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The Expert Class on the grass track at Alton

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Jeff Fischer, last year's BJEC overall winner, has moved back to Pennsylvania for family reasons. I received word of this at the Arkansas Hare Scramble at Russellville.

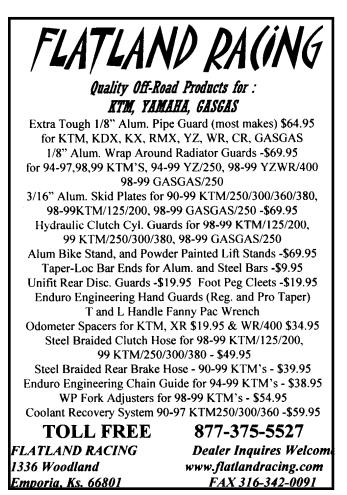
Speaking of the Hare Scramble at Russellville, AR, I saw Ron Shreve there. He was riding his bike to sign up. After a while he came walking back. I asked, "Ron, did you forget some-

thing?" Ron had what you would call a senior moment.

Wayne Crosby told me this about the first time he used a Camelbacklike system during an enduro. He thought it would be a good idea to put the thing in the freezer the

night before, that way by the time he got thirsty, it would be melting and the water still cold. Instead, it was like riding with a brick strapped to his back!

I got this from the newsgroup Rec.Motorcycle.Dirt: "Is there a conversion kit that will allow me to add another shock to my XR400? I like the look of the ATK (one shock on the side) and I used to have a 75 RM 125 and it handled awesome. It had 2 shocks." *Does it scare anyone besides me*?



As you probably know by now, the BJEC enduros at Bear Creek and Stillwater have been cancelled. This reduces the minimum number of enduros required for yearend awards to 7.

Cliff Davis was racing across this field at Alton and someone in the beginner class wasn't letting him by. So he gets real

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close to the other racer and says, "Who you racing!" and the guy crashes. And Cliff knows him. So Cliff does go over and apologize after the race.

Last month, I included the BJEC Contingency Programs, but I acci-

dently left out Yamaha: 7 BJEC races covered in 2000, 5 Rider minimum per class, 1999 or newer YZ/WR models only.

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Check on the website www.off-road.com. It's a Las Vegas based site that covers all forms of OHV recreation, from bikes to jeeps. Right now, it has the review of the new KTM 4-strokes, which includes the "Product and Sales Knowledge Report," a report that goes to dealers to inform them on the bikes they sell. It concludes by saying, "If you hear anything that closely resembles dual purpose, street, road, etc., in your discussion with a potential RFS purchase, do him a favor and steer him to an LC4." Wow. One, I appreciate their honesty and secondly, these are serious motorcycles.

Have you heard about the Ozark 100 Dual Sport Ride? On April 2 there is a 100 mile dual sport ride at Jerusalam, AR. Bikes are required to have a valid license plate, a working headlight and taillight and a USFS-approved spark arrestor. Your bike must also past a sound test. The cost is \$30 prior to March 15 or \$35 at sign up. For more information call Lynn Burton at (501) 847-9791.



TID BITS

Back in 1994, when Dale Willis and I were riding the C Class on the Black Jack Enduro Circuit, I got a call from Dale. He said, "Did you see the latest Keytime? It looks like I'm in the hunt for C overall. I compared my scores with the other guys in the top three and it looks possible." I got to looking at the scores and told Dale, "Look at the guy in fourth, he doesn't even have seven races yet, but all he needs is two work averages and he's got it locked."

Who was that guy? He was a kid at that time. His name, Clay Boring, team Gas Gas rider, ISDE silver medalist, and national enduro Open Class winner. I just read he won the Gobbler Getter Enduro, a SETRA/SERA showdown in Maplesville, AL. *Dale, you didn't stand a chance.*



"Hey buddy, can you spare a bike?" Steve Underwood, shown above at the Russellville Arkansas Hare Scramble, shows up at Chadwick and stops Stewart Hall to ask if Stewart brought an extra bike. It turns out Steve opened the radiator cap to break the vacuum to change the antifreeze on his new DRZ400 and forgot to replace the antifreeze and tighten the cap!

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How does an OMTRA trip to Colorado sound? I've been talking to some folks about making my annual trip to Colorado an OMTRA event. Right now, we are talking about going August 5^{th} through the 12^{th} .

Larry Scharnhorst is not going to Colorado in August, so it's going to be up to us "youngsters" to plan and lead this trip. I've talked to Max Harkey and he's pretty sure he's going. Max and I are both pretty anal retentive, so we should be able to find our way around.

I'm thinking we will spend several days in Pitkin, then ride a day at Cement Creek and then a couple of days at Salida before heading back.

If you are interested, I'll be the contact person on this, so give

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Hill Billy GP - Alton

The final race of the Hill Billy GP series was held near Thayer, MO on February 6. Over 60 bikes and 20 ATVs tackled the 3.2 mile course. Freezing temperatures the night before made slick spots for the first moto. But as they say, everybody had to ride the same course. Temperatures warmed up nicely during the day.

The promoters had the start in an open field that had been disked up to make a natural terrain motocross track. Then it went through a very short wooded section



The beginner class tackles the grass track.

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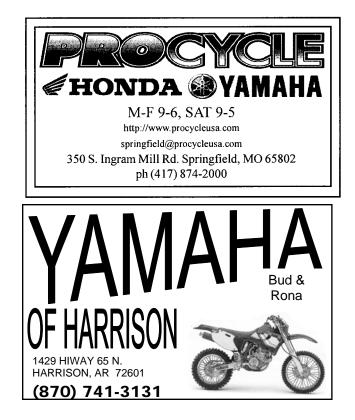


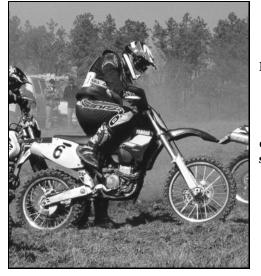


The Expert class heads into the first corner L to R Shane Younger, Justin Quinn and Anthony Meyer

to another field. Then, it jumped into the woods for several miles of prime Ozark land. Which of course means rocks and roots. Don't forget the ice.

After the bikes and the ATVs, the kids got to race. There were a bunch of riders standing on top of a hill, where you could see the whole motocross track. The kids only rode the motocross track. It had no jumps or anything *(Continued on page 5)*





Here's one way to end up in Notes on Spokes: stall your motorcycle right off the start in front of the photographer as Cliff Davis does.

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bad, so it was perfect for the kids. Anyhow, we were cheering and yelling for these two riders battling for position. They were racing for the next to last spot in the kids' race, but a race is a race and that's what's cool about this whole racing thing. It doesn't matter if you're racing for the lead or another position. Just do your best and have fun.

See results on page 8.



Thanks



A big thanks goes to the promoters of the Hill Billy Grand Prix Series, Casey Haynes (shown above), Allen Haynes, Joby Windmiller and Jerry Sharp. It takes lots of time and effort to put on one of these series.

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Arkansas Hare Scramble Series

The first race of the Arkansas Hare Scramble Series was held north of Russellville, AR on February 27, and they had a great turnout. Approximately 200 riders showed up, which kind of overwhelmed the folks promoting the event.

The weather on Sunday was great, but in the days prior, 3 inches of rain had fallen. It made parts of the course great, and parts were not so great. In other words, mud bogs!

The course consisted of ATV trails through the woods and a motocross track. Now, I'm not a great motocross rider. Ok, I've been pasted by so many KX60s that it's not funny. But this track didn't have any bad jumps. It had no doubles, but it had some tough whoops sections.

With all the rain, parts of the trail got rutted pretty bad. Some riders got stuck, but I've seen worse. I've seen some races where bikes would get stuck and they would be there the whole race. At least here, the bikes were removed without the aid of a dozer.



Here's Elston Moore in the pond by the pits. Elston wanted me to point out that rider he was passing is an expert rider!



First corner action! I'm not sure what class this is, but look at the bikes lined up to start.

The start had a few interesting moments for a rider on the line in front of me; he couldn't get his 4-stroke started. Kick, fiddle with carburetor, kick, fiddle with carburetor and so on. After he finally got it started, he lofted this long wheelie after the first turn. Gotta have fun.

I don't have a clue who won. As I said, the promoters were overwhelmed. They were still working on the scores, and we had a long way to drive.

Thanks to Christine for taking the pictures and Stewart for e-mailing them to me.

This is Josh Cook diving into the pond.

A letter to the Forest Service.

Here's a copy of the an e-mail I sent to the head of the Forest Service in response to the Roadless Initiative proposed by President Clinton.

According to the March 8 Cycle News, Clinton is trying to ban OHVs from more land using a new initiative called the National Landscape Monuments program. Keep those cards, letters and e-mails going.

USFS Chief Mike Dombeck can be reached at: Mike.Dombeck/wo@fs.fed.us Fax: (202)205-1765 Phone: (202)205-1661

Mike,

I can't stress enough how important ORV recreation is to me. My vacations center around off-roading. Most weekends are spent out in the woods in National Forests on my motorcycle. The roadless initiative proposed will impact millions of acres of public land. Not only will this initiative exclude many people from a valid recreational activity, it will have significant economic impact to the areas made roadless.

I am chairman of the communication committee of the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders Association, an association dedicated to off-road motorcycle and ATV recreation. We are based in Southwest Missouri. I understand that the Mark Twain National Forest and our local riding area, the Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV use area, will not be impacted by this initiative, but many of our members travel to many parts of the country to ride motorcycles and ATVs in National Forests that will be impacted.

I have been riding off-road motorcycles for over 25 years and have noticed that if trails are properly maintained, the environmental impact is minimal. We pay to have these trails maintained with use permits and the tax on the fuel we use in our vehicles while traveling on these trails. We also perform many hours of volunteer maintenance on the trails we ride.

Please tell me if there is anything else I can do to keep from being locked out of our public lands.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bob Fuerst 702 Hwy. T Aldrich, MO 65601

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| Motorcycle Results – Hill Billy GP Alton | | | |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| Expert Class | Moto 1 | Moto 2 | Overall |
| Justin Quinn | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Anthony Meyer | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Shane Younger | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Darrin Odom | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Intermediate Class | Moto 1 | Moto 2 | Overall |
| David Berry | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Jeremy Havens | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Elston Moore | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Micheal Beck | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 4 Stroke | Moto 1 | Moto 2 | Overall |
| Danny Overturf | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Cliff Davis | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| BJ Clark | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Darin House | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Micheal Jameson | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Tim Duty | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| Rick Watkins | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| John Moore | 7 | 9 | 9 |
| +30 | Moto 1 | Moto 2 | Overall |
| Greg Johnson | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Greg Lowe | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Bob Fuerst | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Wayne Crosby | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Randall Mathis | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| Bart McDonald | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Beginner | Moto 1 | Moto 2 | Overall |
| Jason Frazier | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Scott Frazier | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Sam Snider | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Adam Ashcroft | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Scott Evans | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| Shawn Frazier | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Pat Welch | 12 | 5 | 7 |
| Joshun Long | 8 | 10 | 8 |
| Justin Asplin | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Rick Busick | 9 | 11 | 10 |
| Aaron Blavvelt | 15 | 8 | 11 |
| Denton Moberly | 13 | 12 | 12 |
| Eric Freeman | 11 | 14 | 13 |
| Matt Ellerman | 7 | 18 | 14 |
| Joe Peltz II | 14 | 16 | 15 |
| Kris Kloppe | 18 | 15 | 16 |
| Jared Thompson | 21 | 13 | 17 |
| Brian Mayfield | 17 | 19 | 18 |
| James Lowe | 16 | 20 | 19 |
| Aaron Kloppe | 20 | 17 | 20 |
| Mike Mavlein | 19 | 22 | 21 |
| Rhonda Grigg | 22 | 21 | 22 |



The February OMTRA meeting was held on the 17th at Buckinghams. The weather was not too good and neither was the turnout. Only about 20 members showed up.

This happened to be the meeting to invite Janet Fraley, an engineer with the Forest Service, to come and talk to us about the proposed changes at Chadwick. She came well-prepared, bringing a host of documents concerning Chadwick, including a copy of the original legislation signed by President Nixon in the '70's designating the Chadwick area as a motorcycle area.

She reassured us that the Forest Service is well aware of the type of trails needed and that they have no intention of creating "super highways" that will encourage high speeds and carelessness. She encouraged our group to monitor the progress and report any problems to her personally. Dr. McKenzie also stated he will be there monitoring the work as much as possible.

Janet told us the last date for complaints about the proposed work is March 14. If that date passes without a protest, then the project is on. She believes there may be a protest or two, but that she has the research and documentation to prove "no harm to the existing environment." She enlightened us as to the incredible amount of research and reports that have been done on the Chadwick area, just to be able to improve the area. She added that the addition of the soon to be built bridges will help negate the argument of damage to the waterways as they prevent contact with the streams.

She did mention that ALL letters are read and do have an impact on Forest Service decisions. The squeaky wheel gets the grease, you know. She encouraged all members to write to the service in favor of the Chadwick area, even if it is just a simple note to say "We love it and want to keep it." All letters should be addressed

to: Becky Byron USDA- Forest Service 906 Springfield Road Willow Springs, MO 65793

In other club business, Alan Haynes reported that the winter hare scrambles were so successful, they are thinking of trying to do some fall events. He expressed thanks to all those supporters and also to Bob and Linda Fuerst for their help and photography work. Riders at the events ranged from very new beginners to veteran "retired" riders. All the non-OMTRA members who raced will be receiving club information.

Casey talked about the status of the non-profit organization plans. He informed the club that the for-profit corp. will need to be dissolved and all offices either filled or dissolved. Club members agreed this switch is a positive move. Again, remember to keep some time open this summer to help with the Chadwick project.

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| 4/2/00 | Columbia, MO | . Bikes & ATVs |
| 4/8-9/00 - | Park Hills, MO | . Bikes & ATVs |
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| 6/24-25/00 - | Park Hills, MO | . Bikes & ATVs |
| 7/9/00 | Tebbetts, MO | . Bikes & ATVs |
| 7/15-16/00 - | Kahoka, MO | |
| 7/30/00 - | Knob Noster, MO | . Bikes Only |
| 8/13/00 | Lebanon, MO | . Bikes & ATVs |
| 8/27/00 | Sedalia, MO | Bikes & ATVs |
| 9/10/00 | Smithville, MO | . Bikes Only |
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| 10/15/00 | Viburnum, MO | Bikes & ATVs |
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| 4/30/00 - | Old Crow-Russellville |
| TBA - | Searcy-Turkey Ridge |
| 6/4/00 - | Russellville-Pine Ridge |
| 6/18/00 - | New Blaine |
| 8/20/00 - | Cosc |
| | Cass |
| 9/24/00 – | Smackover-Oil Town |
| 10/15/00 – | Harrison |
| 10/29/00 - | Amity-Lost Creek |

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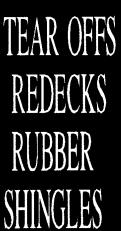
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| 6/4/00 | Coger, OK |
| 6/25/00 - | Gruber, OK |
| 9/3/00 - | Anadarko, OK |
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