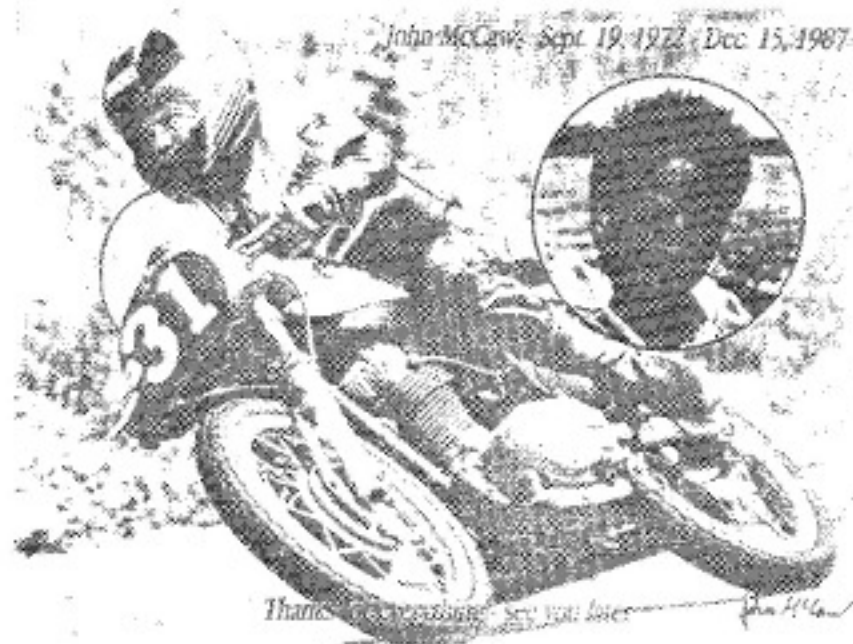


# VINTAGE ROAD RACING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## "REMARKABLE JOHN"

JOHN MCCAW was a remarkable young man - the youngest ever holder of a road race license in Canada at the age of 13.

He visited Britain once, helping father Gary with his Velocette in the 1944 Classic TT. The bike was ridden from Prestwick airport to Heysham with John on the pillion. On the island he helped his father sort the bike out, with guidance and a little bullying from George Ridgway. When not working on the bike, John was wheelchair bound George's pusher.

"I never realized John was 331," George recalls. "When his dad told me he'd be lucky to live to be 20, I just couldn't believe it. He was such a nice kid, never a word and always happy to help."

John recently died of cystic fibrosis aged 15. The illness didn't stop his racing - his first win coming on dad's 250 Ducati at London, New Hampshire.

A move to a faster bike when he was 14 got him 9th overall in the 125cc Amateur class of the Eastern Canada series.

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July 2/3 RACE Castrol Eastern Challenge  
 Shannonville (Nelson Circuit)

July 8-10 USCRA Belknap Cup (1st Am/Can)  
 Bryar Motorsport Park, Loudon NH

July 30/31 VRRRA 10th Annual Vintage Festival  
 Mosport

Aug 6/7 RACE Castrol Eastern Challenge  
 Shannonville (Nelson Circuit)

Aug 6 Vanson Leathers Vintage Series  
 Bryar Motorsport Park, Loudon NH

Aug 19-21 Vanson Leathers Vintage Series  
 Bridgehampton, New York (with VSCCA  
 cars) Muffled event only

Sept 3/4 Vanson Leathers Vintage Series  
 Bryar Motorsport Park, Loudon NH

Sept 24/25 RACE Castrol Eastern Challenge  
 Shannonville (Long Track)

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SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions for publication are invited. They need not be typed, merely legible. Photos may be black & white or colour. Please provide identifying information with photos. Please send all contributions to:

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Please ensure that you use the correct postal code, we have been confused with both Richmond Hill & Richmond B.C.

RACE RESULTS 15TH. MAY. 1988

VINTAGE A "PERIOD ONE"

1	7 Ken Hodge, Norton :	1st. Open
2	77 Frank Mrazek, Honda :	1st. 500
3	31 Gary McCaw, Velocette :	2nd. 500
4	71 Robin Bennett, Triumph:	3rd. 500
5	45 Tom Faulds, Norton :	4th. 500
6	29 Andy Beresford, Ducati:	1st. 250
7	5 Gus Johnston, Ducati:	2nd. 250
8	121 Klaus Dost, Ducati:	3rd. 250
9	57 Dave Hodge, Norton:	2nd. Open
10	264 Don Empey, Honda:	5th. 500
11	560 Tom Saunders, Honda:	6th. 500
12	70 Stan Nicholson, Greeves:	4th. 250
13	72 Paul Heinrichs, BSA:	3rd. Open
14	64 Jim Garrett, Norton:	4th. Open
15	9 Alicia Struke, Ducati:	1st. 350
16	67 Rebecca Manson, Norton:	5th. Open

VINTAGE B "SUPERVINTAGE"

1	9 Paul McMillan, Honda:	1st. H.Wt.
2	7 Ken Hodge, Norton:	2nd. H.Wt.
3	77 Frank Mrazek, Honda:	3rd. H.Wt.
4	40 Paul Bowyer, Norton:	4th. H.Wt.
5	56 Bob Szoke, Honda:	5th. H.Wt.
6	17 Toivo Madrus, Yamaha:	6th. H.Wt.
7	119 Brian Kenyon, Norton:	7th. H.Wt.
8	24 Jim Baker, Yamaha:	8th. H.Wt.
9	92 Francis McDermott, Ducati:	9th. H.Wt.
10	196 Harry Strothard, Laverda:	10th. H.Wt.
11	29 Andy Beresford, Ducati:	1st. L.Wt.
12	121 Klaus Dost, Ducati:	2nd. L.Wt.
13	57 Dave Hodge, Norton:	11th. H.Wt.
14	70 Stan Nicholson, Yamaha:	3rd. L.Wt.
15	14 Charles Schaaf, Norton:	12th. H.Wt.
16	343 Francois Gauvin, Yamaha:	4th. L.Wt.
17	141 Bernard Munding, Honda:	5th. L.Wt.
18	21 David Fish, Ducati:	6th. L.Wt.

DNF #'s 293, 25, 67, 101, 613. pp. Holly Stephens

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 EDITOR'S REPORT

This issue is intended to provide you all with up to date results and point standings, keep you informed about the AM/CAN SERIES and stimulate your participation in both the Belknap Cup July 9/10 and The 10th Vintage Festival July 30/31. I have included a great race report from Toivo #17 which I know will touch a core of recognition in many racer's hearts. (read it and weep!). I am desperately short of photographs of period machinery. I promise to return all loans at the next race meeting if you don't trust Canada Post, so search your archives.

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1	31 Gary McCaw, Ducati:	1st. Super H/Wt.
2	40 Paul Bowyer, Norton:	2nd. Super H/Wt.
3	77 Frank Mrazek, Honda:	1st. 500
4	92 Francis McDermott, Ducati:	3rd. Super H/Wt.
5	25 Peter Sheppard, Triumph:	2nd. 500
6	63 Terry Wolfe, Norton:	4th. Super H/Wt.
7	17 Toivo Madrus, Yamaha:	5th. Super H/Wt.
8	141 Bernard Munding, Honda:	1st. Super L/Wt.
9	293 Bob Wickeler, Norton:	6th. Super H/Wt.
10	20 George Oregar, Honda:	3rd. 500
11	41 Mary McCaw, Ducati:	1st. 250
12	29 Andy Beresford, Ducati:	2nd. 250
13	57 David Hodge, Norton:	1st. Open
14	613 George Jonas, Norton:	7th. Super H/Wt.
15	560 Tom Saunders, Honda:	4th. 500
16	36 Sharon Bowyer, Suzuki:	3rd. 250
17	74 Jerry Kinzl, Bultaco:	4th. 250

DNP 24, 119, 343, DNS 70 pp. Debbie Desmarais.

July already -- The big event looms ever closer, and so far (I can hardly believe it!) everything seems to be going smoothly, thanks largely to the crew running and helping the VRRRA.

To the racer, the annual VRRRA event is just another race. To those who have to organize it all it can be a little scary, and paranoia generally sets in with about three weeks to go (about right now actually.) To those of you who have volunteered your help, money, food or trophies, THANKS!. I am pleased to report that we have trophies for BOTT, OPEN, 500, 350, 250 and SUPERVINTAGE.

It appears that the VRRRA will sponsor the AM/CAN and participant awards unless further help can be found. A few "door prizes" have been donated for the racers and their crews, to add a little more fun to the proceedings, but we are still in trouble with the most important aspect of the w/end, the BARBEQUE. This is the only area in which we lack sufficient volunteers. We need to find enough people to organize the BARBEQUE on Saturday evening in order to put it on. If you can fill this urgent need please call Toivo or myself and we all will be eternally grateful. (The way to a racer's heart is through his/her stomach!!)

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Manzie tells me that our membership is up approximately 20% over 1987. This is an encouraging sign and makes the promotional work a little easier to take. We have also had about 21 members pre-enter the event. All we need now is for mother-nature to co-operate and to keep "Murphy" locked-up for the weekend.

BEKKNAP CUP - LOUDON, July 9/10th.

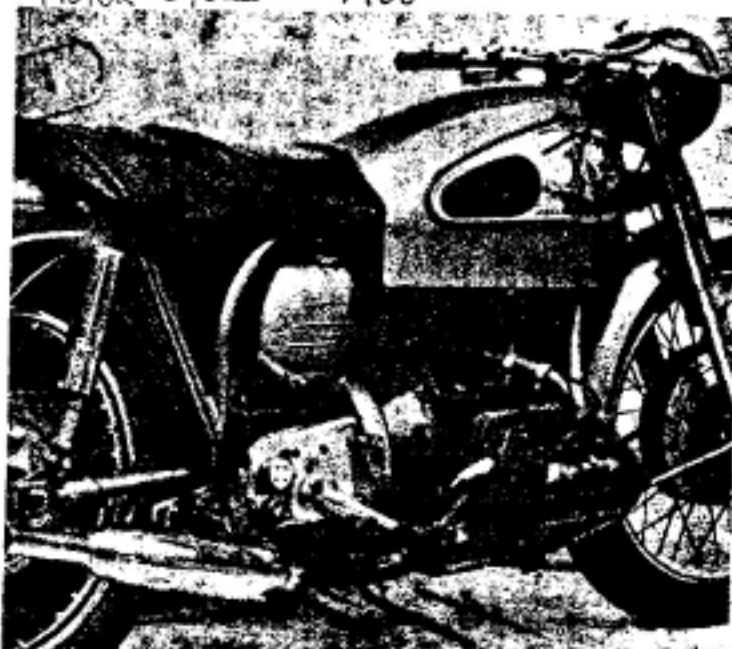
The Beknap Cup on July 9/10th. at Loudon, New Hampshire, is Round One of the 1988 AM/CAN Series. Bob Coy reports that the US CRA has matters well in hand for the early July event and welcomes all racers to participate in Round One of the 6th Annual AM/CAN Series. This year's AM/CAN Series, both at Loudon and our event at Mosport, have been dedicated to John McCaw. To quote a dear friend, "Motorcycles and racing, the atmosphere and people - were John's wings to freedom."

Come out and be part of the

atmosphere!

"MOTOR CYCLE" 1968

Paul.



WHAT AM I ?

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All Race Results and up to date point standings in the series are brought to you courtesy of Holly Stephens. The exception was at Sanair where Debbie Desmarais was in charge of the tower. Holly works tirelessly in the Tower to make sure that everyone's racing efforts are recognized and we all appreciate the great job, Thanks Holly.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE : 1971 BSA B50SS, VRRRA #441: DID alloy rims, 32mm carb., CCM rod, big end, is still on standard bore, full-frame oiling, 8" tils., Mitymax, remote oil filter, Phantoms, full fairing, fi-glass seat, tach., Tomaselli clip-ons, etc. etc.

Spares, which are negotiable, in. frame, wheels, forks, 2 fairings. This bike is eligible for VRRRA Period 1 and is race ready. \$1,500. ?

BSA B44SS Retired #441: Borrani alloy rims, 8" tils., 'K81Rs. The motor is tired and some small bits pinched for the above, but includes spare B44 frame, B25 fibreglass, new piston, valves, etc. \$650 ? Might part-exchange cash either way for a good trials bike, any year.

DAVID MAKIN, (613) 820-5284,  
Bus. (819) 997-1477.

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MEMBERS NEWS

The McGill household has undergone some turbulent times recently for both Tom and Bobbi spent some time in hospital. Bobbi had an operation on her leg, and was confined to a full length cast, when Tom was taken into hospital for open heart surgery following congestive heart failure. I am delighted to report that Tom and Bobbi are well on the road to recovery. Bobbi has had her cast removed and is back on her feet. Tom, while he had a set-back after the operation and had to return to hospital, has now returned home and is recovering well. Tom plans to take a break from the track for the rest of this season, and Bobbi tells me we will be sure to see his familiar grin at Daytona next spring. (He has already booked). All of the VRRRA wish both Tom and Bobbi a fast recovery and look forward to seeing Tom back at the track ASAP.

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# NEW B.S.A. LIGHTNING



LIST PRICE  
£361

OUR PRICE  
£299

MOTOR CYCLE 1968

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A VIEW FROM THE SADDLE: MAY 14/15 SHANNONVILLE.  
A Race report by Toivo Madrus.

A number of riders, myself included, were having some trouble playing "connect the dots" between the corners on the Long Circuit at Shannonville, with several excursions of the track during the short practice sessions. I had found some extra horsepower during the winter and had successfully engaged in an epic duel with Brian Kenyon on his blue Commando during the 1st race of the season. In that race the duel had ended when the Norton self-selected neutral followed promptly by the selection of 1st. gear, effectively dumping Brian at the end of the straight. So I was looking forward to resuming combat with the "Kenyon Kommando" on the long circuit.

The Super Vintage heat had Brian and I side by side on the grid. The light turned green and we thundered off. My front wheel kept coming up and I had to ease off the gas as we entered the first corner; 4 or 5 riders slipped by me but vengeance was mine as I out braked them into corner 2 and stayed on Brian's tail until eventually we were neck and neck on the back straight. The Rickman Yamaha had a slight top end advantage over the Commando but Brian had a better braking point. Paul Bowyer zoomed by with an even more superior braking point. But I managed to slip by the Commando on the last lap during cornering (more by circumstances than by skill).

The BOTT heat and Super Vintage finals saw the action heat up as faster times and deeper braking points were discovered. But the real high point of the weekend for me was the BOTT final when vintage bikes were pitted against theoretically superior machines.

Brian's Commando and my Yamaha started off more or less side by side, though I got my usual so so start and did my good stuff in corner 2 picking up 5 or 6 places. Brian on his Commando was nearby, usually slightly to my rear as we spent the next couple of laps behind a batch of Visions and Kawasaki 500SE's looking for an opening and scraping engine casings, megaphones and knees. Brian's chance came at the hairpin when I braked early and squared off the corner (clever fellow), and promptly ran off the track as the Visions and Kwackers, (and presumably the Commando) disappeared off down the straight. My years of ballet training paid off as I regained the track 40 ft. later unscathed. Riding faster than I really know how I repassed 2 machines and on the next lap waded to them over my back (as a gesture of goodwill) and unknowingly turned my ignition switch off. After 10 or 15 seconds of despair I corrected the boo boo and soldiered on to take the chequered flag a couple of laps later, assuming I had a two digit finishing position. During the cool down lap Kenyon's Kommando appeared and he shrugged in askance of the results and I did the same.

Back in the paddock I was greeted by a jubilant support team, (Sandra) and informed that I had won the BOTT Amateur Open class, Brian having done his own motocrossing and finishing behind me! I am looking forward to more of the same at SANAIR when I will be riding on the pavement with my engine running at all times. (Ed's note; as you will see from the SANAIR results Toivo finished a creditable 7th over all and 5th. Super W/Wt. Unfortunately Brian DNF'd in the only vintage final of the weekend, perhaps he will tell his story in a future issue and we can replay the battle of the Brit machines vs the Jap machines on paper as well as on the track.)

Toivo Madrus.  
(with editorial liberties)

## VRRRA VINTAGE RACE FESTIVAL PROGRESS REPORT

Our event is a mere 4 weeks away and there is GOOD NEWS and BAD NEWS

### First THE GOOD NEWS

#### -FRIDAY HAYBALES:

We have this great team of volunteers:

T. MADRUS, P. BOWYER, B. SEOKB, D. WALSH, P. McDERMOTT, D. HERRING, & 1 or more of the HODGE clan. As you can see, a really great team but incomplete, we really need at least 8 more people. Please call Toivo Madrus; work (416)630-5220 or at Home (416)886-0310

#### -TROPHIES:

Contributions have been made by a generous group of people who need not remain nameless, I name them here: G. JONAS, O.L.D. THREE CROWS, THE HODGES, and THE DESMERAIS'. (You can see from the President's report which classes have been sponsored) We still need about \$350 for the participation plaques, so if you would like to make a memorable contribution please call Paul Bowyer (416) 342-3152 and let him know.

#### -TIMING AND SCORING:

HOLLY STEPHENS AND HER ABLE AND ACCURATE CREW.

#### -REGISTRATION:

MANZI WARWICK AND HER EFFICIENT CREW

#### -REFEREE:

RON SALE (Who freezes water at a single glance?)

#### -PIT MARSHALS:

BILL MATHISON

#### -SCRUTINERRING:

THE OTTAWA CREW & DAVE HUGHES

#### -PROGRAMMES:

THE SHAKESPEARES

### THE BAD NEWS

#### -THE CATERING:

While some wonderful contributions have been made by LANTEC BOOKS (\$200), THE MAKINS, & THE DESMERAIS' we do need a few more dollars (or perhaps contributions) to make it a real feast. THE REALLY BAD NEWS IS THAT WE ARE VERY SHORT OF PEOPLE TO ORGANIZE BOTH THE MARSHALLS LUNCHES ON SAT. & SUN. (2 each day) and TO ORGANIZE AND LAY OUT THE GOODIES FOR THE GREAT SATURDAY NIGHT BARBEQUE. (about 6 people would be excellent).

#### -ADMISSIONS:

The talented CHRIS DUFF has taken charge of admissions, but even he cannot stay awake for the 40 hours needed to do Gate Duty. Ideally the work should be divided into 2 hour shifts so that those working can enjoy the weekend too! So you see we do need lots more people to help the weekend go perfectly. (I don't know about you, but I have always found that the volunteers have all the fuel Ed.) Please don't leave your offer of help to the last minute, help the organizers get a good night's sleep for the next 4 weeks.

(Please refer to your last newsletter for job descriptions of these official positions and recognise these volunteers for the very special people they are.)

VRRA Points 1988  
as of May 15, 1988

Period 2

Period 1

250

Heavyweight

# 29	Andy Beresford	30
#121	Klaus Dost	22
#5	Gus Johnston	12
#192	Richard Covello	11
# 70	Stan Nicholson	9
# 74	Jerry Kinzl	6
#171	Jim Keast	1
# 41	Mary McCaw	1

# 7	Ken Hodge	24
# 77	Frank Mrazek	20
# 40	Paul Bowyer	16
# 75	Dan Sorenson	15
# 9	Paul MacMillan	15
# 17	Toivo Madrus	11
# 24	James Baker	8
# 56	Bob Szoke	7

350

# 9	Alicia Struke	16
#363	Rick Hammond	1
# 21	David Fish	1

#92	Francis McDermott	6
#119	Brian Kenyon	5
#196	Harry Strothard	4
#264	Don Empey	2
# 57	Dave Hodge	2
# 67	Rebecca Manson	2
#613	George Jonas	2

500

# 71	Robin Bennett	20
# 25	Peter Sheppard	15
# 77	Frank Mrazek	15
#560	Tom Saunders	13
# 31	Gary McCaw	12
# 4	Norm Sheppard	12
# 45	Tom Faulds	8
#264	Don Empey	6
# 14	Charles Schaaf	1
# 89	Sandy Cocksedge	1

#293	Bob Wickeler	2
#101	Keith Ferrin	2
#104	Chris Fernis	1
# 13	Terry Wolfe	1
# 14	Charles Schaaf	1
# 25	Peter Sheppard	1

Lightweight

Unlimited

# 7	Ken Hodge	27
# 57	Dave Hodge	22
# 75	Dan Sorenson	16
# 67	Rebecca Manson	14
# 72	Paul Heinrichs	10
# 64	Jim Garrett	8

# 29	Andy Beresford	30
#141	Bernard Munding	16
# 27	Don McPhail	12
#121	Klaus Dost	12
# 70	Stan Nicholson	10
#343	Francois Gauvin	8
# 21	David Fish	5

## SHANNONVILLE LAP RECORDS

## Long Track

CLASS	TIME	BIKE	RIDER	DATE
Am 125 GP	2:11.86	39	M. Busby	May 3, 1987
Am Formula 2	1:56.35	125	D. Stott	Sept. 6, 1987
Am 400 Production	1:57.19	26	L. Clarke	May 15, 1988
Am 600 Production	1:57.04	13	Y. Brisson	May 15, 1988
Am 750 Production	1:54.93	26	L. Clarke	May 15, 1988
Am 750 Superbike	1:55.89	75	Miguel DuHamel	July 27, 1987
Am Open	1:55.20	15	F. Watts	May 15, 1988
Yamaha RZ Cup	1:59.17	109	J. Pletsch	May 3, 1987
FAST Yamaha Champ.	1:59.97	12		May 14, 1988
Vintage P1 250	2:19.64	29	A. Beresford	May 15, 1988
Vintage P1 350	2:31.84	9	A. Struke	May 15, 1988
Vintage P1 500	2:21.31	25	P. Sheppard	May 15, 1988
Vintage P1 Unlimited	2:07.31	7	K. Hodge	May 15, 1988
S/Vintage P2 Heavywt	2:06.86	7	K. Hodge	May 15, 1988
S/Vintage P2 Lightwt	2:20.66	29	A. Beresford	May 15, 1988
S/Vintage P2 Street	NA			
BOTT Am 600	2:12.63	124	S. Mitchell	May 15, 1988
BOTT Am Open	2:11.83	171	T. Madrus	May 15, 1988
BOTT Pro 600	2:02.28	25	P. Barnes	May 15, 1988
BOTT Pro Open	2:03.63	73	T. SpiegelBerg	May 15, 1988
Sidecars	1:59.93	95	Roney/Alley	Sept. 6, 1987
Pro 125 GP	2:06.75	212	D. Green	July 27, 1987
Pro Formula 2	1:51.52	31	A. Inglis	July 27, 1987
Pro 600 Production	1:54.66	199	J. Ramsay	Sept. 6, 1987
Pro 750 Production	1:53.52	1	M. Mercier	Sept. 5, 1987
Pro Open Production	1:53.62	1	M. Mercier	Sept. 5, 1987
Pro Open	1:52.80	87	N. Murphy	May 15, 1988
Pro 750 Superbike	1:49.54	1	M. Mercier	Sept. 6, 1987
Overall track record	1:49.54	1	M. Mercier	Sept. 6, 1987