

KEYTIME



A Newsletter serving the Black Jack Enduro Circuit

Nov. '96

"Note's from the Chairman"

I want to take this opportunity to reflect over the last two years of circuit activity . . . and share that with you.

We have experienced good, and bad things over this time frame. I believe the good far outweighs the bad. An example is the annual banquet. We tried moving it to a "nicer" facility that would hopefully encourage family attendance . . . it worked. Paying close attention to the length of the banquet proceedings to make it as fast paced as possible, seemed to reduce the boredom. We played with different awards and graphics . . . that seemed to add variety, and that was well received.

A real effort was made to "push" this newsletter and make it a source of news for the members to keep them as current on activities as we could. I think it worked . . . but you can be the judge of that.

Effort was concentrated on making the first loop rideable for the average beginner rider, and the second loop challenging for the A and AA riders. I think most host clubs responded well providing good events with variety.

It's hard to pin down an exact cause but attendance at events and membership is up this year. One has to hope it's because "we" as a group are doing something right.

The "non-event" in Colorado this summer was a success. It was great to ride with people I normally compete with . . . for fun. It was great in every way! It is my sincere hope that this type of noncompetitive, family campout continue in some manner.

Henrietta went off since we've talked. They had probably the most fun trail I've seen all year. They also brought something into the '90's that we used to always see . . . finisher pins. They were very nice!

I'm writing this the day after Stillwater so that

memory is very fresh. The Stillwater folks put on an excellent event. Trials were very good, speeds right on the money, and of course . . . the section on "Cooperland" will provide many stories for the long course riders. The amazing thing to me is how well these people do with this event . . . with so few people. It was very good!

That leaves us with only Chadwick left to close out the year and it has been a very good year. I'm not involved with Chadwick this year but I hear from the guy's putting it on that they will stay with the tradition of keeping the short course fun and rideable, and challenge the long course riders. It promises to be a fine cap for the year and event you will not want to miss.

This will be the last time you have to suffer through my ramblings. The next newsletter will be after the year-end meeting and officer elections. Expect to have someone new pounding on keys, writing this. I would be negligent if I did not openly thank my fellow officers for all their effort over the past couple years. They are/were your elected officials and they worked very hard in "your" behalf. Part of what keeps this circuit alive and well is periodic infusion of new ideas and concepts in the way of different officers . . . and that time is here. I thank each and every member for the support they have shown me and urge you to show the same to the new group of elected officials.

At least part of the circuits strength comes from individual clubs that promote events. Their strength lies in the number of their membership. It is important that you belong to a club near you to help promote these events. Being a member of a club is also how you make your voice heard at the BJEC annual meeting through your club Rep. Your voice is important! Join a club and support off-roading!

Randy

What's Happening

I recently returned from a NOHVCC conference in Pasadena, where California was celebrating their 25th anniversary of their OHV (Green Sticker) program. We spent a day taking in the various sessions from "How to start a state OHV program" to "How to get involved in the political process". Then on Saturday, we went out to Hungry Valley ORV area to see one their many state ran OHV parks. While I was their, I had an opportunity to visit with one of the people that sat through several of the sessions with me, Scott Summers.

Most of us know about the Scott Summers that races off-road, but few of us really know the great ambassador for the sport. Scott was instrumental in developing the Answer "Right to Ride" program, that helps preserve the off-road riding opportunities around the country in conjunction with the AMA. Scott is very involved in all aspects of the sport, not just racing. While out watching Jeremy McGrath perform some MX aerial acrobatics, Scott and I visited about how we needed to get the many off-road users involved in our fight to preserve the sport.

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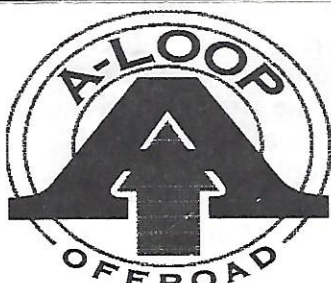
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We enduro riders should know better than most, how much land is required to run an enduro. Therefore, we should also know how important it is to preserve existing areas and promote new areas. If we off-road riders, that are organized (BJEC, TSCEC, SERA, RMEC, etc.) are not involved, how can we expect to get the occasional trail rider involved. Scott suggested that on way is to address some of the issues during riders meetings or trophy presentation. I am not sure how well that approach would be received, but I am certainly willing to try it. Maybe someone else has a better idea?

How many of you knew about the 1.7 million acres in Utah that was signed by President Clinton as a National Monument and closed to OHV use? How many of you voted in the recent elections? What were their views on OHV activity? Don't you think that it is time we started getting involved in "What's Happening"?

**Stormy Sims
Oklahoma Representative for the
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