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Lee Glenn takes his CR into the final check at the Chadwick enduro

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At most OMTRA meetings, a lot more stuff happens than gets written in the minutes. For example, last month Bart was saying how his wife Rita had told him if one more dirt biker calls him, she going to hang up. Well, Carol Gere said she doesn't mind that. The calls that bother her are from women that say, "is Mel Honey there?" Those are the calls that bother her.

Another OMTRA moment: if you remember from previous issues, every time Joby Windmiller and Casey Haynes ride together, they end up crashing into each other. Well, they were sitting next to each other at the meeting and Casey was trying to get the bar-b-que sauce out of the squirt thing. And it was stopped up. So Casey pressed harder. It came out with an explosion, hitting Joby right in the eye. Even after rinsing it out with water, it looked like Joby took some serious roost. That hot sauce really burns

Spud had a good idea at the last meeting; the upstairs room where we meet at Buckingham's has sports pictures on the walls. Why not see if Buckingham's will let us put up some dirt bike/off road pictures?

The RV saga continues: As I mentioned last month, my wife



and I got an RV. I stayed in it for 4 nights putting on the Chadwick enduro. It was sweet. Before I purchased mine, Scott Johns and Brett Skaggs went together and bought this vehicle that used to be a ???? Well, I'm not sure what it used to be. It's kinda like a bus without seats, but it has a big back door. Now they are adding stuff to convert it to living quarters. They can fit like 6 bikes inside plus pull a trailer. Now, Jana and Kreg have bought an RV. I don't know if Spud and Lesa are in on it or not, but according to Bart, Spud is the only one short enough to use the tub/shower. Speaking of Bart, he asked his wife if they could buy an RV. She said yes! Shawn Hall is eaten up by the whole RV thing. He was looking at Tom Hill's Patio Hauler. Tom, a BJEC rider from Dover, AR, was selling his 35-foot trailer. Shawn was looking at it, but now he wants an RV. Why? Because if he gets a trailer, he can't make popcorn in the microwave while going down the highway! Speaking of Tom, he ended up trading for a 29-foot trailer with slide out and he pulls his bikes on another trailer behind his travel trailer. It kind of looks like a train coming down the road.

BART'S WIFE WANTS HIM TO GO ON VIAGRA! Rita noticed that all the Viagra commercials show couples dancing. So she thinks that if you take Viagra, you'll want to go dancing. Evidently, she wants to go dancing.

Hey, what did you think of last month's backwards issue? Hang on to it. My wife says it will be a collector's item! Really, I just taped them together backwards at the printers.

"After 18 years of riding the M.H.S.C., I finally earned my first class championship title." Frank Leivan, age 53. It may be Frank's first championship on a motorcycle, but he is a world class bench racer!

Leamon Havens, owner of Havens' Motorsports, had a pretty bad crash on his KX. I talked to his family just before going to press and he is in rehabilitation and improving every day. They wish to express their thanks for the outpouring of support from both off-road riders and local motorcycle dealers.



Ozark MountainTrail Riders attend Fundraiser

By Bob Fuerst

At the September Ozark Mountain Trail Riders meeting, the members approved contributing to the Roy Blunt Campaign Fund. We did this to make our existence known to our congressman. Cliff Davis, Bart Williams, John Gott, Casey Haynes and myself attended the event.

I have attended several fund-raisers in the past., but this was by far the biggest. Approximately 1,200 people attended. It was held just outside of Springfield. They held a cookout in a very large tent. It was impressive. Entertainment was provided by





From left, Texas Governor George W. Bush, State Representative Matt Blunt, U.S. Congressman Roy Blunt

L to R Bob Fuerst, Casey Haynes, Bart Williams, John Gott and Cliff Davis

This kind of thing is very important for us as off-roaders to continue. The Chadwick off-road riding area constitutes less than 1 percent of Mark Twain National Forest. As you know, there are factions that would love to close all public lands to all off-road vehicles. We don't need to protect public lands from the public, but for the public. Many changes have been made to the trails at Chadwick to protect the environment, including bridges and the concrete lock blocks to prevent erosion, but there is more we can do. Contributing to candidates and especially voting for candidates that believe in multi-use of public lands is a good first step. Joining organizations like the AMA and the Blue Ribbon Coalition is the next. Do it.

Moe Bandy.

The featured speaker was presidential candidate and Texas Governor George W. Bush. Also speaking were Senator Kit Bond, gubernatorial candidate Congressman Jim Talent, Sam Jones, candidate for attorney general, and Representative Matt Blunt, who is running for secretary of state. Of course Congressman Roy Blunt also spoke. A total of \$165,000 was raised for Roy Blunt's campaign.





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October 7, 1999

United States Forest Service Mr. Charlie Medina 325 West Rainbow Blvd. Salida, CO 81201

RE: Proposed Land Closing

Dear Mr. Medina:

I received a copy of the following letter from Casey Haynes regarding possible National Forest land closure in the Taylor Reservoir area of Colorado. I included in its entirety to show what everyone needs to do to have public riding areas in the future.

Good Job, Casey.

I have enclosed a copy of a local newsletter "Notes on Spokes." This publication is printed by our local motorcycle club, The Ozark Mountain Trailriders Association (OMTA). I would like for you to take a minute and read this issue.

Please note the picture on the front page with a group of at least 10 guys from Missouri riding in the Salida area. This particular group happens to be only 1 of several groups that have spent their vacation in the Salida area riding trails. On page 3, there is an ad for Letko Cycles, the owner Jim Letellier and his family and friends go to Salida every year for a motorcycle vacation. John Gann, with Lebanon Suzuki, Kawasaki, page 5, takes his family to Salida every year on vacation. On page 8 and 9 there is an article talking about the Missouri State Hare Scramble series. Frank and Steve Leivan and friends vacation in Salida. Larry Scharnhorst, page 12, he vacations in Salida. Les Blizzard, page 12, he vacations in Salida. Steve Underwood, owner of Surdyke Motorsports, vacations in Salida and organizes a group to ride in Salida every year. Terry Brumley, owner of Turner Station Welding, takes two vacations to Salida every year. One trip is with his family and the other is with the Underwood riding group that I mentioned previously. Rusty Reynaud, owner of Yarbroughs Machine Shop, Joby Windmiller, Allen Haynes, Kevin Hensly, Shawn Hall, Dwight Maggard, these are all people that I personally know that vacation in Salida on a yearly basis.

Why do we all drive 18 hours to go on vacation in Salida? To ride motorcycles in one of the most beautiful places in the world. I urge you to think about all these families and friends that would be affected by this land closure. These people, as well as myself, spend hundreds of dollars every year in the Salida area. Pitkin, Ohio City, St. Elmo, The Rainbow Trail, Tincup, Taylor Park ... there are so many places that we all love and enjoy so very much.

I have two sons, Chandler, 18 months, and Cooper, 8 weeks, that I already have told stories to about motorcycle riding in the Salida area. I dream of taking my family to ride Rainbow Trail, to visit the ghost town of St. Elmo, to eat at Frenchy's in Tincup, to see the beauty of Taylor Reservoir, to fish Mirror Lake at Tincup Pass, to ride Monarch Pass. These trails are very special not just because we can ride motorcycles on them, but because we can share that great experience with our friends and family. We get a chance to create special memories and special bonds with people and places that if these trails are closed, we may never get to create.

Hopefully, you can tell that the Salida area is very special to me and a large number of my friends. I hope you would consider all these people when thinking about closing these trails. It is one thing to *look* at the beautiful mountains but it is such an awesome thing to *feel*, *hear* and *experience* the beautiful mountains while riding your motorcycle with your friends and family.

I urge you to not turn the Salida area trails into something we can only look at but keep them as something we can experience.

Please call or write me concerning this issue. I anxiously wait to hear your decision on this matter.

Casey D. Haynes 5756 E. Meadowmere Springfield, MO 65809 417-831-8694 or 417-873-3480.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Casey D. Haynes





The 32nd Annual Chadwick Enduro

By Shawn Hall

Once again the OMTRA has proven that living right makes a difference. Just two weeks prior to the event I was very concerned about the lack of rain and the dusty conditions. And as if we ordered it, rain came the night before the event, which provided nearly perfect riding conditions.

As always, the success of the event was a real team effort. Many people worked long and hard to make the event happen. THANK YOU! If I tried to list everybody I would miss someone, so I won't. I would like to thank SURDYKE MO-TORSPORTS for providing arrows. I would also like to thank Action Cycle for assistance with worker awards.

I would like to make special mention of the members that went above and beyond the call of duty to make the event happen. The following is a list of the STARS:

Bob Fuerst	Stewart Hall
Max Harkey	Jon Simons
Kreg Simons	Bart Williams
Dale Willis	Randall Mathis

As I mentioned at the meeting last week, there was also a second group of real stars. Those are the women that pitched in and worked signup and scoring. The most amazing thing about this group is that they are not riders, they don't do this because they love to ride. They do this because they love us – I still can't figure out why. A special thanks to these ladies:

Kim Hall
Rayla Johns
Linda Fuerst

Lesa Simons Dawn Skaggs Judy Willis

I wish I could say that the event was perfect. We made a couple of mistakes, but I guess perfection is too much to ask.



Steve Vanzant hussles to the last check.

Most of the riders I talked to said that they had a good time and enjoyed the event.

We did decide to pay the AA riders back this year. I think this worked out well. We paid all the way to 6th place. I know that paying that far back is a little abnormal, but the look on Derek Zinchuck's face when I handed him his 6th place money was worth it. I hope the top AA's didn't mind.

I would also like to thank Christy Williams for helping me with trophy presentation. For those of you that don't know, Christy is a National Champion in water skiing. She is the daughter of Randy Williams from Ozark, MO who has ridden on the BJEC off and on for years. I also hear that she is plenty fast on a motorcycle. This was a real treat for me, because I at one time tried to make it to the nationals in water skiing. (Many, many years ago)

Once again I want to say THANK YOU to everyone involved and I look forward to the 33rd annual Chadwick Enduro on October 22, 2000.



An early row takes off.



LEIVAN POUNDS PLATTIN GREEK HS

By: Frank Leivan October 10, Festus, MO

Round 13 of the 1999 Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship saw SCR/Yamaha rider Steve Leivan continue his winning ways by claiming his l0th overall victory of the season. Leivan, who clinched his seventh series title back in August, moved into the lead early in the race and pulled away to more than a two minute margin by the checkered flag.

A 10.2 mile course laid out by the Plattin Creek Dirt Riders consisted of fast, rolling trails with a few rock ledge sections. A high speed fire road that was neatly a mile long and a grass track area just prior to the pit area kept speed averages brisk, with Leivan averaging 24.6 mph, completing five laps in 2:05:31.

With his 11th holeshot of the season, Kawasaki rider Chris Thiele led the AA class into the woods. Brandon Forrester, who has been on a charge with podium appearances in the last six events, tucked in close behind, while Leivan slid underneath Mike Windmann to start his ride from third.

The trail ran down a fast fence line before breaking off onto a virgin section of trail of rocky ledges. Just into this section, Thiele lost the front end and went down while Forrester, Leivan, and Windmann all moved around.

Forrester took over and opened a small gap over Leivan when the trail entered a fast fire road. With dust being somewhat of a factor in only certain sections of the course, the road section happened to be the worst and Leivan wisely backed off. When the trail turned back into the woods, Leivan had company as Windmann was closing fast.

When Forrester started the grass track, he had a gap of approximately 15 seconds on Leivan. By the time the leaders reached the scoring tent, Leivan had closed to Forrester's rear tire with Windmann another 20 seconds down. Thiele was close behind in fourth, with Chris Nesbitt fifth.

Midway through the second circuit, Forrester washed out in a rocky creek crossing. Leivan was quickly around and Windmann was able to move into second, although Forrester got going in time to hold onto third.

"Brandon was riding good and I was content to follow him. I had shown him a wheel a time or two to let him know I was still there but I hadn't tried to force a pass. Fortunately he went down just before a dusty section and when I got into the lead, I tried to push pretty hard and let them contend with the dust," Leivan said.

The separation between Leivan and Windmann after two laps was 18 seconds with Forrester another 10 back. Thiele still

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held fourth but was having trouble keeping the rubber side down and dropped back from the lead trio. Nesbitt was still riding hard in fifth, 25 ticks behind Thiele.

Leivan cruised through the woods, negotiating the lapped traffic, continuing to pull away from the field, reporting no problems throughout the entire event. He added 30 seconds to his lead the third time around and another 25 on lap four.

"A course like this is really good for my WR400. Fast rolling, trails where you can open it up are where the thumper really shines, so I kept it pinned and concentrated on being smooth and consistent," explained Leivan. Leivan certainly was consistent as all five of his laps were covered by a 24-second spread.

Forrester reeled Windmann in during the third lap but couldn't find a way around. Windmann had a three-second edge over the Yamaha mounted youngster at lap's end, while Leivans' lead was nearly a minute. Thiele was still fourth and Tanner England had climbed to fifth.

Windmann had problems during the white flag lap, bouncing off a rock and squarely into a tree, costing him nearly a minute in the process while trying to regain his composure. Forrester took advantage of the situation and moved into the runner-up spot, a position he would hold for the rest of the event.

The final lap proved to be anticlimactic for the front runners as Dunlop/Answer/UnderWARE/Tsubaki/Sunstar/DP Brakes-supported Leivan kept it upright and finished with a lead of just

over two minutes. With a riders best 10 of 14 scores going towards the series championship, Leivan now has a "perfect" score.

Forrester put an additional minute gap on Windmann the final lap and has all but clinched the number three plate for 1999. Windmann, who just recently returned from a silver medal performance at the Portuguese ISDE, claimed the final podium spot and securing fourth overall in the final points standings.

Although Thieles' day didn't go as he had planned, he still finished the day in fourth and will wear number two during the 2000 campaign. Bobby Duncan, who had been a front runner in the A class all year long, made the jump to the AA division for the remaining two rounds of the series and put in a consistent ride all day to round out the top five and get a taste of what things will be like in the AA class next year.

Perhaps the most impressive ride of the day went to 4-Stroke class rider Gary Pilant. Pilant suffered a broken collarbone and a few broken ribs at the previous event, just three weeks ago. Needing some points in an attempt to win his class champion-ship, Pilant entered the event on a Z-50 Honda and completed a single lap in 2:32:59 to earn the "hard core" award.

Results from MHSC at Festus:

O/A: 1. Steve Leivan (Yam); 2. Brandon Forrester (Yam); 3. Mike Windmann (KTM); 4. Chris Thiele (Kaw); 5. Bobby Duncan (Yam); 6. Tanner England (Yam); 7. Tim Gibson (Yam); 8. Kevin Boyle (Hon); 9. Kevin Borts (Suz); 10. Matt Faletti (KTM)

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Again the weather takes top billing at a BJEC enduro. The final enduro of the millennium took place outside Munster, TX and after weeks without rain, days before the event the rain started. It rained on and off throughout Sunday. Goggles— they were useless.



Row 3 takes to the trail.

Since they had received so little rain in the past month, the trails didn't get real bad, but the road to the start did.

Haydn Franklin finished first overall, with Martin Upton getting first Black Jack.

Congratulations go to Jeff Fischer for taking the overall honors in the Black Jack Enduro Circuit for 1999.



The biggest challenge: getting into and out of the riding area!

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- AA: 1. Brandon Forrester (Yam); 2. Mike Windmann (KTM); 3. Chris Thiele (Kaw); 4. Bobby Duncan (Yam); 5. Tanner England (Yam)
- A: 1. Kevin Borts (Suz); 2. Matt Faletti (KTM); 3. Gary Mittelberg (Yam); 4. John Struckhoff (Kaw)y 5. Jon Simons (Yam)
- **125 B**: 1. Jason Dill (Kaw); 2. James Sloan (Yam); 3. Mike Schaefer (Hon); 4. Matt Jameson (KTM); 5. Jody Smith (Suz)
- 200 B: 1. Steve Crews (Kaw); 2. Robert Armon (Kaw); 3. Dale Griesinger(KTM);4. Pat Declue (KTM); 5. Dennis Matosich (Kaw)
- **250 B:** 1. Tim Gibson (Yam); 2. Jason Stegall (Kaw); 3. Matt Weis (Yam); 4. Richard Hart (Yam); 5. Danny Crawford (Hon)
- **Open B**: 1. Chris Sloan (KTM); 2. Wayne Hatfield (KTM); 3. Matt Coffman (KTM); 4. Karl Harris (KTM); 5. Kurt Mirtsching (Hon)
- 4-Stroke B: 1. Travis Pilant (Hon); 2. Nick Crawford (Yam); 3. John Acton (Hon); 4. Cornell Porter (Hon); 5. Joseph Armon (Hon)
- **250** C: 1. William Strawn (Suz); 2. Dan Halbeck (Kaw); 3. Aaron Hightower (Yam); 4. Josh Evans (Suz); 5. Michael Hamilton (Yam)
- Vet: 1. Rick Kinkelaar (Yam); 2. Dave Berry (Yam); 3. John Banes (Kaw); 4. Wade Hall (Yam); 5. Carl Dobson (KTM)
- Senior: 1. Bill Gold (Yam); 2. Keith Kibort (Yam); 3. Andy Nored (Kaw); 4. William Guffey (Yam); 5. Jay Williams (KTM)
- Super Senior: 1. Frank Leivan (Yam); 2. Larry "Gabby" Hayes (Hus); 3. Gerald Frericks (KTM); 4. Robert Jackson (KTM)
- Junior: 1. Patrick Myers (Hon); 2. Andy Pashia (Yam); 3. Ryan Portell (Suz); 4. Chris Hinkel (Suz); 5. Michael Fisher (Kaw)
- Women: 1. Amanda Lappe (Kaw); 2. Rebecca Jackson (Kaw); 3. Kelli Crawford (Hon)
- **Trailrider**: 1. Jayson Huff (Yam); 2. Dennis Haffer (Hon); 3. Chris Revelle (Kaw); 4. Jim McClure (Yam); 5. Josh Fitzwater (Kaw)

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October's meeting

was held at Buckinghams on S. Campbell. A report was given on the condition of Leamon Havens. He is reported to be out of ICU and in physical therapy. The club will be sending a get well card to him.

Dr McKenzie was presented with a plaque for making the improvements at Chadwick.

Mention was made of club members who attended the fund-raiser for Roy Blunt. Cliff Davis will be anchoring a voter registration project.

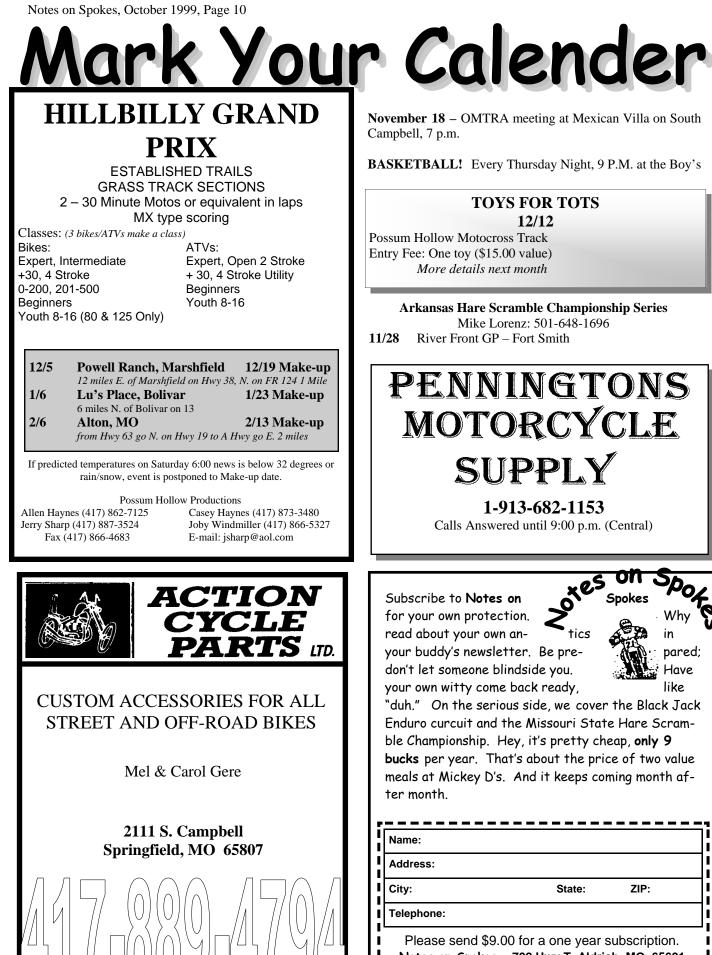
Members were thanked for their help with the Chadwick Enduro. Special thanks went to Bob, Stewart, Max, Jon, Kreg, Randall and Bart. They put in lots of hours for the cause. A special thanks was also extended to the female club members who also put in extra time and effort. There were 193 entries total. The AA payment was discussed as a positive addition. Money was paid from sixth place on up. All T-shirts



were sold. There was discussion of letting those who helped this year ride the event next year and enlisting new help. Motion was made and passed to provide new chains, sprockets and tires to those club members who put so much wear and tear on their bikes while preparing the event. These will be purchased at Action Cycle.

Dr. McKenzie spoke on the signs put up by the club and the SMSU group. There are boundary signs to be put up around the perimeter of Chadwick riding area. Mention was made of the plans for 7 new bridges to be constructed on riding trails. It is possible that Major Du-Pont will have some input in this construction.

The first winter series race will be held on the 1st Sunday in December at Marshfield. The series will be grand prix style. Look for the schedule in the Notes on Spokes newsletter.



November 18 - OMTRA meeting at Mexican Villa on South

BASKETBALL! Every Thursday Night, 9 P.M. at the Boy's

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