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TID BITS

I've got to thank a lot of people for making this issue possible. Almost the whole Simons family contributed. Jon and Lesa for the White Rock article. Kreg for the interview with June. Also, Greg Lowe for the West Plains Bike Show and Frank Leivan for the article on Collins. He also sent one on the MSHC at Lebanon. Sorry, Frank, I just didn't have room. Julie Harris for the OMTRA minutes. And who could forget Max (God knows I've tried) for the product evaluation.

2001 Perch Jerk Scramble - Home of the 'log bog' ! May 6

Kid's race at 11:00am, Scramble to start at noon, BBQ to follow immediately.

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I got the following product evaluation from Max on his DRZ400.

- Suspension works very well in the rough
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- Stock engine performance very impressive
- Experienced numerous failures with the nut holding the bars.

Max did mention that he was having problems with the rear tire not hooking up. I told him that if he tried one with knobs on it, it might help. If you look up "frugal" in the dictionary, you'll see a picture of Max. Hopefully, not the above picture.



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WHITE ROCK

Spud Writes (Lesya Types):

Why am I writing this article and not our fearless editor and chief? Well, out of the 200-some riders at the White Rock Enduro, he was the only one that didn't have fun. I didn't understand the whole story, but there was a lot of whining and throwing stuff. So, here I am to give ya the scoop. If you didn't show up, and there were a few of you that didn't and should have, you screwed up.

The weather was perfect out on the trail. It was a little nippy standing around at the pits. The trail itself was in great shape, not muddy, not dusty, just right. The two track was fast and rough. The single track was tight, gnarly and very cool. Good job guys.

The race came off well, there were a couple of things that could have been better. I missed the riders meeting and trophy presentation. Now, I probably would have not been paying attention anyway, but anytime 200 of my buddies are bunched together, I wanna be there for the B.S. Honk the horn a little louder next time. Otherwise, you could have used about ten more arrows out on the trail, but that's another story.

Overall for the event, Rusty Reynaud and Steve Leivan tied with 6 trail points. Steve got the win by 10 seconds on tie-breakers. Rusty, 40-something all around fast guy and a couple of titles of his own, has been on an intensive 5 month training program; flattacking his Z 50. Anyhow, Rusty pulls into a check with a couple of his row buddies, and the check workers mark everybody but Rusty. And left him sitting there for what I'm sure seemed like a long time. (I didn't notice, maybe he was wearing camouflage gear.) Steve's story, and I personally witnessed this, as he was on the row behind me, was he caught up to me in the handcut at the end of the first loop and pulled away from me. He's got that AA thing going on. He gets up on the trail and catches up with one of my Husky brothers. Only he's on 1983 2 shocker, nice bike, but I wouldn't want to ride one anymore. I was able to reel Steve back in. I've got that A thing going on, that and the brother thing, but back to the point. Who got held up more? Rusty in the check or Steve by the dual shocker? We'll never know. But I do know that

10 seconds is some damn good racing.

On to my day, (I figure, it's my story and I'll do what I want to! That and I see Steve do this all the time.) The Lebanon Husqvarna/Answer/Pirelli/Klotz/EVS/Tsubaki/WD-40/FMF/Smith-backed Husky WR 250 carried me to 2nd place in the A-Vet class with a 13, in front of Brother Kreg and behind a flying Allen Haynes carrying 11 points with a burn. Which means, if he didn't have his head up his ass, he would have been up there with the studs. We'll have to get after him next time. Dale Rector took overall "A" honors with an 8, Kevin Bortz was 3rd "A" on the booming DRZ with 13.

There was also some good racing in the "B" classes as local boy, Chilly, led all day, where a foulup in the last section caused him to slip to 4th. And having about half as much fun were a bunch of "C" riders and old guys (Seniors). I don't have any stories on them, but the second loop was cool. Too bad you missed it.

Next races are the Camp Gruber Enduro or the Nasty Creek Hare Scramble (4/8/01)

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Motorsports, the local Yamaha dealer; Drinnon's Cycles, the local Suzuki/KTM dealer; and Central Cycle, the local Kawasaki/Honda dealer, all displayed new bikes. Myself and my family represented the OMTRA and the Black Jack Enduro Circuit. Jeremy Havens and Stephanie Smith were there displaying her bike, and a recently turned pro rider, Steve Burkett, was there. Door prizes donated by local dealers were given out every hour.

We talked to lots of people about off-road racing and riding. Enduro is not an easy form of racing to explain. Al-

The bike show on 3/27/01, sponsored by Tony Ackerman of Thayer Motorsports Farm, was well attended. Thayer M/S Farms is a motorcycle park near Thayer, MO. It is home to a 3/4 mile MX track and about 4 miles of woods trails. They hold MX races about every other weekend. This is also the place where the last Hillbilly Gran Prix was held. The Ackermans are super nice folks who are developing a first class motorcycle park. I encourage everyone to make the trip to Thayer Motorsports Farm.

I would estimate about 200 people came through between 1:00 and 6:00. Team KTM displayed their factory semi. West Plains

though a lot of the people I talked to had heard of enduro, not many understood it. Some seem to understand my explanation, others gave me blank stares. A local radio station covered the event, and I was interviewed to answer questions about the differences between motocross, hare scramble and enduro. We discussed the OMTRA and its purpose and functions.

We offered copies of Notes on Spokes and schedules for the BJEC, MO. Hare Scrambles, and AR. Hare Scrambles circuits, and introduced a lot of people to the BJEC's and AR. Hare Scrambles' websites. Denise and I talked with several parents, some who were considering getting dirt bikes for their kids, and others who are already involved in riding. We gave away lots of stickers that were left over from the BJEC awards banquet.

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An interview with June



June (Randall's better half)

Age between 25 and 50; I'm a woman, you're not supposed to ask me that.

Home raised in Strafford and now lives in Marshfield

Family 2 boys, Chris, 22, and James, 20, 2 cats and 2 dogs and, of course, Randall, the big baby of the house

Occupation Veterinarian Tech

Why motorcycles Got into motorcycles because of Randall after we started dating, and then he introduced me to and I started riding with Donna Moore and started getting into it big time. When you can share time with some one that has had similar experience on the bike, they understand." (Girl stuff I think ks)

Bikes I have a TTR 225 Yamaha. 4 stroke is the only way to go. It will climb anything and go anywhere.

Favorite place ridden Flat River Enduro

Place haven't ridden but want to Rusty Reynaud's practice track— he won't let a girl ride on it (or at least he didn't invite me).

Best race Flat River Enduro '00

Worst race Ark HS not sure of the actual one but they sent me out on the full course and it was rougher than anything I've ever ridden— not any fun.

How Often We ride approx 30 - 40 weeks a year normally. This year will probably be a little lighter due to we just bought a new house and Randall wants to build a shop, so we will play ride mostly this year.

Training I like to bicycle and lift weights some

Favorite music Country

Favorite movie Pretty Woman

What's on your coffee table We don't have one, but on the hutch are several motorcycle mags and art work (woman stuff)

What do you do to get away, relax Hike in the woods

What do you drive '96 Ford PU

Dream vehicle '73 Dodge Charger

Any MC injuries Bumps and bruises is all (knock on wood or Randall's head).

Superstitions Nah, I don't have time for that.

Favorite color Yamaha BLUE, of course

Right or Left handed Left

Fingers on the clutch Three fingers on the clutch

Proudest moments When my kids were born and then when I won the #1 plate in the women's class in Ark. last year.

Hero/Idol Donna Moore—she has taught me so much on the bike.

Boxer/brief/thong/commando Use your imagination or ask Randall.

Parting shots---Thanks to Randall for getting me into this— now he has to live with this monster he has created. Thanks to Donna Moore for sharing her knowledge with me and Surdyke Motorsports for taking payments (hahahaha).

Interview conducted by Kreg Simons

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LEIVAN

By: Frank Leivan
Collins, MO; March 11

As 13 "AA" riders blasted around the first turn at round 2 of the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship, defending series champion Steve Leivan was still on the line in an attempt to get his bike started. As the last of the pack roared out of sight, Leivan's WR426 came to life and he set out on a charge that would see him carve through the pack until he finally took the lead on the final lap and secured the overall victory.

"The start was all my fault. I haven't spent much time on the bike for about four months, and I think I just got a little ahead of myself and paid the price. Once I got going, I felt pretty good and just put myself in a position to capitalize on the mistakes the other guys made," said SCR/Yamaha/Answer/Dunlop/Silkolene/Scott/Tsubaki/Clarke/ NGK/ProClean 1000/Flatland Racing-sponsored Leivan.

Having suffered a severely broken femur two weeks prior to the race, Brush Busters leader Jay Williams called on a group of buddies to help put on the event. The guys laid out a 9.2 mile course that included rocky single-track trails, fast fire roads, creek crossings, field sections, and a couple of slick hill climbs. 231 riders competed with the top riders making five laps.

Aaron Shaw blasted into the lead on his Yamaha with Bobby Duncan on his J&W Cycles/WD-40/Wiseco-backed Kawasaki in tow. Round one winner Brandon Forrester got a good start ahead of Chris Nesbitt and Jerry Heinam, who rounded out the top five.

Within a few miles, Leivan had charged through the pack and up to sixth, but by the time he got there the five front runners had pulled away, and leader Shaw had really pulled away.

"I looked back after a couple of miles in a field section and couldn't see anyone, but then I started to get nervous and thought I might wear myself out by going too fast too early. I tried to calm down and just cruise after that," Shaw explained.

One mile into the second lap, Leivan was handed the fourth position when Nesbitt took a nasty spill and was pinned under his bike for several seconds before getting underway in sixth behind Hemann.

Leivan closed the gap on Forrester, who in turn caught up to the rear wheel of Duncan. The three riders freight-trained through the trees in an effort to run down Shaw, who had built a 15 second lead.

As Duncan attempted to launch across a section of ruts, he came up a little short and was sent over the bars. Leivan was able to steer around and move up to third while Forrester took over second. Shaw made a bobble while trying to pass a slower rider and center-punched a tree, allowing Forrester to take over the lead, while Shaw got going just in front of Leivan, but was soon passed and Hemann was hanging tough in the number four spot. Duncan had recovered from his fall and held fifth.

Early in lap three, Shaw caught and passed Forrester for the lead, although only temporarily as Forrester would be back in front by the lap's end. Leivan clocked in nearly 20 seconds back, having lost time while negotiating the "Moon Rocks" section. Hemann pulled off for fuel just before the check, allowing Leivan back into third, while Duncan suffered another get off, but still held fifth.

Things started to come apart for Shaw starting the fourth lap as he began to suffer handling problems. It was later learned that his rear shock seal had let go, leaking out the oil and reacting to the rocks like a pogo stick. Leivan was soon around and set out after Forrester while Shaw just tried to keep going forward.

Knowing that the race was winding down, Leivan reeled in Forrester and was content to follow, while checking out lines and using the Kawasaki rider to pull him through the rutted bogs.

"Late in the race, most of the bad spots had been rerouted, but there were a few places where you had some options. I was kind of watching where he was going and deciding where I wanted to go the last lap to try to pass him," explained Leivan.

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As it turned out, Leivan almost didn't have to make that last lap pass as Forrester swung into the pits for a splash of fuel heading into the final lap.

"I thought that he would probably stop and when he did, I thought about trying to get away. But I thought if I could keep him behind me for a few miles and save some energy, I would push really hard the last few miles and try to get away," Leivan said.

Forrester had other ideas. He caught back up and chose a faster line through a rutted hillside to re-take the number one position. With roughly five miles left in the event, it was a two-man show, and the race was on.

Leivan glued himself to Forrester's rear tire looking for a mistake or opportunity. Oddly enough, the opportunity came in one of the areas that had been rerouted earlier.

"They had changed the course the lap before, and we swung wide around a cedar tree. I wondered why we weren't ducking through the branches and making a straight line out of it and figured by the last lap that would be the line. Fortunately, no one had gone there and Brandon never saw it, so I just dropped my head and bashed my way through and into the lead," said Leivan.

Forrester hung close and made one final run in the final couple of miles, but lost time in his attempt to take the lead. "I went the same way through the last mud hole that I had been going all day, but there was a guy stuck in the rut I was in. I had to jerk the bike out of it and lost some time," Forrester explained.

Leivan, noticing that he could no longer hear Forrester behind him, upped the pace while heading for home. As he entered the final grass track, he looked back and couldn't see Forrester and knew that the win was his. With his fist in the air and his pit crew cheering loudly, Leivan put his 59th career victory in the books and looks forward to going after an unprecedented ninth overall championship.

Forrester finished in second and that result, combined with a win at the opener, gives him the points lead. The 17 year old has smoothed out over the last year and looks to be a front runner all year.

Hemann was able to reel in a struggling Shaw on the final lap and take the final podium position away during the last mile of the race. Claiming at the season opener that he would only be riding "until it gets hot," he has proven

that he has the pace to run up front: maybe his summer vacation will have to wait. Shaw finished in fourth after setting the pace for much of the event. Team Green/Moose/Scott/Pro Circuit rider Nesbitt recovered from his early crash to take fifth, just ahead of Mike Windmann on a 400 KTM thumper. Seventh overall went to "A" class winner Kevin Borts on his DR400 Suzuki. Borts led every lap and beat over half of the "AA" riders. Dale Rector put his YZ426 into eighth overall, second "A," with Les Busenbark and Brad Barnett rounding out the top 10.

Results

O/A: 1. Steve Leivan (Yam); 2. Brandon Forrester (Kaw); 3. Jerry Hemann (KTM); 4. Aaron Shaw (Yam); 5. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 6. Mike Windmann (KTM); 7. Kevin Borts (Suz); 8. Dale Rector (Yam); 9. Les Busenbark (Yam); 10. Brad Barnett (Yam)

AA: Brandon Forrester (Kaw); 2. Jerry Hemann (KTM); 3. Aaron Shaw (Yam); 4. Chris Nesbitt (Kaw); 5. Mike Windmann (KTM)

A: 1. Kevin Borts (Suz); 2. Dale Rector (Yam); 3. Les Busenbark (Yam); 4. Kevin Boyle (Hon); 5. Pat Schmidt (KTM)

200 B: 1. Robert Armon (KTM); 2. Stephen Simmoneau (Kaw); 3. Bob Searing (KTM); 4. Weston Bair (KTM); 5. Sean Palmer (KTM)

250 B: 1. Mark Kendall (Yam); 2. Garv Wetherell (Kaw); 3. Matt Glenn (Hon); 4. Derek Zinchuck (Gas); 5. Gary Wolf (Suz)

Open B: 1. Tracy Bauman (KTM); 2. Dan Johnson (KTM); 3. Wayne Hatfield (KTM); 4. PizzaMan Mirtsching (KTM); 5. Marty Smith (KTM)

4 Stroke B: 1. Nick Crawford (Yam); 2. Ralph Gerding (Yam); 3. Craig Delong (Suz); 4. John Acton (Hon); 5. Gary Pilant (Hon)

200 C: 1. Mike Janssen (Suz); 2. Tim Short (KTM); 3. Andrew Smith (Hon); 4. Robert Busiek (Kaw); 5. Darren Shenkel (KTM)

250 C: 1. Justin Smith (Hon); 2. Ben Clevenger (Yam); 3. Jerry Sharp (Hon)-1 4. Sam Snider (Hus); 5. Adam Wells (Suz)

Junior: 1. Patrick Mvers (Kaw); 2. Brad Taylor (Kaw); 3. Jeremy Hansen (Yam); 4. Brett Ripperger (Yam); 5. Travis McWhorter (Kaw)

Women: 1. Michele Eidam (KTM)-, 2. Amanda Lappe (KTM); 3. Rhonda Grigg (Hon); 4. Cindy Nelson (Hon); 5. Talesha Borts (Hon)

Vet: 1. Jon Simons (Hus); 2. Keith Griffin (Kaw); 3. Wade Hall (Yam); 4. Kevin Ruckdeschell (KTM); 5. Greg Johnson (Hon)

Senior: 1. Steve Underwood (Yam); 2. Steve Crews (Kaw); 3. William Guffey (Yam); 4. Tom Eidam (Suz); 5. Everett Shinault (KTM)

Super Senior: 1. Gary Emig (KTM), 2. Dale Rector (KTM); 3. Frank Leivan (Yam);

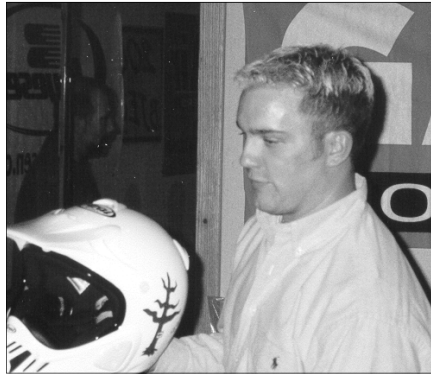
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BJEC Banquet

Approximately 130 people attended the BJEC Banquet in Fayetteville, AR. Awards for the 2000 season were given out, Steve Van Zant was the guest speaker, goodies were given away, 2000 event of the year was announced and, of course, we did that food thing.

This year, instead of getting an out of town celebrity to come in, the BJEC officers asked local celebrity Steve Van Zant to step up to the podium and carry on like he was sitting around the campfire. For those of you that don't know, Steve competed in this year's ISDE in Spain. It was Steve's second ISDE; he also competed in the ISDE in Tulsa in 1994. Oh yeah, Steve is over 40!

I've been attending BJEC banquets for the past seven or eight years. Steve was one of the best speakers we've ever had. He told some interesting stories about how the Six Day really is. Like the Spanish rider that was on his minute. Steve said he probably passed this guy 2 or 3 times, but the Spanish guy never passed Steve. Don't you hate locals.



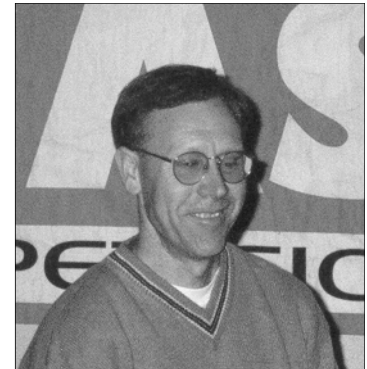
Above, Clay Boring, 2000 Overall

When he was asked about the ISDE and how well he did, he would tell non-dirt bikers that it is considered the Olympics of motorcycling and he got a silver medal. They would say, oh ,you got second. He would reply 72nd. Then, they thought it was like the special olympics and everybody got a medal.

Congratulations go to the Okie Dirt Riders for getting event of the year.

Thanks also go to the BJEC officers for

putting on the event. I don't think anybody went home without goodies!



David Fogle, above, not only won the A Senior Class, but qualified for AA, making him a AA rider in four decades; the 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s. Way to go!



The Old Hippies are getting married. *Their words, not mine!* Yup, Stewart and Christine are tying the knot on April 21. Shown above in front of Stewart's new tow rig are planning on getting married in Forsyth.

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OMTRA Stuff



March meeting was at Buckingham's with around 17 members that showed up. Once again it was great seeing everyone that was able to attend. There are several old faces that we have not seen in a while and everyone at the meeting wants to express how all of these people are missed. We would like to see all of you again soon!

Bart and his family would like to thank the whole club for the nice flower arrangement that was sent to his father-in-law's funeral and all the prayers and thoughts that were sent to him and his family were greatly appreciated. His mother-in-law noticed the flowers and thought that was such a wonderful thing that the club had done.

Bart would like to see our club membership pick up and try to get some of the old members that have not been there in a while to start coming back. A couple of ideas that he thought might help get people back is to either do some new hats and each member that shows up at that meeting will get a hat or he thought that maybe he would check to see how much it would cost to get something along with the club name and the person's name on the back of their chest protector. If it is not really expensive he thought that maybe the club would pay for half and you would be responsible for paying the other half on yours. You would have to show up for that meeting with your chest protector in order to be able to do this. Everyone seemed more interested in the chest protector idea so he will check into this and let us know at the next meeting so that we can vote on that.

Hey what do you all think about some type of spring fling? Maybe something with food, riding, lots of beverages and loads of fun! It will be hard to find a date since riding and racing has started back up, but it has been awhile since we have had a get together so what do you think? Let us know at the next meeting so we can decide if, when, and what we want to do.

April 22 will be the next clean up date in Chadwick. Several people have been up there and say that it is a major mess with piles of junk every where, so we need all the help and big trucks that we can come up with. Anyone that has screw-guns bring them so that you can help put up signs. The time will go towards the grant that we need to have. This time we decided to camp on Saturday and cook out that night. (The club will supply the food to cook out but you will be responsible for what ever drinks you chose to consume.) Clean up will be on Sunday morning. Come join in the fun!

Perch Jerk is set for May 6. (By the way, Steve just how big was that fish you caught last year?)

Dr. McKenzie is looking into getting a grant written for a cement helicopter pad at Chadwick. With so many accidents this year, it may be something to think about. Once he gets all the details he will update us so that we can discuss it further and vote on that.

For those of you who know BIG Jay Williams, he was in a street bike accident causing him to break his leg in 24 places. That did not stop him from going to the race that he put on. If you were there, you saw him riding around on his four wheeler!

There is a baby boom in the club! Several of the ladies are pregnant and due around the same time. NO, guys this is not a

race! (Andrea Adams, Julie Harris, and Gayla Johns are a few girls that I hear are pregnant, and rumor has it there may be a few more but it has not been confirmed.)

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Julie Harris



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4/21 – 4/22

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Perch Jerk: May 6

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