

# Notes on Spokes



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# TID BITS

The ARHS race originally scheduled for 6/18/00 at New Blaine but postponed due to weather has been rescheduled for 8/6/00.

Here's what I heard: Spud, Kevin Borts, Kevin Boyle and Steve Leivan were camping at Steve's place. It was after dark when they started racing the 50s. Then they started jumping the 50s. Then they started jumping the 50s over the campfire. Then Spud crashed into the manure pit! After hosing himself off, Spud decided to top them all. He jumped the campfire naked! But he crashed and tweaked his knee. I didn't even try to call Spud to confirm this. According to his brother, he's being pretty tight-lipped about the whole event.

This may be related, but Spud's wife Lesa recently got a 4-wheeler, a 350 Warrior, to join the band of ATV wives.

Since I'm talking about the Simons family, Kreg and Jana are

going to tie the knot on August 5 in Tahoe.

I got a note from Bill "Bar-B-Que Bill" White. He has moved a little closer to Chadwick. *All Right!* Thursdays are bad for him to make the OMTRA meetings, but he'll surprise us some night.

**The Next OMTRA Meeting:  
July 21 at  
Bart's house - 7 pm**

Elston Moore called to tell everyone how well his wife Donna did at the Flat River Grand Prix held June 25 at the St. Joseph State Park at Park Hills, MO. Donna not only won the women's class, but also received a prize for the motorcycle racer that raised the most in donations. You see, the event is

a major fund-raiser for March of Dimes. A total of \$29,000 was raised for the charity. Other race notes: Chris Thiele won the race by completing 6 laps on the 16-mile course. Steve Underwood not only won the Senior class, but finished 4th overall. Elston finished fourth in the Vet class. Approximately 150 racers started the 100 mile event.

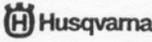
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# July OMTRA Meeting.

Letter from the Chairman:

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**By: Shawn Hall**

Searcy, AR – The fifth round of the Arkansas Hare Scramble circuit was held near Searcy, Ark., on Memorial Day weekend. Although a couple of days of rain threatened to make the event a mudfest, the majority of the trail held up well and provided a good racing circuit. This event also marked the maiden voyage for my new trailer, now given the name of “Moto Palace” by the editor of this newsletter. I did take the 26-foot monster to the Lead Belt Enduro the week before, but my wife Kim could not go, so it was not the official first trip.

This event was a unique event because it was held on the Memorial Day weekend. We don't normally race on a holiday weekend. When I arrived at the site on Saturday afternoon, I was expecting to see an empty parking area. I was surprised to see no less than 20 full size RVs set up for a weekend of racing and camping (that is if you call living in a house on wheels, with all of the comforts of home, camping). I guess a number of other families had the same idea that we did, take the family and make a weekend of it. The RVs were all impressive, but the one that really stands out is the Bus and trailer combo of Jimmy Russell. Our little trailer looks like a toy next to his. We did learn that the favorite pastime of people that own RV's is to take tours of each other's rigs. It really is quite cool to see all of the neat gizmos inside some of these monsters.

Just like all old guys with RVs, I tend to wander; back to the race. Sunday morning dawned a beautiful sunny day. The first event up was the ATVs. My son, Scott, begged and pleaded to ride in the utility class. He did and took first place; although he was the only one in his class he did make three laps on the rocky course. Next up were the Pee Wees and the Minis. Ryan Hall, no relation, took the win in impressive fashion in the Pee Wees, while Patrick Russell took the Minis. The next race was the juniors; they had to ride through a fast degrading grass track. Joe Holland took the Juniors and Rhonda Griggs had an easy day in the ladies. All of them survived and cleared the way for the main event.

In a conversation with AA rider Chris Andrews after the event, he explained “We all knew if Johnny got the holeshot we were in trouble” Of course, the Johnny he was talking about was the current points leader Johnny Rhodes. Well, that is exactly what happened. Rhodes pulled the holeshot and never looked back. Chris Andrews claimed second and Martin Upton was third. Most of the top riders completed 6 laps on the 6 mile course. Other OMTRA members attending the event included Stewart Hall, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior Class, Elston Moore took 4<sup>th</sup> in the A class, and Donna Moore who took 4<sup>th</sup> in the Trailrider class. A special mention here has to go to my oldest son, Michael, who took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Trailrider class.

You will notice that I have not mentioned my ride. Well, it was just the same story, different day. I got the holeshot only to get passed by everybody in the class when I missed a corner. I had to then endure the fact that both of my sons came home with nice plaques and I did not.

Other than the plaque thing, I would have to consider the weekend a complete success. This was a great example of what dirt biking is all about. Like many of the Arkansas Hare

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Scramble events are, this was just a bunch of families getting together for a weekend of riding and fun.

Just to complete our three-day weekend, we even decided to stop at Bull Shoals for another night out and a morning swim before heading home on Monday. I think I am going to like this RV thing.



Above: Contributor Shawn Hall on his KTM 300EXC. Below: Yes, the grass track got muddy as Photo Contributor Stewart Hall Demonstrates



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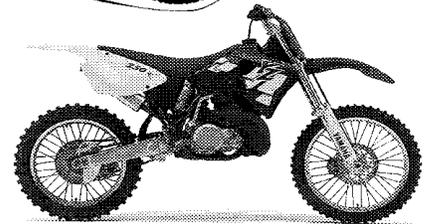
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# Leivan Combats Collins



Here's how things looked at the start. Everyone was trying to keep their goggles dry.

By: Frank Leivan

June 18; Collins, MO

SCR/Yamaha rider Steve Leivan and his WR400 got back on the winning track by carding the overall victory at round six of the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship at Collins. The win marks Leivan's fourth of the season and puts him in a good po-

sition for a run at his eighth championship.

The Brush Buster boys laid out a 15.5 mile course on a 1000 acre plot of land in southwest Missouri for the 225 contestants to compete on. Overnight showers had the course in prime condition for the ATV race early Sunday morning; however, the rains came

back just before the start of the motorcycle event and continued off and on throughout the afternoon. Vision and lack of brakes were the biggest problems the riders encountered, as the rocky content of the soil and the lengthy course held up well.

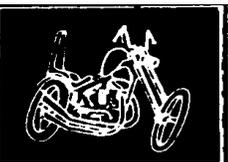
J&W Cycles teammates Chris Nesbitt and Chris Thiele dueled each other for the holeshot of the AA class, with Nesbitt's aggression putting him in the lead. Leivan started in third with Brandon Forrester and Bobby Duncan in tow.

Leivan would quickly move into second by choosing an alternate line around Thiele and would latch onto the rear fender of Nesbitt's KX-250. The two riders started to put a small gap on the Thiele—Duncan—Forrester threesome.

Near the four-mile mark of lap one, Leivan tried a different line at a log crossing in his bid for the lead and became hung up, dropping back to fifth for much of the lap.

"I was trying to save my goggles for as long as I could, and I noticed that those three guys had already tossed theirs. I just kind of hung back and waited until we got to the open stuff near the end and made my move" Leivan said.

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"Make his move" he did. 13.5 miles into the opening lap, Leivan outraked Forrester in a right hand turn, then in the next corner, a left hand sweeper, blitzed around Duncan who was in his first ride on a YZ-426. Leivan then closed in on Thiele and a mile later, swept around the outside in an open section to take over second.

Nesbitt still held the lead by the lap's end with a 15-second gap back to the Leivan—Thiele—Duncan—Forrester train. Leivan and Thiele both stopped for fresh goggles, so the start of lap two was Nesbitt, Duncan, Leivan, Forrester, and Thiele.

Duncan stalled the engine a couple of miles into the lap and allowed the three riders behind him to pass. Forrester had clung to Leivan like glue, looking for an opportunity to move ahead. It took nearly 13.5 miles again for Leivan to get close enough to Nesbitt to make a pass attempt.

"I knew I would have a bit of an advantage when we got to the open stuff again so I tried to get close enough to make something happen. I swept around him in the same sweeper that I had passed Bobby (Duncan) in the lap before, then outraked him into the woods," explained Leivan.

Leivan held the lead after the second of three 48-minute laps on his Answer/Silkolene/Tsubaki/Dunlop/Scott/NGK/Clarke/Summers Racing backed thumper, blasting through the pits without a stop and opening a lead. Nesbitt opted to pit, surrendering second to Forrester who also blew through without pitting, momentarily.

When Nesbitt set out on his third lap and had just gotten up to speed, he was met by Forrester, who had second thoughts about

needing gas and was going in the opposite direction. "I saw him (Forrester) coming towards me, but I couldn't really believe he would be going backwards. I tried to get over as far as I could so we didn't hit, and I just barely got out of the way," Nesbitt said.

Leivan knew that with no one on his tail, it was time to make a run.

"I looked back at the start of the lap and couldn't see anyone, so I put the hammer down. The section from about mile three to mile six was my weak spot, so I rode really hard leading up to there, then just tried to be steady in that section. I made it through there good and still couldn't hear anyone, so I stepped it up again," eventual winner Leivan said.

Nesbitt held onto second for nearly half of the final lap, but was forced to slow the pace when he lost his rear brakes. Forrester recovered from his pit area problems and put on a charge that carried him within striking distance of Moose/Scott/Silkolene/Clarke/Splitfire backed Nesbitt. Forrester then moved around and opened up a gap of his own.

With a mistake-free and consistent final dash through the rocks and ruts, Leivan put his 58th career win in the books, finishing the event with a two-minute margin of victory.

"Today was good. I would have preferred that it didn't rain on us this morning, but that's how it goes. In this type of racing you've got to learn how to ride in everything and adapt to the conditions you have to face. It paid off to make wise decisions, be easy on the bike, and stay out of trouble. The last couple of events, I haven't done that, so I feel good about how I did today," Leivan said.

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Sinisalo/Boyesen/Smith/MS-backed Forrester capped off his best result of the year with a strong runner-up ride on his YZ-250, finishing with a two minute cushion over early race leader Nesbitt, who rounded out the podium positions, equaling his best finish of 2000.

Aaron Shaw put in one of the most impressive performances of the day, not only winning the 250 B class for the fifth time this season, but also finishing fourth overall along the way. Shaw, who has only ridden selected events the last few years after having his bike stolen from the back of his truck, is back with a vengeance and riding strong.

Duncan made his first ride on a four stroke an impressive one with a top five finish ahead of Thiele, who wasn't comfortable with the conditions and settled for a sixth place finish. Kevin Borts puts his Suzuki in the winners circle of the A class for the first time this year on the way to seventh overall ahead of class challenger Rick Kinkelaar. Ninth went to XR-250 mounted Kevin Boyle, who took the checkers with a severely tired motorcycle and a wrenched shoulder, earning the unofficial "Iron Man" award of the day ahead of Charles Thiele who rounded out the top 10.

## Results

**O/A:** 1. Steve Leivan (Yam); 2. Brandon Forrester (Yam); 3. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 4. Aaron Shaw (Yam); 5. Bobby Duncan (Yam); 6. Chris Thiele (Kaw); 7. Kevin Borts (Suz); 8. Rick Kinkelaar (Yam); 9. Kevin Boyle (Hon); 10. Charles Thiele (Kaw)

**AA:** 1. Brandon Forrester (Yam); 2. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 3. Bobby Duncan (Yam); 4. Chris Thiele (Kaw); 5. Kevin Boyle (Hon)

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**125 B:** 1. Zach Mabery (Hon); 2. James Sloan (Yam); 3. Mike Rozier (Yam); 4. Tim Short (KTM); 5. Jeremy Wisecup (Yam)

**200 B:** 1. Robert Armon (Kaw); 2. Weston Bair (KTM); 3. Dustin Wisecup (Kaw); 4. David VonHoltzen (KTM); 5. Sean Palmer (KTM)

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**4 Stroke B:** 1. Nick Crawford (Yam); 2. Craig Delong (Suz); 3. Travis Pilant (Hon); 4. Ralph Gerding (Hon); 5. Gary Pilant (Hon)

**250 C:** 1. Gary Wetherell (Kaw); 2. Troy Wetzel (Yam); 3. Todd Corwin (Stz); 4. Adam Ashcroft (KTM); 5. Marshall Sprague (Kaw)

**Junior:** 1. Stephen Simmoneau (Kaw); 2. Nate Lane (Yam); 3. Pat Myers (Hon); 4. Brett Ripperger (Yam); 5. Jeremy Hansen (Yam)

**Women:** 1. Michele Eidam (KTM); 2. Amanda Lappe (Kaw); 3. Donna Moore (Yam); 4. Kellie Crawford (Kaw)

**Vet:** 1. David Gerbes (KTM); 2. Carl Dobson (KTM); 3. Elston Moore (Yam); 4. Kevin Ruckdeshell (Kaw); 5. Tom Eidam (Suz)

**Senior:** 1. David Dillingham (KTM); 2. Steve Crews (Kaw); 3. Jimmy Jones (Kaw); 4. William Guffey (Yam); 5. Jeff Debell (Hbg)

**Super Senior:** 1. Frank Leivan (Yam); 2. Gerald Frericks (KTM); 3. Tony Schlader (Hon); 4. Bob Jones (Kaw)

**Beginner:** 1. Jason Tongay (Hon); 2. Josh Morgan (Yam); 3. Jason Finlay (Suz); 4. Cole Bryant (Hon); 5. Rick Busick (Hon)

# Randall Mathis Terrorizes Old Couple in RV



Actually, the above photo has Randall coming out of the check at the Pine Ridge Arkansas Hare Scramble on June 4. The event was held at the same location as the first event of the Arkansas Hare Scramble Series. If you remember, organizers had signup and scoring problems at the first event. Not this time. Both signup and scoring went very well.

The course itself followed the same 4-mile course as the first time, but organizers used a "Bobcat" to fill in the ruts. The course was pretty fast and physical. It included a motocross track with some table top jumps and gnarly whoop sections.

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# OMTRA Stuff



The June meeting was held at Buckingham's with only about 10 members present.

Mel Gere and Karl Harris brought pictures of their fishing trip to Canada. It looked to be a beautiful area and they reported having a ball.

On the injury report -- Jamie Jennings re-injured his arm recently and Bart Williams has broken ribs.

Bart reported that the club's tax debt has been taken care of.

Mel Gere at Action Cycle is selling raffle tickets to benefit the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition. They are using the money collected to help with the costs of the legal defense of off road recreation. The tickets are \$1 apiece and the grand prize is a Quadmaster 500 ATV and trailer.

Dr. McKenzie reports the grant money has been approved for the Chadwick work. There is still some paperwork to finalize, but he expects to get started on the trail work sometime in July. The bids are going out for the bridge projects. He will keep the club informed as to the progress, as our input is always welcome, and our physical help may be required sometime soon, possibly September.

Jerry Sharp brought 3 shirts to be raffled off. They were won by Bob Fuerst, Shawn Hall, and Darren House.

Darren gave the treasury report - it stands at \$2,843.00.

Bart and Rita Williams have graciously volunteered to have the July OMTRA meeting at their residence on July 21. Note this is a Friday instead of the usual Thursday night. The club will provide the food and Bart will take care of the drinks. Be sure and contact them if you can come so they can have some idea who to expect. Please plan to attend this meeting as it is the election of officers.

**The Next OMTRA Meeting:  
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July 29, 2000 – Karl and Julie's Float Trip

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