



## Winter 2004 Newsletter

Hill climbers,

From the entire NAHA board Happy New Year to you. We hope this letter finds you safe and healthy for this upcoming season. As you can see by the letterhead we are attempting to cultivate a more professional image of the NAHA, its riders, as well as the events we count towards our championships. Please be aware that there are a lot of changes happening starting this season. Some of them you will like, others you may dislike. We hope the majority of the membership will feel as confident as the board and the majority of the 30+ riders that were poled, when we say moving ahead with these changes will better the sport of hill climbing. Let it be known that by no means were any decisions taken lightly. There were many long discussions and like previously mentioned a pole was taken to come to the changes set for this upcoming season. One primary change is to recognize our top 30 riders from last season's overall points as this season's NAHA Pro-Licensed competitors and the NAHA competitors earning numbers 31 and above as this season's NAHA's Semi-Pro Licensed competitors. This is just one of many changes that will be in effect this 2004 season. We ask for your cooperation and mostly participation towards all these updates and changes. We hope that for the most part everyone will get on board and do their part to make hill climbing the professional sport that majority of the top 30+ riders expressed interest in. As a result from the pole taken we are expecting that at the very least, our top 30 riders will lead by example, being 100% participants in all items that are laid out in this new letter.

Starting in November the board of last year also saw some changes. Regretfully, Jeff Barger from California has resigned from the board. We miss having him on with us but sincerely thank him for the commitment he made to try and help this organization moving forward. Jeff made contributions to the improvement of the NAHA and we are all better for it. I'd like to say Thank you on behalf of all of the NAHA members.

In Jeff's place, Brian Osborn has been good enough to volunteer as a new board member. On top of that, we are all fortunate to have Rod Whitlock and Harold Waddell make a commitment and join Jordy Smith and Kevin Bromenshenk to round out 2004 board of 5 members this year vs. only 3 from last year. All 5 board members are highly committed to help make executive decisions to better and move forward NAHA hill climbing on your behalf. All members are encouraged to voice concerns to them.

Since the board was reformed we all went right to work on the issues that needed to be addressed for the 2004 season. This newsletter will provide you with the following information.

- 1. 2004 Race schedule, 2. 2004 Membership form (to be filled out and returned as directed on the form), 3. New NAHA Web Site information, 4. Board Member contact information, 5. 2004 Championship point tracking process, 6. Notice of Upcoming Magazine articles in Big Sky Racers Edge Magazine with subscription card attached. 7. Rider profile form (to be filled out and returned with your membership in order to get your required 2004 Competition Pro-license), 8. Example of Pro-Licenses. 9. 2004 Entire Semi-Pro/Pro Rules (all members required to update themselves with these rules as there has been a lot of changes and updates). 10. Overall point results from 2003 season (telling you your new 2004 number)

### **1. 2004 NAHA WESTERN PRO-NATIONAL HILL CLIMB SERIES SCHEDULE**

- April 3 & 4, 2004 Skips @ Carnegie Spring
- May 29 & 30, 2004 Halts Big time Hill climb (Memorial Day Weekend)
- June 18 & 19, 2004 Widowmaker (Friday/Saturday event)
- July 23, 24, 25, 2004 Billings Great American Hill climb
- September 5, 2004 Halts Exhibition Jam (Labor Day Weekend)
- October 23,24, 2004 Skip's @ Carnegie Fall

*Please be sure to call, visit web sites, or entry forms of each individual event to double check dates, times and specific requirements from each event.*

### **2. 2004 MEMBERSHIP FORM (see attached form for your use) notable changes are as follows:**

- Your point scoring for this season will be done according to how you fill out this form. Please plan ahead to receive a license in time for your first event. It will not be the Associations fault for last minute applications. Plan for at least a 2-week period for your license to be issued.
- **Semi-Pro membership** Applies to new and existing NAHA members (Old timers included) with 2003 overall earned #'s 31 and up. Riders obtaining this membership will only receive points towards either a 0-700 ex or Open ex championship. In order to receive points, you must have a license before the event starts. Licenses will not be given at events. Riders may only display their 2003 overall earned numbers when competing for NAHA point events.
- **Pro-membership** applies only to existing NAHA members (Old timers included) with 2003 overall earned #'s 1 through 30. Riders obtaining this membership will only receive points towards either a 0-700 ex or Open ex championship. In order to receive points, you must have a license before the event starts. Licenses will not be given at events. Riders may only display their 2003 overall earned numbers when competing for NAHA points events. Pro-licensed riders must also provide, with the completed membership form, completed profile form, including a portrait of their face and an action photo of themselves competing in a hill climb to receive their NAHA Pro-license.
- **Must be 16 years of age or older on or before April 1st, 2004 to be a Pro-member or be able to compete for points towards pro championship.**

### **3. NEW NAHA WEB SITE INFORMATION**

- Our web site can be reached by typing any of the following addresses into your internet address box.  
**www.Pro-Hillclimbers.org - www.NAHAHillclimb.com - www.NAHAHillclimb.org**
- Our web site is a wealth of information for you all. It will have our schedule with links to the promoter web sites in order to give you more detailed information about each event. It will have updated points and provide you with direct email links to each of the board members and web master for questions concerns and opinions. It has already started to show case our riders in a photo gallery. There is a button that will take you to a list of NAHA news items for all visitors to read as well as a thread link to actual board member meeting minutes for NAHA members to read. Soon we will be adding rider profiles showcasing any of our riders. All NAHA members that race are encouraged to take part in the rider profiles to promote yourself and your sponsors. It won't be limited to just top riders. The NAHA rules will be up to date and posted on the web site. New members and existing will be able to download a membership form and join the NAHA. We will also continue to recognize the memory of past NAHA riders that have since past on. Most importantly you can communicate with others through the NAHA forum.
- NAHA's new web master is Kaleb Northrup. Kaleb has been very active in making our web site a professional looking user-friendly site for the past 4 months. He is very receptive to helping any of you get started using the site. You can contact him in via email.
- Kaleb's email address: [Webmaster@Pro-Hillclimbers.org](mailto:Webmaster@Pro-Hillclimbers.org).
- You may send Kaleb photos to be posted on our site through email or send hardcopies to him and he will scan them into the computer for you. His mailing address is: **Kaleb Northrup, 21055 Putting Ave, Hastings MN 55033**
- Please visit this site frequently as news will hit this site much faster than then by US mail.
- The site is where all communication with on line members will take place. All sites including the MSN site have been abandoned and are no longer being used for current information on the NAHA.
- You will have to take some steps of your own to get involved and stay informed. Register yourself on the forum and the distribution list to stay informed and be able to communicate with out expense to you with other members and other hill climb enthusiasts. This can be intimidating to do but if needed contact Kaleb and he can walk you through the process.
- Hit the news button on the left side of our home page to link you to directions on how to get registered on the forum and put on the NAHA distribution list.

### **4. 2004 BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION**

- **Jordy Smith** phone: 801.292.8096.direct email: [jordysmith@connect2.com](mailto:jordysmith@connect2.com)
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### **5. 2004 CHAMPIONSHIP POINT TRACKING PROCESS**

- The NAHA will score Pro-Points in only the 0-700-Exhibition class and the Open Exhibition class towards our two champions in 2004. Eligible Semi-Pro and Pro riders will be eligible to compete for these two championships.
- The two championships will be called:  
    "0-700 Exhibition Championship"  
    "Open Exhibition Championship"
- The NAHA will recognize the top ten riders at the end of the year with number plates and each champion will receive a #1 plate and trophy.
- The 2005 numbering system will be based on this years finish in each of the mentioned two classes. Therefore a rider will not display an overall number next season. Instead they will display individual numbers earned from the 0-700ex on their 0-700 bikes and display the earned number from the open ex class on their open ex bike. 0-700 bikes having yellow backgrounds with black numbers; open bikes having white backgrounds with black numbers. Most riders next year will have different numbers on each of their bikes.
- To help ease into this process we require that this season we start this change by using the yellow backgrounds on the smaller 0-700 type bikes and white backgrounds on the open bikes.
- Just a reminder, you are not allowed to run individually earned numbers on your bikes this season. Overall numbers earned from last season will be the only numbers allowed. See the membership form and the rules.
- Pro-riders will likely be automatically qualified into Sunday's main events base on their current rank. It is likely that events will recognize our top 30 riders as automatically "in the show" but as Billings has stated they are recognizing our top 25. The NAHA does not have enforcement over weather or not a promoter pre-qualifies certain riders. As of now it's a very nice courtesy that promoters are showing towards the NAHA's riders and should be noted that qualification may differ at each event. Please do not assume anything during this transitional time. It is hoped in the future that no rider be pre-qualified into a show but rather qualify through a physical open qualifier held on Saturday. At this time, this type of system will likely not be in place at our events this season. So for now this is what we will work with.
- As you all know 0-600-tire class and open tire classes will likely still exist at our promoters' events. They will even likely pay out in these classes. Let it be clear that there is nothing set by the NAHA points system that restricts any riders from competing in these classes. The NAHA has just chosen not to count points from those two classes. Anyone is welcome to ride these classes if they want.
- If there is a requirement to qualify for an exhibition class by riding in a rubber tire class it will be the riders responsibility to find that information out for themselves and not any fault of the NAHA for a rider misinterpreting promoter requirements.

### **6. Upcoming Big Sky Racers Edge Magazine to include article on the NAHA. Subscription card is attached for your use.**

- There is a new magazine/newspaper that is hitting the press this January. Its called Big Sky Racer's Edge Magazine. The NAHA will be running an ad in the first issue along with an article about the NAHA. We will be in continual contact with this magazine giving them our schedule, article worthy facts about our events, point standings, photographs and profile stories on riders.
- This could be a golden opportunity for the NAHA to get more exposure out to readers, fans, and our members to help stay informed on what is going on.
- The editor of this magazine is committed to covering Hill climb events as well as all dirt bike events in between. He is very interested on reporting and showcasing any and all riders that want to be a part of the magazine. Meaning he is just as interested in the riders up and coming as he is the top riders of our sport.
- Attached is a subscription card for you to send in if you want to receive the paper monthly. Its up to you. Everyone sent back in with NAHA written on it he donates back to the NAHA 10% of the subscription price.
- Just another opportunity to get involved somehow is to feed this editor articles that we help pull together along with any photos you may come up with along the way.
- Contact is Dean Christians, Big Sky Racers' Edge Magazine, 2408 Terry Ave., Billings, MT 59102, phone # is 406-860-6256

#### **7. RIDER PROFILE FORM**

- This needs to be filled out and returned with your membership in order to get your required 2004 Pro-license. A headshot of you with out your helmet off and an action shot of you riding in a hill climb is the min needed. (Please see attached form)
- All riders are encouraged to do this as this gives an opportunity to market yourself and your sponsors.
- This profile information will be made available to promoters who are putting together programs, to our web site, and to the magazine mentioned above.
- This shows a lot of professionalism on the part of all the riders that do this. Fans need to see this information as well as potential sponsors. It also says a lot about the NAHA as a valid organization to new up and coming riders thinking of becoming part of the NAHA or the sport of hill climbing.

#### **8. Example of Pro-Licenses.**



Pro-License designed by Kaleb Northrup. Licenses will be in color and produced by Kaleb Northrup.

#### **9. 2004 Entire Semi-Pro/Pro Rules**

- All members are required to update themselves with these rules, as there have been a lot of changes and updates.
- See attached rules.

#### **10. Overall point results from 2003 season (telling you your new 2004 number)**

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Best of luck to everyone this upcoming season. Now get wrenching!

Your NAHA Board.

Jordy Smith  
 Kevin Bromenshenk  
 Rod Whitlock  
 Harold Waddell  
 Brian Osborn.