

Whitehead takes Cdn Ntl Superbike amateur trophy



Nyanza's Paul Whitehead with his national amateur cup he captured at Shubenacadie's Atlantic MotorSport Park on August 7th.

by Jim Morrow

At round five of the Canadian Superbike Championship by Parts Canada at Atlantic Motorsport Park in Shubenacadie, the K&N Filters Amateur Superbike race was held in heavy rain at the end of the day, on August 7th.

A lightning strike brought out the red flag with the field having completed two of a scheduled eight laps and Nyanza racer Paul Whitehead found himself in the winner's circle on his Honda CBR600 RR.

After almost perfect weather all weekend, heavy rain moved in shortly before the start of the Amateur Superbike race, and by the time the riders took their warm-up lap the downpour was torrential. The distance was reduced from 14 laps to eight, and 10 of the 14 qualifiers ventured on to the grid.

Whitehead was in front as the field completed its second lap when lightning

hit and the red flag went up. Since not all the field had completed its third lap the results reverted back to lap two, giving Whitehead the win over the best riders in Canada.

No stranger to wet tracks - Paul started his racing career in Northern England - he felt he could outperform the higher powered bikes in the rain.

Paul said, "I tried to get into the lead knowing the race could be red flagged in the rain, and even though I was clipped from behind in the last lap I was ahead during the last full lap and the race was mine."

Paul is grateful to all of his sponsors which include Dan Chiasson, PM Productions, Coxweld, Barra Construction, Baddeck Construction, D.W. Matheson, Roy Garland, Richard Herring, MacKenzie Motor Sports, Lakeland Motorcycles, Tremblett Auto Repair and Dixon's Auto Electric.

Fund drive launched

Cape North

On Monday, August 8th, the North Highlands Community Organization (NHCO) announced the launch of a general fund drive. The decision was made at the organization's last Board meeting, held on July 16th at the North Highlands Community Museum and Culture Centre. The goal is to raise \$50,000 in contributions over the next few months from friends of the Organization.

The Museum, including its Culture Centre, is the only facility North of Smokey devoted to preserving, protecting and promoting the region's unique local heritage, in ways that directly benefit residents and strengthen the local community.

The Organization has enjoyed steady growth of late, and recently has received recognition several times for the quality of its facilities. However, it faces the need to complete several crucial projects in the near future. They include:

- Installing a septic system and well;
- Repairing its air circulation system to maintain a safe environment for artifacts and archives;
- Transferring archives currently stored at Cabot High School to the Museum and cataloguing them;
- Removing and cataloguing Museum arti-

facts from the former Morrison's Restaurant; and

- Establishing a modest cash reserve to protect the Organization from unpredictable expenses.

In the past several years, with financial support from all three levels of government,

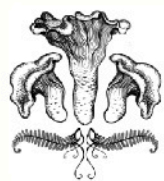


North Highlands Community Museum and Culture Centre on a bright sunny day.

the Organization has expended its facilities and programs. Currently, the museum offerings include extensive exhibits on the lives of the early European settlers; greatly expanded genealogy and archival holdings; a working blacksmith

forge; a collection of gardens pertaining to the European settlers' lives; workshops in all manner of traditional crafts and arts; visits by local school classes; a new major exhibit every year, including this year's "Cape Breton Weather, Cape Breton Lives"; and a newly renovated Culture Centre (the former Cape North United Church) which serves as a venue for concerts and presentations, local gatherings, a music room for young musicians and a seniors corner, and regular presentations on topics of local and regional interest. Completing the projects listed above will bring the facility into sync with its expanded role in the community.

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