

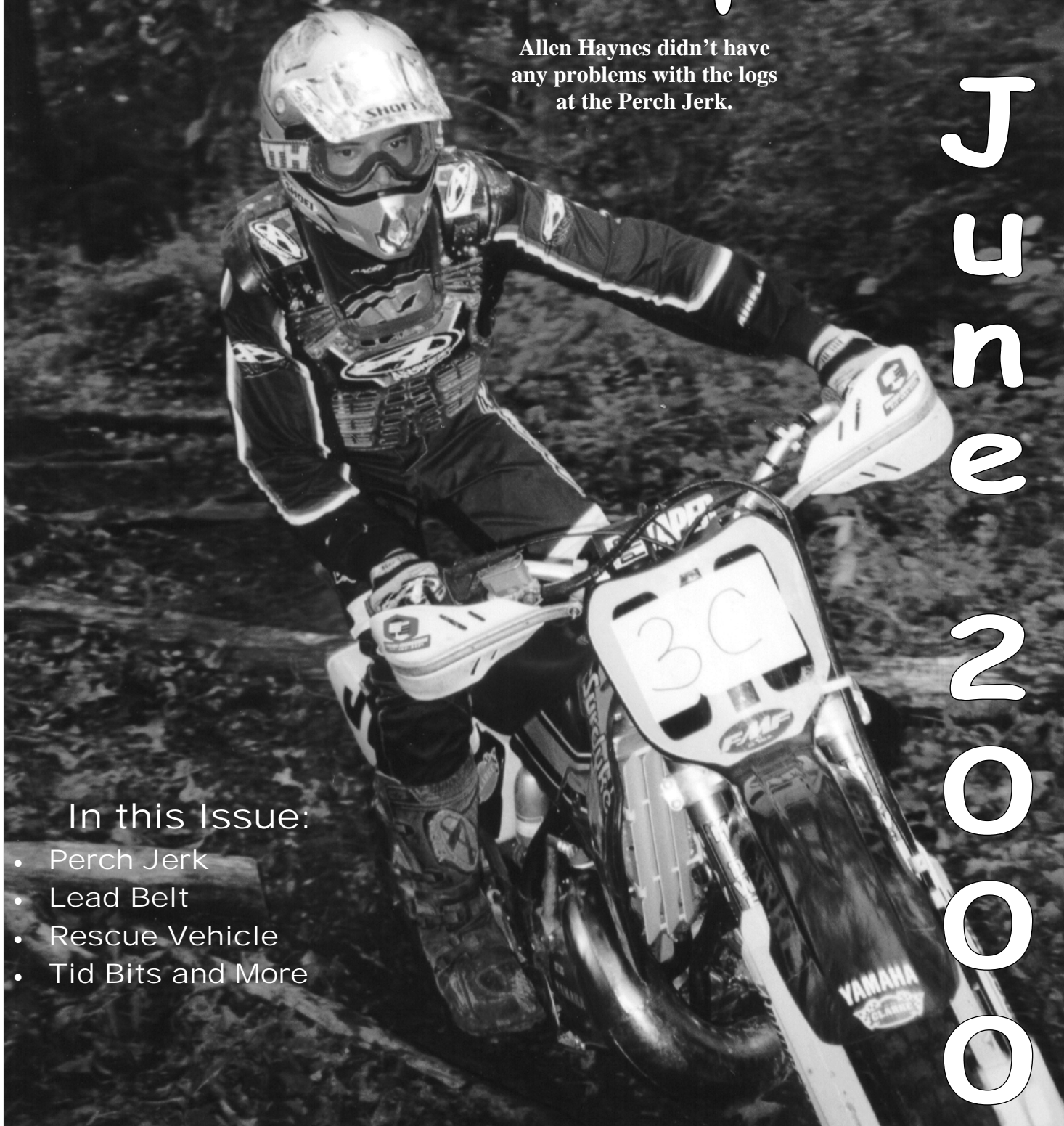
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Allen Haynes didn't have any problems with the logs at the Perch Jerk.

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TID BITS

New Digs: Havens Motorsports is moving. They are putting up a new building just north of Highway 32 on Highway 13 at Bolivar, MO. I saw it while it was under construction. It's nice and a lot more room. They plan to start moving after close of business on Saturday, June 10. And they hope to open at the new location the following Tuesday.

Jimmy Jack Cancelled: If you didn't notice in Keytime, the Black Jack enduro scheduled for June 24 has been cancelled. That drops the total races to 9 with 6 required for end of year awards.

Florence Cancelled: Frank Leivan mentioned that the MHSC race scheduled for June 4 at Florence MO has been cancelled.

Last month, I mentioned that Steve Underwood, John Gott and Larry Perkins were going to ride a 2,500 mile race in Nevada. And they were looking for support help. Well, it looks like they found a couple of new volunteers. Jerry Sharp and Tommy

Johnson are heading to the desert. Jerry promised to bring back plenty of videos. Sounds like a good entertainment for a club meeting or two.

Did you see the latest USA Weekend? We won.

USA Weekend, the magazine insert to Springfield News Leader on May 28, asked the question, "Should off-road vehicles be banned from our national parks"? It was part of their weekly column called "National Debate". It is an 800 number/web site poll. Overwhelmingly, 78% said "NO", we should not be banned from national parks.

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Wilderness Rescue Vehicle

New rescue equipment in use by Ozark Fire Dept:

An innovative piece of equipment designed by Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Kelley and other members of the fire department and community will rescue fallen wanderers who've met with mishaps in the Missouri wilderness.

"I came up with the idea over a year ago," Kelley said. "I thought there should be an easier way to rescue people from wilderness areas."

The unique trailer carries a body-sized rescue basket equipped with safety straps, back-board, oxygen and other necessities that enhance a life-saving rescue.

Pulled behind Kelley's own four-wheel drive all-terrain vehicle, the rescue carrier can go where no man should have gone before. Kelley said his ATV is big enough and tough enough to climb the steepest of inclines or traverse the most rugged of trails.

"The main reason it was built is because sometimes we've gone down to the Chadwick motorcycle area in the Mark Twain National Forest when people are lost," Kelley said. "We've had several people lost in that area. (The vehicle) is a good way to get the people out of the wilderness."

Kelley said the rescue trailer has been operational for almost three months and the cost to the fire department was only \$70.

"Jon Wardlow at Campbell Ford gave us the frame and back axle," he said. "Jerry Farmer of Farmer Cycles donated the tires. I contacted Robert Lynch of Tri-L Manufacturing and he did the welding."

Other bits and pieces plus the labor needed to make a workable design were all donated, Kelley said.

He and the fire department did not patent the design and said anyone who wants to take a look at the equipment is welcome to copy it for their fire and rescue departments.

"We're not interested in making money from this,"

Kelley said. "If it saves lives, that's what we're all about."

Kelley said anyone who needs that kind of assistance should call the Christian County Sheriff's Office at 581-2332 or 581-3536. "They know how to reach me 24-hours a day," he said.

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Perch Jerk 2000

The fourth annual Perch Jerk was held at Greg and Denise Lowe's house outside West Plains, MO. Rather than get up dark early Sunday morning, Linda and I drove the RV there Saturday. So I got a preview of the course. Greg used his personal motocross course. If you have never seen it, it is one of the neatest private tracks I've ever seen. It was depressing watching his kids jump doubles and triples that I'd never consider.

Besides the motocross course, Greg had set up a grass track and woods trails. The total course length was 4 miles. Sunday morning, the grass track was used for the women's and kid's race. Several of the kids took this pretty seriously, especially, Caleb Haynes. It reminded me of Caleb's dad, Allen.



Danny Overturf found a challenge with the logs.

On the parade lap, everyone got caught up in the log section. First off, let me tell you about the logs;

Greg's trail had six logs lying across. They were kind of grouped in pairs. And Greg had put the sprinkler on them for three nights before the event. Back to the parade lap: I thought I saw a line on the right side of the trail to try. I got my front tire around the end of the logs, but the back tire caught the end of the log and dropped me like the guy on Laugh-In. Ron Shreve is standing there shouting, "That's gotta be in the newsletter!" Ok, Ron, there it is. (Remember, Ron rode his bike to sign up at an Arkansas race and walked back. Ron also has the distinction of having the least prepared bike at any motorcycle event he shows up at. This time it didn't look like it had been washed, ever! To add insult to injury, he parked

next to Terry Brumley, who always has the best prepared motorcycle.)

They started us out 4 riders to a minute, but you had to be standing behind the bike, engine off! We rode two laps, then fished for 20 minutes or until we caught a fish, whichever came first. Like I said, the trail consisted of grass track, woods and motocross. Greg got to use his neighbor's property for part of the woods trail. It's the only time, every year, that this land is ridden on. Neat. My two laps were pretty uneventful. No crashes or anything. Then, they stopped me to fish. I took a nap. I laid down on Greg's lawn and rested. People were asking me, "What are you doing?" I'd tell them I was fishing. Then I got up and took pictures of people crossing the logs. After 20 minutes, I took off and rode again.

Then we ate. What else do dirt biker's do well?

I received this from Greg and Denise:

To the Editor,

We sincerely want to thank all who helped out at the 2000, 4th Annual Perch Jerk Scramble. Many members from the OMTRA joined in to help with course marking, cooking, scoring, kid's race and trail clean-up, it was a real group effort, and took a lot of pressure off us. We received many thank you's, and we really enjoy hosting this event.

Again, thanks to all who helped. We look forward to next year's scramble.

See you on the trails,

Greg & Denise Lowe

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I thought I felt an earthquake. It was probably when Dale Willis landed his XR off this jump.

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Stats and other stuff:

- 30 riders in scramble
- 9 fish were caught
- Allen Haynes caught the smallest fish
- Troy Deck won the biggest complainer award
- 9 riders in short course
- John Gott caught the biggest fish
- Steve Underwood won the overall, by catching a crappie
- Allen Haynes won the biggest loser award

THANKS

- Steve Underwood/Surdyke donated kid's & women's trophies
- Brian Powers/Central Cycle donated course arrows
- Mike Morrison/Morrison Lumber Co. donated stakes for the grass track
- Stan Ellison/D & S Cycle donated the tent

Results Short Course Race:

1. Corey Gray, 2. Brice Gott, 3. Chris Underwood, 4. June Scott, 5. Jackie Romero, 6. Jennifer Calaway, 7. Caleb Haynes, 8. Julie Harris, 9. Joy Reynaud

Results Scramble:

1. Allen Haynes *, 49:24, 2. Steve Underwood *, 54.49, 3. John Gott *, 57:12, 4. Rusty Reynard, 59.56, 5. Doug Meyer *, 1:01:56, 6. Anthony Meyer, 1:07:13, 7. Terry Brumley, 1:09:22, 8. Bob Fuerst, 1:09:33, 9. Deric Lafevers, 1:09:55, 10. Karl Harris, 1:10:24, 11. Dale Willis, 1:11:22, 12. Shawn Hall, 1:11:44, 13. Elston Moore, 1:11:59, 14. Justin Lot ?? *, 1:13:27, 15. Mike Morrison, 1:14:18, 16. Jeremy Johnson *, 1:14:43, 17. Darin House *, 1:15:17, 18. Coy Workman, 1:16:58, 19. Michael Hall, 1:17:45, 20. Troy Deck, 1:24:00, 21. Donna Moore, finished - time N/A, 22. June Scott, finished - time N/A, 23. Eric McGinnis, 3 laps, 24. Clint Calloway, 3 laps, 25. Jennifer Calloway *, 2 laps, 26. Andy Roberts, 2 laps, 27. Danny Overturf *, 2 laps, 28. Daniel Harkey, 2 laps & cooked, 29. Max Harkey, 2 laps & cooked

* caught a fish



Elston Moore is on the left, but I'm not sure who the rider is on the right. They are dueling in the logs.

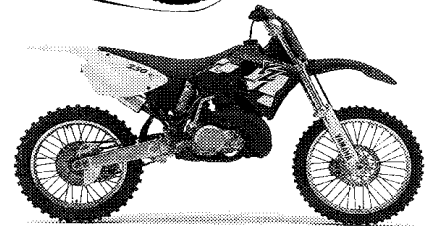
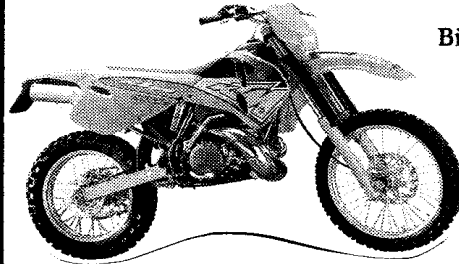
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Steve Leivan on his way to the overall victory.

The Missouri Mudders put on the second BJEC event of the 2000. I asked Dan Wylie, Missouri Mudder club member and BJEC regular, how many riders entered. He said that there were 55 or 60 rows with 4 or 5 riders to a row, and that added up to, what, a few thousand. Dan, I think you have a little problem with your math. Anyhow, it was a good event.

Linda and I and Dale and Judy Willis took the motocastle. Judy

and Linda had ATVs. Yes, Judy got an ATV! Dale's been looking for one for some time and found a used 2000 model. At the OMTRA meeting, we asked Judy what kind she got. She couldn't remember, it was a bear something. That left her wide open. It was quickly named the "Barenaked." And Linda had her Kawasaki Prairie, of which Spud declared, it's so big, it's not an ATV, it's a car. And promptly named it the Pig. So, Judy headed out on Barenaked and Linda took the Pig out for a big adventure on Saturday afternoon at Missouri's St. Joe State Park. If you've never been to the park, it's a great place to play. The state park used to be a mine, and the mine tailings are just like sand, so it's like riding on a big beach. Linda and Judy liked the whoops. Linda said it was just like cantering a horse. If you plan on taking ATVs, don't forget to pick up flags, they're required. (Pick up some bicycle flags at Wal-Mart, it's cheaper.)

Bart Williams, OMTRA Chairman, took the family to this race. It was the first race in a long time that they came to. Bart doesn't know if it is a good thing or not, but they enjoyed it. They

stayed in a motel the night before. Well, according to Bart's wife Rita, Bart was making his third trip to the bathroom of the night and was making some terrible noises. In fact, it was scaring Bart's eight year old daughter Matty. She asked Rita if daddy was going to be OK and asked if this ever happened before. Then she yelled out for daddy to stop. Rita told Bart, "You're scaring the children!" And finally Matty cried, "Daddy, my eyes are burning!"



Stewart Hall on his way to capturing the overall senior short course victory.

While still on the subject of Bart's family, Matty was rocking Spud and Lesa Simon's two month old son Race in his chair, when

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he did one of those projectile vomit things. It went past his feet and made a puddle on the floor of the trailer. Like father like son.

I didn't see much of Bart's son Cooper. I think I saw him leaving the area, saying "You can't pick your relatives." Funny, Max's son Daniel says the same thing.

Shawn Hall bought a new trailer and Flat River was its first race. Shawn sold his old trailer to Greg Lowe. Which is good, when Shawn misses it, he can go visit at the races. Unfortunately, he won't miss it at the races, he's gonna miss it when he's pulling the new one. The new one is a 26 foot bumper hitch. The sales lady said he wouldn't even know it's back there. She was wrong. It's one of those where the back is a big ramp door and you can load a bunch of toys in it. But it has living quarters in the front. Shawn said he got up on Sunday and took a shower, just because he could. Shawn didn't get the trailer home until Friday, so he's still working on the setup.

Let's see, I've typed for two-thirds of a page and I haven't even gotten to the race. I rode on row 31 with Dale and Shawn. In front of us were Dane, Duane, Wayne and Wayne's son-in-law. The speed average for the first three miles was fifteen miles per hour. Unfortunately, between mile one and two, there was some



Here are workers at the second check.

confusion. The main trail went up a hill, but the course took a left on to a side trail. I got about half way up the hill and it was a goat rodeo. Riders were going up the hill, down the hill and sideways. Shawn yelled out something about the course turning. But I'm looking straight ahead at a red arrow, pointing up the hill. And I thought, how can I be going wrong, I'm looking at a red arrow! Wayne Crosby, from the row in front of me, comes down the hill and I point to the arrow and he turns around and goes back up the hill. We went all the way up the hill and down the trail. We didn't see anymore arrows, so we turned around, went back down the hill and found the side trail. The photographer was jumping up

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and down trying to get people to notice the side trail. Crazy.

The first check was at the three mile mark; of course I was late, due to my excursion. It was the beginning of a test section, so I carried those points to the check out at just before the gas available at sixteen miles. The last six miles were at 24 MPH, causing everyone to drop points.

The course itself was excellent, a little dusty in places, but otherwise excellent. The second half of the short course, the speed average dropped to 18 MPH, but trails got me behind, but then things opened up with some washes and roads getting me back on time. The speed average bumped to 24 MPH for a few miles before a check and a short reset in the middle of the second half of the short course. After the reset, the speed average dropped to 18 mph for nine miles and then a five mile sprint



Bart Williams leads row 52 out of the start.

Most riders got to the reset at the gas available with time to spare. B-Loop riders took off for approximately 13 more miles before calling it a day and A and AA riders rode another 10 miles to end the long course.



I think this is Lee Glenn carving his way into the second check.

at 24 to the finish of the short course.

Long course riders had an extended reset back at camp for refueling. The neat thing about this race is the gas available is right across the sand flat from the camp. So, even though I am a short course rider, I got another sixteen miles of trail in by riding to the gas available. It reused the same trail as the beginning of the race. The trail had opened up and was even more fun. The speed average was 18 MPH for the first six miles of the loop and then changed to 24 MPH for the rest of the day.

Steve Leivan ruled the day, dropping 6 points for the overall win. Steve Vanzant showed that old guys can still go fast by getting second overall, dropping 9 points on his Gas Gas.

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The May OMTRA meeting was held at Buckingham's on South Campbell. Attendance was slim, less than 20 members.

Discussion included the upcoming BJEC event to be held at St. Joe State Park.

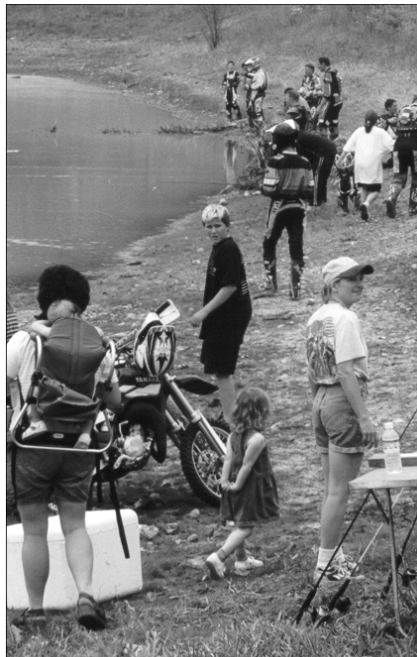
It was decided to hold the annual Night Ride at Chadwick the last weekend in June.

The club also received an invitation to a float trip sponsored by Karl and Julie Harris. It will be the last weekend in July at Bennett Springs. They passed out fliers with the pertinent information at the meeting. If you think you want to go, you need to contact Karl or Julie as soon as possible as deposits are required.

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More Perch Jerk Pictures

Right is the fishing part of the event. Below, preparing to start the short course race.



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