



Nickname: Jer, Jerry

Residence: Barrie

DOB: July 5, 1976

Height: 5' 8.5" (shoes off)

Weight: 155lbs

Race Bike(s): 2011 Giant Anthem 4.0 29er, full XT. 2008 Rocky Mountain Element Team XTR. 2005 Rocky Mountain Element full XT and some XTR. 2000 Cannondale F900 with 2005 LX and XT.

Years with Arrow Racing Team: 3

Favourite Food: SUSHI

Favourite Movie: The Abyss ...I built one of those robot subs on my own but I'll never tell my friends that. Saving Private Ryan, Training Day, Wall-e, The Empire Strikes Back (I think I learned the walk cycle by watching the AT AT's attack scene about 1000 times), GLADIATOR (how can I forget such a fantastic film!!!), Top Gun (I've taken a couple flight lessons), Back to the Future (just part 1), Se7ven, Platoon, American Pie, Dumb and Dumber, Snatch, Raiders of the Lost Ark, The Bourne Identity/Supremacy/Ultimatum, Superbad!!!, Young Guns, Old School, Black Hawk Down, Die Hard (part 1 only), Never Cry Wolf ...of course animation films are always a hit to me.

Favourite Place: Haven't traveled enough to really say but as long as it's either really cold with great skiing or hot with great riding.

Best Place to Ride: Hardwood / 3 Stage / Pine Ridge / Buckwallow

Best Crash: Just before the Provincial Finals 2007 I did a massive face plant while doing the course inspection. The impact crater was still there when I raced a week later. Dirt on the roof of my mouth. Was actually quite scary as I remember my neck cracking when I hit the ground. I

don't crash too often either. I almost passed out. Had a disastrous crash at the Fall 8 Hour this past September. I was in 3rd and right on the tail of the second place rider for the first 4 hours. I was forced to make a 20 second pit to grab food and I went too fast trying to catch him again and took a huge bail on a downhill; don't remember what I did as I blacked out when I hit the ground and my wrist is still very sore to this day. I broke my shifter and I had to run the bike back to the pit and grab my backup bike and finish with severe cramps due the fact that I had to run but I managed to hang on to 3rd.

Dream Date: Me and my damn bikes

Ever Incarcerated? Aliens took my grandpa and now he's flying for them.

Career Highlights: My very first win in a MTB race in 2007 at Buckwallow! After that I went on to win the overall Provincials for Sport and was bumped to Expert with 300 points. I also won the overall points race at Hardwood that year and also placed 2nd at my first ever solo eight hour race.

Career Aspirations: Be a consistent top 10 or better racer in Expert class but I need to stop eating cookies and peanut butter.

Me? Umm ... I like beer ...I also love ...beer ...but then I discovered animation :) I still like beer but it's something that I can do without for now. I may love beer but I also love being fit and racing my mountain bike and I see it as a great way to maintain my sanity in this crazy world we live in, or is it on? Do we live on this world or in the world? I'm just writing what's coming to my mind first so please forgive me. This is really me ...really, I love my bikes, art, beer and most other sports. About a year ago I had no idea how 3-D animation worked until I decided to sell my house and return to school to upgrade my web design skills but all that changed when I watched Wall-e for the first time and then my plan disintegrated :) My Mom always used to tell me that I should learn how to do special effects and animation stuff but I thought it was too hard so I chose graphic design. I wish that I could go back and change that because I never knew I would love animation so much and I missed ten years of potentially doing that instead. I went to a school that had a great reputation for it's 3-D animation program so I wandered on down there (about one hour from my home) and tried it out. It was the hardest thing I've ever done, even harder than my career of ten years! I learned everything about making a film but what I found was that I loved animating the characters but it wasn't what they specialized in so after I finished I decided to focus on animating alone!