

# Notes on Spokes

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# TID BITS

If you didn't notice, there was no June issue of Notes On Spokes. I have been pretty busy with that work stuff. And boy, did I hear about it at the last OMTRA meeting. Sorry about that. I'll try to do better.

Have you seen the June issue of Playground magazine? There is an interview with our very own Jerry Sharp! Jerry talks about starting Possum Hollow motocross track, Possum Hollow awards, the Missouri State Motocross series, the Winter Hare Scrambles series and the Hill Billy Grand Prix series. It's a great article and it's neat all the contributions that Jerry has made to Motocross and off-roading in not only Southwest Missouri, but the entire state! Read it!

A big thanks to Elston Moore, Spud and Kreg Simons. I got a flat on the RV. Leaving the Marshfield race, I put a hole in the sidewall of one of the rear tires. Shoot, you could pass a quarter through it. Anyhow, since the rear wheels are dual tires, I didn't even notice it. Kreg had to tell me about it. If you look in the owner's manual for my RV, it says to call a professional to change the tires. It doesn't even come with a jack or a lug wrench. Lucky, I had some friends that are professionals. They had all the stuff necessary to get the tire changed and get us on our way. Thanks.

Allen Haynes was telling some interesting stories about the

Lesterville Dual Sport ride in early June. He was riding with some very good riders, including Rusty Reynaud and Guy Cooper. Yeah, that Guy Cooper, former 125 AMA outdoor motocross champion. Guy was looking for something to jump when they came to a waterbar. Allen said he didn't have but a few feet to see from one waterbar to the next, when he gassed it and doubled from one to the next, landing on the downhill side of the second bar. Then, he came to the third waterbar and got on the front brake hard. And rode a nose wheelie down the back side of it.

But that's not all, Rusty and Guy swapped bikes. They came to a stop and there's Rusty crouched down next to Guy's bike, adjusting the carb, saying "How in the world do you ride this thing?" Allen said Guy was standing there in disbelief. He couldn't believe someone would adjust his bike!

Guy was then telling Allen that he needed to put more weight on the front tire. It was pushing really bad. Allen had had a flat tire earlier in the day.. Ron Ribolzi helped change it, putting two CO2 cartridges in it. It had about 25 pounds of air pressure in it.

Those dual sports sound like a lot of fun. I'll have to try one.

Kreg was telling me about Spud at the keyboard of the computer. To quote Spud, "There's no #\*!%& "B" on this computer." It's got to be entertaining.

Friends don't let friends drive RVs with the awning out. No, I didn't do it. I can't say anymore, to protect the stupid.

I didn't get to the BJEC enduro at Little Rock. They said it was an awesome event. It was almost all single-track. The trail was pretty tough. Most riders went home tired. Temperatures hit a high of 90 degrees, which was much better then last year's 105. Rain earlier in the week kept the dust down and gave the riders some mud to deal with. As with any race, some of the best stories occur getting to the race or home from it. Elston and Donna had two tires blow out on the trailer on the trip down. Elston had a wonderful time getting a new set of tires in

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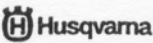
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# MORE BITS

Little Rock on a Saturday afternoon. He got in line in one store with three people in front of him. 30 minutes later, there were still three people in front of him. He left that store, went next door and had two new tires in twenty minutes. Chili and his nephew, Shane, (AKA "Tapped Out in Fourth Gear!") took the former shoe bus down to Little Rock. If you are not familiar with the Shoe Bus, Scott Johns and a bunch of folks from Ozark bought this thing that looks like an OATS bus. But it was owned by a shoe company to demo shoes to shoe stores. It made a great ride to take to the races. You could put a bunch of bikes inside and a bunch more on a trailer. It blew its motor on the way home. Donna named it PUFF THE MAGIC WAGON. Kreg jumped in it for the final few miles home and he said you couldn't see the trailer behind it because of the smoke! But it did make it home.

Notes on Spokes has a new advertiser. Welcome to Jim Cook and Smackover Motorsports! Jim is a big supporter of BJEC and the Arkansas State Hare Scrambles series. If you can't get to his shop, check out his web-site.

I got this from Bart: "I just heard Rusty and Joy had a baby enduro boy. They had a hard time delivering the baby because the kid already had a full face helmet on."

Speaking of Bart, the July meeting of the OMTRA is at Bart's house on July 21st. He didn't say what time it would start. So let's start showing up at six. It's up to you which six you show up at. Here are the directions:

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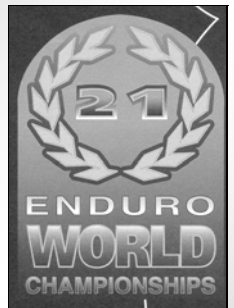
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# Interview: Cliff Davis

By Kreg Simons

**Name:** Cliff Davis

**Age:** 38

Originally from Richland MO; currently lives in Springfield MO  
Single, no pets, an empty house (except for those lucky nights);  
Works at SMSU as the assitant VP of student affairs (suit and tie  
smart guy)

Got into motorcycles a little differently than most; his older sister  
got a bike that he rode a lot and had cousins that had bikes and at  
the age of 12 bought his own.

**Current bike:** 2000 Yamaha YZ 426 (for sale: got a 2001 com-  
ing)

**First bike:** a DT Yamaha 80 took the headlight off and put a  
#plate on (makes it a YZ—at least when you're 12 it does). His  
next bike was a 125 Suzuki which he is proud to say he still owns  
( not many of us can say that).

Cliff is a firm believer in the 4 stroke movement – fat boy power  
( he said it, not me). He has been riding since he was 11 years  
old ,you do the math. A lot of his racing was back in the late 80's,



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early 90's so some of his riding places you might not know.

**Favorite race:** a hare-scramble in '88 or '89 put on by Buttermilk  
and Duck up by Stockton, also enjoys going up to Deepwater,  
and they had a neat hare-scramble at the old 65 raceway between  
Ozark and Branson. Those of us who know Cliff also know he  
always goes fast at Lou's Place in Bolivar.

**Place he would like to ride that he hasn't:** any where in Cali-  
fornia but especially Mammoth Mountain.


**How often do you ride:** "A few time a year, 10-13, busy with  
the rest of my life and when it's hot, I go to the lake, and I've  
taken up the bad game of golf." (or do you play it bad???)

**Superstitions:** NO RIDING ON SUPERBOWL SUNDAY Cliff  
has amputated part of a finger one year and another he broke  
some ribs and punctured a lung. Also a few pre-race rituals; gum  
to race with absolutely clean goggles.

**What is on the coffee table:** A couple books 1. about Ronald

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The Missouri Mudders had an excellent enduro at the St. Joseph State Park Off-Road Vehicle area at Park Hills, MO. It was a 41-mile loop. Super-Short course rode the first 16 miles back to the gas available. Short course was one complete loop and the long course riders got to ride it twice for a total of 82 miles. The first 16 miles stayed in the public riding area, but most of the second loop went outside of the riding area. This made for some neat trails.

Steve Leivan won with a six, beating Chris Nesbitt and Dale Lee Rector, both with 9s.



At least Max and Daniel got to race.



James Lowe gets to Check 2

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# MARSHFIELD

Casey and Allen Haynes, Joby Windmiller and Jerry Sharp put on the MSHC Hare Scramble at Marshfield, MO on June 24th. They laid out a 9.5 mile loop. It was a pretty tough loop, mainly single track. I actually worked this event. But Allen, Kreg Simons (who also worked the race) and I rode the trail on Saturday afternoon.



Karl Harris cools off.



Moose Racing brought their truck to demo the goodies.

Everybody should work a race. First off, I was just standing there when the scoring official from the circuit asked, "Who's going to run the computer?" Six people just turned around and looked at me. So, I got to run the computer for sign up and the race. Mostly, things went pretty smooth during sign

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up. Except for the guy who wanted to sign up for the beginner class in the ATV race, while the ATV race was in progress.

Once the race was underway, we all realized that this was a tough race. It took the leaders 35 minutes to come around for the first lap. For us folks at the scoring tent, it was not going to be a busy day. A total of 165 riders signed up for the motorcycle race. Another 96 riders participated in the ATV race. The leaders of the motorcycle race were only to go 4 laps. Many other racers were not going to make it 4 laps.



**For the love of God, somebody buy Spud a swimsuit!**

everyone made it. He said this was a rider to watch. He was very determined and wasn't afraid of anything. He would point the bike at an obstacle and pin it.

Ryan Wuebbeling won the race, beating Steve Leivan by 28 seconds. Another 30 seconds back was Chris Nesbitt. Aaron Shaw got fourth with a time of 2:08:03. Fifth place and the first A rider was Dale Lee Rector.



T y l e r Ruckdeshell was the most determined rider of the day. He was on a KTM 65 and took 2 hours to make one lap. Kreg was sweeping the r i d e r s through the first lap to make sure

# Technology... "Gestures"!

By Randy Prestus

I felt the need to sit down and share this story with you after reading about Bob's new bike in the May issue. I understand the fun he's having, especially in regard to the magic button. I, too, recently purchased a new bike, mine came from Surdyke Motorsports in the form of a new KTM 400 ... of course with the magic button (it's an old guy thing, if you're under 30 you won't appreciate it). My story begins with a solo trip to Chadwick on Sunday morning (Mothers Day). As I enter the camp area I notice a trailer with big letters on the front; Spud Built. I slide over and Spud asks if I want to go along and in a few minutes we're off: Spud, myself, and two great guys on near vintage bikes (we're talking late '70's, early 80's here.) The pace settled into, Spud leaves and eventually waits on me. Then we both wait on the other two guys who are going incredibly fast considering the "technology" they are on. This gave ample opportunity for several "talks" between Spud and myself. The first one is about why I never stand up and why Spud never sits down. The answer to the first one is that I'm far too old to waste what little bit of energy I might have standing up when it's not a near death situation, and the answer to number two is Spud can't touch the ground either way so what difference does it make. The next topic that lasted for several stops was dirt bikes in general and my new KTM. When everyone had caught up and appeared to be breathing normally Spud would say; is everybody ready? I took this as a signal we were leaving and touched the magic button (instant start) and put on goggles while waiting for everybody to kick, sometimes kick, kick, . . . kick their bikes to life. After about five of these stops the familiar, is everybody ready? Touch the magic button... Mine's running, goggles on, clutch in, bike in first gear as I look at Spud kicking his two stroke for about the fifth time he gives me this ... well, gesture with one of the fingers on his right hand. Technology moves on ... I can't help the gesture! I really did offer to pull him as I took off down the trail. The day was great with good trail and good people, it doesn't get any better than that ... Thanks, Spud.

# June OMTRA Meeting

I was surprised at the attendance of the June meeting of the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders. I knew several members were on vacation and others were out of town on business.

Randall Mathis, vice chairman, conducted the meeting. Mel has received the chest protector plates for OMTRA and we will be taking care of those at next month's meeting at Bart's house.

Doc McKenzie gave a brief update of the trail work at Chadwick. One of the things he said got me very concerned. He said there were Christian County deputies patrolling the trails on ATVs looking for illegal activities. Namely, the manufacture of Meth!

We had a guest speaker at the meeting. David Portugal demonstrated his software package FTWO (For Two Wheels Only). FTWO is used by motorcyclists to track expenses, trips, events, maintenance and other details involved in owning a motorcycle. David is actually a friend of mine and we are working on a project together. Since he was in town, I roped him into doing the presentation. His web-site is WWW.FTWO.COM.

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# OMTRA Stuff



## The Next OMTRA Meeting: July 21st at 7:00pm at: Bart's House

The May meeting was held at Buckingham's with about 18 members that were able to attend. Once again there were a lot of old faces that were missed. This meeting was very short and sweet, but we all had a great visit and several of us got to talk to members that we have not really got to talk to much before so that was cool!

Those who wanted to order the names for their chest protectors where able to do that at this meeting. It looks like the cost for those getting it done will be around \$25.00 and the club will handle the other half. That was what everyone at the meeting before decided to vote on to do with some of the extra money the club has left.

The Marshfield race will be on June 24, 2001. Hope to see everyone there. If anyone wants to sign up to help they can always use the extra help.

Elections will be coming up next month. Everyone needs to be there so that we can vote on new chair people. If you would like to be a chair person then you need to come and let everyone know so that we can vote you in and if you don't want to be a chair person then you may want to show up to argue the case or you may just be voted in anyway. So be there. (Bob you may want to find out if it is next month for sure because everyone seemed to not really know for sure and if you know any thing else that you may want to add about it, such as where because everyone said Bart's but I hate to put that in if he has not committed to that)

School is out and some members have graduated from High School and College. Jennifer Callaway graduated with a double major. Good job! She has worked long and hard hours to do this but she made it and now she has landed a great job already! You go girl! We are very proud of her. Also Shawn and Kim's son, Michael, has graduated from High School (2 down 2 to go) congratulations out to him too. I am sure that there are several others that have been missed, but we want to send our congratulations out to everyone that graduated this year!

Julie Harris



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- 7/29/01 Spare Parts, Knob Knoster, MO
- 8/12/01 Old Son, Polo, MO
- 8/26/01 Lake Creek, Sedalia, MO
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- 10/21/01 – Hardwood, Chadwick, MO
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**Favorite music:** a wide variety, but the best is old country beer drinking music like Hank Jr. and David Alan Coe.

**Favorite car:** My current Tahoe. I just don't get attached to vehicles much, try to trade every year or so—it's just not my thing.

**Favorite color** Yamaha Navy Blue

**Number of Fingers on the Clutch:** 3

**Right or Left Handed:** Left handed

**Boxer or Briefs:** Briefs

**Hero:** Roger Decoster. He has met and talked with him on a few occasions and he has several pictures and autographs of Roger's and quite a collection of memorabilia from old mags from 1969 to a biography on Roger printed in Dutch; also he is quite knowledgeable about the history of MX

**Parting shots:** "This is a wonderful sport. I have so many friends that would just go to the end of the world for me and have on some occasions. The MC community is just great there are to many people to thank, but you know who you are— THANKS!!"

*On a personal note, I called Cliff at 6:30 and asked if I could do a 5 minute interview; 3+ hrs later we got off the phone. A very nice trip down memory lane, talking about the first time we met people like Rusty Reynaud, the Haynes family. Possum, the Geres, Duck, Racer Smith, Brumley, John Gott, Marvin Prueitt (RIP). and a few of you can appreciate this: Where is Gene Brown??? We talked about the old airport raceway, Clearcreek, St. Pete Nail outdoor from the late 70's and the OK City SX. It was just very neat talking and bench racing and remembering some of the past. Kreg Simons*

Thanks, Kreg

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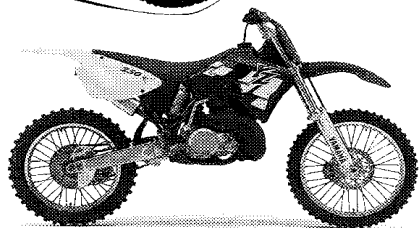
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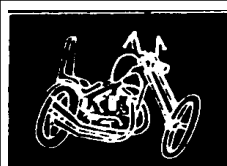


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