



Washington Motorcycle Road Racing Association (WMRRA.com) gave 'em a Taste of Racing at The Ridge (MYS 30Aug26)



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Ouch! – Why Motorcyclists Road Race Avidly?

This special issue features Martha Young-Scholten's interview with fascinating Lisa Cipolla, the World's Fastest Children's Librarian. She divides time between Washington & Oregon road racing events with Zlock Racing & Pinkstaff families, breaking speed records on Bonneville Salt Flats. **Francie Fenwick LaMarche's Aug 26, 2026 photo shows (L=>R) Lynda Carlson. Oli Jervis, Jeff LaMarche, Dale Zlock, Lisa Cipolla & Dan Zlock.**

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A hefty turn-out for Taste of Racing builds PNW clubs.

For \$20, street, dirt & adv girls & boys lapped their toys round the 2.47 miles. Some will graduate New Racer Clinics, get amateur licenses & work corners – en route to expert status & beating their mentors: **That's racing!**

Matthew Harlowe mentioned on Facebook, that after the passing of OMRRRA Oregon cofounder **Gene Brown**, **WMRRRA pioneers Bruce and Pat Bille also passed away. Cofounder Bruce Lind wrote**, 'I didn't always see eye to eye with the Billes at WMRRRA's beginning, but I was always thankful to them for running the road races at SIR [now Pacific] for years by themselves.' 🏍️



WMRRRA Round 7, The Ridge, August 28-30, 2026

Brian Pinkstaff led elder brother Kevin in season points, going into Round 7, but unusual crashes tightened the gap. Crew chief Dan Zlock smiled that airfoils protected Bri's Kawasaki 1000 from greater abrasions. 🇨🇦 Canadian WMRC member AJ Van Winkle kept Pinkstaff Brothers from winning everything at The Ridge.

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🇨🇦 Canadian Oliver Jervis' 'Life of Pi' 📺 Facebook site appeals to viewers' heads & funnybones. Oli writes: 'I'm grateful [to Pirelli tires] for: Race 1 Saturday - 2nd; Race 2 Sunday - 2nd 🏆

'**Kevin Pinkstaff** and **Brian Pinkstaff** had mixed results. Bri had two small crashes that he luckily came away from unharmed. 🙏 ... Both guys had great battles with **AJ Van Winkle** and **Sawyer Lafayette Racing** throughout the weekend. Awesome stuff guys.' 🏆

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LISA CIPOLLA – World's Fastest Librarian
Interviewer: Martha Young-Scholten (MYS)

Zlock Racing & travel pressure are synonymous. After WMRRA at The Ridge (July 17-19), OMRRA Portland (July 31-Aug 2) & roadracing with Moto-America brothers Kevin & Brian Pinkstaff & Oli Jervis, Dan & Dale Zlock drove 700+ miles to the Bonneville Salt Flats. **That's where Lisa Cipolla (above with Dan Zlock; photo by Lynda Carlson) set two more speed records. Martha interviewed Lisa at The Ridge & via phone Aug 30-31, 2026.**

Martha: What are some of the special problems on the Bonneville Salt Flats?

Lisa: Salt cleaning-off vehicles – it eventually comes off but it's pretty difficult... it hides in hidden places. A rainstorm on the way back helped! Everyone who supplies certain parts in the USA are aging out. The supply chain for parts has been affected by the tariffs on imports from the UK & Canada. For example, connecting rods.

Martha: What in your background led you to want to go really fast on two wheels on the Bonneville Salt Flats?

Lisa: I always was a bit of gear head. I always liked cars and bikes and racing. One of my earliest memories was when I was six & wanted the pink Barbie convertible pedal car. I wanted it so bad &

Santa brought it! And then I was too tall to pedal & they had to take it back to the store...



My brother and I used to race slot cars. Around this time he brought home a dirt bike, and I thought it was the coolest thing in the world. I wanted to be a mechanic & race car driver. Ferrari was going to call me up and ask me to test a car and offer me a GTO. I was gutted when Enzo Ferrari passed away.



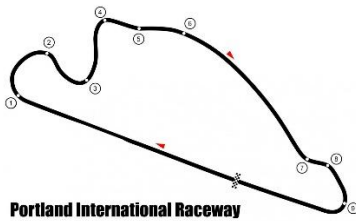
Lisa: I had to wait until after college to get a motorcycle. It was a blue 1980 Suzuki GS550L with a bent front fork. My friend and boyfriend helped me get into the Motorcycle Safety Foundation class (MSF).



Lisa: I really wanted a Triumph Thunderbird. Saw it at a motorcycle shop in Eugene, at college. The Suzuki died, my family moved to Beaverton where Cascade Moto was. I was going to test ride a Moto Guzzi when the 1999 Triumph T-Bird became available – it rode much, much better than that terrible Suzuki! I rode around with the Triumph guys and went to the annual rally at Baker City, Oregon where I met Keith Pinkstaff.



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Lisa: Keith Pinkstaff invited me to two-up at a track event on a Japanese bike. I loved accelerating at Portland on its long straight. No idea motorcycling could be like that. It was amazing. It blew open windows and doors. Keith gave me one of his bikes (Kawasaki ZX9) to ride that was street legal (Dan detuned it for that purpose). Loved it.



Lisa: I then got my library degree; my first job was Hoquiam. Then I went with Dan as crew to the first 5 years of Bonneville, and found it boring. I brought my Kawasaki down to Bonneville. 'Be careful what you wish for,' Dan said. In 2019 Dan built me a bike for the Salt Flats to take out for fun. Only thing that was still original was the gas tank. I wanted a 150-mph Coin! Got the Coin for going 169 mph and was happy with that. The next year was cancelled.

FACTS: In 2021 Dan built Lisa a potentially record-breaking bike. She was listed as 4921, a combo of Keith's – 21 - and Dan's – 49 - race numbers.

Martha: You're in a very select worldwide group of record-breakers. How does that feel?

Lisa: I've never felt like a natural at this. But I love it so much and don't care. I'm a walking talking 'Do things because you love them.' I love accelerating. I love being on the bike. It's not me. It's the motorcycle. Dan builds such amazing motorcycles all the time. I trust anything I put my leg over all the time.

Martha: Tell us about Nitrous Oxide (NOx).

Lisa: Nitrous Oxide (NOx) is added to the fuel & it's like someone puts their hand on your back... It's the most giggly, most awesome feeling ever. 2021 was the first time they used nitrous and I broke records, one of which went back to 1965 (AMA).

2022 and 2023 were rained out; 2024 the bike blew up. In 2025, I set FIM records. Dan might have dialled it back a bit this year. Nitrous Oxide (NOx) has been tough on the bike, e.g. spark plugs. Dan has it on a two-second ramp-up. Just when you think you're going the fastest you can go faster.

Martha: What's the vibe on the Salt Flats?

Lisa: My Salt family is lovely. They are amazing, wonderful, wonderful people. The best people who you'll ever meet. I am honored beyond belief. In 2026 a great help was **Lynda Carlson (pic page 1)** in the 'chase truck' - my everything girl for the week. I'm not Capirossi or Biaggi. Being in the company of, in the same breath, especially the women riders and racers... It's a woman-owned event! I don't know enough about the mechanics of a bike to take it through scrutineering.

Martha: Wow! I wonder if I could try it!

Lisa: The Buell Brothers have an 'experience bike', a bike folks could take on the Salt...

FACTS: Lisa Cipolla's records include:

*Two American Motorcycle Association (AMA) national ones (2021)

*Four Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme ones (FIM) ones (2025) – they do miles and kilometres.

* In 2026 she bested herself with four new FIM records (pending ratification; this takes until the following spring).

Lisa Cipolla's personal best speed was on the Hayabusu, 185 mph, when she got the 170 Coin.

Which bikes: AMA 2021: altered partially streamlined on gas for a 650 class (636 four-cylinder Kawasaki) & one on 'fuel' (nitrous). The FIM records were set on 600 ZX6R Kawasaki (gas vs. fuel is irrelevant in the FIM).



Martha: How do library coworkers view your achievements? If you tried getting more women involved at Bonneville, how to recruit and train?

Lisa: Colleagues think 'World's Fastest Librarian' means shelving books or reading. They don't get it. Even motorcycle people don't always get it! They say they've gone 140 mph on the highway. They don't get what goes into building a bike for The Salt. Riding on The Salt is not like anything else...

I'd love to involve more women but don't know how... There are lots of hoops to jump through, like AMA license & membership. It's such a major undertaking, especially to build a bike. It requires a support team with all the infrastructure.

Martha: What's next? Besting yourself in 2027? Cover story in *Vanity Fair* or *Sports Illustrated*?

Lisa: Oh, god, no cover. I'd like Dan to bring the Hayabusa (above) out for a 200-mph Coin. Or take a vintage bike out.

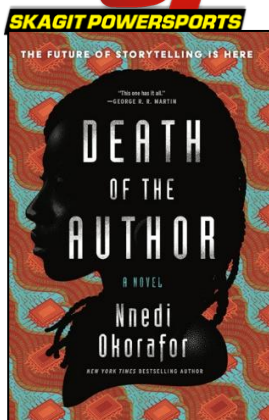
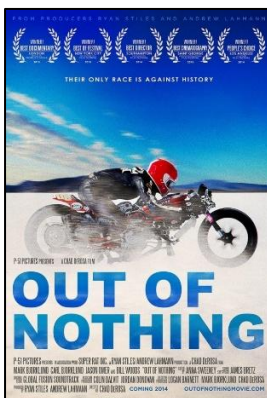
 **Editor:** Thanks to Lisa Cipolla & Zlock Racing for more lore!



  Librarian Lisa Cipolla suggests:

 **The Death of an Author** - best book of 2026 - sci-fi by Nigerian American author Nnedi Okor.

 **Out of Nothing** - A really great movie about the Salt Flats: Their team Sodium Distortion - 3 guys from Skagit Power Sports - follows them on their journey.



ED SORBO is back. Not so long ago Bruce Lind - WMRRA co-founder - and Sorbo campaigned Yamaha Tz250s in USA and beyond. As 2/stroke parts got harder to source, the Suzuki SV-650 V-twin 4/stroke's virtues shone. At Portland, Aug 2, 2026, Sorbo told us he was pleased with lowering lap times. At The Ridge, Aug 30, he was happy about 'learning the track... with no risk of falling' in laps between 1:57.8 & 1:56.2. **Hit:** <https://www.le-suspension.com/lindemann-engineering/1-57-8/>



Above: Why Motorcyclists Road Race so Avidly!

 **HUMOUR MILL:** Imagine asking 9-time GP champ Valentino Rossi if his mentoring hands around young Marc Marquez could not have been better placed on the admiring lad's neck? (sports.okezone.com) If Vlad could turn back time, what would he do?



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