



# ALQMA NEWSLETTER



## January 2009

New Year No Limits! On New Years Eve, Motorcycle Daredevil Robbie Maddison jumped 120 feet to the top of Arc de Triomphe in Las Vegas. Last year he jumped the length of a football field. He proved there are no limits to what he can accomplish and he's already planning a bigger jump for next year. As we enter the 2009 racing season we need to come together to make history at ALQMA. There are no limits to what our children and families can accomplish.

### 2009 Officers

President:	Mark Hanes	309-726-2206
Race Director:	Aaron Hammel	309-874-3198
Novice Trainer:	Fred Miller	217-741-7699
Tower Director:	Stacy Miller	217-741-7699
Safety Director:	Jayne Sarff	217-482-9110
Secretary:	Stephanie Sarff	217-482-9110
Treasurer:	Greg Pettit	217-476-3758
Tech Director:	Rusty Barnard	217-522-8212
Publicity Director:	Cathy Hanes	309-726-2206
Concessions Director:	Open	

The Concessions Director position is still open and will need to be filled before the racing season can begin. Ginny Barnard has offered her assistance in getting the food and Pepsi products delivered to the track. Any member that would be willing to hold this position or have any suggestions please attend the January meeting or contact Mark Hanes.

### January Club Meeting

January 24, 2009  
Wendy's in Lincoln  
3:00 - 5:00

All members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

- Review and approve racing schedule
- Bylaw change for voting rights
- Discuss club work committee's
- Website
- Repairs to track wall
- Concessions position

### Tentative Racing Schedule

A tentative 2009 racing schedule was distributed at the December Meeting. Everyone that attended was asked to review the schedule and any changes will be discussed at the January Meeting prior to its approval. PLEASE ATTEND THE JANUARY MEETING TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE CALENDAR AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT!

\*\* There has been some interest in hosting a Benefit/Charity race. We have an organization in mind, but if you know of an ALQMA family member that could benefit from such an event, please contact me.

### 2009 Membership

2009 Membership forms need to be submitted to Greg Pettit. You must submit a copy of the child's birth certificate and a 1x1 photo of each handler. SIGN BOTH SIDES OF ALL PAGES and DO NOT DATE THE APPLICATION. Instructions are also posted on the website. Applications can be mailed to:

Greg Pettit  
312 South Sylvan  
Ashland, IL 62612



### Website Under Construction

The ALQMA website will be going under construction!

Rod Johnson will be stepping down as the ALQMA Webmaster. Therefore, a new website is in the process of being designed. Discussions will follow on who will have access and responsibility for posting updates.

Please continue to check the website for updates on upcoming meetings.

#### DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

We won't overload you with spam mail! Since our website will be under construction and updates will be limited, it would be nice to send important communications via e-mail.

If you want to be kept in the loop, please make sure I have your current e-mail address. Send me an e-mail at [mchanes@verizon.net](mailto:mchanes@verizon.net) and I will add your address to our contact list.

### Proposed Bylaw Change

During the December meeting, it was suggested to open up the bylaws to include clarification on membership dues and voting rights. The proposed clarification will need to be discussed and approved for three consecutive meetings before it can be passed.

Full Membership	\$150	QMA - \$75	ALQMA - \$75	Full voting rights at National and ALQMA
Alternate Handler	\$100	QMA - \$25	ALQMA - \$75	Full voting rights at ALQMA only
Associate Member	\$75		ALQMA - \$75	No voting rights

# ALQMA Work Committee's

ALQMA will be establishing track improvement committee's to bring some much needed updates to our facility. In order to accomplish this, all members need to be involved.

Each committee will have a "chairperson" that will be responsible for overseeing the projects. Mark is asking all members to contact him or one of the chairpersons to volunteer for one of the committees. Again, this club needs to be ran by all members; not solely by the officers in order to be successful.

## Track Maintenance and Infield Upkeep: **Freddie Miller**

Novice families will be responsible for constructing a new flag stand, rewiring the traffic light, and mowing the infield during the week while at practice.

## Bleachers and picnic tables: **Greg Pettit**

The bleachers and picnic tables need a facelift!! We would like to repair and/or replace them along with improving the landscaping in this area. Greg has already begun looking into options and will have more information at the January meeting.

## Weigh Scales: **Randy Rexroad**

Our track is required to have a functioning weigh scale. Our current set-up was not engineered correctly and does not work properly. Our goal will be to redesign a system in order to use our existing scales.

## General Grounds Keeping: **Jayne and Stephanie Sarff**

This includes mowing, general appearance, and tree removal.

Stephanie is also looking into our options for a children's play area. Suggestions are a better swing set, basketball hoop, slide, and something suitable for toddlers.

We will be discussing these committee's at the January meeting. If you have any suggestions, sponsors, equipment, or expertise to help in these areas, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen!**

**Please Volunteer!**



# Happy Birthday

Will Rexroad 1/01/1999

Billy Rogers 1/14/1995

Trevor Neville 1/24/2001

Alexandria Shannon  
1/27/06

Lacricia Callarman  
1/30/1997

## Shop - N - Swap

If you are selling any racing equipment and would like to advertise it in the newsletters, please send details to [mchanes@verizon.net](mailto:mchanes@verizon.net). I will post your information for one newsletter. Please let me know if your equipment has not sold and you would like it posted again.

**'95 Fast Track** - Medium size car, completely rebuilt and redesigned in 2008. Many new spare parts including front axle, spindles, front hood, nerf bars, and radius rods. No motor or tach included. Pit cart included. May require new seatbelts in 2009. Won 7 feature events and a Regional event setting fast time as a novice car. \$1800.

Call Mark Hanes at 309-838-4497 or e-mail at [mchanes@verizon.net](mailto:mchanes@verizon.net)



**78" Fastrack**, new front and rear bumpers, new belly, new steel braided brake line, perfectg starter car! \$800. Contact Jayme Sarff at 217-482-9110.



## MidWest Speed EXPO



# Thank You!

**Joey  
Karter  
Wyatt**



ALQMA was represented at the 2009 Midwest Speed Expo in Springfield on January 10 and 11. Thank you to the Gibson, Sarff, and Martin family for bringing their cars to display. We met a number of families that seemed truly interested in the sport and our club and I'm sure we will see them again soon.