

## President's Column - Bill Lee

### **AMA Procedures and F2C Team Selection - Update:**

Unfortunately, there is nothing to report concerning AMA's new FAI Procedures document. If you would like to see what it contains, it can be found on the NCLRA website at:

[http://www.NCLRA.org/FAIProcedures/AMA\\_FAJ\\_Procedures11-05.pdf](http://www.NCLRA.org/FAIProcedures/AMA_FAJ_Procedures11-05.pdf)

There has been no additional information from AMA of which I am aware.

Bottom line: AMA is the 500 lb. gorilla, and we will simply have to deal with it.

With that in mind, the F2C Team Selection Committee (TSC) is now considering a Team Selection Program (TSP) that is based on the work that Dave Rolley put together. Dave's document could be better described as an "F2C Development Program", out of which the TSC must consider the portion for actually determining a team. Dave's document is lengthy, but can be found at

<http://www.NCLRA.org/DaveRolley/>

Basically, the proposed TSP consists of requirements for an F2C team to participate in local contests and to have valid race times submitted to the TSC. After a period when these times have been accumulated, teams will be invited to the Team Selections Finals, where the team will be selected based on head-to-head competition.

Yes, a lot of questions about how to get local contests to hold an F2C event, how to get valid races, etc. And the proposed TSP addresses them. As an example, it will be up to the aspiring F2C team to convince local folks to hold an event and to get their friends to compete.

As soon as the proposal is brought through the Team Selection Committee, it will be presented to the "participants" for acceptance. If accepted, qualifying contests starting with the recent Cabin Fever will be held. Late this year, a request for hosting a Finals contest will be issued, with a Finals site approved by the "participants" for sometime late in 2007, perhaps as early as just after the NATs, or as late as October.

When the TSP is finally approved, we will publish it, perhaps in a future *Torque Roll*, and certainly on the NCLRA website.

**New Feature on NCLRA website:** As has been mentioned before, there is a "Members Only" section to the NCLRA website. In order to access it, you must first use a temporary UserID, and then establish your own user name and password. If you haven't yet done this, your temporary UserID will be found in the upper right corner of the mailing label of this or recent issues of the *Torque Roll*. It's the 3 or 4 characters printed there.

For Members Only, a current roster of the NCLRA membership is available. When you view the roster, you will find a red dot beside your own listing. Clicking on that red dot will allow you to edit your own personal information, such as your name, address, e-mail address, etc. It is strongly suggested that you access the roster in this fashion if corrections are needed.

Due to a recent online forum discussion, it was recognized that some folks may not wish to have their personal information exposed, even if only to other members. We have added a switch that you can use when you edit your personal information that will hide that information to other members when they view the roster. Your information is still required, and is still accessible to "management", but you can hide it otherwise if you desire. If you don't have internet access and wish to have your personal information hidden, call me and I will set the switch for you.

**B-TR Rules finalized:** As was mentioned in the last *Torque Roll*, the B Team Race rules are now complete. They should be published elsewhere in this issue.

At CabinFever, we used the new rules, with the only real change being to .016" solids from the .015" stranded previously. Russ Green said he could not tell the difference at all. That was just about as expected.

**Membership renewal time:** Many of you have not renewed your NCLRA membership for 2006. As is normal, this will be the last issue of the *Torque Roll* you will receive. If the label on this issue is printed in **RED**, your membership has expired and you need to renew. Information for renewing is found elsewhere in this issue.

**Cabin Fever:** Well, Cabin Fever 2006 is history. And it proved to be one of the best racing contests around. A big thanks to the Central Arizona CL Club for sponsoring this event and the Cholla Choppers of Tucson who helped so much setting up the field and timing, and.... Names that need special recognition include:



F2C winners at Tucson (from left) Aaron Ascher, Leonard Ascher, Dick Lambert, Tom Fluker, Lari Dziak, Bob Oge.

Ken Gulliford, who was the primary ram-rod in getting the event scheduled and planned.

Chris Peter who was the CD and who ran all of the events on Saturday and Sunday.

George "Slugger" Brown who was the assistant CD and hovered a lot all weekend, helping where he could. Slugger also ran the 35 Proto event, an added attraction for the Fox 35 guys.

Burt Brokaw was instrumental in getting the circles painted, and made sure that the CC were happy adding an F2C circle to one of the pads.