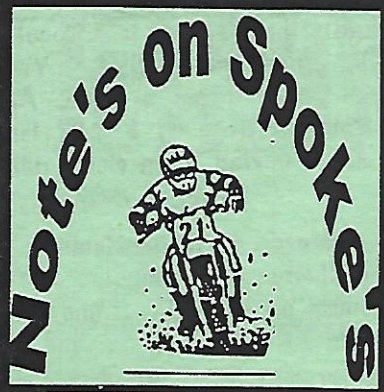


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LOCAL DIRT BIKE NEWS

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As you can probably tell . . .we're fooling around with the lay-out of this letter, type size and style, the cover page, and the number of page's in it. This is either good or bad, depending on how much you like reading it.

My wife calls it, "good bathroom material." That concerned me because it means that you, the reader, might suffer from the dreaded . . ."dead butt syndrome" if it gets too long and you spend too much time on the throne, reading it.

Don't worry too much as we're just experimenting . . .and it may change next month.

What is fear?

I learned recently that fear take's many different forms. I stopped at ACTION CYCLE the other day at lunch time and immediatly launched into my whine about Mel "never" buying lunch. Carol (Mels wife) graciously called the resturant they had just ordered from and added another hamburger. Mel got elected to go get it . . .and I stupidly . . .went along. To put this in perspective, I'm bad about not wearing seat belts, driving too fast, and

This Issue

We'll talk about the **HARDWOOD ENDURO**, why "Mel" can't drive, and numerous things we haven't thought of yet!

generally scaring anyone who rides with me (much to my amazement) to the point it prompted *Koonta Kinta* a while back to proclaim, "*If you can drive'em . . .I can ride'em!*" as we white knuckled it through some unexpected traffic in Tulsa.

Anyway, Mel had to go two and one-half blocks for these burgers. It's noon on Campbell just south of Bass Pro and the traffic is "hooking." Mel waits forever on oncoming traffic as I watch and suddenly without warning (I didn't notice any break in traffic) accelerates his Ford van into the first lane. SEAT BELT TIME! Before I can find the seat belt, Mel changes lanes to the center, and then to the turn lane where we abruptly come face-to-face, . . .er, bumper-to-bumper with a lady in a Honda Prelude complete with sacks in the back seat and so many kid's heads you can't count them. Needless to say, we lost that stare down. I breathed a sigh of relief as Mel let her go first, probably noticing

the glazed eyes and the determined set of her jaw, like I did. He then launched across the two lanes of oncoming traffic like a top fuel dragster (take note here that the tires didn't even squeal,) coming to a stop in front of the resturant. Mel goes in to get the burgers and I spend that ten minutes trying to convince myself that my pride wouldn't really be hurt that bad if I got out blubbering and walked back to the shop. Before I could build my resolve, Mel came out . . .and away we went on the return trip.

We made it, but that's not what this story is about. This story is about Carol, Mels wife. I go in carrying the food babbling about seat belts, insurance, fear, soiled pants . . .in no particular order and Carol says, "*Quit whining . . .I've put up with that for years. He rarely hits anything!*" I was humbled and ashamed at my cowardly conduct until I realized that this whole thing was a ploy. If you're scared . . .you won't eat, and Mel gets two hamburgers!

Let's see, next time I'll whine for Pizza, wear all the gear I own, carry my insurance card, pray to the traffic gods Oh hell, Mel. I'm just not hungry anymore! I'll buy lunch . . .no, I want to . . .but let me drive!

Local Dirt Bike News

Pre-
"That's before"

HARDWOOD ENDURO

The first time!

#1.-The first time I have ever slept in a close space near someone that smelled worse than I did. (Larry Bolander sharing my trailer.)

#2.-The first time (in recent memory) that I got to do mileage markers . . .and not have to write them holding the pie plate upside down cause it was pouring rain.

#3.-The first time I've ever followed another rider and worried about them more than following my son the first time. (Larry Bolander on Max's DR.) I wasn't worried so much about Larry. . . I kept envisioning his wife, Kathy in war paint with guns blazing cause we went along with this stupid trick.

#4.-The first time I've ever given a \$6.00 Splitfire spark plug to a big-time BJEC Hall-of-Fame, former Six-days rider (Rusty Reynaud) because he had fouled his plug . . .and have him give it back to me **THE NEXT TIME HE FOULED IT!**

#5.-The first time I'll ever have to run an ad trying to sell a "slightly used" Splitfire spark plug for \$4.00.

#6.-The first time I've ever had to feel the "fatherly possessiveness thing" in regard to "Jane." (Jane was the female manequin we set at the 8.5 mile marker complete in black wig, garters, and skimpy outfit.) Max, the motorcycle dentist, was eyeing her very hard (hard enough that I locked the P-up Saturday night before the Enduro,) but I'm sure his interest was in her molars?

#7.-The first time Koonta-man, and I didn't look at each other on Saturday, somewhere out on the trail putting up mileage markers and say . . .Jesus @!&*+@##!!!&!!! . . ."I'm tired of this!"

#8.-The first time I get the chance to thank all the people who helped put this thing on (I'm sure I'll miss somebody here!) Steve Underwood of Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville (for arrows, generator . . .and more), Koonta-man, Shawn Hall, Wayne and Robyn Beindorf, Mel of Action Cycle, Wayne from Lebanon Suzuki, Steve Abercrombie, Vernon and Virginia Boatwright, Sam Corca and his wife, Larry Bolander, Bob Feurst, Dale Willis, Greg Lowe, Billy Treadwell . . .and Christi, Max Harkey, Jim Voyles and Rick Moon (Forestry Service), "Aggie" St. Clair, the "Tiny Avenger" . . .Coy Workman and his wife, Joe Beaver (our "ghost" rider), Elston Moore, the girls in the scoring tent especially . . .!, Jerry and Ellie Sharp (trophy's,) and each and every person who showed up to man a check!

THANK YOU!

Super Dave II ?

I got a card in the mail that talks about . . .
. . .DALLAS RICHARD ERNST. Yes, super Dave has fathered a future AA rider in Dallas. Born Oct. 2nd (7 lbs. 8oz) . . .we're talking "open class" rider here!

Our best wish's go out to the family . . .especially Sherry. Get ready . . .Let's see, "we" need an XR-50 . . .and "we" better get an XR-80 ready . . .and . . .and . . .?

"Cool Things"

the day before the Hardwood Enduro
Watching Vincent Davis walk up to me and shake hands. (The fact he could walk was . . .very cool!)

Catching a glimpse of Steve Underwood giving his young son a ride on his 300 WR (very slowly) was very cool. Maybe cause I've been there . . .done that . . .and I'm not sure I realized how special that was. . .until now. (Look out Steve, in a few years . . .he'll "leave" you in the dust!)

Sitting by the fire Saturday night looking at Koonta-man and realizing how many years have gone by since "we" got into this "dirt bike thing" and how good it feels to still be "doing it."

Seeing new faces show up and having to explain what a speed average is . . .and why you don't want to be early.

Thanking all the people who helped put this thing on . . .and meaning it . . .from the heart.

HARDWOOD ENDURO RESULTS

Hardwood Enduro

Chadwick MO., Oct 15 '95

The 28th Annual Hardwood Enduro belonged to Steve Leivan on his Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville/ M/C Stuff/ Pro-Action Suspension/ Answer/ Sprocket Specialist/ Dunlop/ Mike's Machine/ Camelbak/ Scott/ RK Chain sponsored WR-250 Yamaha.

The second to last event on the Black Jack Enduro schedule featured dusty conditions under clear skies and grueling special test sections in tight, off-camber, extremely technical terrain. Rusty Reynaud (BJEC Hall of Fame member from the early '80s and Six-day rider from that same era) came out of retirement to challenge Leivan on his Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville/ Wayne Beindorf sponsored WR-250 Yamaha, coming up one point short at the end of 65 miles with 12 points to Leivans 11.

Dwight Maggard also on a Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville WR-250 turned in a 13 for the day which was good enough for third Overall and Overall A. Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville owner, Steve Underwood carded a 17 in the hotly contested A-Open class for the win, besting Mike Shown, owner of Mike's Machine by one point.

The Hardwood Enduro Team presented an event that featured several speed changes with relatively easy transport sections broken up by special test sections that had everyone dropping points. Vincent Davis ('95 Junior Team Six-day rider) showed up unannounced, for the first time since breaking his back several months ago in a local Hare Scramble to work the second tie-breaker check bringing smiles to many riders faces to see him up and getting around.

Leivans win at this event takes the BJEC year end Overall honors to the last event provided by the Tulsa Trail Riders and puts the pressure on Steve Travis and his Green Country Honda/ Fox Racing/ Steahly Products/ FMF/ Mike's Machine/ Acerbis backed Honda CR-250 to hold him off.

O/A Steve Lievan. AA-Rusty Reynaud. Steve Travis, Gary Walkup, Benny Richards. O/A A-Dwight Maggard. A-200-Dwight Maggard, Bobby Pascal, Daren Ogden. A-250-Kevin Borts, Billy Treadwell, Jamie Jennings, Mike Mills, Dwaync Miekley, Randy Williams, David Pearson, Mark Kindall. A-Open-Steve Underwood, Mike Shown, Jim Brawner. A-Int-Doug Youngblood, Kevin Harmon, Ron Shreve. A-Sr.-Terry Brumley, Harold Compton, Bud Bieschke. A-4 Stroke Long-Kevin Boyles, John Koch, Burton Friesz. A-Sportsman-Tom Hill, Rick Robbinette, Lee Glenn. A Super Sr.-Charlie Burk, Dane Marable, Darrell Judy. A-Youth-Mathew Glenn, Jessie Faulstick, Tommy Dawson. B-200-John Welsh, Dale Rector, Derek Zinchuck. B-250-David Gerbes, Dan Sanford, Kraig Simons. B-Open-Jac Richmond, Robert Johnson, Randy Laudermilk. B-Int-Kevin Hensley, Gary Dennington, Scott Duncan. B-Youth-Arron Willis, Jake Hill, Anthony Meyer. B-Short Course-Allen Porter, Craig Kebodeaux, John Lawson. B Sr-Ken Thompson, Jim Ortballs, Roger Beckmeier. B Super Sr-Jerry Bohannon, Frank Leivan, Richard Smith. B Womans-Sheryl Lusk, Donna Moore, Cindy Crosby. C-200-Elston Moore, Todd Silvis, Jeff Pascoe. C-250-Kevin Ruckdeschel, Jeff Shen, Stuart Hall. C-Open-Tom Eidam, Keith Buckman, Lee Moffitt. C Int-Cliff Davis, Mark Kinslow, Barry Nye. C Sr-Andy Carrier, Mike (Duck) Edwards, Dale Rector. 4-Stroke Short-Max Harkey, Chuck Howard, Tim Hall. Super 55-Zahn Lewis, Clarence Bonifacious, Jerald Richards.

It seems like I always get stuck here . . . trying to tell "you" the real story. "Cycle News" mandates that we send in the story in a certain format . . . that doesn't always mean, we get to tell it accurately.

Note-worthy things that happened at this ride include: Billy Treadwell "holing" a piston on his RMX on Saturday before the event, borrowing a CR-250 Saturday night and pulling in 2nd in the very "serious" A-250 class (something like 4th O/A BJEC points). Dwight Maggard (local Hare Scrambles guy) "smok'in" A class for the O/A. Cliff Davis coming out of the wood-work to bring scumion on the C-Int. class. Steve Underwood eating Rusty's dust all day to break out in A-Open in a narrow, one point advantage over Mike Shown (Mike's Machine owner.) Max Harkey dropping 7 points on the short loop to tie for short course O/A and take Short Course 4-stroke. Elston Moore taking control in C class. Randy Lusk showing up on his "neat" '70s vintage BSA to take the Untage class . . . and his wife Cheryl coming out on top in the Womens class. Terry Brumley for "only" burning one check (he usually gets 2 or 3 . . . and still place's well.) Dan Crane complete with a trials helmet . . . on a 4-stroke "something" placing well in the MX class. Shawn Hall for carrying "Jane" down to her place in the creek bed. The local guy's and gal's did good . . . and that's good!

New Years Day at CHADWICK

I guess we started something last year when we did the "Jim Moon" appreciation day cookout, Poker run, BBQ. Well . . .we're going to do it again, except, we're going to call it the "Aggie St. Clair Appreciation Day."

We've managed to squirrel away enough money to pop for the food . . .so now all we need is "you!" This year we plan to have hot dogs, beans, potato salad, and all the fix'ins. A short (read easy) poker run, draw for small prizes donated by the dealers who advertise in this letter . . .and just have fun.

There will be a donation can on the table (like last year) for those who want to donate to the Chadwick Emergency Services (they're trying to pay off their fire truck.) This is a worthy cause because it's these folks that respond when something goes wrong at Chadwick.

Koonta-Man and the Tiny Avenger have been "beat up" in this letter all year long, so I'm going to ask them to do the trail lay-out this year. If it's good, they'll be the ones to thank.

We're also going to try and do a morning clean-up session. Try to get a group to pick-up along the road. Another group (we need a P-up or trailer here) to go up along Strawberry Ridge and get the pile of wood and old washing machines that have been deposited there.

Again, this thing is free, as a Thank You to all the folks who subscribe to this letter . . .ride at Chadwick, and/or anyone who wants to come out and ride. Mingle with the dealers who support our sport . . .and just have a "hoot!"

New Years Day '96
Clean-up at 10:00 AM
Poker Run 1:00-3:00 PM
Barbeque starts at 2:30



Missouri Scrambles
Winter Series

November
December
January

I don't have all the dates for the Winter series yet . . .but I'll give you what I have and plan on a "Toys-for-Tots" Scramble at Possum Hollow again like last year. (Like last year, just about anybody who rides gets a trophy.)

The Winter Hare Scramble Series is gearing up and getting ready for another year! These are local races, by local folks, set-up for local riders, to come out and have a good time in the off season.

Nov. 5th and 26th Blue Springs Resort
(for info call: 417 588-3550)

Dec Lu's Place (Bolivar) and Toys-for-Tots
(dates to be announced)

"Stuff for Sale"

'95 Yamaha YZ-125. Like new, never raced. New gear, tires and parts. Rode less than 6 hours. \$4200.00 417 742-7405 or 417 742-0234

'94 Yamaha YZ-125. Excellent condition, fine tuned, professionally maintained. Complete Emig motor work has been done that boosts power everywhere, much comparable to a 200. Very easy to ride with smooth power. Also has Emig Suspension, re-valving & Emig rear suspension linkage, Emig pipe, Acerbis carbon fiber silencer. All available guards plus a headlight. ICO sensor and magnet installed. . .just plug in computer. May test ride at any local scrambles. Extra's too numerous to list (truckload full!) Can deliver. \$3250.00 417 876-5342 or 417 876-2804.

'94 KTM 300 EXC. All guards, recent top end, MOOSE suspension, very clean and well maintained. \$3000.00 417 345-6211 (local call from Spfld.-call mornings)

To run a "sell it ad" in this Newsletter send description of item, asking price, phone number, and \$5.00 to: Newsletter R3 Box 381A, Buffalo, MO. 65622. Ad will run for 3-months or until sold.

Trials Update

The "Clean Scene" by Larry Bast

The biggest news in the trials scene is that the Mid America Trials Team (MATT) will host a national event in 1996. It will be a two day event held sometime in September at their usual riding grounds at the quarry near the Kansas City airport.

Dale Malasek (MR. Gas-Gas) will be the trials marshall. Dale is the Gas Gas importer and National Trials competitor from Kansas City.

New from Gas Gas is a dual Sport bike that is a cross between a true trials machine and an enduro bike (enduro type seat, wide ratio gearing, passenger pegs, and a claimed weight of 187 lbs.) It also promises the option of switching the seats at will for trials competition . . . sounds COOL! This dual sport, known as the Pampera 250, could be the perfect answer for the wife and/or pit bike, allowing quick conversion for some quality trials stuff by guess who . . . "You!"

Ozark Mountain Trials (OMT) holds a monthly trial at the Eagle Ranch (formerly Brushbusters) on the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome to come and ride.

Hard Rock Enduro/Qualifier?

The last event on the '95 BJEC schedule was held at Camp Gruber (Muskogee, OK) and while billed as a European Enduro, looked, felt, and therefore was (at least to me) a qualifier. Held on only 400 acres . . . it was . . . a "HOOT!" The Tulsa Trail Riders and Trail Boss, Tim Haslet did an outstanding job of picking some very good trail including , short, but technical, special test sections.

Steve Travis bested Steve Leivan by an incredibly slim margin (Steve Leivans front Bib Mousse went away on the last loop) for the event Overall. My question to Billy Treadwell (BJEC Scoring Chairman) in regard to who would be the '95 O/A Champion was rewarded with the unofficial answer (at this point) . . . Steve Leivan. That means Steve can add another title to his already impressive resume in the off-road world. Congratulations!

I simply don't have room for a full blown account of this ride but you can rest assured it will be included in next months issue, see you then!