

April/May 2005 NEWSLETTER

Hi all, soon we will be at the track and our season begins!

There are some upcoming dates that we all should be aware of:

Open track and registration: April 17 and 24, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

April 26 7 pm

May 1 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Coaching : Thurs April 21, Thurs April 28

First race night - Tuesday May 3, registration 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Racing 7:00 pm

There will be another bottle drive on Saturday April 23rd. Please meet at the Westside Dairy Queen at 10:00 am. We will head out for a couple of hours. The last bottle drive was a financial success so please help out again. Remember to wear your BMX gear and represent your club with class! To receive credits for this drive you must be in attendance! We will drop off the bottles at the Rehab Society when we are done.

There will be a car wash on Saturday May 14 at Xpress Texaco on Stafford Drive N, starting at 10:00. There will be sign up sheets at the track as to what time you can help out. This company has been a huge supporter of our club, please check them out for your next oil change or car wash.

Many thanks to the Workman family, who have donated a laptop to the club.

A huge thanks to all who have come out to help with track re-construction. For those who haven't been able to help out yet, please consider it for another time...we all want a great track for our kids, and that means lending a helping hand.

If you have any equipment that you would like to sell, consider bringing it to the track on our registration dates. An equipment swap is a great way to get rid of what doesn't fit and find new stuff that does.

The following is borrowed from another track newsletter, and is now third or fourth hand, with no one knowing which track originated it. When a new parent goes to the track, the first thing they notice is that all of the parents are a close-knit group. It is like one big happy family. This is an elite bunch of people and it doesn't take long for a beginning parent to become accepted as a peer. Every BMX parent wants every other BMX parent to be in the same boat they are in. You will know that you have truly become a dyed-in-the-wool BMX parent when:

- You have your dog fixed so you can attend more races
- You list your dog as part of your pit crew

- You justify the purchase of a new frame by telling your wife it is a safety item.
- Your ABA number is printed on your checks
- You own a clean copy of the movie RAD.
- You video your kids races including practice.
- You have a charge account at all the track vendors.
- You have your BMX parent web page sent by the ABA to other track operators.....
- When you stand for the national anthem and you place one hand over your heart and one hand on your wallet
- You have a email reply from the President of the ABA framed and hanging on your wall
- You have the email from BMX Hall of Famer's autographed, appraised and hung on the wall
- You have a collection of race flyers from various tracks from the last 20 years and spend your spare time organizing them.
- Someone in your neighborhood asks you how old your kid is and you reply "13X"
- You automatically load up the bike and you're only going down to the corner store.
- You fall asleep at the wheel of your car and it takes you to the track instead of home.
- You are late for work but never late for sign-ups.
- Your kids bike is insured for more than your car.
- You develop a craving for hot dogs.
- You pay a computer programmer a whole lot of money to write a points tracking program.
- You buy a real expensive laptop to record the points on.
- You throw out the spare tire in your car trunk to make room for bike parts.
- Your kids birthday cake has a miniature BMX track on it and all his gifts are BMX parts.
- You can't decide whether to go to your sister's wedding or to a double points race.
- A Sunday drive in the country means you're going to a race out of town.
- The first item on your monthly budget is entry fees and not the mortgage payment.
- The only clean clothes in the house are a pair of leathers and a jersey.
- The telephone bill has at least three calls a month to the ABA office.
- Your internet home page is set to www.ababmx.com
- The stoplight at the corner turns green and you try for a hole shot.
- Someone mentions a table top and you look for a pile of dirt.
- You can't remember the birth dates of your family, but can remember the birth dates of every other kid in your kids class.

- You try to claim a bike shop on you income tax.
- You start a BMX business so you can take a tax deduction.
- No one can understand what you are saying but another BMXer.
- You are flabbergasted by the price of hamburger at the supermarket but not by the price of a TI bottom bracket.
- Your kids bike is color coordinated and your living room is not.
- You think all of the above is gospel truth.