

# Notes on Spokes

November 2001

Things get a little sloppy at Lu's Place

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# TID BITS

I've found some new Websites of interest:  
www.thumpertalk.com – of course it covers 4-strokes.  
www.woods racer.com – Off-road only, no jumps. Enduros, Hare Scrambles, Trail Riding, etc...

I hadn't been to the OMTRA Website in a few months. It looks like Darin is doing a good job. Check it out at:<http://home.cleanlink.net/omtra/>

Hey, Husky Brothers and Sisters: You can get some Husky bucks for riding the Hillbilly Grand Prix Series. Here's the details: \$100 for First, \$75 for Second, \$50 for Third, \$25 for Fourth and Fifth.

Black Jack Enduro Circuit Riders, the BJEC Website is taking a poll. Go to [www.blackjackenduro.com](http://www.blackjackenduro.com) and answer four easy questions. It just takes a couple of minutes.

Where's Cliff? Not only did I e-mail Cliff after the Hillbilly GP at Lu's place, but Spud posted a message on the HillbillyGP.com forum. Cliff hasn't missed a

race at Lu's place in the 10 or 11 years they have held races there. Cliff tried to explain he was between bikes, blah, blah, blah.

OMTRA Offspring: The HARRISES and the REYNAUDS came to the Hillbilly GP with their new babies Kale and Travis. Everybody looked in good shape. Except maybe Karl, but I won't go there.

Honda's new CRF 450: There were several of them at Lu's Place. They are a little different than your average 4-Stroke. A lot less engine braking. Doug Meyer got one. He went from an XR to the CRF. If Doug survives, maybe we'll have a follow up article.

My big computer programming project is over. So, maybe, I'll be able to get the newsletter out on time next month. (Yeah, right. I'll believe that when I see it.)

When I was at Chadwick for the enduro, I took a cruise around the campground. Make that the new campground. It's nice. It wasn't quite finished, but it was close. Most if not all of the camp sites are pull through. Real handy if you have one of those big toy haulers with a big pick up truck. The camp sites are also far enough a part that your neighbors shouldn't be a problem. Good job Forest Service!

Talk to you later.  
Bob

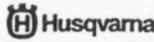
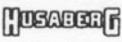
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# Hardwood Enduro



Micheal Byrd hams it up for the camera.

Chadwick enduro 2001

The 34th annual Chadwick Enduro was held on October 21, 2001. The Ozark Mountain Trail Riders tried something different this year, a qualifier-style enduro, with timed sections. You can read the many posts on

The course consisted of a 21-mile loop. The extra short course bailed out at about the 17-mile mark. The short course went two laps for a total of 42 miles. And the long course riders got to make three circuits. We had planned on adding another five miles of trail for the long course riders. I don't remember why, but we had to change our plans and bring them in at the end of the third loop.



Mike Shown heads out on the second loop.

www.blackjackenduro.com to determine if the format was a success.

From an organizer's perspective, laying out the trail was easier. It was a lot easier for me, since I couldn't get to Chadwick until the Friday evening before the race. Unfortunately, the scoring of the race is much more difficult and time consuming.

I thought the trail was great and the weather really cooperated. Not only did we get several days of beautiful weather for setting up the course and the race itself. We got in a couple nights of beautiful campfire sitting.

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**“If the bike doesn’t start, I’m riding the dog!”  
said Arthur Astle**

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I got to ride the loop two times, once on Saturday and again at dawn Sunday morning. The purpose of my Sunday ride was to make sure everything was OK with the course. The arrows were all still up and everything was OK with the course. Well, I had

ridden 3 miles when I found someone camped right on the trail. I woke them up and told them 200 of my closest friends were going to come right through their campsite in 45 minutes. Luckily, they got the heck out of Dodge without taking any arrows down.

Then, on the trail leading to Camp Ridge Campground, there was this truck off the side of the trail. The trail just dropped off and this truck was way down there. I don’t know how they got it out of there, but the riders said they got it out between the first and second loops!

We tried another new thing this year, an ATV class. They were to start at the back of all the motorcycles. In fact, twenty minutes behind the last sweep riders for the women and kids. It didn’t work—they caught the women and kids in the first three miles. I don’t think we’ll be able to do that again.

It seemed like no time before the first riders were finishing and the scoring began. You see, the check crews recorded the start times and finish times on the mylars. The extra short course riders had three special tests, the short course riders had six special tests and long course had nine. You must subtract the start time from the end time to get the elapsed time. Then, add up all the elapsed times to get the total elapsed times. This takes a long time. Luckily, the computer added up all the elapsed times. Also, we could post all the special test times on the BJEC Website.



**Dave Berry at the start of the second loop.**

Steve Levian won the event. If you look at the results on the Website, Steve won every special test as well.


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# SPUD CALLS

Spud calls, "Hey, wanna go riding tomorrow? I need a playmate." I said, "Sure, at your place at Highlandville?" "No, at Aurora," Spud replied. Sounded good to me. I like riding new places. It wasn't a good day. So much happened, I'm just going to hit the low points:

- Dropped the bike, unloading it from the truck
- It wouldn't start. *Turn on the gas, dummy.*
- Wrapped 500 feet of ribbon in my rear wheel. *I'm not exaggerating, it was the good stuff that Frank Leivan got for the MSHC. It took a half hour to get all the stuff out!*
- Rode 50 feet and wrapped a fence in my rear wheel
- Got another fence wrapped in my rear wheel
- Burned wrist on muffler, unwrapping fence from rear wheel
- Boiled bike over. *Over 1,000 miles of riding in Colorado this summer, didn't boil a drop. But laying out trail with Spud....*
- I only rode 20 miles!

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# Lu's Place



Oops. Here's the start of the 250-Open Class.

The first race of the 2001-2002 Hillbilly Grand Prix series was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Lu's Place about five miles north of Bolivar on Highway 13. Perfect conditions greeted 170 racers (120 on bikes and 50 on ATVs).

Spud and crew laid out a 4.3 mile trail. If you haven't been to Lu's place, there are a few rocks. Recent

rains made them slick rocks. There were a few soft spots that rutted up a little bit, but not too bad. The course was rideable by all.

Grand Prix puts the bikes out there for 45 minutes, then the ATVs go for 45 minutes. Then it's repeated,



Kevin Henslee on a brand new KTM.

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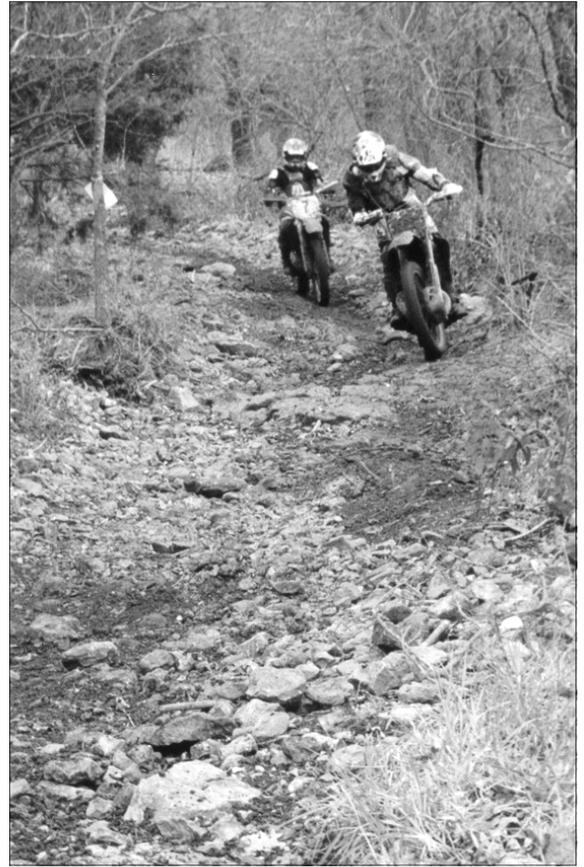
**I can't even imagine.**

had beat him both motos. Thanks, John, for clearing that up. Speaking of the 40+ class, Stewart Hall (AKA Two Toes Gone) is racing again. The weekend before, he raced the Arkansas Hare Scramble Series and now the Hillbilly GP. He won the second moto!

As of writing this, the final results have not been posted on the official Hillbilly web site, [www.HillbillyGP.com](http://www.HillbillyGP.com). So check them out. They promise to post the finishing positions in both motos.

bikes and ATVs run again for 45 minutes each.

I'm not really sure who won. Sorry, I was involved with scoring during trophy presentation. John Gott and I were racing in the old fart class (Over 40). And John noticed that in the final results, he had finished in front of me, but I



**Yes, they used the creek bed.**

# Vegas

As I mentioned last month, I went to Las Vegas for the US Open of Supercross. You can see in my pictures that you can get closer to the riders due to the smaller venue and attendance.



The start of the main on Friday night.



This one freaked me out. They had the winners of all the kids' KTM races from all the 2001 Supercrosses. These are Eight-Year-Olds. When the first one let it rip and jumped the 20-foot step-up to the over and under, the audience went wild!



Here's the riders meeting. Just like any other riders meeting except, that's Roger Decoster!



Ricky's on his new Honda. (Above and Right)





# OMTRA Stuff



The October meeting of the Ozark Mountain Trail Riders was a work meeting held at Rusty's. I didn't get to attend, but everything apparently went OK, because we were ready for the enduro.

Hopefully, things will get back on track with the November meeting at Buckingham's. See you there.

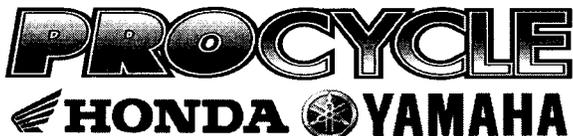
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**11/15/01 – Meeting at Buckingham’s on South Campbell in Springfield. Starts at 7 p.m.**

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[www.arkansasharescramble.com](http://www.arkansasharescramble.com)

- 11/11/01 – Old Crow, Russellville
- 11/25/01 – Fort Smith – River Front GP

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