

Notes on Spokes

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Racing gets tight on the motocross track at the Thayer Hillbilly

TID BITS

OK, I know it's been a long time since Notes on Spokes has been sent out. I've been very busy with my real job to get one of these put together. The last newsletter was sent out before the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders put on the Hardwood Enduro. Lots has happened since then. The Black Jack Enduro Circuit season is over. So are the hare scramble/cross country series in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas. And we are half way through the Hillbilly GP series.

On page 11 of this issue, you will find a new ad. J & W Cycles of Washington, MO, are congratulating their riders in the Missouri Hare Scramble Championship series.

There has been a revision to the Black Jack Enduro Circuit's 2005 season. The race at Wildcat Ranch on September 11, 2005, has been dropped. As of now, it's an open date. This drops the total number of BJEC events to 12. If anyone wants to step up to the plate and hold another enduro, here's your date.

Speaking of the BJEC, the year-end meeting was held the afternoon before the Hardwood Enduro. Outgoing President Luther Stem wrote up very complete minutes of the meeting and they can be found on the discussion board of www.blackjackenduro.com. So I'm just going to cover some of the highlights.

Rule changes:

New class: the popular C Senior class will be split into C Senior 40-45 and C Senior 45 and above.

Enforcement of the decibel sound limit: It was decided to levy a \$250 fine to any Black Jack club that doesn't enforce the sound rules that are very clear in the rule book. To make sure of this happening, Black Jack will buy one or two more sound meter devices and have enough equipment to make sure that it gets to every round of the schedule.

Next is really not a rule change, but a go ahead to start a committee to look into the youth program. Matt Lane had volunteered to help get something started with a Black Jack youth program. It was tabled to be discussed this next couple of months in the hopes of coming up with new ideas on bringing more kids into our circuit.

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Kirkpatrick Draws The Curtain at Draper

Black Jack Enduro Circuit (Round 11)
Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit (Round 13)
Crosstimbers Enduro

By John Humphrey
Oklahoma City, OK, October 10th

Anticipation was at a maximum for the BJEC/TSCEC co-sanctioned 25th Annual Crosstimbers Enduro. However, Mother Nature had her own set of plans for the final race ever to be held at the Stanley Draper Lake ORV Area, which will soon be closed to off-road use. Rain the previous week was sure to keep dust down and racing conditions favorable, but it began raining again in the early morning hours of race day, and it would continue all day long.

Staying upright, keeping goggles clear from fog and mud, and preventing mud-related bike problems were the major concerns. A few riders dropped zeros on the first loop to prove the circumstances would not hinder their determination. Among them were TSCEC AA-riders Cole Kirkpatrick, Don Hogan, and Blake Brady; TSCEC A-riders Billy Spurlock and Thomas Hoover; BJEC AA-riders Steve Leivan and Drew Chandler; and Clint Carr, the current Arkansas Hare Scrambles Champion. Only tiebreaker points from the third check would separate them as they started the second loop.

Loop two would be thirty miles long and include "the sandbox," which consisted of loose, sandy trails through fairly tight trees, but the rain actually helped here by packing the sand tighter. Kirkpatrick, Hogan, Leivan, and Chandler would remain on time through check seven. Check eight, an emergency check, at the end of the sandbox would prove to separate the fastest riders at the end of the day. Kirkpatrick bested the field with a time of 8:18, while Hogan followed him with a 9:57. Leivan and Spurlock posted 10:18 and 10:48 respectively, while Chandler tried to keep them in his grasp with an 11:38. One more check would test the riders before the end of the loop, but only Kirkpatrick and the SCR/Answer/Dunlop/RaceTech/Silkolene Yamaha pilot Leivan would arrive in their minute. Hogan and Spurlock would each drop one, while

BJEC AA-rider Matt Lane would drop two. Chandler would retire with bike problems before the last check.

The third loop would have continued to test the riders' perseverance, but it wasn't to be. The race was called due to conditions for the first time in 25 years. By the end of the second loop, many of the riders had lost their brakes and clear goggles were hard to come by. The scorecards were turned in and Kirkpatrick had throttled hard to take the overall win by carding a score of 8. Hogan and Leivan both dropped 9, but Hogan's 571 emergency points edged out Leivan's 589. Spurlock secured the fourth-place slot with 12, and Lane rode strong to round out the top 5 with a score of 17.

The conditions did not seem to faze Kirkpatrick. "I really like this race, and the past two years that I have raced here have been muddy. I love the trees and the type of terrain that Crosstimbers has. My Moose Racing/Renthal/Fastway/Cycle Shack of Lubbock KTM worked great!"

The Oklahoma Dirt Riders are currently in negotiation to secure a new riding area just west of Draper, and they plan to continue the Crosstimbers tradition next year at this new location.

RESULTS

O/A: 1. Cole Kirkpatrick (KTM); 2. Don Hogan (Kaw); 3. Steve Leivan (Yam); 4. Billy Spurlock (Hon); 5. Matt Lane (KTM); 6. Clint Carr (Yam); 7. John Myrin (Yam); 8. Blake Brady (Yam); 9. Eric Neher (Suz); 10. Darren Crouch (Yam).

AA: 1. Cole Kirkpatrick; 2. Don Hogan; 3. Steve Leivan; 4. Matt Lane; 5. Clint Carr.

A 200: 1. Archie Taliaferro; 2. David Nix; 3. Martin Howell.

A 250: 1. David Pierson; 2. Thomas Hoover; 3. Mark Alston; 4. Robbie Johnson; 5. Girard Lall.

A OPEN: 1. Kevin Miller; 2. Phil Johnson; 3. Michael Mechler; 4. Jason Cordova; 5. Carrol Dickerson.

A 4-STROKE: 1. Billy Spurlock; 2. Darren Crouch; 3. David Lucas Jr.; 4. Cory Adair; 5. Dennis Hamann.

A VET: 1. John Humphrey; 2. Chad Echols.

A SR: 1. John Myrin; 2. Eric Neher; 3. Kreg Simons; 4. Jimmy Strait; 5. Bruce Shields.

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B 200: 1. Charles Sims; 2. Ricky Lambert; 3. Keith Grimm; 4. Trent Hoffman.

B 250: 1. Jordan Chambliss; 2. Jeremy Mayes; 3. Scott May; 4. Brad May; 5. Jared Wilhite.

B OPEN: 1. Ben Hagan; 2. Bob Stapp; 3. Brian D. Bland; 4. Allan McDonald; 5. Marshall Valentino.

B 4STROKE: 1. Jeff VanMatre; 2. Bill Roe; 3. Jeff Simunek; 4. Tommy Potts.

B VET: 1. Todd York; 2. David Barclay; 3. Michael Polley; 4. David Liebl; 5. Doug McCasland.

B SEN: 1. Richard Harrison; 2. Bobby Pennell; 3. David Smoljan; 4. Ronnie Jones; 5. Clint Branch.

C 200: 1. Steve Neff; 2. Cody Clark; 3. Paden Marshall; 4. Tim Hickoll; 5. Daniel Benoy.

C 250: 1. Blake Ross; 2. Dean Thatcher; 3. Johnny Raleigh; 4. Lance Starbuck; 5. Danny Pitts.

C OPEN: 1. Cody Ross; 2. Charlie Wagner; 3. Jason Burks; 4. David Marshall; 5. Stan Himes.

C 4STROKE: 1. Kerry Glaze; 2. John Pool; 3. Jeff Brooks; 4. Mark Magers; 5. Rob Kitchens.

C VET: 1. David Rozell; 2. Duane Hill; 3. Bernard Schultz; 4. Woody Hearn; 5. Brian Wood.

C SR: 1. Ray Campbell; 2. Steve Moffett; 3. Roddy Gray; 4. Robert Stiles; 5. Chuck Raleigh.

EX SHORT: 1. Greg Sims; 2. Tom Franklin; 3. Clifton Goertz; 4. John Bell; 5. Scott Gray.

A MSTR: 1. Mike Shown; 2. Michael Ward; 3. Richard Kirkpatrick; 4. Keith Johnson; 5. Kenny Williams.

B SR: 1. Paul Pendry; 2. Curtis White; 3. Mark Reed; 4. Danie Hurlbert; 5. Kevon Zehner.

S/SR: 1. Kevin Young; 2. Bill Kamin; 3. Mickey Hogan; 4. John Boreing; 5. Terry West.

S/55: 1. Dane Marable; 2. Dwain Marple; 3. Gary Webb; 4. David Burgen; 5. Bob Arnett.

S/60: 1. Bob Harris; 2. Frank Olson; 3. Jim Rohn; 4. Mack Spurlock; 5. Kenny Otto.

WMN EX SHORT: 1. Cheri Sutherland; 2. Hattie White; 3. Gina Polley; 4. Irma Lucas; 5. Lisa Rowaldt.

WMN: 1. Jennifer Webb; 2. Paige Benoy; 3. Shanna Ross.

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Hardwood Enduro

By Bob Fuerst

Way back in October, the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders held the 38th annual Hardwood Enduro, this time at Bull Creek Ranch. The club had spent the summer cutting trail through the 2,100 acres of Ozark Mountains. In fact, almost 22 miles of single track trail was cut.

About 155 riders participated in the enduro. Rain Friday night was going to make things interesting. The extra short course was 14 miles in length. Riders started out with a little bit of single track and grass track as the course wound past camp. Then, riders were greeted with Spectator Hill. It's only two tenths of a mile in length, all off camber. Even though many hours of time were spent on the hill making it easier, it wasn't easy enough for all riders. The six sweep riders had their work cut out for them right from the start, getting riders up Spectator Hill.



Steve Leivan, overall winner of the Hardwood

Even though this was a transport section, there were several very rocky areas to ride through. The next reset was 2.1 miles in length, about 10 minutes if you were on time. Following the reset was 2.7 miles of jeep trail at 15 mph, giving most of the riders a chance to rest. A 3.3 mile test at 18 mph took the riders back to camp. The first mile of the test was on single track.

This brought the riders to the end of the extra short course. If you were on time, you had 25 minutes of rest before heading out. No one was on time. Eventual race winner Steve Leivan dropped one point.

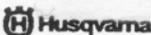
Riders departed on the second loop up Spectator Hill. The location of the first check on the loop didn't change, but the check out did! Where this test was 3.7 miles on the first loop, it was 9.5 miles this time around. All the riders had to do was maintain a 15 mph speed average. Have you ever tried to go 15 mph for very long in your car? It's slow.

The first 3.2 miles had a 12 mph speed average. The first check was also at 3.2 miles, where the speed average bumped to 15 mph. I was at the first check when it opened and I watched the first few riders come through the check. I watched one rider come through the check and he stopped for a while to mark the check and look at his route sheet. He mentioned at the reset that with a 15 mph speed average, he thought it would be a time keeping section. The first 2.5 miles of the test were at 15 mph, then it bumped up to 18 mph for 1.2 miles. Only the best riders were able to get through the section without dropping points.

The check out was followed by a 2.9 mile reset, eleven minutes, if you were on time. The speed average also dropped to 15 mph in the reset. Riders had 3.1 miles of trail before another reset.

This test section included a trail called Long Ribbon. On this trail, riders could bottleneck on flat ground. It's that tight. But it's not all flat. After the check out, it was 1.3 miles before the reset. Here's where you need to know enduro rules, particularly that checks cannot be closer than 3 miles apart. Which means there could not be a check before the reset, yet riders were going as fast as they could to get back on time. They would be wasting energy that would be needed later. It was at the end of this section, I came upon two riders taking a smoke break. I'm not kidding, a smoke break during an enduro. I stopped and was asking them if they wanted to know the short way back to camp. One of them did. It was about that time I heard a rider struggling to get to the top of the hill where we were stopped. The rider said

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that this is nothing like a Hillbilly Gran Prix. He was hammered. I wasn't going to let this rider go on, even if he wanted to.

The reset was 5.9 miles in length, about 25 minutes, if you were



Things got interesting the night before the enduro around Karl's camp.

on time. No one was on time. 1.8 miles of jeep trails took riders to the final test of the short course. This test included trails like Deerstand trail, named so because there is a deer stand at the trail head. Duh. Then came Karl's trail. (because Karl Harris cut the trail.) Then, Toilet Bowl Trail; now the name for this one is not so obvious. There is a section of waterfall on this trail. It doesn't drop straight down, but hooks to the right, making it look like a toilet. Following Toilet Bowl Trail, the course picked up the 3.3 mile test used in the extra short course with the speed average bumping to 18 mph for the last three miles.

Deerstand trail is one of my favorite trails anywhere. All of these are great trails, but there was no rest during the test. An observation check was placed between Karl's trail and Toilet Bowl trail. It was reported that riders would come in exhausted, saying, "All that for an Ob check." It was that tough. I came upon long course riders houring out on short course.

Long course riders got to ride those same two special tests again, only with higher speed averages. The first special test was run at 18 mph and the second at 24 mph. We didn't want the race decided on tie breakers. It wasn't.

Steve Levian was the overall winner of the race. He dropped



Clint Carr finished second at the Hardwood Enduro

two points on the short course, opening up a substantial lead. On the first test of the long course, which was 9.5 miles at 18 mph, Steve dropped 6 points. If I calculated it right, he maintained a 15.4 mph speed average. The final special test was 13.5 miles in length at 24 mph. He dropped 17 points in this test, maintaining a 16.4 mph speed average.

Clint Carr picked up second on the day, dropping 36 points.

Zack Bryant followed third overall and first A rider with a 39 and Caleb Wohletz dropped 49. Both of these riders follow the Missouri Hare Scramble Championship series. They were pretty much clueless when it came to timekeeping. In fact, Caleb burned a check by 3 minutes, dropping 12 of his points right there.



Zack Bryant finishes up long course on his way to third overall.

Bart Williams showed everyone that old guys can still go fast. He also dropped 49 points, but lost out to Caleb on tie-breakers.

In the other classes, Michael Polley was the overall B winner with 74 points. Todd York was second overall B rider. Chris Thomas and Kevin Betts were the only B riders to finish the course without houring out.

In Class C, it was James Lowe with the win, dropping 32 points. It makes me feel really old, since when I first started riding with James' father Greg, James was in diapers!

In the old guys short course classes, it was Tom Eidam coming in with the win, but not by much. Both Tom and second place rider Ronald Less dropped 35 points. But Tom beat Ronald by 5 seconds on tie breakers.

HBGP THAYER

The third Hillbilly GP of the year was held at Thayer Motorsports Park at Thayer, MO. The weather sure cooperated this year. Last year the temperatures stayed cold all day. This is the only course in the Hillbilly GP series to use a motocross track. And if you are not a big fan of jumps, and I'm not, this is the track for you. There are no big doubles, all tabletops.

The course was about four miles in length with about one mile of motocross track. The rest consisted of fast open ATV trails, with a short section of single track thrown in for good measure.

In the Pro Class, Caleb Wohletz had a good day, winning both motos for the overall. In the first moto, he was almost a minute ahead of second place finisher Aaron Shaw. Aaron also finished second in the second moto for second for the day. Clint Carr picked up third for the day with a third in the first moto and a fourth in the second moto.

Travis Pilant won the A Class with two first place finishes. In the first moto, Kreg Simons was 29 seconds back. Kreg wrapped up second for the day with a third in the second moto. Bart Williams turned it on in the second moto, finishing eight seconds behind Travis. Bart finished fourth in the first moto to

get a third overall in class.

Shane Martin won the B Class with his Honda CR500 motor in an aluminum frame CR250 chassis. Shane won that first moto and picked up a second in the second moto. Ryan Rohleder used consistent finishes to take a second place for the day. He finished fourth in the first moto and third in the second moto. Austin Phillips got third after winning the second moto. Austin finished 7th in the first moto.



Caleb Wohletz shows style and grace on his way to the overall

Nick Bryant won the C Class with two first place finishes. Second and fourth place finishes were good enough to wrap up second place. Jimmy Thomas had a fourth and a third to get the third place finish in class.

In the 30+, Derrick Porter won both motos to win the class. In the second moto, Derrick won by almost three minutes. Todd Mallow finished third in the first moto and then fourth in the second, giving him second in class. A second in the second moto gave Matt Ellerman third for the day.

Former International Six Day Enduro rider Tom Huber showed up and took home the win in the 40+ class with two first place finishes. Malcolm Wood got second with a second and a third.



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I found this picture interesting. The youth and vintage classes lined up together. That's Sam Davis, left, and Teddy Landers. Not only is Teddy old enough to be Sam's grandfather, but the bike Teddy is on is almost 10 years older than Sam.

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A fourth and a second gave Mike Herbert third place for the day.

David Ross won both motos to win the Trailrider class. Finishing positions were quite shuffled after David's first place finishes. Two sixth place finishes were all it took for Derek McCormick to take second. Chad Muxlow finished fourth then ninth for third in class.

Tammy Hottinger won both motos to win the Women's class over Shannon Bradley.

A couple of old bikes showed up to compete in the Vintage Class. Scott Dowler won both motos on his Maico for the win. Teddy Landers brought his Penton out and picked up two second place finishes for second in class.

Eight youth riders competed in the youth class. Kole Henslee won both motos and Austin Butler got two second place finishes for the first two places in class. There was a three way tie for

third place, Quinten Tinsley with a 3 – 5, Tyler Mallow with 4-4 and Sam Davis with 5-3. Of course the second moto is the tie-breaker, so Sam took home the third place trophy.



Oops, Elston Moore takes a little soil sample.



Nick Frost Sr. airs it out.

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The November OMTRA meeting was held at Bumsteads in Ozark with a pretty good turnout — 30-40 members and guests present.

The club voted to discontinue the New Year's Day Cleanup at the Chadwick Motorcycle Use Area. Karl will contact the appropriate people to remove the highway sign with our name on it. He will also contact Dr. McKenzie, who presides over an organization of ATV riders, to see if they would like to adopt the same stretch of highway we had. OMTRA now plans to hold a New Year's Day Cleanup and Workday at the Bull Creek area. Further information on this will be posted on the Hillbilly website.

The Hardwood Enduro was a success this year. The club has had several suggestions as to where to spend some of the money made from the event. These ideas include donations to the Blue Ribbon Coalition, local land use funds, or improvements to the Bull Creek area. No definite decision was made, pending a detailed treasurers report. There are some T-shirts left over, mostly XL size.

Anyone interested in purchasing one at a discount can check them out at the next Hillbilly event.

The club agreed some sort of gratuity was to be given to several companies who helped with the actual grooming of the use area at Bull Creek.

Spud and Chili were at the Missouri State Hare Scramble Promoters meeting recently, trying to secure an event at Bull Creek. The outcome of that meeting can be found on the Hillbilly website.

The club agreed to have the Christmas party at the Bull Creek area on Friday, December 10. Club members can check the OMTRA web site for details and times.

Nominations are now being taken for this year's "Hall of Fame" inductees.

Suggestions should be given to Bob Fuerst or Kevin Hensley or Karl Harris.

Events coming up include the Hillbilly at Thayer the weekend before Thanksgiving, the Grand Prix event in Arkansas on Thanksgiving weekend, and the Bull Creek Hillbilly on the second weekend in December. Malcolm Wood stated there was possibly going to be a KTM rep at the event with demo rides available. Also the annual Toys for Tots event will be held at Possum Hollow on the 19th of December.

Mel Gere provided the raffle item, goggles with rolloffs, won by Jed Hunt.

Judy Willis

OMTRA Secretary

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- 4/3/05 – Cajun Classic, Forest Hill, LA
- 4/16-17/05—Gruber Two Day, Braggs, OK
- 5/15/05— Cycleland Park, Nacogdoches, TX
- 5/22/05— Lead Belt National, Park Hills, MO
- 6/12/05— Train Robbers, Bismarck, AR
- 6/26/05— Golden Eagle, Stillwater, OK
- 9/25/05— Indian Nations, Scipio, OK
- 10/9/05— Crosstimbers, Oklahoma City, OK
- 10/23/05— Hardwood, Walnut Shade, MO
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2004-2005 Hillbilly GP

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- 5/14-15/05 - Westphalia, ATVs on Sat.
- 6/4-5/05— Warsaw, ATVs on Sat.
- 6/18-19/05— Seymour, ATVs on Sat.
- 6/25-26/05— Park Hills, ATVs on Sat.
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- 8/21/05— Newark, ATVs AND Bikes on SUNDAY
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- 9/18/05— Bixby, Bikes Only
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- 10/15-16/05— Park Hills, ATVs on Sat.

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- 8/13-14/05— New Race—Near Conway
- 9/3-4/05— Mayflower
- 9/17-18/05— Osage
- 10/1-2/05— Decatur
- 10/15-16/05— Fall Rain Date
- 10/22-23/05— Ozark
- 11/12-13/05— Goshen
- 11/26-27/05— Fort Smith

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Brian Jahelka—Webmaster and Scoring Chairman
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Ozark Mountain Trail Riders: We've had several members finish well in either BJEC or MHSC. I thought I might mention a few names. Congrats to all.

New member Zack Bryant 3rd A-Intermediate MHSC
Kreg Simons—7th A-Intermediate MHSC, 2nd A-Senior BJEC
Elston Moore—5th A-Sportsman MHSC
Chili Roberts—11th A-Sportsman MHSC, 1st A-Veteran BJEC
Jordan Whitmer—8th C-250 MHSC
Donna Moore—1st Women MHSC
Karl Harris—4th A BJEC
Kevin Henslee—7th A-Senior BJEC
Shane Martin—1st C-250
Stewart Hall—2nd Expert Short
Kole Henslee—2nd Youth BJEC

If I missed anyone, I'm sorry.

Well, that's about it. Hopefully the next issue will make it out a little quicker than this one. I still have a bunch of other work to do, so if you have the urge to put something together and get it to me, I'd be very grateful.

Bob Fuerst

CONGRATULATIONS TO MHSC AND J&W CYCLES RIDERS:

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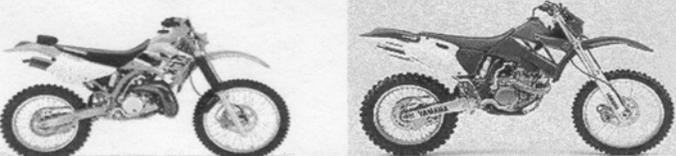
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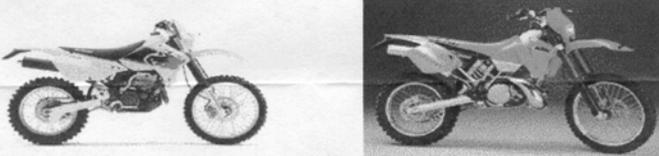
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