



KEYTIME

A NEWSLETTER SERVING THE BLACK-JACK ENDURO CIRCUIT

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"Note's" from the Chairman

The '95 season is behind us. This means all the Officers shift gears and REALLY get busy posting year end results, planning awards, updating the rule book, planning the Banquet, searching for guest speakers, and generally getting everything ready for next year. I want to talk about next year a little, but before I do that . . . let's reflect on this year for a moment.



It goes without saying that the '95 season was/is a very good year with a number of excellent events. We managed to get all the rides into CYCLE NEWS (I sent the last one two days after the Hard Rock Enduro) with all your names in it. All the "Big 4" except Honda (we're loading our six-guns now to go after them) and KTM through MOTOSPORTS in Ft. Smith, Arkansas are with us for next year in the form of contingency dollars (read "big bucks here.") The BJEC Hall of Fame was kicked off. Our membership was up about 50 riders for '95. '95 also saw the best Banquet in the history of the circuit at Fayetteville. Last, and certainly not least, I saw a lot of smiles at all the events. "We" have done well!

There are new problems and challenges over the horizon for '96. The introduction of contingency dollars in serious amounts brings with it the need to establish some rules and parameters against the those who would be tempted to "sandbag" in classes below their skill level in order to cash in. Can we create a rule that will totally eliminate that? I sincerely doubt it but I also think we can come up with something that will allow the circuit some control. Your officers and Club Reps will probably meet in the near future to discuss our options. The last thing I want to do is sound negative in regard to contingency money as we have worked very hard to secure it. . . but we shouldn't walk into next year blind either. Contingency money will likely bring in new members, increase the level of competition and probably put a few dollars in each of our pockets. I have to believe that overall, contingency is good for the circuit. . . and you!

The banquet for the '95/'96 season will again be held in Fayetteville, AR in conjunction with the White Rock Enduro. There are a couple of reasons for this; it's our demographic center, and it is a very nice place (wives, if you didn't come last year . . . you need to get in on this one!)

'96 promises a couple of more rides than last year (you'll find the tentative schedule in this issue) and due to a year-end rule change, riders will be scored for advancement based on their actual finish. This means if you actually finished 5th in a race. . . you will only receive 5th place advancement points. In the past, it was possible to receive 1st place advancement points if you happened to be the only BJEC rider in a given class. You will find a complete "rule change wrap-up" by Max Harkey and Dave Clemens in this issue.

We're going ahead with plans for an "informal" . . . RIDE THE ROCKIES get together the 2nd weekend on August. Informal because it won't cost anything and it's not designed to be a competition. The plan is a two-day Poker Run (about 60 miles each day) Friday and Saturday capped off by a pig roast Saturday night. Mike Shown (your '94 Chairman) has volunteered to lay out the loops. Don't look for a bunch of arrows . . . plan on hand drawn maps (rally style) to help you find your way. The real emphasis is on families. Hiking, biking, jeep rides, river rafting, and the ever popular. . . shopping excursions. Hopefully, we'll find something fun for everyone to do!

Steve Leivan emerges as our Overall Champion for '95 with Steve Travis running a close second. My congratulations go out to Steve and all the winners in the circuit for '95.

While I'm not sure what '96 has in store for us, you can rest assured your officers will not bury their heads in the sand and let it go by. We will not be afraid to look at new ideas, consider new methods, and try new things. We will however keep a firm hold on our past.

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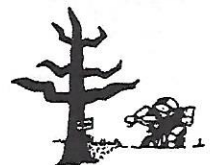
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RULE CHANGES FOR 1996

The following summarizes the annual meeting. All rule changes will be listed in bold text with all caps. Thanks to Max Harkey for helping to record the event. All rules begin with the 1996 season.

The meeting was called to order @ 12:15pm. The financial report was reviewed first. The 1996 schedule was then set. The meeting was then opened up to new business.

- **ADVANCEMENT POINTS WILL BE BASED ON ACTUAL FINISH.** BJEC Class points will remain based on BJEC riders finishes.
- **THE TOTAL POINTS FOR ADVANCEMENT OUT OF "C" CLASS WILL BE CHANGED FROM 60 TO 80.** This will not effect the riders advancing out of "C" class at the end of the 1995 season.
- The B Rider cutoff was discussed. This was left as an option to the hosting clubs. In light of the changes with rider advancement, **THE "B-SHORT COURSE CLASS HAS BEEN REMOVED FOR THE 1996 SEASON**
- Jack Shoalmire was asked to further investigate the trophy system proposed for AA, A & Senior riders.
- The proposal for the circuit to go "AMA" was voted down. It was suggested to send a letter to the AMA Board of Trustees discussing the "issues" the BJEC has with AMA Sanctioning.
- **CO-SANCTION WILL BE LEFT UP TO HOSTING**

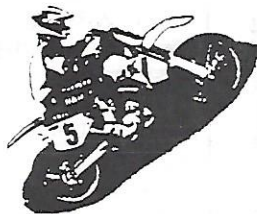
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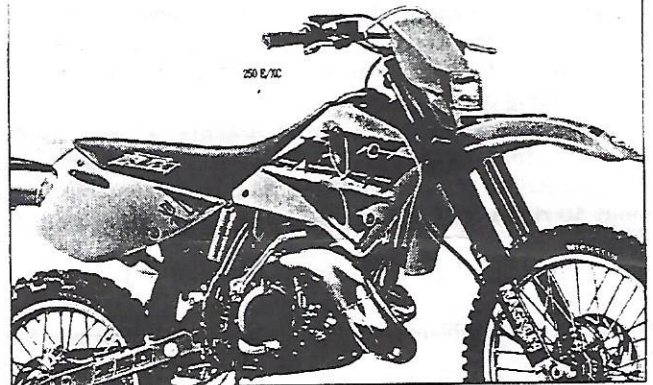
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- A proposal to have points subtracted from a riders score if the rider DNFs an event was voted down.
- It was confirmed that an overall class winner at an event would continue to receive 21 class points.
- **FOUR STROKE SHORT CLASS WILL BE OPEN ONLY TO "C" RIDERS.**
- **ALL SCORES SHALL BE TURNED INTO THE SCORING CHAIRMAN 7 DAYS AFTER AN EVENT.**
- A proposal to reduce the protest period to 15 minutes was rejected.
- A rule book committee was formed to review the rule book and clarify some items. The revision will be complete by Jan. 1, 1996. The committee includes: Max Harkey, Kenny Williams, Billy Treadwell, Stormy Sims and Jack Shoalmire.
- The Officers for the circuit will remain the same in 1996.

Items that were discussed but received no proposals include the following: Big bore, Regionalization, 2 yr. class changes, one day BJEC memberships, B-Youth work averages, AA determination, work score clarification, decrease in rider fee. and cancelling Snr Short overall awards.

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Well, the first thing you probably figured out is that I wouldn't know a foreign language if it came up and bit me on the a—. But hey, it looks kinda cool.

To begin things let me thank all of our advertisers!! We could not do it without their support. They even kicked in some great prizes for our survey, and often helped out at the races in their area. Many of them hauled bikes to our banquet for us to see. Thanks guys!! We even have a new advertiser for this issue. MOTOR SPORTS of Muskogee, OK joined us in the business card section. Speaking of advertisers, I am going to ask all of the members (yes, you) to do me a favor. Take this newsletter to your local shop and show them the ads. Ask them if they would be interested and if they say no, buy a bike off of them and then ask them again. Or, just give them my phone number (on the cover) and ask them to call to get more info. We are looking for 1996 advertisers. If there are any advertisers looking to get "on the INTERNET" with some advertising, please give me a call. I can forward some information on the WWW page "WHIP IT!", which a very popular off-road based web page.

Well, chances are you will not be seeing very much of me this coming season. My wife (who is very supportive of my racing) is due in early March and that will put a bit of a damper on things. It's time I returned some of that support. I will just have to wait for the race results in CYCLE NEWS.

As you can tell by the schedule, we are going to try to hook up with the RED RIVER ENDURO next year. This event is located north of Muenster, TX.

BE SURE TO READ THE NEW RULES ON PG 2!

Get your entry for next year sent in, BUT send it in with a new (never before BJEC) member and get \$5 off your entry. New guys still get it for only \$15.

That is about all I can think of at this time. I would like to thank all the people that helped me out this year. I met some really great people and hope to see you all soon! Now I would like to tell you a little story about a friend I met this year:

I have this friend of mine. I won't mention any names, but his initials are GARY DENNINGTON. Now Gary is one of the nicest guys on the planet. Then again, I've never seen a psychotic dentist before (except Steve Martin in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS). Anyway, Gary has this mysterious power over air in confined spaces, such as innertubes. The first time I rode with him at Broken Bow Lake (BBL), he ended up with a flat front tire. The second time we rode together @ BBL it was the exact same thing. Same tire, same spot. Now it starts getting interesting. Gary Walkup rode with Mr. Dennington at Collins and he (G.Walkup)

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ended up with a flat. At Chadwick, I rode on the row behind Gary D. At the last reset on the first loop Gary found he had a front flat. I made a mistake by calling him "FLAT-MAN". Wouldn't you know it, but before the end of that loop, I had a rear flat. Well, we changed our tubes and were on our way, although I was a little late leaving out. It was my first flat in a while. The next race was Muskogee. I decide to bring my friend John who has never ridden an enduro. He was, however, with me when Gary had his second flat at BBL. Well, we began the race. We didn't see much of Gary during the race, but his presence was sure there. My friend John had a front flat before the end of the first loop. I would get a rear flat before the end of the second loop. We found out later that Gary would have yet another flat tire during the race also. Now this is all good and interesting, but here is the kicker. I received a letter from Gary a few days after the race telling me he's going to buy a new RMX. The very next day I went to clean out my garage and found that my KDX not only had the rear flat I had incurred at Muskogee, but a matching front flat that was not there before. Is there something about this guy that I don't know?

David Clemens
BJEC Newsletter Editor

(PS Just picking on you Gary; I still owe you lunch!)