



Notes on Spokes

ATVs

I bought a 4-wheeler, also known as an ATV or quad. Actually, I traded a '96 Suzuki RMX and a Ford 9N tractor for it. For the youngsters out there, the 9N is a piece of farm equipment that's more than fifty years old.

I haven't ever spent much time on an ATV. I always thought they would be handy around a farm. But I never thought they would be as much fun as they are. I used it at Chadwick putting on the enduro, and it makes putting up arrows really easy. It's not a sport model, it's a utility model, a Kawasaki Prairie. It has a fully automatic transmission and of course electric starter. So, I could just stop and use it as a platform and reach over and staple away.

I wanted one easy to ride, so my wife Linda could use it at races or around our property. And she does.

It was OK to cruise the trails on, but I am not

going to get rid of the dirt bikes because the dirt bike is still more fun. Except in one situation: ice and snow. Remember all that bad weather we had at the first of the year? It was a blast spinning donuts on the 4-wheeler!

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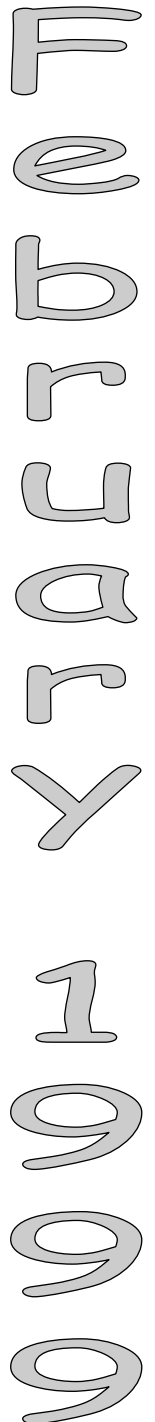
In a few short weeks, racing season will begin. Whether you race enduros, hare scrambles or motocross, it's going to start. Is your bike ready? Do you know where your bike is? (It's probably at Elston Moore's house; I hear people keep taking them over there for service.) Two months ago did you say to yourself, "Oh, I have plenty of time to take care of that." Your time is almost up.

Are you ready? Are the only laps that you have completed the ones between the recliner and the refrigerator? Get up and exercise. You'll wish you had 60 miles into that enduro, one and a half hours into a hare scramble or those last couple of laps on the motocross track.

OK, enough of the pep talk. What am I going to do? I turned forty. I'm going to ride short course. *I'm a wimp.*

The New Year's Day trail ride has been rescheduled for **February 21.**

February 18 – OMTRA meeting at Mexican Villa at 7 PM on South Campbell.



TID BITS

Supercross tickets are on sale! If you are interested in attending the AMA Supercross in St. Louis on March 27, see Mel at Action Cycle for details.

Donna Moore of Springfield, MO contributed the winning name for the Arkansas Hare Scramble Championship Series newsletter, "Lap Times". Donna won a jacket for her entry. Good Job.

Check out www.Motoworld.com. They have live audio coverage of supercross. It's a blast.

While you have that computer revved up, check out www.Cannondale.com. Their "new-from-the-ground-up" motocrosser, due in shops in summer '99, will be making its official public debut in February at the 1999 Motorcycle Dealer Expo trade show in Indianapolis. They will be updating the web site on February 15, the last day of the show, with lots of information.

Here's a story I heard. I am not going to name names to protect the guilty from his wife. It seems this rider has purchased his last two new motorcycles without his wife knowing. He doesn't keep his bike at home and since they have been the same model, when she sees one she doesn't know

that it is not the same bike. I know there are going to be half a dozen guys getting in trouble over this.

Ken Simons, father of Kreg and Jon Simons, hauls stuff for H&H Farm Products (which is owned by Leamon Havens, another dirt bike guy). He had 11,000 pounds of heavy stuff, mainly metal stairs, on his trailer when he cut a corner too tight and dropped the wheels into the ditch. Who happened to show up—me, then Brian Sharp's father Jack. Ken did it right; they had to close the main street in Bolivar to pull it out of the ditch. Isn't it a small world? When Ken told the story to Jon, Jon said, "Oh no, you're going to be in the newsletter." Jon, you're right.

Check out Jeff Emig's column on the RacerX website (www.racerxill.com). He talks about going to the Missouri State Motocross series awards banquet. He mentioned Harry Sharp as the series organizer (I think he meant Jerry Sharp.)

Lee Glenn out of Kansas City is working on finding some land to hold an enduro to replace the enduro previously scheduled to run at Collins on May 2. They are trying to work out a deal for some land near Lebanon. They plan to go down there early February and check it out. Currently a Missouri Hare Scramble Championship race is held there.

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The Black Jack Enduro Circuit is in the process of putting together a big computerized list of anybody with a dirt bike in a four state area. I have been helping them merge together files from BJEC, MSHC, PCTRA, OMTRA, the Razorback Riders and Notes on Spokes. I'm sure there will be more files to add as time goes on. So far, the database is up to 1,150 names and addresses.

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Rusty Cleans Up at Cassville



The start of the expert class. Bart Williams leads, followed by Kevin Borts, Rusty Reynaud and Dwight Maggard

Dunfee Ranch, Cassville, MO.

By Bob Fuerst

It was a beautiful day for January 17, and Jerry Sharp laid out a challenging course at the Dunfee Ranch outside of Cassville, MO. Any concerns about mud were unwarranted.

My day started off with its own little challenges. I tried to drop my trailer into a ravine in the parking area. Then I found a spot to park which required unloading my bike and ATV first and backing into the spot. Rusty and Bart "guided" me back. When I finally stopped there was just one step out the back of my trailer, ten feet straight down into a creek bed.

The course consisted of at least five steep climbs that tested the riders and magnified any setup problems in your gearing or jetting. Of course everything that goes up, must come down. Between the uphill and downhill were challenging off-camber and creek sections.

The start was in a small field and then the trail went straight up

the first of the steep hills. The hills caused more than a few riders to get stuck and they had to push it over the top. One of the bone-head moves of the race came from Ron Shreve. Ron rides in the 40+ class. Lined up right behind the 30+ class, Ron started with the 30+ class. I guess he had one of those "senior moments". Anyhow, Ron figured out his oops at the top of the big hill right after the start, pulled off the trail and let the whole 40+ class pass him. He rejoined the class in last place. Ron rode a solid race to finish second in class.

Another slick move came from Kevin Borts; he ran out of gas about a lap from the end. At the trophy presentation, he was asked how long he had been doing this hare scramble thing. He answered, "Long enough to know better."

Rusty Reynaud won overall. When he came past me he was looking very smooth. He passed me just before we dropped into a creek and went under this log. Rusty didn't even slow down. I, on the other hand, fearing decapitation or brain damage, slowed way down and did my best just to get under the log. Of course any brain damage would just be a minor injury.

Results:

Youth – Anthony Meyers, Springfield, MO, Eli Bieschke, Harrison, AR, Chase Dunfee, Cassville, MO.

0-200 – Brett Skaags, Ozark, MO, Mike Cochrane, Aldrich, MO.

250/Open – Tom Ray, Cassville, MO, Grant Roark, Cassville, MO, Danny Overturf, Springfield, MO, Elston Moore, Springfield, MO, Ralph Gerding, Jefferson City, MO, Greg Johnson, Springfield, MO.

Beginner – Cody Dunfee, Cassville, MO, George DeMilo, Springfield, MO, Tim Thompson, Cassville, MO, Scott

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Cassville Continued



Shawn Hall jumps a log at the end of the lap.

Frazier, Rogersville, MO, Dennis Holbrook, Bolivar, MO, Jason Frazier, Ozark, MO.

+40 – Bud Bieschke, Harrison, AR., Ron Shreve, Aurora, MO., Randall Matthis, Marshfield, MO., Bob Fuerst, Aldrich, MO.

4 Stroke – Russ Halverson, Springfield, MO., Gray Hendrickson, Republic, MO., Doug Meyer, Springfield, MO., Cliff Davis, Springfield, MO.

Intermediate – Steve Underwood, Marionville, MO., Greg Simons, Ozark, MO., Adam Bieschke, Harrison, MO., Weston Bair, Kearney, MO.

Expert – Rusty Reynaud, Strafford, MO. Dwight Maggard, Sparta, MO. Kevin Boyle, California, MO. Bart Williams, Pleasant Hope, MO. Kevin Borts, Holts Summit, MO.



The beginner class going up the big hill at the start. *Boy, pictures just don't do justice on these hills!*

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More Pictures from Cassville



Kreg Simons on his way to second intermediate.



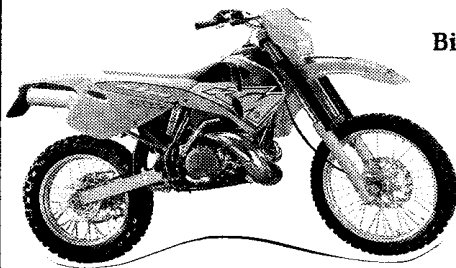
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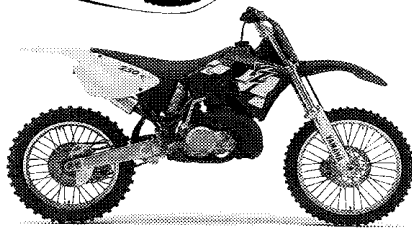
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Leivan takes Marshfield

By Bob Fuerst

January 24, 1999

Powell Ranch, Marshfield, MO.

You never receive phone calls at 6 a.m. with good news. (Publisher's Clearing House just doesn't call at that time.) As many people who receive this newsletter know, I have rental property. At 6 a.m. on January 24, my phone rang; it was the manager of my rental property, and she said, "We have a catastrophe!" She has a tendency to exaggerate, but this time she wasn't. A pipe came apart under a sink and flooded three apartments.

So, instead of loading up my bike and going racing Sunday morning, I was sucking water out of the carpeting in those apartments. I sucked for nine hours! (*Pun intended*) Isn't life fun?

Now I have to write a race report on the Marshfield race from the Winter Hare Scramble Series without actually being there.

I was a little concerned about the race actually taking place, since the day before the race there were 5 inches of snow on

the ground. But it seems only the first few inches of ground were soft with a hard bottom. Only one bad bog developed at a creek crossing. According to Shawn Hall there was a solid line to the left, but it added 5 or 6 seconds to each lap. This sounds like an event where taking a slow pre-race lap was the smart idea. So many riders go as fast as they can during practice when they should stop and take a look at any bad spots. Take the time to find alternate lines in case of a bottleneck or bad rut developing.

It was a fast course. There should be plenty of space on this piece of property to run the Missouri Hare Scramble Championship on April 25.

Steve Levian won overall. He must have been on fire. He was slow getting off the line, but by the end of the first lap, he had a substantial lead and never let go.

Randall Mathis won the over 40 class (*the same class I ride*). He also won the over 40 class in the series with two first place finishes and one third. Randall, were you in Bolivar early Sunday morning with a pipe wrench?

Results

Expert: Steve Leivan, Golden City, MO, Rusty Reynaud, Strafford, MO, Bart Williams, Fair Grove, MO, Dwight Maggard, Sparta, MO, Brandon Forrester, Park Hills, MO.

Intermediate: Bobby Duncan, Deslodge, MO, Danny Crawford, Springfield, MO, Weston Bair, Kearney, MO, Brian Sharp, Rogersville, MO, Brett Skaags, Ozark, MO.

250/Open: Tony Kirkup, Springfield, MO, Karl Harris, Fair Grove, MO, Danny Overturf, Springfield, MO, Tim Hall, Springfield, MO, Greg Johnson, Springfield, MO.

Beginner: Lindsay Cox, Springfield, MO, Jason Frazier, Ozark, MO, Scott Frazier, Rogersville, MO, Roger Robinett, Blue Springs, MO, George DeMilo, Springfield, MO.

30+: Elston Moore, Springfield, MO, Wade Hall, Springfield, MO, J.R. Hansen, Holts Summit, MO, Mark Underwood, Republic, MO, Dan Deshury, Rolla, MO.

40+: Randall Mathis, Marshfield, MO, Kurt Mirtsching, Columbia, MO, David McNear, Columbia, MO, Larry Perkins, Strafford, MO, Wayne Crosby, Elkland, MO.

4-Stroke: Russ Halverson, Springfield, MO, Doug Meyer, Springfield, MO, Gary Hendrickson, Republic, MO, Howard Smith, Rolla, MO, Cliff Davis, Springfield, MO.

Youth: Anthony Meyer, Springfield, MO, Jesse Livingston, Springfield, MO.

Imagine a picture
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at Marshfield,
then imagine a picture
of me sucking the water
out of carpeting.
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OMTRA Stuff

By Judy Willis

January OMTRA meeting was held Jan. 22, 1999, at Cartoons in Springfield. Some 30+ people attended, several new riders wanting to become members. Bob Fuerst was thanked for his outstanding newsletter efforts.

Jerry Sharp was thanked for his efforts in organizing hare scramble races. He does a great job. Jerry thanked all for their help and attendance at these races. He mentioned there will be a state race at Marshfield, MO, this April for both motorcycles and ATVs. There will be one at the same place in May just for the ATVs. He said the Havens' land in Bolivar had been leased and is unavailable. He of course welcomes any help available with these events. He also mentioned the possibility of a 250 motorcycle being given away as a prize at the end of the state motocross series. All entries get a chance with higher finishes getting more chances.

Brian Sharp brought in the hats the club agreed to sell. They are tan with blue bills and the OMTRA logo on them. Very sharp. They are available for purchase for \$10. Club members who helped with the Chadwick Hardwood enduro will receive free hats as thanks. You can pick yours up at the next

meeting or at the Fun Enduro (February 21). If you have any questions contact Casey Haynes.

The club also has purchased a very nice jacket to be given to Aggie for all her help and support. It is embroidered with her name and the OMTRA logo.

Larry Scharnhorst mentioned he and some club members will be attending the Arenacross in Guthrie, OK, this February 12-13. Amateurs get to race on Sunday. He says it is exciting racing, check it out.

Greg Lowe invited the club to attend his annual Perch-Jerk race, usually held in June or July. It involves riding, fishing and eating. He will let us know the exact date.

Mel Gere announced he is again this year purchasing tickets for the Supercross in St. Louis in March. Anyone interested should contact Mel at Action Cycles.

Raffle prizes were a pair of gloves donated by Mel Gere at Action Cycles and a hat donated by the club. Tony Kirkup and Tim Hall were the big winners.

Final standings from the Winter Hare Scramble Series.

Youth: Anthony Meyers

125/200: Brett Skaags

250/500: Tony Kirkup, Danny Overtuf, Ralph Gerding, Karl Harris, Shawn Hall

Intermediate: Steve Underwood, Kreg Simons, Brain Sharp, Weston Bair

4 Stroke: Russ Halverson, Gary Hendrickson Doug Meyer, Cliff Davis

Beginner: George DeMilo, Jason Frazier, Scott Fraizer, Dennis Holbrook

30+: Elston Moore, J.R.Hansen

40+: Randall Mathis, Bob Fuerst

Expert: Dwight Maggard, Bart Williams, Rusty Reynaud, Kevin Boyle

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February 18 - OMTRA meeting. Mexican Villa on South Campbell at 7:00.

Rescheduled February 21 – Chadwick clean up and trail ride

- 9 a.m. Clean up – *Meet at the Pavilion*
- 12 noon Trail Ride
- 3 p.m. food and giveaways

Missouri Hare Scramble Championship

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- 4/11 Steelville, MO
- 4/18 Lebanon, MO
- 4/25 Marshfield, MO
- 5/6 Columbia, MO
- 5/23 Bolivar, MO (ATV Only)
- 6/6 Florence, MO
- 6/13 Fairfax, MO
- 6/19&20 Park Hills, MO (Racers for Research)
- 7/11 Tebbitts, MO
- 7/17&18 Kahoka, MO (National Hare Scrambles)
- 7/25 Knob Noster, MO (Motorcycle Only)
- 8/8 Sedalia, MO
- 8/22 Lebanon, MO
- 9/19 Smithville, MO (Motorcycle Only)
- 9/26 Westphalia, MO (ATV Only)
- 10/10 Festus, MO

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- 3/7 Bear Creek, Kirby, AR
- 3/21 White Rock, Cass, AR
- 3/28 Jimmy Jack, St. Joe, TX
- 4/11 Golden Eagle, Stillwater, OK
- 5/2 ??????????????????????????????
- 5/23 Lead Belt, Flat River, MO
- 8/8 Breezy Hills, Breezy Hills, LA
- 8/29 Little Rock, Little Rock, AR
- 9/12 Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
- 10/3 Crosstimbers, Oklahoma City, OK
- 10/17 Hardwood, Chadwick, MO

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- 3/13 Banquet – Russellville
- 3/14 Pine Ridge
- 4/25 Old Crow – Russellville
- 5/16 Turkey Ridge – Searcy
- 6/6 11 Point – Pocohontas
- 6/20 Crossroads – Durham
- 7/11 Oil Town – Smackover
- 8/22 Hidden Valley – Wynne
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- 10/10 Sturkie Road – Sturkie
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