everyone how much fun and excitement there is; they'll be hooked after the first race – just like you!

If you have any questions, comments, or need additional information, please contact us.

Thanks for your interest in being an MRA Corner Marshal. See you at the Track!

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2006 MRA Season Schedule		
<small>(All are Sat–Sun unless otherwise indicated)</small>		
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Apr 16 (Sun)	Rider School	Pueblo Motorsports Park
Apr 21 (Fri)	Rider School	Pueblo Motorsports Park
Apr 29 – 30	MRA Race # 1	Pueblo Motorsports Park
Jun 3 – 4	MRA Race # 2	La Junta Raceway
Jul 8 – 9	MRA Race # 3/4	Miller Motorsports Park
Jul 29 – 30	MRA Race # 5	Motorsports Park Hastings
Aug 12 – 13	MRA Race # 6	Pueblo Motorsports Park
Aug 26 – 27	MRA Race # 7	La Junta Raceway
Sep 9 – 10	MRA Race # 8	Motorsports Park Hastings
Sep 23 – 24	MRA Race # 9	Pueblo Motorsports Park

IF WE'RE NOT HAVING FUN -- WE'RE NOT DOING IT RIGHT!