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Dear name,

This is my first Quarterly Update for 2005. 2005 has started out a bit slow. In January I had an engine mechanical during my WSMC race (still finished though), a rebuild was needed at that point already, so, what the heck... ☺

I got the rebuild done before February's WSMC race but had one "gotcha" with the clutch and the weather was horrible in February (cold, rainy and windy). I had switched clutch covers, not realizing that my original one had a slight modification to it that was needed. That happening, I missed my race after spending all weekend tearing the engine and transmission apart trying to find the problem.

Once I figured that out, I was ready to go for my first hopefully warm race of the year with CCS at Firebird East in Arizona at the beginning of March. The 2004 Awards Ceremony was also that weekend, and I had two Championships for which to claim trophies; they are beautiful! I made it out there, but apparently the rain had decided to follow me. Oh well. I decided to brave the wet track with my slicks. It actually wasn't that bad. Firebird East isn't the fastest track around at 1.25 miles with 10 turns, but I needed to complete the run-in of my "new" engine. I had fun staying around 10,000 RPMs on the track in the wet. It was pretty neat to come in at the end of a session and see my tires steaming. I took first place, which is especially good for the season on a double points weekend.

My next race was the following weekend with WSMC. It was another nasty weather weekend. The wind was constant and the rain would come and go. WSMC will not allow you out on the track with slicks if it's wet out there, so I cut mine...hmmm, that totally changed the handling of my bike, not for the better. I managed to get a sixth in the worst wind so far this year. One of my buddies said he will help me to pickup more speed at this track. That would be great, since I am currently sixth in the Formula-3 championship.

This coming quarter has quite a bit of racing scheduled. My next races are WSMC 15-17 April, 13-15 May and 13-15 June; CCS and USGPRU in Las Vegas 29 April-01 May; I'll try to swing CCS at Firebird International 04-05 June; and USGPRU at Portland 25-26 June.

I am working on some brand new bodywork, awaiting a few patches for my new leathers and my new helmets from Shark/Kimpex. That's it so far. Once again, I thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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