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"Notes on Spokes"

A NEWSLETTER Serving Local Off-Road News

"We" lose a friend.

Kristi Treadwell

January 9, 1964-May 6, 1997

This months issue starts out on a somber note due to the passing of a friend.

Kristi Treadwell left us on 6 May, 1997 at the age of 33. Each and every one of us will feel the loss, a hole in our ranks that will be very hard to fill.

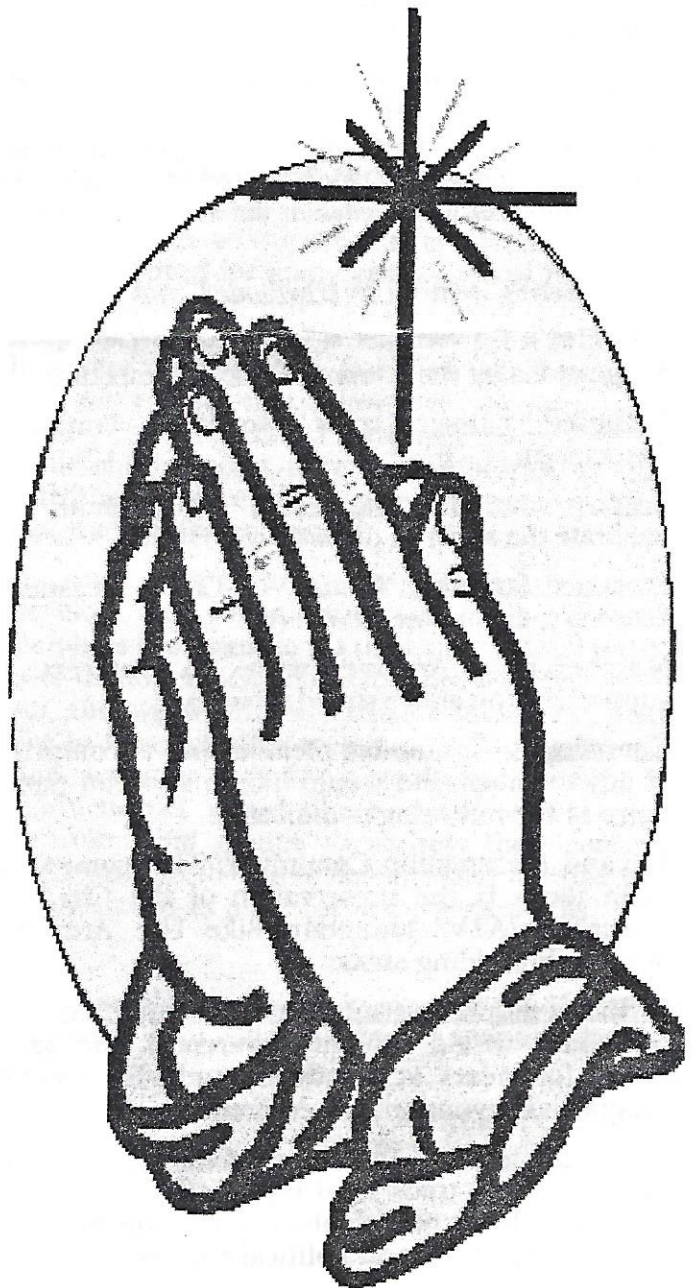
You probably know Kristi even though you may not think so. She was a major influence on Black Jack Enduro Circuit scoring, along with Billy her husband, over the last several years. Ran scoring at the Stillwater Oklahoma enduro along with many other tasks. Was the person you woke up when you pounded on Billys trailer at events in the wee hours of the morning . . . looking for your new membership number.

She was many things to many people. To me . . . she was a friend. As BJEC Chairman, I would call for Billy over some scoring thing and end up talking over problems with Kristi. Her human insight and political correctness were invaluable in tense situations. Level headed, down to earth, and above all . . . "real people."

The hundreds of people at the funeral on 9 May in Stillwater were only a fraction of the people she knew.

I feel her loss as a friend but we will all feel the loss as a wonderful supporter of off-road activities, particularly enduros. We will miss her smile, her face at resets, and the memory of her on her little Honda 4 stroke.

She may be gone but her memory rests in each of us from this time forward. It is a good memory. A memory worth keeping with us . . . forever.



NEW Off-Road Club Formed!

OZARK MOUNTAIN TRAILRIDERS ASSOCIATION

OMTA

I thought it would be fitting to catch those of you who were unable to attend . . . up to-date.

The first meeting to consider formation of a local club was held at Yarbrough's Machine in Springfield on 17 April. I was decided that a "steering committee" would be formed to look at several issues and determine what was needed at the next meeting on 15 May.

That meeting went off as scheduled, and here's what happened:

Suggestions by the committee for this meeting.

Proposed name: Ozark Mountain Trailriders Association.

Proposed mission Statement: To promote and facilitate the sport of off-road recreation.

Proposed Structure: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Chairs (6).

Membership: Anyone with an interest in supporting the above-stated mission.

Committees: Committee membership is comprised of any member who would like to serve on one or more of the following committees.

1. Land Preservation Committee: This committee's main focus is the preservation of the Chadwick Motorcycle/ATV/ Mountain Bike Use Area and other public riding areas.

2. Rider Awareness and Safety Committee: This committee would promote awareness and safety issues for riders at Chadwick and also sponsor programs for youth in the community.

3. Legal and Legislation Committee: This committee will track legal issues affecting off-road riding and focus on establishing relationships with Federal, State and local political entities.

4. Competition Events Committee: This committee will plan and promote racing events to serve as fund-raisers for association priorities.

5. Social Events Committee: This committee would focus on planning and promoting social functions for the entire membership and their families.

6. Communications, Marketing and Public Relations Committee: This committee would coordinate all communication among the membership and plan marketing and public relations efforts to promote the Ozark Mountain Trailriders Association within the surrounding Community.

Minutes from the May 15th meeting as told by eventual Secretary, Bob Fuerst:

On May 15, 1997 the second meeting of the new off-road riding organization met at Yarbrough's machine. Shawn Hall took the floor and brought everybody up to date on the brief history of the new group, including last month's meeting and the meeting of the organizational committee, which consisted of Shawn Hall, Kevin James, Cliff Davis, Casey Haynes, and Bob Fuerst. Cliff had typed up the suggestions from the Organizational Committee and passed out copies. Thanks Cliff.

Everyone in attendance agreed with the proposed mission statement: to promote and facilitate the sport of off-road recreation.

The next order of business was to elect the steering committee. (Jon Simons suggested it be called the steering damper committee. We're going to hold on to that idea, in the pursuit of cooperate sponsorship.) Shawn did not run fast enough and was elected Chair. Rusty Reynaud

was elected Vice Chair. (Some of you know Rusty was out in Las Vegas for the Supercross, but the steering committee approached him before he left and asked if he would accept if nominated. We didn't just say, "OK, who isn't here? Let's nominate him.")

Donna Moore was elected Treasurer. (She kept saying, "Show me the money," it just seemed to come natural.) Bob Fuerst was elected Secretary. (Since I am writing this, I'll leave out any snide comments. It's a power thing.)

The steering committee will also consist of six committee chairs. The six committees and their chairs are:

Land Preservation Committee: Larry Scharnhorst.

Rider Awareness and Safety Committee: Vacant (any Volunteers?)

Legal and Legislation Committee: Cliff Davis.

Competition Events Committee: Casey Haynes.

Socail Events Committee: Randall Mathis.

Comminications, marketing and Public Relations Committee: Randy Presthus.

Final discussion focused on the name of this new group. The steering committee proposed the name, "Ozark Mountain Trailriders Association." After some discussion, it was agreed that this name represented the scope of the new organization. It stands for the different areas the committees cover.

Our initial membership rolls have 47 individuals and families. The dues for the remainder of 1997 are \$10.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for families.

I would like to point out that you can be a member without attending any of these meetings if the times conflict with your schedule. Any of the officers can direct you if you would like to join and support this cause. You may contact Shawn Hall @ 417 581-4046, Bob Fuerst 417 694-5202, or this Newsletter @ 417 345-6211. Your membership dues will go along way toward supporting this effort, and getting this organization off the ground.

The next meeting is shedualed for June 19th again at Yarbrough's Machine in Springfield, Missouri. ALL are welcome. Plan to be there at 7:00 PM.

We also "cornered" the new Chairman of this organization and asked him for his thoughts on the club, it's short term direction, long term direction and it's future. The next column has that.

A few rambling thoughts from the Chairman:

The Ozark Mountain Trail Riders have begun to take shape. I am honored to have been elected chairman of this new club. Randy asked me to take a few minutes to inform all of the club members and other subscribers of this newsletter of my vision for this new organization. I have spent some time talking to a number of other club members of very successful clubs in neighboring states. I have asked them for hints on what makes a club successful. They all agree, it takes the effort of more than just a few. Everybody must pitch in and do their part. I have been told that there have been a number of clubs in this area that have folded up within just a few months or years. It is my plan to have this club make a difference in this area for many years in the future. That leads into my main reason for wanting to get involved in this effort. I am the father of 4 children. Three of them are boys that love the out of doors and love to ride in the woods. (My daughter has no interest in getting dirty. Oh well, three out of four isn't too bad.) I want to do what ever I can to make sure that they have an opportunity to do the things that I have enjoyed for many years. One of the reasons that I continue to ride, is that I want to be able to keep up with my boys when they get a little older. It is very difficult for a father of teen age boys to find an activity that allows you to spend some quality time together. I have met many men with adult children that have related stories of riding with their children when they were young. I want that tradition to continue.

My short term focus for the club is to start slow. Develop an organization of truly interested members that want to do their part. I don't want to take on too much too fast. This will cause burn out and we will loose valuable members. I would like to have monthly meetings and carefully select club activities that are a good mix of fun, and production. I would like to work with the local environmental groups to address their concerns. and work together to make sure that the Chadwick riding area is in place for many generations.

If you would like to know more about The Ozark Mountain Trail Riders, come to our next meeting on June 19.

See you at Chadwick

Shawn

LEAD BELT ENDURO!

Travis Survives, to Win Lead Belt Enduro, By Shawn Hall

On Sunday, May 18 the Lead Belt Enduro was held at St. Joe State Park in southeastern Missouri. Very dry and dusty conditions greeted the riders as they arrived at the riding area on Saturday afternoon. About 9:00pm a thunderstorm rolled in and dropped 3" of rain on the course. The riders were greeted Sunday morning with a muggy, but otherwise perfect riding day. The course was very tight and technical. The short course was around 42 ground miles, the long course was the same loop at higher speed averages. The difficulty of the course was doubled by the overnight rain. A number of deep muddy ruts and slippery rocks were bad enough, but whoever put the axle grease on the trail should be shot!

The overall winner was partly determined Saturday night. It is reported that the BJEC points leader, Steve Leivan made an error programming his computer that rendered it useless for most of the day. Steve Travis from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma survived a sheered off rear brake lever and grueling conditions to take the overall win. Steve Leivan was second, followed by Vince Davis, Jamie Jennings and Kevin Borts rounding out the top five.

Final Results:

Overall: 1. Steve Travis (Hon) 2. Steve Leivan (Yam) 3. Vince Davis (Hon) 4. Jamie Jennings (Yam) 5. Kevin Borts (Yam)

AA: 1. Steve Travis (Hon) 2. Steve Leivan (Yam) 3. Vince Davis (Hon)

A-Open: 1. Kevin Boyle (Hon) 2. Leo Koch(KTM) 3. Tim Farrell(Husk)

A-250: 1. Jamie Jennings (Yam) 2. Mike Windman (KTM) 3. Mark Kendall(KTM)

A-200: 1. Rick Owens(Kaw) 2. Tony McCall (Kaw) 3. Darin Montgomery (Kaw)

A-Int: 1. Kevin Borts(Yam) 2. Dave Berry(Hon) 3. Kreg Simons(Yam)

4 Stk Lng: 1. John Yarnell (Hon) 2. Billy Proffitt (Hon) 3. Jon Yarbrough (Hon)

A-Senior: 1. Kenny Willaims (KTM) 2. Al Hejlek (Kaw) 3. Ron Shreve (Yam)

B-200: 1. Matt Glenn (Hon) 2. Tyler Steele (Kaw) 3. Janson Dukes (Kaw)

B-250: 1. Slade Morlang (Yam) 2. David Tyler (KTM) 3. Kerry Green (Suz)

B-Open: 1. Danny Crawford (Hon) 2. Dale Willis (KTM) 3. David Miller(KTM)

B- Int: 1. Rick Helmick(Hon) 2. Jon Simons (Yam) 3. Keith Kibert (Yam)

A-Sport: 1. Dave Kiesow (Husk) 2. Larry Emge (KTM) 3. Bob Diffie (Hon)

A-Sup Sen: 1. Jack Shoalmire (Kaw) 2. Lee Glenn(Hon) 3. Bob Pike (Suz)

B-Sen: 1. Jim Willis (Kaw) 2. Lee Moffett (Hon) 3. Bill Dorn(Kaw)

B-Sup Sen: 1. Randy Harmon(Hon) 2. Martin Willems(Kaw) 3. Dennis Schell(Hon)

C- Senior: 1. Les Blizzard(KTM) 2. Mark Handford(Suz) 3. Andy Carrier (Suz)

Super 55: 1. Charlie Burk(Kaw) 2. Clarence Bonifacious (Suz) 3. Zahn Lewis(Hon)

4 Stk Sht: 1. Vince Kieson(Hon) 2. Scott Alexander(Hon) 3. Jay Schafler(Hon)

C-200: 1. Mike Climer(Kaw) 2. Doug Wittman(Kaw) 3. Mark Kendall(Kaw)

C-250: 1. Kurt Danzy(KTM) 2. Weston Bair(Yam) 3. Dustin Jones(Hon)

C-Open: 1. Tony Kirkup(KTM) 2. Jeff Lemay(Husk) 3. Walt Traywick(KTM)

C-Int: 1. Tim Carr(Suz) 2. Brian Selk(Kaw) 3. Shawn Hall(KTM)

A-Youth: 1. Dan Chase(Kaw) 2. Jeremy Tipton(Hon) 3. Arron Willis(Kaw)

B-Youth: 1. Clint Gann(Kaw) 2. Clint Carr(Hon) 3. Cody Lewis(Hon)

Women: 1. Susan Roy(Hon) 2. Rita Harmon(Hon) 3. Rebecca Jackson(Kaw)

Leivan Attacks Alton HS

Alton, MO. April 27th

By Frank Leivan

For the second week in a row, and the third time this season, Yamaha rider Steve Leivan took an overall victory in the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship. This one was round four of the 15 race series, held near Alton and promoted by the Crowley's Ridge Dirt Riders. The Club laid out a 5.5 mile course that became whooped and rutted as the race went on but stayed "bottleneck-free." It was also an excellent specator course since many different areas of the trail could be seen from the pits.

From the start, Leivan had nowhere to go but frontwards since he first three-kicked and then promptly went down all alone in turn number one. The early leader was Honda rider Chris Graber with Rusty Reynaud and ATK mounted Chris Caplinger in tow. Leivan would make it to sixth by the conclusion of lap one. The front pack would stay somewhat close together for the first half of the race. Graber started to fade at the mid-point of the race with arm pump and at about the same time, Reynaud started having rear brake problems. The running order after five laps saw Busenbark leading by four seconds over Caplinger, who in turn had four seconds on Leivan. Ken Yount was fourth, 55 seconds back.

Lap six saw Caplinger take the lead but fall near the end of the lap, allowing both Busenbark and Leivan to pass. Caplinger would regroup and move right back into contention and complete the lap just three seconds behind the leading Busenbark with Leivan sandwiched in between. Lap seven saw the trio holding their positions and working their way through the lapped traffic, with no position changes.

Leivan would make his move on lap number eight on an obviously tiring Busenbark. "I saw him reach for his Camelbak in kind of a rough section and then right after that he kinda got held up by a lapper. I saw the opportunity, so I shot to the inside and we made a little contact and I took the lead." Leivan said. Both riders stayed up and there were no hard feelings. Busenbark stated, "I woulda done the same thing, but if I had it to do over again, I don't think I would have let off."

When the riders finished, what they assumed was the final lap, they were greeted with a pit board that stated, "one more lap." The leading trio had

come in just a few seconds shy of the two hour mark, so there would be one more last lap dash to the finish. Leivan was able to pick up the pace slightly and pull out to a 27 second advantage taking the win on his Surdyke Motosports/Answer/Silkolene/Scott/Sprocket Specialists/Summers Racing Components/RK Chain/NGK/Flatland RACING/Pro-Action/Fredette Racing/FMF/Acerbis/Dunlop/Camelbak sponsored WR 250. Caplinger managed to get around Busenbark to claim the number two position and Yount and KTM rider Allen Haynes would fill out the top five.

The 125 B class saw Nathan Gladback lead Justin Meyers by a handful of seconds for seven laps. Gladback would make a last lap stop for fuel allowing Meyers to close the gap, make the pass, and take the win by a small margin. Third place went to Shawn Sanders followed by Andy Laplante and Mike Stout. The Super Senior class also went down to the wire after a minimum of four lead changes. In the end Kawasaki mounted Bob Jones would take the top spot by 14 seconds over the Yamaha of Frank Leivan, who would finish only five seconds ahead of Rick Carpenter. The old men still know how to put on a show.

O/A-Steve Leivan, Chris Caplinger, Chad Busenbark, Ken Yount, Allen haynes.

AA-Chris Caplinger, Chad Busenbark, Ken Yount, Allen Haynes, Rusty Reynaud.

A-Jamie Jennings, Matthew Pursley, Chris Nesbitt, Kevin Boyle, David Gerbes.

125 B-Justin Meyers, Nathan Gladback, Shawn Sanders, Andy Laplante, Mike Stout.

200 B-Dustin Wisecup, Brian Selk, Robert Armon, Robert Kelly, Jesse Faulstick.

250 B-Kevin Betts, Chris Goodall, Gavin Hunt, Geoff Thorson, Donnie Mathis.

Open B-Chris Sloan, Tom Prenger, JR Hanson, John Newberry, Ryan Wuebbeling.

4 Stroke-Les Busenbark, Neal Vanway, John Yarnell, Joseph Armon, Cornell Porter.

Vet-Jon Simons, Dale Gulley, Kreg Simons, Everett Shinault, Roger Struckoff.

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

Super Senior-Bob Jones, Frank Leivan, Rick Carpenter, Carl Donelson, Brock Yarnell.

Junior-Levi Rawson, Brandon Forrester, Robert Duncan, Michael Hulsey, Zack Mabery.

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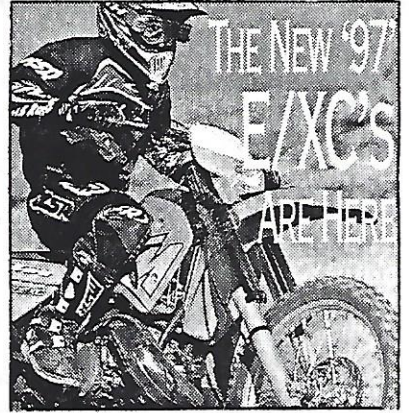


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"Tid-Bits"

by "Spud" Simons

Sound Bites of the Off-Road

Flat River Hare Scramble: Good event . . . Muddy!

Jamie: "Hey man, do ya got an extra carboreater for a YZ?"

Casey: Got an Answer Gear Deal, "Can you help me put my goggles together?"

Dumplin: "Think I'll ride Intermediate today."

Jamie: Post race, "I think I'll buy a WR."

Kirby Enduro: Good event . . . Muddy!

. . . "Do you have any spare brake pads?" (KTM boys)

Spud: "Can you help me program my computer . . . I've never done it."

Karl: "Hey Spuds can you help me program my computer?"

NOTE: To all to tight to get a motel, Ya gotta be shorter than short to sleep sideways in an Astro Van.

White Rock Enduro: Great weather, cool trail, what there was of it, scary speeds on two-tracks.

Underwood: Prerace "Got any extra batterys for Rustys computer?"

Rusty: First ride on new KTM, "I felt pretty good on it," . . . Rusty Overalled the event.

Dumplin: "I rode like crap!" He won his class.

Elston: "I think I just landed wrong," . . . broken arm. Four hours later back at camp . . . "Got any beer?"

Muskogee Enduro: 3 miles mud bog, 3 miles cool trail, 3 loops.

"I had some good lines out there!"

Dale Willis: "Did anybody else miss that first check?"

Leivan: Post race, "Not much to say."

Casey Haynes: "Couple more cart-wheels, I'm getting good at them!"

Frank Leivan: Post banquet, passes on Stag, gets import beer . . . getting trendy? ? ? ?

Cole Camp HS: 5.5 mile of Moon Rocks . . . Good course!

Casey Haynes: "Don't know, I wasn't going that fast . . . (broken arm) . . . needs to learn how to tuck and roll?"

Leivan: Post Race . . . Happy.

Goodall: Strange woman situation going on?

The VAN: You can fit 8 people, 4 coolers, 3 bikes & gear in an Astro Van. . . but you gotta want to!

Karl & Melissa: "Think we'll get some BBQ sandwichs to go."

Karl & Melissa: Forgets BBQ on counter . . . 3days later UPS delivers sandwichs . . . compliments of the crew!

Alton HS: Good course, two track, rough.

Goodall: Situation straightened out.

Rusty: "Don't know, I think I was thinking too much."

Allen Haynes: "had a pretty good day, BEAT RUSTY! Did I mention that I BEAT RUSTY!!!!!"

Leivan: "Who needs 4th gear?" . . . he overalled.

Spuds: "Tried to get dead engine start tips from Leivan."

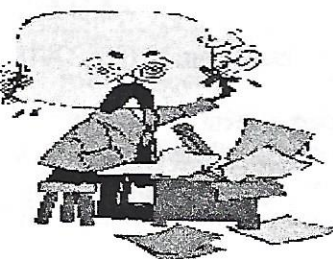
Leivan: Again . . . not much to say.

Spuds: "I think I'll ask Caplinger, his start tricks."

Karl: Getting close to wimp status . . . gets motel, might as well pull a 3-rail trailer!

Spuds gives me this. I'm typing along chuckling at most of the stories (you can bet theres a story behind each of them) until the end. At the end Spuds has this disclaimer (after I've typed all this in) that says: "All spelling, and/or, if you're pissed off about one of the storys -It ain't affecting me"- That's Randys department." What is that?

Sorry Spuds . . . you write'm . . . you get credit for them. NOW: The storys or opinions printed in this Newsletter are not neccessarily presented as fact . . . nor are they the opinion of this newsletter . . . nor you get the picture. Good luck Spuds!!!!!!



**Spuds
Speaks
I think?**

More . . . "Tid-Bits"

Casey Haynes . . . on Thank You's Casey asked that we put in a special "Thank You" from him for all the calls and visits after his broken arm. Caseys quote: "I can't wait to get well so I can smoke all those guys again! ha! ha!" You're welcome Casey. Let the phones ring . . . "You're going to smoke who?"

Action Cycle We ran a page last month commemorating Action Cycles 25 years in the business. Apparently a few names and thank you's got missed. Folks that got left out but Mel wants to thank are: MARK SHARP, MATT STRINGHAM, DOUG MEYER, WENDY ANDERSON. Current volunteers/workers/employees include: DENNIS TOMLIN, and PETE BECKERS.

Supercross! This will be old news by the time we get to print but Jeff Emig wins his first SX title! He was slightly upstaged when DOUG HENRY took his prototype YAMAHA 4-STROKE TO THE MAIN EVENT WIN! Does this mean 4-strokes are here? I wouldn't bet against it!

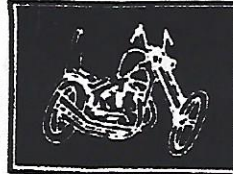
More Supercross We screwed up! Actually we missed talking about a current supercross star! TYLER WAYT (Larry Wayt's son) rode in the KTM Challenge Supercross race at Indy and got a third! Way to go Tyler! Tyler IS THE ONLY "LOCAL" SUPERCROSS HERO WE HAVE!"

More BJEC Banquet News We discussed that last month also and missed (actually the computer "swallowed" a page too late to fix before printing) talking about the Black Jack Enduro Circuits, ENDURO OF THE YEAR award which went to CANNON CREEK at COLLINS MISSOURI! That event is Max Harkey and a ton of local guys. Way to go!

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Article by: Cliff Davis

Several years ago, a privateer motocross racer secured Surf Detergent as his primary sponsor. To my knowledge, that was the first real attempt at getting an outside sponsorship other than motorcycle accessories for motocross racers and teams. Along the way, other racers and race teams attempted to do the same with mixed results. For a short time, Ron Lechien, got a Ford Truck sponsorship after he lost his factory ride. However it wasn't until Pro Circuit Racing teamed up with Honda and Peak Antifreeze and then later teamed up with Kawasaki and Splitfire did a real outside sponsorship exist. Later, Noleen Racing teamed up with the Sizzler Restaurants as one of their sponsors. The big one came a couple of years ago, when Honda secured 1-800-COLLECT to sponsor their team. Jeremy McGrath then took it a step further this year by getting 1-800-COLLECT to sponsor his team, not the manufacturer.

Did you begin using Surf Detergent when they sponsored the privateer? Did you buy Peak Antifreeze and Splitfire Plugs when they sponsored Pro Circuit? Did you choose Sizzler over Bonanza? Did you change your long-distance carrier to MCI when 1-800-COLLECT picked up Honda? Do you see a direct relationship to your supporting an outside sponsor and the cost of your new dirt bike? Well, we all ought to be supporting these sponsors and here is why.

If you are familiar with NASCAR, you will similarities between how its race programs are funded and what Pro Circuit, Noleen, Kawasaki, Honda, and Jeremy has done. This trend could very well be the biggest thing to happen to off-road riding enthusiasts in a long time. You see, NASCAR, Formula One and the Superbike Series figured out that the manufacturers could not afford to provide all the funding for the racing teams so outside sponsors were solicited. Motocross needs, and wants, to get to that point. However, it needs our help.

Before another big name company decides to sponsor a motocross team, they will research how much return on investment it can expect. Remember, if the company cannot recoup its investment plus make additional profit, it will not get into the motocross sponsorship business. So when that company approaches MCI and asks them if it was worth it, let us hope MCI says yes.

Hopefully MCI will have experienced an increase in business because you and your friends did switch and they will tell the company to do it.

OK, so you understand why motocross needs outside sponsorship but don't understand what is in it for you . . . bottom line, if someone else is funding the race program instead of the manufacturer, then the manufacturer no longer has to build the cost of racing into the price of the motorcycle. Does this mean that the cost of motorcycles will go down? Of course not. But it might mean that the cost of motorcycles will not increase in cost as much as they do now. It doesn't even matter if you only ride used bikes, since the cost of new bikes directly affect the cost of your used bike. It affects you even if you only ride hare scrambles or enduros and not motocross.

The best part is that the sponsors will probably be providing services you use anyway . . . like long distance telephone service. Your only decision is whether to use the sponsors service or their competitors. Until the competitor steps up to the table and begins supporting your sport, your decision is made easy! So if you are not already with MCI, when are you going to switch? Not only will it help your sport, but every once and awhile you can call your mom on Sundays for free. Can't beat that deal! By the way, I still use Surf Detergent and Peak Antifreeze!
Cliff Davis

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It's also appropriate to restate our goals. This letter started in an effort to establish a information tool for riders of all types that were interested in Chadwick and riding opportunities in the Ozarks. I am a little closer to that goal as I see a new club being formed for that express purpose. YOU need to belong! We all do. It's one way to insure the preservation of our sport.

Another area of concern is your input. We encourage your input to this letter. You may notice that this issue has a couple of spots sent in by readers. We appreciate them offering their insight on issues and encourage you to do the same. If it affects off-road opportunities in our area . . . we need to hear it and share it with others. I am sure you get tired of my ramblings. Send in your stuff! This letter is not about me or any one person or business. It is for us all. Hopefully we present light-hearted things in the stupidest way possible and serious things with the respect they deserve.

the Editor



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