FORMULA 1 MIAMI GRAND PRIX 2022

# THE OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER

## A BIG THANK YOU …. And Expect The Unexpected!



Herbie Blash is here this weekend as an F1 advisor. This year Formula One has two Race Directors, they are alternating and it's a new situation. I've been asked to come back to just advise or help where possible.

Herbie is an Ambassador on the FIA Volunteers and Officials Commission. It means that as Ambassador he spreads the word. He spreads the appreciation of FIA to the Marshals for the help they are giving. "It hasn't happened here, but at a lot of the races when I have the opportunity, I go to the Marshal's meeting and just show the appreciation that the FIA has for the volunteers and officials. I know what it means to the marshals to have someone like myself come to their meeting. When I'm around the circuit, in the pit lane, for example, I'll always go and speak to the marshals, ask them what problems they have, etc. I'm here to try and help the officials."

The FIA presents a variety of Marshal Awards each year - individual and team awards. The Commission contacts the ASNs saying there will be these awards and would you like to put anybody forward And the Official of the Year can be a compete team, such as 2020 when it went to the Australian F1 marshals and officials.

Herbie attends all the Commission meetings. There are five a year, and since Covid they have been Zoom meetings. There are about 30 members on the Commission. When we got the new FIA President, he put in new heads of the different Commissions. So now the head and president of our Commission is Abdulaziz Al Thawedi and he's from Bahrain. He probably will remain the president for the next four years. To get on the Commission, it's a matter of the ASNs wanting to get more involved. One is put forward by the ASN, who gives it to the President who puts it forward to the Commission.

Many of the Commission members started out as marshals and worked their way up. And then there are people who are heading up marshal organizations, such as the Belgian member or the Australian member. It varies. They've all got the volunteers and officials at heart and trying to look out for these people.

Progress is happening in the matter of standardizing marshal practices around the world. There's a lot of work going on of which Janette Tan of Singapore is leading. And I have to say that Janette is doing a brilliant job. She's working very hard. And yet FIA itself is looking at licensing and all, there's just so much going on. Personally, I see in Europe the results of our work. The UK worked very hard. Everyone on the Commission worked very hard. We've got Australia and Brazil involved, basically we've got the world coming together.



Another project on which the Commission has been working is a Worker Website. The website's inception is tied into the creation of the Manual, and that should be happening any time soon. Janette has been doing a lot of communication on 'her' website - I call it her website. And Aziz has done a good job as well spreading the word. Bahrain has a lot of nationalities. And Saudi as well. I went there for a race meeting. They don't have any other type of racing. But they're all so enthusiastic. It was difficult for them, but we survived. The Saudi's were trained by 400 Bahrainis the first year. Bahrain was trained by the Australians, who also trained Korea. That's where Charlie and I got to know Michael Masi, who was involved with CAMS and also in building the circuit.

One area the FIA is looking at is where we can find our next generation. We have to work on our peers and draw the interest in finding these people. Unfortunately we weren't able to make any meetings here due to problems on the circuit. But I was asking about nationalities, and learned we had 25 different countries, with big numbers from several. And that's what it's all about. It's brilliant! And long may that continue. That's what it's all about, the friendship, the respect everyone has for one another. It's a family. It's cross-pollination.

The FIA annual Volunteer Day is coming up in June this year. The Commission notifies all the ASN's who handle the celebrations in their respective countries.

As Herbie hasn't been able to make the morning meetings, he does have words for the marshals and officials:

Number one - Without them, obviously we wouldn't be here. That's how important they are. And secondly they are the face of America. It's the biggest event going on the world this weekend with way over one hundred million viewers watching live, watching it to see exactly what they're doing. They're working under huge pressure whether they realize it or not and the world is looking at them. "Smile! You're on Candid Camera." So they also need to know that the FIA gives them a huge Thank You. We will give you all the support we can give, to look out for and help the officials.

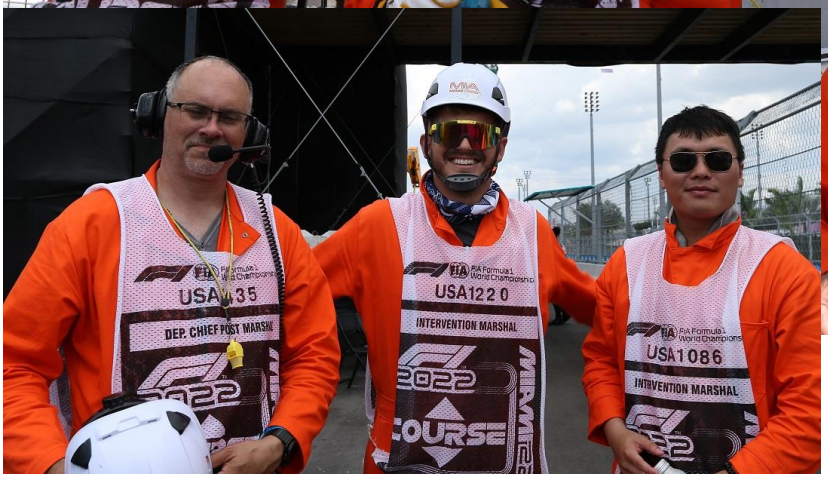


Something else I'd say to them - Please - speak to your friends. Let them know what an enjoyable world this is - it's a very social atmosphere. Please pass on the message.

A huge thanks to the marshals, and one thing I always finish by saying - Have a very safe weekend and while you're on your post, Expect The Unexpected. I mean, look at the Grosjean accident. Nobody expected a car to go off there. Look around. Just make sure you're safe. You can make that your headline - Expect the Unexpected and a Big Thank You!

























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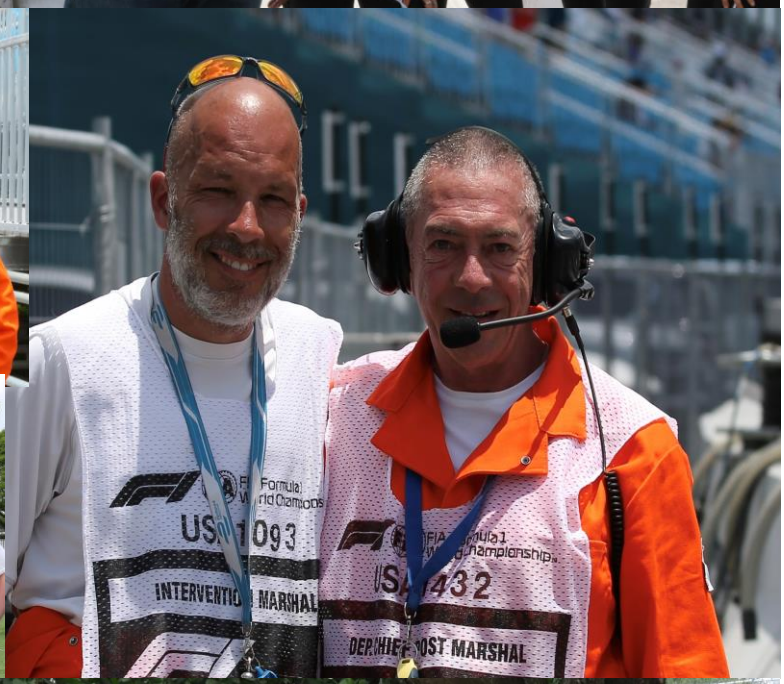
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