

A NEWSLETTER SERVING THE BLACK-JACK ENDURO CIRCUIT

OCTOBER 1995

"Note's" from the Chairman

"We" are winding down this season, and it's been a good one. I do want to take this opportunity to talk about "your" officers and Club Reps for '95. I have nothing but admiration for the job they all have done, and the amount of time and effort they have all all the seasons of the past year While

given over the course of the past year. While each and everyone has done an outstanding job, Dave Clemens stands out for his never ending enthusiasm and devotion. My hat is off to them all.

The recent survey has generated a lot of interest along with good voter response. This is a good opportunity to explain the philosophy "I" try to operate under. The survey is the result of note's I have compiled at the various Club Rep meetings at enduros. The items included in the survey were, for the most part, not my ideas. Each and every one is a result of a Club Rep introducing a concept. I supported the survey format because it is a good tool to find out what the general membership wants. Once the general opinion of members was identified (survey results). we (Dave Clemens and I) went and looked at each item in a little more depth. The survey was valuable to me because I did not want to spend tons of time looking into the areas you, the member, don't want. This fit's into my personal philosophy. . . Myself and the other officers are here to support things the general membership wants. I don't like everything that was on the survey, but. . . you the member, might. . . so I felt obligated to ask what "you" want, and then go look at that. I do not feel comfortable addressing every item on the survey at this point because the officers need to review the results (we will at Chadwick) and the Club Reps need to vote on each item. Because an item was in the survey doesn't mean it's automatically in. . .it is a proposal, based on membership vote. I would like to comment on a couple of survey items that I strongly oppose: #1 Big Bore/Small Bore displacement classes. "We" have worked very hard all year securing contingency dollars from all the manufacturers. Those contingency dollars for '96 are designated to our current displacement classes. If we change classes . . . we

lose the contingency money designated for that class. That just doesn't make sense and therefore, I can't see that

passing. #2-Regionalization: It wasn't long ago that the Circuit co-sanctioned with SERA. SERA events are wonderful but the problem with that plan is that members were driving 12 to 16 hours in some cases causing our membership to drop mainly because members didn't have the money or ability to take the time off work to go that far on a consistent basis. Regionalization would create the same scenario on a wider basis making events father apart, and harder to get to for the average member. The other negative this concept brings is the increased potential to splinter the Circuit from it's original geographical area. I support looking at other circuits to see what they're doing well in order to evaluate our own circuit's performance, but the real test of performance is in how the circuit fits the members needs. The survey is a tool that gives us a good idea of what the general membership thinks . . .and wants; thank you for your responses .

I have asked the Club Reps to submit items for consideration at the year end meeting by 15 October. If you have ideas or burning issues. . .YOU need to get it to the Club Reps. This leads to another point. I received a very well written letter from a member concerned about members less than 13 years old receiving work averages. I won't belabor this topic, but I will tell you that I am concerned about issues that concern you, that is my job. . . but, "you" need to funnel your formal proposals through your Club Rep. This concept goes hand in hand with my belief that we should all support and belong to a local club as it makes their "off-road voice" stronger, by virtue of sheer numbers. If you don't belong to a local club, look at the list of Club Reps in this issue (see page 2) and contact the one closest to you with your idea. I welcome comments, both positive and negative, but please route formal proposals through a Club Rep. Thank you!

Randy Presthus 1995 BJEC Chairman

WHAT'S HAPPENING

This month's article is going to explain the way that the BJEC is run since the end of the year meeting is coming soon. Many of the members of the BJEC circuit do not understand how the process works. The BJEC circuit is comprised of members, officers and club representatives. Each club that hosts a circuit enduro has two (2) club reps that elect the circuit officers. These officers and the club reps determine all the rule changes, financial business, and any other circuit business. Any changes to the BJEC rules are discussed and voted on by the officers and club reps. The club reps convey the thoughts and opinions of the club membership regarding the circuit, and inform the club membership of any upcoming changes to the BJEC rules. This is why it is so important to belong to a local club in addition to being a BJEC member. The club reps and officers have been meeting throughout the year to discuss potential changes that will make the circuit stronger and better. At the yearend meeting, all proposed changes will be summarized and voted on. It is important to remember that the circuit values every member's thoughts and opinions, but they need to be conveyed through the club reps to conduct business in an orderly manner. If you want to have a voice in improving the circuit, GET INVOLVED, join a club.

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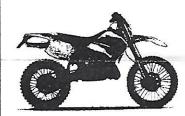
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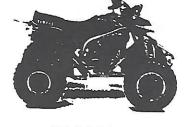
Mar 5	Bear Creek Endruo Kirby, AR
Mar 18	BJEC Banquet Fayetteville, AR
Mar 19	White Rock Enduro Cass, AR
Mar 26	Jimmy Jack Enduro St. Joe, TX
Apr 9	Crosstimbers Enduro Oklahoma City, OK
May 7	Golden Eagle Enduro Stillwater, OK
May 21	Lead Belt Enduro Flat River, MO
Jun 4	CANCELLED
Jun 18	Tank Slapper Enduro Little Rock, AR
Sep 10	Cannon Creek Enduro Collins, MO
Oct 15	Hardwood Enduro Chadwick, MO
Oct 29	Tulsa Trailriders Muskogee, OK

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Here are just a couple of the contingency programs we will have for BJEC members in 1996. A reminder that *Suzuki* will be back, as well as the *Motosports of Ft. Smith* program. I don't have any word on Honda yet, but keep your fingers crossed.

1996 KAWASAKI BJEC CONTINGENCY PROGRAM

CLASS	<u>1st</u>	2nd	3rd
AA	\$200	\$100	\$75
A200, A250, Int A, 4 Stroke A	\$100	\$75	\$50
B200, B250, Int B, 4 Stroke B	\$ 75	\$50	\$25

1996 YAMAHA BJEC CONTINGENCY PROGRAM

CLASS	<u>1st</u>	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
AA	250	200	150	100	50
A200,A250,A INT,A SNR,B INT	200	150	75	50	25
A Super SNR,A Senior Sportsman	150	100	75	50	25
B200,B250,B SNR,B Super SNR	100	80	60	40	20

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..From the Doctor's Office

I spoke with Vincent Davis the other day. First of all he wants to express his tremendous thanks for all the cards and letters. He was really very surprised at the support he received. Anyway, he just got his back brace off this past Monday 10/2 (from a 7/16 accident) and is looking forward to trying to get back in shape. He plans to be back next season and is going to try to be at Chadwick as a spectator.

Jack Shoalmire told me that Jon is making a good recovery and was out of commission for only a short time (two weeks). Jon broke his femur 8/13 and had to have it pinned. They were planning on making a trip to ride (yes, both of them) at Camp Gruber last weekend.

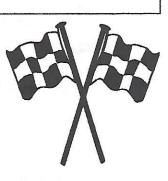
Where has Larry Peevy been?? Well early in the year Larry hit his head (on pavement) while playing a pickup game of basketball. The story I heard is that he tried to block Terry West from doing his infamous 360 reverse dunk. Anyway, Larry is doing great. He decided to take the year off, but has been bow hunting recently and has already killed a 9 point.

Whose next on the list. None other than Paul Rodden. I don't have a lot of details, but Paul got busted up at a recent OCCRA event. Show your support and drop a note to him. Send it to: Paul Rodden, RT. 5 Box 516, Sand Springs, OK 74063.

1955 BJEC OFFICERS

...and the winner is...

Well, we received over 100 responses to our recent survey. Thank you so much for your feedback. However, I would like to especially like to thank all the shops that donated prizes to make our survey so successful. And the winners are . . .



THIS SPACE FOR RENT

<u>Derek Zinchuck</u> of Eldorado Springs, MO won a set of Renthal Alumlite Handlebars donated by Sam Lorenz at MOTOSPORTS of FT. SMITH over in Ft. Smith, AR.

Miles Adcock of Shawnee, KS won a very nice Michelin rear tire donated by Terry West at TEXARKANA HONDA in Texarkana, TX.

<u>Jim Ingram</u> of Ft. Smith, AR won a Camelbak donated by Nick Henderson at DICK LANE'S KAWASAKI-YAMAHA-SEA DOO over in Broken Arrow, OK.

Hunter Klop of Broken Arrow, OK won a Smith Racer Pack donated by Tony Orihuela and Freddie Thomas at the YAMAHA SPORTSCENTER in Texarkana, TX

Lee Glenn of Shawnee, KS won the special T-handle wrench donated by Mike Shown of MIKE'S MACHINE in Emporia, KS.

<u>Jacob Hill</u> of Dover, AR won the Footpeg Extension donated by Mike Shown of MIKE'S MACHINE in Emporia, KS.

Prizes will be presented prior to the riders meeting at Chadwick. If for some reason, you don't make it to Chadwick, you are just out of luck. Just kidding, I will arrange to get the prizes to those lucky winners. Thanks again for sending in you survey response and BIG TIME THANKS for all the shops that donated products!

DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE AN IDIOT WHEN....

- #1 You forget to put the one tool in your fannypack that you need right now, in the middle of an enduro.
- #2: Your Odometer craps out on you at the beginning of an enduro after spending all week making sure the rest of your bike was in perfect shape
- #3: You are riding with a (former) friend who gets a flat on the exact same wheel, at the exact same spot, at the exact same time of day as he did the last time you went riding with him.
- #4: You think you've discovered a way around a difficult section, only to discover it's a section of trail you've already ridden.
- #5 You end up riding that same section of trail a third time.
- #6 You join an enduro circuit that is fantastic and the newsletter turns out to be a piece of

The Editor Speaks.

Greetings enduro riders!! Lots and lots of things happening in and around our circuit. First of all, if you haven't noticed yet, the emphasis of this issue has been on our clubs. They are the backbone of the circuit. I would like to mention a few things about a couple clubs in particular. First of all, the Tulsa Trail Riders were awarded the DIRT PILOT Club of the Year award for their work with last year's ISDE. I believe the award was given several months back, but I finally remembered to put a blurb in the newsletter about it. Also, the Razorback riders were spotlighted in a recent issue of the BLUE RIBBON MAGAZINE. I lost the article, but it focused on the club's trail management. Belated congratulations to both clubs!!

Okay, for you guys on the technology wave that have access to the World Wide Web, there is even MORE motorcycle stuff out there. Our neighbors to the south (TSCEC) has their own web page set up, of which I recently downloaded their schedule. Just browse "enduros" in NETSCAPE. CYCLE NEWS is also online. I am working on getting the BJEC setup in association with WHIP IT, the two wheel dirt oriented page out of Dallas. While I'm thinking of it, my e-mail address has changed. Drop me a note at "dclemens@stargate.lstarnet.com". I have had a few people



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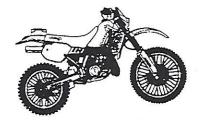
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ask me about the "Summer Bummer" enduro that is put on by Jeff Fredette up in Indiana that happened back in August. Unfortunately, a few things came up that prevented me from going. If anyone did make it up there, I would love to hear about it!

Well guess what. I have MONKEY BUTT! So you say to yourself, "Dave, don't we all get monkey butt at sometime??" Yes, this is true, but this case of MONKEY BUTT is very enjoyable! MONKEY BUTT is actually the title of Rick Sieman's (a.k.a. SUPER HUNKY of DIRT BIKE fame) book on "30 years in the motorcycle industry." I am about 1/3 of the way through the book, and enjoying every minute of it. For those of you that, well,...let's just say "remember the good ole days", this book is a MUST. Very entertaining! See your local dealer for more info.

Well, I missed the second Southern Dirt Summit that occurred in Atlanta, GA. The next one will be coming up Februaryish and will most likely take place about an hour east of Memphis, TN. I will update you in the next newsletter. For those of you that won't be satisfied with the end of the season at Muskogee, OK, the TSCEC Red River Enduro (near Muenster, TX) will be happening November 19th. Can't think of anything else. Ride safe!!

Dave Clemens 1995 BJEC Newsletter Editor