



#### BRETT'S CRAZINESS "EDITORIAL"

## Controversy, Drama and the need for Excitement



Drama. Some people live for it. Some people create it. Some people shy away from it as much as possible.

But there is no denying the fact that it exists. In BMX as in life there is bound to be controversy and drama. What effect does it have? Is it positive, negative or none at all.

If I may bore everyone once again with recapping the early days of BMX, I'd like to share with you some of the things that I remember and one of those that played out in the early outlaw days was tons of controversy and editorials from the creator of arguably the most revered BMX mag of all time BMX Action.

Now the editor of that mag, Bob Osborne, had a tendency, much like yours truly, to bring to light topics that most would rather keep quiet about. Overtime it gave him a sort of power in BMX that he used to try and better the sport. Bob's editorials, in my young impressionable mind were just as important and held my interest in BMX just as much as his incredible photography and the great contributors he had at BMX Action as well. Read that again, held my interest in BMX. What occurred back in the stone age square wheels days that could hold interest and keep parents and youngsters enthralled alike? One was the Corona Kid Kevin McNeal Controversy, t-bone and crashing drama in the Pro ranks. Others would be tales of sanction problems, point protests... well you get the idea. It was a little drama to keep people saying to themselves, "What's new in BMX this month?"

How does this relate to today? Remember NJ back before the days of this szine and brokenspokes? Yea, there was drama and controversy going on, but it was hushed up and put to the side. Sanctions said, Hey we're doing great, everything is fantastic. Then that all went away with forums and editorials and people speaking their minds once again. Some would misconstrue this as negativity and "damaging" the sport. The feedback that your humble editorial numbnut gets is that there is a renewed fire and interest in the sport now that everyone can get their own opinion out there without fear of being shut up or shunned.

Is controversy good or bad or indifferent? I don't know. I do know that when people get to speak their minds and other people take notice, things start to happen. At that point it just becomes a matter of making the right things happen.

BMX racing is set for a big boost in the next few years, let's all work together to stir the pot.



I swear to you all that flood leathers and K-Mart sneakers were FULLY in style. Oh and for those of you who think that those little brain buckets are just for freestylers. Look at that pic and think again. (I believe my shoe is half off as well.)



New Brunswick Street Ride
About 1988-89.
Fashion sense on hold as usual
with flannel top and reversed
Brian Johnson AC-DC cap.
and yes...that is all my Bozoesque
hair hanging out of that cap.



#### BMX Souldiers

Sick of all the b.s.?
Ready to give your input into the only sport that matters?
Grab a BMX Souldier sticker and stick it to whoever isn't listening. We all know the truth about BMXing. It's time to let everyone else know what is up. Join the revolution and show your part of the forces of BMX.



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### CJS BMX Jam at Woodbridge Park

The Central NJ shop puts up for a kicking spring jam.

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#### EHTBMX NBL State Qualifier 1

Chris's place hosts the opening of the racing season and begins the Hyper Pro-Am Series. Page 6



#### TPBMX NBL State Qualifiers 2-3

The Knappers roll out the Keystone carpet for NJBMX and rock deh house.

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#### Lumberton Free-Ride Track Opens

The first NJ BMX track that is unsanctioned opens. Lumberton is the new leader in progressing BMX

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## 16 & Over Open Wheels

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NBL State Series at HCBMX & CJBMX, more Hyper Pro-Am coverage, CJS BMX Jam at Perth Amboy Park Some Old School BMX nonsense, and whatever else I can think of. Might not be alot then...;-) BMX is gonna kick yo azzzzz!

On the cover:

One eyed Joe busting a flatty at Woodbridge Skatepark, Dan Smith blazing a path through PA and LouDogg rolling along in a weird position.





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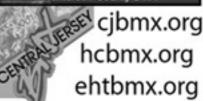
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SQ number one got down this spring at EHTBMX. It also happened to be the first race of the Hyper Pro-Am series. A few minor glitches went down but nothing that cool heads and cooperative attitudes couldn't overcome. Big props to Rich Farside and State Commissioner Scott Cranmer for keeping calm and making the first big race of the 2007 series a major success. The racing was intense and the atmosphere was the usual laid back hang with your buds one you are used to at NJ BMX racing events. The spring openah kicked bootay, just like Phil "PhD" Delizia in the open class. Bring your bros and broettes out to a state race to scope the action and get more people involved in the only thing there really is to do in RIDE BMX. Rock on mugs.



NJBMX Szine wants to throw out the welcome mat to Trilogy Park BMX in Pottstown, PA. Yea, they aren't from NJ but these guys know how to throw a BMX party. May 19 and 20 were hella fun and we look forward to 2008's races. Scope the photos here and hit up brokenspokes.net for more pics and story. PA and NJ have a long history of making BMX huge in the area, going all the way back to the days of Black-

track. Cooperation and fresh ideas are tion. Flip Wilson used to say say, "Here the Knappers, here come deh Knappers. coming from the cross state pollinacome deh judge", well here comes yeaaaaaa man.













Sorry guys I didn't get your names, NJBMX Szine drops the 20" wheel again...





TPBMX
State Qualifier











TPBMX State Qualifiers

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As promised by the duo of Farside and Poohbear Pawloski last year 2007
Pro-Am series is a reality. Some of the best racing of the year is going on because of these races. The monster Matt Kelty has taken an early lead but National

Champ JJ Jeremy Knapper is close on him with old dog Farside wagging his tail in 3rd place. The series is young and will only get more intense as the season goes on.

Kelty - Smith (10



Tantum - Moore

6 Races To Go BMX racing fiends. Who do you think will get the title?



brokenspokes.net over the winter about a new track in Lumberton caused quite a bit of interest on the site. This past spring the facility finally became a reality and the Lumberton BMX Track became a reality. Located on township land right next to the municipal complex, this UNSANCTIONED BMX track is open to the public with a "Ride at your own risk" policy. NJBMX Szine was there on opening day and lensed a few shots. More places for people to ride BMX bikes in NJ is just what the doctor ordered to bring out more recognition for riders. This facility is what should be looked at as a proof of concept for other towns to get the BMXers out of the backwoods and someplace where they can ride unharassed. Contact your town today and show them this!



This, my friends, is the future.

Deal with it.



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