

# Notes on Spokes

## The Colorado Experience

One of the highlights of my year is always my trip to Colorado to go dirt biking. This year, I went to Colorado with Larry Scharnhorst and Max Harkey. We spent four days riding in the Pitkin area and two more riding out of Salida. We did a total of 580 miles in six days. It was great.

You can have some really neat experiences on a trip like this. We were riding down the trail to the Gold Creek campground when we met two riders. They were stopped and saw my Black Jack helmet. We found

out David Burleigh and Duane Goodwin were from Tulsa, and even though we had never met them, we could have known them for years. They also know many of the Tulsa Trail Riders, we had ridden with for years.

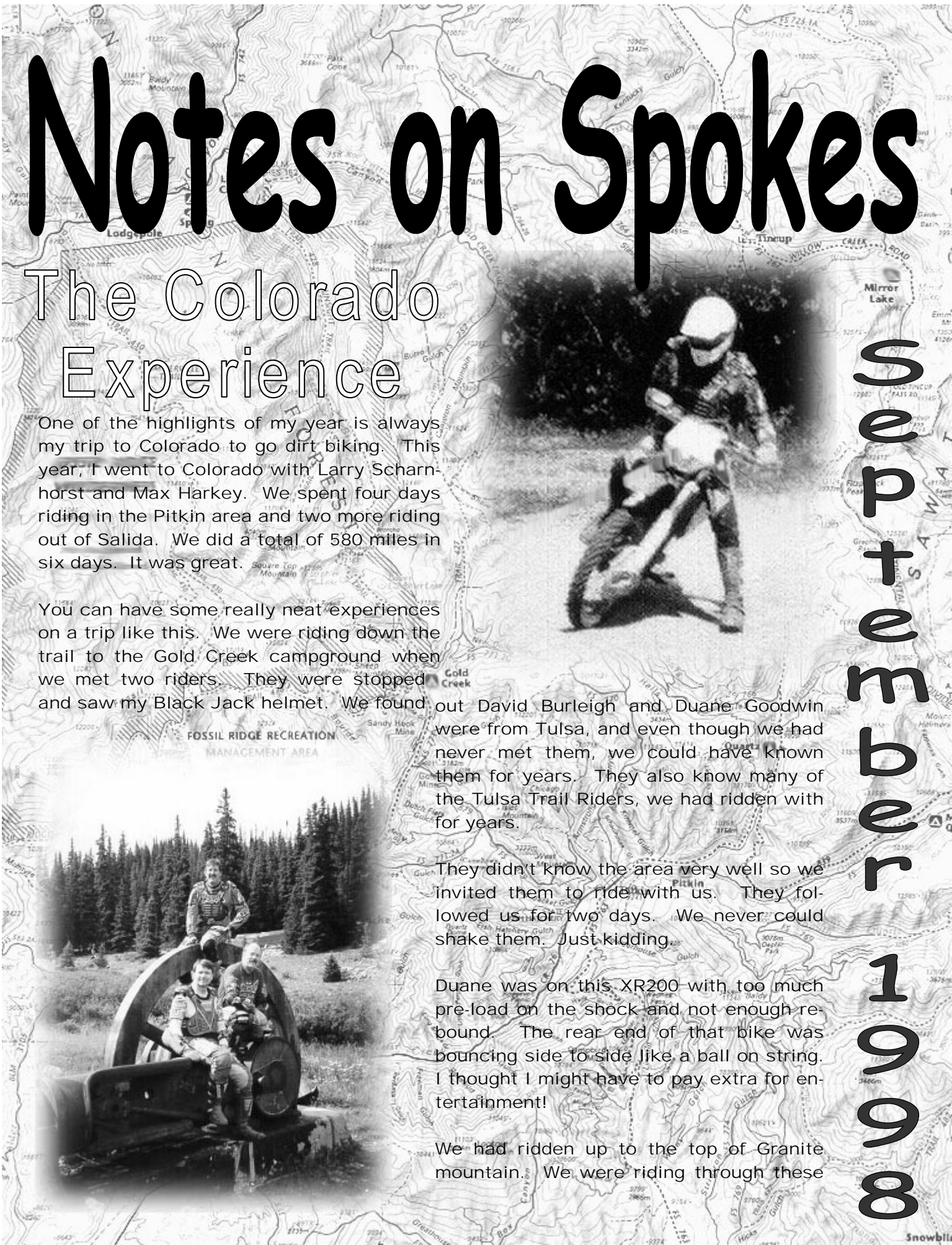
They didn't know the area very well so we invited them to ride with us. They followed us for two days. We never could shake them. Just kidding.

Duane was on this XR200 with too much pre-load on the shock and not enough rebound. The rear end of that bike was bouncing side to side like a ball on string. I thought I might have to pay extra for entertainment!

We had ridden up to the top of Granite mountain. We were riding through these



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Above, Max slips up a trail after a sleet storm. Left, Larry leads Max up this trail. They don't call them the Rocky Mountains for nothing.

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very tight switch backs coming down the mountain when we found a pile of maps sitting on the side of the trail. They were keepers!

The next day we had ridden over Napoleon pass and down Timberline trail to get to Taylor Reservoir for lunch where we started to talk to some other dirt bikers. We found out they were the chairman and a board member of the Colo-

rado Off Road Vehicle Coalition and their sons. We found out that we should have purchased Colorado off-road vehicle stickers. I will find out more on this before next year.

They had ridden in the same area that we had, over by Granite Mountain. I asked, "Did you lose any maps?" Yep, they sure had. It sure is a small world.

Later that day we missed a turnoff and ended up in downtown Gunnison at 6 PM on unlicensed dirt bikes in the rain!

Then, there was the day we had lunch at the Subway shop on Monarch pass. It was a slice of Americana. To most of these folks, the only off-roading they had done was on their riding lawn mowers. You really need to be an ambassador to the sport in a situation like this. But the kid that had a KX60 at home thought it was really neat.

There are so many attractions to a trip to Colorado. It can be the scenery, the old mines, the little towns we go to for lunch or just miles and miles of neat trails. If you haven't done it, you just gotta do it!

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# Spud Holeshots!



Jon "Spud" Simons, number 50, holeshots the first moto.

By Bob Fuerst

Or maybe the headline should read "Spud Holeshot?" Jon Simons, otherwise know as "Spud," holeshot the first moto of the woods rider class at Sprout Patch Motocross on August 15.

Sixteen riders rode in the the special woods class, but I was not one of them. I had returned from Colorado at 1 a.m. the morning of the fifteenth and I did not feel like putting my butt on a dirt bike just yet. My riding gear could have been declared a life form of its own. So I wimped out. Linda and I went and took pictures.

think Brian Sharp won both motos, but I wasn't paying close attention. So much for my career as a professional race reporter.

According to Dennis Tomlin, track announcer, "Everybody sure looked like they were having a good time."

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Kevin Young on his YZ400F during practice.

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At the start of the second moto, someone went out and started to clean the area in front of the gate. Randall went out to help. He kicked the dirt back in front of their gate!



Bud Bieschke, far left, holeshot the second moto.



Brian Sharp tests the limit of suspension on his KLX.



Kreg Simons, number 262, leads Larry Waite into a corner.


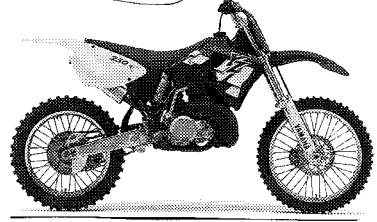


June Grier gets some big air during practice!

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# NESBITT SMOOTH AT SHOW-ME HS

By: Frank Leivan  
Tebbetts, MO; July 26

Round 10 of the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship saw Yamaha mounted Chris Nesbitt claim his first ever overall victory. Nesbitt rode a smooth race and steadily worked his way to the front and then outdueled Mike Windmann on the final lap on his way to the win.

10 miles of established trail and rocky creek beds greeted the 153 riders on what was to be the hottest day of the year. Temperatures right around the century mark meant that mistakes would be costly and conserving energy would be important.

Matt Pursley pulled the holeshot on his Husqvarna and rode his most impressive lap so far by holding off the advances of Kawasaki rider Chris Thiele. Pursley's strongest points of the trail seemed to be the grass track sections, where his 360 would find traction while the 250 riders fought off wheel spin.

Pursley completed lap one in 26 minutes with Thiele right on his rear fender. Windmann held down third about 10 seconds back and Nesbitt checked in at the barrels another six seconds back. Pursley went down in a grassy section and turned the lead over to Thiele. Pursley's hand guard came loose and would get caught in the forks when trying to make turns, forcing him to go to the pits for repairs. He would re-enter the race outside the top 10.

A little more than halfway through the third lap, the bottom fell out of

Thiele's race. While negotiating a rocky creek bed, Thiele lost control and went down. He was up quickly but had suffered a cracked clutch cover and was forced to retire for the day. This put Windmann into the lead with his 20 second cushion on Nesbitt still intact.

Behind the two leaders, Jeff Lappe had his KTM 125 on the gas as usual and had taken control of the "A" class as well as third overall on adjusted time. Pursley had the bit between his teeth and was putting in a very impressive charge that saw him move past several riders and into fifth overall after three laps in the five lap race.

Both Windmann and Nesbitt had seen Thiele along the side of the trail and both could smell victory. Nesbitt pitted for a splash of gas, fresh goggles, and a drink after lap three in an effort to make a run at the leader. His charge paid off as Nesbitt closed to within a few seconds going into the final lap. However, Nesbitt was forced to stop again for goggles allowing Windmann to begin the last lap with about 15 seconds between the two.

Nesbitt picked up the pace even more and by the four mile mark had closed to seven seconds. The rocky creek beds were the strong point for Nesbitt, and he used the more technical creek to close up to the rear tire of Windmann's KTM. When the two entered the faster, more wide open creek, Nesbitt attempted a pass that nearly put both riders on the ground when the trail went back into single lane and neither rider backed off the gas. Nesbitt didn't back off because he wanted the lead, and Windmann didn't back off because he couldn't.

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"I fell on the fourth lap and jammed the throttle and it kinked, the cable, so I pretty much had a cruise control the last lap and a half." explained the series points leader. Eventually, Nesbitt was able to make the pass and lead for the first time all day with just a few miles left in the race. Nesbitt, though, almost suffered a problem of his own.

"A big stick got stuck through my rear wheel sideways right after I passed Mike, and I thought I was going to have pull it out, but I pinned the throttle and luckily it broke the stick," said Nesbitt. After that, Nesbitt rode error free on his way to the checkered flag, claiming victory number one on his Answer/Scott/Trelleborg/J&W Cycles backed YZ250.

Windmann finished in the runner up spot for the seventh time in ten races this year on his Pro Dirt backed 250 KTM. Early leader Pursley completed his great comeback by taking the final podium spot and finishing his best ride of his career. Lappe held on to win the "A" class and take fourth overall, despite the last lap charge of XR400 rider Kevin Boyle. "Boyd" pulled all the stops and turned in the second fastest last lap to close to within a mere 16 seconds after starting dead last and being more than a minute down starting the final lap. The Scott/White Brothers backed rider also had the best finish of his career, finishing fifth overall.

## Results

**O/A:** 1. Chris Nesbitt (Yam); 2. Mike Windmann (KTM); 3. Matt Pursley (Hus); 4. Jeff Lappe (KTM); 5. Kevin Boyle (Hon); 6. Rick Matteson (Yam); 7. Tanner England (Yam); 8. Kurt Smith (Yam); 9. Brandon Forrester (Yam); 10. Charles Thiele (Kaw)

**AA:** 1. Mike Windmann (KTM); 2. Matt Pursley (Hus); 3. Tanner England (Yam); 4. Kevin Borts (Suz); 5. Chris Huff (Yam)

**A:** 1. Jeff Lappe (KTM); 2. Kevin Boyle (Hon); 3. Kurt Smith (Yam); 4. Charles Thiele (Kaw); 5. Matt Faletti (KTM)

**125 B:** 1. Barndon Forrester (Yam); 2. Levi Rawson (Yam); 3. Kurt Eibell (Yam); 4. Casey Hinkel (Yam); 5. Luke Manion (Yam)

**200 B:** 1. Danny Dohogne (Kaw); 2. Everett Shinault (Kaw); 3. Dae Lederle (Kaw); 4. Robert Armon (Kaw); 5. Roger Busby (Kaw)

**250 B:** 1. Collin Sheridan (Yam); 2. Matt Weis (Yam); 3. Ryan Wuebbeling (Yam); 4. David Dillingham (Yam); 5. Brandon Vaughn (Kaw)

**250 C:** 1. Tim Gibson (Hon); 2. Bryan Roy (Kaw); 3. Ryan Busby (Hon); 4. Gerald McGinnis (Yam); 5. Bronce Smith (Hon)

**Open B:** 1. Danny Crawford (Hon); 2. Matt Coffman (KTM); 3. Chris Sloan (Yam); 4. Duane Barker (KTM); 5. Tony Kirkup (KTM)

**4 Stroke B:** 1. Travis Pilant (Hon); 2. Gary Pilant (Hon); 3. Joseph Armon (Hon); 4. Ralph Gerding (Hon); 5. Doug Jones (Yam)

**Vet:** 1. Rick Matteson (Yam); 2. Dwayne Miinch (Hon); 3. Jon Simons (Yam); 4. John Baner (Kaw); 5. Kreg Simons (Yam)

**Senior:** 1. Ron Ribolzi (Yam); 2. Brad Barnett (Yam); 3. William Guffey (Yam); 4. John Newberry (Hon); 5. Bill Gold (Yam)

**Super Senior:** 1. Eric Hansen (Hon); 2. Rick Whelove (Hus); 3. Robert Caplinger (ATK); 4. Rick Carpenter (KTM); 5. Frank Leivan (Yam)

**Junior:** 1. Zack Mabery (Hon); 2. Jeremy Wisecup (Kaw); 3. Robert Duncan (Yam); 4. James Sloan (Yam); 5. Andy Pashia (Hon)

**Trailrider:** 1. David Stone (Suz); 2. Brad Crain (Hon); 3. Brad Murdick (Kaw); 4. Josh Walters (Suz); 5. Brian Dietrich (Yam)

### ***From the Chairman...***

It has come to my attention that my leadership of the club has been seen as single minded. What I mean by that is that if an idea is not mine, or I don't agree with the idea - than it doesn't happen. To this charge I plead ... Guilty.


In my defense I must say that the chairmanship role of a non profit organization is not on my resume. I have been trying to learn as I go along. After I heard of this concern, I took a good look at the way things are going, and the way that I have handled them. That is how I came up with my guilty plea. It should be the job of the Chairman to act as an impartial moderator, not as a director or worse a dictator.

I would like to ask each member of the club to give me a second chance. I feel that one of my few good qualities is my ability to take criticism. I will try to do better, but I must ask each of you to also do better at letting me know what your feelings and desires are.

This in no way will dampen my enthusiasm for the club or negatively affect my relationship with any club member. I don't want to lose a single member, we need all of you. I look forward to being a member of The Ozark Mountain Trail Riders for a long time. My hope is that the club will be around so that will be possible.

See you on the trail.

*Shawn*



Help me! I am about two months late in sending out renewals for OMTRA. So, if you have NOT renewed or joined since June 1998, please help me out by filling out the membership form on the next page and sending it in. Renewals and new members will receive two 2" X 3" stickers, until the supply runs out!

*Thanks. Bob Fuerst.*

# August Minutes

There was a good attendance for the August meeting. Everyone enjoyed looking at pictures taken of the "Enduro Riders Class" race held at Sprout Patch Track on Saturday night, Aug. 15th.

The 'dollar a chance' drawing was held with the prize being the ever useful and always needed innertube. Randall Mathis was the winner. It was decided to donate the cash proceeds from the drawing to a fund set up to help with medical costs for the injured son of motorcycle rider Greg Garner of Arkansas. His two and a half year old son was seriously hurt in a water craft accident. There will be a benefit ride held in Cass, Ark. on Aug 30 to help with medical costs. It was also reported that the club sent a letter of encouragement and a donation to Jamie Jennings as discussed at last months meeting. There was brief discussion about the clubs setting aside a specific "injury fund," but it was decided to wait until after the incorporation.

An example of the OMTRA banner as designed by Transport Graphics was circulated and met with everyone's approval.

Shawn Hall gave an update on the club's status as a corporation. He has enlisted the help of a company in California and expects everything to be completed and in place by the enduro sponsored by OMTRA in October.

Shawn also reported that he had done some more research about the Blue Ribbon Coalition and encouraged everyone to support them.

Canoe trip plans were finalized. Members are instructed to be at Dawt Mill at 9:00 Sunday Aug. 30. There are 20-25 people signed up with some last minute additions expected. Bill White has offered to cook burgers for everyone again this year.

It was announced there will be a planning meeting to be held on Wed. Sept. 2 to organize the Oct. enduro at Chadwick. Anyone interested in helping in any way is encouraged to attend.

It was announced the Little Rock Enduro date has been changed.

*Judy Willis*

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October 11 - Extreme Motorsports Park  
October 18 - Platten County

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September 13 - Marshfield, MO  
October 10 - White City, IL  
October 25 - Park Hills, MO

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## MO State Championship MX Series

September 7 - St. Louis (Cycle World)  
September 20 - Halltown (Possom Hollow)  
September 27 - Moberly (HLR MX)  
October 25 - Grain Valley (X2)  
November 1 - Drexle (Extreme Motorsports)

## Arkansas Hare Scramble Championship Series

September 6 - Old Crow (Russellville)  
October 18 - Lost Creek (Amity)  
*November 28 - Annual Promoter Meeting*  
November 29 - River Front G.P. (Fort Smith)

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# TID BITS

⇒The BJEC enduro at Red River, TX has been cancelled. The folks putting on the Little Rock, AR enduro have taken the October 11 date.

### Here are some results from Sprout Patch Aug. 8.

Practice started at 4 Saturday afternoon. However, people started getting to the track at NOON in order to get a good place to park. I got to Billings around 3:00 so guess where I parked! There were around 270 racers and that many more spectators easily. The weather was perfect and the track was prepared quite nicely. Wouldn't it be nice if the hare scrambles courses were prepped before a race? Or is that what they call it when they put arrows up!!!

Joby Windmiller rode the over 30 class and had a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde type evening. In the first moto, he fell in the first turn and then fell in another corner later that lap. The second moto, he starts in 2nd, passes super fast Jack Lambert for the lead and ends up finishing second behind Jack Lambert for 2nd overall. Joby, bring the guy who rode the second moto next time, he looked good! Also Joby's brother James raced and finished 3rd in the 250 novice class. Jason, a friend of Joby and James, rode the 250 beginner class and while running up front got landed on!! That is something that never happens in the woods!!! He was ok but sat out the second moto.

Another racer who had a Jekyll/Hyde type performance was James Grier, property of June and Randall. He finished a strong 4th place in the 125 novice, which had 20 plus riders in that class.

I finished 2nd behind Jack Lambert in the 250 int. class.

The race was over around 1:30 in the morning and there were good races all night long!

*Casey Haynes*

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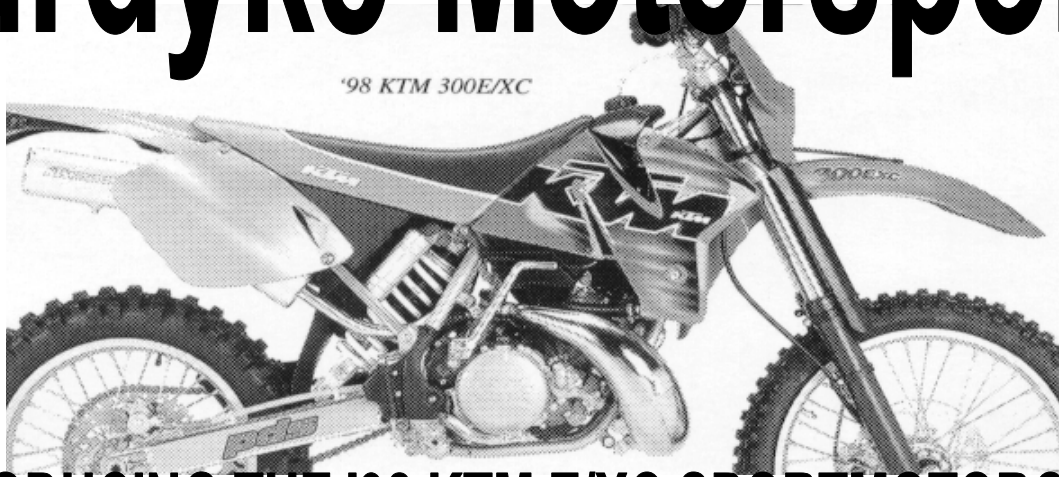
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