

Carolina Cycling Time Trial Association (CCTA) has joined forces with Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society (MARS)

Improved Communication for Safety & Rules

In an effort to improve on track safety and compliance with the rules of the Time Trials at Lowe's Motor Speedway, the Carolina Cycling Time Trial Association (CCTA) has joined forces with Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society (MARS). Through the CCTA's agreement with MARS, they will provide radio equipped marshals to help monitor the track during all nine time trial events during the 2008 Series. The MARS radio club will provide 3 to 5 radio equipped marshals that will be stationed around the track, so in the case of an accident, medical assistance can be dispatched quickly. The marshals will also be trained to identify time trial rules violation and report them to the CCTA officials via radio.

Jodie Rowland, President of Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, said "this is a great opportunity for the ham club to continue our tradition of serving the community. It also enables us to work with another community oriented non-profit organization while utilizing our communication expertise". MARS is already familiar with cycling events since they already provide radio communication for the annual MS150 cycling event which is a 150 mile bicycle ride in the Carolinas sponsored by the MS Society.

The CCTA's Board of Directors welcomes and appreciates the help of MARS. We are certain everyone involved with the TT at the Speedway will agree the assistance of the MARS volunteers will improve many aspects of the Time Trials.

MARS information can be found at www.w4bfb.org

CCTA information can be found at www.carolinatt.org