



Zlock Racing's Oli Jervis, Kevin & Brian Pinkstaff & team celebrate a solid Aug 1-2, 2026 (BAS) weekend at PIR. **Story page 2=>**



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All the Noise 🏍️ That's Fit to Print

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1970s Cycle News ran 'Papa Wealey's Latest P**p'!
Bruce & Martha began reporting WMRRA in 1978 &
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'Fly the Hawk!' was a battle cry in the late-1970s, vs foes on Yamaha RD-350-400s, Kawasaki 350-400 triples, Honda 400-4s, Suzuki 400 twins, etc. Flapping arms & cries of 'Fly the Hawk!' stirred pre-grids at Seattle and Portland. That didn't disturb Floyd Fortin

on his fast Yamaha TD-400-derived 2-stroke Daytona. But it swelled the hearts of devotees of Hawk 3-valve cylinder heads, rumoured to be related to Mitsubishi.

Then a truck destroyed my Kawasaki 903 Z1 near Long Acres horse track. **WMRRA President & Seattle Honda manager Mike Mayes (#64 below)** kindly suggested buying their Coup d' Endurance Team's 400 Hawk. Great idea! On this tested steed, I soon broke my best Z1 lap times at Pacific Raceway née Seattle International (SIR). Without all that bothersome Z1 horsepower, the Hawk found faster apexes.

The Hawk's high tech front drum brake needed just 2 laps to warm up, before calmly settling into oblivion. Once on Portland's l-o-n-g straight my rear Michelin M45 tire blew. The Hawk's trusty rear brake kept us quite upright, till exiting the end of the straight, sans total disaster in the wet grass.

Only trouble? Along came Scott Moon. What did the Dreaded Moon do? Pass me and tootle along to the checkered flag. But it was all good. 🌙 🏁





Kevin Pinkstaff WMRRR-OMRRA #1 (BAS Nov 30, 2024).

KEVIN PINKSTAFF Zlock Racing, Portland, Aug 1-2, 2026:

'Results from the weekend: Oli Jervis won 600 Superbike (Race 23 on Kaw 636s) both days. Sunday was spectacular, as Sawyer Lafayette had a big battle with him at the front. They set the fastest 600-class laps of the weekend, went back & forth many times & Oli made a crazy outside pass in Turn 7 on last lap to get the win (L-R: Oli & Sawyer by MYS).



'In the big bike classes, I edged out Brian in Formula Ultra race Saturday, and only got a little breathing room when I didn't notice rain sprinkles the last few laps! Brian holeshot and led Open Supersport; I had to work hard to get close to make a pass into Turn 1 on the last lap to take the win.

'In Sunday's Formula Ultra race, Brian again led from the start. Turn 1 was going to be my only place to try for a pass, which meant I needed to get a good drive out of Turn 9.

'I ended up getting too greedy with the gas and... highsiding off the side of the bike with my feet dragging on the ground.

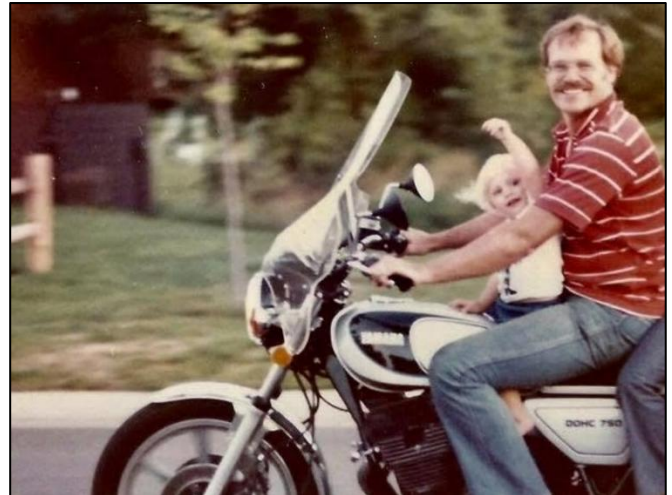
I was able to climb back on the bike, but Brian was gone. I chased Brian again in the Open Superbike race but couldn't match

his pace. His 1:06.3 lap in Sunday's Formula Ultra (FU) race was the fastest of the weekend, and his consistent mid-1:06 pace all day Sunday was unbeatable. He's riding well!'

Editor: Rumour has it that Kevin's been lifting weights. Is that how he smashed a windscreen (Left, BAS) but outmuscled a highside?



PIR Race 17 featured a Le Mans start. Run! (BAS Aug 2, 2026)



AMANDA IVERSON #110 (pic): Dad + India => racing.

'My dad always had motorcycles growing up in Minnesota ... a rotation of dirt bikes, tour bikes, Yamahas, Hondas and Kawasakis. He was that 70's dad who rode his to work & toured the country with his buddies in summers. Never clicked for me that I could be the rider.

'A work trip to India exposed me to motorcycle culture on a level I had not seen in the states. EVERYONE (and literally their grandmother) is on 2 wheels in India. This newfound perspective of riding as a way of life regardless of age, gender, financial standing. It rang true to me, freedom and immediacy on two wheels?! I'm in!

'I got back to the US, signed up to get my road license, bought a rusty old '71 CL350... and rebuilt it. ... I met incredible mechanics, riders, and tinkerers who... lent me a CBR650... I got the competitive bug to go race. Which is a whole new level of crazy awesome... Motorcycle people suffer the same sweet insanity. There's nothing casual about it.' See more Amanda Iverson in RM 15May26



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