

New Jersey BMX Scene



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MOVING UP...



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Damn, that guy is nuts, I'll never be that good!



We've all been there. Watching some top pro or local hotshot, racing or shredding and thinking to yourself, "I'm just not that good". Some of us get over it, others progress to a certain point and sorta stay there, some quit due to the intimidation factor of watching incredible riders doing what they do.

What's this got to do with this issues editorial?

Contributing.

Just because you aren't the fastest racer, or the best dirt jumper, or the craziest park rider doesn't mean there isn't an important part of BMX for you to contribute to. What other things interest you? Photography? Drawing? Videoing...dang metal work, and woodwork are great skills as well.

Examples...examples... Let's say you're at these new trails trying to make some buds and the guys there are just plain flat out insane, you just aren't at that level yet. Well, speak up! Walk over to some of the guys, say, "Hey I got a shovel, point me where some dirt needs to be dug!" They'll put you to work and you'll gain instant respect as a doer instead of a leecher.

You're at the track, dang the track, they need nothing but volunteers, ask the Track Director where he needs a hand, if you see some dude or dudette having a bike problem, lend a hand. It's important!

The best riders never look at anyone who is trying or helping as a poser and that's the number one thing to avoid, being a poser. B.S., have fun, but do something, swing a hammer, use the shovel, take some pics, doesn't matter if you can flair the mini, but it does matter to all of BMX that you do what you can to grow the sport.

Every voice out there matters. BMX needs people committed to the sport.

For the older guys, we need you out there being the mature mouthpiece for the sport. If you hear of some young guys getting hassled at the local "skate only" public park, go to the next council meeting and let your voice be heard. No, you won't get anything changed there but through persistence it WILL get changed.

Bottom line is, being a BMX'er is something that never leaves your blood. We're not afraid of progression, change, new ideas and attitudes. You may be a middle moto placing novice but you have other skills that can be used. You may be a student who only has a few hours a week to ride, but get out there and do it. You may even be the 30 or 40 something middle-aged guy who only has two days a month to race or ride.

Doesn't matter, you are 100% a BMX'er For Life. Use whatever ability you have to promote BMX and you are just as if not more important than Mirra or Harris or any other top caliber rider.

BMX is one of the few sports out there, where EVERYONE matters.

Now get out there and get to work you two wheeled tornadoes!



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OCEAN HEIGHTS AVE.
200 BARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ
<http://www.ehtbmx.org>



Where to race
in New Jersey
cjbmx.org
ehtbmx.org
hcbmx.org

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Old Men Can Jump Bennet Age 37

The NJ Rampark Directory

The Incline Club
Location: 485 Locust St.
Lakewood, NJ 08701
Phone: 732.901.7900
web: sk8tic.com
Status: Bikes always allowed

Shields Skatepark
Location: 19 Royal Rd.
Flemington, NJ 08822
Phone: 908.788.7168
web: shieldskatepark.com
Status: Bike hours posted on website

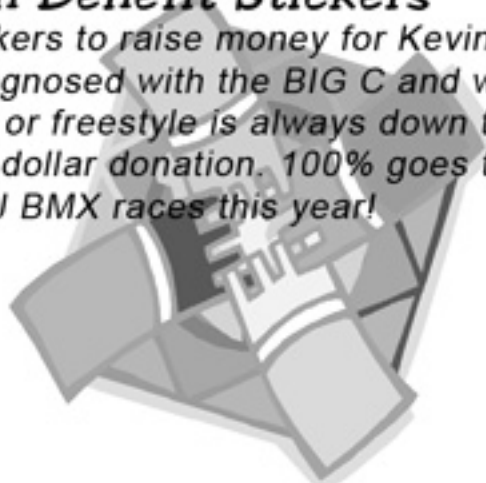
Hackettstown Skatepark
Location: 13 West Route 57
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
Phone: 908.852.8155
web: hackettstownskate.com
Status: Bike hours posted on website

Hunterdon County BMX

News and Stories

Kevin Anderson Benefit Stickers

Loren Hamblin is selling these stickers to raise money for Kevin and his family. Kevin has recently been diagnosed with the BIG C and we know that the BMX community be it race or freestyle is always down to help! Check em out below, 2 for a \$5.00 dollar donation. 100% goes to Kevin. They can be picked up at all the NJ BMX races this year!



"THE BIKE'S NOT FOR SALE, FRANCIS... PT. 3"

Quote from *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*, Story by *Debbie Woodbine*



In my blinding rage I took to the system of public transportation. One place I always knew where the poser riders would do their attempt at riding was the bowl at Forest Park, Queens. Jumped on the Metropolitan Avenue bus, chomping eagerly on my tamarind sweets. Damn candy. There was always one variable between me and the bike, this time it came down to candy. Why did this happen? And I knew that in my immature stupidity and trust, that this came down to it. My bike chains were infallible. The song "Circumstances" by the greatest band ever, Rush, came to mind. The bus jumbled over some potholes and I realized, that only me, and only me, can control my fate and destiny. If there were some sort of Higher Power, I prayed that this time, please this time, lead me to my bike.

The answer came.

But not as I expected.

I looked out my windows and outside my window on Woodhaven Boulevard, was a long haired, Korn shirt wearing freak riding MY FAIRLADY!!! I rang the bell as the bus car-roomed past the stop, and continued to the next stop like a mile away.

I started running to the front of the bus.....STOP THE BUS! THAT KID STOLE MY BIKE!!!!

The bus driver almost had a heart attack as I practically jumped in his lap in delight and panic.

"Can't stop now lady...only at the bus stops..."

"I don't care, you can have this bag of candy."

"OH yeah, what kind you got kid?" (I am not a kid, for the record, but I look young).

"TAMARIND SWEETS FROM THE HOOD!"

He screeched on the brakes a half a block before the actual stop, and I threw the candies in his lap. The one I almost jumped in. He smiled and began to finger through the sweaty package, chewing with instant gratification.

I jumped off the bus like a bat out of hell....then the trouble started. I fell and scratched my knee....got up ran again, almost got hit by a car....and once I got to the Blvd.

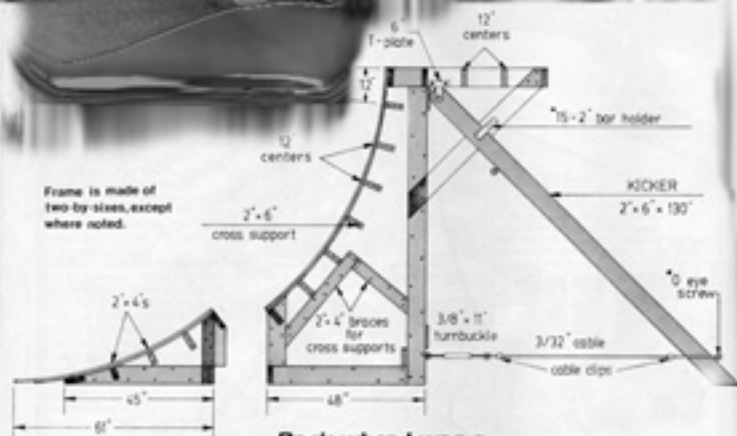
He was gone. No sight of punk boy.

I sat on the concrete and cried.

TO BE CONTINUED

The 1/4 Pipe...

A Retrospective



Frame is made of two-by-fives, except where noted.

Back when I was a schnarb, a bunch of us would get together and throw in funds to build one of these bad boys. A 1/4 pipe, no it's not a killer 14' tall real halfpipe, but I can guarantee that this 8' tall plywood wonder will give you hours of fun in a driveway or in the backyard. You don't have to be an X-Games maniac to just throw down a few airs and have fun, and who knows with a little practice and hefty kahoneys you may be the next boy sky wonder. Get out there and have some aerial fun, 2 wheeled tyrannical terrors!

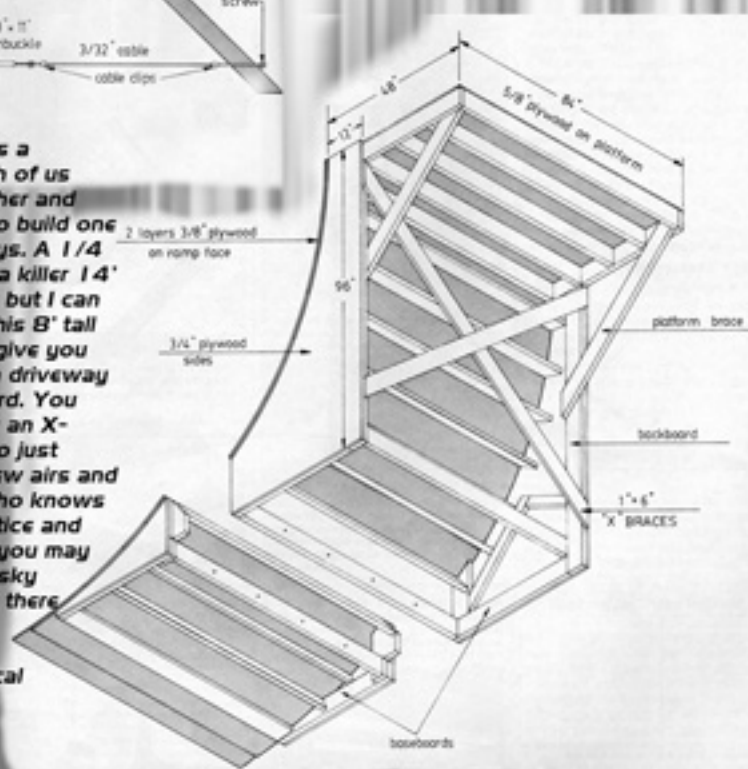
DIAGRAM 3: CUTTING THE SIDES



Step 1: First drive a large nail into the ground, then place two sheets of 1/2-inch plywood on the ground (as shown above) and draw the curve of the ramp on them using a wire and a pencil. Next cut them with a skill saw.

Step 2: Arrange the uncut boards from step one as shown in step two and mark them.

We included this drawing for those of you who would prefer a one-piece ramp. (Wow! That nice of us!) Use this diagram as a guide in making any changes.



TOOLS & MATERIALS NEEDED TO BUILD A QUARTERPIPE

- TOOLS**
- Hammer
 - Recall
 - Long measure (10' long)
 - Skill saw
 - Electric drill
 - Clips with 2 1/2" wood blade
 - Saw horses (not essential but very helpful)
 - Safety glasses
 - Cable cutter or wire cutters
 - Cleaning compound
 - Crack fix
 - 1/2", 3/4" and 5/8" sockets and bits

WARNING: Always wear safety glasses and be especially careful when using any kind of power tools.

- MATERIALS**
- 2 3/4" x 4' x 8" sheets ACX plywood
 - 1 3/4" x 4' x 8" sheet OSB plywood
 - 2 3/4" x 4' x 8" sheets ACX plywood
 - 2 3/4" x 4' x 8" sheets OSB plywood
 - 8 2" x 4" x 8" boards
 - 18 2" x 4" x 8" boards
 - 2 2" x 4" x 12" boards
 - 1 1/2" x 12" boards
 - 4 1/2" x 12" lag bolts
 - 4 1/2" eye screws
 - 2 3/8" turnbuckles 12" long
 - 4 1/2" cable clips
 - 10 3/32" plastic coated cables
 - 4 lbs. 400-071 galvanized low nails
 - 1 lb. 400-071 galvanized low nails
 - 1 lb. 70-074 galvanized low nails
 - 2 lbs. 40-074 galvanized low nails

- 4 1/2" bolts 2 1/2" long
- 4 1/2" nuts
- 4 1/2" turnbuckle mounting plates
- 4 1/2" lock washers
- 12 1/2" washers

- OPTIONAL MATERIALS FOR WHEELS**
- 2 8" rigid plate wheel assemblies
 - 2 8" metal plate carrier wheel assemblies
 - 2 3/8" lag bolts 2 1/2" long
 - 8 3/8" washers
 - 2 3/8" nuts 2 1/2" long
 - 2 3/8" lock washers
 - 2 3/8" nuts

HIGH VOLTAGE

It's not how high you go or how many limbs you take off but that feeling of weightless satisfaction, when you are in the air.



Shred it up you radabonzos



"CRAZY" CRAIG WILSON

'80's Shredder, Family man, A return to racing in the mid-30's,
100% BMX'er For Life!

How did you get into racing? What was it that got the itch to race going in ya?

There are a few different reasons I think got me into racing, but first I have to thank my two older brothers who would tear down and re-build "junk" pre/early BMX bikes and dad for letting us have such a huge pile in our basement. If we tweaked something, we just grabbed a replacement off another wreck. And man, we had some early classics, just didn't know it, but that was the mid/late '70s. We could've opened a bike shop in that basement. We'd jump them off wood ramps and loading docks until we broke something (or us!).

At 11yrs old I starting delivering newspapers on my bike and most days "raced" around my route (okay Mom, after I finally got out of bed). The neighborhood became a practice track (with a bag of Star Ledgers wrapped around the handlebars!) but I didn't know BMX racing existed. That paper route actually helped pay for races & parts till I was 17! I learned about "real" BMX bikes when I bought Mongoose Gold Stem to replace a cheapy neck on a Kmart bike. The KKT pedals and mags followed shortly after. That first trip to a real shop made me want a 'Goose, and I talked dad into buying one for 8th grade grad in '81. I was already a great jumper and soon realized I enjoyed BMX way more than little league, but didn't know what to do next. Read on.



Better
BMX
Riding
and
Racing
for Boys & Girls
George Sullivan

Do you remember your first race? How quick did you progress from novice to expert and finally superclass?

My first race was late 1981 at the Jersey City Armory. Marty Epstein, who still owns Marty's Reliable Cycle in Morristown, gets credit for that. Me and some buds were there one day and he asks "who wants to race BMX?" Well, I guess the rest is history. I started in 14 & over beginner and that winter raced 8 times, made 4 mains and got two trophies. I still have my first trophy, a third place finish. I raced a few races at Waretown BMX that summer (Grandparents at the shore!) and finally found Braddock just before the '82 ABA East Coast Nats and that got me hooked. (225 Motos!) I turned expert in spring '83 (15 Novice was tough!) but not for lack of trying; I have more 2nd place trophies than anyone I know. Getting a cruiser in 1984 made the difference. I rocked in 16x & Cruiser that spring (locally and on the road) and held my own in 17x & cruiser after that. (Braddock had a nasty 17x class in '84!) I started making big mains and thought '85 would rock but a broken foot cooled a great start (4th & 5th at Dixieland Nats). After a couple of years of casual racing and announcing (Litsky was my inspiration), I went full throttle again in 88 & 89. I did great locally and regionally and moved to Superclass after the '89 NBL State Series (?3 17? Ex and 1st in Cruiser). To all you new guys out there: don't give up. Eventually it happens. You get smooth. It just took me longer than most, but when I got there, it was worth it.

There was no mistaking you at Braddock BMX back in the day, the super big guy in the white helmet, was Braddock your home track, do you remember James Cerullo, thoughts and opinions on racing there...

I guess when you are 6'2" on a big Redline PL24, you stand out, huh? Not that I was a quiet guy either. ? Braddock was my home track although Flemington became my NBL home in '89 to pursue the state series. It wasn't easy to race both sanctions, but it made me a better rider. Looking back, I'm amazed at the level of comp we had at Braddock considering it was a small track by today's standards.

I have nothing but loads of respect for James Cerullo. Every week he'd be out there putting up with all of us. I don't know how he did it. Us Jersey boys would mix it up every once in awhile and he'd have to referee. He WAS Braddock in my mind, and instead of taking the winter off, he'd run the Armory races as well. You should devote a section on the site to all the great track operators who made BMX what it was (and is) in Jersey. I would consider him one of the greats for his years of commitment.

Braddock was not the most intimidating track, so the gate snap was critical. Still, that didn't guarantee the win 'cause racing was always tight. It didn't have a huge, sweeping, monster first turn like some tracks so it got wild with eight older experts or cruisers out there. Making mains was not easy. You paid your dues bangin' bars with the guys who raced there.

Who was your toughest competition back then?

At Braddock, with all the great riders we had back in the day, that's a tough call. In 16x Nick Dottino was tough. It took a long time before I finally beat him (a lot of second places). When I hit 17x EVERYONE was tough, especially Dave Campbell, Billy Sargeant, and anyone with a Factory Thruster Jersey (Chris, Frank, etc). After that it was Pete Woghlemuth. I got him to his first race. He came from a family that raced cars and it wasn't long before we were fighting for the same trophies in Expert & Cruiser. Later in 17x Marlon Pierson (Wewo) and I would go at it real good too. In cruiser Austin Steele always gave me fits at the big races and his brother Donny was real tough in Expert, too.



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You stuck with racing as freestyle really seemed to come to dominate BMX in the mid-80's, what are your feelings about that time as it seemed a lot of racers were leaving to just do freestyle.

Everything in life goes through cycles. Not everyone could race, so it gave kids another way to show off. Still, I miss the days when we could pull a 100? motos for a triple point race. It did show that the sport was not marketed like it should be, so racing slowly declined, at least in Jersey, to where it is today. But people like a show, that's why the X-Games are so popular. You are right on target when you say we need to show it as a lifestyle.

What teams were you on back then?

My first team was Marty's Reliable Cycle and then I rode for Cliffside Cycle. I got some attention at the 85 Dixie Land Nats, but missed the rest of the east coast nats due to a broken foot. I was talking with several national teams but missing those nats killed it. The last team I rode with was The Wrecking Crew. It was my van, gas and tools, so you could almost say I sponsored the team.

I wasn't around for it, but it obviously happened. The ABA at one point was HUGE in NJ, then poof it was gone, did this transition occur during the time that you raced? If so how did you feel about going from ABA to NBL?

The ABA was down to two tracks in Jersey by '89, and that was Braddock & Deptford. It seemed no one wanted to run the ABA tracks any more, it was the end of an era. I chose to race NBL before the ABA died off, but mainly because there was more nats and stuff on the upper east coast. I was involved in Braddock at the end and even I didn't want the responsibility. Its amazing cause I remember when there were tracks everywhere. It didn't bother me making the change, and it made me better because you have to ride hard every race in the NBL. I actually got accused of riding too hard sometimes. I had that ABA transfer mentality where you won your moto or died trying.

When I hit the NBL, I had to chase Mark Zalewski in 17 Expert. That year the NBL 17x class rocked in NJ. I truly believe we had at least sixteen riders all capable of making national mains, so every race was great. If you raced NBL 17x in NJ in 1989, you rocked, regardless of how you finished that year. I take a lot of pride in the 3 plate I have from the state series. I think I worked harder for that then any other ranking I achieved.

Who was in your riding crew?

The main guys from my area that I rode & raced with from '81 to '85 were John Keyes, Bob White, Mike Moylen, Jim Young & Pete Woghlemuth. There are a lot more from all around my area that rode the Hawthorne pit or the infamous Crater in Whippany. I guess I was part of several crews, so it's a big list and everyone one of them loved the sport and kept it real.

In 1988 a couple of us started Crazy Train, and renamed it The Wrecking Crew (the guys chose the name). We tried to make

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OHIO PAGE, TOP LEFT One of the legends of the east coast scene "Crazy Craig" Wilson. He has his own in around Jersey. He has his own in, The Wrecking Crew, and when he show up at a race they sure is me good old-time BMX fun. This is at it's all about...

List some of your biggest wins, what was the most memorable?

The 1988 ABA NJ State Championship in 17x at Braddock. I came from 7th position (a bad start out of the 7th lane!) to win the race and the series. It meant a lot because I started late on the 20incher that year. I wasn't expected to win the championship, especially in dramatic fashion. Taking 4th in 17x behind Kevin Hull at the '85 Dixie Land nats ranks up there too, along with the NBL 17 Expert 3 State Series plate in 1989. I also won the PA State champ race in 17x one year at York, that's a fun track. Being successful in the Expert class meant a lot because most people know me as a cruiser rider. I won tons of big races on my cruiser. One favorite cruiser win was a Friday night National pre-race at the old Howard County Fairgrounds in MD. A wreck put a pedal into my back rim which tore out a ton of spokes and I still won (no, the other 7 riders didn't all fall, ha-ha). If you saw the rim, there is no way I should have. Later that weekend I tweaked my knee and couldn't walk, but still pulled off another win on the cruiser (I had extra rims). The unusual ones seem to mean the most to me. I take pride in having won at the local & regional level on every east coast track I've raced except those first few races at Waretown.

Craziest story from back then, the one the grandkids are gonna say, "oh come on pop's you're nuts!" to...

We talking personal or racing? ? Even though my name is Crazy Craig, I'm kind of low key in many respects. The Wrecking Crew probably has a list a mile long that I don't know about cause I always felt responsible to their parents to keep myself out of trouble. Hmm...let me think... Every time we came back from Maryland we'd hit wall-to-wall Sunday traffic on I-95, and the guys would open up the side door on the van and cruise chicks in traffic. I guess that's as crazy as it gets. Taft, I know you're reading this, you remember all the crazy stuff, help me out here. Like I said before, no rest stop was safe from The Wrecking Crew. They lived up to their name. One more: Late 1988: Racing my first mountain bike race in the morning in Jefferson NJ and a triple pointer near Wilkes Barre, PA in the afternoon. It felt like a lung collapsed after the mtb race. I couldn't practice at all later that day, just run the motos & mains. Oh, and I doubled in 17x and cruiser. Go figure.

How big was racing in NJ when you stopped, moto counts and participation wise.

I recall it being decent, but by no means the salad days. 1989 was the last full year and the state series rocked, although there was a limited amount of riders over 18 and the younger classes were starting to thin out. Braddock had its last hurrah and I don't know when Deptford went out, but thankfully there were enough NY riders to keep Braddock going that year. Being in a city area, it was changing a lot and the word just wasn't getting out. All-in-all, the NBL was it, the ABA was not making any major effort to help. Looking back, I wish we had converted Braddock to NBL, it might have kept it going. A local at Braddock was pulling 25 motos. The sport was slowing down.



Do you remember the JC Armory Indoor series? Any good memories from there?

Oh yeah, cause that's where it all began. It was just something you looked forward to every winter, a chance to keep racing. I didn't win a lot there (tons of second places) because I was a power rider. That wooden floor seemed to favor the "spinners" who got good gate snaps. If they had the lead by the first turn, it was hard to pass them. I could spin a low gear on my cruiser but not as well on the 20. Still, I never missed a race. Anyone who raced there knows the wood could be brutal. I tweaked my forks on the wooden whoop-de-doo's my very first race.

What occupies your time now?

Church, family, my mortgage business and NY Yankees baseball. My wife is a big part of our church music ministry and we work together in the pre-marital program. We seem to do a lot there. My wife is a saint to put up with me, and means the world to me, I hope she is reading this (hi honey!). I have two extremely energetic kids (5 & 2) who are always smiling and keep us busy. Once my son gets off the training wheels, he's gonna be a terror. My mortgage business can be a 24/7 gig sometimes, but its been the best thing for me and affords me a lot of flexibility in my schedule. Whenever we can, my wife and I go catch the Yankees. My wife is a HUGE fan from before she met me. She actually takes me to games!

Any chance we'll see you back on the track in the near future?

Yes. I hope at the Jack Frost. I have to drop some weight (I am heavier than I look) but the bike is ready and dialed in. I caught some decent air and style the other day, it felt great!

Final thoughts, or thank you's?

Thank you for this site man, it rocks, but its gonna be up to everyone out there to make this a place for EVERYONE. Remember, we want to attract NEW riders of all ages, so don't dis the new guy, at the track or online, if he's not hip to everything. Not everyone is gonna be hardcore. Every kid knows somebody that wants to ride or race, so we gotta make sure NJ BMX is a positive experience for everyone so they'll tell their friends!!

Thank you God for putting me on this earth. Christine, I love you and I am a better man because of you. Thanks to mom & dad for taking me to all the early races. I also want to thank every one I ever rode with or raced against (that includes you Brett!) BMX & New Jersey. Perfect Together!



Craig at the ABA Grands!



Just a quick note:

After I did this Bio, Craig did come out and tear it up at the Jack Frost. Taking a 5th place in the difficult 35-39 cruiser class. I've spoken to Craig a bit since then and I think we truly are seeing a return to the salad days. Enthusiasm has returned!

HAULING...



2006
NEL
NATIONAL ELITE

NEW JERSEY BMX STATE SERIES

State Qualifiers:

Saturday April 22, 2006 EHT

Saturday June 4, 2006 EHT

Saturday June 10, 2006 Flemington

Sunday June 11, 2006 Flemington

Saturday July 15, 2006 Central Jersey

Sunday July 16, 2006 Central Jersey

State Championship

Saturday August 19th Central Jersey

Rain Date: Sunday August 20th Central Jersey

Times are all the same:

Registration from 9:00am-10:30am

Late Registration: 10:30am-11:00am \$5.00 additional late fee

absolutely no registrations taken after 11:00am for any reason

Race Starts at Noon

*Some shots from the '05 Championship
at EHTBMX*

Race Fees:

Class: \$20.00

16+ Over: \$10.00 (You must race class)

Championship Race: \$25.00

Open @ Championship: \$15.00

Plaques for Series: \$20.00

QUALIFICATIONS TO RACE THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Required # of Races:

Locals: 4 Single Points

Qualifiers: 1 Double Points

Championship: 1 Single Points

Total Races: 6

Races counted:

Locals: 10 Single Points

Qualifiers: 4 Double Points

Warnicke: 1 Double Points

Championship: 1 Single Points

Total Races: 16

If a rider is short 1 local race, they may choose to use a Qualifier or a Warnicke race as a single point race to fulfill their local requirement. This is only for those riders who are short 1 of the 4 required locals.

If a rider is qualified to race the Championship, but is unable to, they must notify the State Clerk within 7 days of the Championship. They will then be given the last place ranking in his/her class, and will be qualified for the President's Cup.

Riders and/or their parents are wholly responsible for knowing how many races their rider has raced towards the Championship. The board will not be responsible for notifying riders of race shortages.

The State Series runs from March 11th, 2006 through August 19th, 2006.

Load up the car, BMXaholics the '06 NJ season has begun! Janeen was able to dial in a classic 72.535 degree day for the Frosty wonder at EHT. Old school riders, new school shredders and newbs were fully ensconced in the racing action as practice got underway at the classic Egg Harbor track.

Wandering the pits, KB racing could be seen dialing in it's team for the year, looks like the teacher, Kevin Mark, will be doing some schooling this year. Hyper was as usual repped big time by the Farside contingent and his assortment of "hyper" active racing rippers. Speaking of Rippers, from an old dog like myself, I haven't seen such an abundance of SE bikes in the pits since the heydays of the mid 80's, what is Todd Lyons spiking those paint jobs with? Gotta admit it was cool to see so much floval tubing

flying on the track that day! As usual 90% of the racing was done by those 19 and under and about 10% was done by those 20 and over, but I would have to say that 100% of the B.S. talking was done by all those 35 & over, dang fellers, we might as well not even get on the track, we wear out our lungs just shooting the nonsense between us!

Super mouth Paul Roger came down to flow the mic, but unfortunately the PA got heavily vandalized not to much before the race and wasn't quite up to the task on race day. I'm not raining on EHT there but putting a call out to some dude who can lend a hand to EHT and get that PA system back up to snuff for the first State Qualifier in April, volunteer fellers, it feels good...

On the comeback trail...Crazy Craig Wilson, bailing and wailing in 35-39 cruiser, give him time folks and you'll be seeing another old ripper out there. 35 & Over novice, John Wolkiewicz, first race back and second place! Props to the geez and the blue PKI...Another vintagebmx.com guy Rich D'Amico rolled up on the gate and put the foot down in the old mans newb class! Welcome back you psychos!

Jammin Jimmy Moore put the stomp down in the 18-21 Expert class tearing it up for PPB. Usually you'd expect Flying Phil D to be in the lead here but he was saving some for the money in the open class!

Max Edgdorf rocked in 15 Ex, but Vinnie Mannino was heard to say that when he gets him on CJ's new first straight at the regional things will be winding up much different than at the JFC, (ok,

maybe he didn't say that, but Vinnie is gonna lay some smack down boosting the dubs)

Torquing Taylor Farside was blazing in her motos but had to play bridesmaid to Blazing Tiffany Bontorno from MA in the main. The girls classes were really perking up at the JF and we even had a full on ladies cruiser class. Come on out ladies, BMX needs more femme fatales at the track to keep us men in check, hehe..

Speaking of the Farsides, I'm seeing a lot of families out there racing together. Suhonen, Hamblin, Cafiero, Roarty, McMurray to name just a few. It's rocking to see BMX become such a generational sport! Rock on BMX families!

I saw a lot of returning beginners this season! Welcome back! Might be time to start thinking about hitting it on up to the novice class, so's the new crop of crazy newbs can roll on in and start shredding on their walmart skoots!...Speaking of beginners and walmart bikes, Roosting Rich F got together

with Hyper to have 3 races of their X-Games Moto-X bikes. I'll admit when I saw Rich talking about those things, I thought the main Hyper agent had gone ballistic, but after seeing the young dudes and dudettes, (yea, we got a lady on one of those bad boys) tear it up on the track with 'em, it looks like they would be a great move to bring in brand new fresh riders to the sport. Major props to Farside, Hyper and EHT for donating the bikes and time to have the races and get some new interest rocking in the sport! Speaking of rookies who moved up and are shredding



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it! Jeffrey Heath, no guys not the OM Jeff, he's already to much of a terror, I speak of young Heath. The young Heath bar stepped up into the novice class this season after going about the rookie class last year, 3 firsts in his motos and a 3rd in the main says something to all those staying in beginner past that first year, step it up and get rocking! No fear to plow through a new class! KICK IT Jeffrol Young pedaling padudelar? Jeremy Smith stomped cruiser and Expert class... 8 years old and all that power! Dagnabbit all! Matty Cranmer took the second, with all the style that you expect from that last name, the Cranmer s are on a steady diet of air and they are catching plenty of it! The flying dustmop, Paul Filippone blew apart 10 Ex with a full on perfect for that class. The longer the hair, the faster the kid. Pop F also catches plenty of volunteer time at HCBMX! Last regular class proper of the day, Tom McMurray, dad, racer and all around cool dude, not one 'tude near this guy, humble and well...dagnabbit it pretty near impossible to catch! Welcome back, have fun this year! And congrats on the 1st in 35 & Over Expert. The open classes, 16-29 and 30 over....whew doggie it's ricearoni time....

In 30 & Over the racing was all over the placel Farside, Ciancio, Kelley, Wilmot. Any of these guys could have ridden home a richer man but only one did. At one point Jud went thud and did a gnarly endo out of the first turn, rumor had it that visions of some crazy internet thread at vbm.com were going through his head during that flipatude....London Wilmot came down from MA to defrost at the Jack Frost and proceeded directly into 4th place. Kelley Kelley wound up looking pretty good but unfortunately he was looking from behind the orange jersey of Hyper flyer Farside. Rich decided to step it up 1.1125 notches in the main and take home a few dollars for his trouble. Seriously all the 30 Over guys are great individuals and rock the house in their own right.

16-29....1/4's! Dang fellers, these gents are HUNGRY. Pros, ams, and in between it is the class to watch and take down notes, pass them to your friends and study it again! I'll start by letting you know who won, Lance McGuire and Mike McGonigle went 1 and 2 for the state of MD. Toasty fellas! I have to tell you no bragging, no nonsense, no B.S., Phil Delizia is THE guy to keep an eye on. He got 3rd for the day in open here at JF, but I saw this man charge and I mean American Express Platinum Card kinda charge down straights and pass riders left and right like they were standing still. The skills on this guy and the good attitude are going to eventually turn into heavy bank for him and I hope he remembers his jersey roots when the payola hits. George Hornig from Inopia also tells me Phil skies heavy jumping variations and what not, so the man is multi bike lingual, and I can tell you one last thing, he can j ust about pedal up and over telephone polls. (Yea, I'm NJ bias so Phil gets the big props! hehe)

Overall, the day was killer, the race was fun, ran mostly on time, definately run very quickly and efficiently and the shirts were killer looking...Ok, I have a soft spot for baby blue since I'm an old school SE nut job. I will admit though that I would rather see a return to giving away trophies at big events like this, because that gleaming hunk of metal means a lot to a kid, but that's just my opinion though I'd definately like to hear yours in the forums.

Looks like 2006 is off to a blazing start here in NJ and who knows....maybe this winter, we'll see some indoor action. Keep your eyeballs glued to brokenspokes.net. NJ is about to set the freaking BMX world ablaze!



Ride on, my BMX brothern and sistern! See you in April at the first State Qualifier!



8 EXPERT,NOVICE		16 EXPERT		9 & UNDER CRUISER	
JEREMY SMITH	1	MATTHEW KELTY	1	JEREMY SMITH	1
MATTHEW CRANMER	2	JEFF TANTUM	2	CASEY TANNER	2
KYLE DULOCK	3	DEKE VEEDER	3	JOSH THIMMESH	3
CASEY TANNER	4	ROBBIE CONDELLA	4	TYLER WARNER	4
CHRISTOPHER KOVAL	5	CHRIS KARKAS	5	MICHAEL GELSOMINE	5
EVAN GRECO	6	PETER BALOTTI	6	CHRISTOPHER WHILEY	6
DYLAN WOLKIEWICZ	7	RYAN O'CONNOR	7	CHRISTOPHER KOVAL	7
		ALLEN CURRIER	8		
9 EXPERT		17 EXPERT		10-11 CRUISER	
MICHAEL RESZKOWSKI	1	JIM MURRAY	1	DOUGLAS SCOTT	1
JUSTIN KNAPPER	2	DANIEL BYCENSKI	2	ANDREW (AIR) MELFI	2
LUKE ROARTY	3	WILLIAM NADWAIRSKI	3	ZACHARY MCLAUGHLIN	3
JOSH THIMMESH	4	MICHAEL SCOLARO	4	BRANDON BROWN	4
STEPHEN FERRIGNO	5	STEPHEN FRIED	5		
ANDREW HICKEY	6	NICHOLAS STODOLSKI	6	12-13,14-15 CRUISER	
				JEREMY KNAPPER	1
10 EXPERT		18-21 EXPERT,NOVICE		FRANK OLISH	2
CODY TAINTOR	1	JIMMY MOORE	1	NICK MELFI	3
PHILIP HICKEY	3	MIKE SMITH	2	JUSTIN BRODERICK	4
JACOB RITCHIE	4	JAMES NORMAN	3	MICHAEL CAMPBELL	5
TAYLER FICHTNER	5	KYLE BICKFORD	4	JEFFERY HEATH	6
PATRICK ELAM	6	GERALDO ECHEVARRIA	5	VICTOR V BEHM III	7
		BOBBY NASH	6	ANDREW WILLOUGHBY	8
		PETER SCHULER	7		
11 EXPERT		22-29 EXPERT		16-17 CRUISER	
ANTHONY DEROSA	1	CHRISTOPHER HAUGH	1	PETER BALOTTI	1
ANDREW MELFI	2	CHRIS GIACOMAZZO	2	JUSTIN HELLWINKEL	2
MICHAEL SCHNEIDER	3	TOM BALLARD	3	JUSTIN LEDOUX	3
STEVEN DULOCK	4	DAVE PAWLOWSKI	4	TODD SNOW	4
DANIEL ROBERTI	5			SALVATORE PAULETTE	5
12 EXPERT		30-34 EXPERT		18-21 CRUISER	
VICTOR V BEHM	1	JESSE GUILBAULT	1	STEPHEN OLDHAM	1
DYLAN PEREZ	2	CHRIS DEAMELIO	2	SEAN SUHONEN	2
FREDERICK LONG	3	FRANK WEAVER	3		
JOHN GRASSIA	4			22-29 CRUISER	
CODY ELLIS	5			FRANK UMBRINO	1
	6	35 & OVER EXPERT		WILLIAM GROEN	2
13 EXPERT,NOVICE		THOMAS MCMURRAY	1	KEVIN CLARK	3
BUCK TAYLOR	1	LINWOOD CHRISTOPHER	2	RAYMOND MICHALAK	4
SHAUN O'CONNOR	2	ROBERT BENNETT	3		
JONATHAN HOFFER	3	FRANK KLIMECKI	4	30-34 CRUISER	
KYLE KUSSELING	4			SHAUN TUFTS	1
JUSTIN FLANNERY	5	8-9 OPEN		CHRIS GULICH	2
PAUL MAHER	6	CASSIDY COX	1	CHRIS DEAMELIO	3
JEFFREY CROSHIER	7	ZACK PAUGH	2	JAMES THOMPSON	4
JOSHUA WEDGE	8				
		10-11,14-15 OPEN		35-39 CRUISER	
14 EXPERT		EDDIE HIMES	1	RICH CAROLAN	1
ANDREW CHRISTOPHER	1	STEVEN WEIMAR	2	FRANK YOUNG	2
MICHAEL CAMPBELL	2			BRIAN ROEMER	3
NICK MELFI	3	16&OVER OPEN		CHRIS WHILEY	4
FRANK OLISH	4	LANCE MC GUIRE	1	CRAIG WILSON	5
JUSTIN BRODERICK	5	MICHAEL MC GONIGLE	2	NIALL BRIDGEMAN	6
ANTHONY DEL VENTO	6	PHILIP DELIZIA	3		
SHAWN LLOYD	7	WALTER DUNN	4	40-44,45-49 CRUISER	
JAMES MC GINTY	8	JUSTIN LOFFREDO	5	RICH FARSIDE	1
		MICHAEL HENDERSON	6	TORRENCE ADAMS	2
15 EXPERT		PETER LORENZO III	7	JEFFRY HEATH	3
MAX EGDORF	1	GERALDO ECHEVARRIA	8	JIM MULHERN III	4
KYLE BILLER	2				
STEVEN WEIMAR	3	30 & OVER OPEN		55 & OVER CRUISER	
NICHOLAS SIMON IV	4	RICH FARSIDE	1	GEORGE ELMY	1
JONATHAN BARNA	5	KELLEY KELLEY	2	DIETER WARD	2
JOSHUA GRIMES	6	JUD CIANCIO	3		
LANELL ROCKMORE	7	LONDON WILMOT	4	30-39,40 & OVER LADIES CRUISER	
VINCENT MANNINO	8	FRANK YOUNG	5	PENNY SHIPMAN	1
		JESSE GUILBAULT	6	ROSEMARY SCOLARO	2
		SHAWN RICHARDS	7	ALISSA THIMMESH	3
		LEE KIRSCH	8		

6 NOVICE		16 NOVICE		8 ROOKIE	
MICHAEL GRADWELL JR	1	SALVATORE PAULETTE	1	BRIAN PASEWALDT	1
NATHAN KASPER	2	RICHARD NELSON	2	DEVIN SAGENDORF	2
JD GUILBAULT	3	KENNY MELETA	3	JOHN TRIOLO	3
		MIKE SORENSEN	4		
7 NOVICE		ZACHARY RITCHIE	5	9 ROOKIE	
MICHAEL GELSOMINE	1	TIM CUMMINGS	6	CHRISTOPHER WHILEY	1
JOE CAPUTO	2	JOE BRODERICK	7	CLAY GOLDSMID	2
DAVID HAKES	3			CHRISTOPHER PFEFFER	3
SHANE GOLDSMID	4	17 NOVICE		KEITH PERRIN	4
		TOM MARTIN	1	ZACHARY HORTON	5
9 NOVICE		DARIN CRANMER JR	2	CHRISTOPHER PANNULLO	6
AUSTIN PADILLA	1	JOE MATTERA	3	SEAN ROBINSON	7
JESSE HEFT	2	TOM MCFILLIN	4		
JUSTIN PHILLIPS	3	TAYLOR WIGGLESWORTH	5	10 ROOKIE	
ZACK PAUGH	4	STEPHEN MORITZ	6	BRANDON BROWN	1
JAKE PLETSCHER	5	SEAN MULHERN	7	IAN KULIS	2
RYAN LEDOUX	6			JORDAN FARLEY	3
THOMAS CURTIN	7	22-29 NOVICE		EDDIE HIMES	4
TYLER WARNER	8	MATT MICHALAK	1	RYAN HOTALING	5
		ZANE KOLNIK	2	WILLIAM BLACK	6
10 NOVICE		KEVIN CLARK	3		
ZAREK JUSTIS	1	JASON CONKLIN	4	11 ROOKIE	
FRANKY UMBRINO	2	BRIAN WARD	5	ANTHONY DESTEFANO	1
RICHARD GODINO	3			MCLAINE MYERS	2
SHANE CHRISTOPHER	4	30-34 NOVICE		TYLER BRODERICK	3
RYAN ANDERSON	5	KEVIN MARK	1		
ADAM CONSIGLIO	6	DAVE PAWSON	2	12 ROOKIE	
		ANTONY DICIANO	3	DAVID CROFTON	1
11 NOVICE		STEVEN WEIMAR SR	4	BRANDON PEREZ	2
RYAN SAMBELLS-GRECO	1	JIMMY MCNEAL	5	JOSHUA ROHE	3
ZACHARY MCLAUGHLIN	2	TROY MORRONE	6	MICHAEL HAKES	4
NICHOLAS JONES	3			ETHAN MERCIER	5
TAYLOR ANDERSON	4	35 & OVER NOVICE		JESSE ROHE	6
ANTHONY GARSILLO	5	LAMAR DAVIS	1	TASHAWN SIMKINS	7
JASON PALMA	6	JOHN WOLKIEWICZ	2		
ANTHONY PAULETTE	7	BRETT MIDDGAUGH	3	13 ROOKIE	
ALEX MOURA	8	JOHN CAFIERO	4	SHAUN HARRIS	1
		DAVID ROARTY	5	SEAN MASTERTON	2
12 NOVICE		JASON DAVIS	6	CODY MCDONALD	3
DAVID CLARK	1	GLEN KNAPPER	7	JESSICA JAYNE	4
TRENTEN CARPER	2			JOHN PAWELEK	5
BRIAN FARRO	3				
DENIS SHEAHAN	4	5 & UNDER ROOKIE		14 ROOKIE	1
WILLIAM BARNA	5	JOSEPH KRAUSE	1	C. LEE MATOS	2
ADAM KULIS	6	NICHOLAS MCDONALD	2	JOSEPH BENEDETTO JR	3
TREVOR JUSTIS	7	PHOENIX CRAGER	3		
KYLE GLENN	8	KEVIN DITMIRE	4	15 ROOKIE	
		LAUREN UMBRINO	5	SHANE HALLERAN	1
14 NOVICE		ALEX MCMURRAY	6	TIMMY PENROSE	2
MICHAEL EATON	1	GAVIN ROBERTI	7	SEAN HOGAN	3
JUSTIN HARRINGTON	2			DUSTIN DRY	4
THOMAS TURNER	3	6 ROOKIE		BRYRE TEMPLER	5
THOMAS RINCK	4	COLBY HICKEY	1	TOM MCDONALD	6
AUSTIN GRETZ	5	RALPH AMITRANO	2	BRUCE GILMORE	7
CHRIS AMAN	6	ANDREW CAFIERO	3		
JESSE DUNLAP	7	CHRISTOPHER BESTINE	4	16 ROOKIE	
				JUSTIN MARBOT	1
15 NOVICE				MATTHEW O'CONNELL	2
THOMAS H COWDRICK	1	7 ROOKIE		JESSE ST CLAIR	3
TIMOTHY FARRELL	2	RYAN SCOTT	1	JOSEPH COATS	4
JEFFERY HEATH	3	JARETT KRAUSE	2		
RAYMOND MENDOCK	4	KYLE MEHR	3	17 & OVER ROOKIE	
ANDREW WILLOUGHBY	5	VINCENT PAULETTE	4	ROBERT EDWARDS	1
GLENN SCOGGINS	6	ERIC MATOS	5	SCOTT PLOURDE	2
ERIC MARTZ	7	DREW KULIS	6	JOHN COX	3
JEFFERY RITCHIE	8			KARL GREIS	4
				LORI WHITT	5
				BRUCE HANLON	6

One More Time...



Jesse "LeadSled"
safe at home during the
salad days...

Pictures courtesy of Jesse himself

Welcome back all you BMX loons for the '06 season! Look for some state coverage and freestyle stupidity next issue.

Got a pic to contribute, a place to ride, dang a good crash photo? Then send it in!

See ya in June-July!...Till then keep checking brokenspokes.net for your NJ BMX fix...Ride on buthas and sistas!



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