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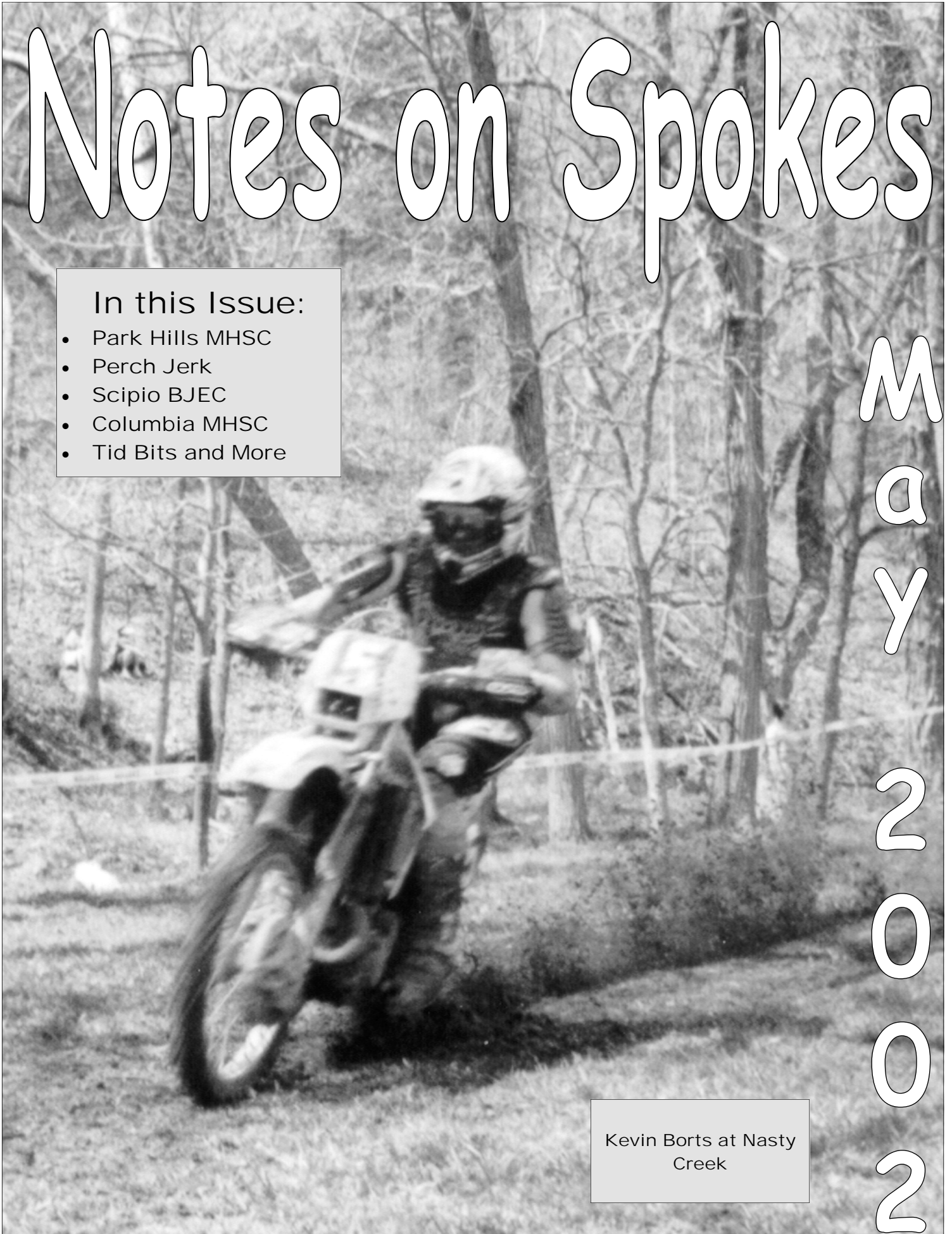
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St. Louis SX TID BITS

OK, I'm not going to do moto by moto coverage of the St. Louis Supercross. Cycle News and ESPN2 do a pretty good job of that. No, the St. Louis Supercross was a big day for the Haynes family. You see, Caleb Haynes got to ride in the KTM intermission race.



Proud Parents Allen and Rachel said it was really great the way the crew from KTM treated them.

Here's Allen pushing Caleb back from practice. Caleb looks a little bored here.



Those jumps look awful big, particularly on a bike with those little wheels.

Introducing Kreg and Cindy Simons.

If you haven't heard, Kreg (MHSC and BJEC racer) and girlfriend Cindy got married in a small ceremony on May 8th.

GUYS, MAKE SURE THE LADIES READ THIS!!

Baby Shower for: Jennifer Callaway

Date: May 18, 2002

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Jennifer's house

We will be having finger foods, cake and punch. Any of the girls that would like to come please call Julie Harris at 759-7917 to R.S.V.P. and to get directions. Clint and Jennifer will be having a little girl for those who would like an idea on what to get them. (even though the legs were crossed the Dr. is pretty sure??? that it is going to be a girl) The nursery is done in Nursery Rhymes.

Thank you, Julie Harris

Brumley Retires.

Terry Brumley, long-time dirt biker and racer from Springfield, retired from his career with Kraft foods. About 30 of us threw him a little party at Adobe Café on May 1st. Besides the many boxes of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese, we got together and gave Terry a Shoei VFX helmet. By the way, Terry said he's never going to eat macaroni and cheese again.

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Rector tops all at Park Hills

By Frank Leivan

When the riders lined up for the second round of the Missouri Hare Scramble Championship, not many people noticed the number 12 Yamaha with yellow number plate backgrounds on the far outside of the "AA" row. Some figured he was just someone who wanted to start on the front row and would get smoked by local boys, so they didn't consider him a threat. Well, they will now.

When all was said and done, Dale Rector had established himself as a series contender by taking a convincing overall victory in a very tough two-hour contest. It wasn't a cakewalk by any means, but the 24-year-old rider held tough and led when it mattered the most.

"My front brake caliper broke off halfway through the race and was dangling. Finally the brake hose ripped in half and it fell off entirely so I didn't have to worry about it getting hung in the wheel. I knew I was riding good but I didn't know that I had won until they told me at the finish," explained Rector.

The reason Rector didn't know that he had claimed victory was that he didn't see race leader Chris Nesbitt on the side of the track scrounging gas from a lapped rider just a mile and a half from the finish. Although he lost out on his first

win of 2002, Nesbitt was able to get going in time to salvage third overall. Brandon Forrester finished in between Rector and Nesbitt for runner-up honors.

460 rider showed up to participate on the 12.2 mile course laid out by the Missouri Mudders at the St. Joe State Park. Rain on Friday night made for tough conditions and plenty of ruts and alternate lines. Lap times grew as the day went on, but the top dozen riders negotiated the trail four times.

Jones Powersports-backed Doug Stone shot his Kawasaki into the lead at the outset with Aaron Shaw, Chris Thiele and Rector off to good starts as well. Thiele suffered two quick spills and was running at the back of the pack with a lot of time and positions to make up.

With not many riders choosing to take a practice lap, the riders were cautious and tried to keep from taking bad lines early in the race. Positions were swapped around but by the end of the first lap, Stone was still in the lead. Shaw, Nesbitt and Rector had all put in a good lap as well and followed closely along with local rider Chad Busenbark and Ken Yount.

The second time around the track proved to a bit more challenging. The good lines had turned into bad lines and the trail was already getting littered with stuck bikes and weary riders. Shaw made his move for the lead and led coming into the pits after an hour and ten minutes of racing. Stone was a solid second with Nesbitt looking strong in third after a quick splash of fuel. Rector seemed content in fourth, well within reach of the leader Shaw.

Shaw and Stone both stumbled on lap three while Nesbitt upped the pace on his Moose/Scott/IMS/Renthal/Maxima-backed Team Green Kawasaki. Rector moved up to second while Forrester made a big climb to third. Thiele was regrouping from his early trouble and held fourth with Shaw hitting the check in fifth and stopping for fuel.

With a lap to go and trail conditions deteriorating, it was still any one of the first half dozen riders' race to win. Unfortunately for half of that group, the rutted and soft terrain was taking a toll on their fuel consumption.

The first to feel the sting was Thiele, whose KX-250 ran dry only half way through the last lap. Stone slipped by and picked up a position only to run out a little further down the trail. Stone's roommate and fellow "AA" Kawasaki rider Richie Anderson was running just outside the top 10 on his 125 when he too ran out of gas, within sight of the other two casualties.

Everything seemed to be all good for Nesbitt out front until he joined the ranks of "out of gassers" with a over a mile to go. While he was filling his water system with gas from a

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lapper, Rector moved into the lead and headed for home. Rector was far enough ahead that he had time to stop before the check point and ask "am I winning?" to his crew. Yes, indeed.

Forrester put together a fine performance on his way to second, moving up throughout the race. A somewhat aggravated Nesbitt rounded out the podium. Shaw brought his 300 KTM home for fourth and Busenbark completed the top five on a Yamaha WR426.

Results:

O/A: 1. Dale Rector (Yam); 2. Brandon Forrester (Kaw); 3. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 4. Aaron Shaw (KTM); 5. Chad Busenbark (Yam); 6. Ryan Wuebbeling (Kaw); 7. Tim Baker (KTM); 8. Rick Matteson (Yam); 9. Lars Valin (Hon); 10. Caleb Wohletz (KTM)

AA: 1. Brandon Forrester (Kaw); 2. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 3. Aaron Shaw (KTM); 4. Chad Busenbark (Yam); 5. Ryan Wuebbeling (Kaw);

A: 1. Tim Baker (KTM); 2. Rick Matteson (Yam); 3. Caleb Wohletz (KTM); 4. Jon Simons (Hus); 5. John Struckoff (Kaw);

Open B: Keith Kibort (KTM); 2. Raymond Osia (KTM); 3. John Stichnoth (KTM); 4. Karl Harris (KTM); 5. Chris Hutson (Hon);

250 B: 1. Brad Crain (KTM); 2. Gary Wolf (Suz); 3. Les Busenbark (Yam); 4. Sam Snider; 5. Mike Nieweg (Hon);

200 B: 1. Josh Murray (KTM); 2. James Sloan (Yam); 3. Micheal Hamilton (Kaw); 4. Brandon Vaughn (KTM); 5. Tim Short (KTM);

4 Stroke B: 1. Nick Crawford (Yam); 2. John Acton (Hon); 3. Donald Danner

(Yam); 4. Mark Erwin (Hon); Jason Hawk (KTM);

Vet: 1. Slade Morlang (Hus); 2. Steve Crews (Kaw); 3. Kreg Simons (Yam); 4. Greg Surdyke (Yam); 5. Robert Armon (KTM);

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Women: 1. Amanda Lappe (KTM); 2. Michele Eidam (KTM); 3. Donna Moore (KTM); 4. Cindy Barnett (Hon); 5. April Mace (KTM); 5. Elisha Parker (Yam);

Open C: 1. Damian Mahoney (Hon); 2. William Spoon (Hon); 3. Marshall Sprague (Yam); 4. Steven Leimbach (Hon); 5. Brad Swasand (Kaw);

200 C: 1. Jason Tongay (KTM); 2. Timothy Healy (Kaw); 3. Matt Wampler (KTM); 4. Dan Hudgins (Kaw); 5. Matt Neal (Suz);

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Scipio

On April 28, the Tulsa Trail Riders held the second enduro of the BJEC season outside Scipio, OK. Of course, you could be standing in the center of Scipio and take a short two minute walk and be outside Scipio. Anyhow, as usual, the story starts sometime the week before the event. Our crew this time was Chili, "Fourth Gear Tapped", Mick, Bart and Dale. Except Dale didn't ride down with us, he rode with Steve and Kevin. Why am I telling you this? No reason, except sometimes getting to an enduro takes all the planning of the D-Day invasion.

If you haven't seen the forum on www.blackjackenduro.com, there were a couple of folks complaining that this was a tough race. Well, if they wanted to see tough, they should have been in the RV driving down to Oklahoma. We fought side winds that would move the RV to the side by 5 feet with no warning. This went on for two hours. We got a call from Spud, also driving an RV about a half hour behind us, asking, "Is it windy up there?" We finally turned into the wind at Big Cabin. A head wind is much easier to handle.

The Tulsa Trail Riders held the enduro on the site of the proposed OHV park. They are in the process of getting govern-

ment grants and so forth to make this a riding area. Steve Travis said there is a total of 1,720 acres.

With a limited amount of time, they were able to lay out a 26 mile loop. The short course riders were to ride it twice and long course riders were supposed to make 2.5 loops.

Did I mention that they had received 2 inches of rain a few days before the race?

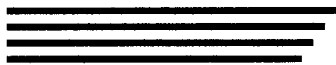
I was on row 33 with one other rider—a newbie riding the MX class. The first loop had a speed average of 12 mph. About 500 feet into the race, you knew this was going to be tough. There were rocks. Big rocks and little rocks, but I didn't see any huge ledge rocks like Chadwick. Where there weren't rocks, ruts were developing. I remember one little narrow uphill, just wide enough for two ruts that converged into one at the top. With two riders already stuck, one of them blocking the only rut at the top. I was able to climb up the rut past the first rider. Stop the bike, pull the front wheel out of the rut, get the bike at an angle and get on this little strip of mud, kind of slipping between a tree and the rider blocking the top of the hill. You get the idea.

Instead of resets, there were several pauses on the loop, the first one at 3 miles on a road. I was two minutes late to the first free. That's when Steve Leivan, who was on the row in front of me, said, "Spud would like this." No kidding.

After my three-minute rest, I took off down the road, missing a

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turn. Turn around. Find the trail. When I got to the five mile marker, my odometer read 5.47. Bump it back. I'm late. Luckily the trail opened up so I could get back on schedule. I need to mention that I wasn't wearing goggles at this point. I had to wear my glasses, due to Lasik laser surgery scheduled. After repeated foggings, I gave up and rode with just my glasses.

The next free was at 10.6 and we hadn't hit a check yet. 10.6 was also the end of the extra-short course. Which means they had to have a tie-breaker at or before then. With the 12 mph average, most likely we would be hitting a tie breaker at 10.4. Somewhere around the 9 mile marker, I caught a slower rider and started falling back in my minute. Luckily, he let me by. There was a tie-breaker at 10.4. I bumped modes on my computer. I was 10 seconds into my minute. I slowed down and was able to go in at 25. Not bad.

Since the club was using frees instead of resets, I rode to 13.3 and stopped until my computer caught up. Remember, there can't be a check for 3 miles after a check. So the next possible was 13.4. With the next free at 16.2, I only had 3 miles of racing, time keeping and avoiding the mud bogs. There was a regular check at 16, so, I rode to 18.9 and waited.

Things went fine for about 2 miles, then, bang, I hit a tree or a broken branch with my face—remember, no goggles. Damn, blood all over the place. I had to stop and put pressure on the wound until the bleeding stopped.

I rode to the next check, where they asked, "Are you having fun?" I said, "Look at me." They go, "Oh my gosh. You look

terrible." There was about three miles of trail to the end of the loop. I was taking it very easy, but it was the best trail of the day. Unfortunately, I was taking it too easy. I got to a mud hole and stuck the bike. Every time I went to pull the bike out, I started bleeding. This was not the fun part. Luckily Frank Leivan and Tom Huber came by and pulled my bike out. Thanks guys!

The Tulsa Trail Riders had an EMT at the event. I forget the gentleman's name, but I want to thank him for packing my wound. Then Dale Willis and I loaded up and headed to the McAlester hospital where the doctors put in 7 stitches.

Drew Chandler won the event, dropping 3 trail points and 55 tie breaker points. Steve Leivan followed, also with 3 trail points and 12 seconds back with 67 tie breaker points. Third, with his best finish ever, was Jon "Spud" Simons, dropping 4 trail points. For complete results, go to www.blackjackenduro.com. Brian Jahelka has put together a neat new web-site. For now, there is a link from the old site to the new one.

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Shaw wins at Finger Lakes

By Frank Leivan

On a cold and miserable day and riding on a slippery, rut-infested course, Aaron Shaw put together a near-flawless ride to claim his first-ever Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship overall event victory. After pulling out to a lead on lap two of the five-lap, two-hour race, Shaw negotiated the course with confidence and his usual smooth style on his way to a three-and-a-half-minute margin of victory.

“I just stayed on the gas all day. I didn’t really ever race with anyone; just got in front and rode my race. It almost seemed like the other guys just let me win,” Shaw reminisced after the event.

Finger Lakes State Park played host to round three of the series and up until 10:00 Sunday morning, it seemed that it would be a good day for racing. That’s when the rain moved in and a light drizzle started to fall and continued on throughout the day, making the clay-based terrain extremely slick and drastically increasing the opportunity for bottlenecks and bogs.

A dozen AA riders lined up on the motocross track for the start, and Pro Circuit/Dunlop/Scott/Moose/M2R Team Green rider Chris Nesbitt took the holeshot. Chris Thiele used a double jump section to take over the lead and hold it for much of the lap. Shaw moved into second by the end of lap one ahead of Nesbitt and Gas Gas rider Matt Stavish.

Shaw took over on lap two and opened up a lead he would never relinquish. Thiele and Nesbitt held their positions while Bobby Duncan closed in on his KTM 200. After starting out the 2002 season on a Kawasaki, Duncan toyed around on a friend’s 200 and felt faster, so he made a mid-week switch to the orange bike and looked like the change fit him well.

In fifth after two laps came Ryan Wuebbeling who was just ahead of Illinois rider John Roth on his Yamaha. The series points leader Brandon Forrester was “not having any fun” and called it a day after two laps and running in eighth behind the A class leader Rick Matteson.

Lap three saw Shaw stretch his lead out to three minutes over Thiele who kept his small gap over Nesbitt. Shaw mentioned that his line selection remained consistent throughout the day.

“I lucked out on the rutted uphill since no one was ever in my line,” Shaw said. “I rode my 300 KTM a gear high all day and let the motor pull me through the tough spots.”

Life wasn’t quite so easy on the rest of the troops as Nesbitt found trouble even in the pits.

“After I gassed, I went to put my dry break cover back on and saw that the dry break was stuck open. I pushed on it with my finger and it popped shut and caught my glove, so I couldn’t get my hand out,” Nesbitt said. “My dad had to hold it open while I

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Perch Jerk



Bart Williams thought it was great fun taking a few laps in his rented tux

I don't know how many times Greg Lowe and family have invited us to their house; it's at least 5 or 6. Greg got this crazy idea of combining his two favorite sports—dirt bikes and fishing. The idea was to ride three laps, then stop, fish, and get back on the bike and ride two more laps.

Greg has great fun each year with the log bog. He has this



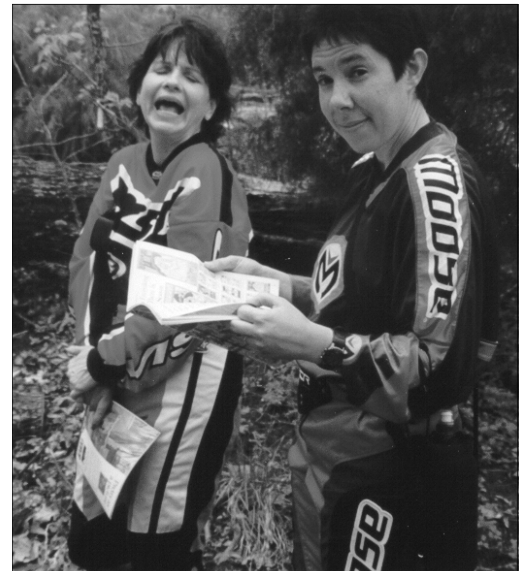
The start of the kids race.

wooded area near his house where he has all these downed trees. He tries to make this tighter and tougher every year. And if it isn't bad enough, he'll put his lawn sprinkler out for a few days before the event. In addition to the log bog, Greg has a real cool motocross track, grass track and plain old single track on his neighbor's property.

This year the threat of rain held down attendance. But it actually wasn't a problem. The women's and kids race was held on the grass track and some of the woods trails, but not the log bog. Then the big bikes got to race the full course.

Of course, then there was food. You can't do one of these things without doing the food thing. It did rain while we were eating, but that's OK, because we had a tent to get under to stay dry.

I want to personally thank Greg and his family for all the time and effort they put into the Perch Jerk.



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got my hand out. That's about how my day went, though."

For Shaw there were no such problems as he rolled through the nasty conditions and lapped traffic to take the win. After finishing in the runner-up position many times during the 2001 campaign, Shaw has now gotten that elusive first win, and in doing so has taken over the series points lead.

Thiele held on for the second position with a minute to spare over Nesbitt who had a late race dice with Duncan in the battle for third. Roth was able to overtake Wuebbeling on the final lap to round out the top five.

Caleb Wohletz took his second A class victory of the year by steadily moving forward all race long. After finishing lap one in fifty place, the 17-year-old rider moved up one position per lap, ultimately taking the lead on the final lap aboard his Letko Cycles/AXO/Michelin KTM 200. Matteson, who held the lead for much of the event, bobbed on the all-important last lap and gave up his chance at victory. Finishing in third on another KTM was Hansen's Energy Drink/Devol Engineering-backed Tracy Bauman who rounded out the top 10 overall.

At the end of the day, most riders were happy to be going home. The bikes were heavy with the sticky clay and there were a lot of tired faces. Thirty-six percent of the riders who entered the event failed to make even one lap around the tough circuit and only 42 percent were able to claim the checkered flag at the end of the two-hour torture test. Now they have a year to prepare for Finger Lakes 2003.

Results

O/A: 1. Aaron Shaw (KTM); 2. Chris Thiele (Kaw); 3. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 4. Bobby Duncan (KTM); 5. John Roth (Yam); 6. Ryan Wuebbeling (Kaw); 7. Caleb Wohletz (KTM); 8. Rick Matteson (Kaw); 9. Robbie Reed (KTM); 10 Tracy Bauman (KTM).

AA 1. Chris Thiele (Kaw); 2. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 3. Bobby Duncan (KTM); 4. John Roth (Yam); 5. Ryan Wuebbeling (Kaw).

A: 1. Caleb Wohletz (KTM); 2. Rick Matteson (Kaw); 3. Tracy Bauman (KTM); 4. Charles Thiele (Kaw); 5. Jonathan Buck (Hon).

200 B: 1. Josh Murray (KTM); 2. James Sloan (Yam); 3. Brandon Vaughn (KTM); 4. Michael Hamilton (Kaw); 5. Nate Lane (Yam).

250 B: 1. Scott Raglano (Kaw); Brad Crain (KTM); 3. Richard Bruce (Hus); 4. Sam Snider (Hus); 5. Mike Nieweg (Hon).

Open B: 1. Keith Kibort (KTM); 2. John Stichnoth (KTM); 3. Dave Gerbes (KTM); 4. Christin Hudgins (KTM); 5. Raymond Osia (KTM).

4-Stroke B: 1. Mike Rozier (Yam); 2. John Acton (Hon); 3. Joseph Armon (KTM); 4. Cole Bryant (Hon).

Vet: 1. Robbie Reed (KTM); 2. Richard Hart (Yam); 3. Robert Armon (KTM); 4. Neal Soenksen (KTM); 5. Todd Reed (Hon).

Senior: 1. Martin Aglya (KTM); 2. William Guffey (Yam); 3. Steve McWhorter (Suz); 4. Dennis Hoffman (Hon); 5. Butch Taylor (Kaw).

Super Senior: 1. Rick Whelove (KTM); 2. Gerald Frericks (KTM).

Junior: 1. Justin Veith (Kaw); 2. Dustin Healy (Yam); 3. Cameron Mittelberg (Yam0); 4. Ryan Portell (Kaw); 5. Keifer Rosier (Kaw).

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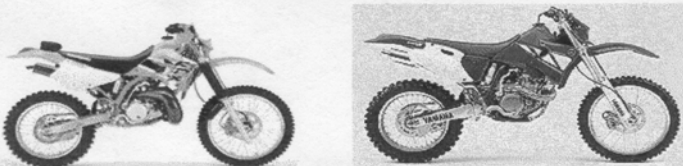
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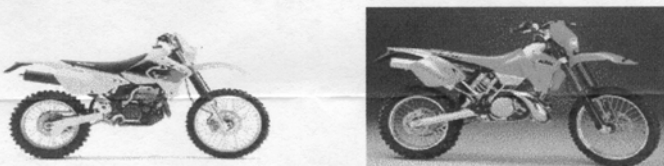
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