



Cain vs Abel in Zlock Racing pits at The Ridge? Is 2026 the year Brian usurps older brother Kevin's #1 plate?



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1970s Cycle News ran 'Papa Wealey's Latest P**p'!
Bruce & Martha began reporting WMRRRA in 1978 &
WMRRRA Newsletter's Rumour Mill in 1984.



Gene Brown Memorial, The Ridge, July 16, 2026



Elaine Mohn Brown (above with Gene in Greece) kindly shared photos from the Life Celebration for her late husband OMRRA co-founder Eugene Brown, thanking WMRRRA Pres. Kumpy & emcee Mark DeGrass of 2Fast 'encouraging people to share stories.' *Can we digitize Gene's scrapbook?*



A DAY AT THE RACES was a prized item in Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation's 2026 auction. In 1984, Rev Robert Fulghum, author of *All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten*, drove to Seattle WMRRRA races in a Jaguar lent by pianist Walt Wagner.

In 2026 Brier bikers (L=>R) Gray, Chance & Derek Webb met Zlock Racing's #1 Kevin & #2 Brian Pinkstaff and Oliver Jervis at The Ridge. Chance aims for electrical engineering at UW, rides a Honda CR-250 crosser & seems intrigued by road racing. The Webbs own a dozen bikes and glowed in the Zlock-Pinkstaff pits.

A few years ago #2 Brian Pinkstaff took a year off PNW racing, as pit manager for Xavi Fores' Ducati team in MotoAmerica. Older brother Kevin won the #1 plate in 2024 & 2025. But I, your correspondent, Bruce Scholten (eldest of 5 brothers & fan of primogeniture) – note with alarm that Brian is upping his game! That's echoed by Brian, Kevin, dad Howard & runner mom Kay, adding, 'Kevin's not making it easy for Brian!'

Kevin Pinkstaff's Round 5 of 2026 season results:

Saturday Formula Ultra 2nd; Open Superbike 3rd; Open Supersport: 3rd. **Sunday** Formula Ultra 2nd; Open Superbike 2nd; Open Supersport: 2nd.

'The good news: I improved my pace by a second, thanks to some updated tire and chassis settings

'The bad news: so did [Brian Pinkstaff](#) 😊 I spent the weekend chasing him and [Andy DiBrino](#) with pressure from [Andrew Van Winkle/Fdracing45](#) riding incredibly on a smaller bike. Good competition with some fast guys! Looking forward to Portland next!

'Thanks to the team for all of their work - Dan & Brent with the bike, [Oliver J](#) with technique and mindset, and everybody under our tent pulling in the same direction. Also to Dale at [Dale Kieffer](#) for continued tech guidance & support.' (Results courtesy Kevin Pinkstaff)

Oliver Jervis (600 SBK Sat p2, Sun p1) & **Andrew Van Winkle** (F-Ultra p3) showed Canadians aren't just blowing smoke!

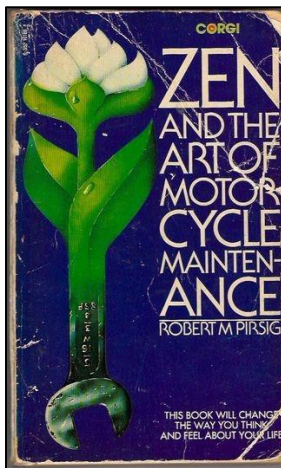




Gilles Deleuze & Félix Guattari's postmodernism hits The Ridge!
 Photo (L=>R): Jacob Stump, Kate St. Vincent Vogl, Sheila Malone, Steve Del Vecchio (WMRRA #95), Paul D'Orleans, Wendy Pojmann, Kurt, Cael Leigh Whalen, David Morreale, Jeff Burns, Sean Michael, kneeling Mahdi Tourage. Remote: Jason Wragg (England), Sarah Kahlbaum (Germany), Simon Pruciak (Cyprus), Sean Comber (Eng), Barbora Hamoudova (Prague), Mathew Humphrey (Eng), Aaron Butterworth (Eng), Knut Scherhag (Ger), Liliana Falcon Zertuche (Mexico).

International Journal of Motorcycle Studies
 (IJMS): Ivory Tower at The Ridge, July 16-19, 2026
 by Steve Del Vecchio, IJMS coordinator.

Scheduled to overlap with WMRRA Round 5, the 13th Annual IJMS conference was at The Ridge.



WMRRA #95, Steve Del Vecchio, was Co-Chair.
 The Conference for the multidisciplinary field of Motorcycle Studies was extraordinarily eclectic with presentations on a wide range of topics & diverse fields of study.

Keynote was by Paul D'Orleans, publisher of The Vintagent. Saturday kicked off with poetry

by Steve Del Vecchio. Truly international, last year's conf was at the Museum of Motorcycling in Akureyri, Iceland. Next year's will be Cape Town, South Africa.

IJMS thanks 2Fast Motorcycle Track Days and Instruction, Cascade Motorcycle Safety, Metier Motorcycle Lawyers, and Douglas Traina for generous support. WMRRA folks also might want to know two IJMS conference participants were corner workers Sunday, July 19th.

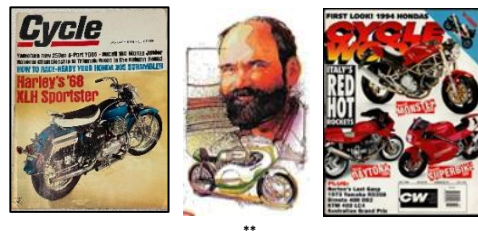
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Breakfast was better with renowned *Cycle World* magazine tech editor Kevin Cameron in 2018.

Sadder with the demise of CW in July 2026, when I asked KC: 'Anything? Will your podcasts with Mark Hoyer remain available?' 

KC: 'It is unclear what will happen to the CW archive, *CYCLE* stuff, graphics, podcasts, &c. Probably depends on the next mood [of] some "somebody upstairs."   'It's been Autumn for motorbike journalism for years, and many a fine leaf has fallen. The middle class can't afford JetSkis, motorcycles, private aircraft, \$8000 bicycles or any of the rest of it. Part of the hollowing-out of so much.' – KC



HUMOUR MILL editors joke, 'The world's fastest growing motorcycle publication is **RUMOUR MILL!** Now the joke's on us. Why? Kevin Cameron's MotoGP nous is on **Superbike Planet:**

<https://superbikeplanet.com> He'll answer one reader question per report. Send questions to KC: superbikeplanet@gmail.com

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