# Notes on Spokes

The BJEC began on March 7 with the Bear Creek Enduro at Kirby, AR. I always look forward to going to this race. For one thing, it is seven hours south of where I live. So, while it is still cold in Missouri, spring is usually popping out in southern Arkansas. Unfortunately, this year, it was unseasonably cool over the weekend, but it wasn't too bad. It's also the first race of the season. You get to find out who has signed up for your class and just visit with some of your friends from far away.

One thing about the Kirby race—it is usually wet. Sometimes it is very wet. This time it wasn't. In fact, there was even some dust. Not much and it didn't cause any problems.

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Wayne Crosby of Lebanon Suzuki, Kawasaki, Husqvarna with Max Harkey trying to stay warm as Sunday morning started out kind of cold.

The race was a pretty classic test section type of race. Usually clubs throw in resets after a test section to get you back on time so you don't have to race down open roads against traffic. The Kirby enduro had free time after the special test sections. According to AMA enduro rules, checks can be no closer than 3 miles apart. Even with the free time and the enduro computers showing that you are hot, you still get to the ride almost three miles before you need to stop to wait for the clock to catch up.

I have a funny story from the race: Lee Glenn, A-Senior rider and Chairman of the BJEC circuit, was entering a check. Maybe entering is not the right word. He was late and com-



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ing in at full throttle. The trail was rough. As he passed the flags, he nailed his brakes, his front wheel dropped into a hole and his back wheel hit a sharp root. This was enough to catapult him over the handlebars into the check.

Of course the check crew scattered. But, even more amazing, his rear fender was caught on a tree branch, holding the bike vertically on the front wheel! But he was in the check.

Nolan Knight won the event. He is a team Gas Gas rider from Mississippi and rides the SERA (Southern Enduro Riders Association) Circuit. Steve Vanzant was first BJEC. An interesting thing about this is; Steve is riding the A-Senior class. He's over forty.

The second race of the BJEC was at Cass, AR in White Rock National Forest on March 21. Rain on Saturday made things pretty sloppy on Sunday. The Razorback Riders made programming the computers pretty easy. There was one reset and speed change on the short course. After the gas stop, it was 24 MPH with no gas stops or resets.

The course consisted of two loops. The A and B riders only rode a small portion of the short course loop at the beginning and end of their loop.

Rusty Reynaud won overall. He was really hauling.

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## TID BITS

**Correction:** Last month I accidentally left Lebanon Suzuki Kawasaki Husqvarna off the list of contributors for clean up day at Chadwick.

Speaking of Lebanon Suzuki Kawasaki Husqvarna, Husqvarna is now offering contingencies for BJEC riders. Any rider of a 1998 or 1999 Husky is eligible for \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third in any class!

#### Other BJEC stuff:

The enduro scheduled for April 11 at Stillwater, OK has been cancelled.

The Cannon Creek enduro on May 2 will be at Elk Valley, MO. It is a close course enduro with no time keeping required. A 15 mile loop with two 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile special tests has been laid out. Test will be a combination of ribboned grass track and woods. The 10 miles between will be at trail riding speed. Directions: Lebanon south on "5" to "O", East to "TT", South to "NN" and follow arrows. For more information call: Mike Shown (913) 342-4436 3:00 am – 8:00 pm (*No kidding, that's what it says on the flyer!*) or Lee Glenn (913) 441-6522.

Check out the BJEC web site. It has the route sheets for the upcoming races. Before you even leave the house, you can have your computer programmed.

Rumors have been floating around that for whatever reason the riding area at Collins, MO has been re-opened. It is NOT true. Don't go there to ride.

Darin House joined us for the trip to Kirby for the BJEC race. He got kind of banged up. After pin balling off a couple of trees, he supermanned backwards into a tree. Lucky nothing was broken, but he was hurting. I also found out that his gear bag is heavy enough for him to be carrying a spare engine for his WR400.

Tony "Ironman" Kirkup had a high-speed get-off at White Rock. He thought it was just a bad bruise. He unloaded his bike and showered before going to the hospital. After his arm was xrayed, he asked the x-ray technician if it was broken. She told him that due to policy, she couldn't tell him. But she did hold the x-ray up to the light. Evidently, it didn't take an expert to see it was broken. Tony could see immediately that it was broken in three places. It required surgery and a plate to fix. He



should be racing again in 6 to 8 weeks.

Picture this: you own a motorcycle shop. You race dirt bikes as a hobby. You break or lose the pivot bolt to your rear brake at an enduro. You ride the bike down to the car wash. You wash the bike. You forget that you have no rear brake. You're riding back from the car wash. You need to hop a curb. You hop it. You go for the rear brake. You have none. You hit a customer's truck. I'm not going to name names to protect the stupid.

A big thanks goes to Mel Gere of Action Cycle. He was the driving force behind the 575 people attending the AMA Supercross in St. Louis.

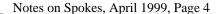
Jerry Sharp had surgery for kidney stones on March 22. He said he actually had two stones, and one was 6 millimeters in diameter!! Speaking of Jerry, I received the following e-mail from him:

Thanks to Rusty Reynaud, Bob Fuerst, Dale Willis, Randall Mathes, Tony Kirkup and Jon Simons for their help laying out part of the course on Saturday the 3rd.

It was raining when we woke up....raining when we got there.....sun came out for a few hours and then the storm hit.....no need to stop at the car wash after that downpour. It was so bad Rusty had to give "Jack" (his dog) a ride back to the trailer. Thanks guys!!!!

I will be working on the course about four days a week...probably Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and of course Saturdays. If you have some free time give me a call and spend a "day in the woods".

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## lestry Abbott

#### By Bob Fuerst

I've got a feeling the conversation went something like this: "Hey, Dan. This is Lee." *That's Lee Glenn, Chairman of the BJEC, and Dan Wiley, Contingency person for BJEC.* 

"Can you pick up Destry Abbott, our guest speaker for the banquet, at the Springfield airport on your way to Fayetteville?" Then Dan said, "Well, Lee, I've got this problem. My van has this roof leak and it smells really bad. I mean really bad, like dog pee. I don't think Destry's first impression of us should be my van. Why don't you give Bob Fuerst a call." Which means, one of the things going for me is the fact that my vehicle does not smell like dog pee. Maybe I should put that on my resume.

So the next thing I know is that Dale Willis and I are picking up Destry and driving him to the banquet. Since I had him captive for a few hours, I thought I would conduct an informal

interview. In fact, we spent so much time together, since we had about five hours together riding from the airport to Fayetteville and then back from the White Rock Enduro, that it has become more of a narrative.

Destry is 26 years old. His wife is an assistant bank manager and they have two kids, a girl 6 and a little boy, 1 year old. In fact, during the week, when he is not traveling, he plays "Mr. Mom" around the house (and garage!). He has been racing since 1983, when he was 11 years old.

When we talked about racing, I found out Destry is going to ride the AMA Hare and Hound, the Best of the Desert series, the ISDE qualifiers and 2 outdoor motocross nationals, Hangtown and Washougal. He has ridden two ISDEs, last year in Australia and the year before in Italy. He is also serious about riding this year's ISDE in Portugal.



The Best of the Desert Series is a team event, and his partner in this series is Brian Brown. And Brian is also one of his biggest competitors in the Hare and Hound series, along with Ty Davis and the Pearson Brothers



Of course, we talked about bikes. I found it interesting that his Best of Desert bike, a KX500, runs works suspension, the same kind of suspension that Team Kawasaki runs on their Supercross and Motocross bikes.

I have read in magazines that foam inner tubes like Moose tubes or the Dunlop Cresent tube break down due to heat at high speed. (The type of speeds that are run in the desert, not the speeds run in BJEC enduros or hare scrambles in the mid-west.) But Destry does run foam tubes in his desert racing.

Destry was also fighting an injury. He was practicing on a motocross track with Steve Hatch. Due to

some ruts, he came up short on a double and bruised both heels. I also found out Steve Hatch has moved to Phoenix. Steve was originally from upstate New York.

Anyone racing professionally needs sponsors, and Destry's main sponsors are Team Green, Pro-Circuit, Acerbis and Scott Goggles. There are many others.

Due to his injuries, he was unable to compete in the White Rock enduro. But he pitched in. He rode Max Harkey's KX250 and swept the youth course. He helped several kids up the hills. In fact, after the enduro, he gave riding tips to the kids that came up to him. He said the White Rock area was very pretty and was glad he was able to get in some riding. He also thought the folks in the BJEC were the nicest and friendliest people he had raced with.



### OTHER STUFF

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Here I am with 46,100 of my closest friends at the AMA Supercross at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis. If you weren't there, you've got to catch the 125 race on TV! Wow, KTM almost won its first supercross. A fight broke out. As soon as the shoving started, the folks in charge cut the video feed to the big screen TVs in the dome. I am curious to see what part of that whole fiasco is shown on TV.



This is one of the neatest gadgets I've seen in a long time. One of the Razorback Rider club members made this tow system for hauling dead bikes out of the woods. He said that if a bike with a 19 inch front wheel needs to be pulled out, put a board in the bottom and another in the front and use the tiedowns, like any other bike. Since the bottom of it bolts to the trailer hitch and the top to the rack, the rear suspension of the ATV doesn't move. Every club needs one of these.



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## **BJEC Banquet**

The night before the White Rock enduro, BJEC held their annual banquet to give out awards for 1998. This year the banquet was held in Elkins, AR. In fact, it was in the Elkin High School.

Good food was had by all. The agenda of course included handing out all of the awards and Dan Wylie giving out many, many neat dirt bike things.

Zahn and Tamara Lewis gave out awards for all the youth riders that participated in last year's youth events on Saturdays. The awards included a jersey from a top off-road star.



Future enduro stars. Award winners from the Saturday youth classes.

Zahn contributed some of his observations between enduros then (when he

started riding enduros) and now. First off, all enduros had speed averages of 24 MPH and they were at least 100 miles in length. They had no resets. *This kind of sounds like when my dad went to school. He had to walk through 3 feet of snow uphill both ways. When I was young, we had to walk* 

all the way across the room to change the channels on the TV and there were only three channels!

Anyhow, back to Zahn. Some of the biggest things to happen to bikes and riding gear since then are the boots, o-ring chains and shocks. He also said that the camping has much improved since then. Back then a tent was uptown. He also observed that many of the long time riders have changed wives since then. They had to get "Enduro Wives".

Lee Glenn had reviewed all 15 hours of the ISDE video from the ISDE in Australia and made a 20 minute highlight tape. Destry Abbott, guest speaker for the banquet, gave a nar-



Did someone say food fight?

rative of the tape. It was very interesting. I had not seen any video from this ISDE—day three was the biggest mudfest I'd ever seen.

After everything was done, Destry stayed around and signed autographs for all.



Dan Wylie ready to give away lots of neat dirt bike stuff.





OMTRA meeting was held on Mar. 25 at the Diamond Head on S. Campbell. Everyone seemed pleased with the buffet and Bart was credited with setting it all up for the club to meet there.

Shawn reported the status of Forest Garner who was hurt last year in a jet ski accident. His father Greg told Shawn the prognosis was not very good, he has made little improvement and little more is expected. Greg appreciates all the thoughts and prayers we can send his way.

Mel Gere reported to the group that Jerry Sharp has had kidney stone surgery. Bob Fuerst is checking with Jerry to find out if he personally needs anything and also what he needs in the way of help setting up the April race at Marshfield. It goes without saying he will now need more help and support than ever.

Announcement was again made of the upcoming Annual Perch Jerk Event to be held at Greg Lowe's home in West Plains on May 16. Everyone is encouraged to come with their families and have a blast.

Shawn reported some of the results from the events at Bear Creek and White Rock. It was announced the event at Lebanon in May will be a non-computer event, more like the qualifier type event.

#### White Rock Results – Position, Name, Points, Emer. Points, Manufactor

**Overall** – **1**. Rusty Reynaud, 35, 1065, YAM, **2**. Dwight Maggard. 38, 1118, YAM, **3**. Allen Haynes, 46, 1191, YAM. **4**, Steve Travis, 47, 1229, HON, **5**. Bart Williams, 48, 1263, KTM, **6**. Slade Morlang, 67, 1497, HON, **7**. Mike McCutcheon, 69, 1486, YAM, **8**. Kevin Corum, 80, 1719, HON, **9**. Scott Bailey, 83, 1762, YAM, **10**. Kreg Simons, 83, 1811, YAM

**Overall B** – **1.** Jon Yarbrough, 40, 2377, HON, **2.** Kurk Danzy, 59, 1947, HON, **3.** Josh Cook, 66, 2122, GAS, **4.** Brett Skaggs, 80, 2507, KTM, **5.** Chris Andrews, 82, 2310, HON, **6.** Troy Taff, 83, 2463, KAW, **7.** Steward Hall, 83, 2668, GAS, **8.** Bob Huber, 90, 2762, HON, **9.** Dan Villars, 90, 2789, YAM, **10.** Don Haney, 94, 2986, KAW

**Overall C and Senior Short Course** – **1.** Mike Shown, 6, 280, KTM, **2.** Ken Thompson, 6, 326, KTM, **3.** Jim Willis, 6, 327, KTM, **4.** Charlie Burk, 7, 377, GAS, **5.** Jim Holub, 7, 397, GAS, **6.** Dirk Wilkinson, 7, , HON, **7.** Tom Hill, 8, 428, KTM, **8.** David Sabo, 8, 442, KAW, **9.** Michael Ward, 8, 456, KTM, **10.** Terry Brumley, 8, , KTM

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It was mentioned that 600 acres have been acquired near the Flat River area by the local organization in the area and should be available soon for events. Also it appears Little Rock, Ark. will have access to land south of that city for motorcycle use.

Report was given that the cutting of new trails at Chadwick has been put on hold by the forest service until they complete some environmental studies but that they will allow the club to cut new trails in the pink ribboned areas. Report was given that some of the off-limits areas of Chadwick are being used by some riders. Suggestions were given as to how to put a stop to this as it only serves as an excuse to close the area to motorcycles completely. One possible idea was to post signs in these areas, but nothing definite was decided. This is complete irresponsibility on the part of these riders and we should do everything we can to stop it.

Mel Gere of Action Cycle donated a can of filter oil for the drawing and it was won by Terry Brumley. The meeting had a good attendance of near 30.

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**April 15** - OMTRA meeting. Mexican Villa on South Campbell at 7 p.m.

**May 16** – 3rd Annual Perch Jerk Invitational Scramble Greg and Denise Lowe 417-256-1467

#### **1999 BJEC Schedule**

	Lee Glenn
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5/23	Lead Belt, Flat River, MO
8/8	Breezy Hills, Breezy Hills,
	LA
8/29	Little Rock, Little Rock, AR
9/12	Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
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10/17	Hardwood, Chadwick, MO
10/31	Red River, Muenster, TX

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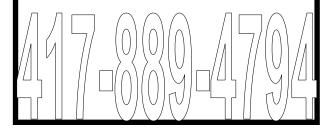
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8/22	Lebanon, MO	
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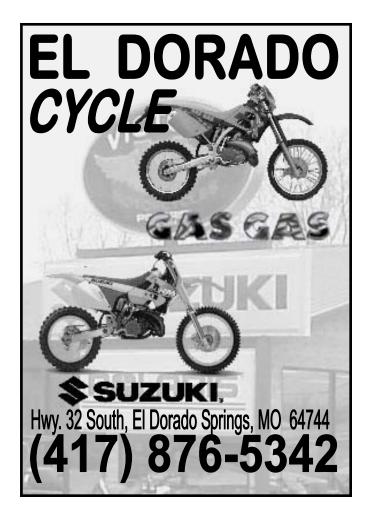
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