Enduro Class at Sprout Patch!

See Page 3 for Details.



From The Chairman...

The July meeting of the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders is an important one. This will be the first time since the original formation of the club that we elect officers for the upcoming year.

Attendance at the meetings over the past few months has been lower than I would like to see. We are at a critical point in the club's history. As I have said all along, many clubs start out with good intentions, but over time, interest and enthusiasm can dwindle. The result is an organization that has a few members that do all of the work. I have tried to be careful not to make the club too much of a burden on any one person. I think that the original reasons we founded the club are still important and urgent. We hear every day about riding land that is being taken away.

I would like to ask each of you to come to the meeting on July 16. Come with the idea that you are willing to step up and make a commitment to the future of off road motorcycling in the Ozarks. I want to make a special appeal to the younger riders to get involved. I looked around at our last meeting and noticed that most of the members present have been involved in motorcycles for a long time. Along with new blood comes enthusiasm and new ideas – we need both.

Mark your calendars now:

OMTRA meeting July 16th at The Repair Shop on E. Kearney

Come and join us – I'm buying.

Shawn Hall

Dirt Biker goes to Washington

By Bob Fuerst

In the middle of June, I went to Washington, D.C. This wasn't a dirt bike trip. It didn't have anything to do with my dirt bike, but I "are" a dirt biker, so, I couldn't help but think of this from a dirt bikers point of view and I have a few tips, should you ever go to our nation's capital.

- ✓ Don't try to drive once you get there. It's worse than a muddy hare scramble. Get a motel near a subway stop (they call it the Metro), and ride the Metro.
- ✓ Take rocks! I read in the Washington Post that people were stealing rocks from the state parks around DC for landscaping. Shoot, I could have filled up the truck bed with them, set up a booth next to the street vendor and made a profit.
- ✓ Don't wear a bright red hat. I got caught in the rain wearing a bright red FMF hat. The dye in the hat starting running. It was so bad that the security guard at the Metro station thought I got

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- mugged.
- ✓ Go before Memorial day or after Labor day, due to the crowds.
- ✓ Call a few months in advance to get tickets from your representative to see the White House. *I can see it now: in several years, about 20 of us call Senator Cliff and get tickets for the White House tour. Not only will they throw us all in jail, but they might stop giving White House tours all together.*
- ✓ They will not let you put up arrows for an enduro trail at George Washington's home, Mount Vernon.
- ✓ Bring lots of MONEY! It is outrageous to eat at the museums; the street vendors are more reasonable.
- ✓ Check the national motocross schedule. I found out the national motocross at Bud's Creek, MD, was scheduled for the day after I got back. I could have changed my schedule by a few days to see it.

Shawn's Motorcycle Storage

I store motorcycles for friends, neighbors and relatives. Currently in storage are:

- mid 80's Honda XR 200
- mid 70's Harley-Davidson dual sport I will store almost any motorcycle, but prefer late model KTM 300s. I will drive as far as Texas to pick up motorcycles for storage.

Shawn

Disclaimer: Worn parts on motorcycle(s) returned include but not limited to tires, brakes, chains, sprockets and pistons. Plus, Shawn's Motorcycle Storage associates specialize in flattening speedometers.

June OMTRA Meeting

I missed the June OMTRA meeting, due to my vacation to Washington. Judy Willis "volunteered" to take the minutes for the meeting. **Thank You Judy!**

- Jerry Sharp was thanked for donating \$600 to OM-TRA for helping with the hare-scramble at Bolivar.
 Jerry also donated a "vintage T shirt" for a raffle held at the meeting Thurs. night. Chandler Haynes was the winner of a 1995 Branson Motocross t-shirt. He even had his picture taken in it. (It was a tad too big.)
- Shawn passed around a copy of the letter he sent to Channel 33 concerning their motorcycle coverage.
 He didn't mention a response from them, but it was a good letter. I have included a copy of the letter in this month's newsletter. Bob.
- Jerry Sharp suggested the club offer their help to Cliff Davis in his bid for representative. Motion was voted on and passed. It was agreed club would help Cliff go door to door in his district in August-September. Cliff said he would appreciate any help he could get.

- Shawn talked about next month's meeting. He said it
 would be to elect new officers. He is hoping to get
 some new, younger members involved. He encouraged everyone there to bring someone to the next
 meeting.
- Shawn said Randy Prethus has had complete shoulder repair surgery but is doing well. It was mentioned Jamie Jennings has some torn nerves in his arm and might be looking at surgery.
- Talked about stickers again. Rusty said Transport Graphics would make them with special adhesive and coating to stand up to abuse. They seemed to be leaning towards going with TG but they didn't sound decided. No vote.
- Casey asked everyone to be thinking about working the Chadwick race in the fall.
- Randall discussed the Aug. float trip. Will be the same place as last year. Cost is about \$30 for a 2 person canoe. He wants people to start letting him know as soon as possible. The club discussed furnishing meat to be bar-b-qued by Bill.
- Discussion also involved a possible OMTRA night at Sprout Patch with a "no jump" course and trophies.
 Jerry Sharp brought this idea up and it seemed to be a hit. See Below.

Judy

On July 11, there will be an enduro class at Sprout Patch Motocross. Jerry Sharp talked to Jim and Gale from Sprout Patch and they are including a special class for OMTRA members. The entry fee for this class is only \$10.00.

Jerry is donating the trophies for this class. There is a catch. You must come to the July 16 meeting of the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders Association to collect the trophies. The only thing I can say about the trophies is, they will be creative and they may not go to the winner.

The gates open at 4:30. Practice starts about 6:00 with racing starting about 7:00. Most of the time everyone is out of there by midnight.

I hope to see you there!



Hey! Where's my Supercross?

Here is the letter to KSPR from the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders. Thanks, Shawn.

June 7, 1998

Mr. Gary Whitacre KSPR - Channel 33 1359 E. St. Louis Springfield, MO 65802

Dear Mr. Whitacre:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the 60+ members of The Ozark Mountain Trail Riders. At our monthly meeting this past week, we unanimously voted to write a letter to your station voicing our dissatisfaction with your station. The reason for our dissatisfaction is your decision to preempt the April 26th showing of the Dallas Supercross with alternate program-

You may not be aware of the large fan base off road motorcycling has in Southwest Missouri. Well over one thousand tickets were sold in Springfield for the St. Louis Supercross each of the last 3 years. On a recent Friday night there were 750 fans present at a local motocross track. Maybe you should send a camera crew out to one of our local tracks to see what an exciting sport off-road motorcycling is.

Attached is an article that that was printed in "Cycle News," a weekly newspaper that follows all aspects of the motorcycle industry. As it indicates in the article, the Dallas Supercross was a huge success. ABC achieved a much higher rating than was predicted. It is unfortunate for you that you did not show the race that the network had advertised. You not only did not hold the viewers that the rest of the country did, you also infuriated all of the local fans.

This program was very important to the sport of Supercross. After two record years of sold out stadiums across the country, ABC felt it was time to put it back on the network. When ABC decides to show another race, please be sure to advertise the event and maximize the fan appeal that this sport enjoys.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at my office (417) 581-5552.

Sincerely,

Shawn Hall

Chairman - Ozark Mountain Trail Riders

TID BITS

Question:

Translation:

don't let her read it!!

To: Bob

From: Bart & Rusty

Subject: Recently, we were planning our next race excursion and began to discuss who we could ask to come and pit for us. Keep in mind, if there were an application for this position it would read something like a nursing home ad for an orderly. It's not that we really need help before or during the race. However, following the race we regress into a helpless state of lethargism somewhat similar to Al Bundy on the couch. We decided that most of the time what dirt riders say and what they really mean are two different things. Here are some examples:

Question: Could you come and pit for us?

Translation: We need an orderly to drive us home.

Question: Are you bringing your tools?

Translation: Bring everything I need to rebuild my

bike

Question: Could you help me adjust my suspen-

sion?

Translation: I want you to rebuild my forks, revalve

the shock, and don't forget the sag.

Whatever that is.

Question: Do you have a spare camelback bladder?

Translation: Do you mind my backwash?

Question: Can I ride on your row at the next en-

duro?

Translation: I can't program my computer and don't

want to learn.

Question: How did you do at the last enduro?

Translation: I did really well and want you to ask me

about my ride.

Question: Could you help me with my jetting? Translation: I don't know how the choke lever works.

The next OMTRA meeting is July 16 at The Repair Shop at 7:00 PM mine too?

Next month; We'll try to publish the statements dirt bike riders say to their wives and what they really mean. Just

Do you run moose tubes?

Are you a big enough sucker to change

The Missouri State Championship MX Series starts this month at Kingsville, MO on July 18. Call Jerry Sharp at 417-887-3524 for more information.

Mel at Action Cycle has tickets to the AMA Grand National August 29 in Sedalia, MO. Racing starts at 8 pm.



Collins Hare Scramble

By Bob Fuerst

Dale calls on Saturday and asks, "Do you want to race tomorrow? Because if you want to go to Chadwick, I have to take the race tires off my bike. But if we go racing, I can leave the race tires on my bike and spend money to race for one of Jerry Sharp's finest works of art." Now, this would only make sense to a dirt bike racer, but we decided to go racing.

I find out, upon arrival at the Eagle Gun and Sport Ranch, the loop is 18 miles long! Right off, this tells me two things. First, I'm not going to ride the whole loop for practice. Second, I didn't bring enough gas to ride more than two race laps.

We ride about 4 miles of the loop for practice. It should be fun. The traction is great and, for June, it isn't too hot.

I'm on the starting line, waiting to get this show on the road, when I notice that a rider in the row in front of me has a backpack on. No, wait, it's more like a carry on travel bag with a



Riders are lining up for the start at Collins

strap going over his head. Wait, it's insulated. What's he doing; carrying a six pack in there? Maybe a sport drink? No, maybe he's going to set up a drink stand at about the nine mile mark. Maybe he's clueless and doesn't realize that thing will probably catch on something and drag him off the bike. IQ

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(Continued from page 6) tests are not required to ride these things.

It gets weirder; the bike he is on is an old Yamaha IT, with a saddle. You know, like for a horse. No, wait, it's just a modified seat, with a pocket for the inseam-impaired. It's going to be tough to weight the front wheel for corners with a seat like that.

Things finally get started. It's our turn. A two kick start leaves me almost at the back of the pack. I don't really consider my self a hare scrambler, but I know this race is going to be over two hours long. So, I'm not going to do anything stupid. I'm just cruising, picking off a rider at a time, slowly working my way up.

It doesn't take too long before things thin out. With 18 mile laps, the fast guys never came around and lapped me.

Steve Leivan won the event on his Silkolene/RK Chain/Scott/NGK backed YZ400F. He completed three laps in 2:26. That's over 22 miles per hour on some pretty tight Ozarks trails. Good job, Steve.

Dirt Track?

On July 27 and 28, the Monett Speedway held motorcycle racing. The track at Monett is a 3/8 mile dirt track. According to Mel Gere and Chad Beckley, several off-roaders from the Springfield, MO area did pretty well.

At least 100 riders raced on Saturday night, including riders from Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Arkansas, as well as Missouri. Classes ranged from Pee Wee to Senior and Vintage to Pro-Am.

On Saturday night, long time Chadwick rider Mike Mills won the hotly contested 600 Pro Am class. Rusty Reynaud, OMTRA Vice Chairman, finished 7th and Chad Beckley finished 8th.

Chad commented that the 3/8 mile track was a lot faster than his normal practice track, which is less than 1/4 mile in length.

It sounds like fun. Next time they have a dirt track race, I think I'll go watch.

How not to ride an enduro.

By Bob Fuerst

On May 31, I participated in the Platte County Trail Riders BJEC enduro at Collins, MO. They had definitely laid out an interesting course with the C, B, A and AA riders all finishing at the same time. Cool: they accomplished this with resets and course splits.

But my race seemed to start out on Saturday. I was just about done prepping my bike. The only thing left was changing the oil when I found out the source of my overheating problems. I declared, "There is not supposed to be antifreeze in the transmission!" So I got Stanley, at Lebanon Suzuki/Kawasaki, on the phone. Yep, they have a water pump seal in stock. Great. Then I called Max, who would only have to make a slight detour to pick up the part, to see if he would stop in Lebanon to pick up the new part. Max said, "No problem."

As soon as Max got to my house, we put the seal in and I test rode the bike. Everything looked good.

Collins is only a half hour from my house, and key time was set to 9:00 a.m., in order to attract more local riders to the event. This meant that I got to sleep later than I usually do when I have to go to work. This really must have messed me up. Oh, let me mention, IT WAS HOT! It was hot by 9:00 a.m.

Fifty feet from the start, I smacked my foot into a rock. It hurt bad enough for me to stop and make sure it wasn't broken. This is the part that Casey Haynes promised to write. He wanted to make sure I got it right. He said that I would probably say that I hurt it saving a bus load of nuns from going off a cliff, or something like that. Casey, you lost your chance.

Dale's Roofing



Actually, I think I hurt my brain. Because I got very stupid shortly after that. The first check was at 3.3 miles. I was a minute late, which wasn't bad since I had stopped for my foot. The next possible is at 6.3. So I rode through the reset and headed to 6.3. Wrong. When the possible is at 6.3 you don't ride to 6.3. You should ride to the 6 mile mark, set the odometer and wait. I buzzed into the check four minutes hot. I'd dropped 18 points in two checks. This is not good when you are 30 minutes from home, it is very hot and you know the riding area like the back of your hand. Approximately 45 minutes later I was pulling my truck into the driveway of my house.

My wife got home from church and I was cutting the grass (purple foot and all). She open the car window and just looked at me with her mouth open. It took a couple of minutes before she even asked what I was doing home. You know, I actually accomplished quite a bit that day. I just don't want to make a habit of it.

RESILITS

Overall - Steve Leivan, 14, Jeff Fischer, 21, 356, Rusty Reynaud, 21, 389, Leigh Leteiller, 25, 379, Bart Williams, 25, 400, Dale Rector, 26

Leigh Leteiller, 25, 379, Bart Williams, 25, 400, Dale Rector, 26 **AA** - Steve Leivan, 14, Rusty Reynaud, 21, Leigh Leteiller, 25

A 250 - Jeff Fischer, 21, Bart Williams, 25, Dale Rector, 26

A 200 - Martin Upton, 30, John Welsh, 50, Darrin Montgomery, 54

A Open - Eli Beard, 36, Todd Knight, 37, Kevin Young, 51

A Int - Jon Simons, 33, Kevin Borts, 35, Kreg Simons, 51

A Senior - Brad Barnett, 43, Eric Hansen, 112, Marcus Upton

B 250 - Brian Sharp, 30, Keith Griffin, 45, John Charlson

B 200 - Wes Bair, 35, Jeff Owen, 131

B Open - Duane Barker, 34, Tony Kirkup, 36, Tommy Ray, 50

B Int - Elston Moore, 39, Jed Goad, 48, Darren Jerome, 54

A Sportsman - Jim Holub, 146, Jim Willis, Bob Difee

A Super Senior - Darrell Judy, 55, Frank Leivan, 84

B Senior - Chuck Howard, 38, Jack Lee, 62, Dirk Wilkinson, 71

B Super Senior - Bob Harris, 57, Sam Helmuth

Super 55 - Zahn Lewis, 62, Jim Letellier, 77, C. Bonifacious

C 250 - Danny Overturf, 83, Garry Renner, 67, Sean Underwood, 43

C 200 - Brandon Kelly, 45, Bryan Judy, 57, Jody Smith, 120

C Open - Troy Taft, 53, Jimmy Russell, 61, Brian Gold, 62

C Int - Mark Schrum, 75, Mike Taylor, 79, Kirk Ramsey, 121

C Senior - Bobby Meek, 50, Steve Gann, 61, Mike Dunn, 67

A Youth - Chase Wilcox, 50, Aaron Willis, Jeremy Tipton

B Youth - Jadd Kimbrough, 11, Michael Hall, 26

C Youth - Cody Lewis, 9

Women - Amy Gann, 16, Susan Roy, Michelle Eidam

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July 25 – Night ride at Chadwick.

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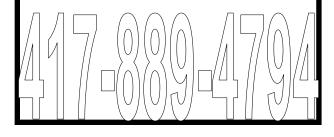
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