



# Notes on Spokes

## Clean Up Day at Chadwick

On February 21, almost sixty people showed up at the pavilion at the Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Use Area for the annual cleanup day.

Of course, the cleanup was originally scheduled for New Year's Day, but an ice storm prevented it from happening that day. First, riders split up to do some work, some riders picked up trash along Highway H and Red Bridge Road, others cleared downed trees and some others drained water holes on some of the main trails.

Then everyone went riding. Two short loops were set up and the temperatures were warming up into the low forties and sunny.



Here is one of the large piles of trash picked up by the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders.



Here are some members of the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders clearing a downed tree on trail 126 E.

After the trail ride, it was time for food and giveaways. A special thanks goes to Aggie St. Clair for gathering all the food and cooking the chili.

Special thanks also go to the following businesses for contributing the giveaways:

**New Location**  
March 25 – OMTRA meeting at Diamond Head at 7 PM on South Campbell.

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# Clean up day Continued...

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There were lots of giveaways. Almost everyone went home with something.

I saw "something" transpiring while the everyone was getting ready for the trail ride. Lesa DeLong and Judy Willis got on a four wheeler, Kim Hall got on her four wheeler and they followed Bart Williams, who was on an XR100, out of camp. When they got back, they started bench racing. I asked if any of them would put something in writing and Judy Willis put this together:

**Bart's Tour Service**—Since Lesa Simons didn't have a bike to ride in the organized event, she asked if anyone wanted to just go for a scenic ride. She had a loaner 4 wheeler to play on. Kim Hall had her 4 wheeler there also. Since Bart is between bikes at the moment, he was not going to ride in the organized event, but he apparently had a bike at his disposal, I believe it belonged to Rusty's wife, Joy.

Anyway, Bart volunteered to be tour guide, and Lesa and



**Dan Crane and crew picked up this truckload along Red Bridge Road.**

Kim graciously asked me to come along. Having never been the passenger on a 4 wheeler, I chose to ride with Lesa because her machine had a rack behind the seat I could hold onto! Kim loaned me a helmet and some goggles and we set off. Our tour guide, Bart, set a fine example by riding with a "beverage" in one hand and his ever-present gangster hat for brain protection!

We took off down the 101 trail, and I only know this because Lesa told me. You have to realize I have never even been on any trails at Chadwick. Dale says I make a bad passenger, and after I flipped our 3 wheeler years ago at the chat piles he won't buy anything else I can ride. Anyway, I enjoyed this trail a great deal, especially the whoop-de-dos. Actually they were just giant mud holes, but the way Lesa attacked them I was glad I had something to hang onto. Lesa was kinda worried she was going too fast for me, but I loved it.

Bart was weaving in and out of the trail on his little bike yelling "Yee-haa." Kim was following last and probably getting the most muddy. We came to kind of a triangle of converging trails where there was a big thorn tree right in the middle of the triangle. Bart decides we should go left

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# TID BITS

Kreg Simons came up to me at Chadwick one day and said, "I just thought you should know that Rusty forgot his riding gear. Oh, he has his helmet and boots, but nothing else." I asked Kreg, "Is this the same Rusty that competed in the ISDE twice?" Kreg said, "Yes, it is." I asked, "Is this the same Rusty that won the Black Jack Enduro Circuit three times?" Kreg said, "Yes, it is." I asked Kreg, "Is Rusty riding today in his underwear, with his boots and helmet?" Kreg said, "No, Rusty was able to borrow everything he needed to go riding." That's good.

**Correction:** In last month's issue, I thought I had a cool shot of Kreg Simons racing at Cassville. It turns out that it was actually Kreg's brother Jon "working" the event. Jon, you were going a pretty good clip to be looking for broken down or injured riders.

Max Harkey's wife told him he needed to get in shape. He assured her round was a shape.

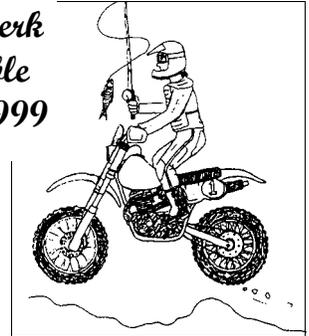
Rumor has it Lee Letellier is making a cool hydraulic clutch guard for KTM's.

Karl Gallette, fast guy from Stockton, is a dad. Haven't heard any more details. I'll pass them along, if and when I find anything out.

St. Louis Supercross: Mel Gere from Action Cycle has over 400 people signed up to go to St. Louis on March 27 to see the AMA Supercross.

The next OMTRA meeting will be the fourth Thursday of the month on March 25, instead of the usual third Thursday. It is also at a new location, Diamond Head on South Campbell in Springfield.

## *3rd Annual Perch Jerk Invitational Scramble Sunday, May 16, 1999*



Greg and Denise Lowe would like to invite you to the third ANNUAL PERCH JERK SCRAMBLE.

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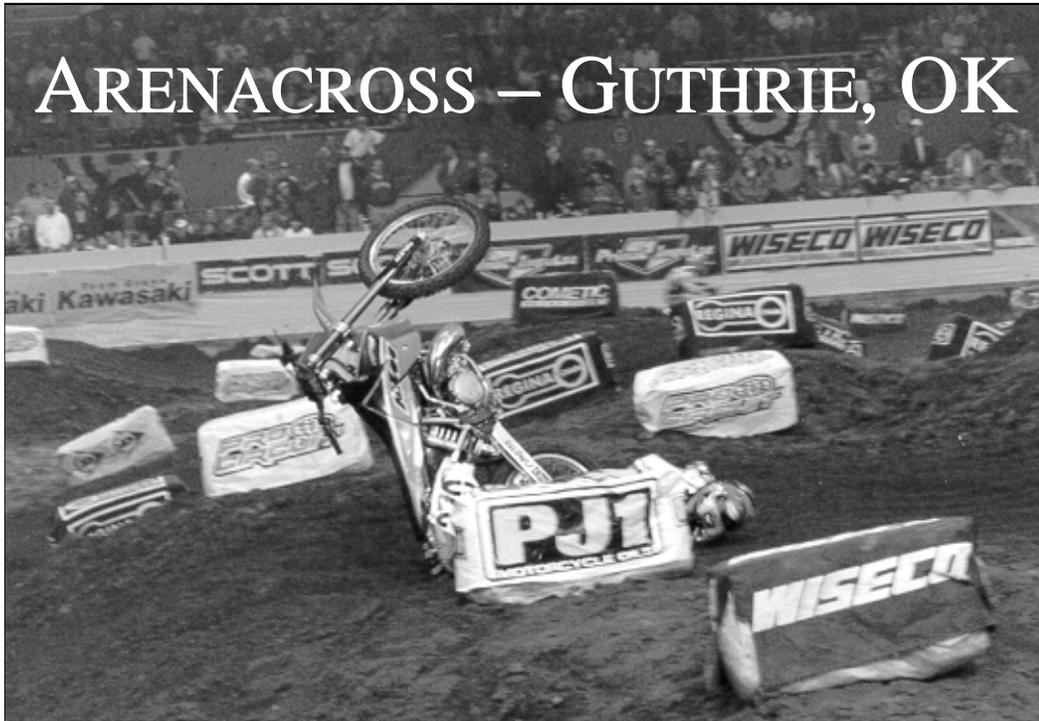
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**“While I’m down here. I might as well check the brake pads. Yup, they’ re OK.” I think this is Jeff Hedden.**



**Between the 125 and 250, the 50s race. The racers are between 6 and 8 years old, boys and girls. Here’s one of the little girls getting air. That’s a teddy bear zip tied to the back of her body armor.**

By Bob Fuerst

I made my annual trek to Guthrie, OK to watch Arenacross at the Lazy E arena. Larry Scharnhorst, Dale Willis, Les Blizard and I headed down on Friday afternoon, Feb. 12, in Les’ Tahoe. It’s a nice rig.

The Lazy E is the largest venue on the Arenacross circuit. It is almost as large as the tracks on the Supercross circuit. Racing is held on both Friday and Saturday nights. Larry arranged the front row seats. It’s cool. On Saturday night, the riders were landing from a triple ten feet in front of me.

Going into Friday night, Oklahoma native Cliff Palmer was leading the Arenacross series. Unfortunately, he had a season-ending injury to his right arm.

It was Buddy Antunez’s weekend with two second place finishes on Friday night and two first place finishes on Sat-

urday night.

You should plan on making the trip next year. It’s a good way to get out of the house in the dead of winter.

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**Cliff Palmer broke his arm on Friday night; here’s Larry Meier setting up an interview on Saturday.**

# Clean up day Continued...

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and we innocently follow. The trails starts going uphill pretty fast, but Lesa and Kim didn't seem to have a problem with it. I'm sure Lesa got tired of being smacked in the back of her head with my helmet visor, but I am not used to a 4 inch piece of plastic sticking out of my forehead. (Dale's right, I am a bad passenger.) She was great to put up with me.

So, we get to the top of this hill, stop a minute to rest and Bart, who has been riding ahead and then coming back to us (kinda reminded me of Lassie coming to get Timmy) comes back with a smile on his face. He admitted he had sorta forgotten what the trail was like going down this hill. This did not sound good. Well, to me it didn't even look like a trail, more like a bunch of rock ledges sticking out of a hillside. Lesa and Kim both did a great job negotiating the rocks, but eventually we decided Bart could just ride the bikes down while we hiked. We might have felt sorry for him, huffing and puffing up that hill 3 times (two 4 wheelers and his bike) but hey, he got us there to begin with!

After we are back on level ground, we again come to a fork in the trail and Bart excitedly decides we have GOT to see rattle-

snake cave. He promised it wasn't nearly as difficult as what we just came through. Trusting souls that we are, we said "Sure, why not." Well, for one thing, the trail was really just a stream bed with a lot of really cold water in it. Keep in mind the temperature that day and we were wearing sneakers! Also there were lots of tall (I thought) exposed tree roots that Bart could avoid but not those of us on 4 wheelers.

We decided again it was time to "See Bart Run," so we made him ride our bikes up the hill and over the bridge. I have to admit he was right, I wouldn't have missed it. Having never been there before, I thought it was a beautiful sight and can only imagine how spectacular it must be in springtime. We (Bart) rested there for a while and then started on up the hill. The droppoff on the right side looked pretty imposing, but I assured Lesa I would lean far enough left for all of us, given my fear of heights. She and Kim zipped up that hill like it was nothin'. The view was even better from the top.

From there it didn't take too long to get back to camp. I have to admit I had a blast. Of course, being a passenger, I had the easy job. Kim, Lesa and I have decided to badger Dale into getting me a toy to play with too, since I seem to be the only kid on the block without one. I do have to say Bart made an exciting and comical tour guide, and I appreciate it. Judy

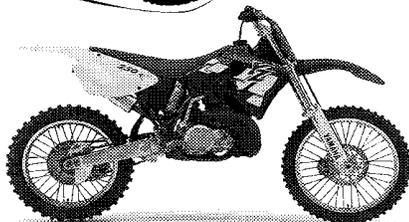
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# Interview with Steve Leivan

By Bob Fuerst

*I heard Steve Leivan, many-time overall winner of the Missouri Hare Scramble Championship and the Black Jack Enduro Circuit, was going to contest a national series. I gave him a call and conducted a short interview.*

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## **What series are you going to be contesting?**

The GNCC (AMA Grand National Cross Country) and MHSC series with selected BJEC enduros. There are a total of 13 GNCC races, and right now I plan on hitting 9 GNCC and all the MHSC events. We leave for Florida on Friday for bike week. The first GNCC is Tuesday at Okeechobee, then Sunday, the second race is at Macon, GA.

## **Any throwaways in GNCC?**

There are three in the pro class. So I'll be one short this year.

## **Tell me about the GNCC races. How long are they?**

They are 2:45 to 3 hours long. The loops are usually around 10 miles. The average speeds tend to be higher than the MHSC races, running 25 – 30 MPH.

## **How old are you?**

27. Most of the top riders are in their early to mid thirties and they can't ride forever. So I hope to learn from them and I

am still young enough to pursue the series for several years.

## **Do you have any strategies for this season?**

I've been working out 3-4 hours every night, mainly rowing machine and the like, to work on my breathing. I want to be in shape for the first races. A lot of guys have to ride to get in shape. I want to keep from getting injured and be ready to go.

## **What bike are you going to be riding?**

Yamaha WR400. The 99s haven't arrived yet, so I'm taking the 98 to Florida.

## **Who are your sponsors?**

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# HAVING A BAD DAY? THINK AGAIN

*Terry Brumley e-mailed this to me. I got a kick out of it. Here it is:*

So you think you're having a bad day? The following is taken from a Florida newspaper some years ago:

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the house in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear. The man, still holding the handlebars, was dragged through a glass patio door and along with the motorcycle, dumped onto the floor inside the house. The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room and found her husband lying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle lying next to him and the patio door shattered. The wife ran to the phone and summoned an ambulance.

Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several long flights of stairs to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband. After the ambulance arrived and transported the husband to the hospital, the wife uprighted the motorcycle and pushed it outside. Seeing that gas had spilled on the floor, the wife obtained some paper towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet.

The husband was treated at the hospital and was released to come home. After arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He became despondent, went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated.

The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs and his groin. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and dumped the husband out. He fell down the remaining steps and broke his arm.

Now THAT is a bad day...



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# OMTRA Stuff

By Judy Willis

The February OMTRA meeting was held at Mexican Villa South on Thursday, Feb. 18, 1999. Attendance was over 35, very good.

Shawn Hall reported the club is now officially a corporation. This brought up the subject of tax responsibility, Bob and Darren will be handling that area.

Everyone was reminded of the Chadwick cleanup day to be held the following Sunday, Feb 21. Trash pick-up starts at 9:00, riding at noon and food and prizes at 3:00. Rusty Reynaud and Max Harkey volunteered to mark trails for the ride.

Shawn delivered a message of thanks from Jim Cook, a Gas-Gas dealer in Smackover, Ark. He sends his appreciation to the OMTRA members for their efforts in keeping Chadwick available.

It was mentioned that any rider, member or not, is able to receive the Keytime newsletter.

Anyone who wants to participate is invited to play basketball at the Boys Club on Park St. in Springfield. They play from 9 to 11 on Thursday nights. It was specified that no talent was necessarily required!

Club voted to help Jerry Sharp with the MO State Hare Scramble event to be held in April. It was noted help might be needed on the day of the event as well as in the days prior.

Club voted to provide food for the annual Perch-Jerk event to be held at Greg Lowes' home in West Plains.

Raffle was held for a can of chain wax, graciously donated by Mel Gere of Action Cycle. The winner was Brice Gott.

Randall presented trophies to the participants of the Winter Hare Scramble series. The group posed for pictures. Bart presented a special trophy for 8th place to Steve Underwood, who apparently suffered from unanticipated fuel consumption at the last race of the series.

Randall called on new members and visitors to introduce themselves and be welcomed. Meeting was adjourned.

Our next club meeting will be at Diamond Head across from Mexican Villa, March 25th at 7 p.m. The address is 2734 S. Campbell. They will provide a meeting room, buffet \$6.45 or menu and refreshments.



Winners of the Winter Hare Scramble series: Back Row L to R: Gary Hendrickson, Karl Harris, Cliff Davis, Steve Underwood, Tony Kirkup and Bob Fuerst. Second Row: Russ Halverson, Bart Williams, Brian Sharp, Shawn Hall and Rusty Reynaud. Front Row: Kreg Simons, Randall Mathis, Anthony Meyers and Doug Meyers

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**March 25** - OMTRA meeting. Diamond Head on South Campbell at 7 p.m.

**May 16** - 3rd Annual Perch Jerk Invitational Scramble  
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- 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

## 1999 BJEC Schedule

- 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
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