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Message from the President



2014 USLMRA President's Message

All is well! I think those three words are most on my mind here in our 22nd USLMRA season.

- Our safety record continues to be exemplary.
- We are working with an continue to impress World-Class racing venues.
- Racer numbers remain solid.
- STA-BIL National events are being hosted by Local Chapters and Clubs with solid infrastructures.
- Strategic, controlled growth continues at the Chapter and Club levels.
- Insurance remains affordable.



- National leadership remains strong and consistent.
- Sponsorship from our friends at Gold Eagle & STA-BIL Fuel Stabilizer remains steadfast.
- Media interest remains consistent.
- The economic recovery continues.

I tip my hat to the collective leadership at the National, Local Chapter and Affiliated Club levels. Racers need to be thankful for the job they both at each race and behind the scenes. They work hard so racers can have fun.

All the best! Mow on!

Bruce Kaufman
USLMRA President
June 19, 2014



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Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame Welcomes New Members



New members were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2013. Founded in 2009, the USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame is a place of honor for Turf Titans who have turned a weekend chore into a competitive sport. The USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame & Museum of America is located at Miller Lawn and Power, 1299 Harding Highway East State Road 309, Marion, Ohio.

• Kevin "Cooter" Penne

Twenty-two years ago Kevin Penne was a spectator at the inaugural STA-BIL Nationals in Grayslake, Illinois, on Sept. 5, 1992, when he realized he was on the wrong side of the fence. By the following year he built his first racing mower and began lawn mower racing career, which has seen him become one of the most winning drivers in STA-BIL Racing history. "Cooter" is a pioneer of many of the innovations used in the sport today. He designs and builds his own racing engines and chassis, is a 12-time STA-BIL Series National Champion, holds numerous track records and has been featured on Discovery Channel, ESPN2, Fox Sports Net and many TV news programs. Penne has also been banned at every horse track in Ohio.

• Mike "Hedge Hog" Miller

Like Penne, Mike Miller was a spectator at the first STA-BIL Nationals in 1992 and knew he had to build a mower and compete. In 1993 Miller met Penne at their first race, and one of the longest-lasting friendships in the USLMRA was formed—with "Hedge Hog" driving his 1968 T.S. Rugg to STA-BIL National Championships in 1996, 2005 and 2007. "Hedge Hog" is well known for his consistent performance in the FX Class. Miller has traveled the country since the formative days of the USLMRA in the early 1990's, helping to fuel the evolution of the sport, its technology and level of competition.



2009

- The Organizing Committee of Indiana's Twelve Mile 500 America's oldest lawn mower race, founded 1963.
- Jim Gavin of Wisborough Green, England, Founder and General Secretary of the British Lawn Mower Racing Association, founded 1973.
- "Racing Ray" Mrocks, also known as "Sodzilla", the first USLMRA member, who heeded the call to sod-sliding glory on April 1, 1992, the birthday of national lawn mower race sanctioning in the United States.
- Chuck "Boogie Woogie" Miller, the only USLMRA member to compete in every STA-BIL Nationals since 1992.

2010

- Ken "Turfinator" Smolecki whose mower, *The Turfinator* was featured on the TV sitcom *Home Improvement* and who raced in the legendary British Lawn Mower Racing Association 12-Hour Race.
- Bill Simpson, who served as the first USLMRA Race Director, adding consistency to race officiating by directing a staff of race stewards and staff.

2011

- John Nelson "Sir Lawns-A-Lot", as Past President of the Lone Star Mower Racing Association (LSMRA) and the nations' first "Mow Ambassador."
- Dr. Art Neavill, (1944-2013), beloved for his spirit, love of competition and eagerness to help fellow racers, Art—his son-in-law and wife by his side—was an unsurpassed friend to lawn mower racers across the country.
- Charles Powell – "Mr. Mowjangles" (1950-2006), was USLMRA VP of Operations, LSMRA Founding President, Winner of the 2005 Pain in the Butt Award and simply, Mr. Mowjangles.

2012

- Gold Eagle® Co. Makers of STA-BIL® Brand Fuel Stabilizer, founded the USLMRA in 1992 to sanction and present organized lawn mower races for fairs, towns and non-profit organizations across the USA.
- Bruce Kaufman, "Mr. Mow It All," USLMRA Founder and President, "Mr. Mow It All."



Kevin Penne and Mike Miller, the 2013 USLMRA Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame Award Winners



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March 8-9, Avon Park Mowerplex, Avon Park, Florida

April 5-6, Charlotte Motor Speedway Auto Fair, Charlotte, NC

May 24-25, Ellerbe Lions Club & Racing For Taylor, Ellerbe, NC

June 28-29, River Bottom Raceway, Carlisle, Iowa

July 19-20, Jim Keech Memorial Race For Huntington's Disease Research, Sparta, MI

July 26, Lake County Fairgrounds, Libertyville IL

August 1-2 Bowles Farms, Clements, MD

August 16-17, Lancaster TNT Speedway, Tampico, IL

Sept. 13, STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals, Delaware, OH

Schedule subject to change. Race details at:
www.lets-mow.com (Official USLMRA site)

www.facebook.com/uslmra (Facebook Page)

USLMRA Special Award Winners

Driver of the Year

2002, Tim Hamilton, Alabama
2003, Janet Witt, Florida
2004, George Herrin, Tennessee
2005, Jayson Mikula, Michigan
2006, Troy Larson, Michigan
2007, Pat Sullivan, Florida
2008, Jim Mikula, Michigan
2009, Richard Webb, Michigan
2010, Richard Webb, Michigan
2011, Wally Bender, Maryland
2012, Chuck Miller, Ohio
2013, Matt Strine, Ohio



Matt Strine, Ohio

Most Improved Driver of the Year

2002, George Herrin, Tennessee
2003, Tim Robison, Texas
2004, Jayson Mikula, Michigan
2005, Tracy Donihue, Michigan
2006 Tom Ast, Florida
2007, Becky Kuhfeldt, Florida
2008, Jason Brown, Maryland
2009, Manny Torres, Maryland
2010, "Wild" Bill Campbell, Michigan
2011, Ronald Rollman, Tennessee
2012, Matt Strine, Ohio
2013, Jason Nutbrown, Ohio



Jason Nutbrown, Ohio

Rookie of the Year (Adult)

2002, Rich Yeager, Florida
2003, Tim Ragsdale, Tennessee
2004, Tanya Ragsdale, Tennessee
2005, Craig Pond, Michigan
2006, Kyle Ast, Florida
2007, Tom Berkey, Florida
2008, Kurtis Ast, Florida
2009, Kevin Repa, Illinois
2010, Nathan Mesalk, Wisconsin
2011, John Brewer, Tennessee
2012, Larry Jones, Michigan
2013, Joey Chambers, Ohio



Joey Chambers, Ohio

Rookie of the Year (Junior Prepared)

2008, Christian Jones, Maryland
2009, Pierce Benton, Florida
2010, Garrett Bell, Michigan
2011, Wyatt Sullivan, North Carolina
2012, Isaac Ogg, Michigan
2013, Joey Paccione, New Jersey



Joey Paccione, New Jersey

The Chase For The Golden Blade

Founded in 2006, the Chase For The Golden Blade is open to all USLMRA Local Chapters: win a trophy at a STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series event and your designated Chapter gets a point. The Chapter that has accumulated the most points at the conclusion of the season wins the Golden Blade.

The Chase For The Golden Blade was created to promote a friendly rivalry between all



The Michigan Mower Racing Association winner of the 2013 Golden Blade Award.

sanctioned Local Chapters of the USLMRA. The actual award is a perpetual plaque that is passed on to the winning chapter at the conclusion of the racing season. The winning Chapter has their name added to the plaque and maintains possession until it is passed on at the conclusion of the following season. Along with plaque comes bragging rights.

The inaugural year of the Chase

was won by the Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association. The Florida Lawn Mower Racing Association was a close second. The 2007 season saw a reversal in the final trophy tally with Florida accumulating the most trophies and Michigan taking second.

The Golden Blade remained in the Sunshine State for 2008 and 2009, but in 2010 it returned to Michigan.

Here's to friendly, safe racing...and the Chase for the Golden Blade!

Past Winners of the Golden Blade:

- 2006: Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association
- 2007: Florida Lawnracing Association
- 2008: Florida Lawnracing Association
- 2009: Florida Lawnracing Association
- 2010: Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association
- 2011: DelMarVa Lawn Mower Racing Association
- 2012: Mason Dixon Lawn Mower Racing Association
- 2013: Michigan Mower Racing Association

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USLMRA Honorary Awards Program

USLMRA Honorary Awards are bestowed upon one USLMRA member, staff member, volunteer or related person who epitomizes the spirit of the following dear, departed friends.

USLMRA members, staff, volunteers and related parties are eligible for the Award. USLMRA members, staff, volunteers and related parties can submit an essay, in writing, nominating a person who is deserving of these honors. Essays can be submitted in any written format, and must be submitted directly

to Bruce Kaufman, USLMRA President. All entries submitted by 5:00 PM on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend (STA-BIL Nationals Weekend) will be considered.

The USLMRA President will select the Honorees. The Honoree will be announced at the Racer Banquet during STA-BIL Nationals Weekend. The Nominators and actual Honorees do not have to be present.

USLMRA Honorary Award Winners

Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award

2005, Art Neavill, Michigan
2006, Mike Leonard, Ohio
2007, Jim Mikula, Michigan
2008, Pat Sullivan, Florida
2009, Lou Filos, Maryland
2010, Chuck Miller, Ohio
2011, Jackie Andrews, Maryland
2012, Matt Strine, Ohio
2013, Eric Corner, Michigan

Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award

2009, Kevin Penne
2010, Jayson Mikula, Michigan
2011, Lee Grover, New Jersey
2012, George Herrin, Tennessee
2013, Wally Bender, Maryland

Charles Powell Mr. MOWjangles Award

2007, Manny Torres, Maryland
2008, Jim Witt, Florida
2009, Kerry Evans, Alabama
2010, Pat "Rocket Man" Sullivan, Florida
2011, Rodney Peeler, Tennessee
2012, Richard Webb, Michigan
2013, Matt Strine, Ohio

The Dubba G Everyman Award

2007, Tim Robison, Texas
2008, Al Minaker, Wisconsin
2009, Bobby Cleveland, Georgia
2010, Jim Keech, Michigan
2011, Wally Bender, Maryland
2012, Chrissy Webb, Michigan
2013, David Martin, Michigan

USLMRA President's Award

By Bruce Kaufman, USLMRA President



I'd like to recognize someone we all know, and whose many trips to the winner's circle are known across the lawn mower racing world. Many of us affectionately call Pete Sullivan "Rocket Man, Junior," a term of endearment and an honor to his dad, Pat "Rocket Man" Sullivan.

Pete, his wife Ann Marie, son Wyatt and daughter McKenna, along with the extended Rocket Man Team including Michael and Tina Paccione, are mainstays on the National Circuit.

Pete has been invaluable this year and last in creating a relationship with the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Living in Raleigh, Pete has made many advance trips to Charlotte, meeting with Charlotte officials and laying the groundwork for our successful racing at this legendary facility.

Pete has also provided guidance and consulting to me this year as USLMRA navigated through some changes and challenges.

Pete, like all of us, loves lawn mower racing and is willing to go many extra miles so we can all enjoy what we love.

Pete, on behalf of all of us, your racing community, please accept this 2013 USLMRA President's Award.

Thanks, Pete and WAY TO MOW!

Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award

(Established 2005)

Named in the honor of USLMRA Tech Inspector and everybody's good friend Dave Hertel.

This award is to be presented to an individual who like Dave was always mowtivated and took time to assist racers as a pit crewmember, doing whatever necessary to get the job done on race day, and one who displays the knowledge and energy that sets the example for all racers to follow.

I would like to take the opportunity to nominate an individual who has, without a doubt, shown the Lawn Mower Racing world what MOWTIVATION is all about! From the first race of the season this individual displays an unparalleled, unmatched, untiring amount of mowtivation and determination when it comes to the sport of lawnmower racing. Doing whatever it takes, this man sees no barriers, mowtivating the crowd, fellow racers and demonstrating pride in representing the state of Michigan. He has been known to ride a greyhound bus from Michigan to Tampa, Florida, just to race. This individual could also be the poster child for 5-Hour ENERGY. And why, you wonder? Because he has loved racing from the day he won the Race mower in a raffle. There could be no better candidate for this award.

So it is with distinct pleasure that I nominate Mr. Eric Corner for The 2013 Dave Hertel MOWTIVATION Award, for all untiring energy and mowtivation he has shown the Lawn Mower Racing World



2013 USLMRA
Dave Hertel
Award Winner
Eric Corner

Gonzo Go To Fund

(Established 2007)

Note: As announced at the 2007 STA-BIL Nationals Weekend, funds

are being created to honor the memory of late great Mike "Gonzo" Leonard, 2006 Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award Winner, who passed away in 2007. Mike loved to "go to" races, so to honor Mike, Local Chapters are collecting funds to be given to racers to help them so that they may "go to" races. Here is what the Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association (MILMRA) is doing:



A monetary sum will be given by random selection to one (1) racer in each USLMRA Class during STA-BIL Nationals Weekend in honor of Mike "Gonzo" Leonard.



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Dubba G Everyman Award

(Established 2007)

"I was put here to make others happy. I believed in myself so others could." Dubba G

From Dubba G himself:

1. We are looking for people with dedication, integrity, and conviction to stand up for what they believe, even when unpopular.
2. The candidate will carry a positive disposition.
3. Actions on the track, including driving style, will show gentlemanly demeanor. Not necessarily always deferring to other drivers, but not creating unsafe situations. Their competitive spirit needs to be tempered with a "spirit of a sound mind".
4. Candidates are willing to help others. When times of need arise, sacrifice is not uncommon, willing to volunteer, add a hand, step up to the plate.
5. Enthusiasm is key. They want to be here, at the race, in the paddock, at the driver's meeting. Their excitement will help the group's positive energy grow and surge just by their presence. People like being around the candidate.
6. General knowledge of what's going on race day, racetrack, in the paddock, in general. This would imply that first month rookies may not fully qualify, but depending on their learning curve, they could be in the running. This doesn't mean they have to know everything, but a good solid understanding of how things work is the basic idea.
7. Most important, at least to me, is their Sense of Fair Play. We have all seen racers over the years that possess some or a few of these qualities, but when bump comes to shove, this particular attribute gets left behind or thrown out the window, depending on the situation. This applies on the track, negotiations during the rules committee, arguments about rules infractions and who gets the last beer after the race.
8. Comes prepared to help. Spare parts, rope to hang clothes, share knowledge, extra mower to run on race day in order to keep accumulating points for the season. Having made preparations to help others in advance, knowing someone will need something. #4 shows the willingness, #8 exhibits the forethought to add extra supplies, etc.
9. One of the traditions I enjoyed most was having a steak and a beer (or mower) after the race. I know most people want to run home. But there are always a few that will stick around or meet you on the way to the airport. This one is a bit hard to wrap your arms around, but I think this is part of the mix.
10. I always preferred plaques. Trophies can be hard to store, but there's always room for a plaque. A lot less dusting along with less space used.



2013 USLMRA Dubba G Everyman Award Winner
David Martin

Nomination:

David Martin is another one who comes to mind when I think of a "Racer's racer." He may not always be in the running (but this year sure is going good for him), but he goes out there and puts on a great show, whether it be on two or four wheels. And when he is on that track, he is aware of who is out there. He points to the tops guys and makes room for them to pass. And he is always willing help wrench or lend parts if need be. And off the track he has also stepped up to help make the day runs smoothly from tech to track to whatever. David Martin exemplifies the true meaning of sportsmanship, and I am honored to nominate him for the 2013 Dubba G "Everyman" Award.



Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award

(Established 2009)

A Racer, Engine Builder and Crew Chief, Mace Mullins passed away on July 17, 2009. Mace, a multi-year racing champion, will be honored with the Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award. "Mace was like a brother to me, and I'm proud to honor him," says a Former National AP Class Champion and Triple Crown winner. Lawn mower racers everywhere loved Mace, and I loved the guy. It was former AP Champion Dale Becker's idea to honor Mace with this award in his honor.

Mace Mullins was an individual who would always be there for anyone. His specialty was building engines, and with this expertise he assisted Dale Becker in being a successful Champion in the AP class. He was always there when needed, and he always insured that Dale's Mowchine was ready come race day.

This award is to be presented to an individual who, like Mace, always takes the time to assist racers as a pit crewmember—doing whatever necessary to have Race

Charles Powell Mr. MOWjangles Award

(Established 2007)

On December 3, 2006, Charles Powell passed way. Suddenly, unexpectedly and way too soon! Charles was USLMRA VP of Operations, President of the Lone Star LMRA, Winner of the 2005 Pain in the Butt Award and simply, Mr. Mowjangles. Charles was a tireless and Mowtivated racer, staff member, Chapter President, Chief Steward and key leader of the USLMRA. Implementing the Local Chapter system, designing our new membership database, providing guidance for new Chapters, updating the annual Rulebook, STA-BIL Nationals Weekend and graciously accepting the Pain in the Butt Award at the 2006, were just some of his accomplishments.

Since my affiliation in this sport in early 2000, I have witnessed many, many individuals whom have had an incredible impact in supporting and promoting this great sport. But there is one individual who has taken the role as a leader and showed determination in reestablishing the sport of lawn mower racing within his own state.

Before his time as a racer, this individual was a regular at the STA-BIL Nationals, as a worker, a corner man and doing whatever he could to help make the event happen. Then he decided to give racing a try. As fate would have it he was extremely talented. With the help of his good friend Chuck Miller he became quite competitive and successful. And in 2012 he was crowned National Champion in the SP Class and voted the National USLMRA Most Improved Driver.



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Charles Powell
Mr. MOWjangles
Award Winner
Matt Strine

But this is just part of the story. This individual was a true ambassador for the sport; he brought together racers from within the state to reestablish the Ohio Local Chapter. Seeking venues, transporting fellow racers mowers to National Races in his Modified Double Decker Trailer, and even allowing the racers to take his vehicle and trailer to events when he had other commitments and couldn't travel with them are some of the things this individual would do for the cause.

Because of his efforts, the Ohio Lawn Mower racing association has become a strong force to reckon with. They are a very competitive, very tight group of racers with a great deal of pride.

Now for the final picture: this man is a true gentleman, always willing to lend a helping hand, extremely approachable, and has a great sense of humor. Without a doubt an individual who deserves this award for all he has done not only for the sport of Lawn Mower Racing, but for the Sport of Lawn Mower racing in MOWOHIO.

It is with distinct pleasure that I nominate Mr. Matt Strine for the 2013 Charles Powell Award, for all he has done for the sport of Lawn Mower Racing.

Mowers ready come race day, and one who displays the knowledge and energy that sets the example for all racers.

I would like to nominate an individual who has been instrumental with so many involved in this sport. A long-time racer and engine builder, this individual has proven time and time again that he is willing to go over and beyond to help other racers no matter where they come from. Racers from New Jersey, North Carolina, and throughout Maryland always come to this Master mind for assistance before race day and even in the pits when they have mechanical problems with their mowers. A very creative individual, this racer has been known to work all night on other racer's engines, putting them first before working on his own, so that that will be able to race on the following day. A true Iron Man, he has become widely known for his generosity of time and resources when it comes to lawn mower racers.

This individual truly depicts the meaning of a gentleman racer—always cheerful, respectful, and not a mean bone in his body.

I sincerely consider an honor to know him, compete against him, and to be in his company.

So it is with distant pleasure that I nominate Mr. Wally Bender for the Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award for all he has done for the sport of lawn mower racing.



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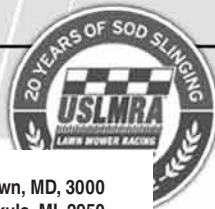
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1st	Jordan Brown, MD, 3000
2nd	Ty Garrett, OH, 2700
3rd	Joseph Paccione, NJ, 2700
4th	Isaac Ogg, MI, 2550
5th	Lauren Filos, MD, 2550
6th	Wyatt Sullivan, NC, 2200
7th	Hayden Crosby, MI, 1900
8th	Jacob Dean, AL, 1550
9th	Nicholas Perry, MI, 1500
10th	Shane Bosley, PA, 700

GP

1st	Sam Lalonde, MI, 2900
2nd	Wyatt Sullivan, NC, 2850
3rd	Jonathan Barber, IN, 2850
4th	Lauren Filos, MD, 2750
5th	Mariah Peeler, TN, 2400
6th	Ty Garrett, OH, 2250
7th	Michael Love, IA, 1100
8th	Jordan Brown, MD, 800

IMOW

1st	Matthew Strine, OH, 3000
2nd	Michael Paccione, NJ, 2850
3rd	Tina Paccione, NJ, 2750
4th	Eric Corner, MI, 2750
5th	Joseph Freriks, MI, 2500
6th	Chris Vanmaastricht, MI, 2350
7th	James Vanmaastricht, MI, 1900
8th	Ryan Porter, MI, 1750
9th	David Martin, MI, 1500
10th	Carol Vanmaastricht, MI, 1500

BP

1st	Chuck Miller, OH, 3000
2nd	Matthew Strine, OH, 2950
3rd	Jason Brown, MD, 2000
4th	Paul Krueger, IA, 1900
5th	Kevin Ferguson, MD, 1650
6th	Chandler Ellington, AR, 1550
7th	Bob Cleveland, GA, 1400
8th	Rex Crouch Sr., NC, 1400
9th	William Robinson, SC, 1050
10th	Jerald Lane, FL, 1000

AP

1st	Christopher Cox, GA, 3000
2nd	Matt Tucker, IA, 2950
3rd	Anthony Thompson, IL, 2750
4th	Michael Paccione, NJ, 2750
5th	Jason Murray AR, 2300
6th	Garrett Winchester, AR, 2250
7th	Jackie Andrews, MD, 2100
8th	Ken Jones, IL, 2000
9th	Pete Sullivan, NC, 1950
10th	Matthew Moran, MD, 1900

FX

1st	Kenneth Holder, AR, 2850
2nd	Greg Honchell, OH, 2400
3rd	Wally Bender, MD, 2300
4th	Mark Moran Sr., MD, 2200
5th	Kevin Nipper, GA, 1200
6th	Robert Sparbel, WI, 1200
7th	Roger Smith, OH, 1100
8th	Darren Gamache, WI, 1050
9th	Dan Mongan, IL, 1050
10th	Ed Gallant, NC, 500

FX SINGLE

1st	Joey Chambers, OH, 2900
2nd	Kelsey Vanepps, MI, 2850
3rd	Pete Sullivan, NC, 2700
4th	Manuel Torres, MD, 2650
5th	Thomas Flynn, PA 2050
6th	Michael Paccione, NJ, 1550
7th	Martin Kunkle, IA, 1350
8th	Christopher Cox, GA, 1200
9th	Freddy Burt, MI, 1150
10th	Doug Baber, IA, 1150

FX TWIN

1st	Jayson Mikula, MI, 3000
2nd	Glenn Vanepps, MI, 2950
3rd	Jim Mikula, MI, 2600
4th	James Russell, OH, 2400
5th	Kenneth Holder, AR, 2350
6th	Paul Krueger, IA, 2000
7th	Shannon Kayhart, WI, 1950
8th	Justin Altemeier, IA, 1700
9th	Wes Pyburn, FL, 1550
10th	Darrell Johnson, AL, 1150

SP

1st	Jason Nutbrown, OH, 3000
2nd	Matthew Strine, OH, 2950
3rd	Tyler Frazier, IN, 2500
4th	Michael Paccione, NJ, 2450
5th	Kelsey Vanepps, MI, 2400
6th	Jordan Tornow, IL, 2150
7th	Chandler Ellington, AR, 2000
8th	Jackie Andrews, MD, 1850
9th	Matt Lee, IL, 1750
10th	Danny Phillips, WV, 1700

GP

1st	Jason Brown, MD, 3000
2nd	Jayson Mikula, MI, 2950
3rd	Pat Sullivan, FL, 2600
4th	Danny Phillips, WV, 2450
5th	Jason Nutbrown, OH, 2350
6th	Ivy Coy, MI, 2050
7th	David Martin, MI, 2050
8th	Tim Opall, WV, 1850
9th	Brandon Patava, IA, 1850
10th	Wes Pyburn, FL, 1850

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As USLMRA Members, we all have our individual racing numbers whether we race, perform front-line or behind the scenes duties, or are simply, but proudly, Members.

As of 2011, the birth of a new honor of recognition was born. That being Life Membership in the USLMRA. I approached Bruce Kaufman with the Life Membership idea early that year. After he and I hashed out the details, Bruce said, "I like it, let's mow with it!"

widow, Cheryl Powell, received his posthumous award.

Others who have received this award, thus far, are: Chuck Miller, 104-003 (2011); Jim Keech, 04K-004 (2012); Rich Hirsch, 80-1-005 (2012); Bob Hirsch, 80-5-006 (2012); Marc Blackman, 80-3-007 (2012); Mike Cupps, 79-008 (2012 posthumously); and Bruce Kaufman, 000-009 (2012).

If you are interested in nominating someone to receive the honor of Life Membership, submit an essay to Bruce Kaufman detailing your knowledge of this person's love for mower racing. Nominees must be a current member in good standing with at least 10 years membership in the USLMRA. Please submit your essays for nomination no later than August 1st of the current year.

Marion Neel, aka Capt'n Khaos, #122

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This award is bestowed upon Members who have dedicated many years to the sport of mower racing. They have exhibited a love to promote, advance, change, and have tirelessly spent hours and hours to further the mission of the USLMRA.

The first recipient of this award was John Nelson, aka, Sir-Lawns-A-Lot of the Lone Star Mower Racing Association Chapter of the USLMRA. John's racing number is 61. Even though John has retired from racing, he is still ever present and active with the LSMRA. He is either passing out our brochures, or announcing at the races and showing off the Mow-Longer, which is a 14 feet long, five-engine, John Deere mower. We love to hear him on the microphone.

Being the first recipient of this award, John's number is now 61-001. Life Membership means that a racer is a member, without being required to pay dues for life, and being on the membership roll forever, not to be forgotten. The late Charles Powell, also an LSMRA Member, was recipient number two. His name is now firmly etched on the rolls of USLMRA Membership. His



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BIG DOG RACING

By Seth Sloan



Americans have hundreds of favorite ways to spend weekends and free time. From watching their favorite football teams on television to barbecues with friends and family, we in the grand ole' U.S. of A. know how to have a great time. However, a select few choose to ride lawn mowers - for fun. We're not talking about your average Lawn General ride-on lawn mower, but instead rebuilt, more powerful, faster, and of course, LOUDER racing lawn mowers.

In the U.S. Midwest, a small, lesser-known town in Nebraska is home to several lawn mower racers. Chadron,

Nebraska, is also one of the only "road course" racetracks in the U.S. This means that instead of the common oval, dirt, or clay tracks, the racetrack has a multitude of twists and turns, right and left. To many racers, this can be quite the challenge, anticipating the strategy for taking the next hairpin turn, while keeping in mind the opponents on their tail.

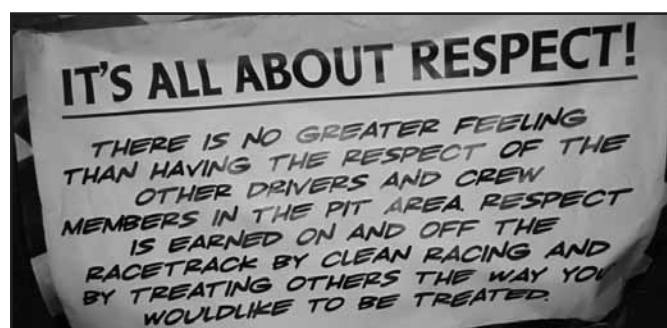
Racing lawn mowers in Chadron has been great for testing my skills as a racer and as a driver in general. I myself race in the GP class. Although it is not a high-speed class, it can be challenging enough, as this class is purely about skill. On a road course such as ours here in Chadron, this is made even more obvious. While some lawn mowers are slightly faster than others, some racers are better at planning ahead, and get the chance to pass the guy who gets ahead, off the start.

Of course strategy is the thing that wins the race on this track, in all classes. If you don't plan a hairpin corner right, don't take the outside of the corner when entering, you will undoubtedly run your mower into a barrier or up off the track. I've found this out the hard way when I made this mistake: My mower went up a small embankment at the edge of the track after taking the inside and jumped a couple feet off the ground. Luckily I had stood

up mid-air in order to avoid future discomfort. I landed and steered back onto the track and continued the race; luckily nothing on the mower was damaged.

Straights on the track are shorter than average tracks, and corners are always much tighter. Another feature about this track is that tire barriers on the track are movable and will be switched around for every race, opening or closing off corners and parts of the track. This makes each day's course different than the last, and add an element of surprise and unexpectedness to each week's contest.

Overall, building and racing a racing lawn mower in Chadron, Nebraska, has been a great and rewarding experience. I had wanted to race ever since I saw sprint and stock cars in Alliance (a nearby town), and watched lawn mower races here in my hometown of Chadron when I was younger, probably about six or seven years old. I'm glad I took it up last year, after completing rebuilding the engine, because I learned a lot about working on engines and on body and framework. I have also learned how to work on a transmission and paint with a sprayer. It's been a very educational experience, and it's great being able to benefit from the work of your own hands—in this case, feeding the need for speed—and being able to interact with other people who share the same interests. I'm very glad I've been able to race lawn mowers in Chadron, Nebraska.



WESTERN MOWER RACING

By Bob Newman



Lawn mower racing is alive and well on the West Coast, with three main areas of activity. Down south in the Los Angeles area are the Norco Mower Racing Assoc. and the Anza Racing Mowers. In the Sacramento area we have Sac Valley Mower Racers (who use Prairie City Dirt Track in Sacramento as their home track) and the West Coast Grass Assassins out

of Ukiah. Up in the Pacific Northwest is the Sportsman's Grass Car Racing Inc. group in Wamic—central Oregon.

The Sac Valley, Grass Assassins and Sportsman's clubs get together often. This year we are having the Western Mower World Series Points Championship, which consists of four two-day races, with two at Wamic, Oregon, on July 4th and Labor Day and one at Happy Camp, California, on Fathers Day and another at Rio Dell, California, during their Bigfoot Days Celebration on Aug 2 & 3. The racers with the highest combined points from all four shows will be crowned champions with traveling trophies.

All three groups have obtained sponsorships to help cover travel expenses. We all look forward to getting together for these events, and a great time will be had by all.

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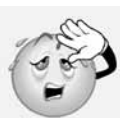
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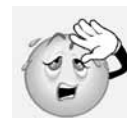
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Message from the Tech Director



USLMRA National
Tech Director
Manny Torres

Greetings Fellow Racers;

Editors Note: The following message was written by USLMRA Tech Director Manny Torres, and we feel is important enough to publish again:

Prior to the start of the of the 2012 season, we decided to take a big gamble and expand our field of racing classes to enable racers from all racing groups the opportunity to race within the USLMRA rules. This was probably the biggest gamble USLMRA had taken up to date. We understood that this expansion would require the USLMRA staff to work harder and longer, but we felt that the end result would be well worth the gamble. And

we were right. Adding the Governed Prepared classes for Adults and kids was a huge success, along with the addition of the FXS and FXT classes. We went from seven classes to 11. The numbers may not seem a lot but when taking into consideration the number of added races (Practice, Heats, and Features), you would think would this require longer days. Well to our surprise the fact was that with strong leadership running the races, the time running these races really didn't extend the day by that much. Bottom line was that despite some who may disagree this was an excellent move by USLMRA. With interest in the FXS and FXT classes starting to rapidly grow, we really expect that in the near future these two classes will be the fan favorites.

Over the past several years I have had the opportunity to see firsthand and up close so many different types of mowers and some very interesting modifications made to these machines' to transform them into race mowers. Remember the intent is to keep these machines appearance as close to the original appearance as possible. And I must commend almost all of you; many of you take pride in what you have built. Why do I bring this up you may wonder? Well, it's about the rules. We try our best to put together a set of rules with the intent of outlining specific guidelines. I will mention just a couple: Regulated classes (JP, IMOW, GP, GPK). We want to test the drivers' skills in these classes, that's why we have specific guidelines in these classes, Gear Ratio, RPM, Tire Pressure for IMOW & JP for example. And I will say some of the best racing in the past has been in the IMOW with neck-to-neck racing and at times three-wide in the turns. And the GP classes are just a step faster with only RPM regulated.

Appearance:

We (USLMRA) want to keep the sport as it was originally intended to be, racing on machines that resemble riding lawn mowers as much as possible. These machines should resemble the original appearance as much as possible from the engine to the chassis, with the only exception being the Factory Experimental Classes (FX, FXS, & FXT). Ensuring these Mowchines resemble Riding Lawnmowers is the # 1 goal.

Safety:

We continue to have an excellent safety record. Yes, there are some incidents/accidents that happen, but nothing can ensure an accident-free event. That's racing. When actually on the track racing, it's up to all drivers to pay extra attention to detail on their driving habits and maintaining awareness of the racers around them, learning the driving habits of other racers as well, and being prepared for the unexpected. We have to ensure that our mowchines are safely built from the engine to the chassis. Coming to the track prepared to race is the key. Yes, things will happen, but the more time that is spent in preparing your mower prior to race day increases the chance of having an uneventful race day. Rules like the double throttle return spring, Axle mounted brakes in Prepared Classes and FX, Tether Kill Switches, requiring Billet Aluminum flywheels in prepared classes and FX, double lock nut on steering components, just to name a few, are for the safety of the drivers on the track and spectators alike. The rules are not like some think (to make life miserable or chase away racers) but to try to make the sport as fun and safe as possible.

I have often said that "The USLMRA Staff" has a goal to keep this sport as safe and fun as possible. Remember: No one wants to leave the track knowing one of their fellow racers has been injured and what could have been done to prevent it. It's the worst feeling you can have; I know I've had that feeling before.

Please remember if any of you have questions, recommendations, or complaints feel free to contact me any time.

Manny Torres
National Tech Director



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