



Notes on Spokes

A few things have conspired against me getting this newsletter out. First off, I got a new bike, a brand new 1997 KTM ECX 250. This is not a bad thing. It just takes time to get it set up. If you are wondering why a 97 model, because it is big. Being six foot four, this is something I look for, but I still had to make it bigger. I have already changed bar mounts so they are taller and further forward. I also put a taller seat on it. Two inches taller than stock! So it kind of looks like I set a couch on it. I also put purple plastic and new graphics on it. And some Flatland Racing Guards. It does look good. I got a lot of nice complements on it at Muskogee. In fact, a couple that were trail riding at Gruber on Saturday came up and took pictures of it!



Distraction Number One.

Distraction number two: A three month old beagle named Boo. She is cute and everyone thinks she is just adorable. But she is really a holy terror. If she doesn't chew on it, she pees on it. Donna Moore made me bring her down to Surdyke

Motorsports when I picked up my new bike. I think Steve Underwood could have made a bundle selling beagles that day.

And finally, the upcoming Chadwick Enduro. It's coming along. We have the course laid out. The women's and kids' loop is approximately 16 miles. The C riders have about 40 miles to go, the B course is just over 50 and the A loop is about 65 miles. It should be fun.



Distraction Number Two

I also found out that Shawn Hall is not as smart as a map. Yep, during course layout, Shawn struggled with the map of Chadwick everytime!

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**The next OMTRA meeting is
October 15 at
Yarbough Machine
at 7:00 PM
It's a work meeting for
the enduro!**

TID BITS

Marvin Pruitt, a member of one of the "first families" of off-roading in southwest Missouri, is battling with cancer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

At the enduro pavilion at Chadwick, the forest service built this really nice "outhouse." Well, I have talked to two different four-wheeler riders that thought it was some kind of bar-b-que pit. I am not kidding.

Z50 Racing League: Rumor has it that several off-road riders in the Springfield area have located a large warehouse and are in the process of rounding up Z50s to race dirt track style in said warehouse this winter. More to come.

Vince Davis, AA BJEC rider, has been mountain bike racing. He participated in several national mountain bike races and finished



Steve Underwood, Left and Joby Windmiller, right, rode with "Mr. On Any Sunday" himself, Malcolm Smith in Colorado! Notice they are all wearing MSR riding gear. Good move guys.

first overall in the sport class. He said that is like getting B-Overall. Next year he has to ride the expert class. Good Job!

In the latest issue of RacerX magazine, in Jeff Emig's column, Jeff talks about his trip to Colorado and meeting up with "old family friend Sam Helmuth." Sam is also a long time BJEC supporter and Chadwick rider. Neat.

How do you transport a bike in the back of a truck without front forks? Wes Bair took an eight foot 2 x 4 and cut it into two 36 inch sections. He slotted and whittled them down to fit into the triple clamps. Then, he used a lag bolt as the front axle and a lawnmower tire for the front wheel.

He rode this into the bed of his truck. It made it all the way from KC to Chadwick, where it broke with a loud crack less than a tenth of a mile from where he was going to park and meet the Todd Knight with his forks.

If you have not seen it, check out this month's **Keytime**, the official BJEC Newsletter. There is a lot of good info on the new enduro computers and other good enduro stuff.

Born: Reid Collins Barker to Duane and Stephanie Barker on August 26. Duane is currently riding the B-Open class in the BJEC.

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More BITS



Above Casey, Rhonda and Chandler Haynes motocrossing in Columbia.
Right, a racer goes through a pre-race ritual.



Mike "Duck" Edwards (left) won the over 50 class at the Milville, MN Amateur Motocross the day before the AMA National Motocross. Dwight "Dumplin" Maggard (above) also raced in Milville. He finished 6th or 7th in his class.

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Muskogee Heat



Unseasonably warm temperatures greeted riders of the seventh Black Jack enduro of 1998 on September 27. *Ok, it was damn hot and humid. At least the trail conditions were good. Not too dusty or muddy.* The Tulsa Trail Riders put on a close course enduro at the Camp Gruber Off-Road Riding Area outside Muskogee, OK. They laid out a 16 mile loop that the short

course riders rode three times; the long course riders rode it four times.

The first loop had a speed average of 12 miles per hour for 7.2 miles; then the speed average jumped to 18 miles per hour. A tie breaker followed at 8.4 miles, then a 10 min-

ute free time at 10 miles. The Women's and Kids' course ended here. The remainder of the first loop continued at a speed average of 18 miles per hour with a check at 16 miles.

The next two loops were identical. They started out at 18 miles per hour with a free time at 10 miles, and at 10.8 miles the speed average increased to 24 miles per hour.

The last loop was pretty much a hare scramble. The speed average was 24 MPH for the first 8.4; miles then it jumped to 36 miles per hour.

The heat took its toll on many of the riders. Several riders needed an IV due to dehydration. Others barfed in their helmets. Gross.

Most of the riders talked of hitting the wall on the second half of the loop. I personally had a flat half way through the fourth loop. I've never been so happy.

I didn't get much information on the results. I hope to include them next month. Bob.



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By the time you read this, the November election will be less than 4 weeks away. Cliff needs our help on October 17 putting up yard signs.

We need to meet at Cliff's house, 3685 S. Western Ave., Springfield, (417) 882-8125, at 10 am. Bring staple guns and hammers. Kevin James, who is heading up the effort to secure the yard sign locations, will be determining who goes to what neighborhoods that day. (If you don't know Kevin, he is a fellow Chadwick rider.) If we had 15 groups (vehicles) going out and 700 signs to go up, that is only 47 signs per group. That shouldn't take too long.

Cliff also gave me an interesting piece of information about John Ashcroft, who is considered one of the top three presidential candidates in the country. A new Springfield area magazine called 417 lists John Ashcroft's hobbies as playing the piano, **dirt bike riding**, bass fishing, fixing up old cars and gospel singing.

OMTRA Stuff

The Enduro scheduled for October 25 was, as usual for this time of year, the main topic at the September meeting held at Cartoons.

The next meeting is October 15 at Yarbrough's Machine, 514 N. Fremont in Springfield. It is a work meeting. If you are riding the enduro, stay home, otherwise the club will provide pizza for all the hard workers. Bring a beverage of your choice.

The club received the following from the Razorback Riders of Fayetteville, AR showing their gratitude for the donation from OMTRA:

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Missouri State Hare Scrambles

Frank Leivan
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October 11 - Extreme Motorsports Park
October 18 - Platten County

El Dorado Cycle Midwest Trial Series

Rick Cantrell
417-859-4158

October 10 - White City, IL
October 25 - Park Hills, MO

MO State Championship MX Series

October 25 - Grain Valley (X2)
November 1 - Drexle (Extreme Motorsports)

Buffalo Outdoor Motocross

New Race Dates

Was on Saturdays, now on Sundays

417-345-6981

October 11, 25
November 8, 15, 22

Arkansas Hare Scramble Championship Series

October 18 - Lost Creek (Amity)
November 28 - Annual Promoter Meeting
November 29 - River Front G.P. (Fort Smith)

1998 BJEC Schedule

Lee Glenn
913-441-6522

October 11 - Red River, TX
October 25 - Chadwick, MO
November 22 - Oklahoma City, OK

Missouri Vintage Motocross Series

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October 11 - TBA
October 18 - Collins, MO

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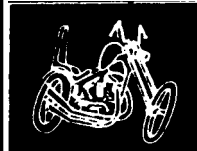
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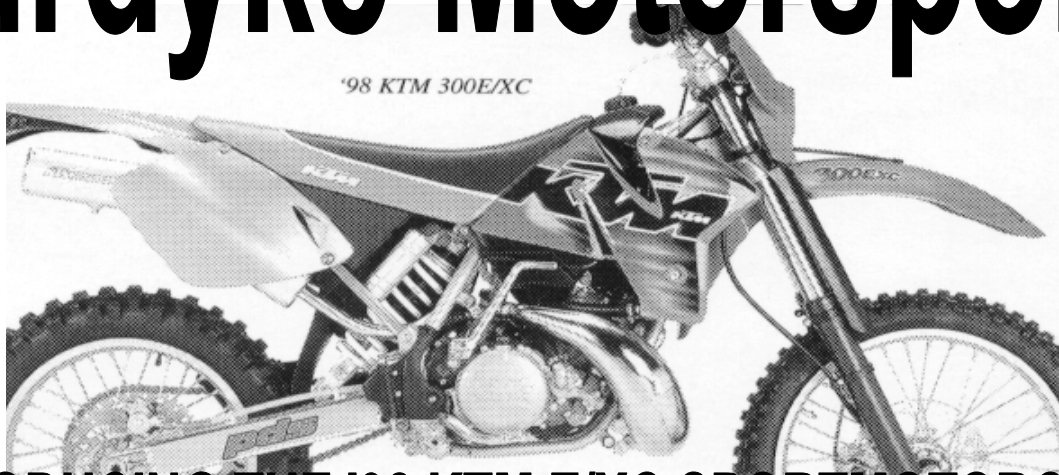
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