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EXTRA!

VICIOUS GUARD TURKEY ATTACKS "YOUNG BOY!"

Young "boy" Survives Attack!

This story happens in Marionville MO. At Surdyke Yamaha/KTM of Marionville's watercraft storage area to be exact. They store some of their watercraft in a small field near the store. I know this will sound corny but in this fenced off field is a goat, a pony, and a turkey.

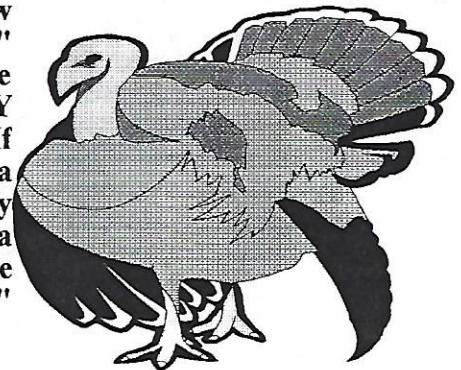
The lady who lives near this field called the shop extremely concerned saying; "That turkey is chasing some young boy around, and around that field." Young boy? "Yes some young boy about 13 or 14, he can't be old enough to drive!"

It seems that Steve Leivan, yes the same Steve Leivan that won the Overall in both Missouri State Scrambles and the Black Jack Enduro Circuit, in addition to a top 5 National Hare Scramble ranking and now a parts person at Surdyke Yamaha/KTM of Marionville . . . was out at that field doing something . . . and the big, bad . . . whoops, . . . vicious old turkey ran him around and around the field. Sorry but I would give anything to have that on tape! The pony and the goat were probably leaning on a water-



craft . . . placing bets on projected lap times! Picture the pony turning to the goat . . ."they're nose and beak at turn three!"

Steves been in the news lately, first with his "toad graphics" and now this turkey thing. Maybe he could combine the two and come up with some new wave, "bumpy" (read toad like here) **TURKEY GRAPHICS!** If you are a competitor, they may not be a good idea . . . He really "run's" from a turkey!



White Rock Enduro

Reynaud Romps At White Rock Enduro

Mar 24, Cass, Arkansas

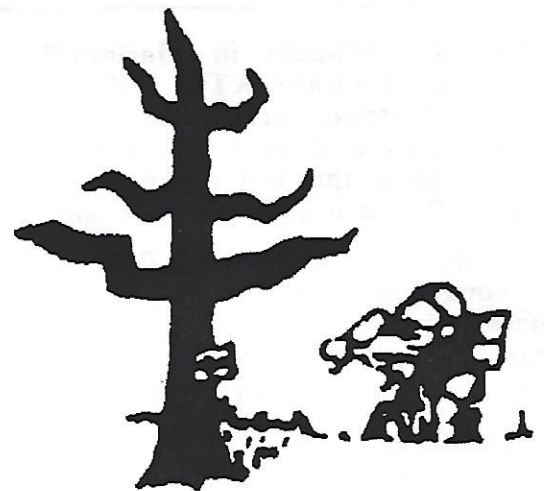
Rusty Reynaud took his Surdyke Yamaha/KTM of Marionville sponsored KTM 360 to a close victory over Steve Leivan on his Surdyke Yamaha/KTM of Marionville, Motorcycle Stuff, Pro-Action, Answer, Dunlop, NGK, Sprocket Specialists, RK Chain, Scott, Mike's Machine, Fredette Racing, Bel-Ray, Premier Brakes sponsored Yamaha WR 250 in the third event in the BJEC series held at the site of the '94 Two-day qualifier. Overcast skies promising rain in the third event in the BJEC series held at the site of the '94 Two-day qualifier. Overcast skies promising rain greeted the three hundred plus participants at key time and they were not to be disappointed. Shortly after the last rider left, a slow drizzle began that would later turn into a steady rain ushered in by intense fog. The short loop ran 55 miles over excellent terrain characterized by hundreds of logs of all shapes and sizes littering the trail. The long course riders continued for another forty miles and experienced challenging conditions as the rain began to fall in earnest about half way through that loop. Reynaud took advantage of his row 35 where conditions were slightly better than what Leivan had to deal with on row 60 and motored away for the overall win. Leivan had the better of Reynaud on tiebreakers until the last section where he went a point down, 9 to Reynauds 8. Checks were truly a surprise in the dense fog as visibility dropped below 15 feet in the woods. Perennial Missouri Hare Scrambles Expert, Allen Haynes easily got a firm grip on A Overall with 11 points dropped. The Arkansas Razorback Riders did an excellent job of checking riders in, and out of sections making it an outstanding event inspite of the conditions.

Overall-Rusty Reynaud AA- Steve Leivan, Steve Travis, Vincent Davis, Chad Davis, Tony Curtis.

Overall A-Allen Haynes A-200-Derek Zinchuck, Gary Walkup, Rick Owens, Joe Beaver, Thomas Costello.

A-250-Jim Ingram, Jamie Jennings, Mark Kindall, Rich Richards. A-Open-Steve Underwood, Jim Brawner, Mike Shown, Mark Schultz, Leo Koch. A-Int.-Randy Williams, Kenny Williams, Doug Youngblood, Bart Williams, Freddie Thomas. A-Senior-Don Metz, Bud Bieschke, Wayne Beindorf, Harold Compton, Ron Shreve. Overall Sr. Short-John Boreing A Sr. Sportsman-Tony Orihuela, Rick Robinette, Randy Presthus, Terry West, Ken Thompson A Super Sr.-Jerry Atchinson, Lee Glenn, Dane marable, Bob Pike, Frank Leivan. A Youth-Jared Jackson, Matt Coffin, Mike Climer, Jon Shoalmire, Jacob Hill. Overall B-James Ellitt B-200-Robert Schmidt, Dale L. Rector, Joshua Glenn, Craig Kebodeaux, John Dennington. B-250-Karl Gallette, Rick Southard, Douglas Jones, Scott Monroe, Slade Morlang. B-Open-Randy Laudermilk, Dale Willis, Morris Warino, John D. Hall, Lee Moffitt. B-Int.-Ron Pack, Micheal Ward, John Burton, Phil Templeton, Kevin Hensley. B-Senior-Dan Wylie, Tommy Johnson, Jim Breckman, John Pynes, Mike Olson. B-Super Sr.-william Britt, Richard Smith, Bob Jones, Jerry Southard, Dale P. Rector. B Youth-Aron Willis, Josh Weisenfels, Clint Gann, Clint Carr, Chase Wilcox. 4Stroke Long-Kevin Boyle, Dennis Nelson, Gavin Hunt, Sam Lorenz, Jim Holub. Overall C-Gary Glidewell C-200-Tyler Steele, Brant McFarland, Ben Knight, Jeff Pasco, Adam Bieschke. C-250-Drew Chandler, Ashley Brandt, Gary Hendrickson, Stewart Hall, Britt Fogg. C-Open-Mark Kinslow, Lonnie Thomas, Jim Coleman, Darren Johnson, Hunter Klop. C Senior-Don Paschal, Clark Miller, Les Blizzard, John Kish, Martin Willems. C Int.-Tim Carr, Jim Sutlick, Phillip Norman, Todd Donaldson, Elston Moore. 4 Stroke Short-Brian Selk, Jett Freeman, Buddy Rigg, Lee Cromwell, Jon Yarbrough. Super 55-Clarence Bonifacius, Paul Rodden, Jerald Richards, Marv Donaldson, James Ealer. Women-Lola Bullard, Donna Moore, Nancy Gibson, Sara Cordes, Michele Eidam.

BLACK JACK ENDURO CIRCUIT



BJEC Banquet

The Black Jack Enduro Circuit banquet was held at Fayetteville on the 23 of March (the day before the White Rock Enduro) and was a blazing success!

It's easy for me to say that because I'm biased but from the comments I heardit went well. 200+ people turned out for the meal and award ceremony with a guest appearance by Pete Denison of MOOSE RACING/A-LOOP/PARTS UNLIMITED. Pete's presentation was both entertaining and informative. This is the second year for his participation at the banquet and it is most appreciated.

Over 120 awards were handed out in the form of helmet upgrades provided by MALCOLM SMITH RACING and chest protectors by PARTS UNLIMITED. KoontaMan organized this end of the thing . . .and it went very smoothly. The helmets and chest protectors were both adorned with graphics from TRANSPORT GRAPHICS in Springfield, MO. and were very "cool," especially the helmets with purple, "six-day" style stripes.

My thanks to all who attended, and if you didn't attend this yearget out there and ride . . .and attend next year!

Pete Denison deserves some special recognition for his support of the BJEC. This is my second year for this banquet thing and both times Pete has come through with quality, entertaining presentations.

I first met Pete at the Six-days in Tulsa back in '94 and was impressed with his commitment to the sport. He, on behalf of MOOSE RACING and PARTS UNLIMITED were the first to come forward in the way of support for the Tulsa Trail Riders and their effort to put on the Six-days. He was also the largest contributor of both dollars and materials.

I call him for this banquet deal and he just drops everything and comes. Yes, I know he's in the industry, and Yes . . . I know he makes a living selling "us" stuff, but! . . . This guy and his organization go that extra mile. Not because they have to, but because they want to. Let's call them "enthusiasts."



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That was stupid!

I feel compelled to share an experience I had at the White Rock Enduro. Normally I don't tell anyone when I do "really" stupid things. Guy's will understand this as it's a "male ego thing."

I was riding on row 27 with Kenny Williams (an old AA rider,) Koonta Man, and another guy riding in B-250 that I didn't know. Things are going very well, only dropping a point so far (almost catching the tail end of that minute for a zero) as we approach something like mile 46 or something. At whatever mileage it was . . . is a secret check and upon entering it for a score I recognize Mike McCutcheon who marks my card and then says; "Go! . . .you're going to need every second!" Well, the adrenaline flowed and I was gone. The section following that was nice rythmic tight woods . . .good trail you could really go in. I'm riding at about 110% (that's still slow) sliding into corners on the gas and lifting the front wheel under power leaving them . . .with things going so well, it wasn't long before I felt invincible . . .you know, really hooking! (Any female will immediatly recognize this as another male ego flaw.)

Brake slide . . .gas it, brake slide . . .gas it, brake slide . . .oops tight tree . . .pause . . .gas it Oh! S---h-----i-----!

That invincible thing ended right there in the way of about a 6 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep, square edged little dry creek bed. The only thought I recall is recognizing there was no way to stop. Stopping meant instant "death" on the far wall of that creek!

Yes . . .I gased it! It seemed reasonable at the time.

I made it! Perfect alignment with the trail, gas on, bike attitude correct for continued travel . . . perfect! One minor problem, as I soon discovered, was that I was so surprised to have made that I forgot to put parts of my body back on the bike. Important parts like feet and butt. Have you ever watched a rodeo and checked out the bulldogging event? That's the thing where the cowboy jumps off his running horse, grabs the steer by the horns and then slides along beside it until they both fall over. WhoaKTM 300!

I can't believe I thought I could possibly pull that one out so the only reasonable explanation for holding the gas on as I was drug along peering out below the left brush guard as "we" mowed small saplings down (knee's and body dragging the whole way) . . . is stupidity! My agony ended as soon as "we" found a six inch tree with our name on itbip! . . .you're down right here, SUCKER!

I recovered from that, KickKickKick, and we're gone through the next three corners in a panic until I realize neither one of my feet will bend. Oh my god! My feet won't bend! I learned in that millisecond . . .the medical cure for "both feet won't bend." If this happens to you, just stop on the side of the trail and pull both knee guards up until they aren't jammed into the top of your foot, and your boots bend again . . .I know . . . "OH—THANK YOU! . . . it's a miracle . . .my feet bend again . . .I'm cured!"

YES . . . THAT IS STUPID!

"BIT'S & PIECE'S"

This is really a "personal" recapp of the White Rock Enduro.

1. I asked about the "zillion" logs in the trail and got an answer like . . ."Oh, they're natural." My problem with that is that several I looked at were "broken off" pretty darn clean . . . as good as the end of a 2X4! My other thought was that it wouldn't be that "un-natural" to drag a few of them out of the trail!

2. The fog moved in to the tune of visibility to about 15 feet at the gas stop. In between frantically changing . . . I thanked my stars I did not have to go long course! I was there about two years ago when it rained, the fog rolled in, and then it snowed. I didn't take my foot out of the gas on my pick-up until about Fayetteville. I guess that means my long term memory is still OK!

3. That same memory caused me to put snow mobile gloves behind my front number plate at the start! I don't even carry them to any other enduro!

4. Maybe the best ride for me all year ended about a mile from the tie-breaker, end check upside down on a large log with my KTM 300 across my chest. It amazes me how those "natural fallen logs" always land at a 45 degree angle!

5. Rusty Reynaud is definatly back out of retirement on his Surdyke Yamaha/KTM of Marionville, 360 KTM. Steve Leivan had him beat on tie-breakers all the way through the thing until Rusty pulled out a point on Steve at the last check for the Overall win! Yes, I would say he's back!

6. Allen Haynes put it on all other A riders with the Overall! Who needs timekeeping experiance when you're on Rustys row? Good ride?---you bet! Congratulations Allen!

7. Steve Underwood had an excellent day on his 300 KTM (1st A-Open) on a row with Wayne Beindorf. Steve kept time for Wayne after his computer apparently "got tired" and just shut off. I'm glad I wasn't in Steve's shoes. I've had Mr. Wayne charging behind me before . . .and it's not a comfortable feeling!

8. After all this "whining" I have to admit that so far this year . . .It has my vote for Enduro of the year! Good job Arkansas Razorback Riders!

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Dirt Alert #2

Guy's and Gal's . . . This might be the big one! I spoke with Jim Voyles (Ava main Forest Ranger in charge of Chadwick) and he spoke long and hard about an opportunity for the Chadwick Riding area to receive a healthy chunk of about \$300,000.00 in funds that will soon be available.

What does that mean to us? In order to receive those funds he has to show matching dollars from us in the way of labor. 30 or 40 of us for two days, a couple of times, a "X" amount of dollars per hour equals the amount Chadwick can receive. Think about this now and make the commitment to be there when things get closer and we can announce a date for this thing . . . it will take us all!

Jim is looking at closing some hill climb areas (illegal of course,) routing around some erosion prone areas, trail clean-up, and possibly . . . some trail reclamation!

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that this is good for Chadwick . . . and good for us! We'll do our very best to keep you posted, but in the meantime . . . think this through, make the commitment to be there to help! We'll get dates and times to you as soon as we know.

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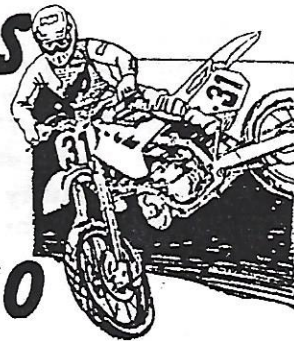
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HAYNES FARM . . . SCRAMBLE

If you missed this scramble on March 17th . . .you missed the best one I have ever ridden!

The course marking wasn't perfect . . .but good. The weather wasn't perfect . . .but very good. The lane into the place wasn't very good at all . . .but okay. What made the thing in my mind at least was the trail.

This thing had EVERYTHING you could imagine! Off the start you went up over some cool natural jumps into a bizzare off-camber woods section that commanded respect. Next was a downhill that led into a narrow creek bed filled with good sized rocks. This was followed by a 400 yd. open field sprint into a section of tight, loamy, trees followed by about a ten foot drop into a river bed complete with a little water and huge rocks in places. This section was about 500 yards long and the limiting factor in regard to speed was the size of your "keehony's". Another "tight woods" section followed this which eventually wound up opening into another field sprint section before you turned up another off-camber climb on the back of a hill that obviously doesn't see much sunshine as it stayed muddy and slick up through the tight woods. Break out of this into a fairly steep downhill back into the start area "grass-track" section and you have just made one circuit of the five mile course.

I likened it to the longest enduro special test section I have ever ridden. It was very, very, COOL!

I don't know if Allen is planning on another of these but if he does . . .IT IS A MUST DO! It was that good!

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