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TID BITS

The following Tid Bits came from Randall and June:

The race at Durham on Aug. 6 was hot and dusty (so what else is new), but no matter, the course was good and the boys (& gals) from Missouri came home with a pretty good showing. The senior class was full of Missouri riders with Steve Underwood coming out on top with a big #1. Stewart Hall came

home with a 4th and Randall Mathis finished with 5th. Elston Moore blew them out of the water (or rather left them in his dust) with a #1 finish in his class also! Shawn Hall came home with a 3rd in his class. June Scott managed a 3rd place in her class after running over some poor kid on a KX 80

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the finish line he decided to take out Randall, I mean run his bike over his body and bike (these AA riders are dangerous!!!!) And then he is dying laughing at Randall as Randall comes up ready to kill someone himself till he sees who it is! It was bad enough that Randall's pit girl wasn't there on the last lap with water to cool him down, (she will go unnamed)

but then Bart tries to kill him! He has some impressive tire marks on his back, along with really pretty bruises where Bart tore off his chest protector. Bart will be getting a bill for that little bit of fun from us!!!! Randall is still buying parts!!!

and taking a scenic tour of a gully on the course in the women's class. Donna Moore had a rough day but toughed it out till the last lap (she didn't know that) and pulled in a little early.

Bart Willams came in 6th in a very tough class, but he still had to make a showing by trying to kill the Vice Chairman of the O.M.T.A.

Not far from the end of the race (I mean like last lap) close to

Some of the members of the O.M.T.A. went to Millville to watch the big boys race on the outdoor course.

Randall & I went with Elston & Donna Moore and Sammy & Amanda. We went up on Friday to watch the qualifiers on Saturday. Casey & Allen Haynes, a friend of Caseys, Joe? and James Grier came up on Saturday to watch on Sunday. I had never been to an Outdoor National. It was pretty exciting.

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MORE BITS

You can get up close and really get some pictures (if your camera works; we wasted 4 rolls of film). Time for a new one! Anyway you can get some good roost chucked at you too! If you have never been to an outdoor race, you should definitely try it! They have some major hills there, up and down; if you tried to walk down one it would be one fast trip sliding all the way down; they were huge! Pretty intimidating for us regular folk!

But some of us regular folk gave it a try! Dwight Maggard rode in the 250 C class bringing home a 3rd place finish.

The Alberson family was there, I don't know the boys' names. They brought home three 2nd place trophies. I talked to Mrs. Alberson and they had been there since Tuesday evening. That makes for a LONG week! Now that's dedication.

Thanks, Randall and June. Bob.

I got the following e-mail from Jerry Sharp: Hello,

Just got my Notes On Spokes and noticed in the minutes a question about events this winter. I have 7, yes SEVEN, pieces of ground including Powell's and Lu's. Three of these spots are controlled by people who want to put on their own event.....possibly as part of a series.......

I am trying to set up a meeting this week with the members of JJAC to see what our participation will be in these events. Naturally we welcome any help we can get from fellow mem-

bers of OMTRA. We will be in touch.

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Then I got another e-mail from Jerry:

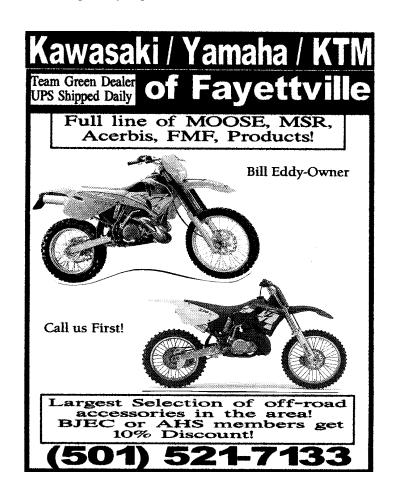
First Hillbilly Gran Prix will be at Lu's place 10-29

This race report from Greg Lowe:

We went to the Breezy Hill Enduro last weekend, didn't see very many BJEC riders there. It was extremely dusty. Trails were good, it would have been a blast if it wasn't for the dust. I think I counted 4 rocks through the entire course, but the dust was deep in places, sometimes you would ride into a wall of dust you couldn't see through. James and I rode on the same minute with Nathan Knight (national enduro and ISDE rider). We didn't have to do much timekeeping, just tried to stay with Nathan.

Thanks Greg, Bob

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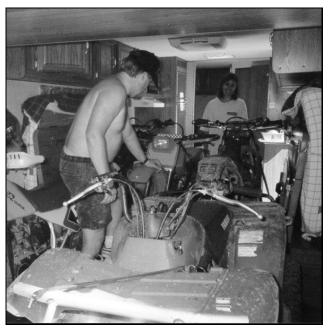
According to Allen Haynes, Terry Brumley got his 15 minutes (or try 15 seconds) of fame. Terry was on Motoworld during his Colorado trip. That is his ride in the Colorado 500! Cool.

Is anybody doing a rain dance? I went to the BJEC enduro at Little Rock. And I talked to several people that rode the one at Muskogee. In summary, they were hot and dusty. I saw more posts on the internet newsgroup rec.motorcycle.dirt about the Little Rock event than any other race, ever. One from Jim Cook said the president of the trust that manages the area said he had never seen it that dry. We had some rain in the Bolivar area where I live, which is 30 miles south of Collins, so hopefully the dust won't be as bad for that event. We could still use more rain.

Have you registered to vote? According to Cliff Davis, you have until October 11 to do so. You can register at your local courthouse. If you care anything about off-road recreation, get registered and vote for Bush.

The Branson MX is scheduled for October 6-7-8. The age bracket classes are scheduled for Sunday. New for this year is the 50+ class. For more information call (417) 889-4794 or check out the web site at www.bransonmx.com.

If you haven't noticed, this newsletter is late. Make that very late. You see, I have spent 10 days (August 31 through September 10) at the Missouri Fox Trot Horse Breed Associations' Annual Celebration. Yeah, a horse show. While I have the bikes, my wife is into horses. This is the equivalent of the ISDE for Missouri Fox Trotters. 700 horses showed up and 20,000 people came through the gate. They come from every state in the union. It's hard to believe. Anyhow, I wrote the computer programs to do sign up and scoring. So I needed to be there to make sure the show went on.



Above: Shawn Hall, "A Prince in his Palace"

I've gone to several races in Shawn's new Moto Palace trailer. For Shawn, it was more dangerous than the track at Knob Noster. He didn't bend over far enough to get under the bed in the back and knocked himself to the floor.

Then, at the BJEC enduro at Little Rock. We were all inside the trailer listening to the radio and AC/DC comes on. So, Shawn decides to play air guitar like Angus Young. Shawn is swinging his head back and forth and flips his hat into the dishwater! Well, at least he didn't get hurt!

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This year I went to Colorado with Max Harkey and his son, Daniel. We met Lloyd and David Berry at the National Forest campground outside Pitkin, CO. When I told Wayne Crosby who I was going with, he said that I had fallen in with bad company.

The trip out was pretty uneventful except for the flat tire on the trailer outside Canyon City, CO. Did you know that they don't put a jack in RVs? We even looked up flat tires in the owner's manual. (Can you imagine a bunch of guys reading the owner's manual?) The manual said, "Call a professional." Well, that was a lot of help. So after a short detour back to Canyon City to buy a jack, we were on our way.

Daniel Harkey takes his KDX down Star Trail.

On our first day, we headed over

Napoleon Pass to Tincup. I have been this way many times. The trail is ATV wide, so it's pretty much an interstate. From Tincup we took the road to the Timberline trail. We usually ride it to the road over Cottonwood pass. But this time Max talked us into riding the trail to the Pieplant mine. The trail got pretty rough after Cottonwood Pass Road, so Lloyd, decided to ride some jeep roads and met us back at camp. Things started getting interesting. First off, there was a tree down over the trail. In Missouri or Arkansas, you can usually ride around it. But not on this trail, which was cut into a 45 degree mountain. David did manage to ride around it. Darn AA riders. But after that, we lifted each bike up and over the tree.

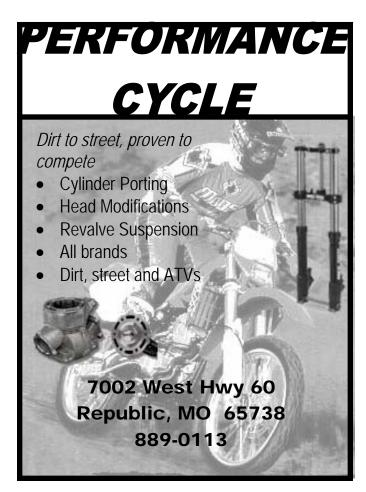
It was about this time we discovered that the KDXs of Max and Daniel were having over-heating problems.

It was a problem that we fought all week. The funny thing was, they took the same bikes last year and didn't have a single overheating problem. Strange.

When we got to the Pieplant mine, it was time to head back to Pitkin. It was a long road ride back, but not as long as some folks were about to take, as I soon discovered.

Instead of going to the campground at Pitkin, I headed into town to top up my gas tank. 1,000 miles from home, someone yells out my name. But I couldn't figure out who it was. They wouldn't take off their helmet. Well, come to find out, it was Rick Helmick and the reason he wouldn't take off his helmet is because he couldn't. He had broken his collar bone. He, Lee Glenn and about three other riders from the KC area were staying at the Spring Creek Reservoir. They were a long way from camp. We found out later, they rode over fifty miles of roads to get back. Fifty miles of road on a motocross bike is bad enough when you aren't hurt.

The next day we headed up to Fairview Mine, where I discovered that my front tire was flat. No big deal, we lay the bike over and get the tire changed. David had never been up there, so he did some exploring. He found a big hole ten plus feet across and deep. So deep you can't see the bottom. It's bermed up all around, probably 20 feet peak to peak with a tire mark going up one side and down the far side of the opposite berm. Somebody had jumped it! OK, a 20-foot double is small by motocross standards, but if they came up short, they would have been carried out in a body bag. Stupid.



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After we get the tire changed, we find out that our two sources for airing up the tire have failed us. One of the tire pumps can be fixed, if we can find a way to fix the o-ring. David cuts one out of my old tube. OK, we are back on our way.

From there we head to Taylor Park by way of Commache Gulch and Union Park. Max thinks I planned the flat tire, because we got to the restaurant at



David Berry checks out the cabin on Horseshoe Trail.

Taylor right at 12 noon for lunch. Lunch always tastes better when you ride to the restaurant on a motorcycle.

After lunch, we rode up the Dinner Station campground to ride the bridge over Taylor River and take the trail heading toward Doctor's Park. Boy, it's dusty.

Before we get to Doctor's Park, we cut off on a road and head to Star Trail. We rode Star Trail from Forest Service Road 748 to American Flag Mountain. I wouldn't recommend riding the other way. From there we ride Dorchester trail. Last year when

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we rode this, we ended up a million miles from nowhere. Ok. we weren't a million miles from nowhere, we could see a road, we just couldn't get to it. The trail turned into a goat trail, then a rabbit trail, then a mouse trail and finally no trail. We ended up pushing the bikes across a very fast moving deep "river". This year, we didn't miss the turn off and rode across the wider shallower part, where you are supposed to go, and ended at Dorchester up

Campground. After gassing at Taylor Park, we headed up Cameron Creek Trail. I usually ride this first thing in the morning. It's steeper at the end of the day. It was a tough day. The next day would be even tougher. You know I don't think it's possible to wear out AA riders.

The next day we take Forest Service Road 879 from Pitkin to Gold Creek Campground. Funny thing about riding in Colorado, Forest Service Road 879 is plain as day on the map, but it took us years to figure out which road it was. There are many more roads out there than are shown on the map, but most of them are dead end mining or logging roads that are not maintained nor marked closed. Anyhow, from Gold Creek Campground we took Fossil Ridge Trail from end to end. Fossil Ridge is a tough single track trail, but it is a lot of fun with some beautiful views. After Fossil Ridge, we took a dirt road. Now, usually after a section of tough single track, a dirt road is a welcome rest. But this road had hundreds of water bars. You don't get to rest but a few seconds and then jump. It's fun for a while.

Then we crossed Taylor River Road to trail 424. Now, I have come down this trail many times, but this was the first time I would go up it. If you aren't familiar with this trail, it has some (Continued on page 7)



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serious switchbacks and drop-offs. Then it turns and goes up Trail Gulch. The trail gets very steep here. I was getting toward the top, my weight was getting back on the bike and I had to hop up over a tree root. It was about a one foot step-up. But with my weight back, I had to pitch the bike over the root. Scratch one odometer.

This trail takes you to Doctor's Park. Parks look like open treeless fields. A little bit different from the normal rocks and trees we had been riding. The highlight of this section was the herd of elk. We counted 14 of them. The trail eventually takes us back to the Dinner Station Campground. It's a long road ride back to Pitkin from Dinner Station, but everyone was ready to plant their butts on the seat for a while. Except maybe Dave. It's hard to tire out AA riders.

The next day was our last day in Pitkin. We planned a relatively short trip over Granite Mountain. There were two routes up the mountain. We chose Horseshoe Trail. Steve Underwood told me about the time the group went up this trail when there were many downed trees. Dragging bikes over, under and around trees wasn't something we were looking for. But the trees were gone. So put this trail on your list of trails to ride. It started out going up a gulch with several creek crossings. Then it got very steep. First gear all the way to an open meadow with an old log cabin. We took a break here to explore.

From the meadow, the trail goes up and over the mountain. The trail going down the other side is all rocks and switchbacks.

Basketball size rolling rocks, that is. Once down, it was a jeep road ride back to Pitkin to pack up.

The Berrys packed up and headed h o m e . M a x , Daniel and I were on



Lloyd Berry, hanging out back at camp

our way to Hayden Creek with a stop in Salida for more Mountain Dew! It was that night that I learned Max and Daniel were having a Pavlovian reaction. A guy named Pavlov rang a bell every time he fed his dogs. After a while, when he rang his bell, the dogs salivated, whether there was food or not. With Max and Daniel, when the generator started, Max would pop a bag of popcorn in the microwave.

Our ride the next day would also be our last day in Colorado. We headed to the town of Westcliffe for lunch. It was a 30 mile ride on the Rainbow Trail and 10 miles of roads into Westcliffe.

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The Rainbow Trail was one of the easier rides we took. So, of course I had my worst wreck. Nothing serious, but it was a good thing the engineer that designed the suspension on the KLX wasn't there. It was about half a mile from the



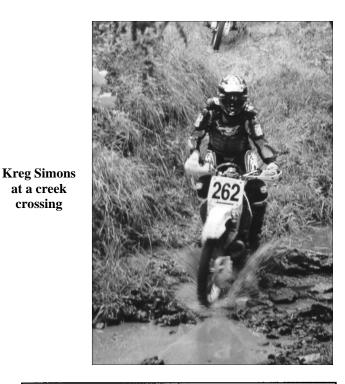
David makes his way up a ledge

Knob Noster

Here are the pictures from the MHSC race at Knob Koster.



The Pro class starts.



cliffe, it was either reverse our morning ride or pavement. And pavement wasn't really an option.

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The August meeting was at Mexican Villa with about 20 members attending. Cliff Davis even wrestled Alex Ashcroft into attendance. It was too bad that more of our regular members couldn't attend, as we discussed some pretty important topics and more diverse input would have been welcomed.

It is hard to tell by watching the thermometer, but the Annual Chadwick Enduro is drawing near. This year's enduro is promising to require even more preparation than usual. Even though it is reported that Rusty will be working, we will still need all the help we can get.

We will also welcome any help that is offered to work checks, sign-up, T-shirt sales, etc...

The seemingly tireless Jerry Sharp reported the plans for this year's winter GP series and boy does it sound fun! The races will be formatted much like last year's with two 45 minute motos for both the bikes and ATVs. Nothing is set in stone yet but it was said that the races will start earlier in the day. The exciting thing is the number of events. Jerry is planning 6-7 events with the possibility of more. That might make your schedule tight if you desire to be crowned the undisputed winter GP champion of South West Missouri, but if you want to have an absolute blast racing with your buddies in the cool winter air, then you are in luck. The locations talked about were Bolivar, Lebanon, Marshfield, Collins and even the Dunfee ranch in Cassville is an option.Jerry also stated that there will likely be races in Mountain Home and Harrison, Arkansas. Several members have raced in these areas and report great things about Arkansas trails. It sounds like this will be good winter to ride, with a diverse enough schedule to meet a number of new friends and maybe even members in the region. The exact schedule is not worked out yet, but it will be difficult to start before December because of deer season (my personal favorite time of year) and of course Thanksgiving. Maybe we can start right after Thanksgiving and name the race the Turkey Burner GP. We also spent time trying to get together and put on one of the races as a club. That would be great chance for some of us who race to get an inside view of the amount of work it takes to put on a race and it would instill us with a great deal of respect for those who do all the work for us.

Bart brought along his daughter Mattie who summed up our political discussion by gesturing her disapproval of Al Gore. While I will admit to being partisan, anyone who enjoys spending time in OUR National Parks should be very afraid of this man. He is very much in favor of protecting (locking up) our National Forests and he will use our tax dollars to do it!

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