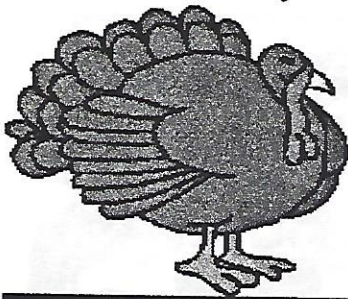


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A New Beginning

This is a new deal! And a very good one! I have done this letter for over three years now, driven by the thought that it could be fun . . . and informative to folks. Chadwick (and its future) was a very big concern to me as I have ridden there for almost 18 years now. Times for me are changing. I have been battling poor health with my folks for awhile (and numerous trips to Iowa) that simply interfere with my ability to attend events and keep this thing going in the way it deserves. I simply can't find the time to do a quality job and this paper deserves that.

I will soon hand the reins of this letter over to Bob Fuerst. Bob has agreed to take this thing over in behalf of OMTA. That at least continues the letter as a tool to concerned off-road enthusiasts. Bob also agreed to let me write an article from time-to-time. Cool, I'll be like a contributing journalist . . . the title sounds cool.

Bob has written several pieces for this paper and has a dry humor that is in keeping with "our" history. Look forward to hearing about enduros, scrambles, and anything else that's happening in our area along with OMTA news as Bob is one of the founding officers. He's also a rider and longstanding member of the Black Jack Enduro Circuit. He will be good!

Will I miss it? Sure, I do already! This whole deal caused me to look back over the last 3 years and think about the people I have had the opportunity to meet and ride with. People who stepped forward and supported this letter (it was one page back then) through ads. Steve Underwood of Surdyke Motosports and Mel Gere of Action Cycle were the first advertisers followed quickly by the ads you see in here now. My thanks to all of them. While we're on the subject of advertisers . . . there isn't an

advertiser in this letter that doesn't support our sport. It's easy to say your advertisers are all good guys . . . but in this case I can say it . . . and mean it. They all support off-road activities! There was a point in time when I couldn't say that, but those advertisers have faded out. You can feel confident buying from any of the advertisers in this letter. I'm proud of that!

The next people for me to thank is you the reader. I'm sure I've bored you from time-to-time but I think we've had fun along the way. I know I have. I thank you.



I hope you will continue to support this letter, and Bob, as you have supported me in the past. Look for this thing to take a decided stand for OMTA and that is a very good thing. This letter is, was, and hopefully always will be the official letter of that new club.

Call OMTA the best thing to happen to off-road riding in our area in a number of years! If you aren't currently a member . . . please join. It is for a very worthy cause, our right to ride!

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OMTA News

A few thoughts from the chairman...

I have never been more proud to be a member of an organization, than I was to be a member of the OMTRA, after the Chadwick Enduro. The incredible effort that was put out by virtually all of the club members was nothing short of incredible. We had more than 50 people working the event. The effort that was put in paid off by producing a nearly perfect event. Even mother nature cooperated.

I would like to start by thanking everybody that contributed to the success of the event. I would like to add special mentions to a few key people that did the majority of the work. First, Casey Haynes, he did the planning and worrying for all of us. GREAT JOB CASEY. Most of the 180+ riders said the trail planning was near perfect, the thanks for that goes to Rusty Reynaud, Bob Fuerst and Max Harkey. I would be making a serious mistake if I didn't mention all of the wives and girlfriends that got involved and made the event go. A special thank you must go to Rhonda Haynes, Joy Reynaud, June and My wife Kim Hall. Sign up and scoring went perfect thanks to the effort of these very patient and understanding ladies. I would also like to mention Terry Brumley, Dale Willis and Tony Kirkup for their effort. To everyone else, THANK YOU!!

The club realized a good profit, which should be helpful in establishing some operating capitol for the next project that the club will take on.

It is now time to refocus our efforts on the main reason that the club was formed, the preservation of the Chadwick Riding Area. During the Enduro I had the opportunity to discuss our club with members of the Ava Ranger station. I was very excited to hear that they have heard many good things about the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders. They are very eager to work with us to improve the situation at Chadwick. I stuck my neck out a bit and told them that we had plenty of labor standing by waiting for direction from the forest service. So, now is the time for action. Come to the next club meeting on the November 20th ready to volunteer to be involved in a work party to help improve our riding area.

Once again thanks to everybody and lets make November 20th our best meeting/party yet.

Thanks,
Shawn

TID-BITS

Sadistic! Working the finish check at Chadwick (right after a section that hasn't been used in quite some time . . . read ungodly tight) I got to hear some interesting comments from very tired AA, and A riders. Kenny Williams pulled into the check looking dazed, sat a minute, looked at me and said: Sadistic. I think that means it was good.

More than a few pulled in and said things I can't repeat in this format. Harold Compton pulled in and said: Finally a real enduro! (Everyone knows Harold isn't quite right.)

Lynn Smith choosing this enduro as his first in a couple of years rode his old Yamaha 500 air-hammer, as he did back then. When he arrived at the finish check . . . not a sound was uttered . . . he just got off and layed down on the ground for awhile.

Our check was very close to that last test section . . . close enough to hear yelling and screams. The source we found out later was Rusty Reynaud, Allen Haynes, and Bart Williams "mooning" a "friend" in an especially tight part of the section causing him to hit a few trees. While I didn't really find out about the screaming part, it could have been Rusty. I guess when the "friend" hit those trees losing control momentarily, he headed right at Rusty. Rusty's only comment: It's hard to run with pants around your ankles!

Mike Shown (Mike's Machine guy) has trouble dabbing. This section was so tight you had to dab about 100 times. The "moon" trio said you could hear Mike coming as he was "yelling to himself." No we won't repeat that either.

The check wasn't bad. Terry Brumley, a couple of his friends, Larry Bolander along with my wife and I roasted hot dogs waiting for the check to open. That section didn't seem to hard to me?

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MORE TID-BITS

I hear Surdyke Motosports in Marionville is closing out all '97 MSR gear with some gemendous specials. A lot of stuff at half-price! ! ! ! ! ! ! Better check that out!

The next OMTA meeting is on the 20th of November at 7:00 PM at Mexican Villa, south. Try not to miss it! If you aren't a member, come see what this is all about.

Jerry Sharp (long-time Possum Hollow MX owner and main Hare Scramble guy in this area) has passed a milestone. He recently sold Possum Hollow to Noah Gates after 19 years there! Count the many Hare Scrambles over the years and countless trophys made for events . . . Jerry is an icon in our part of the off-road world. Never fear, Jerry doesn't


plan to quit just yet. He's still got a hand in Possum Hollow, Has a Hare Scramble planed for 7 Dec. at Lu's place north of Boliver, and several other MX events. Thanks for all the years Jerry . . . we owe you!

Lee Glen and Bob Pike are the new Pres. and Vice-Pres. of the Black Jack Enduro Circuit for '98. Way to go guys!

Steve Leivan went to the Oklahoma City Enduro (Crosstimbers) which was a co-sanctioned BJEC/Texas event . . . handily "smok'in" all comers in the AA class winning by a reported 5 points! Steves about due to go on the national circuit somewhere as he's about beat up everyone here? Good luck Steve!

I hear Mel Gear at Action Cycle is giving away a new Ford P-up? Naw . . . just wanted to get his Blood pressure up when he reads this! Hi Mel! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

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Hardwood Enduro

The fall, Hardwood Enduro went off at Chadwick Missouri on the 19th of October. Call the weather perfect. Call the course perfect . . . and challenging in spots.

200 riders entered the event which provided a short course loop, a B cut-off, and a special A, and AA loop that opened the eyes of many.

This was OMTA's first attempt at putting on an event and it went off flawlessly. An abundance of help and good planning made this thing a success. Way to go OMTA!

There were several good battles that may not be readily apparent in the scores but maybe the best was Steve Leivan (Overall winner) and Vincent Davis (2nd Overall.) The score cards show a point but the reality is that Vince put in a very good ride and that point was really Steve coming into a tiebreaker on like a 53 into his minute and Vince coming into the same check with a 14, out of his minute. Very, very close. Read the scores and decide for yourself.

Overall: Steve Leivan

AA: Steve Leivan, Vincent Davis, Jamie Jennings, Kevin Boyle, Slade Morlang, Derek Zinchuck, Devin Borts, Joe Beaver, Steve Travis, Rick Owens, Mike Shown, Karl Gillette.

A Overall: Jamie Jennings

A-250: Jamie Jennings, Steve Vanzandt, Joe Beaver, Karl Gallette, Keith Jackson.

A-200: Derek Zinchuck, Rick Owens, Tony McCall, Darin Montgomery.

A-Open: Kevin Boyle, Mike Shown, Tom Huber, Steve Udem, Bill Harrison,

A-Int: Kevin Borts, Billy Treadwell, Greg Lowe, Bobby Paschal, Scott Duncan.

A-Senior: Kenny Williams, Rocke Weaver, Harold Compton, Ron Shreve, Kent Mannering.

A Super Sr: Darrell Judy, Lee Glen, Bob Pike, Fred Mueller, Frank Leivan, Jerry Bohannon.

A-Sportsman: Tom Hill, Ken Thompson, Bob Diffie, Terry West, Jim Holub.

Overall B: Slade Morlang

B-250: Slade Morlang, Chris Goodall, Brett Skaggs, Rick Southard, Brian Sharp, Tim McCall, Tommy Ray, Stewart Hall.

B-200: Matthew Glenn, Philip Norman, Kevin Young, Tyler Steele.

B-Open: Duane Barker, Lynn Smith, Phil Templeton, Dan Villars, Lance Gold.

B-Int: Elston Moore, Tom Eidam, Jason Johnson, Mark Jantz.

B-Senior: Jack Lee, Jim Willis, Dan Wylie, Dirk Wilkonson, Lee Moffitt, Wayne Cosby.

B-Super Sr: Dennis Schell, Randy Harmon, Martin Willems, Mike Edwards, Bob Harris, Milton Ladd.

Overall C: Weston Bair

C-250: Weston bair, Richard Dawson, Kurt Danzy, Lee Jones, Jeff Love, Shawn Bowers, Jason Yates.

C-200: Brian Judy, Jeff Shen, Russ Halverson, David Gussberry, Tony Evans, Donna Moore.

C-Open: Glenn Ladd, Jeff Lemay, Gary Harris, Randy Ballard, Skip Seal.

C-Int: Tim Carr, Jed Goad, Donald Cloyd, Gary Paul, Mike Dunn, Jim Sutlick, Mile Adcock.

C-Senior: Richard Donaldson, Greg Martin, Andy Carrier, Howard Dawson, Steve Gann.

Super 55: Charlie Burk, Zahn Lewis, C. Bonifacious, Sam Helmuth, Marv Donaldson, Cliff Sage.

Women: Michelle Eidam, Elaine Kellerman, Susan Roy, Amy Gann, Rita Harmon.

A Youth: Jon Shoalmire, Jacob Hill, Aaron Willis, Jason Harmon, Chase Dunn, Jeremy Tipton, Dale lair, John McDowell, William Lockwood.

B Youth: Clint Carr, Clint Gann, Cody Fow, Cody Long, Dylan Hurlbert, Emilee Rousseau, Greg Horsterman.

4 Stroke Long: Jeff Gaston, Eric Freeman, Scott Alexander.

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