



KEYTIME

A NEWSLETTER SERVING THE BLACK-JACK ENDURO CIRCUIT May/June/July 1996

NOTE'S FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

It is my unpleasant task to advise the members of the Circuit concerning action in connection with an incident which occurred at the Davis Lake Enduro held near Mayflower, AR on May 5 1996.

A protest during the protest period following the event stalled the award presentation slightly, but was in fact, necessary. During the routine scoring of tie-breakers, members of the Arkansas Dirt Riders discovered that scores on the cards of two riders were incorrect. After consulting the back-up sheet they discovered that it too had been altered concerning these two riders. ADR responded admirably by holding scoring, refiguring scores based on the original entries on the back-up sheet, and awarding trophies.

We received formal written protest from the members of ADR who were directly involved and conducted a thorough inquiry into the situation. As a result of that inquiry, Circuit officials made a determination: #1. The riders involved were unknowing recipients of these changes and should not be penalized as they had no control over the actions. #2. The worker (a non-ADR member) will be suspended from participation in the Black Jack Enduro Circuit for the remainder of this calendar year. The individual affected by this decision has been notified of the action by the Circuit. Each member club sponsoring an event this year has also been notified of these actions.

We sincerely regret that this situation occurred and that these actions became necessary. We have no desire to cause any further embarrassment or hard feelings over the matter. At the same time, we want all of our members to know that we feel strongly that fair, honest, sportsmanlike conduct is an absolute necessity for all participants in our organization. We consider any attempt to gain an unfair advantage to be completely at odds with our whole purpose in sponsoring these events.

It is our goal to provide for competition that is fun, fair, and friendly. We are convinced that it must be fair in order to be fun and friendly. We fully intend to keep it that way. We need the support of every rider, every official, and every member of every host club in that effort. ADR and its members epitomize that adherence to principle by recognizing a wrong and having the resolve to correct it and follow through. I have the utmost respect for ADR and its membership and commend them . . . they have represented this Circuit well. With your support we will continue to build on the solid foundation of success in the Black Jack Enduro Circuit

Randy Presthus
Chairman

AN ENDURO FROM HELL!

I cannot help commenting on the most recent INDIAN NATIONS ENDURO held near Henryetta, OK on June 10th. It was tough! Actually it went beyond tough to border on "goofy!" Never mind that enduro's in the old days were nearly all like this, never mind that the weather was not kind to the Tulsa Trail Riders leaving a lot of bogs and nearly impassable gully crossings for late rows, the real deal is "they" made it too tough. With that said, my real message to all of you is that they just missed. A new area with new terrain and unknown wet weather soil consistency makes it very hard to predict course outcome. I have spoken with several of the folks from the club and their response has already been . . . "we know, and we're going to make the next one better!" On the positive side they did do some things right. They gave out very nice finisher pins and had a high quality kids race with some HUGE trophies! For next year, there is already talk of routing around the worst rock sections, lowering speeds in the transport sections, adding and/or growing resets longer, having true test in-test out special test sections, . . . and doing dances for dry weather. There is a great deal of commitment by these members to make the fall event slower, more rideable, and more enjoyable. Don't judge too early and by all means do not prejudice their fall event. We will give them space in the August issue of KEYTIME to tell everyone what they plan on doing in the fall, look for it.

Randy

COLORADO IN AUGUST

The "unofficial" Colorado thing is shaping up quite well. Mike Shown of MIKE'S MACHINE has the two trail loops well under control. Dave Clemens' "Boss," also known as his wife, has contacted nearly every town in the area and has a list of phone numbers should you want use them, they are included in this issue. Thank you . . . Mrs. "Boss" Clemens. A caterer has been located and will provide mesquite smoked brisket and ham with all the "fix'ins" for a Saturday night BBQ on the 17th. The only thing left to figure out is how to count heads for the food and Dave Clemens has agreed to come up with a "registration form" (also in this issue) for you to fill out. In a nutshell, we have to know how many are coming to order the food. . . so you need to prepay. These forms with your dollars (made out to the BJEC) need to be mailed so that Kenny Williams receives it no-later than 1 August '96. Sorry, but the deal is, the caterer gets two weeks notice. It is my sincere hope that this "gathering" is the start of an annual thing for BJEC, centered around families, with a noncompetitive atmosphere. A start of many "summer gatherings" at varied locations. Your attendance at this first annual attempt will go a long way toward insuring it's success. See you there!

Randy

