

Hello to all CNY Riders and Families,

For those of you who know me and those who I have not had the pleasure of meeting. I wanted to address you regarding the recent changes with D3 and also to give you a brief history of where CNYMRA began, where we are going and my affiliation with the district.

Since the D3/CNYMRA Awards Banquet we have had some major changes take place that I wanted you to hear directly from me.

First I want to let you know how I started out, and where I'm going with D3. Well, where I am going is "Nowhere"!!! I'm here to stay!! For the greater good of all you riders out there on two and four wheels...

I was introduced to my first dirt bike in 1970 by the very person that started CNYMRA, Ted Grabowski. He gave me the bike and taught me how to ride and ride we did, all the way to 5 CNYMRA Championship #1 plates. In 1992 I decided to retire and devote all my time to wrenching and teaching my sons, Mike and Mitch.

My Mother, Donna Dougherty (Secretary/Treasurer/Points-keeper), was the back bone of CNYMRA for 35 years. Everyone that knew her knows that she was irreplaceable. Her devotion to this district was incredible. She lived everyday for CNYMRA and its members. She shared this love with me and our family. She lived and breathed CNYMRA right up until she passed. I will continue this legacy for Ted and my Mom.

It is unfortunate that Motomasters and Broome Tioga has made the decision to leave CNYMRA to pursue a different venue. But I want to let all you rider out there know that even though we have lost our only natural sand track in the district I will be working for all you riders to put together quality racing at all of our tracks and my personal goal is to start with Thunder Ridge. We have taken your comments on our Facebook page seriously. We will be meeting with Jim to help him make some updates. We have a great group of volunteers who want to get the Ridge spruced up, better parking, update the PA system, some track changes, starting gate and maybe even a new bathroom. No promises!!

Once we have Thunder set I'll be moving right on to find a new track to fill some of the dates left open from Motomasters and Broome pulling out, and I may have found it! TBA!!

We are a motocross family. Our riders are the reason we exist. Your comments, concerns, ideas and your families are very important to me. You're the best people in the world and I stand with all you riders. I am a very approachable person. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or just to talk about racing.

Let's get out and go racing!! CNYMRA/D3 MOTORCROSS!!!!

Thank you!

Mike Dougherty, Prez