



Supercross Thru a Flat Track Champions Eyes

"I was excited to hear Bob Bellino's voice on the phone, asking me if I would be interested in going to the Oakland SX race, to help promote the 2013 flat track races. "Heck yea, I'll be there," was my response!

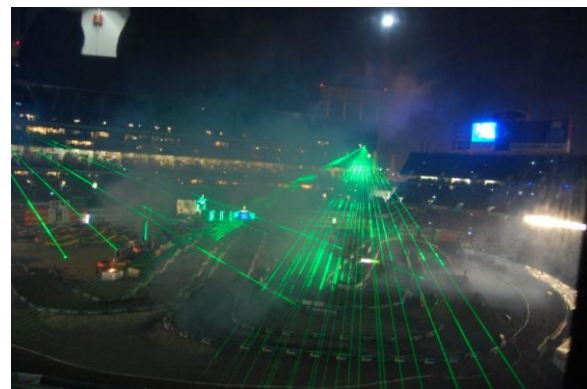
From the moment I drove through the pit gate and saw all the SX team transport vehicles, with Villopoto, Dungey, Reed, and Barcia's SX bikes on display, I was like a kid at a candy store. I wanted to take the bikes off the stands, and sit on them. Now, I know how the fans feel, because I am one!

Moments later, I see a flat track legend and one of my heroes, Mert Lawwill. "Hey Mert", was the beginning of an afternoon and evening of catching up. Soon we collected Jared Mees, the current AMA Pro Flat Track Grand National Champion for pictures with a group of young and excited trail riders, who love the SX races.



I always wondered what it would be like, to walk out in front of an arena full of screaming fans. Well, Mert, Jared, and I got a taste of that, when we walked out in front of a stadium full of screaming Oakland SX fans, to promote the upcoming Circle Bell Motorsports events, July 27th Sacramento Mile National and the Santa Rosa Mile National during the last weekend of September for three days of racing! The announcer "Lurch" Steve Scott, interviewed each of us about our careers and highlights. They even played a clip of flat track racing action on the Jumbotron while I spoke about my On Any Sunday movie experience.

The evening had more surprises, especially when the Circle Bell crew and Dave Duffin led us to the press box where we met the Oakland SX announcers, Jeff Emig and Ralph Shaheen. We made new friends, talked, and screamed for our favorite SX riders while drinking a beer with a view few others ever see. During SX rider introductions, it was awesome to watch recently retired Kevin Windham, riding a front wheel stoppie the entire length of the start straight. We will miss you Kevin, and will never forget your impressive and wonderful career!



Thank you very much Bob and Dave, for the opportunity of a lifetime, as well as Mert, Jared, and other friends, for sharing this special evening." ~Jim Rice #24