

Notes on Spokes



Texas Qualifier: Clockwise from upper left, Paul Krause, Randy Hawkins, John Dennington, Steve Vanzant and Shane Watts



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TID BITS

I got a call last Sunday morning at 7:30. When you own rental property, calls at this time are never good. BUT, this time it was Dale Willis and he wanted to go riding. Dale was apologizing for calling so early. I told Dale I was so glad it was him and not some mess I had to clean up. Well, we did go riding and for July 23rd, the weather was perfect. It turned out the high for the day was only 77 degrees.

We went to Chadwick. Our plan was to meet at the Apple Tree Restaurant in Sparta. It was closed. If you've never been there on Sunday morning, this place is hopping. I don't know what the story is, but if I hear anything, I'll pass it on.

When we got to Enduro Pavilion, Stewart Hall was there. He was getting ready to go riding and hooked up with us. The ride was great. It had rained on Saturday, so there was no dust. Hard to believe for July. We rode a couple of good loops and had lots of fun.

I heard Joby Windmill is a new daddy. I don't know any

details.

Radical Rob personally got to find out about the service at one of Springfield's hospitals. The bike he was riding had some motor problems during a jump. Well, you know the rest, broken ribs, punctured lung, blah, blah, blah. Darn Jumps! Anyhow, Eric Coburn at Havens Motorsports was telling me this story and some kid about 15 had brought his mom in to see how great dirt bikes were and she overheard the story. I've never seen anybody move so quick in my life; I think she picked the kid up and carried him out by the collar.

**The Next OMTRA Meeting:
August 17 at
Mexican Villa on
South Campbell – 7 pm**

If you are an OMTRA member, it's time to pay your dues. If you were at the OMTRA meeting at Bart's, I know you paid. Nobody escaped without me catching them and hounding them until paid. Make it easy on yourself. Send me a check. I have your number. I will call often and late. So, if you haven't paid, you know who you are. Pay up.

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MORE BITS

Speaking of OMTRA, you can read about the meeting in Judy Willis' minutes. These are the last minutes from Judy. She's going to be taking a class on Thursday nights this fall and winter. It's a lot of work trying to make sense of all that goes on at an OMTRA meeting. Judy, we appreciate all your help.

Here's a pretty freaky story: Kreg Simons lost his spark plug in a fast third or fourth gear section at the Missouri Hare Scramble at Tebbitts. He said the bike instantly went from running great to not running at all. When he kicked it over, he thought the motor had blown up since the motor freewheeled with no resistance. He said the spark plug was still in the spark plug cap, but it took fifteen minutes to get the plug out of the cap and back into the motor with a hot motor. Every few turns, he had to cool his gloves with water from his camelback. Wow.

Congrats to Allen Haynes. Allen won the A Vet class at the National Hare Scramble at Kahoka, MO. Good Job!

I rode the MHSC race at Knob Koster on July 30. It was a good race with a 9.7 mile course. The weather was awesome for the end of July. The high temperature was about eighty with plenty of rain the week before. The course was fast and

pretty open with the winning group of riders averaging 24 mph. Speaking of the winners, Steve Levian won, Chris Thiele came in second and Brandon Forrester got third. I'll have some pictures in next month's issue.

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Texas 2-day

The sun comes up Saturday morning over pits at the two-day Texas National Enduro/Reliability Qualifier



By Stewart Hall

July 8th and 9th the Red River Dirt Riders (RRDR) hosted an ISDE Qualifier/ National Enduro. We arrived Friday the 7th and we signed in at the gate. I take notice that the Lafferty's, Garrahan's, and Shane Watts are already signed in. It was very hot and humid.

This is the first National I have ever attended. So, after I got the bike impounded, I had to check out the rigs and bikes. There was a lot of Gas-Gas bikes, even some TMs and a VOR, way cool bikes.

The course was set up with three loops ranging from 13.4, 17.8, 15.5 miles. It was set up with one known control located at camp with four different grass tracks located close to camp and five different terrain tests spread out in the three loops. The terrain varied from sand to rocks, to tight tree sections. There was very little dust, but it was HOT. The course was trimmed and marked real well.

I rode in the B senior class. The first loop on Saturday they did not score the test sections. They went through the procedure to get used to the scoring. I had about fifteen minutes break before I had to be at the check. I take off on my row and go a half mile to the first grass track. I get there and about 20 of the 24 rows ahead of me are lined up waiting in the sun

to run the test. Being on row 25, I got behind on trail time waiting to run the test. I ran the test as fast as I could. I finished the lap losing 18 minutes.

When I got back to the truck, I only have time to have some cold water thrown on me and I head off on the 3rd loop. By this time it is in the mid 90's with 60% humidity. This loop is in Bill's Woods and is very tough. At about mile 10 I started to notice quite a few riders on the side of the trail, when I asked if they were OK they said they were just hot or tired. At about mile 15, I had to pull over from the heat myself. I made it back to the truck after a while and called it a day.

When I went to check scores, I found out there was only one other guy in my class and he quit at the same point I did. Cool! I got a trophy and ended up with 1st. I impounded my bike and went to the motel.

My plan for Sunday was to ride one loop and watch the fast guys. I ride my loop and go to the grass track to watch Hawkins and Watts. These guys were flying. It was cool to see the different styles of Watts and Hawkins. Watts was so smooth, he never revved his motor, and Hawkins had his 4 stroke pinned, he sliding in and out of the corners making his own lines. After the test sections you could tell where Hawkins had stopped by the puddle of coolant on the ground. Another thing, Shane Watts didn't wear a chest protector, fanny pack or a camel back, unreal.

Some of the results:

Day 1	Day 2	Combined 2 day
1st Hawkins	1st Watts	1st Watts
2nd Watts	2nd Hawkins	2nd Hawkins
3rd Mike Lafferty	3rd Fred Hoess	3rd Hoess
4th Luca Trussardi	4th Trussardi	4th Trussardi

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A big thanks to Stewart Hall, shown above at the start, for providing the story and pictures.

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Some of the BJEC riders that attended:

A Senior	Day 1	Day 2
Steve VanZandt	12th	2nd
Rick Owens	3rd	9th
Gary Walkup	13th	14th
Tom Hill	11th	12th
A 200		
Gary Dennington	6th	7th
John Dennington	8th	8th
B Senior		
Stewart Hall	1st	1st

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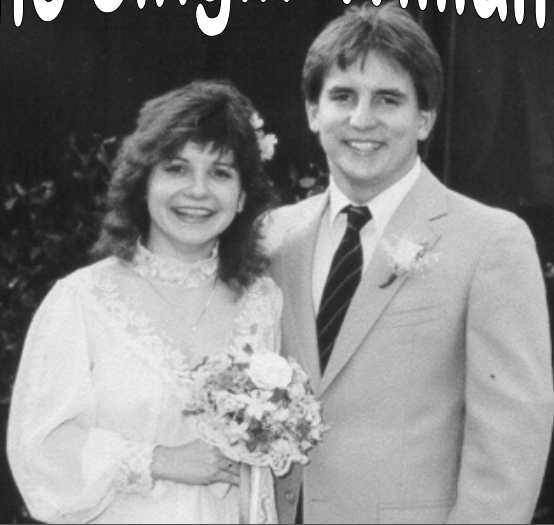
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B 200		
Clint Carr	3rd	dns
B 250		
Adam Miller	3rd	



Left, Steve VanZant and Matt Stavish at the start of a special test.

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The OMTRA Night Ride

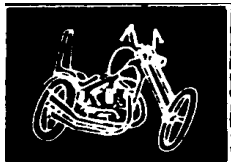
By Bob Fuerst

There wasn't much night riding at the Annual OMTRA Night Ride. The only night riders were myself and Michael Hall heading out on the four wheelers for a quick run to the top of Dairy Queen Hill. This year we did not attempt to go up or down the hill as in years past.

In fact, it was more of a campout than night ride with several OMTRA members in attendance. The big event of the night was watching the video tape from Greg Lowe's Perch Jerk. No, we weren't roughing it. If you haven't seen this tape, it's great. There's a shot of Troy Deck going over the bars of his KDX that's a classic. And Coy Workman's bad case of the toos. He was too old, too short and too tired.



Now there's a load. Dale and Judy Willis packed their van tight to go to the night ride at Chadwick.



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Party @ Leamon's

Here are a few pictures from the open house at Havens Motorsports. As you can see from the upper left picture, a good crowd was on hand to see all the toys, a woman shot out of a cannon and a monster truck.

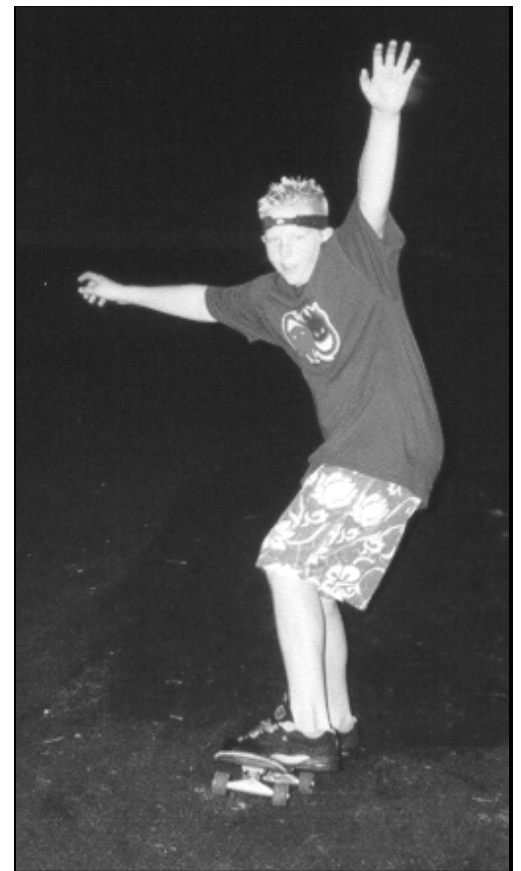
Jennifer Synder was shot out of a cannon as seen in the upper right photo. KKLH was on hand. Lower right is Paige Miller of KKLH interviewing Jennifer after her first jump. Below is the Destroyer taking Paige Miller for a ride. The ride, which didn't take ten minutes, burned 15 gallons of fuel!



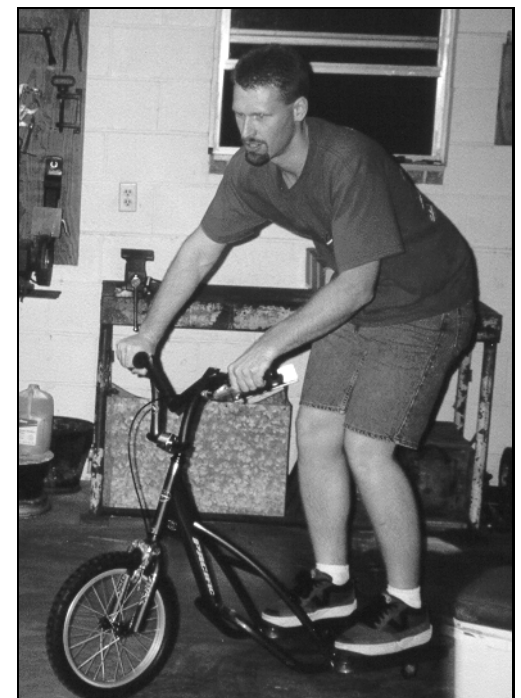
More Pictures from the two-day Texas National Enduro/ Reliability Qualifier



Left, Randy Hawkins leaves the start. Below, BJEC Regular Gary Dennington charges a hill. Below Left, Another BJEC regular, Tom Hill shows the proper attire for the heat.



Kids of all ages had fun with toys at the OMTRA Picnic at Bart's house. Bryson Gott, above, wheelies his skate board and Darin House, below, risks life and limb on this thing. It was a combination bicycle and skateboard.



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OMTRA Stuff



The July OMTRA meeting was held at Bart and Rita Williams' house. We feasted on hot dogs and burgers, and lots of cool refreshing drinks. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

The elections were held at this meeting. This year's officers are as follows:

- Chairman---Bart Williams
- Vice Chairman-- Randall Mathies
- Secretary--Julie Harris
- Treas. -- Kreg Simons
- Competition Chairman--- Shawn Hall
- Communication Chairman-- Bob Fuerst
- Social Chairmen-- Karl Harris and Darrin House
- Legislative Chairman-- Cliff Davis
- Land Preservation Chairman-- Dr. McKenzie

Dr. McKenzie reports that the trail relocation project at Chadwick is being held up somewhat by paper work. He hopes to begin in September-October. Again, the club has committed to 125 work hours for this project. He will keep us informed as to when our help will be needed the most. No trails will be closed until the new ones open. That will probably be some-time next year.

Discussion also covered the topic of possibly having club members help more with the winter hare scramble series. No real commitments were made, but we will be checking with Casey and Alan to see if they would like to have a break from all the work. If all the club members chipped in to help at different events, everyone would get a chance to ride at least a couple of the events.

Rusty reports that Chadwick is being heavily policed lately for violations concerning spark arresters and motorcycle permits. Be sure you take care of the restrictions before you head down there. The club decided to do blind votes when the vote concerns OMTRA money to be spent.

Remember, membership dues are due this month. Future club discussions will concern the possibility of printing up some jerseys with the club's logo on them.

**The Next OMTRA Meeting:
August 17 at
Mexican Villa on South Campbell – 7 pm**



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- 10/1/00 – Festus, MO..... *Bikes & ATVs*
- 10/15/00 – Viburnum, MO *Bikes & ATVs*

August 17, 2000 – OMTRA Meeting at Mexican Villa on South Campbell, 7 p.m.

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- 8/20/00 – Cass
- 10/15/00 – Harrison
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