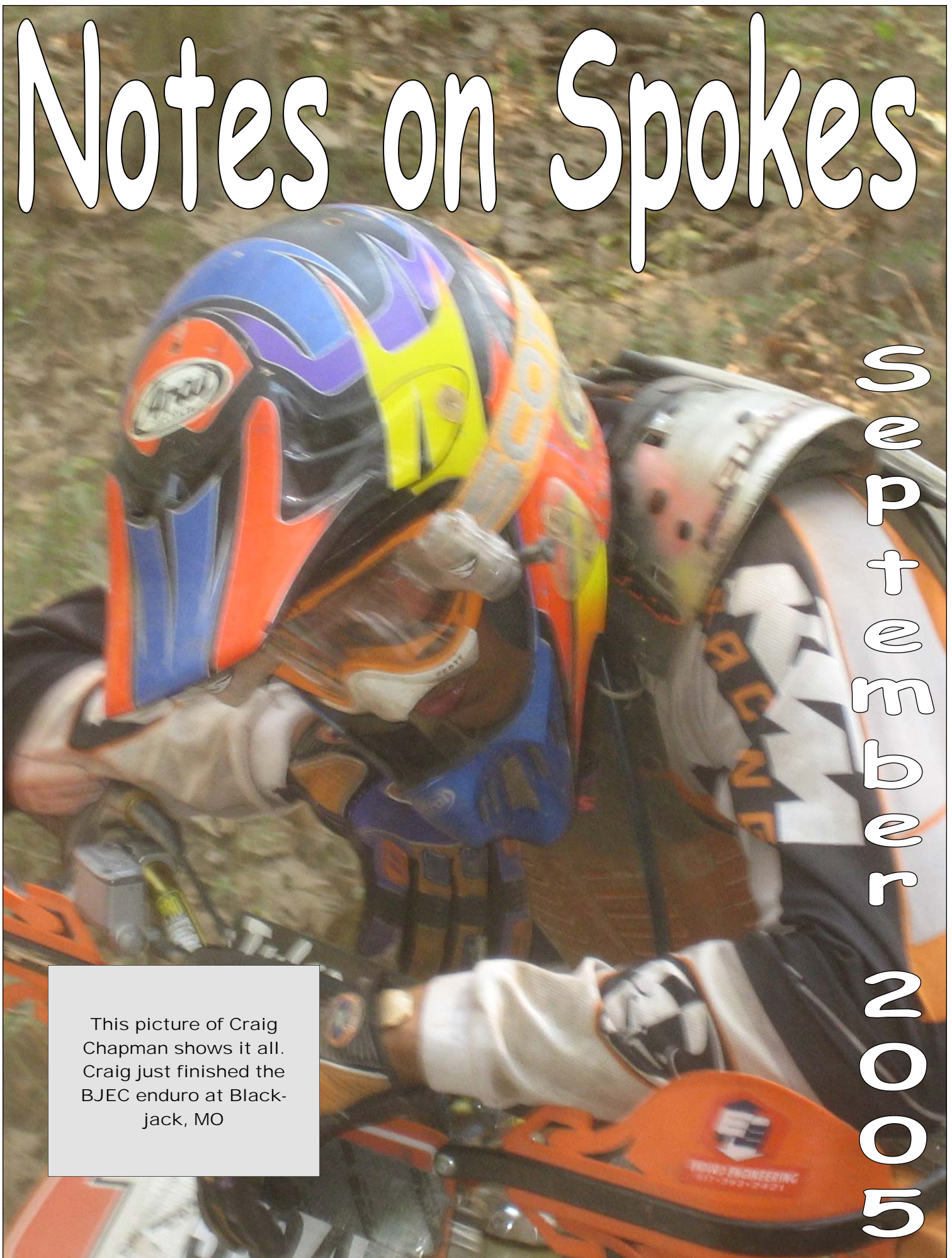


# Notes on Spokes

September 2005

This picture of Craig Chapman shows it all. Craig just finished the BJEC enduro at Black-jack, MO



# TID BITS

### LATE BREAKING NEWS!

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### OMTRA Bike Raffle

Check out page 11 of this issue for information on how to get raffle tickets for a TTR90.

### Congratulations:

A couple of weeks ago, Steve Leivan won his one hundredth Missouri Hare Scramble Championship race. Way to go.

### Hillbilly GP:

Folks, you've got just a few weeks to get ready for the first HBGP of the season on October 8th and 9th at Thayer, MO. It

looks like something new is going to be added to the event, a women's race. It's going to be held on the Pee Wee course after the second bike moto. It should be fun.

### Hardwood Enduro:

The Blackjack Enduro Circuit season is winding down. The Hardwood Enduro is coming along well. If you were one of those folks who were all mad because the course was so tough and swore you would never come back, please do. First off, we really need the entry fees to keep this event happening. Second, we've had one more year to learn Bull Creek. We worked really hard to avoid any bad hills on the Extra Short Course. If you know the Ozarks, this is quite a chore. The Short Course will be challenging, but with a few more resets and a couple of really challenging trails replaced with a couple of more open trails with less elevation changes. Long course riders, you get all the Ozarks has to offer. A note to all riders, Karl Harris has been leading bands of workers on foot on the trails having them kick the loose rocks off the trail. I kid you not. Will all the rocks be removed from the trail — come on, this is the Ozarks.

This month's OMTRA meeting, September 21st, will be a plan-  
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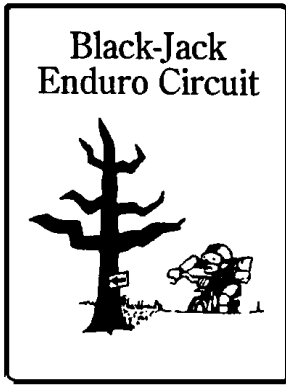
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**GATE FEE:** This event is being held on private land. All riders and spectators will have to pay a \$5.00 gate fee.

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# BLACKJACK

By Bob Fuerst

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the ninth race of the Blackjack Enduro Circuit season was held at a new location, Blackjack, MO. Yes, the name of the town is called Blackjack. If you can call it a town, with four houses and a church. Brian Jahelka, BJEC scoring chairman and webmaster, was contacted about the 4,000 acre ranch the spring of this year. The landowners were open and willing to have an enduro on the property. They have long term plans to set up a campground and OHV trail system. Brian, and anyone that would help, set about cutting trails like crazy. Everyone commented that they could tell how much work had gone into the trails. Not only were the trails cut and well marked, but also well broken in.

The one thing Brian couldn't control, the weather, didn't really cooperate. There was a definite lack of rain and plenty of dust. Hotter than normal temperatures for the month of September didn't help either.

I showed up Friday afternoon, set up camp and a couple of hours later, Kevin and Kole Henslee joined me. Our plan was



Eventual overall winner Steve Leivan gets his score card marked at the first check.

to ride the course Saturday as guinea pigs and see if there were any problems or areas where we had questions. But first, we had to check out the dinner at Smith's restaurant in Collins.

We had no problems with the course on Saturday. The mile markers were all right on. The corners and intersections were well marked.

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We received our check assignments for Sunday. We would be the first check on the trail on all three loops.

Terry Brumley and Greg West joined us on the check crew Sunday morning.

Eight-time BJEC Circuit Champion Steve Leivan changed his usual strategy of riding on the back row for a slot on the front row, due to the dust. He would be the only rider riding dust – free. Everyone else was riding in a cloud of dust all day.

The funniest thing that happened all day happened toward the end of the first loop. A young rider on a KTM 65 caught another rider on a full size bike in our check. The full size bike takes off in front, only to stall it in a tight corner a few yards down the trail. Then, we hear the KTM 65 rider yell, “Move it!” I don’t know who he was, but watch out in a few years.

Our check was the first check on the loop at 3 miles from the start. It was followed by eight miles of single track before the second check. The test started out with a 15 mph speed average and jumped to 18 at 5.5 miles. It was doable by all the faster riders. Many of the senior riders I compete with were dropping 1 or 2 points at check out.

This was followed by a short transport section leading to the grass track. The start of the grass track was a known control, which

means you can get there up to 15 minutes early, but you have to wait for your minute to take off. The speed average jumped to 48 mph through the 3.2 grass track. No one could maintain 48 mph on the grass track. The promoters did something special by putting a radar gun and display on the long straight away so the riders could see their top speed.



**Zack Bryant slowly comes into the first check on the long course.**

Leigh Letellier set the fastest time through the test, dropping only 1 minute and 76 tie breaker points. It would be Leigh’s claim to fame for the day, a flat tire would take him out for the day on the second loop.

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There was five minutes of free time to get the riders back on time after the grass track. The final check on the first loop was a time keeper back at the end of the loop, about 6.5 miles later.

For the second loop, riders would follow the same trail, only going much faster this time.

The speed average was 21 miles per hour. Our check was again three miles into the loop at the 33 mile mark this time. The A and AA riders were able to get to the check in on time. Many of the other riders dropped points at the check in. The check out was 12 miles later, about 4 more miles then the first loop.

Steve Leivan posted a tough score to beat, dropping one minute and 89 tie breaker points. Walker Luedtke kept Steve honest with 2 points and 145 tie breakers for the second fastest time through the test.

After the special test, the speed average dropped to 13 mph. There was also 20 minutes of free time to get riders back on time. The trail was also very scenic. At one point, it took riders under a big overhang, it was like riding through a cave. Brian put a short reset at the top of big overlook, giving riders a chance to look at some great Missouri scenery. A short time later, the riders were back at the grass track to give it another shot.

The grass track worked the same way this time around. But



**John Myrin leads Jon "Spud" Simons into the last check. Just look at the dust.**

after the grass track there was no 5 minutes of free time after the test. The fast guys could get back on time, but the rest of the riders didn't.

The short course riders were finished. Tom Eidam topped all senior short course riders, dropping 13 points. Earl Schnell was second with 18 points. First-time enduro rider Malcolm Wood finished third, dropping 20 points and 835 tie-breaker points. David Wormington and Jerry Hoffman finished ONE second apart. Both dropped 20 points, Wormington had 913 tie-breaker points and Hoffman had 914!

In the C class, it was John Newberry and Ryan Southard dropping 20 points. Newberry took the win with 726 tie-breaker points to Southards' 869. Robert Hicks, Travis Bullcock and John Moore finished fourth, fifth and sixth with 22, 24 and 26 points respectively.

Our check crew moved for the third loop. Brian added about a mile of single track to the beginning of the of the first test. And he moved the check out about four miles down the trail, making a 17-mile special test. This section had overall winner Leivan dropping nine points and second overall Luedtke dropped 10 points. The B riders dropped points in a wholesale fashion through this test. Ryan Rolleder, overall B winner, dropped 18 points.

The third loop would skip the grass track. I personally didn't get to ride this last special test, but I heard that there were a couple drop offs that riders had to go down on the gas, or go over the bars. Leivan again topped all riders, dropping seven in this section, with Luedtke following with an eight.

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**It's time for the start of the Pee Wee race.**

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Leivan would finish the day with 20 points and Luedtke followed with 25 points.

Andrew Smith would top all A riders and finish third overall, dropping 31 points.

Johnny Rhodes finished third AA and fourth overall with 36 points. Zack Bryant battled computer problems all day to finish second A rider and fifth overall. *OK, they were self-inflicted computer problems.*

It was a very good, well-run event. Everyone I talked to had fun. Darn dust.



**On Saturday, the Pee Wee event got everyone's attention. I'm not sure who all the riders were, but they sure had fun.**

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ning session for the enduro. We need to get the workers lined up and a few remaining tasks assigned. Is Admiral Blue Water out there?

### Race Reports:

Wow, there were a lot of races this past week end, September 17th and 18th. The MHSC race at Bixby was attended by many OMTRA members. I got this report from Mike Davis: "It was a mud fest with 6 hours of downpour on Sunday morning. Walking in the pits was even getting to be a little challenging. It was kinda like a soup and not a gumbo-type mud, so from what I saw forward motion wasn't a problem but cornering stability was hard to come by! The sun did come out by the time the race started. And the course was 15 miles in length!"

Aaron Shaw won the race with Caleb Wohletz in second and Steve Leivan in third. OMTRA members did pretty well with Zack Bryant finishing 7th overall and second in the A- Intermediate class. Shane Roberts 10th overall and won the A-Sportsman. Elston Moore was 19th overall and second in the Senior class. According to Mike, he believes Elston wrapped up the Senior class championship. Donna Moore picked up a second in the Women's class. Aaron "Chili" Roberts picked up a third in the Vet class. About 130 racers played in the mud in Bixby.

The Kansas Forward Motion hare scramble was held at Blackjack, MO, the same location as the week's prior BJEC race. And the weather was the same as the MHSC race at Bixby. Even though this was the race closest to Springfield, MO, I don't think any OMTRA riders attended. Leigh Leteller won by two and a half minutes over Mitchell Moore. In third overall was Steve Drewlo. About 100 riders were at this one and the course length about 12 miles.

The Arkansas Hare Scramble Championship Series had a race just over the Missouri line in Harrison, AR, drawing several OMTRA riders to it. With rain on Saturday, it left the 8.3 mile course a little slick in places and a little dusty in places, according to my other ace pit reporter, Kevin Henslee.

It looks like 91 riders made this race. Clint Carr took the overall with Matt Crouch and Eli Johnson following.

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## 2005 BJEC Schedule

[www.BlackJackEnduro.com](http://www.BlackJackEnduro.com)

- 9/25/05 — Indian Nations, Scipio, OK
- 10/23/05 — Hardwood, Walnut Shade, MO
- 11/6/05 — Red River, Bulcher, TX

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- Nov. 5-6 Loaiza Dairy Farms, Westphalia
- Dec. 3-4 Mile High, Seymour
- Dec.17-18 Bull Creek, Walnut Shade  
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- Jan. 7-8 Century Farms, Richland
- Jan.28-29 Black Jack Ranch, Collins
- Feb.11-12 Hillbilly Hwys, Highlandville
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- 10/1-2/05 — Decatur
- 10/22-23/05 — Ozark
- 11/12-13/05 — Goshen
- 11/26-27/05 — Fort Smith



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For the OMTRA riders, it was Kreg Simons with 6th overall and second in the A Open class. Dwayne Miekley was 7th overall and 2nd in the A-Senior class. Steve Underwood picked up a 3rd in the A-Senior class. Nick Stine picked up a second in the B-Senior class. Kole Henslee came home with a tweaked neck. Ouch. Fortunately, no serious damage.

One more race, the Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association (OCCRA) had the Talihina GP. It was a little like the Elisimore GP of old. It started in town. I read somewhere there

were 300 riders. OMTRA President Shane Martin and family (who are from Oklahoma) made the trip down. I did read they had vehicle troubles and didn't get home until 3 am. Maybe I can get a full report for next month.

**A reminder:** This is the last year I'm going to do Notes on Spokes. If you know of anyone interested in continuing the newsletter, please have them contact me. Thanks.

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