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**Darin House and Danny
Overturf chase John Gott at
Lu's Place**

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TIDBITS

From Donna Moore

Bob,

Would you please do me a big favor and print this in your next issue? It would mean a lot to me.

I'm sure you have all heard by now that I had a little accident after the race at the Chadwick Enduro. I would like to express my appreciation to some very special people who mean a lot to me. Kreg Simons and Jana Barkman, June Scott and Randall Mathis, Lesa and Jon Simons, Dale and Judy Willis, Karl and Julie Harris, the OMTRA, Wayne Crosby and family at Lebanon Suzuki/Kawasaki, and everyone who called expressing their concern, and last but definitely not least, I would like to thank my wonderful husband Elston. Both Elston and I feel very blessed to have you all as good friends.

Sincerely, Donna Moore

Here's a race report from June Scott on the River Front GP at Fort Smith, AR held on November 26:

We were afraid it would be muddy and wet at the last race of the Ark. Hare scramble series but several of us diehard, get down and dirty riders from Mo. went to River Front Grand Prix. Believe me, it won't get race of the year THIS year; well,

it WAS wet and muddy, but you know sand washes out a little easier than Mo. clay.

Rusty Reynaud, of course, put on quite a show chasing Steve Leivan around in the sand, never quite catching him but still bringing home enough money to buy dinner for some!! (not mine mind you.)

Steve Underwood DNF with clutch problems; they don't seem to make a bike that can stand up to his abuse. HA HA

John and Bryce Gott were there, John bringing home 4th and Bryce coming in after 1 lap telling me it was too muddy. You would never have known it by looking at his bike, but I think it used to be orange.

Rhonda Griggs got 1st in the women's class and I got 3rd, but hey, I got my 1st ever hole shot and led for 1 and 1/2 laps till this tree jumped out in front of me!!

I believe Duck was there in the sand somewhere, can't say for sure!

Rumor has it that Bart was there incognito on a Honda; Randall says he was getting ready to pass this guy and he just pulled right over into him, there were arms and legs flying everywhere, with Randall's own bike running over him. Sounds an awfully lot like something Bart would do.

It was also rumored that there was a mud hole deep enough to lose a bike in. Some were stuck up to the handle bars; yeah, it was a little WET!

Randall and Ron Shreve both rode in the Senior class with Randall getting 2nd and Ron with 4th.

Oh yeah—and it was FUN too!!

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CHADWICK

If you remember in last month's issue, I received an e-mail regarding the blocks the Forest Service is using for erosion control on the trails at Chadwick. I said that I would love to get a formal reply from the Forest Service. Not only did I get a formal reply from them, but I also received a personal letter from Rick Moon on this subject.

I also made a trip to Chadwick just to take pictures of the improvements being made, including the bridges, the campground expansion and, of course, the blocks.

Even though I had stayed at Chadwick for five days helping with the enduro, I didn't run down and look at the campground expansion. It's



This picture shows the conlock blocks in use on trail 130A

big. Maybe I'm wrong, but it seemed to triple the size of Cobb Ridge Campground. Electricity is going in. The old rest rooms are gone. The new ones are open.

I saw a couple of bridges completed. However, the trails have not been relocated to use them yet. In fact, if you head down 119, it closes at 119A, due to the construction.

The official reply is on the next page and Rick's personal reply follows that.

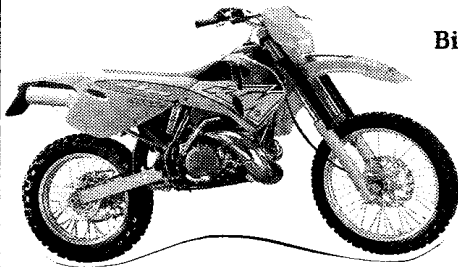
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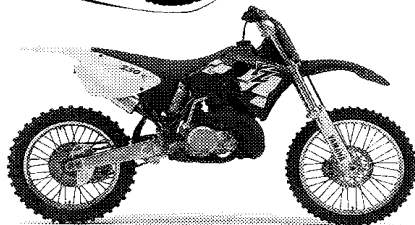
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Dear Bob,

This is a personal note concerning the blocks and Chadwick in general. Chadwick is a very special place to me since I practically grew up riding there with my parents since I was old enough to hold my head up. Chadwick is also special to me because I am "fortunate" enough to get paid (partially) to take care of it. This brings me to the purpose of this letter. It is extremely disheartening for me to work so hard trying to keep Chadwick open and make improvements that I feel will make riding there more enjoyable only to receive a bunch of negative comments. For instance, in the past year or so we have drilled a new well, built a new bathroom, worked on numerous trails (including replacing the bridge at Rattlesnake), and closed several hill climbs and basically tried to make the area a nicer place for everyone. Then all I hear is that the riders need to start a letter writing campaign because a couple of trails are slick. If

Above is the bridge at Rattlesnake cave. This bridge, built by the SMS Construction Club, was completed several years ago. A recent improvement saw the addition of grating on the surface for added traction.

you would like to keep Chadwick open, I would start a letter writing campaign stating how much you enjoy the area and appreciate our efforts to keep it open. Constructive criticism is one thing and complaints are another. If anyone has an idea on how to reduce erosion without using the blocks, we would love to hear it. When the District Ranger and the Supervisor's office read nothing but negative comments about an area, why would they want to keep it open???

Since the Fee Demo program started in 1997, the Forest Service has received about 5 positive comments on the work we are doing. In that same time we have received probably 20 or more negative comments, such as "the blocks are too slick," "we don't need water," and my favorite, "the new bathroom stinks" (anyone remember the old one?). My God, talk about

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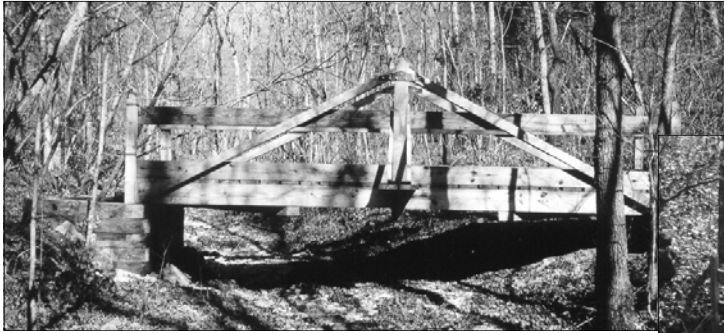


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At left is the new bridge on trail 121 and below is the new bridge on 119.



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hard to please. I get the feeling the Forest Service should just quit working on the trails and the campgrounds and then let the environmentalists go down and take pictures of the armpit-deep ruts in the trails and the dead trees in the campgrounds that result. My sole purpose in doing trail maintenance is to (hopefully) ensure that my kids and grandkids have the chance to enjoy riding at Chadwick if they so choose. If the area is left alone, the chances are very slim they would ever get that chance.

A few years back, I got to the point that I didn't enjoy riding at Chadwick anymore because everywhere I looked all I could see was all the work that needed to be done. I would ride by a series of hill climbs that I had closed a few months before, only to find the brush and trees drug out of the way. I like job security, but it seems more like I'm trying to "push a chain."

and then use the money to build hiking trails.

Well, I'm tired of bitchin' for the time being. I will be happy to cuss and discuss this with anyone who's interested. Feel free to print this in the newsletter if you wish.

Rick Moon

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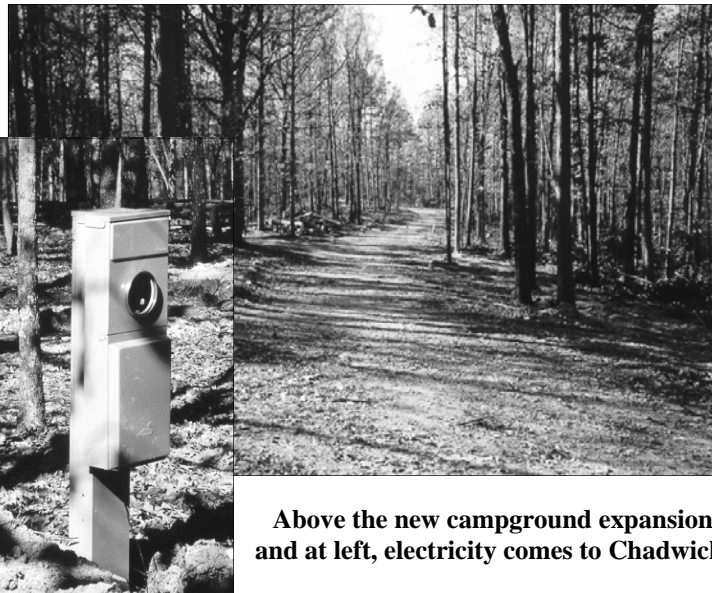
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Hill Billy GP

Lu's Place, Bolivar, MO

I attended the Hill Billy GP held at Lu's Place at Bolivar, MO on November 5. Racing conditions were almost perfect. Cool temperatures and recent rains helped bring out 114 riders in the motorcycle and ATV classes. The following is the official word from Casey Haynes on the Hill Billy GP:

The expert class was won by Rusty Reynaud, but Greg Surdyke led the way for the first 3 laps of the first moto, so Greg kept him honest. The second moto Dwight kept Rusty in sight the whole race but never could get close enough to pass. Leigh Letellier had some problems with flat tires and Greg S. had some trouble with taking soil samples, I think, but good racing.

The intermediate class saw some very tight racing all the way to the end in both motos. Jeremy Havens and Steve Underwood never got more than a couple of feet apart for the entire event. They really went at it, and it looked like they were having a



Jennifer Callaway at the start of the second moto

blast. I know Dwayne M. was catching them at the end of both motos but his slow starts held him back to finish 3rd. Behind those guys, there was a group of Elston Moore, Brain Sharp, Karl Harris, Spud (Jon Simons) and Dave Berry, from what I remember, who were all "nose to tail" in both motos at one time or another.

The 4-stroke class had Cliff "I love this format" Davis and Rad. Rob battling for the overall. Cliff amazes me, he doesn't ride forever but comes out and flat hauls for 45 minutes. Now I know why he came up with the Gran Prix idea; He is good at it!! Radical Rob showed them all that he can "do

woods" as well as he can "do doubles".

The old guys, had some good racing as well. I know Shawn Hall and Bob Fuerst were going at it pretty good as well as Stewart Hall, John Gott and Randall Mathis. Randall was slowed with a flat tire or he would have been fighting for the



Overall winner Rusty Reynaud

there.

Shortly after we had pulled into the last wood section, Rusty came up behind me, lapping me. I pulled back in behind Rusty. I tried to stay as close to Rusty as possible. Rusty tried to pass Shawn by cutting underneath Shawn in a corner. What Rusty didn't know was there was a big log, pitching Rusty sideways and slowing him down.



The Intermediate Class starts the second moto.

This gave me the chance I needed to keep up with Rusty. In the next corner Shawn pulled over so Rusty could pass with me right behind. I could here Shawn scream "You Bastard!" over the sound of the bikes. I didn't stay on Rusty's fender for long. But it was long enough. Lucky, I was close enough to the end of the course Shawn wasn't able to regain momentum and catch me.

Funny thing was, when I was telling the story to Randall, he reminded me that I pulled the same thing on him in Arkansas early this year. Hey, if it works.....

**Results
Motorcycle**

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overall win. It was good to see everyone racing "hard" and having fun.

See ya at the next one.

Thanks
Casey Haynes

As Casey said, Shawn and I had a pretty good race, being old guys and all. Well, the problem was, nobody told Shawn. You see, it was the second moto and Shawn got his usual good start, thanks to his motocross background. On the last lap, I noticed that I was catching Shawn. I'd pull a little closer here and

- Expert** - 1) Rusty Reynaud, 2) Dwight Maggard, 3) Leigh Letellier, 4) Greg Surdyke
- Intermediate** - 1) Jeremy Havens, 2) Steve Underwood, 3) Dwayne Miekley, 4) Anothony Meyer, 5) Brian Sharp, 6) Brett Skaggs, 7) Dave Berry, 8) Jon Simons, 9) Elston Moore, 10) Karl Harris, 11) Derrick LaFevers
- 201-500** - 1) Josh Bruton, 2) Roger Robinett, 3) Jason Frazier, 4) Shane Fry, 5) Brad Ghan, 6) Doug Cook
- 4 Stroke** - 1) Radical Rob Schneider, 2) Cliff Davis, 3) Scott Johns, 4) Danny Overturf, 5) Darin House, 6) Aaron Roberts
- 30+** - 1) Chris Hurrill, 2) Greg Johnson, 3) James Enyart, 4) Tony Neill, 5) Aaron Kloppe, 6) Mark Underwood, 7) Kirby Elliott, 8) Shawn Fowler
- 40+** - 1) John Gott, 2) Perry Scott, 3) Stewart Hall, 4) Randell Mathis, 5) Bob Fuerst, 6) Shawn Hall, 7) Paul Hansen, 8) Duck
- Youth 125 0-16 yr** - 1) Josh Stander, 2) Justin Cox, 3) Odee Bundrick
- Youth 0-100** - 1) Zach Neil, 2) Bryce Gott, 3) Brayden Payne, 4) Wyatt Scott, 5) Shane Roberts, 6) Kyle Dampier
- Women** - 1) Stephanie Smith, 2) June Scott, 3) Jennifer Calloway
- Beginner** - 1) Cory Pascoe, 2) Tommy Steele, 3) Jim Cramer, 4) Dirk White, 5) Shawn Frazier, 6) Brain Mayfield, 7) John Lile, 8) Marc Miller, 9) Clint Calloway, 10) Jeremy Johnson, 11) Kevin Bresee, 12) Rick Busick, 13) Ryan Gilbert, 14) Mike Morrision, 15) Shane Calloway, 16) Marty Ramsey, 17) Jim Kunza, 18) Patrick Long, 19) Michael Hall, 20) Scott Austin, 21) Dan Metz, 22) Eric McGinnis, 23) Joshua Long, 24) Jason Meadors

ATV

- Expert** - 1) Justin Asplin
- 2 Stroke** - 1) Ralph Doherty, 2) Lee Sawyer, 3) Michael Plush, 4) Scott Cline, 5) Eric Miller, 6) Ricky Walker, 7) Tony Friga
- 4 Stroke** - 1) Gabe Elliott, 2) Gary Lyons, 3) Jim Sisk, 4) Travis Bales
- +30** - 1) Glen Davis, 2) Lou Lairmore, 3) Walter Williams
- Youth** - 1) Reese Jump
- Beginner** - 1) Steve Phillips, 2) Ryan Scary, 3) Wesley Vestal, 4) Larry King, 5) Ryan Choate, 6) David Dudley, 7) Ryan Davis, 8) Kenny Nutter, 9) Roger Ashlock, 10) Billy Watkins, 11) Doug Johnson, 12) Jeff Freeman, 13) Ken Harrill, 14) David Daniels, 15) Billy Jacks, 16) Corey Scary, 17) Bryan Snider, 18) Nathan Poster, 19) Brad Divine, 20) Bradley Watkins

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OMTRA Stuff



The November meeting was held at The Station Bar and Grill with 18 members that attended.

Bart wanted to thank all the women, including but not limited to Kim Hall, Judy Willis and Linda Fuerst, that helped at the last enduro race. It takes a lot of time and effort to put these races on, so it is greatly appreciated to everyone that pulls together and helps set up and work at the races!

A proposal was made to the club by Kenny Stewart, offering to let us put on some races or a few events on his property. The land has 1600-1800 acres, which is a great piece of property to ride on. There would be some things that the club would need to check on and think about before we made any decisions on this. Kenny would require the club take out at least a \$10 million insurance policy to insure that he would be protect from any liability situations. (The cost of the insurance and any other information that can be found about a policy like this is being checked into and will be discussed at a later date with more information.) Being that the land is virgin riding land it would take a lot of time and work to get trails established for any races or events, so this is another issue that we must consider. The land would be limited during hunting season! Once we can get all the details together on this proposal, we will discuss it further in a later meeting and vote on what the club would like to do.

Mel knows a guy that has 80 acres close to Marshfield that would like to put on a few events each year. It would require work to set up the trails. Bart suggested that maybe he would allow the club to cook out and camp on his land to help set the trails up. Mel will get more information from him and let us know.

Bart has read in magazines how at different races they name some of them wild and crazy names. He thought that would be kind of cool to do for some of the races that we put on, so that when the racers talk about the races they can keep up with ones by their names. (What does everyone else think about this?)

At the last Hillbilly Grand Prix race there were 114 riders, with more dirt bikes than four wheelers this year compared to last. It was a great turnout with perfect weather! The next Hilly Billy Grand Prix race will be December 17 at Powell Ranch-Marshfield, MO.

Toys for Tots will be December 10 at Lu's Place. The cost will be at least one new toy around \$20. If you cannot come at least send your toy with a buddy! Remember, this is a good cause!

We will be having our yearly New Year's Day cleanup at Chadwick as long as it does not ice us out. (we will reschedule another day if that happens.) Meet at the pavilion by

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The OMTRA Christmas Party:

Where: The Cafe 500

111 Massey Blvd., Nixa

When: Saturday December 9, 2000

Time: 7:00 p.m. until? (closes at 11:00 p.m.)

See OMTRA Minutes for More Details



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9:00, clean until noon, eat lunch, (club will provide hot-dogs and hamburgers) ride until dark. There will be give-aways again this year. (be there to find out what)

Donna got her cast off her arm and graduated to a removable one. We are glad that she is doing better and on the road to a full and speedy recovery!

It was good to see some faces that we have not seen in a while! Now that the weather is getting colder and things are slowing down, we hope to see more friendly faces that we have missed seeing!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Where: The Cafe 500 (111 Massey Blvd., Nixa)

When: Saturday December 9

Time: 7:00 p.m. until? (closes at 11:00 p.m.)

There has been a room reserved for 30 people in the back with a big screen TV, VCR, and (racing videos welcome) a fully loaded bar for those of you who want to buy your alcohol drinks.

They do ask that we let them know how many people that we expect by December 6, so please call Karl or Julie (759-7917) by December 5.

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