

Sponsor of the Month



Hello Everyone! Welcome to our 2nd Sponsor Bio featuring **Grieser Family Racing!**

Jim Grieser and his family have been longtime members right from the beginning and have always been supporting the Midwest Vintage MX series.

We hope you have as much fun reading this story as we did, and you enjoy learning more about our sponsors and the people behind them.

Woody: Hello Jim, I would like to thank you once again for all you support over the years and for taking the time to do this Bio for us. You and your family have always been an important part of our series, and I would like to ask you some questions about you and your connection to our sport. First off, when did you actually start racing?

Jim: I started racing when I was a sophomore in High School, roughly 1977 in District 16. My first race bike was a 1976 Honda CR125 Elsinore. That bike had the narrowest power band ever, 9000 rpm to 11,000 rpm. I pulled the fork springs and ran air forks and it worked surprisingly well. I also had a DG up pipe on it and ran RM rear shocks with remote reservoirs! I can remember jumping the first doubles at NEENAH fun land, they were a lot smaller than our whoops of today. That bike was stolen out of my dad's garage and that was the end of my racing for many years. I later bought a 1980 RM125 but didn't have the chance to race it while I was in school...I then sold it to buy Becky's wedding ring!

Woody: Wow! It must have been devastating to lose that bike but selling the 80 RM for Becky's wedding ring is just too cool!

What brought you back to this sport?

Jim: I didn't get back into Moto/Dirt biking until 2002 when my boys were old enough to want to ride. At that point we hit the District 23 moto circuit pretty heavy for several years. In 2011, I bought a 79 RM400 on a whim and started racing the vintage group the year before you started up. That year, I won their equivalent of your Evo 2 class and Modern class. I have been running vintage ever since and now have roughly 20 Vintage /Evo bikes I have built and restored. I pic 2 or 3 for the season to race and then try at each event to ride them all! I still ride a lot of modern bikes...both 2 and 4-stroke...but I pretty much just race the VMX series. A really good week has me on a dirt bike for three separate rides!

Woody: Well Jim, that was quite a span of time...watching you ride you could have fooled me, you ride with a smile and good speed like you never left...making this a "family deal " had to leave you with a great feeling . If I remember right, you won the IRON man award for racing all the classes too!

Where would you like to see this sport go?

Jim: I would like to see the sport become more common place. In Minnesota, there is still a bad stigma associated with anything motorcycle, when in reality dirt biking is such a family activity! I would like to see that "family "aspect more recognized.

Woody: I could not have said it better Jim! The Family aspect in MWVMX is the core of our series, we have so many people that truly respect and love what they have here and without them it would be lost.

Why did you become a sponsor, and what stands out the most for you and your family racing this sport and this series?

Jim: After having been in this Vintage series and having experienced the fun of racing /riding, I wanted to help keep it progressing by giving the small sponsorship to help along with attending and promoting the events as best as I could. It is a great series with truly wonderful people that will be friends for the remainder of my life!

Having had the chance to race with and against my son Matthew will always be great memories.

Thank you and Keep up the great work!

Woody: Jim, all the support and sponsorship over the years is what made this series grow. For me the ability to watch this and be a supporter is priceless. Having you and your family in our family is just the best thing around! Thank you for sharing your past with us and for supporting the Midwest racing family the way you do!

We can't wait for 2018!!!