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BIOGRAPHY

BIKE NUMBER: 469

YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL OF BIKE: 2009 Yamaha YZF-R6

TEAM NAME: Cheap Thrills Racing

SPONSORS: cheapthrillsmoto.com

YEAR HE STARTED RACING: 2008

BACKGROUND: Growing up, motorcycles were always a part of my life. Both my mom and dad had bikes and rode. Naturally, I had my first mini-bike at the age of five years old. Every year my Dad would bring me up to Brainerd International Raceway to watch the pro AMA races. In 2007 I did my first track day at BIR on my 2005 Yamaha R1. After that, the rest is history. I sold the YZF-R1 for a 2006 YZF-R6 racebike, joined the very next Central Roadracing Association's new rider class and got my racing license. Now several years later, I have several top 5 and podium finishes, I coach and instruct up and coming riders, while also continuing to improve my abilities and personal bests.

MOST MEMORABLE RACE: 2009 my first novice podium. After a rough start to racing, I suddenly found myself in 2nd place behind Sean Kreller. After following him the entire race I figured I had to attempt a pass for the win on the final lap. Going into Turn 7, where I felt I had a shot, I took the inside line and went for it. However my execution did not go as planned, as I stood us both up and ran us off the track. We both were fortunate to keep it up after dirt biking through the mud, completely blowing Turn 8. Feeling horrible for being at fault I pulled aside to give Sean the win. After the race I went to apologize to Sean for the incident. Cool and calm he said, "That's racing man. You should have taken the win." We continued to have some great battles that season after that. Class act.



2018 SEASON GOALS

My personal racing goals for 2018 first includes competing for the number one overall Expert plate in the Central Roadracing Association. 2018 also marks my 11th season racing with the CRA and I think that would be an excellent way to celebrate the anniversary. Additional season goals include continuing to improve my riding ability and personal bests. I also look forward to riding different motorcycles and competing in more classes, thus assisting in achieving my prior goals, as well as increasing overall exposure for my sponsors.