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LOCAL DIRT BIKE NEWS

JULY '95

New Name ?

The first thing I had better talk about is the new name for this NEWSLETTER. It was brought to my attention (gently and politely) that our old name, *SHO-ME TRAILRIDERS*, has already been in use . . . and belongs to someone else. While no-one seemed to be concerned, I thought it would be appropriate to go with a different name, so . . . **NOTE'S ON SPOKE'S**. I kind of like it better anyway, after all, this letter is primarily concerned with . . . well, Note's on Spoke's

PRO-ACTION SUSPENSION

Koonta, A.K.A. Tommy Johnson, went down to Marionville and had the suspension reworked on his KDX-200 by the "new guy" at Pro-Action. According to Koonta . . . it is very good! That doesn't surprise me, and shouldn't you because they have been doing suspension work for a number of "fast guy's" for awhile. It's reasonable . . . and good . . . check them out!

TINY AVENGER II ?

I don't know what the deal is here, but I saw a small bike at the Davis Lake Enduro with that logo on it. You don't suppose there's like a million of these Tiny Avengers out there? Makes you wonder if "T/A" is extra sexually active . . . or just cloning himself, himself, himself, himself !!!

LARRY BOLANDER

On a serious note, Larry went in on the Wednesday after the Davis Lake Enduro (would have been the 21st of June) for back surgery in a Kansas City Hospital to have a disc repaired . . . and ran into trouble. I spoke with him this morning (Sunday the 25th of June) on the phone and his spirits are high but so far he has been unable to feel sensation in his leg's. A solid friend and long time BJEC rider Larry could use some encouragement right now from all of us. They plan to move him in the near future to another facility so I won't share his current phone # but his address is: 9034 W. 64th Place, Merriam, KS 66202

It only takes a minute to jot a note and let him know our thoughts are with him . . . **JUST DO IT!**

Ron Shreve's Trailer

Last issue I talked about getting tour's for \$.50 in this Taj Mahal of motorcycle trailers. I noticed at the Davis Lake Enduro that Ron had printed up some price sheets; tour \$.50. Tour with touching (the trailer, not Ron) \$.75. Tour with touching and a souvenir \$175.00. I might have added a little there but the real deal is that in addition to the big rear ramp door, there's a side door on the right front. I would guess if you were running when you got to the back door . . . you could be through, and out that front door before Ron new what had happened . . . you'd have to look quick . . . but it would be FREE!

BJEC

I talk about the Black Jack Enduro Circuit because I ride it, and am involved with it. I also realize that not everyone who reads this does. If you don't ride any of these events . . . you should! Events are being tailored so that the first loop, or short course is rideable and fun, even for beginners and the second loop is tough enough for anyone. It also looks like BJEC will enjoy some major contingency dollars next year from Yamaha, and Kawasaki, in addition to Suzuki, Huseburg, and KTM contingency dollars that they have this year. It "feels like" the Circuit is coming main stream in the '90's. **JUST DO IT!**



DAVIS LAKE ENDURO

ARKANSAS DIRT RIDERS

Davis devastates the competition at Davis Lake Enduro!

Mayflower, AR, June 18

The Arkansas Dirt Riders provided an event for the seventh round of the Black Jack Enduro Circuit that puts the "E" back in Enduro. Sunny skies and 90 degree temperatures combined to make open trails very dusty. Trail boss James Nash insured this wouldn't be a problem by placing the course totally on virgin trail that went beyond the term . . . "tight." The first loop consisted of 34 ground miles ran at a straight 18 mph average with long sections that took points from all the AA riders. The two resets on the loop were a welcome sight to the short course riders when they popped out of the woods momentarily for a sip of water even though none got to enjoy the entire reset due to across the board late points. Steve Leivan on his Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville/ Motorcycle Stuff/ Pro-Action Suspension/ Answer/ Sprocket Specialist/ Dunlop/ Mike's Machine/ Camelbak/ Scott/ RK Chain backed Yamaha 250 WR, led the AA riders at the end of the first loop with a one point advantage over Vincent Davis ('94 ISDE Junior Team Rider.) The second loop was a repeat of loop one with the speeds bumped up to 24 mph and one reset removed creating a 24 mile test section. Davis took charge during this loop on his Moose Racing/ Pirelli/ Pro-Action Suspension/ Scott/ Davis Cycles/ Mike's Machine backed CR-250 Honda losing two fewer points than Leivan ending the day with 28 to Leivans 29 point drop. Steve Travis another '94 ISDE rider and current BJEC points leader struggled with slower riders finishing the day with a 35. Jeff Plunkett, the '92 BJEC O/A Champion, came back from a year layoff due to a broken leg to easily take A Overall honors, and third O/A. This was easily one of the better events on the BJEC schedule with perfectly groomed trail, good course marking, and very challenging, tight terrain. A truly excellent job by the Arkansas Dirt Riders on virgin terrain.

O/A Vincent Davis 28, Steve Leivan 29, Jeff Plunkett 34, Steve Travis 35. O/A A-Jeff Plunkett 34. A-200-Daren Ogden 85, Rick Owens 103, Bobby Paschal 108. A-250-Jeff Plunkett 34, Mark J. Kendall 73, Randy Williams 73. A-Open-Elli Beard 74, Leo Koch 86, Mike Shown 91. A-Int-Bill Rogers Jr. 40, Kelly Crenshaw 40, Dave Berry 91. A Sr.-Wayne Beindorf 71, Terry Long 93, Bud Bieshke 94. 4-Stroke Long-Danny Littleton 94, Kevin Boyles DNF, Phil Templeton DNF. B O/A-Clay Boreing 59. B-200-Clay Boreing 59, Derrick Zinchuck 90, Tony McCall 123. B-250-Ron Pack 101, Brant McFarland DNF, Micheal McCall DNF. B-Open-Jack Richmond 97, Dale Willis, 125, Randy Laudermilk 147. B-Int-Gary Dennington 88, Tim Haslett 95, Tom Hennen 134. Short Course O/A Larry Bolander 13. A-Sportsman-Larry Bolander 13, Tom Hill 15, Randy Presthus 21. A Super Sr-Darrell Judy 14, Gene Kyson 15, Charlie Burk 17. B-Sr-Ken Thompson 24, Dennis Schell 46, Ike Weston 64. B Super Sr-Frank Leivan 34, Pat Payton 35, Jerry Bohannon 70. B Short Course-Allen Porter 25, Dan Danielurlbert 26, Dwayne Nichols 30. Super 55-Clarence Bonifacuis 30, Thomas Barr 63, Jack McCutcheon DNF. 4-Stroke Short-Jim Willis 19, Max Harkey 23, Chuck Howard 24. A-Youth-Adam Beishke 47, Jon Shoalmire 49, Nathan Gladback DNF. C O/A-Arron Wolf 22. C-200-Arron Wolf 22, Todd Silvis 26, Jeff Shen 31. C-250-Micheal Dark 26, Morris Moreno 30, Henry Annesly 30. C-Open-David Miller 28, Hunter Klopp 31, Tom Eidam 33. C-Int-Britt Fogg 29, Shannon McCarthy 32, Brad Cammeron 70. C-Sr-Hollis Spinks 35, Stan Wylie 38, Mark Hansford 47. Women-Becky Lewis 28, Donna Moore 36, Donna Cameron 44. B-Youth Clint Gann 35, Chase Dunn 41, Aaron Willis 41.

As usual, there's more here than meets the eye. The results above is the version sent to Cycle News. This is the "unofficial-additional note's version." I started on row 20 along with "Koonta," "Tiny Avenger," and Derek Zinchuck. At the start line the first two informed me of how much material I was going to get by riding on their row. The reality is that I never saw them again. Derek was gone off the start, Koonta crashed in the first 6 miles hard enough to take the wind out of his sails, and T/A caught up briefly at both resets . . . where's the material? Actually the material is that the Arkansas Dirt Riders put on a very fine event, especially when you consider that it was all on virgin trail! Sure the speeds were a little higher than maybe necessary on the first loop for the C-riders and no, long course maybe didn't need to go 24 on the second loop, and yes, there could have been a punch check here and there to keep every honest, but the bottom line is that it was one of the finest events to date on the BJEC schedule.

GOOD JOB . . . ADR !

LETKO COMPETITION CYCLES

Got up to Kansas City last week-end (the 1st of July) to check on that Larry Bolander guy and "had" to go by LETKO. It had been about 10 years since I was last there . . . and as all things it seems, it's grown. They sell KTM's, Husky's, Ducati street bike's . . . and who knows what else. Of course the new bike's sitting around were impressive as always (who can't help but ogle new stuff?) but the thing that impressed me the most was the just plain old "stuff" Yes, there's new stuff around, and plenty of it, but the "old stuff" stuffed in cracks is what caught my attention the most. There's an old semi out back full (and I mean full) of old Husky and KTM/PENTON pipe's, tanks, fork's, you name it . . . it's out there. Upstairs (above the shop floor) is a virtual fantasy land for vintage prone guy's. "New" aluminum tanks for mid-seventies Husky's. A new KTM tank still in plastic for about a '77 250. Remember the old Husky riding gloves that were blue and yellow with the big "H" on the back of the hand? They got'em . . . hanging on the wall for sale. How about a brand new (but old) hand made polished aluminum motor imported from England that John Penton was considering using in the 125 KTM about year '73. Stuff like that is just a sample. KTM shop manuals and service fliers from the early to mid seventies . . . I could have spent all day just looking. Add all this "stuff" to a full line of current gear and parts and you get the idea . . . the place is stuffed to the ceiling with cool things. Made me think . . . Vintage, European wonder land! Give them a call at: 913 334-2410

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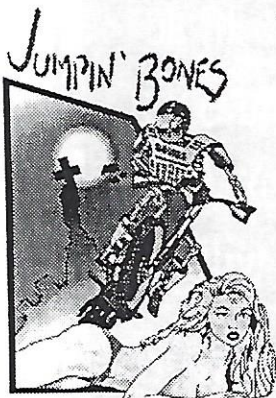
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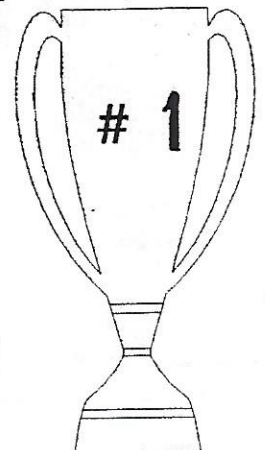
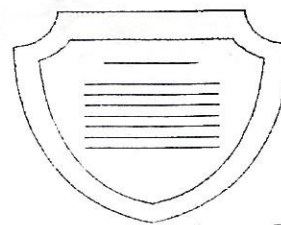
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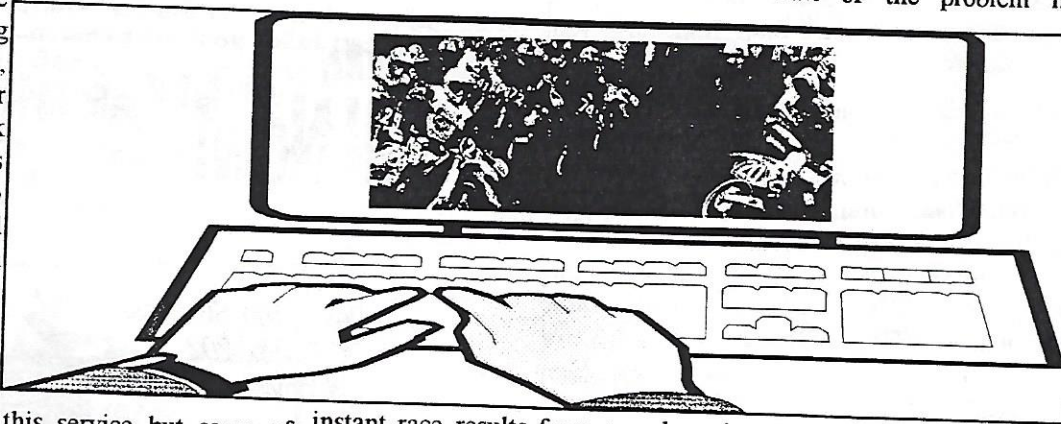
Forget the old days when you stumbled on someone who liked to ride . . . and just went. That can still happen, but information, or at least access to information is probably the wave of the future in our sport. Now you can get information on technical dirt bike stuff, riding areas, events, or just talk motorcycles. Where do you find this? On the Internet. There are a number of

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CHADWICK

Got down to Chadwick last week and was impressed with how clear the trails were. Very few "summer time" face slappers which is surprising. Usually the leaves weigh the branch's enough to bring them down into the trail. You'll remember from last issue where **Jim Voyles (Ava Ranger District, main guy)** talked about illegal use of 101 down in the creek. Either it wasn't horrible, or hopefully, they've quit using it because I couldn't find where he was talking about. Of course I went by at speed looking and at my age . . . any oversight is possible. I did run into one of Chadwicks inhabitants (literally) in the form of a 51/2 foot Rattlesnake. Did a lot of "high stepping" after that. First one I had ever seen up close (read too close) in all the years I've been going down there. I quickly conceded his territory . . . and left! (I'm reasonably sure I averaged 36 mph for the first 30 feet . . . on foot!) My pick for a trail of the month has to be a toss up between 104 (the tight stuff) or 137/137A. Both are fun, gnarly enough to challenge, but neither offer hillclimbs that make them very difficult. Call both of these "fun . . . work-out trails."

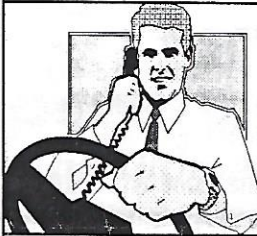
"Half a Year"

Well, Guy's and Gal's, it's been half a year since this thing got going (more really if you count the "start-up, free issues) officially. Unofficially we've lived through eleven issue's. I can't help but reflect now and then about the reasons this letter got going. It started with a basic requirement that #1-I had fun doing it, and #2-you folks who had to read my ramblings . . . got some enjoyment out of it.

For the most part, for me . . . it's been fun. Sometimes when I'm approaching my self imposed deadlines (and I'm late) it's a hassle, but for the most part . . . it's fun. Hopefully, you have enjoyed it too.

I think it's appropriate to thank some people who have been instrumental in supporting this NEWSLETTER. Steve Underwood of Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville, along with Mel at Action Cycle, Sam Lorenz of Motosports, in Ft. Smith, Ar., Lebanon Suzuki/Kawasaki, Pro-Action Suspension, and ProCycle, all came on quickly and supported us with ad's. **THANK YOU!** Koonta-Kinta (Tommy Johnson) and the Tiny Avenger (if you haven't

figured it out by now . . . Coy Workman) have suffered through numerous stories that will make them famous . . . or infamous, and took it in good spirits . . . the way it was intended. I really need to Thank them! The way most, if not all, those stories began, are memories that will stay with me . . . and hopefully you, for a while.



So where are we at, and where are we going? We're going to finish out the year "trying" to bring you race results, schedule info, and, of course, "goofy stuff" I see. Micheal Liechti has been the man bringing you the Missouri State Scrambles results . . . and he is much appreciated! I worry that I ramble on too much about BJEC stuff, and Micheal has brought some balance to the paper with Scrambles results. Thank You!

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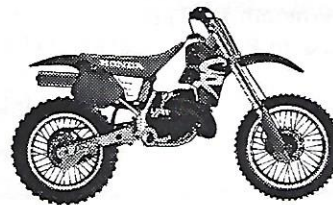
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