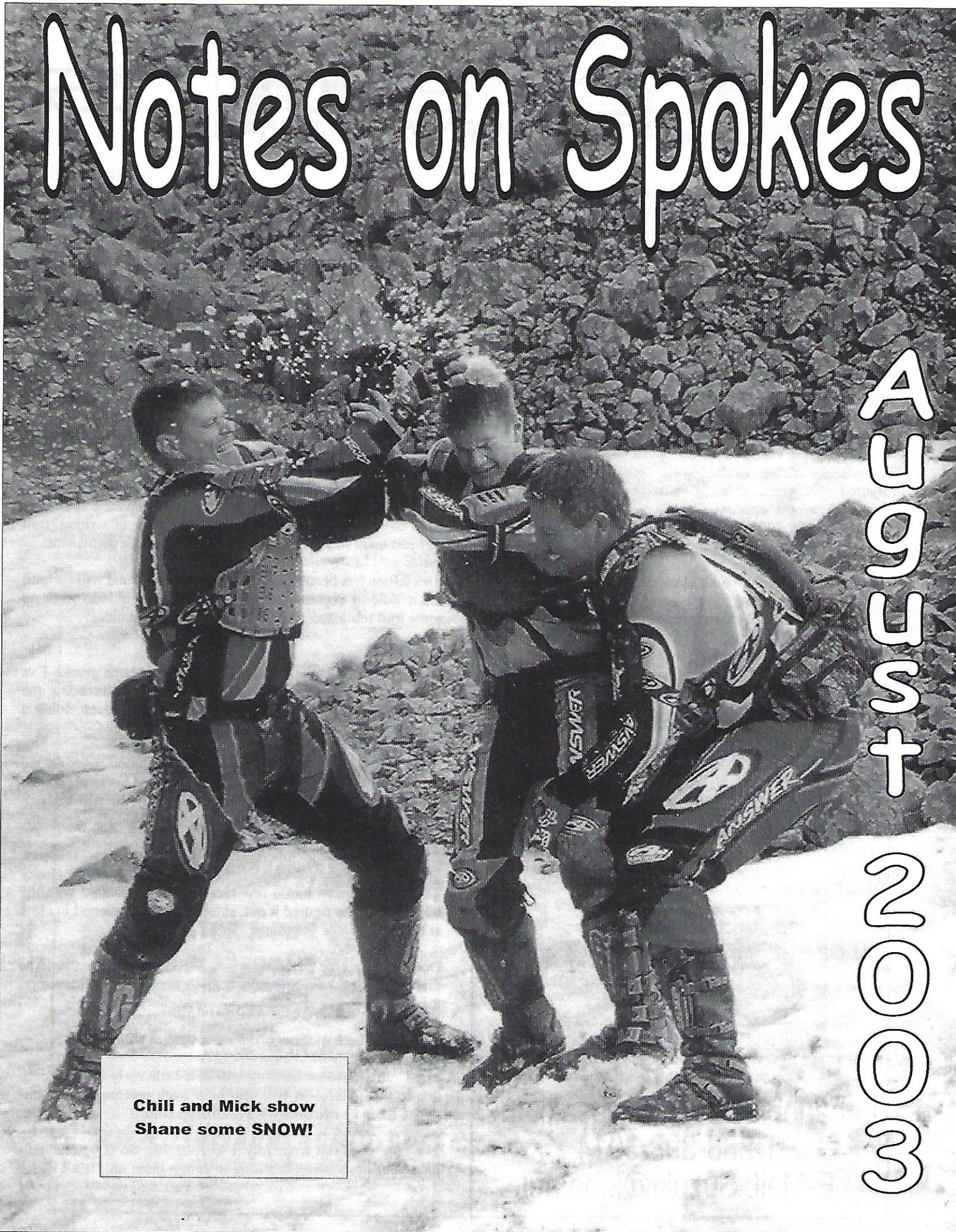


Notes on Spokes



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**Chili and Mick show
Shane some SNOW!**

TIDBITS

Wow, it's sure getting late for an August newsletter! In fact, I've been looking at my schedule and I think this is going to be one of those combined issues, August/September.

Congratulations go to Steve Leivan for winning his 11th Missouri Hare Scramble Championship. Steve said he is going to focus on the WORCS and BJEC series and get ready for the TORO series.

Hillbilly GP

The first race of the Hillbilly GP 2003-2004 season is history. I asked Spud how year end awards are going to be figured this year. He's going to award approximately the top 30% of finishers. It doesn't matter how many races they rode to get into the top 30%.

For the first race, the youth class ran two separate motos after the regular races were completed on a shortened course. This was due to the difficulty of the course. Hopefully, the youth class will run with regular bike motos from now on. The classes haven't changed from last year. For the bikes, Ex-

pert, Intermediate, 0-220, 250-Open, +30, +40, Beginner, Women and Youth. The Youth class is for riders 8 to 15 on bikes up to 100cc 2 Stroke and 125cc 4 Stroke.

The ATV classes are Expert, Intermediate, Open B, Beginner and U-Class. U-Class is for Youths 15 and Under and anyone on a Utility ATV.

September OMTRA Meeting:
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Chadwick

If you haven't been to Chadwick lately, some things have changed. As most of you know, the Forest Service has been rerouting trails and building bridges for some time. Most of the rerouting has been completed and they

have closed the old trail routes. At the time of writing, trail 104 just ends where it Tees into 101. This is not permanent.

Rick Moon has been fighting fires in Montana and will be until the middle of September. After that, he'll be able to work on some trail routings. As I learn more, I'll pass it along.

OMTRA

The attendance at the last few meetings has been great. I've seen some new folks and lots of familiar faces attending the meetings. Karl Harris, the new chairman, has been doing a great job.

Brian Sharp, vice chairman, got some very good news on the medical front. It turns out that after he scoped his knee, it wasn't in as bad shape as he thought. Hopefully, he will be back on his bike pretty soon.

I've seen a few members riding around on new scooters. Shane Roberts graduated to full-size bike status with a Husky TE250. It's taken him a few races to get acquainted with the bike. I think he figured it out, since he finished second in class at the MHSC race at Sedalia.

Donna Moore has been on a new WR250F. She really likes the 4-stroke power. She says it gives her more confidence on the bike.

You notice both of these bikes are 4-strokes with buttons!

The Club's October meeting will be a little early in the month due to the enduro. It will also be a work meeting for the enduro. Keep an eye on www.Hillbillygp.com.

The club dues run from July 1 to June 30. So if you haven't paid your dues lately, it's time to cough them up. It's \$15 for
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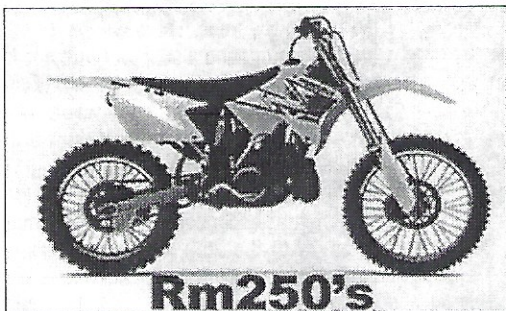
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Keltner's

By Bob Fuerst

It was hot. Damn hot! It was the hottest day in three years! The first Hillbilly Grand Prix of the season, sponsored by Farmers Cycle Service, was the hottest day in three years. Oh yeah, it was also dry and dusty. Spud had laid out a four-mile loop at Keltner's Place at Spokane, MO. A couple of hare scrambles/grand prix had been run at this location before, so much of the trail had been used before. Spud had put in a new section of single track for the bikes. Let's talk about this trail first. It must have taken half an hour to cut each 15 feet of trail. Well, that was the first part. Then it popped over the top of the hill and it had this killer off-camber. The terrain at Keltner's is very hilly. It's basically one big valley with trails going up and down both sides. There is also a small motocross track in the valley, but the jumps weren't big enough to favor motocrossers. A couple of the big hills caught riders by surprise as ground turned to powder.

The Expert class was packed. Chris Thiele and Caleb Wohletz, regulars from the expert class in the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship series, showed up. Last year's HBGP winner,

Anthony Meyer, signed up. Dale Rector came out of retirement for this race. I didn't know Jeremy Havens was back in the area, but he was signed up for expert class. Karl "KTMKarl" Harris, Zack and Bryant were making their first expert class ride.

The first moto was very tight with Wohletz winning by four seconds over Thiele. In the second moto, Thiele had a very convincing win, over 3 minutes ahead of second place rider Rector.

In the Intermediate class, Steve Underwood took first with Jeb Patton 32 seconds back in the first moto. Kreg Simons picked up third only 24 seconds back. In the second moto, Justin Smith had the gas turned on, winning by 1 minute and 36 seconds over second place Kreg Simons. Smith's ride was good enough for 4th overall in the second moto.

Shane Roberts won the 250-Open race in convincing fashion by winning both motos by a good margin. Max Ellison picked up second in both motos.

In the 0-220 class, it was a father and son event with dad winning. Nick Frost Sr. won both motos. Nick Jr. got a second and third for second for the day. Michele Eidem has to get a special mention for racing with the guys. She races in the Women's class in the MHSC series, but for the Hillbilly series, she's running the 0-220 class, picking up 3rd for the day with a fourth and a second.

The 30 Plus class is looking very competitive this year with 15 riders signed up for the first race. J. P. Compton won both motos to win the class for the day. He also finished 9th overall in the second moto. Dwayne Miekley finished second place in both motos, securing 2nd place in the class.

Mike Herbert won the 40 Plus class going away. I should know; I got second in both motos, so I was the one he was going away from! Good job, Mike.

The Beginners Class was the biggest of the day with 17 riders signing up. Mark Dalton won by virtue of his second moto finish with a 3-2. Jason Johnson had 2-3 giving Dalton the day. Milo Carter got third for the day with a 6-1.

Usually, the youth motorcycle class is held on the regular trail, with the riders leaving in the back row. The hills were too tough for many of the youth riders, so the youth class ran two half-hour motos on a shortened track with the pee wee race held between the motos.

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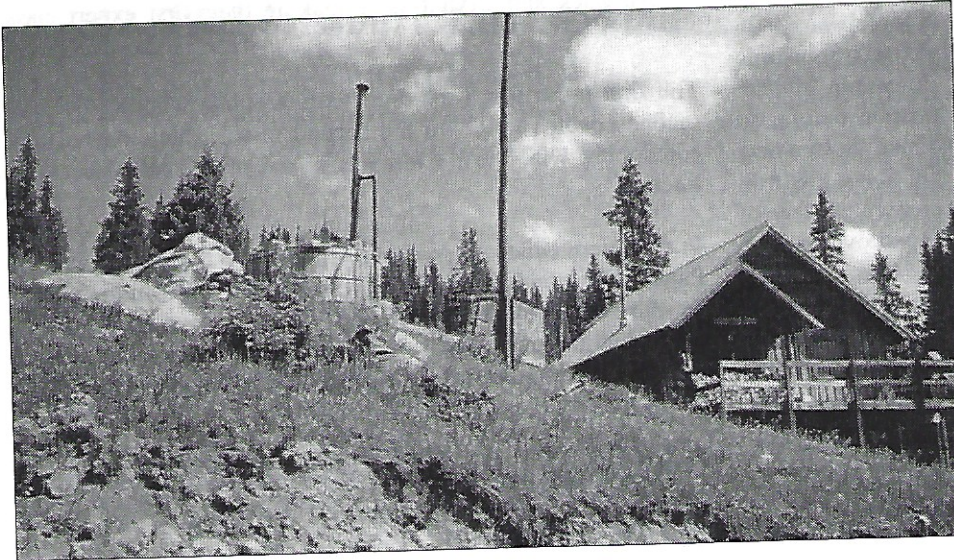
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Colorado July 2003

By Bob Fuerst

Ah yes, the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders' annual trip to Colorado to ride dirt bikes and ATVs. We were going to Colorado,

them, assured them that I was not stalking them and that I had been here before on the Colorado 500 and wanted to point out the cabin to Linda. They were very gracious and invited us down to take a closer look. And then, the gentleman came down, showed us around a bit and gave us a bit of a history lesson.



Widner's Cabin. To the left is the world's highest wood-heated hot tub (unofficial).

This gentleman is Steve Widner's partner and owns the cabin next door. Widner purchased a share in the property in the 1970s from descendants of the original miners, the Lambertsons. If you look on the map, there is a Lambertson peak located behind Star Mine. By the time Widner purchased his share in the property, the descendants were little old ladies. For 20 years this was their primary residence and for 3 years, it was their only residence. I haven't mentioned there is no electricity and the only running water is in the creek outside the cabin. In the winter, it's a two hour snowmobile ride to the cabins. Talk about tough.

After Widner's cabin, we headed up to Star Mine and took a break for lunch. No, there isn't a restaurant at the Star Mine.

specifically, Taylor Park, Colorado. The plan, set up camp at Dinner Station Campground north of Taylor Park outpost. My wife, Linda, and I arrived Saturday afternoon, July 26th. So the first day of riding was Sunday. Linda was on our Kawasaki Prairie and I was riding my Suzuki DRZ400.

Those ATVs sure are handy for carrying stuff. Then we headed up to the pass between American Flag and Italian mountains. This is the first time we saw snow. Here's where I pulled out the map and had to decide whether we could make all the twists and turns to make it to Spring Creek Reservoir or turn back and retrace our steps.

We headed north from Dinner Station campground to Reno Divide Road. This took us up to Widner's Cabin and Star Mine. I had been here a couple of times on the Colorado 500. We have lunch stop at Widner's Cabin on the last day of the 500. The cabin is in one of the most beautiful settings anywhere. And I wanted to show it to Linda. We rode up to it and there was a couple working outside the cabin. I walked over and talked to

Of course, we forged ahead. It turned out to be pretty easy to find our way through all the intersections. We would just turn right whenever we came to a two-track until we got to the main road. This is the most difficult section of the loop with the biggest rocks. I did see a couple single track trails in this area.

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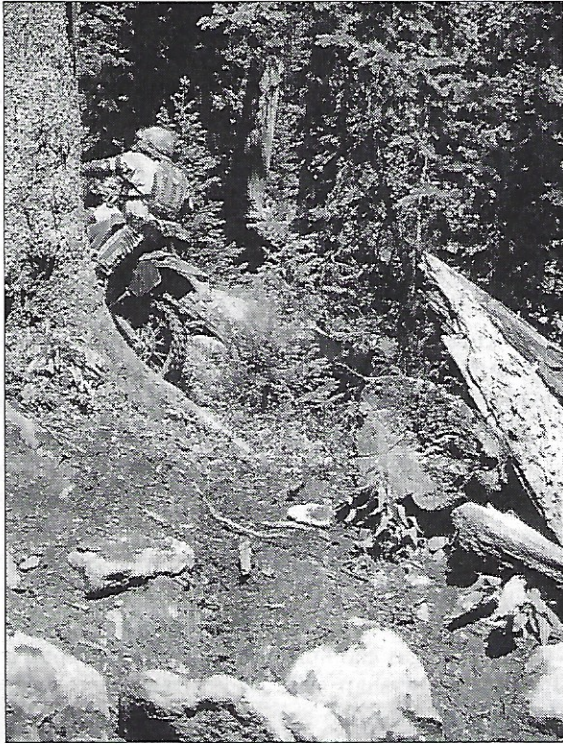
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Terry Brumley goes up one of the tough parts of Star Trail.

One was Flag Creek Trail and the other didn't have a sign, but it looked like one I had ridden a year earlier on the Colorado 500. I knew I would be checking this out later in the week.

We managed to make all the correct turns and pick up Forest Service (FS) Road 744

and take it to Mosca Campground for a break. Then, it was just a cruise down FS 748 which brings you out just north of Dinner Station campground. We got back to camp just before it started raining. I found Terry Brumley's card stuck in my trailer door. So I knew Terry and Richard Smith had made it to Colorado. That evening Terry and Richard visited us. Dan Villars showed up later that evening. He and four of his closest friends had left Springfield at 6:30 pm on Saturday and drove straight through the night to get to Colorado. They had a cabin in Tincup, about 15 miles from our camp. So we were all set for a 10 am departure the next day.

Terry and Richard showed up at 10 am. We hung out for a while, but Dan and crew had not showed up. After a while, we took off. Of course Dan showed up 5 minutes later. Bummer. He had jetting problems. Anyhow, it was only going to be three of us.

We headed to the south end of the Star trail. I don't recommend starting the Star trail from the north end. If you are heading from south to north, the trail ends with a major downhill. I don't think I'd want to climb it, particularly if it is wet. There are a couple of tough climbs heading north, so don't think it's going to be a piece of cake this way. At the north end of the trail, I had scooted ahead to take pictures. I thought I would get a better angle if I laid down on the trail. So Racer comes by and I get his picture. Then Terry comes around the corner and I'm lying on the ground. He thinks Racer has crashed his brains out.

Star trail comes out at the pass between American Flag and Italian mountains. I'd been here the day before and scoped out the single track ahead. According to the map, the trail we headed down doesn't have a name or number, but it is the first single track to the right after the pass. This is mainly a downhill trail toward Spring Creek Reservoir. But you need to turn right before you get to the reservoir on trail 422 - Flag Creek Trail. As soon as you turn onto this trail, you have to head through a bog. It looks bad, but I have never had any problems getting through it.

Before you get very far up this trail, you need to take a left on trail 415 - Bear Creek Trail. There are a couple of tricky intersections on this trail. You'll have to pick up some two track for a little bit. Bear Creek trail intersects with Deadman Gulch trail,



Richard Smith and Terry Brumley head down Bear Creek Gulch trail.

where we take a left turn down a rocky two-track to Spring Creek road (FS 744). This is a wide open gravel road, passable by any car. We were taking this past Spring Creek Reservoir to pick up a two-track (FS 746.1) leading to Doctor's Park Trail. This gave us about 8 miles of real sweet single track leading back to Dinner Station campground. Richard had noticed a problem with his bike. A spring inside the transmission had broken and it became difficult to shift.

When we got back to camp, Aaron "Chili" and Kerri Roberts, Shane Roberts and Mick Spickard had arrived and were re-jetting their bikes. They had participated in the MHSC race at Florence, MO, the day before and had driven all night to get to Colorado. As you can see from the pictures, they were driving

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Redneck Racing's race rig.

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Mick's F350 crew cab, pulling a 35' fifth wheel trailer which was pulling a 12' flat bed trailer with the bikes and ATV on it. Well, almost all the bikes. One bike was loaded into the fifth wheel trailer.

This brings us to Tuesday. We planned a pretty easy day, mainly riding two track. We all met up at Taylor Outpost. I think there was a total of eleven riders. We headed over to Tincup over Tin-

cup Pass to St. Elmo. There was this group of ATV riders that thought we were real spodes. We passed them going up to Mirror Lake. Then they passed us while we were looking at the map. Then we passed them back going up to the pass. We took Old Tincup Pass road, the hard way, and some of our group got stuck. They took the easy way and passed us. We passed them back after we started down to St. Elmo. But then one of the bikes got a flat tire and they passed us back. What spodes.

After St. Elmo, we headed up over Hancock Pass to Pitkin. But Terry had to show us this very tough "road." By tough, I mean rocks the size of Volkswagens. Some of us headed part way up the trail and turned around and headed back down. Unfortunately, Dan Villars left his fanny pack on the side of the trail while he was off the bike. Of course, he didn't notice the missing fanny pack until Pitkin. Bummer.

In Pitkin, we stopped for gas and lunch. This is where I found out that I had a leaking countershaft seal. Another Bummer. At this point the group split up. Chili led a group up to Fairview Mine, Cameron Creek and Union Park in order to get in some single



Richard Smith coming off Star Trail.

track riding. I purchased some oil and headed back by road over Cumberland Pass to Tincup, Taylor Park and back to camp at Dinner Station, making several stops to check and refill oil. By the way, after Dan Villars got back to Tincup, he had to make a 30-mile round trip to St. Elmo to retrieve his fanny pack. Bummer.

We all made it back to camp in one piece. It was also the first night that everyone had had a good night's sleep. It was campfire time.

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The next day, I took a day off from the bike and rode the ATV. Keri, Linda and I made a trip over to St. Elmo and back. I pointed out all the sites, like where we fixed the flat tire the day before. We also stopped for lunch at Frenchie's in Tincup.



Traffic Jam at 12,000 feet. This is Tin Cup Pass, and the Explorer on the left had to back up quite a ways so the other vehicles could get around him.

Chili, Mick and Shane met up with Dan and his buddies and rode Timberline Trail from Mirror Lake to Texas Creek, where



Every trip to Colorado has to have at least one picture of your group at the top of a mountain. Here's Aaron, Mick, Bob and Shane.

they decided to do the lunch thing and headed to Taylor Outpost. Then, rather than head back to Texas Creek to ride the rest of Timberline, they headed to River's End campground and crossed the Texas River to pick up trail 413. This took them up some mighty tight switchbacks to Doctor's Park Trail. This gave them

pretty long ride through Doctor's Park and eventually down Trail Gulch to Taylor River Road. Then they had a nice road ride back to camp.

Almost every afternoon, we'd get a little rain. It wasn't too big a deal to ride

in it, and campfires were allowed. This was much better than the year before, when we couldn't have any campfires.

It was Thursday, our last day of riding. It was only going to be Chili, Mick, Shane and Ime. Luckily, Chili had borrowed Brett Skaggs' KTM 400. I rode it and he rode his YZ250F. I wanted to show them some of the trails that I rode with Terry and Richard on Monday. So we headed up Star Trail. We saw some deer and got caught in a sleet storm. We took a detour down to Star Mine to do some sight-seeing. We stopped at the pass between American Flag and Italian mountains to throw snow on Shane.

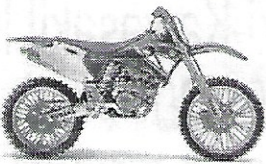
We went up Flag Creek Trail. This was my first time up the trail. It's open to motorcycles, but it seems to be very popular with mountain bikes. We went up the trail, but going down, it's got a gradual grade with lots of sweeping turns. We were heading to Bear Creek Trail when we were flagged down by a mountain biker asking directions. I told him he was almost to Bear Creek Trail which would be a blast on

a mountain bike, since it also had a gradual downhill grade and lots of sweeping turns. Then he would turn right and head up Deadman Gulch. At which time, we would be glad we had motors on our two wheelers. He said, "You just had to say that."

We also headed down Bear Creek Trail to Deadman Gulch. We took a left and headed up to trail 553 to Rosebud Creek Trail. This brought us out to Spring Creek Road. We headed up to FS Road 746.1, just like Monday. Only this time, I saw Trail 413. It's more like a rabbit trail. I had seen this trail on the map for years and I kept an eye out for it, but I would always start looking too late. After heading through an open park, the trail headed into the woods. It was a tight single track with face-slappers! Unfortunately, it just wasn't too long before it intersected with an old logging trail that took us to Doctor's Park Trail. It was starting to rain as we headed down to camp, but this just helped

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keep the dust down and we turned the wick up.

When we got back to camp, Linda and Kerri weren't there. It turns out they headed out on the same 40 mile loop Linda and I rode on Sunday. They tested the top speed of the ATVs when it started to rain!

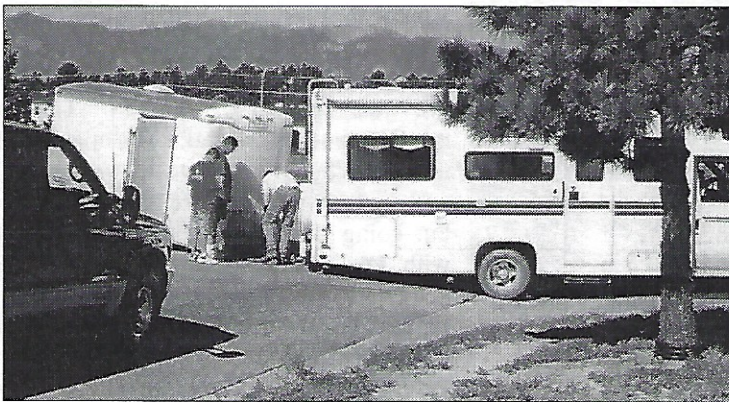


Who says you're going to fast to see any wildlife while riding dirt bikes. Here's a deer we saw on Star Trail.

The next day, we had to load up and start home. We were going to do the tourist thing and visit Royal Gorge, CO., then Colorado Springs, CO., where I got the RV stuck pulling

into a gas station blocking two lanes of traffic!

Everybody had a good time. We were bummed that it would be another year before we got back to Colorado to do this again. Except for Terry Brumley and me; we get to come back in September for the Colorado 500!



Chile goes running to Linda, "Give me the camera! We've got to get a picture of this!" As Chili so kindly documented for me, I stuck the RV pulling into a gas station in Colorado Springs

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OMTRA Stuff



The July meeting was held on the 17th at Mexican Villa on South Campbell. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 people attended. Karl Harris, our new Chairman, led the meeting with a pretty full agenda.

Membership dues need to be paid in July. Send \$15 for an individual membership or \$20 for a family membership to Bob Fuerst.

The medical report included Brian Sharp this month. Brian is suffering with a dislocated shoulder and a pretty serious knee injury that may require surgery. They will know more about that in August. Shawn Hall and Dale Willis report they are both continuing to mend.

Karl is checking into getting some more club stickers made as many of the original ones have faded or been traded on a vehicle.

Bob reported he and Stewart Hall have been working on the trails for the Hardwood Enduro at Chadwick October 26th. Much of the course has been laid out but mileage and check points are still to be determined. The club will be needing workers for the enduro so if you would like to volunteer, please contact Dale Willis or Spud as soon as you can. If you haven't helped out in the last few events, you might consider it. That way, maybe some members who haven't gotten to ride the event recently can do so this year.

Spud is anticipating a good year for the Hillbilly Series. The first race will be August 17th at Keltner's place. He will be sending out flyers the end of July. There may be a couple of new venues this year. New highway construction in Bolivar has ruled out Lou's place this year and there will not be an event at Aurora this year.

The club is, as always, interested in new members and would like to see more ATV riders become active. Any input as to what we can do to encourage ATV riders to become more involved is welcome. Shawn Hall would like input as to any activities club members might enjoy that can include the entire family. We are still considering a night ride at Chadwick, along with maybe some paint ball games and bicycle trail riding. If you have any ideas or can think of a good place to hold our meetings, let Shawn know. Shawn also expressed his gratitude to everyone for their support of him and his family while he is recovering.

The club voted to make a \$200 donation to the Colorado 500. They use their money for a variety of things, including providing emergency equipment to the towns who support the Colorado 500 riders. There are several club members who attend this event every fall. Plus, this benefits all club members that off-road in Colorado.

By Judy Willis

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individuals and \$20 for families. Speaking of money, Tim Goller is the new club treasurer. Tim is new to the area. He works with Elston Moore. (Don't hold that against him.) He rides a Honda 400Ex. That would be an ATV.

I got an update from Shawn Hall on the MHSC race at Sedalia. First off, if you missed the post on www.hillbillygp.com regarding sign up, Bummer. It was a good one. Folks vented. They got it out of their system and kissed and made up. All pretty healthy, I'd say. One of the OMTRA members had a real good day at Sedalia. Kreg Simons was flying. He won the A Senior class and finished 12th overall. Good Job, Kreg. By the way, this is the same race Shawn got hurt at last year. Just one year later, he rode back to the site of the accident. He said he had no problem finding the site and the tree he hit was pretty torn up. It still has paint on it from his helmet. *Speaking of Shawn, he's a grandpa now!*

Well, that's all for now. Mark your calendars for September 28th, the next Hillbilly Gran Prix, and October 26th is the Chadwick Enduro. It should be a good one.

Now, quit reading and go riding!

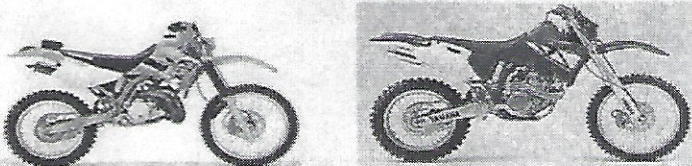
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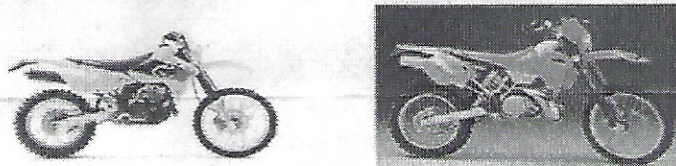


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