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CANNON CREEK ENDURO CHADWICK

Maybe someone out there can help me with this? I just don't know how these guys do it. I don't know if it's luck of the "needy." Blissful ignorance . . . or some cunning devious plan, but . . . the Collins Enduro again went off under nearly perfect conditions!

The days leading up to this thing were hot, dry, and extremely dusty. So dusty in fact that very few people wanted to ride, at least not in any kind of group.

The day of the event woke to a half inch of rain which was just enough to keep the dust down to a reasonable level, let all the trails get tacky and provide some superb riding conditions. How do they get this lucky?

I won't try to tell you about the entire enduro as Frank Leivan has provided a story you'll find elsewhere in this issue. I will tell you that the trails were the best I've ever seen at Collins. Speed averages were on the money for the majority of riders. Checks spot on. Resets in all the right places and for the correct amount of time . . . the whole thing was, well . . . great!

COLLINS RIDING AREA

The trails at Collins are better than ever and offer great riding opportunities. If you've never ridden there and/or camped . . . you need to! Doing so is easy. Check out this issue for ads that are labeled "Eagle Gun and Sports Ranch," call the 800 number listed for scheduals of riding days (riding is not allowed when the gun ranges are open . . . a smart move) show up, pay \$5.00 per rider for the day . . . and go roost! Camping is available and encouraged. Maps of the area are available at no charge (you just need to ask for them.) It's a great place to ride, try it!

Many things are happening at Chadwick. The "pay-to-ride" thing kicks off on 1 Jan. '97.

The long awaited pavilion has been approved . . . finally with construction scheduled for this fall. Check out the letter.

Trails are being looked at and Rick Moon (Forest Ranger) is planning to GPS all the trails this fall. GPS means Global Positioning Satellite which really means the trails and resulting maps (that I assume will be forthcoming) will be much more accurate.

Erosion areas and areas sensitive to erosion are being looked at during this time for possible correction. It's a great opportunity for "us" as riders as there's an effort to rekindle "Friends of Chadwick" into the major force it was a few years ago. That "could mean" a closer working relationship with the Forest Rangers and a chance to offer volunteer labor to actually fix some trail trouble spots. I'll keep you posted but in the meantime . . . look at this as a chance to improve and potentiate "our" riding area. I like it!

A BIG ONE is the illegal hill climbs that continue to pop up along existing trails. These cause "us" more trouble than anything else and threaten that new found working relationship with the Rangers. I know "we" aren't cops but if you see someone doing it . . . stop and ask them not to, and explain why. No, don't get into a fist-fight over it . . . but at least ask them not to. I think this things going to take some self-policing by nearly all of us. Either way it has to stop or eventually threaten the entire riding area.

Let's just work together and stop it?

Just Stuff

I have it (by pretty solid rumor) that Allen Haynes has a picture of himself on Steve Underwoods Colorado bike (a reworked 500 WR Yamaha) riding it up this big hill in Colorado. The story goes: "Steve couldn't make it up the hill, so I had to ride it up for him!" Thanks Allen. When I asked Steve Underwood about the story it went: "Allen couldn't keep his hands off my trick Yamaha . . . stole it and tried to get away up this hill!" If you really want to know, you might be best off asking Rusty Reynaud . . . he was actually there as a witness. On the other hand . . . I did see the picture ? ? ? ? ?

FEAR. I rode on row number ten at the Cannon Creek Enduro. Had a great ride with no real problems with the exception of one creek . . . and it was frightening! Drop off the trail into this rocky, slimy, moss covered creek bed with pools of standing water which led to a sharp, off-camber bank about 8' tall you had to climb out of. As I approach, there's a pretty good bottle-neck forming on this bank and I'm looking for an alternative route when I more-or-less run into this WR Yamaha sitting crossways in the creek about twenty yards in front of the bank. I turn sharply to the right, put my front wheel on a wet slimy root and immediatly fall over with my head right beside this Yamaha riders boot. The fear part came when I looked up and saw the rider was "Hit-Man" Ron Shreve! and I was vulnerable. (For those of you who don't remember, Ron was the guy who ran over Max Harkey in Texas.) Jump up, snatch lift the bike up, kick, kick and gone only to stall the motor as I came out of some water and approached the bank. I was so relieved to have gotten away from Ron Shreve I didn't even realize he was catching me until he banged my hand with his handlebar as he went by. I think that was just frustration on his part for missing the opportunity to throw his bike on me when I was lying helpless in the creek. Don't worry Ron . . . I'm sure there will be other opportunities.

FAST IS RELATIVE? Also on row 10 at Collins was a AA rider by the name of David Berry. I kept thinking "Boy I'm doing good" as I generally kept David in sight most of the first loop. We weren't far into the second loop at all when we came to a check that you had to figure was a check-in for a special test. All that "Boy I'm doing good" stuff was gone as David "erupted" into a corner and was gone! Even I could figure out that the first loop to

even though it was killing me to try and keep the pace. The cute part was after the thing was over and scores posted. I went up to David and expressed my amazement at his speed and only dropping 16 points for the day. Davids response: "16's not fast those other guy's pulled 10's that's FAST! Speed is . . . relative!

CHADWICK ENDURO is coming up on the 10th of November. You don't have to be an AMA or Black Jack Enduro member to ride this, although both are encouraged. The short loop promises to be similiar to last year (read easy and very rideable) and the weather . . . cool. If you haven't ridden this event in a while . . . come out and do it. It is a HOOT!

'96/'97 National Recreational Trails Fund Grants for Chadwick Motorcycle Area. Dollars to the tune of \$18,750 has been approved. Check with Jim Moon (Friends of Chadwick) who is the "mover-and-shaker" on this thing for more details. Jim indicated there still was some paperwork to get done . . . but things are well on their way. If you think this is no big deal, consider that Chadwick is one of only ten areas awarded. That had to take some effort on somebodys part . . . Thanks Jim!

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LEIVAN CLINCHES CANNON CREEK ENDURO

September 8, 1996 Collins, MO

By Frank Leivan

Steve Leivan was the Overall winner of the Cannon Creek Enduro, round 8 of the Black Jack Enduro Circuit, held on the 1000 acre Eagle Gun & Sports Ranch in Collins, MO. The night before the event, a light shower covered the course which settled the dust and made conditions perfect for the majority of the race. The trail consisted of rocky single track, power-line sections, rocky creeks, and fire roads. Many speed changes and resets were incorporated into the lay out, which saw short course riders go 47 route sheet miles, B riders rode 70, and the AA and A riders went 75.

Check two was the first check that took points from all riders with Leivan and his Yamaha leading the way with a 1:14. Steve Travis, on a Honda was next fastest with a 1:23, ahead of Rusty Reynaud carding a 1:27. Check three would prove to be the downfall for Travis as he suffered a two point penalty for burning the check. The first section of loop two was run at 18 mph and the riders were checked at the end of it with a tie-breaker. Again, Leivan was tops, with a :32, while Travis and Reynaud checked in on the early side of a perfect 30 with a :23 and :25, respectively.

The final two checks were run at 24 mph and Leivan, Reynaud, and Travis recorded identical 3's at check nine and 6's at check ten. When the scores were tallied, Surdyke Racing/Answer/Scott/Dunlop/Sprocket Specialists/RK Chain/Mikes Machine/Fredette Racing/Motorcycle Stuff/Pro Action/NGK backed Leivan had secured the win on his WR 250, with a score of 10:46 ahead of KTM 360 mounted Reynaud who finished with a 10:62. Travis would claim third with 12:60.

Allen Haynes took another win in the 250 A class, dropping 12 points and finishing fourth Overall. Jamie Jennings rode his Honda to second in class with a 16 point ride and Jim Ingram finished third on his Suzuki with a 17. Steve Underwood was the victor in the Open A class ahead of Jac Richmond and Jim Brawner. The Overall B rider on the day was 250 B competitor, James Eliff with an eight point ride. He finished ahead of Slade Morlang and David Gerbes who carded 10's.

Overall short course rider, Drew Chandler, out of the 250 C class, took the trophy on tiebreakers ahead of Sportsman A winner, Randy Presthus. In the 200 C class, Matt Glenn was tops, ahead of close finishers Robert Stuckert, Tyler Steele, and Adam Bieschke, who were separated by only five seconds.

Results

Collins, MO

Cannon Creek Enduro

AA 1. Steve Leivan (10) 2. Rusty Reynaud (10) 3. Steve Travis (12)
200 A 1. Rick Owens (21) 2. Darren Montgomery (24) 3. Brad Hilker (24)
250 A 1. Allen Haynes (12) 2. Jamie Jennings (16) 3. Jim Ingram (17)
Open A 1. Steve Underwood (25) 2. Jac Richmond (34) 3. Jim Brawner (38)
Int A 1. Steve Fow (17) 2. Bart Williams (19) 3. Kevin Harman (21)
SR A 1. Bud Bieschke (24) 2. Rockey Weaver (32) 3. Bob Morlang (34)
SUP SEN A 1. Charlie Burk (8) 2. Darrell Judy (10) 3. Dane Marable (14)
4-STROKE A 1. Kevin Boyle (21) 2. Darren Jerome (31) 3. Jeff Shen (DNF)
SPORTSMAN A 1. Randy Presthus (5) 2. Terry West (6) 3. Tom Hill (8)
YOUTH A 1. Matt Coffin (11) 2. Jared Jackson (13) 3. Jason Harmon (23)
200 B 1. Dale Rector Jr. (11) 2. Robert Schmit (15) 3. Jon Welsh (16)
250 B 1. James Eliff (8) 2. Slade Morlang (10) 3. David Gerbes (10)
OPEN B 1. Duane Rambo (13) 2. Jason Greco (65) 3. Michael Stevens (79)
Int B 1. Steve Udem (14) 2. Jon Simons (14) 3. Ron Pack (15)
SR B 1. Jim Willis (8) 2. Dennis Schel (13) 3. Tommy Johnson (18)
SUP SEN B 1. Dale Rector (31) 2. Jon Maupin (55)
YOUTH B 1. J. Weisenfels (7) 2. Chase Wilcox-Dunn (10) 3. Aaron Willis 12
200 C 1. Matt Glenn (6) 2. Robert Stuckert (9) 3. Tyler Steele (9)
250 C 1. Drew Chandler (5) 2. Dennis Lacey (6) 3. Dustin Jones (7)
OPEN C 1. Lonnie Thomas (8) 2. David Miller (12) 3. Jeff Lemay (21)
Int C 1. Dirk wilkinson (9) 2. Jack Lee (11) 3. Shawn Hall (12)
SR C 1. Randy Harmon (10) 2. Steve Gann (14) 3. Bob Harris (16)
WOMEN 1. Michely Eidam (24) 2. Rita Harmon (32) 3. Lisa Yother (33)
SUPER 55 1. Zahn Lewis (11) 2. Clarence Bonifacius (12) 3. Jim Letellier
(13)
4-STROKE SHORT 1. Mike Wylie (9) 2. Wayne crosby (11)

half lead, but was caught sleeping on the final lap by fellow Kawasaki rider Kevin Betts. Mittleberg was able to hold on to the lead position, three seconds ahead of Betts. The Junior class saw Colin Sheridan guide his Kawasaki to another win followed by Jesse Faulstich and Levi Rawson.

David Dillingham was the winner of the Open division, ahead of fellow big-bore KTM riders Dave Haworth and J.R. Hansen. In the Vet class, John Newberry took the win followed by Dave Jeffery and Bart Williams. Williams may have had the comeback of the day after completing lap one in 17th position due to a locking-up steering damper. After pitting to remove the device, Williams, made up almost three minutes and twenty seconds in the remaining five laps to finish third, 59 seconds behind winner Newberry.

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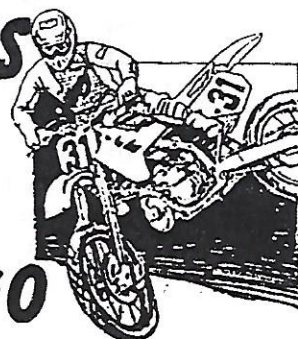
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AA 1. Chris Thiele (Kaw); 2. Leigh Letellier (KTM); 3. Chad Busenbark (Yam); 4. Doug Stone (Kaw); 5. Vincent Davis (Hon)

A 1. Tanner England (Hon); 2. Jeff Schneider (KTM); 3. Kevin Borts (Yam); 4. Mike Kruger (KTM); 5. Mike Windmann (KTM)

125 B 1. Derek Zinchuck (Yam); 2. Dale Rector (Yam); 3. Terry Meyer (Suz); 4. Nathan Gladback (Yam); 5. Brandon Stansbury (Hon)

200 B 1. Gary Mittelberg (Kaw); 2. Kevin Betts (Kaw); 3. Robert Armon (Kaw); 4. Matt Mannering (Kaw); 5. Jeremy Altis (Kaw)

250 B 1. Casey Haynes (Yam); 2. David Gerbes (Yam); 3. Ash Okorn (Hon); 4. Donnie Mathis (Hon); 5. Keith Griffin

250 C 1. David Taylor (Kaw); 2. Jake Bishop (Suz); 3. Nick Crawford (Yam); 4. Erbu Conner (Hus); 5. David Bless (Kaw)

Open B 1. David Dillingham (KTM); 2. Dave Haworth (KTM); 3. J.R. Hansen (KTM); 4. Rick Daubenspeck (Suz); 5. Robert Brake (Kaw)

4-Stroke B 1. Luis Castano (Hon); 2. Kevin Boyle (Hon); 3. Kerry Simpson (ATK); 4. Les Busenbark (Hon); 5. Brock Schlipp (Hon)

VET 1. John Newberry (KTM); 2. David Jeffery (KTM); 3. Bart Williams (KTM); 4. Dale Gulley (Yam); 5. Jerry McCasland (Suz)

SENIOR 1. Everett Shinault (Hon); 2. Jimmy Jones (Kaw); 3. Rocky Weaver (Hon); 4. Jim Yount (Hon); 5. Lee Cromwell (Hon)

SUP SENIOR 1. Eric Hansen (Hon); 2. Robert Caplinger (ATK); 3. Jim Letellier (KTM); 4. Jerry McComber (Hon); 5. Frank Leivan (Yam)

JUNIOR 1. Collin Sheridan (Kaw); 2. Jesse Faulstich (Kaw); 3. Levi Rawson (Yam); 4. John Mitalovich (Yam); 5. Zack Mayberry (Hon)

TRAIL RIDER 1. Tim Skinner (Yam); 2. Rodney Lyman (Hon); 3. Lyle Atkeisson (Hon); 4. Jeff Miller (Suz); 5. Kevin Hahn (Kaw)