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Moto-X races 6/25/75
help the community

To the Editor of THE EAGLE:—

In the June 19 "Letters" column, Samuel Sass of Pittsfield criticized the Moto-X races held and to be held in Lanesboro.

Mr. Sass apparently was not aware that no motorcycle ridden in these races is registered so is not ridden on the streets of any city or town. I am sure Mr. Sass was not bothered by the traffic on Crane Avenue which is far from a direct route to the track.

The influx of traffic actually was no greater than the track fans speeding to Green Mountain Race Track to spend their money. Here, the Moto-X profits go to the Lions Club, and the event also helps the Fire Department, as they have the food concession.

Businesses not only in Lanesboro but surrounding towns and cities benefit.

I attended the race with thousands of people and the air of "help your neighbor" was most prevalent.

If Mr. Sass had viewed the track, he could have seen that most of the track is in a valley which muffles the noise. If people living in the immediate area of this track have few complaints, I cannot see why anyone who lives at least five miles from the event should be critical.

The Lions have a plan for other uses of this property which will benefit all the youths of the town, and I think it is great.

The rules of race competition are strict and supervisors see that they are adhered to. If more of the youth in the country were participants in such sports, drug and drinking problems would be far less.

When you stand and watch a race and see two young chaps come in first and second and the second boy shakes the hand

of the winner, this denotes "good sportsmanship."

The Selectmen do plan to hold an "informational meeting" so that residents will have the opportunity to express their opinions. We will be happy to devote the time to satisfy their pros and cons.

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