

Meet the Voice of the Western Grands

Terry Bridges, the voice of Western Grands has earned himself quite a reputation throughout the week in Monroe, Washington. One might say, "He picked himself up after falling".

Bridges was laid off at the end of 2007. "I was sick of the car business," he comments. The announcer and emcee began announcing at a memorial service. After the memorial, he got asked to announce in Oakwood, and so on.

He was a series announcer, announcing for local cups, and series for Motorcycles, Quads, Go Karts and other races.

"Snowball," he said. "It was like a snowball. I never expected this to become my career. After the first time I announced people started coming to me. Eventually I needed a calendar because I was so busy."

Although he had some technical difficulties the beginning of the week, he got the hang of things. He comments that Quarter Midget races are much harder to announce than Go Karts.

Bridges is a great announcer. Many people notice that he doesn't use a paper with the kids' names on it after introducing them. When asked about this, he said, it just comes to him, but later on he admits that after he sees the cars throughout the mains, he remembers the names.

Bridges seems to know just when to be serious and when to add a bit of humor to his announcing. He tells a story about a young boy that gave him a hero card this week. After just a few days, he gave one kid who may never had his moment of fame, feel so famous.

"I want to make all the kids have glory. If I can help one kid feel like a million bucks, I will." Bridges says thoughtfully. "If the kids think I'm cool, then I've done my job."

As an announcer he tries to almost foreshadow the events. He strives to keep the crowd interested and on the edge of their seats as to what will happen next.

"My ultimate goal is television and radio. Not because I want to be on T.V., but because these are some of the best races I have watched and there are no announcers/ T.V. producers here. If I were to be able to get on T.V. or radio, I could bring them back to the 'grass roots' right here at Quarter Midgets."

Lastly, he comments on the fact that he enjoys announcing here because the families are so generous and supportive. "It's about the people. And these kids, they are amazing and talented; it's awesome," he said.

Special 'Thanks' to Terry Bridges for his hard work and dedication.

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