

Notes on Spokes

**John Lowe in the
kids' race at Collins**



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TID BITS

Max Harkey's a dog. He shows up at Chadwick for a trail ride on a new Suzuki DRZ. One of the electric start models. It's one thing to get a new bike, but to not even mention it to your buddies before you get it! How rude!

I did get to ride it. It's stock, except Max dropped the countershaft sprocket a tooth. The magic button is neat. The power is very linear. It pulls from bottom to top with out any hits. On the down side, the forks are soft and it's heavy. Max didn't think he'd take it to the sand whoops of Oklahoma City, as is. I think with stiffer fork springs and maybe a different silencer, it would be a great Colorado bike.

I saw Brian Sharp at Chadwick. He had a bad knee injury last December. It was good to see him back on a bike.

Some folks read this in a lot of detail. Evidently, a lot more than I do. (or my wife, the proof reader.) Anyhow, I typed the wrong date for the OMTRA meeting last month in one of

the three places I put it. I must have heard this from half a dozen people at the OMTRA meeting. The last newsletter was late. If you don't have a life, you may remember this. I got calls and e-mails from several people asking me if I had sent it, had their subscription expired or something. Well, this month, Notes on Spokes may be a little sparse on material, but it'll be on time. (I'm trying to get back on schedule!)

**The Next OMTRA Meeting:
Friday Night, October 20, 2000
The Enduro Pavilion at Chadwick
7:30 pm – Be There!**

The first race of the Hill Billy Grand Prix series will be November 5 at Lu's Place north of Bolivar (not October 29 as mentioned in last month's newsletter). Next is Marshfield on December 10, followed by

Inman Farm North of Springfield on January 14. Then January 21 at Alton, February 4 at Mountain Home, AR and February 11 at Extreme MX Park, Merwin, MO. Jerry Sharp said they should have a flyer out by early October.

If you haven't registered to vote, shame on you. Now get your butt out there. October 11 is the last day to register for the November election.

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I received the following from Jim Voyles, National Forest Service, Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District:

ATTENTION RIDERS!

Major construction projects will be underway during the next several months in the Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Use Area.

Bridge construction for the trail relocation project started on September 27th. **Be Aware** that work will be carried out on trails 137, 124, 119 and 121. **Be Alert** for changes and construction activities.

Trail relocation will begin shortly on trails 138, 137, 113, 135, 129, 126, 130, 119, 121, 115, 124, 126, 126D and 101. Again, **please Be Alert** for construction activities.

The Cobb Ridge Campground expansion project began on September 27th. This project will double the size of the present campground, provide new toilets, electric hookups and eventually showers and flush toilets. Trail 117 will be impacted as it travels through the new campground. Please **Be Alert** when using this trail.

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On September 24, Mike Shown and Lee Glenn put on a qualifier style enduro at Collins, MO. They laid out an eighteen mile loop with 3 special tests. The start of each test was a known control. Which means you don't need to do any time keeping. Ride up to a check, wait until your minute comes up and ride as fast as you can to the end of the special test.



Danny Overturf, left and Darin House, right, take off for the moon rocks.

But the real racing started on Saturday with the kids' race. It was held on the grass track portion of the third special test. They divided the kids up into two groups by age. The older kids rode eight laps and the youngsters rode four. They all had a good time and received medals, just like the Olympics.

Since this race was only a half hour from my house, I worked this event. I was assigned to work the check at the end of the first special test. The weather at Collins was just the opposite of the last two Black Jack Enduros. Instead of being hot and dusty, it was cool and drizzly. Since it had been so dry, mud was not

a problem. But vision was.

The first and third special tests consisted of a combination of grass tracks and woods, while the middle test was mostly woods and included the infamous moon rocks.

Clay Boring won the event on tie breakers over Steve Leivan. The race was called before the end of the short course due to the death of rider Darrell Judy of Arkansas (see next page).



The riders meeting at the Collins enduro was quite a contrast from previous riders meetings. Instead of looking for shade, they were looking for rain gear.

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Darrell Judy

Our sport experienced a dramatic loss on September 24 at the Cannon Creek Enduro in Collins, MO. Darrell Judy passed away from an apparent aneurysm during a special test about one mile from the end of the race. CPR was provided almost immediately by trained EMT personnel until an ambulance arrived.

Darrell was a key player in many aspects of off-road motorcycling. He was very involved in the Black Jack Enduro circuit, the Arkansas Hare Scrambles Series and the Arkansas State Trails Council. Darrell was a member of the Razorback Riders and knew the trails of White Rock National Forest better than anyone.

Darrell was 54 years old. Godspeed, Darrell.

There are many messages from Darrell's friends on the Arkansas Hare Scramble (www.arkansasharescramble.com) and the Black Jack Enduro (www.blackjackenduro.com) web sites.

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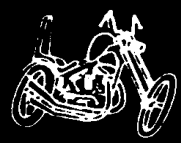
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Any help will be greatly appreciated! We owe Kim Hall a BIG HUGE thanks for kicking butt and working hard to get all the paper work done and handed in for this race!

Due to the enduro, next month's club meeting will be an "informal gathering" at Chadwick under the pavilion On Friday night, October 20. This will help get last minute details for the race! Everyone is welcome!!

Daniel Harkey probably wont be helping Friday, because if he has a perfect attendance record at school he will be able to opt out of three final exams. We see school ranks higher than dirt bikes!!

Girls, Mel Gere did some modeling, showing some butt for us at the meeting. If you girls were not there you missed a nice butt show!! That butt would rank a 9.75 on a scale of 1to10! (10 being the best) Nice butt, Mel!! Mel was modeling a really cool Chadwick shirt (a map of Chadwick on the back) that Aaron Kloppe made and is selling for \$15.00. You can buy the shirt from either Aaron, who is donating a dollar for each shirt he sells to the club, or you can buy one from Mel Gere at Action Cycle, who will also donate a dollar for each shirt sold to the club!

Dr. McKenzie is still in the process of getting all the paperwork done and improved, but when dealing with several government officials it takes time. He has got an agreement signed and some papers simplified. He is also looking at ways that the club can put in their 125 labor hours. The

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The September meeting was held at Shorty Small's with 22.5 members attending, counting Race Simons! (Speaking of Race, he should surpass his Dad (Spud) in height in approximately six months!!) We were chairman-free because Bart was doing the Daddy thing and supporting his kids at soccer games. The food and service was good, except that when we got our food, Danny ate June's turkey sandwich! He just could not wait for his pork!!

The Chadwick enduro will be held October 22, 2000. We are still needing people to sign up to help set up the race or work at the race, so if you have any free time the week before the race or that weekend please contact Shawn Hall.

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OMTRA Stuff



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club cleaning day at Chadwick in January and again in the spring will count. He will have to have everyone that volunteers their time to help on these days sign a volunteer sheet of everyone that cleaned and the time spent cleaning. He also informed us that the construction club is willing to donate 125 volunteer labor hours.

Randall asked when the dead line for this would be. Dr. McKenzie said he would like to have it done by December 2001, but we have until December 2005. Dr. McKenzie said that the 54" wide track machinery that will be going down the trails can turn around and pull rocks back in so that trails are not so wide, they can also build in whoopies. Shawn said whoopies are natural in Chadwick, just no BLOCKS. Danny made a point that the blocks flatten tire tubes.

Mel sold Colorado raffle ticks to try to win a Suzuki 4-wheeler.

Jerry Sharp informed us that the winter races will have two 45 minute moto's. (last year's was 30 minute motos.) If he had to rate the trail difficulty on a scale of 1-10, he would say 4, so it should be fun for everyone including beginners! He is trying to set the races every other week-end so that if it snows they can re-schedule and work around that.

Lu's Place race will be November 5. (Hillbilly Grand Prix). Collins race is a yes. Marshfield, December 10. Arkansas, February 4, 2001. No Harrison.

For those of you who have never put on a race or help set one up, it takes a lot of work and time to do, so it would be greatly appreciated by everyone if anyone can help at any of the races coming up! There is always something that can be done and you don't have to have a dirt bike to help! We don't give enough thanks to those guys and gals that spend a lot of time and effort to set up these races to make them fun for everyone!! The club also wants to put on a winter race. We need to decide when, where, and what we want to do so that we can let Jerry know.

We want to thank Bob for a late(September) but well done Notes on Spokes! We always enjoy reading the Notes on Spokes! Thank you to Dr. McKenzie for keeping us informed on the process with the grant! Thanks to Max for working so hard on setting up the Chadwick enduro course.

We would like to see the attendance up at the monthly meetings. There are a lot of old and new faces that we have not seen in awhile and would love to see again! You

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October 20 at
The Enduro Pavilion
Chadwick, MO -7:30 pm**



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Hill Billy Grand Prix

- 11/5/00 - Lu's Place North of Bolivar
- 12/10/00 - Marshfield
- 1/14/01 - Inman Farm North of Springfield
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TID BITS

What, more Tid Bits back here? Well, I hadn't heard from any of the folks running for sale ads to see if their stuff was still for sale, so next month, I'll start over with more classified.

I bumped into Randy Presthus down at Surdyke Motorsports. Guess what? He's got a bike again! Picked up a 1999 KTM 300 MXC. He says he's not going to take it too serious. Yeah, right. He plans to work the Hardwood Enduro at Chadwick. Give him what for when you see him.



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