

The KAHUNA is BACK, it has been said that, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all". Well I think we have some NICE STUFF to talk about, so here goes.

Whiplash had planned to re-build the pit in Gila Bend one more time for use as the final stop on the 2009 tour, but the owner, who wishes to remain un-named, was in the process of selling the property. There was a lot of zero's involved in the transaction so at the last minute we had to find "plan B", which turned out to be plan L, M, N, O, or P by the time it was over.

Whiplash called, visited, and or approached everyone who could accommodate our needs with no luck.

Back in the 90's Zack, my son, and I did a promotion with another promoter. All of us were relatively NEW to the business. We both made mistakes and when it was over, there were hard feelings.

The cross you bare when you are in the business that Whiplash is in can be heavy. For the most part, when you assemble a number of competitors as we do, pit them against each other, add a heaping helping of ADRENALIN, stir in some PRIDE, EGO, DIRT and a CHALLENGE or TWO. At the end of the day you can pretty much count on the WINNER thinking it was a PERFECT RACE and everyone else thinking they were JILTED in one way or another.

Therefore, it is important that Whiplash makes everything as even, fair and defensible as possible. A by product of that is believing you are always right. That attitude made the phone call to Speed World VERY DIFFICULT.

I have said that MAYBE when PIGS FLY, HELL FREEZES OVER, or OBAMA is elected President I'D call that guy that I had a disgruntlement with for so long. SWINE FLEW was perceived as a potentially world ending epidemic, Did that mean that PIGS FLEW? Apparently OBAMA left unchecked, is attempting to END THE WORLD as we know it. Soooooooooooooo, it seems like it's time for the KAHUNA to step up.

HELL FROZE OVER that's right, for Dan Mathews, owner / operator of Speed World, and I, a 20 year long feud ended a couple of weeks ago when we agreed to bury the hatchet so to speak.

Honestly, neither of us could remember much about why we had been fighting so long and agreed that since Whiplash and Speed World had proven to be the best of what we each do, we should probably try working TOGETHER for the good of the sport.

As a result, Whiplash will run it's final race of the 2009 season at Speed World December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our race will take place on the now famous LUCAS oil track and adjoining area. The MAIN TRACK is a mile plus in length, it features wide sweeping turns, flyaway jumps and gobs of room to race. We will connect another mile or two of Desert, twisting and turning into a couple of long straight- a-way's and back onto the Main track.

The PIT / CAMPING area is huge, and dirt, with bleachers enough for everyone.

The gates will open at 11:30 on Friday the fourth, for those of you who want to spend the weekend.

Admission is only \$10 for adults, that's like \$3.50 a DAY, you can't watch TV for that, Kids are less or free and you can camp for the whole weekend for \$15. SOME LUXURY RV SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE by RESERVATION call the office for more info.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

## 2010 WHAT TO DO?

TO MANY RACES, NOT ENOUGH RACES, CLOSED COURSE,  
DESERT, BOTH?

In 2009, after loosing The "Vulture Mine" course to the BLM's relentless pressure, arbitrary Law enforcement and the promise of continued, if not increased harassment, Whiplash found it's self on the short end of a good and varied scheduled. As a result we were forced to hold 4 events a Firebird. The four events were held on two different tracks with three different layouts but still, after the Halloween Haunt Event even I was tired of FIREBIRD.

At last years Awards Banquet with nearly 800 in attendance we, I, pledged to find some new venues. To that end a NEW DESERT COURSE and some other STUFF will be on next year's menu.

Whiplash has secured the use of a 58,000 acre ranch in HOLBROOK. Holbrook is about 40 miles North of Snowflake. The New course is a few feet off I-40 and will feature a Buggy and Truck lap of 20 plus miles on well armored dirt (not much dust) some sand washes and some technical stuff, kind of like and about the same altitude as Snowflake except the trees in Holbrook are PETRIFIED.

The Bike and ATV course will feature MORE TECHNICAL STUFF and less flat out racing, some interesting Geology will replace the trees of Snowflake, but I think you'll like it!

The Pit and Camping area is ELEVATED, with binoculars; you might be able to watch your racer, almost the entire lap.

DO NOT MISTAKE THIS COURSE FOR THE ONE THAT WAS A  
GIANT SILT PILE AND FLOODED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN.  
THIS IS A VIRGIN COURSE

We will offer two races next year at Speed world again on the LUCAS OIL closed course venue and.....

ACP, the track on the way to Gila Bend has added a GP course and is working on a DESERT SECTION; the facility is looking good and will host a race or two next year.

FIREBIRD has contracted with LUCAS OIL to create another CLOSED COURSE VENUE in ARIZONA. The Lucas Oil race is scheduled in December 2010 so we are planning a little HOUSE WARMING for the new track in NOVEMBER.