



TeamMS returns to Graton for Fathers Day.

TeamMS hit the road late on Thursday afternoon to drive to Graton Raceway in Michigan. The Track is located just outside Grand Rapids and if there were a way to avoid the entire Chicago and Gary area, I would love to hear about it. One of the best days I have spent in my truck is the day it took to get through Chicago.



I just would really like to avoid this!



Thank Goodness we shared the driving duties!

The entire family made the trip for this race. It will long be remembered for the adventure it was. Did I mention I was traveling with my daughter Kaitlin age 6, and my son Sean who is 1 and ½. No doubt my wife Kathleen is due sainthood.

We checked into the same hotel that Kevin and I had used on the previous trip but this time we actually had time to see what the hotel had to offer. It is always nice to take time to see what services are available when traveling with children.

I was luckily enough to get a full day of practice although I limited my practice time to one outing as my engine decided to stop working at the end of my first practice session. At least I was able to get a ride back to the pits in the back of the pick up.

With a little time back at the trailer and I was able to decipher what had happened. Kathleen is very good with engines. She had some insight about

the issue and she was right. I need to start with what she thinks the issue is it would save a lot of time.



Sean watching the action on the track instead of working on the bike. No cartoons for him!

We got the bike running again and I decided not to push my luck by going back out as we had two days of racing ahead of us.



Race day was sunny and clear. Something that we have not seen much of this year. The bike made it through practice on Saturday with no issues. I reviewed the starting grid and was happily surprised to find a fairly decent field compared to the last race. AHRMA races have good participation and support. But I am in 9th place nationally with WERA. I might have to keep

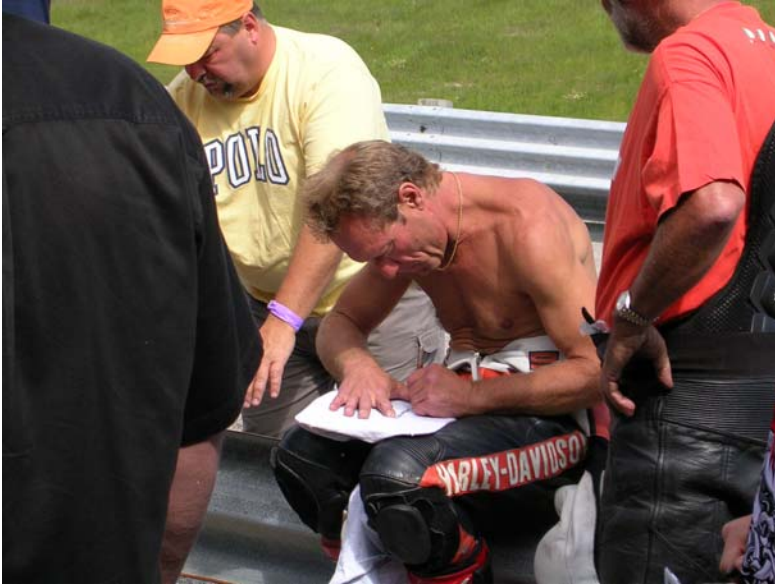
going with both groups to see if I can finish up in the top ten for at least one of these groups.

I finished my race squarely qualified as “pack filler”. I made no difference one way or the other in the race. I was pretty sure that I was no longer competitive after making a living being competitive for so many years. I am finding that I am not that grown up, and that this instinct has not left me. I am just better at controlling it than in the past, now I just spend that evening thinking about the track and how I was running.

I came out on Sunday and proceeded to ride with more rhythm and it showed in my lap times. I took almost 10seconds off my best time just in practice. I was following a Norton Manx for several laps and learned a lot about the track. This was great for the race as I got a decent start and proceeded to make some laps that I would not been able to do the previous day.

I was having some difficulty with the Triumph and twice in the same corner I lost the drive as the bike popped into a false neutral. I am not sure who was on the yellow bike that I was trying to pass at the last corner before the start finish front straightaway, but I am sorry. You can not turn a bike with out power. We both made it, but I was really close on this one! The very next lap I lost the tranny again at the same spot. Oh while, the grass is your friend. At least I didn't endanger anybody this time. I recovered and still found a way to get myself back into the thick of it. I wasn't looking for a win but rather a podium place. Unfortunately the bike gods were not real happy with me and as soon as I crossed the line to take the white flag indicating one lap to go... I lost power and got to watch the leaders go by one last time.

That is the best part about racing with AHRMA is there is always someone to race with no matter were you are running. The good news is that I took 25seconds off my best time from a month earlier; the bad news is I need to find a way to keep this bike running.



Springer signing autographs for people. How many events can you go to and get this close to the stars?

As usual the legends were on hand racing. I love watching these guys race. I have so much to learn.



As always the bikes at an AHRMA event make the trip worth it even if you don't race.



These are but a few of the amazing machines that you would see running at the AHRMA events.

I need to say thank you to Lyle Sharer and everybody at Sharer Cycle for getting my clutch working. Great job!

Please remember that if you would like to make a difference in the fight against MS, you can make donations to the MS Society. I do. I am partial to the Wisconsin chapter but any chapter would be great. If you would like to help keep TeamMS rolling please contact me directly through our website. www.teamms.org

As always TeamMS would like to thank all of the sponsors-without your assistance, we could not be out there spreading the word of about MS.

TeamMS is kicking off a new awareness campaign. In an effort to make people more aware of MS and its effects, TeamMS will be handing out “TeamMS” stickers to all those that would like to make a difference in the fight against MS. This sticker is a beautiful copy of the team logo and will enhance any location. You can learn more about MS and TeamMS at www.teamms.org and you can request stickers there as well.



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