

Tragedy in the Desert

We at Whiplash want to express our sincere condolences to EVERYONE involved in last weekends racing mishap at M D R 's "California 200".

While there are some in the Media and other self proclaimed critics who wish to blame and indict everyone and everything associated with the accident, we feel it is a time to pray, forgive and understand.

Having been involved in Off Road Racing since the mid 1960's, I have seen many things in the sport change. In short, more suspension, coupled with more horsepower means things are capable of going faster.

But some things have stayed relatively constant, "THE PEOPLE", an occasional weekend in the dirt is our "SOLE FOOD". Round up the family, friends, toys and go play. As a child I spent countless hours playing with my toy tractors in the dirt, making motor sounds that only a boy can make, I'm told. As a Senior Citizen, the shape and size of my toys have changed over the years, but the need to play in the dirt continues and I'm not alone. I am attracted to people who share my interests, just as you are attracted to people who share your interests.

We are drawn to a sport that can be enjoyed my men and women, boys and girls both as competitors and spectators. Relatively speaking, there are few rules in enjoying the sport. Basically, as a competitor, you try to make your thing go from point A to point B faster than the other persons. As a spectator, you either watch or help things go from point A to point B.

When it's over, you spend countless hours talking about everything that happened at point A and point B as well as all points in between.

Generally, if you're hot, find a cooler spot, if your cold put on a coat, if you want a seat, you have to bring it. There are no temperature controlled stadiums in Desert Racing. Hopefully you learn quickly that an OFF ROAD race is not a DISNEY LAND attraction. The rides ARE NOT ON RAILS!

The sport is ALL ABOUT CHOICES, as a driver or rider, only you have control of the throttle, if you go too slow you don't feel fulfilled, if you go too fast you brake, wreck or get lucky. As a spectator, you can set almost anywhere. If you stay home the odds of being ran over by an out of control race truck are minute. If you set on the outside of a corner the odds of being ran over are much greater. If you choose to stand in the middle of the track, your day will probably not end happily. THE CHOICE is often yours.

While I was not there, the information leads me to believe that EVERYONE INVOLVED made some POOR CHOICES, and the result was devastating. ONCE again our sincere condolences go out to every one involved but please don't condemn the sport, instead encourage people to MAKE BETTER CHOICES.

Sincerely

The McKinley Family and Whiplash Motorsports