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TID BITS

Injury report: first it was Donna Moore and now, it's hubby Elston. Donna is still on the mend, but before she could fully recover, Elston lost the bike in a corner and broke his collar bone. I received this e-mail from Elston:

I guess it is my turn to thank some very good friends. On February 11, I broke my collar bone and these people really helped me out. They got me back to my truck, loaded my bike and gear, then drove me to the hospital: Aaron Roberts, Brad Gann, Bart Hobbs, Tim Bertsch, Stacy Himes, & Dan Vallars. Aaron and Brad took me to the hospital and stayed until they were done. Then they took me home. Things like this makes one think about friends. Almost every friend that Donna and I have are motorcycle people. (it's the only kind of people we can afford to pay) Thanks to these people & everyone that called offering help or just checking on me.
Elston Moore

I had a mishap of my own. You know that counter-steering stuff really works. I was riding at Dave Berry's place outside of Lebanon, MO. Actually, it's Dave's dad's place. We (Dale Willis, Max and Daniel Harkey and, of course, Dave) had been riding for several hours. Dale, Dave and I went out for one last loop. In fact, we were almost done with our loop, when I clipped a tree with my right bark-buster and I shot off the left

side of the trail. Straight into a 6" diameter tree. My last thought before hitting the tree was: "This is going to hurt." I hate it when I'm right. At least it wasn't as bad as Elston's crash.

Sam Lorenz of Fort Smith, AR will be the Black Jack Enduro Circuit newsletter editor for 2001. If you are not familiar with Keytime, the BJEC newsletter, it is sent out free of charge 4 to 5 times each year. If you are not on the mailing list, you can contact Sam at his e-mail address: samsliquor@aol.com. You can also contact Sam if you are interested in advertising in the Keytime.

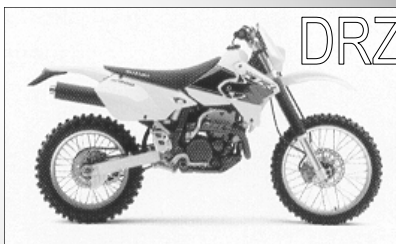
Did you see the February 28, 2001 issue of Cycle News? They did a preview of the 2001 GNCC season. In the section on Yamaha's team, it said, "Missouri hotshot Steve Leivan will also hit selected rounds." Way to go Steve.

Dwight Maggard won the Hill Billy GP in Mountain Home. Jeremy Havens took first in the intermediate class. Greg Lowe, who is way over 30, won the over 30 class. John Gott won the over 40 class. John, by the way, is at least a decade over 40. Josh Cook won the 201-500 class; however, Roger Robinett is still leading the class for the series. Scott Johns won the 4-stroke class.

I picked up the following from Greg Lowe by way of the Hill Billy web site. (www.hillbillygp.com)

If you didn't attend the Thayer GP, you missed a great race. The weather was great, the trail was fast and fun and we ran a 3/4 mile mx track every lap. The Ackerman's, whose land this is held on, are super nice people and they are developing a first class motorcycle park.

Thanks Scott and Danny, that last moto was a blast!



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Tulsa Trail Riders

I found this on the Tulsa Trail Riders web site (www.tulsatrailriders.org). It is interesting. See page 8, regarding a similar private riding area in Montana.

ATTENTION - ORV ENTHUSIASTS

The Tulsa Trail Riders, a non-profit corporation, is applying for a Federal Recreation Trails Fund Grant to purchase a 1,740 acre tract of land. The land is located northwest of McAlester, OK. near Scipio, OK. The tract is 11 miles from the nearest exit on the Indian Nations Turnpike. The land is heavily wooded, has an elevation change of 300' from the lowest point to the highest point and has a healthy dose of rocky terrain. If the purchase is successful, a system of ORV trails will be developed on this land.

This year will be the second time the Tulsa Trail Riders have made application for this grant. Last year's application was rejected by the Trails Grant Board for various reasons. We have addressed last year's concerns in this year's application, but are concerned that the "rules" may be changing faster than we can respond. During the planning meetings in connection for this grant someone proposed a:

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At this point this is only an idea with a little planning as to the actual mechanics of ownership and legal structure. The Tulsa Trail Riders are attempting to survey the level of interest in such a project to determine whether to proceed with any planning. There will probably be a minimum of \$1,000 investment for membership. If you would be interested in belonging to an

exclusive "Country Club" for motorcycles/atvs, please respond to our survey.

If the Tulsa Trail Riders receive enough response to make this seem feasible the next step would be to provide a more detailed proposal. If you are interested please let us know and we will keep you informed as the project is pursued.

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Forrester takes Lebanon



Brandon Forrester holeshots the start of the AA Class

By Bob Fuerst

I hope 2 plus inches of rain on Saturday, February 24, didn't keep you away from the first Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship race at Lebanon, MO. Over 150 motorcycle racers and over 100 ATV racers showed up. With the rocky terrain, it didn't get too bad out there. I didn't see any places that bogged.

As you can see from the pictures, it was pretty sloppy. But if you came prepared, it sure beat hot and dusty. In fact, Jon

Simons, thirteenth overall and winner of the Vet class, commented to Steve Levian, one of the race promoters, "That was one of the best damn Hare Scrambles I've ever ridden!"

After I took pictures at the start, I headed down to a creek crossing. With the rain, the creek was pretty high, covering a downed log that did a gotcha to many riders. In fact, it was my buddy Shawn that took a swim with his KTM. After we drag the bike out of the creek (OK, I wasn't much help. You know that bum shoulder and all.), Shawn realizes that he doesn't have his fanny pack. It's back at the truck. I had taken the Trail Buick, that would be a Kawasaki Prairie ATV, to the race, so I rode it back to Shawn's truck to retrieve his tools.

Even with his tools, Shawn was having problems restarting it, so this other spectator volunteers to kick it over a few times. He fell over getting on the bike. As they say, you can't pick your relatives. I guess that you can't be too picky about free help.

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Chris Nesbitt on his way to fourth overall.

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Shawn finally got his bike started and, well, I've never seen so much gas spew out the end of the exhaust pipe. Anyhow, Shawn was back on his way.



Here's the start of the A Class

So I made my way down the valley to find another place to take pictures. I found this creek crossing. I took a few pictures, and moved on. This time, I found an open area that looked like chocolate pudding. Nice and sloppy.

Then, I found this log across the trail. It was not only off-camber, but at an angle to the trail. So I probably wasn't anybody's friend as I stood there taking crash and burn shots. Not only was it a lot of fun, but you could really tell the good riders



Matt Jameson brings it out of the creek on his way to 2nd in the 200B Class

from the worn out tired masses.

Brandon Forrester got the holeshot at the start and was leading by almost a minute at the end of the race. Aaron Shaw kept him honest by coming through the barrels first on laps 3 and

4 of the 5 lap race.

As usual for this race, the parking area was worse than the track. The tractor was kept busy all day, pulling stuck vehicles out.

RESULTS:

Top 10 Overall

- 1 Forrester, Brandon, Kawasaki 02:01:26, 2 Shaw, Aaron, Yamaha, 02:02:25, 3 Duncan, Bobby, Kawasaki 02:03:48, 4 Nesbitt, Chris, Kawasaki 02:04:24, 5

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Borts, Kevin, Suzuki 02:15:03 8 Boyle, Kevin, Honda 02:15:08, 9 Mittelberg,
Gary, Yamaha 02:15:24, 10 Kendall, Mark, Yamaha 02:17:06

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Above, Mike Hall plays in the mud. Below, this picture looks worse than it really was.



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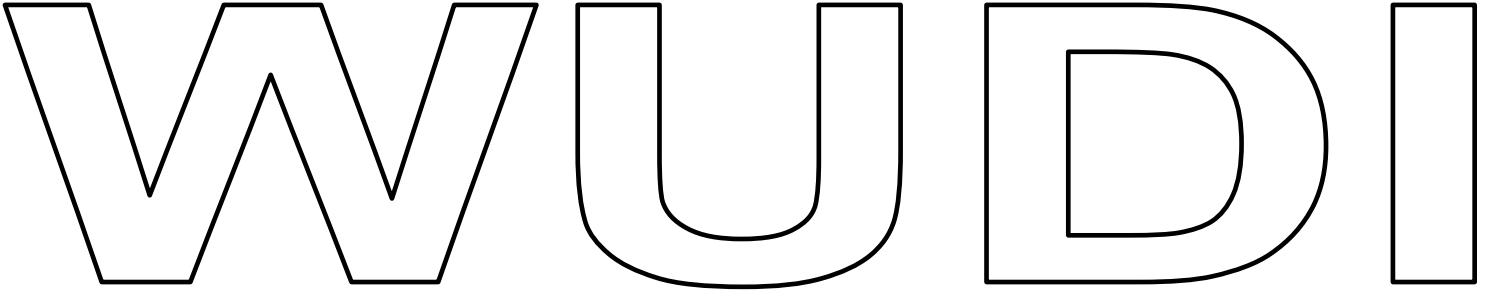
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I didn't make it down to the WUDI ride at Train Robbers. I was planning to go right up until Thursday night, the night before I was scheduled to leave. So the information I have comes from the Internet. It sounds like most people started arriving on Friday. The rain stopped in time for the weekend, but the trails were very wet. Riders came from as far as Rhode Island and Minnesota.

If you are not familiar with WUDI, it stands for WUDsracer Invitational. It comes from this Internet thing called a newsgroup. This particular newsgroup is called REC.MOTORCYCLES.DIRT (RMD). If you haven't checked out newsgroups on the Internet, do it. The people that subscribe to this newsgroup run the spectrum from folks that are thinking about getting their first dirt bike to riders with decades of experience.

Anyhow, Jim Cook of Smackover Motorsports organized this ride. About a year ago they had another ride. That one was at White Rock, AR.

One of the reports I read was written by a rider from Texas. On the drive from Texas, he thought he could have ridden his Jet Ski about half of the time. There was that much water on the ground. Things weren't looking to good at that point. Fortunately both Saturday and Sunday dawned clear, but cold.

They thought about 30 riders showed up on Saturday and a total of 50 riders on Sunday. One of the riders got extra points for looping out his CR500 at speed. He had lots of fun, sliding 50 to 75 feet down a gravel road, throwing off his fanny pack, watch and bite valve for his camelback. He also split his helmet and chest protector. He ripped the knees out of his pants. But only broke the rear fender on the bike.

After two days at Train Robbers, some the group went up to Chadwick to follow Stewart around for two more days. And what's this I read about Stewart Hall and ever-so-skilled doctor of cookieology Doctor Christine the cookie goddess showing up in a custom painted box van? I'll have to check on that.

Bike Week

Bike Week on Speedvision: The episode of Bike week that was on about two weeks ago was great. They focused on trail riders. They met with riders during a workday at the Locust Stake ATV area in the Chattahoochee National Forest near Clarksville, Georgia. The Locust Stake ATV area has 17 miles of trail and it is the only public riding area in a two-state area.

The episode included interviews with the National Forest and American Motorcyclist Association personnel. Bill Elliot, Wilderness Technician, for the Forest Service, said, "Everybody has a right to the National Forest. It's not any one particular group. Whether it's a wilderness group or an ATV group, they don't have sole ownership. It's everybody's forest."

Dave Despain, the host of Bike week, said, "Billions of acres of public land has been closed to the off-road rider in the last 30 years, making the recreational trail rider an endangered species. Locust Stake is open today because these guys are willing to work for it."

Off-road riding is the target of powerful opponents. Ed Mooreland, Vice President of Government Relations for the AMA, said "Every time they want to close something down, they simply file a lawsuit against the National Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management, asserting they are not managing correctly, asking for an Environmental Impact Statement, and in effect causing a moratorium on access to that land until the Environmental Impact Statement is completed. They have the money to fight this in court. If you are talking tens of thousands of dollars, you are talking a drop in the bucket to an organization like the Sierra Club, but to a local riding club, that could put them under."

The most recent threat to public riding was the recent roadless initiative at the end of the Clinton administration, where Clinton used his power to circumvent Congress to declare an area the size of Wyoming off limits to mechanized vehicles. The Bush administration has put this on hold seeking more input from state and local governments.

Then the show presented the Bull Run Guest Ranch in Cascade, MT, a "Motorcycle Dude Ranch." It consists of 17,000 acres with guided tours or self-guided tours with maps. The area has numbered trails with 100 series numbers being ranch roads to 300 series for the single track. Cabins and meals are also available. *Shawn Hall is so ate up about this place, he is checking to see if it is RV friendly and wants to make it a stop on his vacation in June. So we may have more on this in the July or August issue!*

The environmentalists use disturbing wildlife as one of the reasons for closing public land to off-road riding. As anybody who has ridden motorcycles or ATVs off-road for sometime knows, you see wildlife all the time. In fact, the show pointed this out by showing shots of big horn sheep.

The producer of the show pointed out that "Bull Run represents the future of off-road riding, with public riding areas getting harder and harder to find. The best thing you can do is join a local club. Or, if there isn't a local club, form one."

I have the show on tape, if we want to show it during a OM-TRA meeting.

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OMTRA Stuff



The Next OMTRA Meeting:

March 15th at 7:00pm at:
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By Bob Fuerst

Unfortunately, due to the weather, the February meeting of the Ozark Mountain Trailer Riders was not well attended. No minutes were taken. I was not able to make it down from Bolivar myself. And the club secretary Julie Harris wasn't feeling well, due to her pregnancy!

According to Shawn, about 10 folks braved the weather to get to the meeting. But I don't know what was discussed.

Anyhow, we still have giveaways from the New Year's Day Clean Up. And we still have some clean up to do at Chadwick. In fact, the last time I was at Chadwick, I rode down Strawberry Ridge and it looks like either the folks cleaning up on New Year's didn't know about this trash or it has been dumped since New Year's. But there are at least two pick up loads of household stuff in the woods. *I saw at least two high chairs. These folks are reproducing!* Looking at the calendar, April 22 doesn't have any races scheduled. Maybe this should be the next clean up day. We'll need to discuss this at the next meeting.

RENEWALS:

The Ozark Mountain Trail Riders memberships are renewed every year on July 1st. I just took a look at the database that I use to track such things. And there have been at total of 100 people that have been members at one time or another. But only 35 folks have renewed for the 2000-2001 year. Now, I know that I didn't send out a special mailer to get renewals, but I did mention it in this newsletter.

If you don't have any record of paying \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family membership, fill out the form on the other half of this page and send it in. (With the money!)

If anybody out there has enough computer knowledge and time to take a Microsoft Excel file and print out a set of labels, I would be happy to e-mail you an Excel Spreadsheet and hand this task off. Please contact me, if you can help. Thanks.



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- 9/9/01 – Frog Pond Hare Scramble, Smackover
- 9/30/01 – Lost Creek Park, Amity
- 10/14/01 – Pine Ridge Hare Scramble
- 11/26/00 – Possum Trot Hare Scramble, Harrison
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- 6/10/01 – Train Robbers, Bismark, AR
- 8/5/01 – Golden Eagle, Stillwater, OK
- 10/7/01 – Cross Timber, Oklahoma, OK
- 10/21/01 – Hardwood, Chadwick, MO
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Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship

- 3/11/01 – Brushbusters, Collins, MO
- 3/18/01 – MXP, Columbia, MO
- 4/8/01 – Nasty Creek, Steelville, MO
- 4/29/01 – Kahoka NHS, Kahoka, MO
- 5/6/01 – MO Dirt, Westphalia, MO
- 5/20/01 – Lu's Place, Bolivar, MO ATV Only
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- 7/29/01 – Spare Parts, Knob Knoster, MO
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- 8/26/01 – Lake Creek, Sedalia, MO
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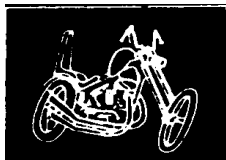
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