



**“Look ahead.”**

**Kurt Caselli 1983 - 2013**



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# **PROSPECTOR POOP**

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**The never ending journal of the Prospectors Motorcycle Club**

**December 2013 / January 2014**

**KURT CASELLI:** It is with great sadness that we must report the racing death of Kurt Caselli, who was leading the Baja 1000 at the time. He accidentally hit an animal (cow?) at mile 791 of 883 in the area north of Valley de Trinidad and was quickly airlifted to medical facilities in Ensenada but, sadly, it was too late. Everybody who knew Kurt or ever met him has had a hollow feeling of emptiness ever since, he was important to us all.

Kurt was a multi-time champion of the National H&H Series and also WORCS, plus he earned at least 8 gold medals at the 6 Days. He held a number of District 37 number one plates in the mini ranks and more recently developed into one of the world's top rally riders. He was a Kawasaki Team Green support rider for many years, rode for Yamaha for one year, then got a ride with KTM where he stayed for the remainder of his career. Heck of a nice guy, very helpful to others, and represented our sport well.

**Memorial Services.** In chronological order, there was a small church service for Kurt that was attended by family only so as to not be overwhelmed by thousands of well wishers. Then, on Friday, December 6, KTM hosted a memorial get together and ride at Glen Helen that was attended by a great many well wishers. Next, we will host our own Prospectors M/C memorial get together, probably sometime in December and shortly after this newsletter is ground mailed. Maybe Quail Canyon, maybe... See 'Last Minute Page' for more info.





**At the start of a National Hare and Hound, that's Kurt flying high in front of Destry Abbot**

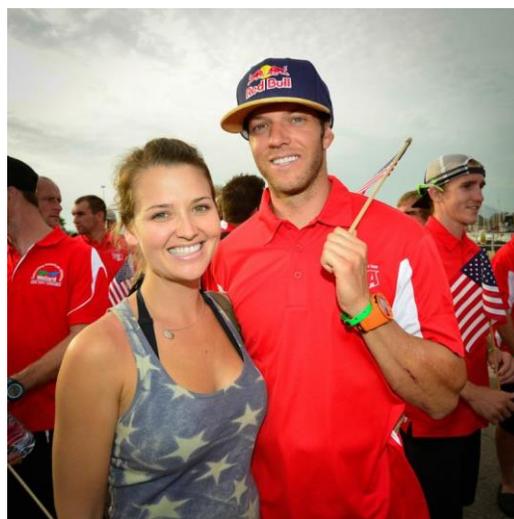




**Kurt riding the Six Days in Italy**



**Six Days, Chile, 2007**



**Sarah and Kurt just before opening ceremonies at the Six Days**



**Mile 791**

**NYFM: New Years Field Meet. December 31<sup>st</sup> this time around is on a Tuesday and New Years Day is on a Wednesday. Location?**

**As it stands at press time, location will be the New Thanksgiving Spot across the highway from the El Pasos - bring food, firewood, dry Christmas trees, old lawn chairs, a bike with a headlight, and help us bring in the New Year in unbelievable Prospector style. This is off of Hwy 395, and the coordinates are**

**N 35° 32.185' W 117° 39.673'**

**OR... the NYFM location might be somewhere else. See 'Last Minute Page' for any changes.**

**GRAND PRIX:** Our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual California Grand Prix was another successful event. Great course and great racing conditions for the riders, just a bit cool and windy on Sunday for the course workers (that's us). Work Saturday the weekend before brought out enough of our members to get it done, and the same can be said for the Thursday and Friday before our GP when we did the actual course marking. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped, you make it happen and give the riders a golden opportunity to race on an epic course that is truly unique.

Total entry was 849 riders, up 5 from last year. And the Hoser Redneck Party on Saturday night had to be experienced, words would not do it justice - huge fun as always.

Referee Ted had this to say >

The GP went off as planned with a few minor bumps along the way. We transported Dirt Digger Jim Clark Jr via ambulance after the unclassified race with a broken wrist.

Airlifted John Marshall (So Cal MC) from the MX area during race #2 after being knocked out from flat landing the jump after the tower, and we continued to have a small rash of other calls from Race 2 through the first West Coast GP race as well. Busy morning for all the IRRC & State crews, but I think it was all handled well and the delays were minimized. A quick decision by Mike Hastings & the finish crew to white flag race #2 a lap early really helped with the airlift delay.

Sunday went off with less serious calls for service, but we did still have a few minor incidents and ran about 30 minutes behind throughout the day. All in all alot more rescue/medic calls for some reason this year over last year.

I talked with most of the downed riders and for the most part it was just minor mishaps or mistakes that took them out. No real reports of a bad course, problems with course markings or dangerous sections that was causing any of the crashes. Sundays course did have alot more dust, due to the windy overnight & windy day on Sunday, but we kept the areas we could get to watered well. I know a few of the back silt sections had riders complaining about the dust and square edges, and a couple did get into each other, but to my knowledge no major crashes & pretty minor complaints. Of course if you read the District 37 message board you will see the typical complainers, but we are also getting many compliments and thank you's as well.

One funny thread is about the HOSER Dummy. Had a few guys complaining about it, some saying they stopped to help, it threw them off for a minute, or thought it was in bad taste after the airlift. The rest of them had a sense of humor about it and liked it, and a few even said they just roosted it the next time by or went off course and ran it over.

Another quality race in the books by our tried & true Prospector 'Race Crew'.

*Ted*

The following is from President Steve:

**Greetings All,**

**As the year comes to an end, the club is gearing up for our New Years Field Meet. Please see newsletter for further details.**

**Our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual California Gran Prix is now in the history books. Here are some bullet points on the event.**

**The weather was perfect, sunny and cool. There were even reports of "snowballs at scoring/finish".**

**Hoserville was kickin' it Saturday evening. The light from Hoser Steve's birthday cake candle could be seen from space, there was quite a few.**

**All the Prospectors that worked the event did a fantastic job and it is appreciated. Other than a few injuries there were no major problems.**

**No flats for Doug this year but he did manage to get stuck few times. Both Doug and Ron dumped thousands of gallons of water on the course, trying to keep the whiners at a minimum.**

**Kurt Hintz plus his scoring and signup crews were working like a finely tuned machine.**

**You always have a few cry babies but all in all our GP had a great review. Many thumbs up and kudos. This was a group effort from all who were present.**

**Our sport is dangerous and injuries occur. This year was no different. A couple of transports and a couple of bruises were reported.**

**Under paid and over worked is how our members can be described. They all helped make this a major success. You all deserve a round of applause.**

**Thank You!!!!**

**Steve**

**JACK LUND:** One of our iconic leaders has left us. Jack Lund was one of our former club presidents, rode a Triumph, was part Apache, and sometimes wore an unmistakable Billy Jack style Indian hat. His oldest son, Kirk, sent us the following letter.

Dear Prospectors,

I am writing you in regards to my Father - Jack Lund. He passed away August 2, 2013. He died of prostate cancer.

He was at one time President of the Prospectors M/C, and held that position for a period of four years during the first half of the 1970's. Sorry it took so long in letting the club know of his passing.

I was reading him the Prospector Poop each month we received it and he really enjoyed listening to the news of all the upcoming events. He laughed each time I read it to him. I'm sure some of the old club members will remember him.

He was born Oct 16, 1927, and passed on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. He was 85 years old.

Sincerely,

*Kirk Lund*

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**CLUB MEETINGS:** Our next meeting will be Tuesday evening, February 4 - there is NO meeting in January. Kurt's Clubhouse is located at 4100 Stevely Avenue, Lakewood CA 90713. Next club newsletter will be mailed January 28 and will include the official District 37 competition events schedule for 2014. For a peek at the 2014 District 37 Sports Calendar, go to

[www.District37ama.org](http://www.District37ama.org)

**SUPER HUNKY:** The legendary Super Hunky has a neat website with all sorts of things dirt bike related. He started *Dirt Bike* magazine in the 1970's, and his website is a great source of information plus there is a Stores section with some great Christmas gift ideas. He sent us an email recently telling us that our discount for purchases is 10% off thru the holidays plus free shipping to club members. Go to [www.superhunky.com](http://www.superhunky.com)

**GP REPORT: Viewfinders Grand Prix, Ridgecrest, October 5 and 6.**

**Race 2, Saturday:**

<b>Kurt Hintz</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Classic Expert</b>
<b>Hayden Hintz</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Mini Novice</b>
<b>Logan Tweet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mini Expert</b>
<b>Keith Kubachka</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Evo Expert</b>
<b>Vinnie Mandzak</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Evo Expert</b>
<b>Butch Nelson</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Revo Expert</b>

(plus 2 Prospector DNF's)

**Race 4, Saturday:**

<b>Ron Kupke</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Magnum Open Expert</b>
<b>Steve Bebeck</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Magnum Open Expert</b>
<b>Greg Bebeck</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Magnum Open Intermediate</b>

**Race 7, Saturday (West Coast Grand Prix Series):**

<b>Logan Tweet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> WCGP 200 Novice</b>
<b>Hayden Hintz</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> WCGP 200 Novice</b>
<b>Nick Benedetto</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> WCGP Open Novice</b>

**Race 10, Sunday:**

<b>Logan Tweet</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Super Mini Advanced</b>
<b>Hayden Hintz</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Super Mini Novice</b>

**Race 12, Sunday:**

<b>Keith Kubachka</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Senior 250 Intermediate</b>
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(plus 1 Prospector DNF)

**Race 14, Sunday:**

<b>Logan Tweet</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 200 Novice</b>
<b>Hayden Hintz</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> 200 Novice</b>

**VCMC QUALI-FIRE:** The Ventura County MC Mountain Quali-Fire Enduro was held in Quail Canyon / Hungry Valley the weekend before our GP on October 27<sup>th</sup>. It was fun but had some surprises and just finishing the first of three loops required serious uphill skills. Results in order of overall finish >

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Class Finish</u>
<b>Tom Marshall</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Magnum Open B</b>
<b>Tim Olson</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Open C</b>
<b>Stacey Rauen</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Women C</b>
<b>Steve Rauen</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Masters A</b>

**CALENDAR:** The enclosed 1997 KTM of Mojave calendar is also valid for the year 2014 (here soon) as periodically the calendar repeats itself which is cool for re-using vintage calendars. This 1997 calendar was also valid for 2003, and in addition to 2014 it will also be valid for the years 2025, 2031, 2042, 2053, 2059, 2070, 2081, 2087, and 2098. (Notice the repeating pattern of 6+11+11.)

We have a 366-day leap year every four years unless the year is a multiple of 100. The exception to that rule is that years that are a multiple of 400 have the leap year in spite of the fact that they are also a multiple of 100. That is why we had a leap year in 2000 but will not have one in 2100 (make a note of it). The reason for the adjustments is to keep the calendar dialed-in and to prevent the seasons from shifting.

How many different one-year calendars are there? Fourteen. January 1 can only land on one of seven different days, so there are seven different one-year calendars for non-leap years plus seven for leap years.

How often does the calendar repeat exactly? Once every 400 years, which is to say that the calendar is on a 400 year cycle, or 146,097 days. The entire calendar for the years 2001 thru 2400 will be identically repeated in the years 2401 thru 2800. Wonder what the desert will look like then...

**OCTOBER GP:** Prior to moving the date to November, our Grand Prix was held in October. What was the last year that both days of our GP were in October? Hint: Date swap with the Viewfinders MC.

- A. 1992      B. 1994      C. 1996      D. 1998

Happy Holidays,

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**PROSPECTOR CAMP:** The original 'Prospector Camp' was just off of Searles Station Cutoff dirt road over by the View Bar. Then our enduro moved to Stephens Mine Road at or near Pipeline Road, and this became the new 'Prospector Camp'. Now that our enduro is on hold, 'The New Thanksgiving Spot' off of Hwy 395 and across from the El Pasos is now the official 'Prospector Camp'. Thus, The New Thanksgiving Spot and Prospector Camp are one in the same.

Our New Years Field Meet will be at Prospector Camp and many of our members will be arriving well before New Years Eve. There has been a request that there be no fireworks as this was a problem at our Thanksgiving get together, the end result being that one of our members lost his dog. Also, remember that the BLM rangers are watching us.

With respect to a memorial for Kurt Caselli, the general plan is to put together a memorial marker of some type and place it at the spot between Prospector Camp and Dirt Digger Camp. The marker(s) will be for both Kurt and Rich, where they will join George Skove and Don Collins. This will not be completed until after the New Year, which means that our Easter Field Meet would be a good time to hold a memorial gathering for Kurt and Rich at said location. Our March, 2014, newsletter will have more information about this.