



### *Team MS rolls through Graton.*

Team MS hit the road late on Friday afternoon to drive to Graton Raceway in Michigan in what can only be described as less than ideal drive time slot through Chicago.



It is hard to get in the mood for racing when in traffic like this!



At least the toll attendants were friendly. As we neared Grand Rapids, we were delighted to be treated to one of the most amazing lightning shows I had ever seen. As we checked into the hotel after midnight with some sort of high school girls night out and a very loud wedding reception in progress. We called for a 5:00am wake up and tried to

get some sleep. I could hear the rain coming down outside but hoped that it would end before morning.

Race day arrived early but quiet. No rain to speak of. After Florida and a solid week of it I was anxious to try racing on a dry track. We drove to the track with me all the while trying to remember the corners and transitions from a track I had not seen in 20 years. I could not of begun to remember all the technical corners and blind turns of the course. Oh by the way it was raining again.



I am starting to think it's me.

I am sure that the other racers will not want me to show up once they but two and two together and realize that I always seem to be at the races when it is raining. I swear, I can not control the weather no matter what you may hear.

I am starting to wonder though. I console myself by telling myself that next month when I am back at the same track for the AHRMA race it will be great out.



Many thanks to Peter Egan for the donation of the rain suit.

While I styled around in my swank Triumph rain suit (those British know how to keep the rain out.) Poor Kevin had the not so dry job of getting the Triumph ready for tech inspection. This is becoming our victory no matter what happens out on the course.



By the way I am the guy in the trailer out of the rain taking the photo.

Morning practice was less than rewarding as my front brake lever rotated and I spent the whole practice making my way around the track without

brakes (A rear brake on a road course is great for finding out how hard the ground is. You only use the rear brake as an OH MY GOSH I BLEW THAT CORNER last ditch effort.) Needless to say my lap times were nothing to write home about.

So Kevin went back to work. The Mountain Dew can spacer we had been using was thrown out and replaced by some oil absorbing pad we had in the trailer. Remember it is a British bike, they leaked a lot. The result was satisfactory and we were ready to go. That reminds me I need to fix that lever before our next race.



The race was run by the racing origination WERA. It was a combined effort with new machinery and Vintage machinery sharing the track over the weekend. There were a lot of new bikes there but not too much in the way of Vintage. Translation, I was the only competitor in my class at a national calendar event that paid double points. What do you know I just won my first race after all these years?

Just before race time the sun actually started to make an appearance and my relief was easy to see.



I get to race in dry weather.



The track time is always nice.  
Now the fun time, ahh the lights, the glamour, the prestige a free beer. What can I say?



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