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Steve Underwood time-keeping across the creek at the end of the White Rock Enduro.



TID BITS

Chili Roberts, Shane Roberts and Zack Bryant hooked up Chili's trailer to Zack's new van to head to White Rock for the enduro. Chili set up his cot in the trailer. Zack and Shane camped out in Zack's van.

As they were settling in for the night, according to Zack, the conversation went something like this:

Shane: Hey, Zack, want some lotion?

Zack: What are you talking about?

Shane: Lotion—want some? I've got it right here in my sleeping bag.

Zack: Why do you have lotion in your sleeping bag? No, wait, don't tell me; I don't want to know.

Shane: Well, how about some Pepto Bismol?

And it went downhill from there. Believe or not, I think Shane started this conversation at the restaurant after the race. There were about 10 of us there. Zack was holding his head and the rest of us were laughing out loud rolling on the floor.

OK, enough about that.

I've been down to Bull Creek the last few weeks working on the

trail for the MHSC Race on April 23-24. The bike loop is 9.2 miles. The ATV loop is 7 miles long. We've worked hard to make it a good hare scramble loop. I took some riders around it and they all commented about how well it flowed. Be there; it should be fun.

Speaking of Bull Creek, last weekend after we finished doing trail maintenance, Spud suggests we ride the enduro loop backwards. If you were one of the folks that thought the enduro was tough, try riding it backwards. I think we started out with 10 riders. Only Spud finished the entire loop. Before I bailed out, I asked Mick Spickard if he wanted to be an astronaut when he was growing up. He said, "No, why do you ask?" Well, you keep launching your bike.

On the OMTRA front, all the meetings are going to be the third Wednesday of each month at Buckingham's on South Campbell.

There's a new enduro on the Black Jack Enduro Circuit schedule. Brian Jahelka and friends have found 4,000 acres at Blackjack, MO and they are cutting trail like madmen to have the enduro on September 11th. *Yes, the name of the town is Blackjack.* It sounds like it's very close to the location of the old Cannon Creek Enduro, outside of Collins, MO.

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Dave Mungenast Classic Motorcycles Museum

By Bob Fuerst

I had heard about the Mungenast Museum in St. Louis, MO for some time. So, when I was going to have the afternoon of the Friday before the St. Louis Supercross open, I was on the phone to see if they would be open that Friday afternoon.

The normal hours for the museum are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 6pm, Saturdays 10am to 2pm or by appointment. With the supercross scheduled for Saturday, they had already planned on opening up.

The museum is primarily dirt bikes, but they also have some real old bikes. Really old bikes, like before there were specialized dirt bikes.

Malcolm Wood and his better half Sue were also going to be going to the museum and we set up to meet them. It's even more fun



That's a Hercules between a KLX 300 ridden by Jeff Fredette in the Six Day and bunch of pristine Pentons



I'm not into street bikes, but this is a beautiful Triumph

to go to the museum with a bunch of dirt biker friends. The museum is in the process of expanding, so I might have to go back next year.

They also mentioned they are available for meetings. *Humm, OMTRA folks maybe we need to have a road trip for our next meeting. Of course with gas prices we'll have to carpool on Vespas.*

Many of the bikes look like they have never been started. I've never seen so many pristine Pentons before in my life. There was quite a selection of Huskies also.

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Trivia contest time. What is the object next to the odometer/speedometer? I'll give you a hint, it's empty. There were no wires or cables going to it. Give up. Before the era of enduro computers or even digital clocks, enduro riders had to put watches under these magnifying glasses to keep time. The bike it is on is a Rokon. It's a late 1970s bike. It was American made with a fully automatic transmission, using belts. It had disk brakes before any other dirt bikes. From what I heard, though, these brakes were not any better than the drum brakes of the day.

The address of the museum is:
5625 Gravois Rd.
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The website for the museum is:
www.classicmotorcyclesllc.com



A Husquvarna military bike.



A 1975 Yamaico. Actually, it was ridden by Ake Johnson, Yamaha factory racer back in the day. And much to the displeasure of Yamaha, he put a set of Maico forks on the front end.

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SUPERCROSS

By Bob Fuerst

Linda and I made our annual trek to St. Louis for the supercross. It's always a good time to get together with friends and run-a-muck in St. Louis. Of course at my age, I can barely stay awake through the post-race meal.

We did the usual hard-core spectator thing, getting to the stadium soon after they opened. We watched practice, qualifying and went to the pits. There were over 50,000 people at the race. I was surprised how many people we knew at the race, particularly in the pits.

Of course, as most of the readers of this newsletter know, James Stewart crashed at Phoenix breaking his arm. And he wasn't back racing yet in St. Louis. Bummer.

Oh well, there is always next year.



Ricky's bike and shock. The shock is probably worth more than my truck.



Loopy and Honda Boy in the pits.

Right: The sand section about half way around the first lap. RC is already out of sight.









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BJEC Banquet



Guest Speaker Jeff Fredette with Dwain Marple and Dane Marable.

By Bob Fuerst

The annual BJEC banquet to give out awards for 2004 was held the night before the White Rock enduro at Combs, AR. First off, I must comment that the food was the best I have ever had at a motorcycle banquet.

Unfortunately, I didn't get a lot of good pictures. It had something to do with not using the flash. When I did use the flash, the pictures were darker, but sharp. When I didn't use the flash, the pictures were brighter but out of focus.

Jeff Fredette was the guest speaker. If you haven't heard of Fredette, he has ridden the ISDE 28 times, finishing every one. He really didn't have a speech prepared. So he took questions from the floor. The big question was, how much longer is he going to be riding the ISDE? He didn't know. What he did say was that

the six day was his vacation. From the stories I've heard about the six day, to consider this a vacation is beyond me.

Awards for finishers were Moose jackets. Very nice jackets, I must add.

Steve Leivan was the overall winner for the eighth time. Good job, Steve.

Last year's White Rock Enduro was 2004 enduro of the year.

Folks didn't party too late with an eight o'clock key time.

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White Rock Enduro

By Bob Fuerst

The 2005 BJEC season has started. I headed down to Cass, AR for the 31st running of the White Rock enduro in the White Rock National Forest. I pre-entered on row 35. None of my riding buddies got their act together, so I got to ride with a couple of folks that I had known from the circuit, and a first time BJEC rider. Rebecca Fox and Bernard Schultz from the Oklahoma City area lined up next to me. I had some concerns about the first time rider from the moment I saw him with his jacket on signed up for a long course class. It was chilly, but I knew the Razorback Riders were going to warm us up.

Being the first race of the year, I had a brain fart and didn't start my computer with the row in front of me. So I quickly remembered how to start it when your row took off. You have to turn off the computer, turn it back on, press the top button and then when your minute comes up, punch the bottom button.

Knowing it was more important to get the computer started on time than it was to get the holeshot at an enduro, I got the computer started and it was good for the day.

So, I take off last. This year the enduro started in the field and went across the road and up the hill. This is where I find Ber-

nard crashed his brains out, a full blown endo. I stop and ask if he is OK and he tells me to go on. So, I take off for the 2.9 mile marker. Those first 2.9 miles were a combi-



Guest speaker Jeff Fredette timekeeping across the creek into the last check on short course.

nation of roads and trails. If you got behind, it was too hard to get going again. I think I was 2 minutes hot when I got to 2.9. Looking at the route sheet, I saw a reset at the 11 mile mark. There had to be a check before then. But would there be two?

The trail consisted of roads and trails. It was on one of these single tracks that Rebecca's legs were too short for her KTM200 and she went down in a pretty awkward place.

Have I mentioned that the conditions were pretty close to perfect at this point, the temperature had warmed up to be very comfortable and the trail was almost dry. Dust wasn't a problem in the woods, and in the open areas dust was visible but not a problem.

Since checks must be at least 3 miles apart, after I passed the 8 mile marker, I knew I only had one check ahead of me before the reset. The trail tightened up before I got to the check and I came up on slower riders, but they got out of the way pretty quickly. It wasn't too hard to zero the check.

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I had ten minutes at the reset and I didn't want to leave early, fearing a check. The rider on my row that crashed right off the start, Bernard Schultz, made it to the check on time. He said he was three and a half minutes down after picking himself up from his crash.

I was right; there was a check just down the trail. There was 13 miles of trail before the next reset. It turns out the entire 13 miles was tight single-track special test at eighteen miles per hour. It was easy to miss the trail in this section due to the many intersections, and with no wrong way markers past the intersections, it took a while to figure out that you were off the course.

It was a fun ride. It looked like Spud made his way to Arkansas to cut some of this trail, definitely a workout.

I got to the check out and my odometer was 1.3 miles off. That's how far I had traveled in my two off-course excursions. Most of the fast riders zeroed this section.

After the check out was a five mile reset from 27.2 to 33.2. It was also the gas available. The short course was 46 ground miles in length. That's right about the distance I can travel on one tank of gas. So I had to put a little bit of gas in the tank.



The temperatures were a little cold as riders waited for the start. Here's Bart Williams and Steve Underwood waiting for their minute.



Keith Sizemore at the last check on the short course on his way to eleventh overall.

We left the gas available on what I think was an old railroad bed. It was very pretty. You could tell that it had been cut out of the hill side. There was a speed change to 24 mile per hour at 38.4. The club had us ride 5 miles of roads at eighteen before the speed change and then a little more road at 24 before the check-in. The course took a left off the road on to a trail. Down at the bottom of the hill, I noticed the check crew. I got on the binders, since I was running a little hot. I had gone a little ways before I noticed the check flags were up the hill about fifty feet from the check crew. Oops, rocky down hill. I dabbed. They marked my time. I was one minute hot.

I knew it would cost me more to protest the check than to take off. It was a fun five mile special test, a combination of fast trails and tight trails.

That was followed by a long road and pipeline section back to the camp and finish of the short course. At least most of it was road and pipeline. It's a long downhill back to camp with a tight little single track just before a creek crossing to the finish check. Of course, I caught another slower bike just as I got to the single track. Luckily the single track wasn't that long and I didn't get out of my minute. That would have been a bummer to have

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The March OMTRA meeting was held on the 17th at Buckingham's on South Campbell with several members present.

Jennifer Calloway of Calloway Accounting Services has completed this year's tax returns. Having made a small profit, the club owes a minimal amount of tax to the government. There has been a lapse in the registration of the club as a corporation, however. This can be rectified by paying a fine/registration fee and re-submitting the application. Club officers are working on this project.

Shane Martin and Kevin Hensley reported meeting with a Springfield attorney recently concerning the club's need for insuring our members while riding on private property. Attorney Christian Horton advised them that a policy paid for by the club was not considered necessary. He provided them with a printout section of a state law concerning this issue, which basically states the rider accepts all responsibility for injuries incurred during the course of a recreation considered physically demanding or dangerous. Land owner permission must still be given to anyone wishing to enter the grounds. The club will continue to work closely with the Bull Creek land owners to ensure accessibility to our club members.

The Bull Creek Missouri State Hare Scramble is still on schedule for April 23-24. Club workers are putting in many hours of trail work getting ready for this event. If you would like to help, contact Shawn Hall, Bob Fuerst or Kevin Hensley. Shawn has a list of workers helping with the actual event. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact him.

The October Enduro event at Bull Creek will be held October 23rd, as originally scheduled.

Beginning in April, OMTRA meetings will be held the 3rd Wed. of each month, at Buckingham's on South Campbell. That puts the next meeting on April 20th.

Judy Willis
OMTRA Secretary



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putted along for miles only to drop a point.

There was a new thing at this enduro, a sound test at the end of the course. All the short course riders went through it at this point. Long course riders would after they completed their course.





There were two checks on the long course. Riders had 20 miles at 24 mph. The first check was a tie-breaker. Overall winner Glen Myatt dropped 3 points at this check. A whole slew of riders dropped 4 points, riders finishing in positions 2 through 7. The last check was not a tie-breaker, but it was a points taker.

Glen Myatt won, dropping 11 points. Second and third positions were determined by tie-breakers with Craig Holasek and Steve Leivan both dropping 13 points. Holasek won on tie breakers by 21 seconds. Steve Travis finished fourth with a 14. Matt Lane and Drew Chandler each dropped 15 trail points with Lane taking fifth by 30 seconds in tie-breaker points. The banquet guest speaker, Jeff Fredette, took seventh with a 16. OMTRA's very own Shane Roberts finished eighth with a 17. *He was riding on Steve Leivan's row, so he didn't have to do any time-keeping!* Charlie Eller and Mike Snook rounded out the top ten, each with 21 trail points and Eller taking position by 5 seconds in tie-breaker points.

Another thing I've got to comment about. I've never seen this many women in an enduro. There were 11 women riding the extra short course in the women's class and another 3 women riding the short course. That's great.



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