

Notes on Spokes

Just Having a little
fun in the log bog

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TID BITS

Injury Report:

White Men Can't Jump. Bart got hurt jumping, again. Bart was out riding with Rusty. They were on a trail, not on a motocross track, but Bart managed to biff a little dirt pile. And, according to Rusty, he did a Superman Butt Grab. He stepped off the bike in mid-air and landed on the trail. Unfortunately, Rusty was already airborne and committed. He couldn't help but land on Bart's knees. Ouch! Bart was wearing knee braces, but it's going to take a little rehab to get back in shape.

Stewart Hall is out of action for a while. Stewart and Christine got married on Friday night, April 20th, and on Saturday they were at Chadwick for clean-up day. From what I heard, Stewart wasn't racing or even going fast. But he somehow managed to get his foot caught under the foot peg. The term I heard was that the foot kind of exploded, requiring 40 stitches. It was pretty bad. He had surgery and they removed his big toe and the one next to it.

Stewart's doc is an ex-motocrosser and thinks he should be back on a bike in 5 or 6 months. As I write this, Stewart is still in the hospital, but should be out soon. I'll keep you posted.

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But it did wheelie, and when it landed, it slid out and went into an old fence. Outcome: ripped up the front of the bike and 6 stitches for Scotty.

Then, Shawn and Michael are playing golf. You read that right, GOLF. Shawn didn't know there was a rock under the ball and when he hit it, he got a piece of the rock in his eye. Luckily, it came out on its own the next day with no permanent injury. Since I've known Shawn, he's hurt himself walking on the beach, swimming, playing basketball and now golfing. Shawn, stick to dirt bikes.

BJEC at Muskogee, OK. The second Black Jack Enduro of the year was held at the Camp Grubber riding area. I didn't make this event, I was in Orlando, FL at a computer nerd conference. So, according to the folks I talked to, the Tulsa Trail Riders had a fifteen mile loop. The extra short course made one loop. The short course classes rode three loops and long course riders got to make the circuit four times. It was a qualifier style event so no timekeeping was required. The promoters moved the special tests every lap and the trail speeds were kept low enough that riders had approximately 15 minutes between loops to go back to their trucks for fluids. The last lap had two special tests, a short one at the beginning. Then, at the end of the loop, they started the last special test at the nine mile mark and didn't check out until the end of the loop. A six mile special test after fifty plus miles of racing, tested everyone's conditioning.

New Bike Report: As you've read in the last issue, I got a new motorcycle, a Suzuki DRZ400E from Lebanon Suzuki-Kawasaki. Yes, the one with the magic button. It took a little bit of re-jetting, but what a motor. I intend to get a dual sport kit for it, so I want to keep the exhaust stock and for a quiet

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Perch Jerk



No, it's not the Creature From the Black Lagoon. It's the author attempting to fish.

The fifth annual Perch Jerk was held May 6th at Greg and Denise Lowe's place. It's an event famous for fun, fishing and, of course, the log bog. This year's attendance was down a little due to the weather. Actually due to the threat of rain. For those of you that planned on coming and let a few little drizzles in the morning stop you, you missed a good time. And you know who you are.

The morning did start out a little rainy. But by the kids race at 11 a.m., any drizzles pretty much stopped. The grass track section was a little slippery, but we let the women and kids dry that out before the real racers took to the track.

There were only 17 racers in the main event. Well, that would be 15 racers and Coy and Troy. Actually, after about 200 yards into the event, it would be 14 racers, Coy, Troy and Bob, as I lost the front end on a slick log and got running again dead last. Those darn kids, why didn't they dry that log off!

It was the usual format of 2 laps, fishing, and 2 more laps. The motorcycle part was great. There are people that do that fishin' stuff for fun! I don't know why. Can't figure it out.

I had a designated fisher person and everything. I still didn't catch anything. Greg changed the rules on me this year. Last year, if you didn't catch anything after 20 minutes, you got to take off. Well, Greg said that it was difficult to keep track of,

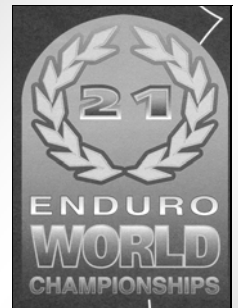


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so you had to fish until you caught one. I really think he didn't like me napping while I should have been fishing. (There's not much difference between napping and fishing anyhow.)

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Coy, log crossing method one.

cross track. Of course in the woods is the log bog. And it's right next to Greg's house, so every one of your mistakes is not only seen by every spectator, but Tommy Johnson was there with his video camera again.

There were more logs than last year, but there were also more lines. Overall, I'd rate the logs as easier with one exception. At the bottom of this little hill was a 12 inch log in the middle of a 180 degree corner. Greg routed the trail to go over the log. What a nice guy.

By the time us non-fisherpersons, made our fourth lap, we could have really biffed in the logs and no one would have seen it. In fact, we could have died in the logs, because they were busy feeding their faces.

Greg's brother-in-law Rocky finally took pity on the four remaining non-fisherpersons and told us to go ride our motorcycles.

The course itself was great. It was a nice mix of woods, grass track and moto-

There really was a race going on. Iva nell Workman was doing a good job tracking everybody as they came through.

Bart Williams was at scoring also. But how much help he was is questionable.

Greg and Steve Underwood really had a duel for the overall. Greg caught his fish seconds before Steve and got out in front on the bike. He managed to stay in front despite constant pressure from Steve.

Here's the official race report from Greg: Here are the facts, figures and other nonsense from the 2001 Perch Jerk Scramble:

- 17 riders in the scramble
- 13 riders in the youth/women's race
- 9 fish were caught during the scramble

- 2 pro fishermen
- 5 intermediate fishermen
- 10 dirt bikers who didn't have a clue

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Steve Underwood caught the biggest fish
Barry Nye caught the smallest fish

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Coy, log crossing method two

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Sponsors and others who greatly helped out:

- Stan Ellison of D & S Cycle set up the tent
- Steve Underwood of Surdyke Motorsports, trail arrows and trophies
- Jon & Lesa Simons of Possum Hollow Awards, trophies
- Mike Morrison of Morrison Lumber Co., wood stakes

Janet Marshall, neighbor who graciously let us use her land
 Rocky Hawkins, brother-in-law helped me cutting the trail
 Allen Clarke, brother-in-law loaned us the big grill, and cooked hamburgers
 The OMTRA club members who came back for more abuse

We want to thank everyone who helped Sunday afternoon taking down course arrows and ribbons.

Greg & Denise Lowe

Of course a big thanks goes to Greg and Denise for having the event. Bob.

Results:

Youth:

- 1. Cole Henslee, 1. Bradon Metcalf, 1. Chelsey Metcalf, 1. Chris Underwood, 1. Cooper Williams, 1. Mattie Williams.
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- 1. John Lowe, 2. Jake Osborn, 3. James Workman, 4. Ryan Warren.

Women:

- 1. Jackie Johnson, 2. Rita Williams

Really Big Kids:

- 1. Greg Lowe*, 2. Steve Underwood*, 3. Danny Overturf*, 4. Kevin Henslee*, 5. Darin House*, 6. John Gott*, 7. Barry Nye*, 8. Jeremy Johnson*, 9. Deric Lafavers, 10. Bob Fuerst, 11. Aaron Kloppe, 12. Ash McDaniel*, 13. Coy Workman, 14. Mike Morrison, 15. Mark Patton, 16. Troy Deck.

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Clean Up Day

We should start calling the Chadwick cleanup day: Hauling household trash off of Strawberry Ridge. A few of us showed up on Saturday for some trail riding and camping. And approximately 30 folks showed up on Sunday for the cleanup. The weather was perfect.

Ken Simons, Spud and Kreg's dad, brought a friend of his to ride on Saturday. Nick used to race for Ken back in the 70s. Nick has a 1979 Suzuki 175. It's in real good shape.

He had to let the bike sit for fourteen years, but now he's able to do some riding again.



Here's three truck loads of household trash taken out of the woods!

You probably know what happened next. First, Ken let Nick ride his WR200. Then, I let him ride my new DRZ. The

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Enduro, Hare Scramble, Motocross

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next thing you know, Nick has a bad case of new bike fever. But, he said, his wife wouldn't let him. According to Zahn Lewis, Nick needs an enduro wife! Oh well, I'm not going to get into Nick's personal problems.



That night, we got some quality camp fire sitting time.

Here are the helpers getting the give-a-ways.

On Sunday, we focused on taking the trash off of Strawberry Ridge. I think we removed about 3 truck loads. Unfortunately, we didn't find any names or addresses in the trash.

After the dirty work, we headed back to the pavilion for lunch and give-a-ways. Bart Williams manned the bar-b-que, burning club-provided dogs and burgers. The give-a-ways were provided by :

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Ride with the Big Dogs



The start of the Pro Class

It's one thing I really like about this sport. Anybody with a dirt bike and \$40 could sign up and ride with the best riders in the country. 275 riders signed up for the Midwest Motosport National Hare Scramble Championship held at Kahoka, MO, most of which are like myself, just there to have fun and say they were lapped by the best. In some cases more than once.

This race was round 4 of the AMA National Hare Scramble Championship. The promoters laid out a 9.6 mile loop winding through the woods and the fields of Northeast Missouri. There were plenty of roots and trees, fast field sections and even the motocross track to be used in the AMA 4-stroke National MX Championship. But there were no rocks!

The promoters did a good job in preparing the course. With soil that deep, bogs can be a real problem. When the course would cross a small ditch, where the bogs would form, the promoters filled the ditch with small logs, preventing bottle necks and bad trail damage. The trail itself was a fairly open trail, even in the woods.

It was also the fifth race in the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship. Normally, MHSC races are 2 hours long. This round was 3 hours to follow AMA rules. Boy, did I get whiney when I found that out. Just ask Spud and Kreg.

It didn't seem like I'd been riding very long when the eventual race winner, Shane Watts, came sailing by me. In fact, Shane finished three and a half minutes ahead of runner up Fred Andrews. You can see all the detail finishing information at www.chatrats.com. It shows all the lap times. Overall finishing positions both overall and by class.

There's another AMA National Hare Scramble coming up in our neck of the woods, on September 16 at Park Hills, MO. Be there. As long as you pay your entry fee, the promoters don't care when you quit. I got in all the racing I wanted and got to see the big dogs finish.



Shane Watts on his way to victory

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On April 19 the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders Association descended on Mexican Villa South in Springfield. About 2 dozen people attended the meeting. Bart Williams, Chairman, conducted the meeting.

Trailer Stickers: We are talking with Jeff Conn of SignUs about getting 20 12-inch-square stickers. The stickers will have black letters with white outlines. They should work on any trailer. Contact Bart or Randall, if you are interested.

Chest Protectors: How does chest protector backs, with your name and the club logo sound? The club is looking to pay for approximately half of each set up. We should have more information next month.

Heli Pad at Chadwick: Dr. McKenzie looked into the possibility of getting a helicopter pad put in at the old Sumter Tower location. Unfortunately, the folks at Cox Hospital say that it is not needed. So, this proposal is dead.

Clean Up Day at Chadwick: *Since the clean up day has already happened, just read the article on it!*

Hill Billy GP: Allen Haynes talked to the group about the May 20th Hill Billy GP at Lu's Place North of Bolivar. An ATV only race of the Missouri Championship Hare Scramble series will be held that morning. Then, the GP will take place. It will follow the normal GP format. The ATVs will race for a half hour, the bikes, back to the ATVs and finally the bikes. Which means, if you are an ATV rider, you can race the MCHS in the morning and the GP in the afternoon. This GP is sponsored by Haven's Motorsports in Bolivar.

MHSC at Marshfield: On June 24th, the Haynes Brothers, Joby Windmiller and Jerry Sharp will be promoting the Missouri Hare Scambles Championship race at Marshfield. Any help will be appreciated.

Bob Fuerst
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bike, it's very impressive. It's a very linear power with a wide power band. For racing, you might want an after-market exhaust to give it some hit.

I've already put a set of Pro-Tapers on it. And I've found a place that sells a tall seat kit for it. One of the problems with the bike is that the seat slopes all the way to the rear fender. So, I'm interested to see what the tall seat looks like.

In the area of suspension, the jury is still out. It's soft and picks up all the small stuff, but I think it needs to be a little stiffer for someone my size. I might have to try some stiffer springs.

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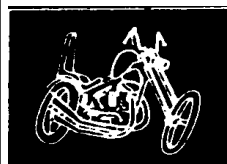
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