

# 'Note's on Spoke's'

## A NEWSLETTER Serving Local Dirt Bike News

How could the banquet not be good with the likes of Guy Cooper, Pete Denison of A-Loop Racing along with the induction of

Steve Leivan into the BJEC Hall of Fame for his two Overall wins? Add cool awards in the way of helmets, neat jackets, door prizes, food . . . how much better can it get?

There were probably two highlights for me; Steve Leivan being inducted into the Black jack Hall of Fame for his two overall wins (even though at the banquet, they didn't really emphasize it) joining a very small group of very talented riders (try six names in the last twenty years who have managed to win two or more overalls.) Yamaha should be pleased with Leivans performance. The second was Pete Denison, A-Loop/Moose guy and his show of the Paris to Dakar rally and his role and insight as a mechanic to Jimmy Lewis on his big 4-banger, KTM. It was enlightening and COOL! I'll quit here as you can check out more later in this issue.

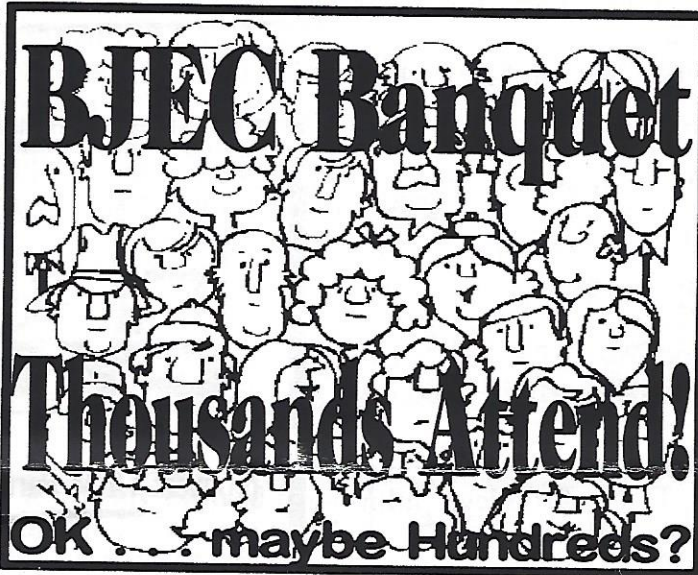
**St. Louis SX** It seems like St. Louis is a brawl of some kind every year! Last year it was Emig unseating McGraths winning streak. This year it was McGrath stealing the show and the win. This thing is good! If you didn't go . . . plan to make it next year . . . It is very good! The 125's featured Ricky C. on his Kawasaki devastating the field and a few hay bales in the process. This kid is wild. It's almost like a crash or win thing? This class also featured Scott Sheak on his factory Honda doing the big triple and landing on another guy. It would have killed me! They both got up and finished the race. . . CRAZY?

The 250 heats had Bradshaw making a close but probably legal block pass on Emig that had them both on the ground with Emig visibly upset in the form of a "feined" punch.

As they were getting the bikes untangled it looked like Emig did punch Bradshaw a few times but after watching it on ESPN 2, it was a light shove that was returned in kind by Bradshaw. It was typical of the night as there was mayhem in nearly every race.

Maybe the coolest thing to happen is something that Cliff Davis shared with me through email. Check out the "Tid-Bit's" section to

see what that was! It's something we would all like to happen to us! Let's turn the page and get to some BJEC scores . . . . .



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Pete Denison, MOOSE/A-LOOP Guy.

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Stupid Stuff . . . I do that!

25 Years of Action Cycle  
St. Louis SX

# White Rock Scores

Last month I wrote a short thing on the White Rock Enduro and promised scores . . . well, here they are:

O/A-Rusty Reynaud, Vincent Davis, Steve Leivan, Steve Travis, Dwight Maggard, Jamie Jennings, Allen Haynes, Gary Walkup, Dave Berry, Tim Singleton.

AA-Rusty Reynaud, Vincent Davis, Steve leivan.

O/A A-Dwight Maggard.

A 200-Rick Owens, Derek Zinchuck, Tony McCall.

A 250-Dwight Maggard, Jamie Jennings, Matt Lane.

A Open-Kevin Boyle, Mark Shultz, Mike Shown.

A Int.-Gary Walkup, Dave Berry, Tim Singleton.

A Senior-Kenny Williams, Ron Ribolzi, Bud Bieschke.

O/A B-Todd Knight.

B 200-Joby Windmiller, Adam Bieschke, Matthew Glenn.

B 250-Slade Morlang, Keith Obermeyer, Bob Huber

B Open-Todd Knight, Tom Lucenta, David Miller, Dale Willis.

B Int.-David Dilingham, Mike Ward, Rick Helmick.

4-Strk Long-Gary Glidwell, Max Harkey, Kevin Kemna.

O/A Senior Short-Charlie Burk.

A Sportsman-Tom Hill, Terry Brumley, John Fisher.

A Super Senior-Mike Doughty, Lee Glenn, Jack Shoalmire.

B Senior-Jack Lee, Russ Hackler, Jim Willis.

B Super Senior-Donald Paschal, Gorman Smith, Randy Harmon.

O/A C-Walt Trywick.

C 200-Michael Climer, Chris Cranford, David Gussberry.

C 250-Walt Traywick, Weston Bair, Dustin Jones.

C Open-Lonnie Thomas, Tony Kirkup, Alex Dalton

C Int.-Brian Selk, Shawn Hall, Rodney Franklin.

C Senior-Richard Donaldson, Andy Carrier, Les Blizzard.

4-Strk Short-Ted Coordin, David Williamson, Jon Yarbrough.

Super 55-Charlie Burk, Clarence Bonifacius, Marv Donaldson.

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# CHADWICK MEETING

The meeting scheduled for 17 April at Yarbroughs Machine went off as scheduled.

About 34 people (with about that many represented by those present) attended making the turn out very good for the first attempt at a get-together.

The group was assembled at 7:00 PM by Shawn Hall (fingered at the last minute to be the floor leader) and introductions were made as each person was asked to stand up and state their name and why they were attending (or what their concerns were about Chadwick.)

It was a diverse group made up primarily of folks who ride the Black Jack Enduro Circuit and/or the Missouri State Hare Scrambles Series, along with everyday riders who just simply enjoy riding. This was obvious as BJEC Hall-of-Famers Wayne Beindorf and Rusty Reynaud were flanked by weekend riders with no interest in competition with Rick Moon (Chadwick Forest Ranger) also seated in the group. It was a perfect backdrop as Shawn explained that the perceived direction of this group was not for racers but rather for folks who like riding . . . period. It quickly evolved from a Chadwick meeting to . . . a meeting of concerned people whos' interests include Chadwick but are of a more far ranging scope that encompassed all riding opportunities in Southwest Missouri and adjoining areas.

It was also established quickly that this neophyte organization was not strictly about motorcycles. All felt it should include all forms of off-road recreation.

Discussion led to the formation of a committee to look at the formation of a set of by-laws and a name for this effort. Those items should be available for vote at the next meeting along with some officer selections.

*I am very glad to see this effort for our area. The Sierra Club activities have prompted this action . . . but it is long overdue. We need a core group whos' interests are the promotion of off-road riding opportunities in southwest Missouri, and surrounding areas. . . in all forms!*

To support this effort we are sending some "complimentary" NEWSLETTERS to those in attendance who are not on our mailing list. Please check the date for the next meeting . . . and try to be there. If you have friends who are interested but could not be there, they can get the info by calling several of

the people who helped organize this thing.

Bob Fuerst 417 694-5202

Rusty Reynaud 417 736-3044

Shawn Hall 417 581-4046

Cliff Davis 417 882-8125

This NEWSLETTER: 417 345-6211

Whoever you decide to call, just tell them you want more info about this organization and when the next meeting will be. Any of them will be happy to assist you. The main thing is . . . call and get on board if you missed the first meeting! It will take us all to make a significant difference! Get on board!!!!!!

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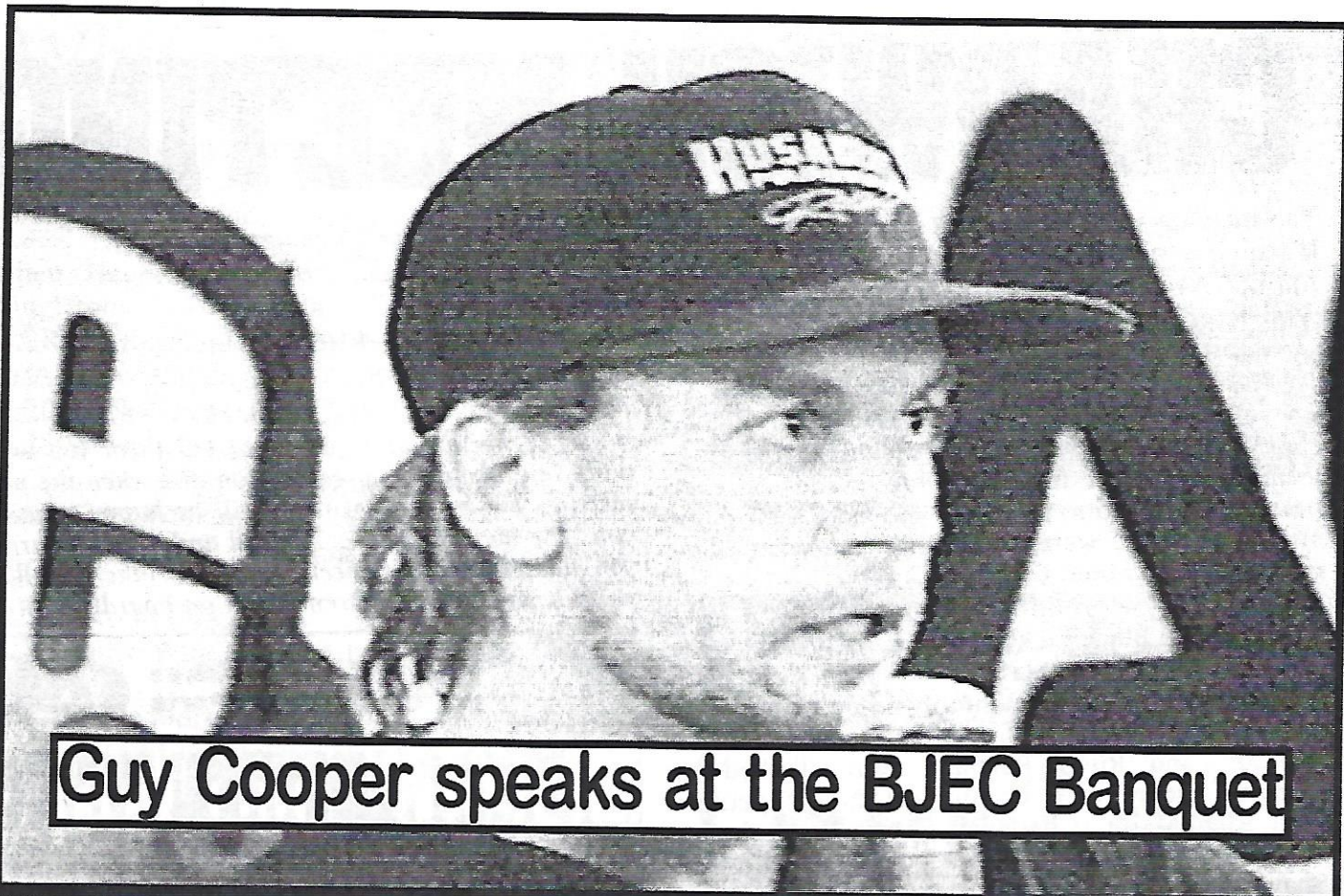
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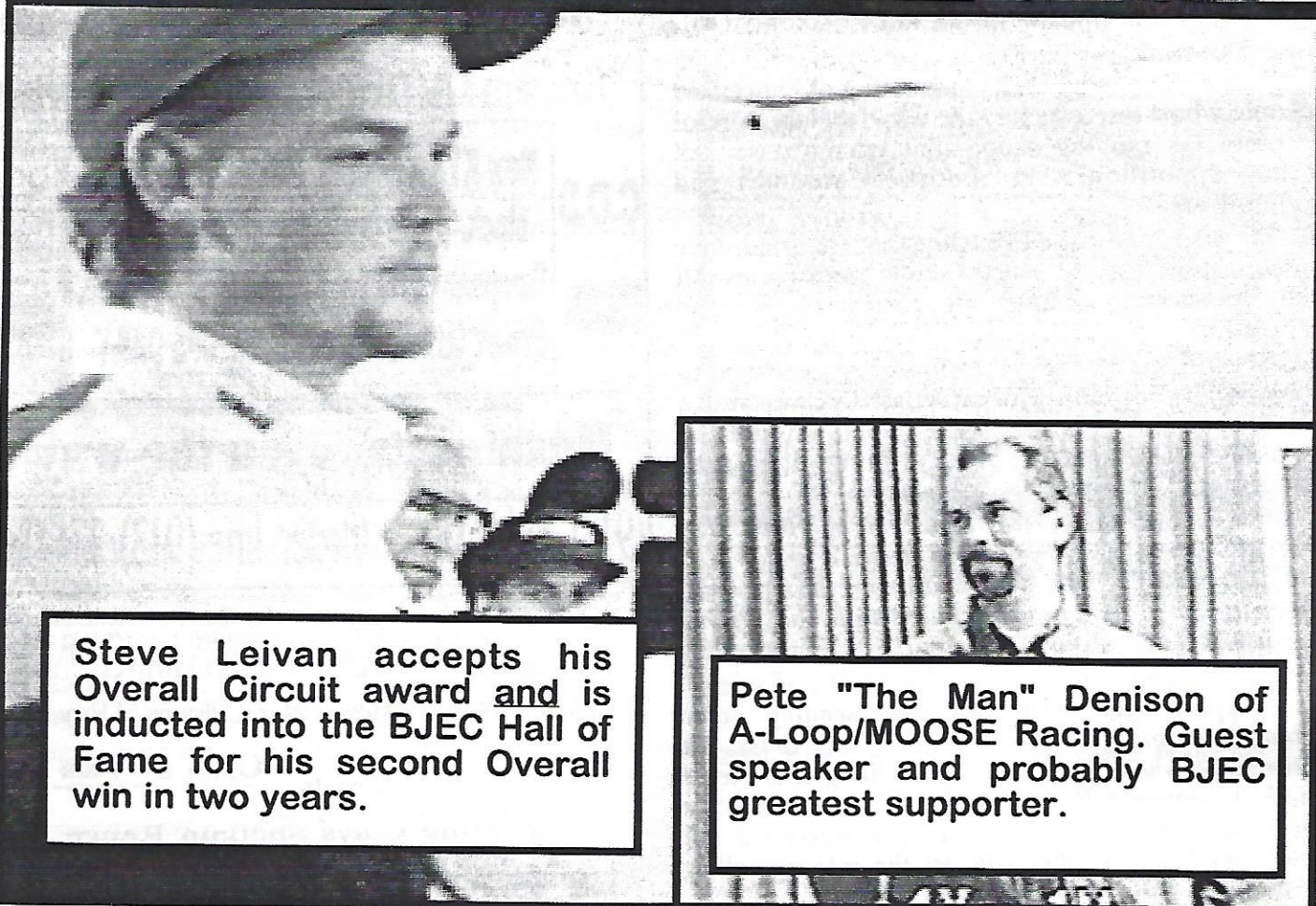
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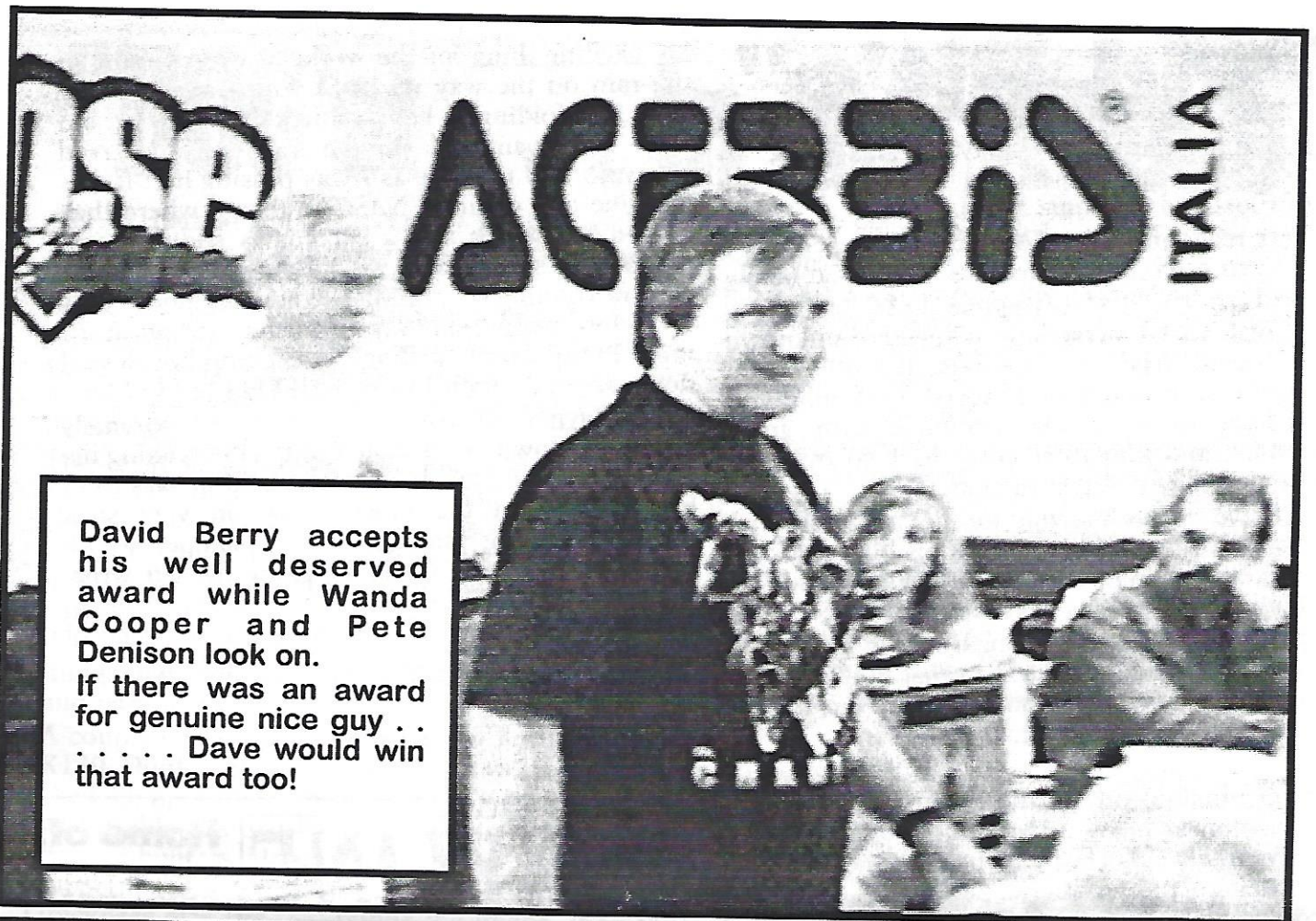
**Guy Cooper speaks at the BJEC Banquet**



**Steve Leivan accepts his Overall Circuit award and is inducted into the BJEC Hall of Fame for his second Overall win in two years.**



**Pete "The Man" Denison of A-Loop/MOOSE Racing. Guest speaker and probably BJEC greatest supporter.**



David Berry accepts his well deserved award while Wanda Cooper and Pete Denison look on. If there was an award for genuine nice guy . . . . . Dave would win that award too!



Sam Lorenz (Motosports of Ft. Smith,) Guy Cooper, and Pete Denison stand in front of trick 400 "Berg" Sam has supplied for Pete to ride in enduro. It will be very dirty in about 30 minutes!

# "Tid-Bit's"

Guy Cooper impressed many on his 'berg as everyone who got passed had a story to tell of major roost and awesome speed.

Coopers reaction to the AA scores being posted . . . can't repeat here as this is a family oriented rag. He DID NOT appear to be happy!

Best Crash that I personally witnessed; unknown rider on a KDX gets out of shape as I follow him through a deep mudhole at speed, can't stop and center-punches a 6" tree complete with green leaves . . . and knocks it down as I go by! That says something for soil consistency!

Ron Shreve chews me out for not stopping and helping him when I went by with his bike stuck up to the tank. I didn't even see him! Wish I had . . . although I still wouldn't have stopped!

Joe Beaver Ron Shreves long-time riding buddy spoke up and said; I saw you in that hole Ron but there was no way I was going to wade out in that swamp . . . it was so big it had white-caps!

Most phenominal ride of the enduro has to go to Jack Shoalmires boy . . . John who not only beat everyone in his class but also beat all the senior A class riders including Overall Senior Short Course! Of course he was on Steve Travis's row and Steve beat all other AA riders (including Guy Cooper) by 5 minutes or more! Fast guys or what!

Most Honest Rider; Pete Denison of A-Loop/MOOSE Offroad. He really can't ride in mud. Something about Colorado not having very much mud? ? ? ? ? ?

St. Louis Supercross I received this email from Cliff Davis; *Hey Randy, I got to share an interesting thing that happened to me over the weekend.*

*I was sitting behind the starting gate and after the race, I walked down to the first row and watched the awards ceremony. After the spraying of the champagne, Jeremy signed his champagne bottle, gave it to his dad, who then walked over and looked at me (nobody else was paying attention) and threw it to me. He told me to read it. It said, "Jeremy McGrath #1 St. Louis MX, win #45."*

*I am not much on this kind of stuff (I never want autographs) but I thought that was kind of cool. Anyway, I just wanted to brag. I'll talk to you later. Cliff.*

"I think" Cliff just wanted to rub it in! He is right about one thing . . . that was very cool. OK Suzuki dealers . . . do I hear bids? ? ? ? Just kidding!

My exciting thing for the weekend was running in the rain on the way up to St. Louis and running over, and folding in half, a Buick driven by an old lady who panicked in the rain and swerved sideways into my lane as I was passing her! It was just like one of those NASCAR things where they have a big wreck and a car comes sliding down out of the smoke and we hit it with our in-car camera running . . . BAM! . . . and the hood folds up before we go sideways into the median at 70 mph! Pretty damn exciting! So exciting I've slowed down about 20 mph EVERYWHERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Casey Haynes, all-around good guy (and extremely fast) went down at the Cole Camp HS breaking his wrist. I asked Rusty about it who said he was right behind him on the practice lap on very slick mud/grass thing and got into a slapper which eventually high'side Casey breaking his left wrist. It sounds like he'll be out of the cast apparatus in 8 wks and into rehab therapy. We're thinking of you Casey . . . get better!

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# "HOG'et . . . in the Woods"

OK . . . I admit it: I am spoiled! I recently sold my KTM 300 with the thoughts in mind that I really wasn't chasing BJEC points this year . . . wanted a break . . . and could do without a bike for a few months (until the '98's came out) partly because David Uebele (our Army buddy) had left his bone-stock 1995 DR350ES with us and I would have "something" to ride.

The KTM is gone. My wife and I decide to go mushroom hunting . . . so the DR is the logical choice. WRONG! First of all it has dual-sport tires with like "thin" tubes in them. We didn't go two miles before the front tire went flat. This could be partly me as I've run Mousse tubes in my KTM for the last two years and basically ignore thorns and things that look like thorns. Take this thing home and park it!

A couple of days go by and I'm out putting a scab K139 Dunlop that I "recovered" from behind the shed along with a thick Moose inner tube. The first problem is that I've forgotten how to change a tire without a Mousse tube in it. The second problem is that the Moose tubes are about the thickness of a tire . . . minus the knobs. Problem three was the tire itself. It had "lived" out behind the shed since it's removal from my KTM and was at least a year old and had aged out in the sun to the equivalent of 10 years! Wrestle with it . . . cuss . . . wrestle some more . . . cuss, the most shocking thing is that I didn't pinch the tube. With the tire done and on the bike, I just parked on a milk crate and studied it. What do I need to do to make this thing dirt worthy? Take off weight? Change the sag? A trip into the house for liquid refreshments . . . then more study. Another trip into the house for refreshments. . . . . and more study. One more trip for liquids . . . . . and, . . . . I finally took the mirror off and called it ready!

Saddle up! One trip down through my rutted, grown in trails revealed one thing . . . this thing is a hog. Another trip at semi-speed revealed that: . . . . . it's a REAL HOG!

Running into corners at about 2/3 speed of my KTM and locking the back brake was a new unique experience. Lock the brakes and continue in more or less of a straight line out through whatever was at the end of the apex of the corner. Small tree's, big tree's . . . huge, I'm not moving trees, the DR simply did not care! I cared! In fact I cared

a lot after about the third try as I found one of those big "I'm not going to move" cedar trees with HUGE arms for branches the cleaned me right off at about 30 mph. JEEZ!

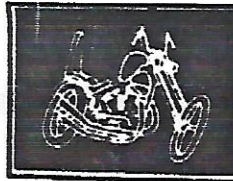
The brakes were fine. IT's a weight thing. When something is very heavy . . . it just won't stop quickly no matter what you do. The bike and I are adjusting to each other. Actually I am adjusting to it . . . and it obviously doesn't care.

It is very cool on roads.

It does have back footpegs and turn signals.

It does have electric start.

I think I might just take it down to the drive-in and weave some speaker poles, watch the movie, and then motor home. That seems much safer than going back between two trees!



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# Leivan says; "Damn the tornadoes, full speed ahead!"

by: Shawn Hall

The first Black Jack Enduro Circuit event of the year was held just 30 miles from Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where the night before, a tornado had tragically struck and killed a number of residents.

The 14th annual Bear Creek Enduro went off as planned in less than ideal conditions. This event is a co-sanctioned event with SERA, which brings up some of the top enduro riders from the southeast. The past couple of weeks had brought much rain which was gollowed up by a steady rain as the riders took to the trail. Magically just after the start of the event, the rain stopped and the racing heated up. The trail was tight and muddy, with many deep mud bogs just waiting to jump up and grab a bold rider who was trying to save time by going through the middle. For most riders it was truly a test of determination.

Team Yamaha's Steve Leivan took top honors in the event with an incredible 24 score. Surdyke Racings' Jamie Jennings turned some heads by taking the overall A honors. Other Black Jack riders winning their class included:

O/A-Steve Leivan, Jerry Gibson, Nolan Knight, David Bragg, Jammie Jennings, Nathan Knight, Casey Haynes.

AA-Steve leivan, Jerry Gibson, Nolan Knight.

O/A A-Jammie Jennings

A-250-Jammie Jennings, Casey haynes, Kelly Christ

A-200-Nathan Knight, Blake Plonsky, Jimbo Mitchell.

A-Open-Dwight Rudder, Kevin Boyles, Wyles Griffith.

A-Int.-Kevin Miller, Gary Walkup, Gary Little.

A-Senior-Micheal Stanfield, Ron Shreve, Harold Compton.

A-Super Senior-Jack Shoalmire, Lee Glenn, Dane Marable.

A Sportsman- Tom Hill, Larry Emge, Jim Holub.

O/A B-Johnny Rhodes.

B-200-Jamie Mathews, Don Holder, Matthew Glen, Todd Donaldson.

B-250-Ben Weathers, Slade Morlang, Tommy Ray.

B-Open-Arthur Jeffery, Ron Crume, Joshua Cook.

B-Int.-Johnny Rhodes, Jon Simons, Steve Shindall, Elston Moore.

B-Senior-Dan Wylie, Billy Jordon, Jack Lee.

B Super Senior-Dale Rector Sr., Jerry Southard, Martin Willems.

4-Strk Long-Max Harkey, Jeff Shen.

O/A C-Dustin Jones.

C-200-Mike Climer, Charles Sparks, Jacob Steiner, Donna Moore.

C-250-Dustin Jones, Kurt Danzy, Walt Traywick.

C-Open-Aaron Jordan, Tim Edwards, Tony Kirkup.

C-Int.-Robert Morris, Shawn Hall, Ed Bowen.

C-Senior-Bob Mottet, Hollis Spinks, Bob Hatcher.

4-Strk Short-Jon Yarbrough.

A Youth-Josh Weisenfels, Jacob Hill, Tuna Dunn.

Super 55-Charlie Burk, Clarence Bonifacious, Marv Donaldson, Cliff Sage.

B Youth-Cody Fow, Clint Carr, Cody Long.

Women-Susan Roy, Christy Black, Lisa Schidlmeier

A notable ride was turned in by Surdyke Motosport rider; Donna Moore. Riding her first event in the c-200 class, she powered her YZ-140 to a fourth place finish. Go DONNA, we are all cheering for you!

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# Next Local OHV Meeting! May 15th

This is the second meeting in an attempt to "grow" a local off-road group. The last one (see elsewhere in this Newsletter) was a blazing success!

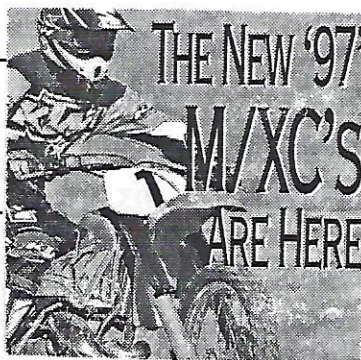
If you weren't there . . . you need to get on board and come to this one! The plan is to elect some general officer-type positions and designate some committees. You need to be there to vote on the issues at hand. It is scheduled for 7:00 PM at Yarbroughs Machine (Rustys place) on Fremont south of Chestnut. If you have questions call: 417 345-6211 and we'll give you better directions. . . . but BE THERE TO LEND YOUR SUPPORT!

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# 25 Years of "Action Cycle!"

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being off-road enthusiasts and supporters of all aspects of motorcycle recreation, Mel and Carol are truly "good people!"

We "cornered" Carol and asked her to jot down some of their history, so here it is:

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*Carol ran the new business until the end of Sept. when Mel retired from an implement manufacturer in Hutchinson KS. They opened their second store in Nov. '73 at 2354 N. National.*

*Their children were 3 & 7, who now have children of their own making Mel and Carol grandparents doing the race scene.*

*Many of the current motorcycle people were given their start at Mel's.*



T o n y Williamson, Jeff Pruiett, Chuck McDaniel, Jerry Hedgpeth, Larry Wayt, and Big John Grier.

They are on 3rd generation customers now. At one time, Jeff Pruiett left to go to Jim Moon's Yamaha. Tony

left to go to Springfield Kawasaki, and Larry to Davis Kawasaki.

Mel & Carol started NMA in this area in 1974, 2 years after it originated. In 1976, on Mothers Day at Possum Hollow MX Park, their NMA qualifier had 328 entries for the 2-day event.

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# Leivan Conquers Cole Camp HS

Cole Camp MO April 20

Steve Leivan recorded his second victory of the young season at round three of the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship. The Flat Rock Creek Hare Scrambles, in its second year on the schedule, proved to be a challenge to all 192 riders. The 5.6 mile course consisted of very rocky, slick trails, natural terrain grass track sections, and a gnarly creek that exited into the scoring chute. Rain on the morning of the event made things slippery for the first couple of laps, but as the race wore on the trail dried out and became very tractable.

Leivan would begin his charge to the front from a three-kick start that saw Chris Caplinger put his electric start ATK into the first corner . . . first. Yamaha riders Chad Busenbark and Ken Yount followed closely and were soon joined by Leivan at around the two mile mark. Lapped traffic became a factor on the second circuit and allowed the first six AA riders to be separated by no more than 15 seconds after three laps.

Lap four saw Caplinger fade slightly from the lead pack after an off the course excursion while attempting to pass a slower group of riders, putting him on the ground. The running order at the conclusion of lap five saw Leivan and his Yamaha in the lead followed by Busenbark, Leigh Letellier, Rusty Reynaud, and Yount. Leivan would surrender the top spot when he stopped for fuel going into lap six, but would leave the pits in third behind Busenbark and Letellier and just in front of the KTM of Reynaud. These four riders stayed close through lap six, but would lose Letellier on lap seven. One of the riders in front of Letellier kicked up a rock in of the grass track sections, that he was able to miss with the front wheel, but the back tire hit it squarely sending Letellier into a vicious high-side, injuring some ribs and ending his day early.

Leivan would make the final pass for the day past Busenbark on lap seven, by going underneath a fallen tree. "I used the same line the first couple of laps but you had to lean way down to keep from hitting your head. I had decided that if I was close enough to Chad, that I was going to try to pass him there. I got there and someone had raised the tree up about two feet and I didn't even have to duck my head. It worked perfect" Leivan stated. From that point, Leivan guided his Surdyke Motosports/Silkolene/Scott backed WR 250 towards the checkered flag.

Busenbark would stay close, waiting for an opportunity that never came, and ultimately finished 17 seconds behind the winner Leivan. Reynaud finished a great ride another two minutes back followed by Caplinger and Yount, who both overcame problems with lapped traffic to fill out the top five.

Jamie Jennings took a near wire to wire victory in the A Class ahead of a charging Kevin Boyle on an XR 400. Boyle would make up over two minutes in the last half of the race but came up 19 seconds shy of Jennings' Yamaha. These two riders were sixth and seventh overall, and two of the eight riders that completed nine laps.

David Dillingham emerged the winner of the veteran (+30) class. He would take the lead on lap two and never let it go leading a Yamaha sweep of the top four places in the class. He was followed by Kreg Simons, Ken Hulsey, and Jon Simons.

By: Frank Leivan

Q/A: Steve Leivan, Chad Busenbark, Rusty Reynaud, Chris Caplinger, Ken Yount.

AA: Chad Busenbark, Rusty Reynaud, Chris Caplinger, Ken Yount, Tanner England.

A: Jamie Jennings, Kevin Boyle, Chris Nesbitt, Greg Surdyke, Charles Thiele.

125 B: Justin Meyers, Nathan Gladback, Mike Guffey, Andy Laplante, Jimmy Rippy.

200 B: Gary Mittelberg, Brian Selk, Robert Kelly, David Bishop, Robert Armon.

250 B: Dale Rector, Karl Gallette, Keith Kibort, Mike Leichti, David Taylor.

Open B: John Newberry, Chris Sloan, Tom Prenger, J.R. Hansen, Danny Crawford.

250 C: Tommy RAY, Kurt Smith, Bryon Roy, Collin Sheridan, Josh Murray.

4 Stroke B: John Yarnell, Les Busenbark, Rick Daubenspeck, Gary Pilant, Doug Jones.

Vet: David Dillingham, Kreg Simons, Ken Hulsey, Jon Simons, Everett Shinault.

Senior: Mike Burkhart, Brad Barnett, William Guffey, Jimmy Jones, Andy Nored.

Super Senior: Rick Whelove, Bob Jones, Rick Carpenter, Frank Leivan, Jim Letellier.

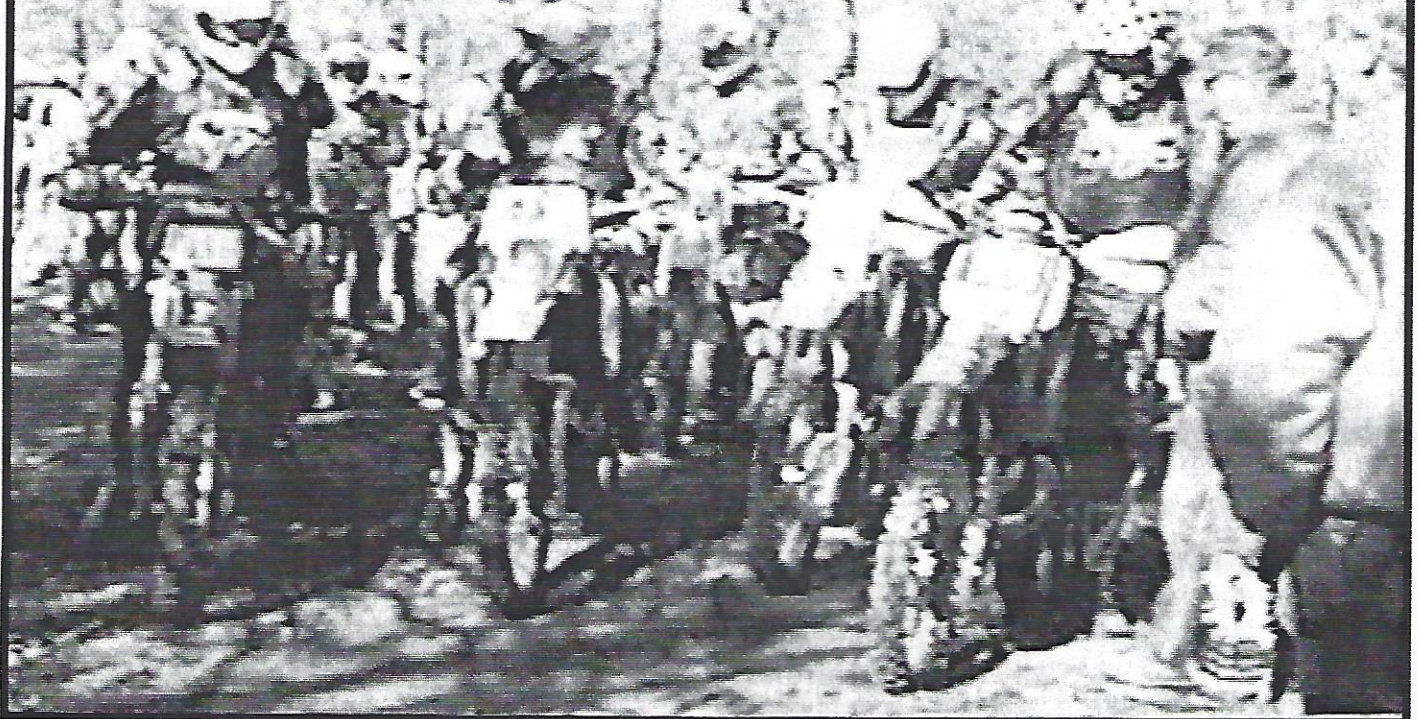
Junior: Brandon Porrester, Robert Duncan, Casey Hinkel, Jeremy Wisecup, John Mitalovich.

Trailrider: Brian Norris, Jeff Shroder, Allen Gessling, Matt Murray, Doug Wyatt.

# Four . . . Desperado's?

## Indian Nations Enduro . . . Row 33

Koonta-Man Pete Denison Sam Lorenz Me



Here's my row in high spirits at the start of the Indian Nations Enduro the day after the banquet. Left to right; Koonta Man, Pete Denison, Sam Lorenz, and an old fat guy . . . me. I suspect that right now Pete is telling Koonta for the umpteenth time . . . he doesn't like riding in mud. Sam, with his head down is probably praying to the dirt bike gods that Pete does not scratch up his new Huseburg 400 electric start demo bike that Sam loaned Pete to ride. I'm wondering how I can pull an MX style holeshoot so I don't get caught behind any of my fellow geeks/geezers (both apply in various stages.)

The end result was not pretty; Pete-lost DNF. Me; missed check, burnt check, zeroed check, several late checks, but rode the whole thing anyway. Sam; 3rd in his class with no computer, other than mine. Koonta, 2nd in class.

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# Indian Nations Enduro

This ride the day after the banquet was held on about 400 acres by the Tulsa Trail Riders. It featured a loop run three times that had the first half of each loop through a mud bog/quagmire, followed by a second half that was rocky and dry. I along with a lot of other people missed the first check due to a mud hole that grew in size to about 50' wide that had the check located on the right side of the mud hole. In the tight trees going left meant you never even saw the check and ended up on other trail which was very close. I continued the ride anyway splashing from mud hole to mud hole before finding the second half of the loop dry and fun which led me to promptly burn the next check by a minute. I think I was so shocked to find ridable trail . . . I didn't know how to act! It was fun.

The short course went two loops with long course going three with the third loop at 27 mph. I didn't stay for the scores but did manage to get the AA scores which caused a lot of controversy.

Steve Travis	7 points
Guy Cooper	12 points
Clay Boring	14 points
Rusty Reynaud	14 points
Steve Leivan	15 points
Nolan Knight	15 points

The controversy centered around all these guys riding at about the same level (within a point or two of each other all last year and this year) and Cooper as a national rider right in line with this fast group . . . and Travis pulling the point spread that he did. Who knows? To really know the answer you would have to be out in the tree's to watch it. Travis either had the best day of his life, gambled, or, he knows the area as it's one of his home riding areas? Steve Travis is a good guy, . . . you gotta hope it was the best day of his life.

The Tulsa Trail Riders are looking for new land and hopefully they will find it and get away from these trails that are 20-30 yards apart in places. It's gotta be hard after putting on events at the Zink Ranch with nearly unlimited trail selection to size down to this area.

Maybe the coolest part of this entire event was the very nice finisher pins that were provided. Everybody used to do this in the old days and it's good to see someone trying to do it again.

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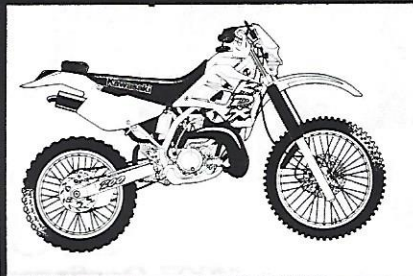
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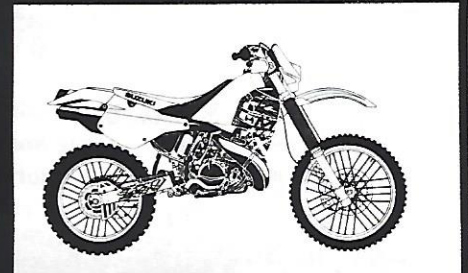
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