

A call from DAV

Some of you will remember my account of our Colorado trip this summer. David figured into that account pretty heavily as our old Army buddy on the new DR-350 ES that was more-or-less trashed during that deal. I got a call (really a voice on the answering machine) from him a couple of weeks ago . . . and it got me thinking about "Bad things!"

David is a medical EMS type who rides in helicopters for a living in Colorado. His message went like this: Hi . . . if you heard about the crash on the News . . .I'm OK . . . click, end of message. Now what kind of message is that to leave? following:

vibrate worse than a Husky 500 with loose motor mounts . . . and do not have wings . . . shouldn't be flown in! I told David this one about ten years ago when I heard of his "new" career move.!

between working on the bike, for an Enduro 600 miles away and thinking everything is ready only to get to the first gas station (about 50 miles from home) and looking in the trailer and noticing you forgot to load the bike. Ron Shreve would easily

understand this one if every time age of 40 in "this" Hare you read "bike" in the preceding paragraph . . . insert the word. "Boots!"

Showing everyone who will look the bright blue neck on the exhaust pipe that's hooked to your KDX-200 after the Hard Rock Enduro in Murfeesburo OK and asking their opinion on what might have caused it . . .only to notice the "extra" bottle of pre-mix rolling around in P-up the next day. Koonta-Kinta Man, . . . last month!

You go to a Hare Scramble and things are going well on Lap #1. . .Lap #2 . . . on Lap #3 the bike is running well but you are quickly running out of gas and It led to the everyone below the age of 68 is passing you like you're a mileage "Me" at the marker on I-44. "Bad Things" . . . Things that first Winter Series Hare Scramble at Blue Springs resort.

Coming around on Lap #5 to the scoring gate and seeing your Postman (Postal people are supposed to have integrity) with a \$2.00 sweep hand watch in his Packing most of Friday night, in hand telling you there's four more minutes . . . and "vou" need to go another lap. "Me" in the same Hare Scramble . . . in a very heavy whine mode! Who selected that Steve Abercrumbie guy to run the watch anyway?

"Knowing that everyone over the

Scramble . . . must be as tired as you are . . . only to have Wayne Beindorf (obviously over 40) dust you on a corner on some Steve Underwood . . . Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville, Nolleen Sizzler replica YZ-250 Yamaha with the front wheel "way" in the air . . and he doesn't seem at all concerned!

Writing a story about the Hardwood Enduro, sending it to Cycle News, and having them retype it and spell Dwight Maggards name as . . . Dwight "Haggard." I can hear it now Hey Dwight ... any relation to Merl? Or, Hey Dwight . . . you're looking a little "Haggard!" You're going to have to live with it Dwight!

Wayne Cosby stating; We're going to start everyone together . . at the same time at this Hare Scramble! His wife . . . and 38 riders persuaded him to start in three waves . . . Thank God!

David, three days after the phone message; It's OK, these things are safe . . . we only bounced hard once on that highway . . . and no cars actually hit us. "They" say we'll be up flying again in a week!

"Bad Things!"



One-Year at this!

It's our "official" one-year Anniversary . . . and it's Christmas. That's no coincidence as we did three "free" ones of these in '93, and went for real in December of '94.

It's a good time for me to thank all the folks who subscribe to this thing, and, listen to my "stuff" each month. Thank You!

We've made a commitment for '96 to pursue more race results, expand our mailing list into Northern Arkansas, lighten up on the "Tiny Avenger" . . . NOT! and try to get more info stuff out to you. This month, Steve Leivan sent in the Missouri State Scramble final standings so you'll find those in this issue. Darrell Judy sent in the Arkansas State Scrambles final standings and those are included also. The Black Jack Enduro Series is my focal point so you will have to suffer through another year of meanderings in regard to that but we pledge to make a real attempt to cover more . . . just "stuff." STAY TUNED!

Tiny Avenger . . . Hotel?

I know I said I was going to lighten up on the T/A . . .but! I was in ACTION CYCLE—last week and saw this jimendous (that's big) ANSWER, "FOOTLOCKER" gear bag. This thing was HUGE! Big enough that at my age buying it would have to include a bell boy to drag it where it needed to go!

After studying it for a few minutes my thoughts turned to the Tiny Avenger! He could live in this thing! In fact the only addition I can think of needing is a rope ladder so he can get "upstairs!" When I bumped into T/A a couple days later his only question was . . . "does it have an awning?" Go figure!

Missouri Winter Scramble Series

This Series is a HOOT! If you haven't ridden any of these . . .<u>you</u> need to!

December 10th . . . Lu's Place, North of Bolivar.

December 17th . . . "Toy's for Tot's, Possum Hollow MX Park west of Springfield. Sponsored by Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville.

For information call: 417 887-3524

Hard Rock Enduro

I'm going to have a hard time talking about something that I'm not sure what to call. The Tulsa Trail Riders billed it as a European Enduro, but it felt, smelled, and was . . .a qualifier, with modified

Qualifier?

rules. No matter, it was a "hoot!" Nice weather, dusty, rocky trail with short but fun special tests.

The swap meet on Saturday was a huge success and a lot of "good . . .junk" changed hands.

by one or two seconds in each special test with Travis coming out on top by a very close margin. Travis took the O/A on his Green Country Honda, Fox Racing, Steahly Products, FMF, Mike's Machine, Acerbis backed CR-250, but lost the war as Steve Leivans second on his Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville/ Motorcycle Stuff/ Pro-Action Suspension/ Sprocket Specialists/ Scott Goggles/ Dunlop/ Camelbak/ Mike's Machine/ Fredette Racing/ Answer Products/ Acerbis/ RK Chain/ Bell Helmets/ Pro Circuit/ Endura backed WR-250 was good enough to lock in the Overall (for the year) Black Jack Enduro Circuit in '95.

O/A Steve Travis. AA Steve Leivan, Jeff Fischer, Benny Richards, Gary Walley. A-200-Bobby Paschal, Mark Reed, Joe Beaver, Daren Ogden. A-250-Clay Boreing, Eli Beard, Chad Davis, Darin Montgomery, Mark Kendall. A-Open-Al Weisenfels, Mike Shown. A-Int.-Dave Berry, Rocke Weaver, Ron Shreve, John Myrin, Doug Youngblood, Jay Harris, Kenny Williams. A-SR.-Bud Bieschke. A-Sportsman-Rick Robinette, John Boreing, Mike Doughty, Randy Presthus, Bob Diffee, Lee Glenn. A-Super Sr.-Darrell Judy, Bob Pike. A-Youth-Jon Shoalmire, Matthew Glenn, Michael Climer, Jason Harmon, Jared Jackson. 4-Stke Long-Brad Hilker, Phil Templeton, Dennis Nelson. B-200-Dale Lee Rector, John Welsh, Robin Landreth, John Dennington, Todd Silvas. B-250-Ron Pack, James Elliff, Bruce Yother, David Clemens. B-Open-Bryan Weir, David Willard, Dale Willis, Les Lester, Mike Lorenz. B-Int.-Michael Ward, Keith Johnson, Scott Duncan, Steve Undem, Gary Dennington, Bob Fuerst, Kevin Henslee. B-Sr.-Ken Thonpson, Monty Leflore. B-Super Sr.-Pat Payton, Frank Leivan. B-Sht Course-James Nash, Rick Helmick, Scott Monroe, John Lawson, Sam Lorenz, Craig Kebodeaux. Super 55-Zashn Lewis, Thomas Barr, Jerald Richards, Guy Morris. 4-Stke Short-Jim Willis, Max harkey, Luther Stem, C-200-Tyler Steele, AAron Wolf, Ryan Robinette, Charles Todd Donaldson. Sanders, Jack Hall, Jim Brooks, Steve Gann. C-250-Tim Carr, Kevin Ruckdeschell, Dustin Jones, Morris Warino, Henry Annesley, Tim Taylor, Jim Coleman. Open-Tom Eidam, Robert Hicks, David Miller, John Raleigh, Carl Jones. Int.-Mark Kinslow, Britt Fogg, Tony Steele, Sean McCurthy, Clark Miller, Randy Clark, Greg Garner, Ralph Climer, Tim Stokes, Miles Adcock. C-Sr.-Randy Harmon, Tommy Johnson, Mark Handford, Andy Carrier, Dwayne Dewey, Dwain Marple, Dale Rector, Dan Wylie, Bob Harris. B-Youth-Josh Weisenfels, Clint Brown, Cody Fow, Aaron Willis, Timmy Taylor, Chad Tittle. Womens-Kristen Harris.

Congratulations!

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Black-Jack **Enduro Circuit**

results. If you aren't a member-join! O/A Champion-Steve Leivan

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O/A A-Alan Weisenfels

O/A B-Derek Zinchuck

O/A Short Course-Jim Willis

O/A Sr Sht Course-Larry

Mike McCutcheon, Richards, Jeffrey Fischer, Gary Paschal, Dale Adams. Walkup, Larry Peevy, Rusty Reynaud.

AA Riders for '96-Steve Leivan, McCutcheon, Weisenfels, David Berry, Jeffrey Fischer, Chad Davis, Billy Treadwell, Jeff Plunkett.

Ten A Riders-Alan Weisenfels, David Berry, Chad Davis, Billy Treadwell, Jeff Plunkett, Wayne Beindorf, Bill Rogers, Kevin Borts, Steve Underwood, Jim Brawner.

A-200-Daren Ogden, Joe Beaver, Jim Ingram, Bobby Paschal, Kevin Young.

Black Jack Enduro Circuit

Tentative Final Results

A-250-Chad Treadwell, Mark Lendall, Darin David Beller. Montgomery, Rich Richards, Kevin Borts, Jeff Plunkett, Russel Pace, David Pierson, Randy Williams.

A-Open-Steve Underwood, Jim Brawner, Mike Shown, Leo Koch.

Youngblood, Kenny Williams, Rocke Weaver, Ron Shreve.

A-Sr.-Wayne Beindorf, Terry Long, Bud Bieschke, Harold Compton, Stormy Sims, Michael Climer, Anthony Tittle, Frank Silger.

B-200-John Welsh, Dale Rector, John Dennington, Tony McCall.

B-250-Ronald Pack, David Clemens, Brant McFarland, Mike Babb, Michael McCall, Bruce Yother, Chad Merchant, Rick Southard.

B-Open-Jac Richmond, Dale Willis, Randy Laudermilk, Mike C-Open-Thomas Eidam, Hunte Lorenz, Dave Ernst, Robert Klop, John Hall, Carl Cone Schmitt, Jim Coleman.

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Pike, Dane Marable, Coy Brad Hilker, Phil Templeto Workman, Butch Gardner, Kevin Boyle, Rich Cowell, I Steve Travis, Vincent Davis, Charlie Burk, Jack Shoalmire, Eddy. Alan Paul Rodden, Bob Sutton.

A-Sportsman-Rick Robinett, Dan Tom Hill, Randy Presthus, Lee McGregor, Clarence Bonifa Glen, Bob Diffee, Bill Hanson, Jack McCutcheon, John Steed. John Boreing, Glen Hoffman, Terry West, David Moss.

Shoalmire, Jason Harmon, Jared Cheri Crosby. Jackson, Mike Climer, Mike Delp, Zane Giblet, Nathan Gladback, Will Perry.

B-Sr.-Monty Leflore, Ken Sam Lorenz, Phillip Norman.

Davis, Billy Thompson, Roger Beckmeier,

B-Super Sr.-Jerry Bohannon, Frank Leivan, Pat Payton, Sam Helmuth, Cliff Sage, William

B-Youth-Josh Weisenfels, Chase Wilcox-Dunn, Clint Gann, Cody Fow, Jacob Hill, Robert Kluin, A-Int.-David Berry, Doug Forrest Humphrey, Chad Tittle Dusty Tittle.

C-Int-Greg Garner, Dirk Wilkinson, Shawn Hall, Clark Miller, Miles Adcock, Ralph Roddy, Jim Bolene.

Jackson, Aaro C-200-Paul Charle Wolf, Jack Hall, Sanders, Elston Moore, Stev Gann, Ralph Weaver.

C-250-Kevin Ruckdeschell, Dani Hurlbert, Morris Warino, Henr Annesley, Gary Harris, Tod Smith.

Kirk Ramsey, Lee Moffitt.

Kevin C-Sr.-Tommy Johnson, Dua Seal.

A-Super Sr.-Darrell Judy, Bob 4-Strke Long-Kenny McG

Super 55- Zahn Lewis, Jers Geor Richards.

Womens B-Donna Moo Jennifer Garner, Kristin Har A-Youth-Mathew Glenn, Jon Cindy Crosby, Becky Lev

> Short Course-James Na Scott Monroe, Craig Kebodea John Lawson, Dwyane Nich

Missouri State Hare Scrambles

AA-Steve Leivan, Chris Thiele, Leigh Letellier, Ken Yount, Chris Caplinger, Allen Haynes, Chad Busenbark, Jamie Jennings, Kevin Borts, Terry Gilliland, Dwight Maggard, Greg Surdyke, John Roth, Tom Summers.

A Int.-Kelly Getz, Rodney Oller, Jeff Lappe, Dwane Miinch, Jason Counts, Mike Kruger, Bob David Lowry, Sam Gosnell, Wilfong, Ricky Horton.

Open-Tanner England, David Dillingham, John Newberry, Brent Scrivner, Nick Crawford, J.R. Hansen, Wayne Hatfield, Dale Griesinger, Todd Reed, Mark Voepel.

250 B-Kevin Harman, Aaron Shaw, Jay Williams, David Gerbes, Les Busenbark, Tim Gilliland, Sidney Turpin, Richard Hart, Daniel Crawford, Carl Dobson.

250 C-Chris Goodall, Jerry Fifer, Dave Osborn, Duane Rambo, Donnie Mathis, Rusty Kaiser, Robert Baumholder, Brad Sloan, David Maestas, John Banes.

200-Gary Mittelberg, Steve Crews, Kevin Betts, Brian Selk, David Von Holten, John Ardrey, Frank Leivan, Mike Ealer, David Bishop, Robert Armon.

125-Brock Busenbark, Steve Bough, Jason Stegall, Derek Zinchuck, Ryan Barron, Luke Manion, Mike Liechti Jr., Joby Windmiller, Andy Laplante, Norbert Holm II.

4 Stroke-Mike Windmann, Kevin Boyle, Christopher Sloan, Cornell Porter, Gary Pilant, Chris Hutson, Jake Bishop, Brad

Final Standings

Baker, Joseph Armon, Michael Farley.

Senior-Charles Thiele, Everett Shinault, Roger Lerette, William Guffey, Jim Yount, Whelove, Herb Faulstick, Jimmy Jones, Jim Ortbals, Terry Brumley.

Super Senior-Larry Hayes, John Oller, Jim Letellier, Robert Caplinger, Jerry McComber, Carl Donelson, Bob Hatten, Lou Yarnell, Rick Carpenter.

Junior-Dustin Wisecup, Mike Chris Thiele, Ed Lachance, Dale Guffey, Jesse Faulstick, Chris Miller, Nathan Gladback, Chris Snidle, Collin Sheridan, Keith Sloan, Brandon Forrester, Stephen Maddox.

Vintage-Steve McWhoter, Kenneth Hulsey, Matt Knibb, Robert Knibb, Larry Gilliland, Chris Caplinger, Aaron Shaw, Steve Crews, Mike Smith, Sidney Turpin, Robert Caplinger, Dwight Maggard, Mike Ealer, Robbie Reed, Rusty Kaiser.

Team Ranking-

Surdyke Racing #1 Steve Leivan, Kevin Boyle, Dustin Wisecup, Terry Brumley.

Dirt Dogs-Jay Williams, Dave Osborn, Mike Liechti, Leigh Letellier.

Show-Me-Tom Prenger, Kevin Harmon, David Gerbes, Robert Baumholder.

Spare Parts #1-Steve Leivan. Kevin Boyle, Nathan Gladback, Tom Hatten.

Pro Dirt-Dale Greisinger, Jeff Lappe, Mike Windmann, Cornell

Porter.

Surdyke Racing #2-Dwight Maggard, Jamie Jennings, Chris Goodall, Derek Zinchuck.

Busenbark Carpet-Jim Yount, Ken Yount, Les Busenbark, Brock Busenbark.

Racing #3-Allen Surdyke Haynes, Kevin Borts, Steve Bough, Nathan Gladback.

Spare Parts #2-Frank Leivan, Rick Whelove, Kevin Borts, Dustin Wisecup.

Team J & W-Charles Thiele, Gulley.

Top Ten Overall

Chris Thiele Leigh Letellier Ken Yount Allen Haynes Kelly Getz Chad Busenbark Jamie Jennings Chris Caplinger Terry Gilliland

Steve Leivan

Congratulations!

Arkansas State Championship Hare Scrambles

Top Twenty Overall

Jeff Fisher, Eric Brewer, Everett
Ratliff, Eli Beard, Kenny McGee,
Jack Bailey, Darrell Judy, Scott
Nelms, Darren Ogden, Mike
Stenson, Danny Littleton, Jeff
Tarlton, Benny Richards, Mike
Lacefield, Gorman Smith, Brook
Fluker, Lance Smith, Tony
Curtis, David Smith, Ronnie
Turner.

Mark Pauken.

Junior-Jeath
Melton.

Senior-Scott
Weston, Kent
Littleton, John
Super Sr.-David

ATV

Sam Martin, J.D. Corgill, Jimmy Corgill, Charlie Covington, Ashley Cox, Kenneth Skaggs.

AA-David Smith, Eric Brewer, Jeff Fisher.

Final Standings

A Int.-Eli Beard, Everett Ratliff, Mark Pauken.

Junior-Jeath Weston, Luke Scott, Joe Partain. Melton. Sr. ATV-Sam

Senior-Scott Duncan, Ike Weston, Kent Bryant.

B 4-Strke-Kenny McGee, Danny Littleton, John Stubblefield.

Super Sr.-Darrell Judy, Ronnie Tanner, Gorman Smith.

B-250-Mike Lacefield, Jeff Tarlton, Freddy Mott, harris, Mike Stenson, Joey Forrest, Scott Weddle.

B-Open-Scott Nelms, Nelson Moore, Carrol Dickerson, Sam Swilling, Doug Moore, Jackie Hill, Greg Newsom.

B-200-Darren Ogden, Glen Partain, John Welsh, Zach Devereaux, Mike Petty, Melvin Scott, Joe Partain.

Sr. ATV-Sam Martin, J.D. Ike Corgill.

Expert ATV-Charlie Covington.

Expert ATV-Jimmy Corgill, Ashley Cox, Kenneth Skaggs.



Blue Springs Resort . . . Hare Scramble

The first event in the Missouri Winter Hare Scramble Series . . . was a HOOT! Nearly perfect weather, clear skys, good traction with only a little dust made the off-camber, hilly course a lot of fun. Did I mention off-camber? It went beyond off-camber in some sections which made it all the better as it was good and technical. Add in some sharp up, an down, hills in the woods and the thing was great. David Berry quickly asserted himself on his last ride on a '95 RMX and just "smoked-off" into the distance. The Lebanon Suzuki/Kawasaki sponsored event was an excellent kick-off for the series and with two in December . . . "we" are up and running! Overall-David Berry.

Expert-Randy Williams, Dan Sandridge.

Int-Wayne Beindorf, Rick Southard, Derek Zinchuck, Stewart Hall, Gary Hendrickson.

0-200-Dale Rector, Thomas Ray, Larry Blattel, Elston Moore, Tommy Johnson.

250-Open-Kreg Simons, Jac Richmond, Kevin Henslee, Greg Johnson, Jeff Carner, Karl Gallette, Randy Southard, Scott Davis, Billy Blackaby.

Over 30-Steve Underwood, Dale Willis, Al Cantrell, Dennis Price, Mike Vogel, Dennis Brewer. Bob Fuerst, Art Simmoneau.

Over 40-Randy Presthus, Roger Beckmeier, Larry Scharnhorst, Dale Rector Sr.

4-Stroke-Doug Meyer, Mark Oster, Craig Silvers.

Beginner-Scott Marshall, Russ Halverson, Lance Gladden, James Pitts, Carl Jones. Tony Evans 15 & Under-Mike Climer, Justin Burrell, Anthony Meyer.

Crusty looking



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Who needs. ...a stink'in Map?

Word is, that Koonta-Kinta Man is checking out some cool topographical maps of the White Rock, AR area . . . and . . . Darrell Judy has agreed to pencil in the trails that probably only "He" knows about.

"If" this happens . . .it means You and I can go ride there on some really cool trails and "hopefully" not become totally lost!

That area has some of the most beautiful riding in the Ozarks and the problem has always been . . . I don't know where I'm going! That could soon change. "Hammer" on that Koonta-Kinta Man when you see him . . .he's the key to getting this done!

Eagle Ranch

Got a note in the mail from "Stan," owner of the Collins riding area.

He talked about plans for a Barrel Race" series for next year, and riding at Collins.

His business card ad's are in this issue...be sure and check them out.

He does have maps that show the enduro course and less known trails. If you get up there be sure and get one ... get off the beaten path ... and explore places like. "Fast Food hill." and "Dead Deer Pond.

The Collins area has rough sections but for the most part . . . is a hoot to ride, and very inexpensive to camp at......Check it out. It's no different than spending your money at your local Hardware store rather than going to a "Supercenter." The local Hardware store is going to give you one-on-one, ongoing service.

There are a number of local dealers in this NEWSLETTER and places offering suspension work...

Check'em Out!

Mike's Machine

While we're on this "Brain Fart thing," I want to welcome Mike's Machine to our business card section. I've used Mike's for the last two bikes I bought and am more than satisfied with the stuff he sent me. Pipe guards, rotor, chain guards, ICO guard . . .you name it, and he makes it.

The other thing you need to know is that his turn-around is really quick. His Burly pegs (he re-does your existing footpegs) takes like four days. Give him a try...his card is in this issue!

For '96 we're including some new advertisers and a business card section. Browse through these ad's. Motorcycle people have business's and "we" should be using them! CHECK THEM OUT!

Who is the rider known as . . . "Big Mac?"

Note's on Spoke's



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What is "Normal?"

I worry sometimes that I get "wrapped around the axle" over little things. Case-in-point is a conversation I had recently with Randy Lusk of El Dorado Cycle. Randy is a long-time vintage enthusiest/expert and is very active in AHRMA, and all things vintage.

The conversation started on the Chadwick Enduro and the "real" feasability of vintage bikes competing there due to the rough terrain. It wasn't long before Randy admitted to trading for a KDX-200 and shared his plans for modifying it for enduro's.

"Well, I ride a Triumph you know and they shift on the right, brake on the left so I figure with a little welding . . .I can switch those two and get it to shift on the right where it should be, and brake on the left, where it belongs."

Think about that for a minute . . . now I ask you, is this normal? Obviously not, <u>but!</u> who's not normal? I say it's Randy . . . but if the only bike's you've ever rode shift on the right . . . well . . . who knows?

I am reasonably sure his plan is an excellent theft deterent system. I mean really . . .who's going to steal it and make a fast get away?

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New Years Day at CHADWICK!

Hey . . . it's that time of year again! We're going to do the "Aggie St. Clair Appreciation Day" at Chadwick on New Years Day.

Last year we asked for "entries," so we would know who's coming. This year we're just going to buy 300 Hot Dogs, and all the fixings. It should be enough . . .but first come, first serve.

This is a rain, shine, snow . . . it goes deal . . . NO cancelation. We'll be camping with a bonfire the night before so if you want to come do it!

The area dealers have come forward with a bunch of cool awards, T-shirts, tie-downs, lube . . .oodles of stuff for the Poker Run so come get yours!

We'll start the clean-up (pick up the ditches along the black top, and a big pile off Strawberry Ridge) at 10:00 AM. Poker Run at 1:00 PM, and get cooking so it's ready at 2:30, hand out all the prizes to the lucky winners, and be eating by about 3:00PM. Should give everybody time to help pick up for a couple of hours, ride for a couple of hours...and then fill your belly. Is life good or what?

All we need is YOU! See YOU there!

Aero Trailer ... What?

This is an involved . . .long story, but I felt I needed to share it with you. I recently sold my old Winne and bought a '95 Chev P-up (350 and 4-speed Auto.) The whole plan was to buy a enclosed trailer that we could sleep in, in a pinch but mainly haul the bikes in safety.

It needed to haul two bikes, be tall enough I didn't hit my head every time I got in it (I'm 6'3") and pull easy. My first investment was a Play-Mor cargo trailer in a 6 X 10' configuration with 6' sidewalls which equates to a 6'5" roof line. It lasted a day. Simply couldn't pull it! The front was square which caught all the wind and put the motor in my new P-up under serious strain.

After taking it back, and realizing I couldn't afford a High Point, I went to "Classic Trailers" in Springfield. They offered various cargo trailers in an assortment of colors (yawn . . .I had heard this before,) and they did have a rolled front to let off wind . . .but! They also offered a custom "V" shaped nose that promised to let the wind get by. We ended up with a 6' X 10', with a 5' "V" in the front. Guess what . . .it pulled good! Never mind it looks like a horse trailer . . .it works!

The trailer was cool but we have evolved past that. Try running water, porta-pot, closet, mattress, TV, cabinetts, all with two bike hauling capacity . . . COOL! That extra 5' on the nose let a lot of things happen inside. I got everything I wanted and "The BOSS" is pretty happy about doing an over-nighter with at least some comforts. The coolest thing is that I still pull it in overdrive . . . and that's saying something!

If you're on a budget like me and can't afford a High Point, check this out!

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Steve Leivan

I noticed in the most recent Cycle News that Steve had finished 5th Overall nationally in the Hare Scramble Series. This is in addition to the Missouri State Scrambles Series and the Black Jack Enduro Series, both of which . . .he Overalled quite handily. I have to believe Franks (Steves Dad) "buttons are busting!"

It's cool to see someone from the Ozarks doing as well as Steve is on his Yamaha WR-250. Steve rides for Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville and has compiled a long list of sponsors that include: Motorcycle Stuff/ Pro-Action Suspension/Answer/ Sprocket Specialists/ Dunlop/ Mike's Machine/ Camelbak/ and RK Chain.

Aside from all these accomplishments . . . Steve remains "an all around, friendly, good guy!"

Congratulations!