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What happened to the Greasy Creek Hare Scramble?

Snow! Lot's of SNOW! Two days before the event "we" got 18" of snow on the course. No one came or went for two days . . . in any kind of vehicle. I did ride my KTM out to the neighbors, and that wasn't fun at all. Had to call Dick Burluson that day as I promised I would and mentioned the snow, along with my ride in it . . . and the man said "that would be great! Yes, he's sick! All those stories you've heard and the pictures we've all seen in the magazines of him in impossible situations . . . I think they're true. He's that sick!

It was not fun. When the front fender is pushing snow as you paddle along at nearly full throttle in second gear throwing a rooster tail 20' in the air and you're still only going less than 5 mph . . . it's not fun to me. Snow is cold. Snow is even colder when you've fallen in it for the fifteenth time. This was extra cold snow cause it was deep. When you did fall . . . your head went under, some goes down your shirt, in your boots, very, very cold.

I had lot's of phone calls from people who live a couple of hundred miles from here (like Kansas City.) Things like: you can't cancel a Hare Scramble. What do you mean it's canceled, are you guy's down there sissy's? My favorite one was: I don't care about snow . . . I've got a snow mobile (like

everyone should have one and you're a fool if you don't.) Well . . . it got canceled, if for no other reason than



that the snow plow couldn't get down our road (Yes I know the guy on the snow mobile could have made it.) So what are we going to do?

For starters, we're going to put some parameters on this thing. We're planning on doing the Greasy Creek on

19 February

BUT! If we have torrential rains and flooding . . . it will not go. If we have an earthquake . . . it "probably" won't go. If we have blizzard conditions . . . it will not go! My best advice is to plan on it going, watch the weather, and if there's any doubt as to conditions give me a call at:(417) 345-6211, the day before. I had also guaranteed (previously) that it would not be slippery . . . I withdraw that guarantee. With the weather the way it is . . . who knows? On the other hand if it makes you feel better (so you'll come) . . . I guarantee it won't be slippery. By the way, I'm 5'5" with red hair, and weigh about 175 Lbs. and my name is **Mel**. (If it turns out to be slippery!)

What are we going to talk about in this issue? Things are a little slow right now so we worked on getting schedules located on series coming up. Look for the BJEC schedule, Mo.

State Scramble series, and a National listing of things happening **starting soon!**

I have found the answer to dirt bike evolution at Sundyke Yamaha/Marionville!

I was down there the other day hanging around watching the big screen, projection TV go up (we are talking BIG SCREEN TV as it's about 8'x8'.) It gave me plenty of time to look around. Down time gets the "wheels" in my head rolling and I noticed a PW-50. Next to it was a YZ-125. A couple spaces down was a WR-250. That carried me through the bike "wish list" of my life through about age 33. The "40's" wish list starts with a Husaberg 501 as I spent a great deal of time "ogging" it. I figured that would carry me through the "50's" except that I might add a 4-wheeler (there's about a hundred of those outside.) My thoughts turned to what then? What do I ride after that? The answer was sitting outside . . . shining in the sun! A Ski-doo **Sportster!** It's a three seat jet boat looking thing available with two engines to the tune of about 180 horse power! Yes, we're talking open class here! So what if my knees are bad, my back hurts and I can't turn the throttle well anymore. Get one of these things . . . **and go fast! They are very cool looking.** The other neat thing is that it should be easy to convince the wife . . . that we need this. Nice quiet, quality time cruising slowly around the lake. . . . at about **100 miles per hour . . . YES!!!!**

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I've been meaning to talk about this guy since last summer and the **Collins Enduro**. **Howard B. Hammack** owns and runs **BRUSHBUSTER'S** At Collins Missouri. A long time site for Missouri Hare Scrambles, the land consists of about 1000 acres of woods trails, rocky climbs, open 4-wheeler trails . . . in other words . . . neat stuff. Howard makes a portion of his living providing this area. There is a charge for riding there (\$5.00) but the fee is well worth it.

Howard also offers camping in a huge pasture, ringed with trees that is very nice. There has to be 60-70 miles of trails and there are maps available (see Howard) so you can find your way around.

So why did I choose Howard as the "care" person for this month? It's because he provides this area for us.

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There's an abundance of deer on the property so there will be plenty of opportunities to see wildlife if you're going on a family outing. The camping is more primitive than

at Chadwick but with fewer fellow campers to contend with (try one or two on an average weekend.) Howard also offers extended stay rates so if you want to stay several days . . . he'll cut you a break, ask him about it.

The other thing I really like about the place is that it's NOT crowded. If you're tired of Chadwick on peak week-ends, meeting crowds of riders on the trail . . . give this a try. I rode one Saturday and never saw another bike. Heard a

couple of bikes in the distance, but never saw them.

The **Collins Enduro** and **Missouri State Hare Scrambles** along with several **Trials Events** will happen there again this year, **LOOK** for them!

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Koonta-Kinta

Don't have anything to report on Koonta-Kinta this month and it feels like something is missing. I've gotten used to sharing "stuff" with you . . . and Koonta-Kinta has been avoiding me. Our last ride gave me a clue. "You need to ride with somebody else so you can see them do stupid stuff . . . and then tell everyone about it!" You don't suppose Koonta-Kinta is getting sensitive? Naw, he's just trying to get out of the lime-light, **won't work Koonta-Kinta!** I've got too much stuff on you!

Example: **Koonta-Kinta** got engaged over the holidays to a wonderful young woman named **Mimi**. Now I've known Mimi for several years and know she's very nice, good looking, and pretty normal. So just how did Koonta-Kinta manage to talk her into an engagement?



I "think" he lied. In fact I bet he "swooned" her with stories of his incredible riding ability and the obvious potential for National status as a factory rider . . . and all the money and fame that comes with that.

I hate to be the one to tell her but feel obligated. **Mimi**, at **forty years old**, the only team Koonta-Kinta's likely to get on is the same team I'm on: **Team Old Fart**. I promise he will not make any money racing and there will be no fame. . . better keep your day job! (So there Koonta-Kinta!)

Willy

My 1974 RL-250 Suzuki Trials bike is almost "healed." After getting to ride it for a total of about one hour . . . he is going to live. New lower bearings, fresh bore, new piston, and a spattering of new cosmetic stuff almost assures that Willy will strut his stuff proudly. Now I just need to figure out a way to stretch the frame so I don't look like an elephant riding a goat . . . I'll be able to strut my stuff. Since I don't think that's going to work, try not to laugh too hard if you see me go by.

Vintage bikes in BJEC ?

Yes, I have it on pretty good authority that there will be vintage bikes racing in Black Jack Enduro's. AHRMA is forming a National Vintage Enduro Series, and three of this years BJEC events will offer a Vintage class. **White Rock Enduro**, at Cass, ARK, **Crosstimbers Enduro**, at Oklahoma City, and **The Hardwood Enduro**, at Chadwick Mo. all will have these class's. 0-30, 30-40, 40-50, and Over 50 years old. (Riders not bikes.) Bikes need to be '74 or older and there are some exceptions. Contact AHRMA at (715) 842-9699.

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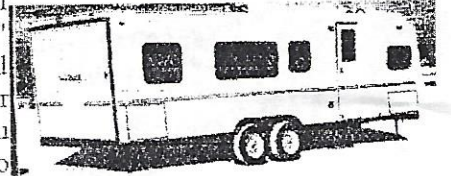
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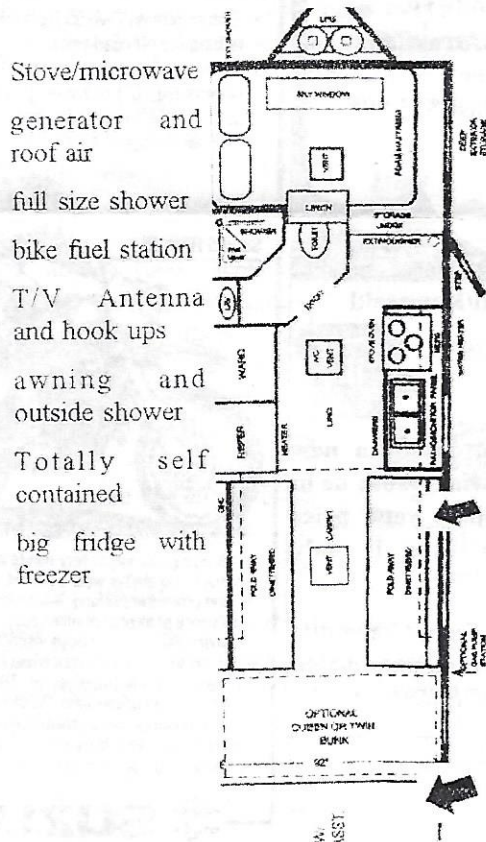
Winnebago's that haul!

I noticed an ad in the AMA magazine a couple of months ago talking about RV trailers that doubled as bike haulers, so I wrote them for a brochure. Guess what...they're very cool! A pull trailer (or 5th wheel) with all the luxury any manufacturer has to offer, and the dinette folds up so you can load your dirt bikes or 4-wheelers in the back. Very, very, nice. A couple of the neater things is that there are options for a "fuel pumping station" in an enclosed compartment for the bikes so you don't have to carry fuel. 100 gallon fresh water capacity for plenty of water, and an on board generator (and roof air) so you are completely self-contained. The whole idea or concept is very nice and tailored to what "we" do.



If you're interested in something like this, give me a call and I'll provide some information. (417) 345-6211 (Be sure and call mornings between 8-12.)

Decided I wasn't done on haul'in trailers as I wanted to show you a couple of floor plans. These things come in sizes ranging from 14' to 40', pull and 5th wheel.



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I don't have size seven boots or any other gear that might fit him but I am sending the \$5.00 back so he can apply it to those boots when one of you call him. I'm sure no-one here is looking for charity but they are looking for reasonable deals on items, "he" will outgrow quickly. Think back to when you guys were in the same boat and ask around for the items he's looking for. Hopefully it's in each of us to take a minute and help out a new, fledgling rider.

I've done my part . . . "you guys" find the stuff?

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Bit's and Piece's

Anyone notice that we haven't heard from **Jim Voyles** (Chadwick Forest Ranger) lately? That's my fault. I just haven't talked to him and asked him. Since he gets a copy of this . . . we'll just ask him here: "Hey Jim, how about another piece on Chadwick?"

Husaberg? Yes, I'm still on that one. Can't decide if I really like Husabergs all that much or If I like Husabergs because they represent what can be done with a 4-stroke in regard to weight. They are neat, and the future of off-road motorcycles. I'm afraid that soon all off-road bikes will be 4-strokes. That's not bad . . . just different.

We need to find an abandoned stock yards with fences, gates, and all the uprights and have indoor Hare Scrambles in the Winter when it's bad. You know, go down two gates, brake slide left. One gate, brake slide right. Miss that pole. Wheelie through the sales arena which would be scoring. What do you think?

Wish summer would get here!

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BJEC, Year-end Results

Our local guy's did Good!

Got a hold of the year-end stuff and wanted to put in print how our local guy's did. In no particular order is every name on the list that's close to being in the area. Steve Leivan O/A A, Larry Bolander O/A Senior Short Course, Vincent Davis 5th AA, Leigh Letellier 7th AA, Mike Shown 1st A-Open, David Berry 1st A-Int, Mike McCutcheon 3rd A-Int, Greg Lowe 6th A-Int, Ron Shreve 7th A-Int, Jac Richmond 3rd B-Open, John Lawson 4th B-Open, Sam Lorenz 6th B-Open, Steve Underwood 1st B-Int, Dave Ernst 5th B-Int, Darrell Judy 2nd A S Sr., Dane Marable 3rd A S Sr., Randy Presthus 2nd A-Spt, Sam Helmuth 1st B S Sr., Bob Fuerst 3rd C-Int, Tommy Johnson 5th C-200, Dale Willis 1st C-250, Max Harkey 1st C-Sr., Skip Seal 4th C-Sr., Jack McCutcheon 4th Super 55, Becky Lewis 1st Womans B, Wayne Cosby 2nd B-4Stroke, Wayne Beindorf 1st A-Sr. And there's more. I tried to look at the top 6 places. If you didn't see your name I either didn't recognize it, or missed a page. *Good Job!*

