

# Notes on Spokes



NOVEMBER 2002

**Clay Boring on his way to  
first BJEC at the  
Crosstimbers Enduro**

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# TID BITS

If you haven't heard, Donna Moore (shown right, at the start of the Chadwick Enduro) broke her arm just after finishing the Chadwick Enduro. It required surgery, pins, plates, the whole thing. Anyhow, she had just gone through the last check on the short course (Yes, Donna rides the short course, not the super short course) and had a freak spill on the two-track heading back to camp. To make matter worse, it was husband Elston's birthday.



Since she is a Chadwick rider, she had ridden up them without even thinking of them as rock ledges. Way to go Jana! Jana also wants to thank the sweep riders at the Chadwick Enduro for all their help. *They helped pick her up after she launched herself into the air using June's bike as a ramp.*

Jerry Sharp worked the Chadwick Enduro. Now, keep in mind that Jerry probably has been to more motocross races than anybody in a four or five state region. But this was the first enduro he was ever able to work. He worked a tie breaker check and had a great time. Thanks, Jerry.

Speaking of women riders, Jana Barkman has hit her first couple of races. (She "hangs around" with Kreg Simons, so you do have to question her taste.) First, she rode a MHSC race and the other riders were talking about this section with rock ledges. Well, after the race, she was asking, trying to get an idea of what section they were talking about.

The Toys for Tots race is going to be at Lu's Place this year. Lu's place is about 6 miles north of Bolivar. It is scheduled for December 10. Lu and Van, the land owners, are donating

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# MORE BITS

the gate. Surdyke Motorsports is sponsoring the event and all you have to do is bring a toy, approximately a \$15.00 value, to ride the event. It's a good time for a good cause. I'll have more next month.

Speaking of races, the annual ISDT/ISDE reunion is going to be October 13 and 14, 2001, at St. Joe State park, the site of the Leadbelt Enduro.

The Black Jack Enduro Circuit website has some new features lately. Jim Ingram, webmaster, added both a classified section and a message board. The message board is really neat. If you haven't checked it out, it's time to give it a try. [www.blackjackenduro.com](http://www.blackjackenduro.com).

**From:** The Seitters

Dear Notes on Spokes guys,

Just finished the Chadwick Enduro last week and really enjoyed a copy of your Notes on Spokes newsletter. I wonder if your group is concerned about the new USFS practice of installing slick interlocking paving bricks for erosion control on motorcycle trails. If you rode the Chadwick Enduro you know what I'm talking about. These things are slick and dangerous. I'm trying to organize a letter writing campaign to the USFS regarding this new dangerous form of erosion control and

am attaching a letter I sent to them on the subject. Could you guys circulate it and get some members to also write the USFS on the subject? If we don't speak up, no one will ever hear us. Thanks for any assistance... Their fax number is 417-683-5722

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# The 33rd Hardwood Enduro



Dale Willis scores Mark Fitzgibbon at the first check

The Hardwood Enduro: I didn't ride this event. It's my annual camp-out. It just so happens that someone is nice enough to schedule an enduro this very same weekend. How handy. It gives me something to do for a few days before 175 of my closest friends show up. Imagine how this would look to

an outsider. A few guys show up on Wednesday. They start putting arrows on trees. Then they staple paper plates to trees. The paper plates have numbers on them. They also have words like reset. There are also signs that say "Wrong Way Dummy".

On Saturday, people start showing up from four or five different states. At 8:01 Sunday morning, the riders start following the arrows. Shortly after the last rider, one of those guys that showed up on Wednesday comes along and pulls down the arrows and the signs. By 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, all the arrows, papers plates and riders are gone.

I put up and took down lots of arrows and paper plates. The weather leading up to the event was perfect. It was perfect

camping weather. That meant there was a campfire every night. That meant I had to gather firewood. I would take my ATV down one of the main trails leading out of camp, drag some downed trees out to the trail and hook them onto the back of the ATV. When I had 6 of these 20 foot long trees dragging behind me, it gave a whole new meaning to sweeping the trail.

The course was easy for the riders to program into their computers. The short course had an 18 mph speed average and the long course went 24 mph. All the trails were pretty easy, keeping scores low.

Steve Travis and Chris Andrews each only dropped one point with Steve coming out on top on tie-breaker points. Steve Vanzant and Eric Brewer dropped two points with Vanzant taking third overall.

Mark Kendall took fifth place, dropping three points with 62 tie-breaker points. The race was very tight for sixth through eight places with Dave Berry dropping 3 with 120 tie-breakers, Jim Ingram was one second back with 121 tie-breakers and two seconds behind Jim was Brett Skaggs with 123 tie-breakers.

Finishing up the top ten were Slade Morlang and Dale Rector.

Besides 2nd overall, Chris Andrews took overall A. Overall B went to Ray Williams and Overall C went to Alan Porter. Tim Carr took the overall Senior Short Course Award.

The women's class was the most competitive class of the day with all nine riders finishing with three trail points. Lisa Yother



Overall Event Winner – Steve Travis

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Earth to Judy. Come in, Judy.



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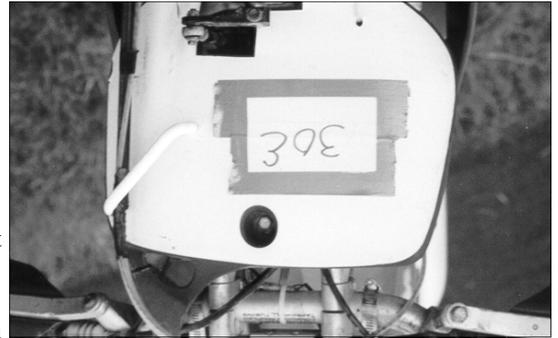
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I've got to take some time here to slam OMTRA Chairman and all around go-faster, Bart Williams. Bart was riding the event for the first time in several years. He gets to the second check, a tie-breaker, where his buddy Rusty Reynaud is check captain. He tells Rusty that his bike is running really bad. It won't clean out. He's tried adjusting the air-screw. Nothing helps. It just won't run right. So he drops out of the race. But he doesn't want to stop riding. Rusty lets Bart borrow his bike. This leaves Rusty at the check with Bart's bike. After many seconds of work, Rusty turns the choke off and the bike runs great the rest of the day.

# Crosstimbers



Those folks in OKC were pretty smart in giving me a number that could be read right side up or upside down!



On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Okie Dirt Riders put on their usual excel-

and I got older?

The first ten mile section

lent enduro. The weather had turned a bit cold. One of the big prerace discussions was, how much to wear? Do we wear a jacket? Then we determined that after approximately 10 ground miles we were going to be back at camp. That made it easy. A light jacket at first, then shed it at the truck and ride the rest of the day with just a jersey or two.

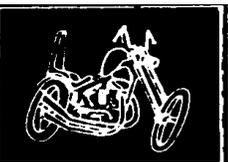
was run at 15 mph. It wasn't too hard to stay on time and just have fun. It was the only time this loop was used. If you haven't ridden Oklahoma City, think sand. How and why the mid-west got so much of the stuff is one of nature's true mysteries. After an extended reset, the speed bumped up to 18 mph. But the terrain also opened up, so it was still pretty easy to stay on time. I think it was in this first section that they had a tie-breaker check. Well, you had to reset your odometer just before the check or do what I did. Ride too slow. I noticed that I was falling behind in my minute, so I just kept hammering. I knew my computer showed me getting up into the 50 second mark in my minute. So I blasted into the check, without switching to the seconds mode. I zeroed it. The first perfect 30 in all my years of enduro riding!

It was at the end of this 10 mile loop that I first saw him, on one wheel and it wouldn't be the last. It turns out that I was on the row in front of Clay Boring, who finished second overall. The end of the loop was in this open field with a slight, make that perfect, uphill grade for lofting the front end and riding like that for a very long time. Enduros are not usually spectator events. The only way to see the action is to ride one. I've seen Clay ride from time to time since he was 16. (Yes, he beat me then too.) He's definitely taken it up a notch. How come Clay got faster

At this point, I was at least tied for the overall. Maybe I was in overall. Why couldn't they just stop the race right there! Anyhow, we had a couple of free zones, basically at the beginning and end of a road section. I think we had about 5 miles of road. Then the speed jumped to 24 mph. The trail got tight and the sand got deep. This is when Clay came blasting up me like I was another obstacle. To him I wasn't moving much faster than a tree.

Then we had a reset, followed by another section at 24 mph. This section wasn't as sandy, but everyone still dropped points. The short course was almost over by this point, another 10 miles at 18 mph. The last check on the course was a bit of a bummer. I was on row 30. John Boring, Clay's dad, riding on row 31, went into the check with me right on his rear fender. He went in

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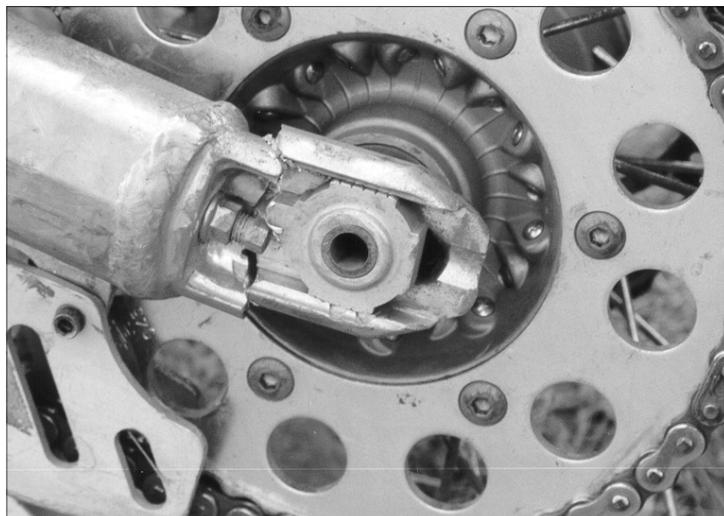
(Continued from page 6) on 31 and I went in on 32. Dropped a minute by a second.

If you rode this event last year, you might remember that the Okie Dirt Riders had a check hidden in some trees at the finish. This was after a long open section. They caught a lot of riders early. This year, there was no check, but most of the riders I saw were going at the speed average looking for that check.

**I saw all kinds of bikes at the Crosstimbers Enduro. From this vintage Can Am with its air cooled motor, drum brakes and custom front fender to a brand new Cannondale.**

I was done, so I had to rely on my trusty cohorts to fill me in on the long course. Shawn Hall's comment was, "We rode the same loop with a few new trails." The Okie Dirt Riders did their usual good job with trophies and scoring, getting everyone on the road in good time.

Micheal Wilson took the overall honors, dropping 6 points and



**What's wrong with this picture?**

243 in tie breaker points. Clay Boring took second place overall and the overall BlackJack points with 6 – 276. Dave Fogle took the overall A points, showing them that old guys can still go fast.

Jack Hall took overall B and Clint Carr got the overall C award. Stewart Hall was the overall winner in the Senior Short Course division.

# BJEC Annual Meeting

I attended the BJEC Annual Meeting at Chadwick, MO. New officers were elected, the 2001 enduro schedule was set up and a major revision to the class structure was completed.

## 2001 Officers are:

Chairman – Jim Holub  
Vice Chairman – Zahn Lewis  
Treasurer – Lloyd Loux  
Scoring Chairman – Shawn Hall  
Web Master – Jim Ingram

## 2001 Schedule:

February 25 - OKC (This is tentative. If the Okie Dirt Riders are accepted by the AMA to hold a two day qualifier, this would be the second day.)  
March 4 – Bear Creek  
March 25 – White Rock  
April 8 – Gruber  
May 20 – Leadbelt  
June 17 – Train Robbers  
October 7 – Crosstimbers  
October 21 – Hardwood  
November 4 – Red River  
Plus 2 more Missouri Qualifiers (one in late April or early May, the other in September) and possible races in Stillwater and northeast Texas

## 2001 Classes:

### Long Course

AA (Top Ten from 2000)  
A  
A Vet (All Vet classes are over 30)  
B  
B Vet

### Short Course

Short Course Expert (Any rider except AA. No advancement.)  
A Senior (All Senior classes are over 40)  
B Senior  
Super Senior (Over 50)  
Super 55 (Over 55)  
C 250 (Any bike 250 cc and under)

C Open (Any bike 251 cc and over)  
C Vet  
C Senior  
Junior (14 and under)  
Junior Open (16 and under)

### Super Short Course

Women  
Youth B (12 and under)

Age verification was also changed to:

- Youth classes – age at the first scheduled event of the year determines what class a rider is in.
- Adult classes – age determines which class a rider can ride. If a rider wants to change classes during the year, he must relinquish all points earned prior to the class change .

## Missouri Qualifier Series

The BJEC is having problems getting enough races. Shawn Hall had this idea that we could have three qualifier enduros in 2001. They would be part of the BJEC, but it would also be its own series with series points and awards. This would add three more races to BJEC schedule. Keep in mind, this is still very tentative.

He is going to talk to promoters at the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship Banquet in January. There are usually more promoters than races available with the MHSC. So, he is looking for a couple more clubs that have enough land to have at least a 15 mile loop to hold a qualifier. He has contacted enough folks to help him out, to advise the clubs on how to hold a qualifier. The clubs will be responsible for laying out the trail and having enough workers at the event, but he plans on having three advisors at the event.

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# OMTRA Stuff



## The Next OMTRA Meeting:

November 16th at 7:00pm at:  
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The October meeting was held at Chadwick with 11 members plus Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie's little grandson attending. The meeting was short but sweet with Randall holding the meeting (Bart was not able to attend).

The club will not be sponsoring a Hillbilly Grand Prix race. Randall apologized that he had to speak for everyone, but we waited until the last minute, so he backed us out. Everyone at the meeting understood why. If there is enough interest, we can do a 2 hour hare scramble in Cassville.

We recently lost a very special rider, Darrell Judy, who was a strong member in the Arkansas and Black Jack races. He will be missed by all. There will be a scholarship set up in his name, and at the Arkansas race they had a moment of silence in his honor. Randall and June sent flowers to the funeral in the club's name. They apologize for having to do it without permission from everyone first, but they felt that everyone would be in favor for it and felt that it was the right thing to do. Everyone at the meeting agreed and was happy that they did do it for the whole club.

Shawn and Kim Hall's boys were playing football against Branson, (which is a BIG thing for Branson and Ozark to play against each other) so they were not able to come to the meeting, seeing that this was a very big and important event for their boys. (what was the out come? *Ozark won. Bob*)

Dr. McKenzie updated us on the grant and informed us that he is still waiting on the paperwork, but it takes awhile to get it passed down through all the hands. With the accident of Gov. Mel Carnahan's death everything was shut down, putting everything on hold for awhile, but everything is still going as planned.

Once again we want to thank Bob for the Notes on Spokes, we all enjoy reading it!

Julie Harris  
OMTRA Secretary



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Larry Seitter  
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*Shawn Hall and I talked to Forest Service personnel while working on the Chadwick Enduro. Basically, it comes down to this, blame it on the environmentalists. Even though the Forest Service has been doing things like building water bars with logs, rocks and dirt, that doesn't count. The environmentalists want to see receipts (money spent) for materials used to control erosion. That would be our money used to pave our trails. We also heard how important it is to stay on the marked trails.*

*Is the forest service to blame for this? No more than the police were responsible for enforcing the 55 mph speed limit on highways. It's their job to enforce the regulations passed down from the legislation.*

*What can be done? Is there another method of erosion control? I hate the lok-bloks, also. The word "carnage" was used to describe what happened while the women and youth were trying to go downhill on these. Maybe they're OK on an ATV, but on a cycle, it's like riding on ice.*

*What else can we do? First, if Gore gets elected, forget it. We will be lucky to have any riding areas. If Bush gets elected, we need to pressure him to review and repeal the roadless initiative signed by Slick Willy.*

*I would love to get a formal reply from the Forest Service to post in Notes on Spokes.*

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