

Awards Banquet

The MAORA Awards Banquet and officers elections were held Jan 25 at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham IL. Please welcome these Officers for the 2003 Racing Season:
 President: Larry Tipsword
 Vice President: Dirk Carlen
 Secretary: Barb Ingram
 Treasurer: Betty Albin



Jeff Bechinski is presented his Class 16 Championship Trophy by Mike Turner

Rules Changes

Don't throw away your 2002 Rule Book because it's still good. The rule changes approved were administrative. There are NO Class Rule Changes for the 2003 season! By approval of the membership, The President and Vice President of MAORA will assume like offices of Lincoln Trail Off Roaders in the same fashion as the Secretary and Treasurer. (See page 81 Rule Book) Also new for this year, the position of Tech Director is now an elected position. (See page 1 Rule Book) Welcome Steve Peavler and give him your cooperation on race day.

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Jeff Sands Class 12 Champion

Race Report

Phil Johnson gave a presentation about the track he operates outside Bedford IN. MAORA offered Phil a race date for sometime after the wheat is harvested as he needs the room to park all the rigs MAORA travels with. The Indiana group is also working on getting a MAORA sanctioned event back at the Marion County Fair outside Indianapolis. We will be returning to Iuka City Park and the Charleston Speedway. Bonpas has also offered to let us return this year. We will open the Short Course season May 17th at Casey IL followed by a 200 Km on the 18th. The Fall Classic Weekend will be Sept 27th and 28th at Casey. We have a couple of other tracks interested in us as well.

Board of Representatives Meeting

All Officers, Class Representatives and Alternates, past Presidents and Race Directors are invited to attend a Board Meeting March 2nd at the home of Richard and Betty Albin in Neoga IL. This is open to any member. We will be finalizing the 2003 race schedule and discussing race policy for the upcoming year. The meeting will start at 1:00 with a great deal of bench racing following. For directions call Richard at (217) 895-2306



Class 7e Truck Racer Kurt Nelson won his Class and was named Rookie of the Year

New Trailer

MAORA is replacing the large trailer we sold a couple of months ago with a smaller unit to be used to store the club's race equipment and records. When possible we will bring it to the track to use as a portable office. Anyone that would like to help move this small enclosed trailer to the races would be greatly appreciated by one and all.

Treasurer's Report

Year end balance:
 MAORA \$ 3261.94
 Lincoln Trail Off Roaders \$ 763.99
 Insurance is paid for a 10 Race Season

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Class 12 Woods Buggies

This is the class with the new driver in mind. This is a race what you bring class designed to give the beginning racer a place to compete. MAORA stresses SAFETY FIRST in this class as in all classes. You must have brakes. Fuel must NOT leak no matter the position of your vehicle (upside down ect.). YOU must not leak out of your vehicle no matter the position (5 point harness, nets and body panels). Pieces of your vehicle must not fall off (tires, mufflers, ect.). If you want to get scored you must have numbers that the score keepers can read. This is a trophy class for the fun of racing. Have Fun!

New Member

Kim and Greg Spear write that their family membership needed updated. They welcomed a new baby boy Nov 9 **Colin Daniel Spear** took the green flag at 7 lbs 11 ozs and 20 1/2 inches long and is doing great.



Shane Edwards Displays his Class 11 Championship Jacket and Trophy

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Who and How

Veteran or rookie the first place to look for help is your class rep or alt. These people can answer most of your questions. The class reps and alternates headed by the Vice President makes up the technical committee that rules on all protests on race day. If you have a question one of the officers can help you with feel free to give them a call.



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Tim Scherer accepts the Class 7 Championship Trophy and Jacket

Email News Letter

MAORA is putting together an email list of its members. Our E members will receive occasional Club News Updates between regular News Letters. If you would like to be included please drop MAORA a note at: Maora@peako.com

online: www.maoraracing.com

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Steve Peavler Finished in Second Place by just 3 Points in Class 7