

# RANDOM START



# THE MIGHTY SAT

Taking BMX Training To the Pro Level



By simply clipping MightySat onto the end of your fingertip first thing in the morning and before and after workouts, racers can make informed, scientific decisions about training and recovery.

Leading up to the Worlds last year, Greg Romero used MightySAT's revolutionary technology to train with.

“The Maismo MightySat helps BMX athletes interpret how the body is truly running, versus on how they think they feel based on one's own perception,” Coach-G tells us. “When I trained for the World Championships, some days it told me I was fully refreshed and recovered despite the fact that I felt slow and tired in the morning. In other words, it will tell you how much gas you have in the tank from the previous training day.”

MightySat's Bluetooth capabilities and a personal health app - including Apple Health and Training Peaks - enable the athlete to observe their numbers on a smart phone where the data can be stored and easily shared with their coach or even on social media.

Go to: [masimopersonalhealth.com](http://masimopersonalhealth.com) for info and pricing.

## SKIP HESS JR's CLEAR PRODUCTS

The son of Mongoose Bicycle founder Hess - Skip Jr., has just introduced his latest venture - Clear Bicycle Co.

The factory-direct brand will have a full line of affordable after-market products (along with a few complete bikes - but none are BMX related).

Many items can cross-over, such as these lock-on grips for \$14.95. Available at participating bike shops - especially Trek dealers.



## REMEMBERED:

### RAY PILARA

From working sign-ups at Chandler BMX for three decades (thru multiple track operators), or assisting the USA BMX staff with computer repair and assistance, Ray Pilara played a huge role



in Arizona's BMX scene. An early computer-wiz, he could fix any problem that came up to ensure that the BMXer magazines in the 90's and 00's met their deadlines. Chandler BMX track operator Rinny Dyer said “Ray was like a father to us. He loved BMX. He loved to be at the track with all of the families. Gone but never forgotten.”

Ray was like an unofficial USA BMX employee, often dropping by the office (especially on Fridays, for a politically-fueled pizza lunch). He was our sounding board for the local BMX scene, and with his no-holds-barred attitude, we often wondered if he was a former mob hit man in the witness protection agency. Now, we'll never know. One thing we do know is that his smiling face and friendly greeting at Chandler BMX's sign-up window will truly be missed.



### DON HUTELIN

The pioneering Florida BMX scene also suffered a great loss this past month, with the passing of BMX dad and mentor to many - Don Hutelin.

As a father of two fast racers - Bonnie and John, Don was the face of SE Racing on the

East Coast - helping Scot Breithaupt in the earliest days of the SE brand.

Former national announcer Lenny Batycki put it best: “We lost Don, after a life of helping kids like me see big possibilities. Don's giving and mentoring of guys such as Scot Breithaupt, Stu Thomsen, Perry Kramer, Seth Buceri, Greg and Bryan Esser and so many others (including myself, of course - his own kids, Bonnie and John) helped each of us to become better people.”



# PROFILE TURNS 50

The year was 1968, when BMX Hall of Famer Jim Alley first opened shop, making chromoly race car chassis. That means 2018 is their 50th year in business and the celebration is bound to be big! Profile is one of the few remaining "Made in the USA" BMX brands - and is still family-owned and ran. They invite all to join in the party!

# ROOKIES 2018

A new year always brings new Pro applications - and so far, the Rookie Class of 2018 is looking STRONG! The top two finishers from the NAG-5 Challenge - Bryce Batten and winner Billy Russell have both made the move and have great double-A potential.



**the rumor mill:** At the top of the news for 2018 is word from Jerry-Mania that he has teamed up with World Cup photographer Craig Dutton to re-vamp BMXmania.com, and bring the 1999-era website into the modern age. ● Things have been buzzin' over at USA BMX headquarters as the USA BMX Foundation has hired both Donny Robinson and Elite pro Justin Posey to help coordinate and market the new BMX Racing league



## USA CYCLING STEPS UP THEIR GAME

For the first time in two decades, USA Cycling has created a "National Team" for all cycling disciplines, in preparation for U.S. domination at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Among the BMX squad is former Olympians Connor, Alise and Corben - along with Dani George, Sean Gaian and Mika Shaw. Surprisingly, no Brooke or Nic Long.

Brand new for USAC is the addition of Freestylers, as BMX Park will make its debut in Tokyo. Eight riders (4 men and 4 women) have been named to the F/S squad - including former racer Cory Coffey.



program, which is kicking off nationally on March 8th. ● Kevin Pauls gave us this spy shot of his next KEEV product; a four hole chainring that he designed himself. ● The next generation of the Herda's Hotshots is rumored to be in the works. Shawn Campbell, Former team manager of the multi-time National No.1 trophy team and bike shop has been seen scouting out talent, along with team owner Nick Herda himself. ●



## WD-40 BIODEGRADABLE BIKE WASH

Did you know that WD-40 has a complete line of bike-specific products? Their safe and easy-to-use All-Purpose Bike Wash, all condition chain lube and bike degreaser is available at independent bike dealers, Ace and True Value hardware stores, as well as Amazon.com.



**BOX's Side Plates** As you've probably heard, beginning in July 2018, side panels will be required at all USA BMX and BMX Canada nationals - to give riders plenty of time to prepare for the new National rule. While many BMX brands have side-panels in the works, Box Components has upped their stock of Phase 2 side plates - available for \$9.99 from any local bike shop or BMX online supplier.





