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NEWSLETTER

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Thought I would take a few minutes and try out a Newsletter on events and happenings in our area. You're probably already wondering what "**SHO-ME TRAILRIDERS**" is. It is a bunch of guys who share a common interest: **MOTORCYCLES**. We don't envision it as an elaborate or formal organization, but rather a vehicle to share a common enjoyment of off-road motorcycling...regardless of form or skill level. (If you read between the lines...to have fun!)

The **CANNON CREEK ENDURO**, Collins Mo. will go off as planned on **21 Aug.** Max and Coy are busy clearing underbrush out of the trails so you can find them...any and all help would be appreciated! If you can spare a day to go up and help, give Max a call at 741-6338.

The **HARDWOOD ENDURO (Fall Event)** at Chadwick has had the date cleared with the Forestry and will go on **6 Nov.** The **BJEC** year end meeting will be held at the Chadwick Town Hall on 5 Nov. This will be the BJEC series finale. The Enduro will be similar to the spring event but we've eliminated one more rocky uphill, lowered speeds in spots, changed direction of travel on about half of it, *finally* figured out a way around the creek crossing that's always full of water, and **created a surprise for everyone!** No, I won't tell you what it is. It's on the trail...come find out! Look for this one to be a trail-ride with a couple special tests to get points.

Spoke with Maggie (Chadwick lady) a couple days ago and she indicated that all the advertising money collected for a Chadwick Map printing was sitting there, apparently without interest. If Friends of Chadwick aren't going to do it, maybe we should? "Maybe we could all offer to help?"

Tom Johnson and myself are going down to Tulsa to organize and manage medical support for the **ISDE (6-days)** in Sept. so will be out of touch for that month.

Tom (same one) was down in Chadwick and broke his foot on a stump...imagine that a stump at Chadwick! Told him if he kept his feet on those things that stick out from the side of his motorcycle, that might not happen. Since it happened about 30 seconds before...the humor was lost. Funny thing was his face was the same shade of white as his helmet...must have been from *pure riding enjoyment!*

The last I heard **Dick** (Waynesville Honda and Super Dave's Dad) is out of the hospital and doing well. If you get by there, stop and give him a good dose of guff...wouldn't want him to get out of practice.

Steve Underwood is easily leading his class in BJEC (B Intermediate) and had B Overall sewed up last time I looked....**GOOD JOB!** Wayne Beindorf in the Senior A class has completely dominated that class *and is currently 8th overall in the circuit!* Don't think a Senior rider has ever done that before!

If you haven't seen Steve Underwood's new store **Surdyke Yamaha of Marionville**, you need to stop and see that...it's big! Maybe not big enough for Stadium MX...but surely big enough for indoor Trials!

Ron Shreve **Radio Shack in Aurora** gave us a good price on clocks for the enduro...**Thanks Ron.** If you need something electrical...he's probably got it **AND** will treat you right! Also bought cloth for the check-points so will have to organize a sewing party soon. Wayne B. has a plan for check-stands and is working on that. Sounds like we'll have all the stuff to put on an event without borrowing it soon. **Ozark Mountain Racing** has loaned us that stuff in the past...Thanks guys!

Anybody seen Rusty? Someone said they saw him go by with a load of lumber on his pick-up headed north. Something about building a "**Palace**" *hide away?* Should have Cooper come up from Oklahoma with his dozer and build a "fun" practice track in the back yard.

The **Stillwater Enduro** went off and the best way to describe it is **HOT and DUSTY!** Haven't heard all the scores yet but Tom (the one with the broken foot) came in 5th C-200. This doesn't seem to remarkable until you factor in the broken foot *and* at the trophy presentation he noticed the four guys in front of him hadn't needed to shave yet! **YES**, he was whiny all the way home! Steve Underwood tied for overall B but lost it on tie-breakers...still a very good ride. Sounded like most of the second loop was thrown out. John Lawson stopped at the gas, we'll call him a long course rider with *short course determination!* The best thing to come out of that Enduro is that it will still be fresh in everyone's mind...Collins may not seem so bad!(it can't be any tighter than "COOPERS section.) The Stillwater folks also experimented with new technology...two way traffic. What's next Stoplights? Don't think that will work at Chadwick!

Word is Steve Underwood has a new "kitted" 300 WR he's developing. Might want to check that out if you get down to Marionville. Can't imagine anyone wanting more power than a 250 WR...except maybe Wayne B.?

I'm really toying "hard" with the idea of offering a vintage class in the fall **HARDWOOD ENDURO**. Would be for Pre-1975 bike's and run the kids loop,(about 13 miles). Need to hear if there's interest? Let me know.

Have talked with Jim Voyles (Ava Ranger Supervisor) and know there's interest in them providing a piece in this letter to update everyone on what's happening at Chadwick (for an official view). Look for that soon.

Maggie told me a bunch of piknik table tops (probably 2x6") were taken from Chadwick recently.

If you know anything about that or saw something goofy...let the Rangers know. We, collectively as bike riders, and forest users need to help out when stuff like this happens. I doubt very much if it was a dirt bike rider that

took those table tops. Anyway, if you saw something...let them know.

I kind of invision this letter as an informal, "newsy" sort of thing that will hopefully grow to include area event schedules and maybe gain some local support in the form of advertisement to the extent it will pay for itself (mailing). Since it's about, and for, riders in this area, I encourage you to send in material you think is newsworthy. Granted it will have a definat lean toward Chadwick, but we recognize there are other areas and items of interest. If you have something to add...send it in. Since this is strictly "out of pocket" as an experiement, we'll try it a couple of times to see what people think of it. If you like it...or don't..... let us know.

NEW INFO ON CANNON CREEK ENDURO! The way this gets written is in spurts as thoughts cross my mind. I just got home from a night and day at Collins with Max, riding the course and laying out the mileage. This was the first time I had ever ridden at Collins, or saw the course. **It's going to be neat!** I know there are skeptics out there that say Collins isn't big enough for an Enduro; you had better wait to pass judgement. The trails are **GREAT**, only needing some clean-up brush cutting to get stuff out of your face...and that's happening now. The speeds will be low and the scenery fantastic! There's a section where the trail goes by the Trials area that is amazing with bluffs and huge tree's. There's rocks, sand, creek beds, tight woods, loose woods, new trail, and old trail...but not one "oh my God section". Why am I telling you this?...It's on my mind...and it's going to be good! The course has arrows up, if you want some good riding...go for it! Max wants people to ride it and break the trail in. If your going, give Max a call and he'll tell you where the start point is and your **on trail from there**. Max's #741-6338.

Thought every issue we would "pick on" a dealer or someone in the local area "involved" with dirt bikes. Eventually we'll get around to everyone so if your not there this time, *just wait!* Haven't come up with a name for it yet so I guess for this

issue we'll call it "**PICK ON MEL.**" Mel of **ACTION CYCLE** is our target so I'll get right to it. I was in his store last week browsing (browsing is a full time job as there's piles of neat stuff...stuff he's forgotten he has) when a guy came in with a rolled screen looking thing and announced to the world it was an air filter for an OSSA, and he needed a new one. The first thing that caught my attention was that the guy seemed normal, and calm as if everyone had an OSSA and his request was the most normal thing in the world. I had a pretty good idea what was coming next and Mel didn't disappoint me as he asked; "what year is it?" Of course the guy didn't know and started to explain what the bike looked like (color and chrome etc.) Mel walked over to a pile (must have been an important pile as it was behind the counter, with other important piles) dug around and shortly produced an identical twin to the thing the guy claimed was an air filter except this one had foam on it and was obviously new,... well at least new this decade. Mel told him the price as he handed it to the guy who immediatly started to haggle the price...**and Mel didn't get mad!** I couldn't believe it! The guy asked for the impossible, got it, and then wanted to haggle over the price. I thought of all the years that thing must have been moved from pile to pile...and figured it had to have some sentimental value to Mel. He just looked at the guy, said,"okay" and took the money offered. I tell you this story because (for you "young folks" who don't know) it's the way all bike shops used to be. In the '90s bike shops are computerized and neat, which isn't bad. Action Cycle is there doing what it's always done, supporting the rider **and** trying to make a living at the same time. Mel has been an advocate of dirt bikes and the sport for as long as I have known him...and still is, **you gotta like that!** (You "youngsters might just go in there and hang around. While your there check out the old Penton gathering dust against the back wall...at one time it WAS state of the Art!)

Well that's about it for this issue guy's. I've got a few race dates to put in, and the BJEC mid-year standings. Take Care! See you on the trail.

RACE DATES

MISSOURI STATE SCRAMBLES SERIES

July...31st (Sedalia) Aug...14th (Fayette), 28th (Canton)

POSSUM HOLLOW MX

Pretty quiet until the hot weather is over with.

SPROUT PATCH MX

July...30th. Aug...6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th.

BLACK JACK ENDURO CIRCUIT

Cannon Creek Enduro...21 Aug. (Collins Mo.)

Hardwood Enduro...6 Nov. (Chadwick MO.)