

One night while flipping through a motorcycle magazine, I came upon an article for the USCRA's <u>MotoGiro-USA</u>, and it sounded like fun so I signed up.

While participating in the MotoGiro I learned that the USCRA was primarily a vintage road racing organization. I was invited by a few of the MotoGiro Riders that also raced in the USCRA circuit to come up to NHMS in Loudon, NH to watch a race event. My first thought was WOW, this is crazy!!! I don't have the courage to do this. But I figured I would give it a try.

So I put together a cb350 for the FCB class. While building the CB350 I came across a very cheap Rieju. These Bikes run in two classes, the Cosmo class and the Modern 50 Class. So I bought the Bike to run in the Cosmo Cup Class. I figured two bikes would be better than one.

I took the new riders school in 2008. Much to my dismay, crashed on the last lap of my first race. Despite the crash, I was hooked and vowed to do better next time.

The best finish in my first year was 6th place. I was so pleased with that, i returned for a for my 2nd year.

I had a better second season finishing second a number of times on the 350 and winning the USCRA class championship.

However it was time for a change so I traded the Rieju for a Derbi. With the Derbi I had won the class again

Years 3 and 4 I also won the class championships, but it took 3 motors to get through the first 6 races. Figuring this was a bad ratio, I needed to find out what I was doing wrong.

I went to Frank Gianninis' shop in search of answers. i asked Frank to help me find the problem, and he did just that. By the end of year 4 I was really on a roll.

Frank Giannini approached me one day with an invitation to try out for his team. I accepted the invite and with Franks help I moved from FCB to the modified classes. These events i have had a great year riding with my friends and team mates Tim Tilghman, Kerry smith, and Matt Tanner.

Frank Giannini has been a great friend. I look forward to another year riding his wonderfully prepared machines. Racing is just so much fun, and I very much enjoy doing it as part of a team effort. I'm also proud to be a team member if Team Giannini

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