

TID BITS

The following happened to Dale Willis a couple of weeks ago: Hit rock, rear-end swaps, Dale goes over the bars and then to the emergency room with broken/dislocated shoulder. But don't worry about the bike. Dale broke its fall.

While I'm on the subject of injuries, I saw Shawn Hall recently, and he's looking real good. He's getting around without a cane. In fact, he might go on his first trail ride next month at the Hill Billy Banquet.

I got this from Max Harkey:

How have you been? Thought it might be prudent to warn

others that Daniel and I are once again terrorizing little

woodland critters on the DRZs! Last Dec. I had the colon tumor and roids removed, and I feel better now than I have for quite a while. The tumor was benign, and I am sure it

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was responsible for all my previous acts of anality! After sitting around for a year I am terribly out of condition, even though I am very much in shape (round). I rode 17, and then 19 miles (WOO-HOO) and REALLY enjoyed getting back in the saddle. I had fun riding my DRZ too! Knowing I can ride again makes me feel more positive. Last year I pretty much stayed away because it was torture to sit on the porch and watch the big dogs run. Let's get together and ride!!! When is the next meeting? Max

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Lebanon Suzuki-Kawasaki, Inc. 1-888-898-3014 E-Mail: Suzuki@jobe.net The racing season has started. The Missouri Hare Scramble

Championship series has run four races already.

They have made several changes for this year. First, they are using a new electronic scoring system utilizing RFID (Radio Frequency Identification). Riders carry a "tag" under

their helmet visor and pass under an antenna that reads their number and displays it on an LED readout that the riders and scoring personnel can both see to verify that the rider has been scored.

Many of the races are scheduled with the ATVs running on Saturday and the motorcycles on Sunday.

Tom Eidem has put together a new Web site for the series. It's www.mhscracing.com. When I first went to the site, it said it was the unofficial site for the series. Now, it doesn't say that. So it must be official. With the computerized scoring, they have the scores up on the Internet within 24 hours of the race.

They are also including race reports for each race. They are the same reports that appear in this newsletter and in Cycle News. I should say they appear in here when I have space. For this year, some of them include a new section called "IN THE PITS" which includes interesting Tid Bits of information. Wait a second, Tid Bits is what this section is called. Hummm. Anyhow, I found out Doug Stone won the second round at Columbia, MO with less than 8 oz of fuel left in his tank.

The overall winners so far are:

Brandon Forrester – Lebanon, MO on March 3rd Doug Stone – Columbia, MO on March 16th Steve Leivan – Bixby, MO on March 30th Steve Leivan – Westphalia, MO on April 13th.

In the Black Jack Enduro Series, two races have been complete plus the banquet. I have story in this issue about the first race at White Rock and I'll include one from the second race at Gruber, OK in next month's issue.

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White Rock 2003

The Razor Back Riders held the first enduro of the season in White Rock national forest outside Fayetteville, AR. The weather was perfect. Rain a few days before made things a little slick and slippery.

I didn't get attendance figures, but it had to be close to 200 riders. The enduro started with an 18 mph speed average. There was a short reset from 6 to 6.6 miles and there was no check prior to the reset. In fact the first check was just before the



Chili in full roost mode crossing the creek at the finish of the short course.

course split at 11.3 and it was a tiebreaker check. This caught a few riders by surprise. riders I talked to didn't burn the check, but they were earlier in the minute than they would have liked. The course split had extra short course riders going straight and the rest of the riders making a right turn. Without a reset until 18.4, most riders figured there would be a check before. You really had to keep moving to keep on

time. I wasn't. But there was no check before the reset. Which was also the gas available.

Three tenths after the reset (24.6) was a check and the speed average bumped up to 24mph. With a reset 37.3 to 43.9, that meant we had to go fast for more than 12 miles. It was a rough tight 12 miles too. With a few old logging roads thrown in for good meas-

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One fast row: Jon Simons on his way to ninth overall. Aaron Roberts, B-Overall, Dale Willis, 3rd B-Senior and Shane Roberts, C-Overall

ure.

I came around this one corner on a single track section. The trail dropped down into this ditch and straight up the other side. Brian Sharp was in the process of crashing as I came around the corner. He hadn't made it up the other side and was running short of leg



Jackie (left) and Donna at the starting line. Moments before the fire.

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real quick. He came off the left side of the bike and the bike was falling on top of him. At the very last second, he managed to push the bike over the other way. Wow.

I got myself through the ditch, about the time Steve Leivan came through on his way to the overall win. Steve managed to spot a line going through the ditch. He missed the worst part of the ditch and looked like he never dropped below 24mph.

The reset from 37.3 to 43.9 was the last reset on the short course. The speed average dropped to 18 mph. There was some cool open established trail and a long run up the pipeline. The speed average bumped to 24 mph at 55.5. The main gas and the end of the short course were at 60.7 mile marker. This section of trail was more open than the last 24 mph section.

Even after my last check, there was one more obstacle. With recent rains, the creek running next to the campground was running high. Of course everyone in the camp managed to make their way over to the banks of the creek in the hopes someone would screw up and take a swim.

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Jackie Johnson and her bike after the fire!

My day was over. But the long course riders got to go back for 20 more miles at 24 mph. They told me about this one section that was pretty brutal with lots of rocks and downed trees.

Of course everybody that rides an enduro has a story. For example, Steve Underwood has a new nickname – Lawn Dart. He went head first over the bars and into the ground, except he didn't stick into the ground.

The best story comes from Elston Moore about wife Donna and Jackie Johnson.

YAMAHA-KTM TESTS A FLOP

IN THE QUEST FOR A SUPERIOR MACHINE, YAMAHA WAS TESTING A CROSSBREEDING PROGRAM AT WHITE ROCK MOUNTAIN THIS WEEKEND. THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO COMBINE A KTM MXC 200 AND A YAMAHA TTR 250 FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF THE QUICKNESS OF THE KTM AND THE TRACTOR-LIKE POWER OF THE TTR. THESE TESTS WENT WELL IN THE LAB, BUT WHEN THEY MADE THIS ATTEMPT IN THE REAL WORLD, DISASTER STRUCK. THE PROGRAM WAS RUN WITH THE BJEC RACE TO CONCEAL THE TESTS. BOTH BIKES LEFT THE START AT 8:57 AM. THE PLAN WAS TO GET JUST INSIDE THE WOODS ABOUT A

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(Continued from page 4) HALF MILE FROM THE START AND START THE C R O SS **BREEDING** AT-TEMPT. THE KTM WAS THE FIRST TO COM-MIT WITH THE TTR **CLOSELY** FOLLOWING SUIT. THIS IS WHEN **THINGS** WENT BAD. RE-SEARCHERS ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT EXACTLY **CAUSED** THE **ENSUING** FIRE. THE TEST PI-LOTS FINALLY GOT THE FIRE WITH A OUT LITTLE HELP FROM AN EX-TINGUISHER. THE TTR WAS



AN EXTIN-GUISHER TO THEM. THE TTR MELTED THE SEAT AND **SOME** PLASTIC. THE **KTM** SUF-FERED ONLY SHORTENED E N T TUBES.

Thanks, Elston. I read on

The crew from the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders Association do a little post race fixing. This is the van Shane got to ride home in. It's a good thing it has the raised roof, because his head did a swell up a little on the ride home after getting C-Overall on a TTR-125. Ok, it's not a stock TTR. If you haven't seen the bike, it's got YZ 80 suspension, bored to 150, and lots of aftermarket parts.

UNABLE TO CONTINUE THE RACE, THUS THE TESTS WERE UNCOVERED. THE KTM WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE, BUT RAN OUT OF GAS ABOUT 25-30 MILES INTO THE EVENT.

www.blackjackenduro.com that Rick Owens cold-seized his bike trying to get to the fire.

NOW THE REAL STORY: DONNA WAS LEADING INTO THE WOODS WITH JACKIE CLOSE BEHIND. DONNA FELL DOWN ON A LOG AND WHEN JACKIE TRIED TO PASS, SHE ALSO FELL. (TTR ON TOP OF KTM) WHEN THEY TRIED TO GET THEM SEPARATED, THEY NOTICED THE FLAMES. JACKIE GOT HER CAMELBACK OFF AND STARTED POURING WATER ON THE SEAT, WHICH WAS REALLY BLAZING BY THIS TIME. DONNA WAS THROWING DIRT ON THE BIKES AND YELLING "FIRE!!" LUCKILY SOMEONE HEARD AND GOT

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Chadwick Meeting – April 10, 2003

By Bob Fuerst

On April 10, 2003, the National Forest Service held a public meeting in Ozark, MO. I found it to be an interesting meeting. There were about 50 members of the public and 9 folks from the forest service in attendance. I found the make-up of the public to be interesting. I'm guessing that 25% were members of the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders Association, approximately 25%+ of the public were horse people, a handful of the folks were neighbors to the Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Use Area. One of these individuals was wearing a shirt with the name of tree hugger group. My guess from the comments of the other neighbors, they are not members of environmental groups. I was unable to determine why some the other folks were there.

Of course the main reason I attended the meeting was the discussion of off-road vehicles. But the Forest Service covered other topics as well. They gave us a good overview of the Mark Twain National Forest. The different types of topologies in the National Forest are amazing. They also mentioned that this country is one of the only countries that puts aside public land for public use, and for all kinds of uses.

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They also mentioned in the last few years, some of their plans have been hard hit by weather, including the fires in the west.

Kris Swanson, Integrated Resources Staff Officer, gave the presentation on OHV & ATV Management on Mark Twain National Forest. I'm going to summarize Kris's presentation:

Where you may ride:

- On designated motorcycle and ATV trails, if you have a Forest Service permit:
 - Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Use Area in Christian County,
 - Sutton Bluff Motorcycle and ATV Use Area in Reynolds County.
- On open numbered Forest Service Roads
- Where county ATV permits are issued
- Must abide by Missouri State motor vehicle regulations.

Where you may <u>not</u> ride:

You cannot legally ride (MTNF):

On any State Highway

On any county road for which you do not have a county permit

On a forest road in a county for which you do not have a county permit

On closed roads, or roads not numbered

Off of a road or designated ATV trails

Campgrounds, picnic areas, administrative sites

Also, according to Missouri state law:

No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle upon the highways of this state...

No person shall operate an off-road vehicle within any stream or river in this state...

ATV Use:

Tremendous Growth

Controversy On Public Lands

Resource Damage

Illegal Use

Conflicts with other users and private land

Managed ATV use is recognized in National Recreation Agenda & Current Forest Plan

This managed use is an important part of the Mark Twain NF Recreation Program

Missouri Facts:

In 1995, New Off-Highway Motorcycle sales were 1,513, units, ATVs 8,948 units and 10,461 Total units In 2001, New Off-Highway Motorcycle sales were 4,475,

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units, ATVs 22,313 units and 26,788 Total units *WOW, that's quite an increase!*

Motorcycle/ATV Trail Recreation Fee Demonstration

2002 collected \$103,637 Sutton Bluff Chadwick Cobb Ridge Campground

80% of these fees stay at the site for operation and improvement of the trails and facilities

2002 Fee Accomplishments

Relocated 1 mile of trail, installed 1 bridge

Installed 31 tables, 31 fire rings & constructed 1 mile of fence in Cobb Ridge

50% increase in Forest Service presence at Chadwick & Cobb Ridge

Increased trail maintenance at Sutton Bluff

Leverage with \$45M of grant funds to purchase a SWECO trail machine to assist with future trail work

Kris then showed some pictures of illegal ATV/OHV trails. Most of these trails are what we call hill climbs. The problem occurs when one or two riders go off the designated trails. Then, a few other folks follow this trail. This clears the ground cover. With a few more riders and some heavy rain, the hill side starts rutting up and causing erosion. The Forest Service has to use its resources to repair the damage.

Then followed a questions session. I didn't take notes on all the questions asked. But one of the first ones was by one of the landowners next to the Chadwick riding area. Apparently, he lived down 171 past the end of the riding area. He has observed ATVs and motorcycles riding outside of the riding area, going down to Bull Creek and riding in Bull Creek. One of the things suggested was to put up a sign at the end of the riding area, to make sure that riders know where the riding area ends.

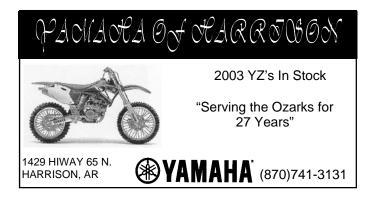
In summary, I think from an OHV/ATV point of view, the meeting went pretty well. I wish we had more individuals attend the meeting. But I know with everyone's jobs, families and other commitments, that can be pretty tough at times.

The more we can police ourselves, the less the Forest Service is going to have to do that for us. The less enforcement the Forest Service has to do, the more resources that are available for other things like improvements to the riding area. So stay in the riding area, stay on the trails and pick up your trash.

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The BJEC officers put on another good banquet the night before White Rock. They had lots of give-a-ways. Plus, the awards and bar-b-que for dinner. I don' think anyone went home with out a give-a-way. Again, good job.

As you may have noticed, this newsletter is LATE. I'm about to finish the data base from hell and hopefully, I'll be able to get the next one out on time.





A blast from the past

At the last Ozark Mountain Trail Riders Association meeting, Carol Gere brought some photos from when she was growing up. And Carol grew up around motorcycles.



Carol als o brought a fifties vintage enduro computer. It was a leather case with many pages. With all speed averages with every possible. Remember, this was in the days before computers and every possible hand calculated and it was typed



out by hand.

The pictures of Carol are on her Harley Davidson 165. She told

me she rode it to high school. She said she only missed riding it four days in four years.

Many of the photos were of her father, Theron Kinzie. He was very active in motorcycles, racing successfully in cross country, enduros and flat track. He belonged to a motorcycle club called the Prairie Pups. She said their monthly meetings were held at the club grounds outside of Hutchinson, KS.

Besides competing in enduros, he rode hare scrambles, and the picture to the right is from a mud run. These were real "run what you brung" events, in this case, a 1953 50th anniversary model. Those aren't even real knobbies on the bikes!

Thanks, Carol, for sharing this with us.



Possum Hollow Awards 3009 Goldenrod Rd. Ozark, MO 65721 Jon & Lesa Simons



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We had a large turn out for the March Meeting at Joey's Only Fish House. Not only did 30 people attend the meeting, but the award for the furthest distance traveled to get to the meeting has to go to the Smith family. They traveled from Lexington, MO all the way to Springfield for the meeting. Hardcore! According to my computer, that's 154 miles, ONE WAY.

We talked about how much action is happening on www.hillbillygp.com, plus the upcoming Hillbilly GP banquet coming up on May 10th at the pavilion at Chadwick. It should be a good time.

Here are the Details from Spud:

THE BANQUET WILL BE MAY 10, AT THE PAVILION IN CHADWICK.

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SHOULD BE FUN, HOPE EVERYONE CAN MAKE IT. WE'LL HAVE BURGERS, BRATS & CHIPS, IF YOU WANT TO BRING A SIDE DISH IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. BRING YOUR OWN 'BEER/POP'.

THERE ARE SOME PICNIC TABLES IN THE PAVILION, BUT THROWING IN YOUR OWN CHAIRS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US, TROPHY OR NOT, BUT I DO NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING, GIVE ME A CALL & LET ME KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING. THANKS, SPUD 417-581-4678

The club is going to have a night ride. We just haven't figured out when or any other detail for that matter.

The April OMTRA Meeting: Turner Station Welding, Turner Station, MO April 25 – 7 pm

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5/12/03 – HBGP Awards Banquet, Chadwick OHV Area at the Pavillion

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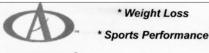
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9/20-21/03* – Wildcat Grand Prix, Decatur, AR
10/4-5/03* – Hwy 89 Hare scramble, Mayflower, AR

10/18-19/03* – Possum Trot, Harrison, AR 11/2/03 – Possum Trot, Harrison, AR Cedar Creek GP, Goshen, AR

11/29-30/03* - RiverFront Grand Prix, Ft. Smith, AR

* - ATVs run on Saturday

2003 BJEC Schedule

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5/4/03 – Nacogdoches, TX

5/18/03 – Park Hills, MO (National)

6/8/03 – Bismark, AR 6/22/03 – Stillwater, OK 9/14/03 – Gruber, OK

10/12/03 – Oklahoma City, OK

10/26/03 – Chadwick, MO 11/9/03 – Red River, TX

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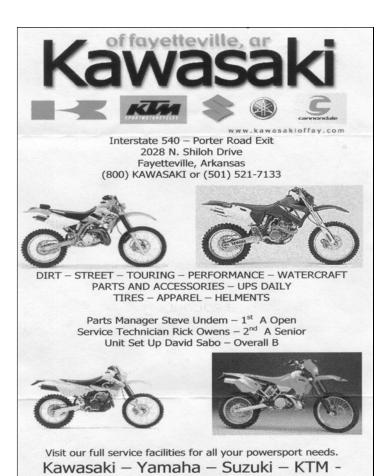
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