

Press Release

**2009 Midwest Motorsports Canada Ltd  
Canadian National Mini Roadracing Championship Series – Round #2**

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**Regina, Canada:** On June 13/14, 2009 round 2 of the six round national championship series sponsored by Midwest Motorsports Canada Ltd, Three Hills Alberta, commenced under the hot sun and living skies. The event was hosted by the CNMRA's newest member club, the Prairie Sport Riders Association (PSRA), at their home track "3 Flags Motorsports Park" (10 minutes north of Regina, Saskatchewan). With almost 90 race class entries representing mini roadracing clubs from across Western Canada, the PSRA's team of local racers were keen to match their racing skills against the large contingent of visitor racers.

The first class on the grid was the Spec Supersport class. Early front runners included youth mentor, Jay fox (AMRA President) young Geoffrey Gerbrandt, followed closely by SMRA President Emil Peev and PSRA President, Kevin Ham. Gerbrant was happy to be the spoiler for the President's sweep of the podium, by taking the checkered flag, followed by the three presidents Fox (2<sup>nd</sup>), Peeve (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Ham (4<sup>th</sup>). Victory provided Fox a slight lead over friend and rival, Peev, in the national standings.

Thunder and Thumper class was run as a combined race. As usual these classes provided great excitement and continue to be popular with both racers and spectators. With 11 bikes in the field, the competition was tight. Matt "The Showman" Bagshaw took an early lead and built distance from the rest of the field, but perhaps pushed too hard and crashed at the mid-race point. This allowed Jay Baloch, Kevin Ham and Corey Radom (of Regina) to take the lead positions. Bagshaw would not give up that easily and jumped back in the race and put his head down and got to work, making his way back through the field. The young journeyman was able to make his way back to second place (by a tire width) at the finish line. First place was taken handily by Baloch with Ham and Radom settling for third and fourth.

The Thumper class, continues to gain rider interest and participation as the championship series progresses. The purpose built mini roadracer, the Konker NRG 125 made it's inaugural appearance at the Canadian Nationals. The NRG bike (sponsored by Midwest Motorsports Ltd.) and rider, Tracey Marshall, achieved their first national mini roadracing podium in third place behind current national points leader, Ian McWirter, with PSRA's Bruce Holowaty taking second.

Once again the Spec and Formula Pocketbike Classes were won by the current points leader '08 Pocketbike 40cc Provincial and National Class Champion Chris Mah. Twins Daniel and Pierre Pelletier mounted a strong attack in both races, but Mah responded to the pressure fended off the challenges. The finishing order remained the same in both races Chris Mah (1<sup>st</sup>), Daniel Pelletier (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Pierre Pelletier (3<sup>rd</sup>).

This years youth category, ages 7-10, consisted of Brett Stitch, Nathan Mooney and Christy Conrad. These 3 youngsters were geared up and ready to go every time it was there chance to get out on the track. They all had big smiles on their faces and seemed to be very excited about racing against each other. Whether they won or not, the smiles stayed with them all day long. As always the Youth class was a crowd pleasing experience to watch as these future racing stars pushed their 50cc bikes to the

limits. Congratulations to all three riders on a great race. In the end, victory went to Brett Stitch of Moose Jaw SK, taking first place followed by Nathan Mooney of Warman, SK in second and Christy Conrad of Calgary, AB happily walking away with third. Seeing such dedication and competitiveness and sportsmanship from these participants signifies a bright future for mini road racing.

A special feature of this event was the PSRA's club promotion of ladies in mini road racing called the "We Can Do It" Ladies Invitational Race. The objective of the program was to introduce the exciting sport of mini road racing to ladies that had never raced before. Ladies participating in the program were well prepared for the races by attending several pre-event practice sessions. With the combined support of the AMRA and PSRA, the ladies were provided with club bikes and racing equipment. Lining up at the grid in excited anticipation was a record setting 15 female racers ranging in age from 11 to over 40, including family race teams. Little did the spectators and racers that were watching, know that this was going to be one of the most closely contested and exciting ladies class races ever held at the national championship level. At the drop of the starters flag, the race was definitely on. Quick to jump to the lead was Saskatoon rider Vanessa Crawford, jumping to the front from the second row with the hole-shot off the start. But her lead shrunk with Robyn Ham narrowing the gap at the end of the first lap. As the racers pressed on, both riders switched lead positions to the gasps and cheers of the spectators. Battling close behind for third place were Brooke Ham, Jana Ham and AMRA's Tracey Marshall. Another closely contested battle was also in play between Karla Mittermayr, Debbie Strem and Sharon Ham. Right up to the end of the race the contest for podium positions was too close to call, but victory in the end went to the gutsy and talented racer Vanessa Crawford, followed by Robyn Ham of White City, and third place going to 2008 National Champion, Brooke Ham.

Mini road racing's fastest bikes competed together in the Formula 80 and Motard classes, giving the spectators on hand a great demonstration of the speed and performance of these powerful machines as they railed around the track. Jay Fox's victory in the Formula 80 put him 9 points ahead of Jay Baloch in the national standings. Geoff Gerbrandt finished first in the Motard class just ahead of Ian McWhirter.

Round #3 of the Canadian National Mini Road racing Series will take place June 27-29 at Varsity Motorsports Park, Calgary AB hosted by the Alberta Mini Road racing Association. AMRA President, Jay Fox, extends an invitation.....

Pre-Registration is requested and is available at [www.amra.ca](http://www.amra.ca).

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#### **2009 Midwest Motorsports National Mini Road Racing Series Top Three:**

Formula 80: Jay Fox, Calgary Alberta, Jay Baloch, Calgary Alberta, Bodhi Edie, Warman Sask.

Motard: Ian McWhirter, Calgary Alberta, Geoff Gerbrandt, Matensville Sask.

Thunder: Matt Bagshaw, Jay Baloch, Calgary Alberta, Jay Fox, Calgary Alberta

Formula Thumper: Bruce Holowaty, Regina Sask., Patrice Lambert, Edmonton Alberta

Thumper: Ian McWhirter Calgary AB, Bruce Holowaty, Regina SK, Stuart Pullen, Calgary Alberta

Formula Thunder: Cody Conrad, Calgary AB, KJ Gamblin, Edmonton Ab, Rob Haynes, Calgary Ab

Spec Supersport: Jay Fox, Calgary AB, Emil Peev, Saskatoon Sask., Geoff Gerbrandt, Martensville Sask.

Under 21 Spec: Matt Bagshaw, Calgary Alberta, Emil Peev, Saskatoon Sask., Geoff Gerbrandt, Martensville Sask.

Formula under 21: Cody Conrad, Calgary Ab, Geoff Gerbrandt, Martensville Sask., Emil Peev, Saskatoon SK.,

Spec Over 21: Jay Fox, Calgary Alberta, Jay Baloch, Calgary Alberta, Rob Ross, Calgary Alberta

Formula Over 21: Ian McWhirter, Calgary Alberta, Jay Fox, Calgary, AB, Rob Ross, Calgary Alberta

Pocket Bike Open: Christopher Mah, Edmonton, Daniel Pelletier, Edmonton, Pierre Pelletier, Edmonton

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For more information on how to become a part of the 2009 National Mini roadracing series contact the Jay Fox CNMRA / AMRA President at [amra@shaw.ca](mailto:amra@shaw.ca). Opportunities are available for racers, volunteers and local sponsors.

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