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Rick Helmick's son Harrison may have had more fun than anyone at the White Rock Enduro.



# TID BITS

Tid Bits April 2000

**Born:** Race Simons to Jon and Lesa Simons on March 26 at 1:30 am. Thanks to a cell phone, Uncle Kreg and Aunt Jana were able to keep in touch even though they were at the top of White Rock Mountain getting ready for the enduro.

much like an old fashioned grass track "rough scrambles" with 2 1/2 miles of woods and 3 1/2 miles of woods.

Take care,  
Jim Cook

I received the following e-mail regarding the Arkansas Hare Scramble Series:

Hi Bob,  
On the calendar of "Notes on Spokes", it still has the Frog Pond GP listed on the September date. When the Cannon Creek enduro was rescheduled for the September 24<sup>th</sup> date, we rescheduled our hare scramble for the original Cannon Creek date, May 7. It is official and is listed on the AHSCS web site. The trail is almost ready and we mainly just need to finish cleaning up after the logging crew and marking with arrows.

I hope that you can come down and ride with us. It is going to be fun and fast. No rocks at all. It will be

**The Next OMTRA Meeting:  
April 20 at  
Buckingham's - 7 pm**

Speaking of May 7<sup>th</sup>, it looks like that is also the date of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Perch Jerk Scramble! It will be at Greg and Denise Lowe's place just outside West Plains, MO.

Cannon Creek Enduro is back to its original location. I talked to Lee Glenn, one of the folks behind this enduro, and he said, we're back to Collins. They are only going to be using the south end of the property this time, but a big part of the north part was the shot gun range.

Motorcycle software: A friend of mine, David Portugal, developed a computer program for tracking motorcycle stuff from expenses to maintenance, plus you can track any trips or events attended, including photos. You need to check out his web site, [www.ftwo.com](http://www.ftwo.com). That stands for For Two Wheels Only. While you're there, sign up for his tip of the day.

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# Racin' in Arkansas

Chimes, AR March 21, 2000

On March 21 both Missouri and Arkansas had Hare Scrambles. So, the question was, "Which way do we go?" The weather answered that question for Dale Willis and myself. The Missouri race site in Steelville received snow on Saturday.



Chimes, Arkansas did not. But we were planning on riding with Shawn Hall to the race. And Shawn was still planning on going to Steelville until I told him, if you are going to Steelville, Dale and I aren't going with you. Shawn said, "Let's go to Chimes." Smart guy!

**Far Left, June Scott on her way to winning the women's class. Above, first corner action in the open class.**

The conditions in Chimes were perfect. It was a

five-mile course. Most of it was open, but there were four steep and rocky hills. There was neither dust nor mud. OK, there was one muddy section about 20 yards long, but it had a hard bottom.

114 riders participated in the event. I counted 17 from the Springfield, MO area. (Dale and I weren't the only ones not wanting to ride a mud fest.) One of the 17, Dwight Maggard, was the overall winner. Dwight and Martin Upton had a duel to the finish with Dwight taking the win by 3 seconds. They were the only riders to complete nine laps. Dwight took home \$250 for his efforts.

For complete results, check out [www.arkansasharescramble.com](http://www.arkansasharescramble.com).

# BJEC Banquet

By Bob Fuerst

"Darn, I broke the first law of Enduro Banquets; stay close to Bob," said Dale Willis. You see, I had already wandered back toward the food when Jim Holub said it was time to eat. I was eighth into the first corner and took the outside line. Then I had equipment problems: dirty plate. By the time I set the dirty plate aside, some kid thought he could move up a position, but I block passed my way back into line.

My reputation for getting hole shots at banquets goes back to the first Black Jack banquet I attended in 1994. It was held in Oklahoma City at a museum. Dale and I hadn't ridden the circuit the year before, so we weren't getting any awards. But we attended anyhow. We didn't have anything else to do. Dr. Max and Big Mac, our riding partners, were getting awards. We just happened to sit right next to the food table, and when



**Kreg Simons, BJEC Contingency Chairman, celebrated his birthday at the banquet. Here, Jana Barkman, Kreg's fiancee, presents him with his cake.**



**A lot of work goes into putting on a banquet. Here's how things looked shortly before things got started.**

they told us to eat, I was gone.

Back to 2000: Dirt bikers take that food thing seriously, and the Black Jack Enduro Circuit didn't disappoint. They put on a good spread at the banquet in Elkin, AR the day before the White Rock Enduro

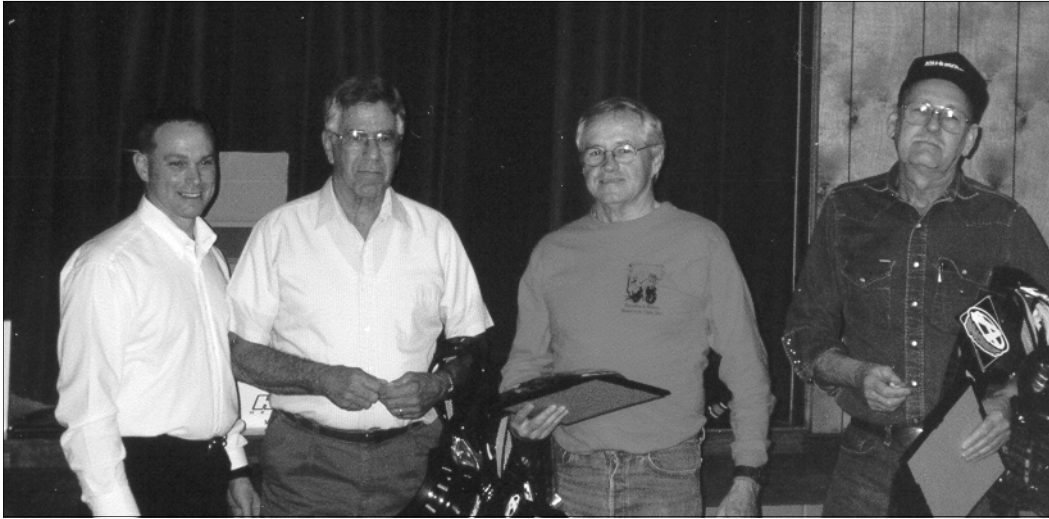
The guest speaker was four-time national enduro champion Terry Cunningham. Terry told some interesting stories. Back in the early 80s he was invited to ride an event called the superbikers. If you don't remember the superbikers, it was a race that was suppose to let the top riders from the various types of motorcycle racing compete against each other. Part of the track was paved and part was dirt. There

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**Terry Cunningham, guest speaker, left, presents awards to Super 57 class winner, Tom Tarver, Zahn Lewis and Clarence Bonifacis.**

Smackover Motorsports brought a 200cc Gas-Gas in for display. Everyone hoped that it also was a give-a-way. Unfortunately, it wasn't.

Little Rock won enduro of the year. They deserved it. They spent considerable time and effort locating private land to hold the enduro and then the real work began. They had to cut almost 100 miles of trail into those woods. In the middle of summer! They were also named enduro of the year for the

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were even some jumps thrown in. It seems Terry was the only rider invited to compete that did not have an AMA professional license. Since enduros are considered amateur events, Terry held an amateur license. The people at sign-up had never seen that kind of license and it took some time to clear up the confusion.

Kreg Simons, this year's contingency officer, sped things up by throwing several of the smaller and lighter give-a-ways into to the crowd. That woke everyone up. Jim Cook of

SERA enduro circuit.  
Good Job Guys!



**BJEC President Jim Holub. With that shirt, this picture kind of has that mug shot look.**

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# WHITE ROCK!



**Overall Winner, Steve Vanzant, still covered with 70 miles of White Rock Dirt.**

The Razorback Riders' White Rock enduro was the first enduro of 2000 with the Bear Creek enduro being cancelled a few weeks earlier. Rain Saturday night made things pretty slippery, but luckily no rain fell during the event.

Steve VanZant won the event, dropping only eight points. This year Steve is competing on a Gas-Gas. And being over 40 years of age myself, I can say this; Steve is an old guy. He competed in the

A-Senior class last year. Second place went to Steve Travis dropping 13, riding a new DRZ400.

Drew Chandler came in third overall on his KTM, dropping 19. David Berry from Lebanon, MO finished fourth, dropping 20 points and riding his WR400 the last five or six miles on a flat front tire.

The course was pretty straightforward. It started out with an

18mph speed average for the first 28 miles, with one short reset thrown in. After the 28-mile mark, the speed average bumped up to 24mph for the rest of the short course which ended at 37 course miles. There was one special test at the beginning of the short course and another at the end. The special test at the beginning kind of snuck up on me. There was no check in and all of the sudden I was down thirty seconds. Another problem with this test was traffic. It was easy to drop a point due to traffic.

The test at the end of the short course started approximately five miles after the speed bumped up to 24mph, which made it easy to drop a point or two at the check in. After that it was tight and rocky until the end of the short course.

The long course started out with more than four miles of roads. But they made up for that with some very technical sections after that. One short section coming out of a creek was described as a trials section. Even though the ground

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**Steve Travis, second overall.**

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**Row six takes off.**



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miles for the long course was only 70 miles, most of the long course riders felt they got their money's worth. The past few years, the ground miles for the long course was more like 90 miles.

The Razorback Riders really had things rolling when it came to the trophy presentation. The score cards were put up very quickly and this allowed the riders to look at the scores and "protest" any problems.

**Bill Rogers proves enduro riders can't jump.**

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**Marcus Upton finishing the long course.**

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# St. Louis Supercross

St Louis SX 2000

I made my annual trek to St. Louis to watch supercross. Yeah, McGrath won. Actually, the main event was pretty boring. McGrath got the lead early and nobody challenged him.

One of the neatest things about the event started several weeks before the race. Cliff Davis, OMTRA Legislative Committee Chairman, was able to get United States Senator John Ashcroft to not only attend the event, but ride Greg Albertyn's RM up and down the start straight.

Ashcroft, a casual off-road rider himself, met with industry execs and was interviewed by ESPN2 as well as other media before he spoke to the crowd.

Cycle News reported on Senator Ashcroft's appearance at the



**The Senator meets the Man. Roger DeCoster shakes hands with Senator Ashcroft after Ashcroft spoke to the crowd.**

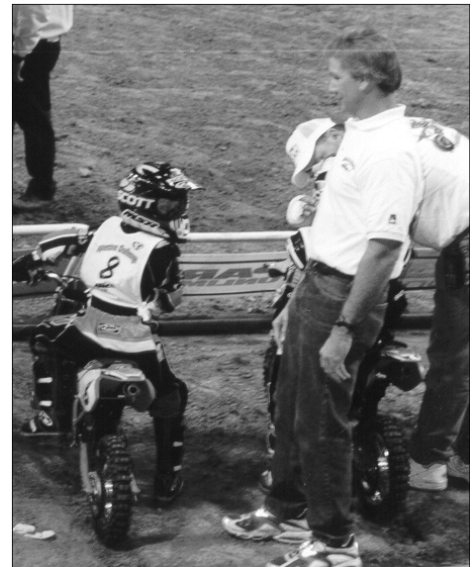
supercross, noting that he rode helmetless. The following is a response from Cliff Davis to Cycle News:

Dear Cycle News Editor:

I was extremely disappointed with Cycle News' negative portrayal of United States Senator John Ashcroft's appearance at the St. Louis Supercross. The off-road community has made great strides in securing support of legislators across the United States. Luckily, Senator Ashcroft is a real off-road rider (albeit a casual trail rider) who supports our issues. Why Cycle News felt compelled to take a backward-handed swipe at him because he rode out onto the track helmetless during his intro-

duction is beyond me. While I question your assertion that the

Senator "supported helmet laws" while Governor of Missouri, I firmly believe he was the only Governor in recent memory and certainly one of the few current United States Senators who supports off-road issues. Your portrayal of Senator Ashcroft could have very well left a sour taste in mouth of some Missouri voters. Senator Ashcroft supports our issues and he needs our support as he runs for reelection this year. I assure you that the Senator's opponent, current Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, will support the Clinton/Gore land grab and other radical issues that threaten riders' access to land across the country. As we attempt to make new allies in the political arena, let's not work against those who are already our friends.



**Chris Underwood, left, gets the opportunity of his young life. Chris got to ride the KTM Challenge during intermission.**

Cliff Davis

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# OMTRA Stuff



The March OMTRA meeting was held at Buckingham's in Springfield on March 16. About 15 members were present.

Bart reported that Dr. McKenzie was still waiting for news of the grant for the work at Chadwick. It looks now like it may be fall before the work can get started. Other members reported the new bathrooms are still under construction.

Bart reminded everyone that the BJEC banquet at White Rock, Arkansas is the weekend of the 25th.

June Scott took first in her class at the recent hare scramble in Arkansas. Some members reported they thought the course was pretty technical, but everyone seemed to have enjoyed it. Dwight Maggard was overall winner.

Cliff Davis reported that Sen. John Ashcroft is going to be at the St. Louis Supercross event. He will be interviewed by ESPN as well as some magazine publications. He will be with Team Suzuki.

We had a new member present. Jan Curth, who lives in Chadwick, has been at the last few meetings and is keeping us informed about the improvements to the Chadwick area.

## Hill Billy Grand Prix

We would like to thank Jerry Sharp, Casey Haynes, Allen Haynes and Joby Windmiller for promoting the Hillbilly Grad Prix series. We enjoyed the series very much and look forward to more of these races. Thanks guys!

Anthony Meyer (Expert)  
 Rusty Reynaud (Expert)  
 Karl Harris (Intermediate)  
 Jeremy Havens (Intermediate)  
 Elston Moore (Intermediate)  
 Cliff Davis (4-stroke)  
 Darin House (4-stroke)  
 Scott Johns (4-stroke)  
 Danny Overturf (4-stroke)  
 Bob Fuerst (Over 30)

John Gott (Over 30)  
 Shawn Hall (Over 30)  
 Randall Mathis (Over 30)  
 Adam Ashcroft (Beginner)  
 Alex Ashcroft (Beginner)  
 Bill Hawkins (Beginner)  
 Joe Peltz (Beginner)  
 Frank Texiera (Beginner)  
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 Donna Moore (Women's)  
 June Scott (Women's)

**The Next OMTRA Meeting:  
 April 20 at Buckingham's – 7 pm**



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- 6/11/00 – Collins, MO..... *Bikes & ATVs*
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- 7/9/00 – Tebbetts, MO..... *Bikes & ATVs*
- 7/15-16/00 – Kahoka, MO..... *Bikes & ATVs*
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