



# TRCR

*Three Rivers Competition Riders*

*"Western Pennsylvania's Premier Off-Road Club"*

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## DECEMBER 2002 NEWSLETTER

### EVENT CALENDAR

#### JANUARY, 2003

- 6 TRCR Monthly Meeting, 8:00 pm @ Schulz Cycle, 234 Millers Run Rd., Bridgeville Exit off I-79
- 11 Annual Christmas Party, Futules Harmar House on Old Freeport Rd., Cheswick, just north of Turnpike Exit 5 or Harmar Exit off Rt. 28
- 31 Freestyle MX, Mellon Arena, reserve your seats for the TRCR section

#### FEBRUARY

- 3 TRCR Monthly Meeting, 8:00 pm @ Cross Roads Motorsports, Rt. 8 north in the Richland Plaza, just north of Turnpike Exit 4

#### THREE RIVERS COMPETITION RIDERS

President: *Don Adams* Vice President: *Celine Nista* Treasurer: *Michael Hawthorne*

~~GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OF THE PALM~~ The December TRCR meeting was held at Bob

Tracey's World of Cycles. Thanks to everyone there for the pizza and hospitality! We had a good turnout and passed out our yearend membership list – 283 active members by the end of the year. We reviewed the fun had the week before at Steve Stiller's Toy Run. Over 350 riders attended and a ton of toys and cash were collected for local church's Christmas charities. Many, many thanks to Steve for another great event. We understand that since the meeting, Steve had a little run-in with the pavement while testing a KX250. Hmmmm. Hope this doesn't affect his trip to Hawaii in January.

Bobby Huerbin's sons, Robby and Randy, are in the process of qualifying for the U.S. Junior Olympic Luge Team. The club took up a collection to help the Huerbins with travel costs and the like. By next meeting, we should know if our "TRCR Luge Team" is in the running! Good luck to the Huerbin boys.

Also at last month's meeting, we set the date for our annual club Christmas Party – Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at Futules Harmar House – same place as last year. We understand that some remodeling has taken place at the Harmar House but, either way, we know that a good time will be had by all. Celine Nista, TRCR vice president and club hon, has got some tricks up her sleeve this year to entertain us. So, look to the pre-registration form in this issue to get your reservation in for the party.

You can either make your reservation at our upcoming monthly meeting at Schulz Cycle on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> or get your check in the mail to Celine right away.

Celine also announced plans for the annual Freestyle MX at Mellon Arena on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. She will be reserving 50 quality seats at group

rate pricing. There is a form in this issue to get your tickets – first come, first served.

And, finally, at the December meeting, elections were held for 2003 officers. The results of elections are as follows:

President – Don Adams

Vice President – Celine Nista

Secretary - Jeff Pflugh

Treasurer - Michael Hawthorne

It is time to pay your dues for 2003! We are including a form in this issue that you can use to either mail to Celine with your check or bring along with you to an upcoming meeting.

This issue is being sent out to all current and former members on our mailing list in an effort to bring riders back into the fold and to what better time to get back into TRCR now that the Christmas Party is upon us. If you haven't been active lately, we also have been having monthly rides at Switchback Raceway and moving our meetings around to different shops in the area.

While on that topic, a new shop has opened up just up the street from the old Gibsonia Cycle. It is called Cross Roads Motorsports and we'll be having our February meeting there, as they are anxious to meet the TRCR gang. It is a pretty big facility and is in the old Ames in the Richland Plaza. Member Kevin Miller, formerly of Gatto Cycle, has moved over to Cross Roads so you might want to stop in and pay Kevin a visit. It's quite an impressive shop.

If you have anything to contribute to the newsletter, you can send it to the secretary directly at [jpflugh@salsgiver.com](mailto:jpflugh@salsgiver.com) or at our website, [trcr.org](http://trcr.org). See you at the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at Schulz Cycle, just off the Bridgeville Exit of I-79 south of Pgh. Then, we'll see you in the woods.

### **TATTOS AND SCARS by Mike Bauer**

Are you tired of flipping through your monthly motocross magazine and on every page seeing James Stewart or another young rider? Frankly I don't think they should be allowed to race professionally until the age of 18, and stop ignoring the older more experienced riders who earned their way to the top such as Jeremy McGrath. Now if you don't agree with me don't get all revved up yet and let's dive into this a little bit farther.

The history of motocross racing is what made this sport today and being a traditionalist I love to read about those early days back when Magoo won all four motos of the Trophee Des Nations and Motocross Des Nations which was the greatest individual feats in motocross history. They took

equipment that was by far less technical than today's rides and the fuel was the pure passion. Magoo and all these other past time greats raced for blood and got no where near the earnings people like Stewart are making. This is what made me come across my next part of this article.

There's a country music band that I love named Montgomery Gentry, and one of their greatest tunes sums up the current age issue perfectly for me. The song, written by Tony Lane and entitled "Tattoos and Scars," tells a tale of a young man who steps up to the bar and orders a beverage. He doesn't appear old enough to legally consume, then tells the bartender to chill out, that he's older than he looks. The bartender walks down to converse with the guy, who, in an apparent effort to prove his age and mettle, lifts up his sleeve to reveal an array of tattoos. He then commences to brag about them -- how and where he got them and their significance.

The lyrics:

*He said I got this rose in Memphis in some back old alley dump  
Picked this eagle up in Dallas, man I sure was good and drunk  
And you know the way I see it, if it gets any worse out there  
A guy like me hasn't got a prayer.*

Feeling vindicated, he sits back and awaits the bartender's rebuttal. The bartender then rolls up his sleeve to bare an arm blemished with multiple scars. He then informs the young fellow that he'd gotten one scar in a war generations ago, another slaving away on his father's farm as a youngster.

The lyrics:

*He said I got this one in Paris in a war 'fore you were born  
And this one when I was half your age workin' on my daddy's farm  
And you know the way I see it, son you ain't seen what I've seen  
Cause tattoos and scars are different things.*

That's exactly how I see this young vs. old deal. I think some of the older racers and fans don't feel the young guys have earned the right to be so good yet. They haven't hit the dirt enough. They haven't felt the frustration of years on a mediocre team. They have no history to reference in order to truly understand the motocross war. They were handed greatness, they didn't earn it. That's why folks are so fired up about the young dominance right now. Used to be you had to have scars to make it to the top, and now the tattoos are taking over.

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**Vega Kids Helmets**, SM-MED-LRG, DOT Approved, 3 colors to choose from @ \$49.99, 724-295-3707 or [info@instigatorracing.com](mailto:info@instigatorracing.com)

**2000 KTM 200 MXC** Ready to ride, well maintained and priced to sell \$3200 Barry 412828-2667, 412-793-8154 or [barry@dirtyharrys.net](mailto:barry@dirtyharrys.net)

**Two 1996 Suzuki LT 80 Quads**, bought new and still in good condition, 1300.00 each OBO, 724-735-2999.

**2000 Honda XR100** excellent shape call for details 814786-9261.

**1998 Honda CR250** great shape, \$2800, Bill days 724-468-5202, eve. 724-864-7495

**Torsten-Hallman** body protector, blue and yellow, exc. cond. \$35. Also for sale: Jensen wood/coal burning furnace. Connects to existing house ductwork. Has its own blower and thermostat. recommended for up to 2500 square-foot home. Used 4 winters - still in excellent condition. Tell the gas company to go shove it! My monthly gas bill was \$25 all year for hot water, laundry and cooking. Included with furnace, four 3-foot sections (and a "T" connector) of class A, triple-wall stainless steel flue pipe with spark-arrestor cap and two house-mounting brackets. Over \$2000 invested (at least that much saved). First \$750 takes it all. Len Young, 412-372-5215

**2002 Suzuki DRZ400E**, used very little; purchased for my wife but the bike is too heavy. Totally stock. like new! \$3700.00 Call Brad at (724) 295-4079.

**2001 Honda CR250**, Woods Ready. Very Good Condition. Well Maintained. Many Extras: Devol

Radiator Guards, MSR Bark Busters, Works Connection Skid Plate, Steahly Flywheel Weight, FMF Pipe & Silencer, E-Line Carbon Fiber Pipe Protector, O-Ring Chain, 51 Tooth Rear Sprocket, Performance Tech Suspension (Woods Set-Up), Michelin S12 Tires. Price reduced to \$3,600, OBO, Tom Nebel, 412-824-8889

**2001 Honda CR250** setup for woods, O-Ring Chain, Bark Busters, Works Connection Skidplate, Stealthy Flywheel Weight, Pro-Action Suspension, Pro-Taper Bars, New Front and Rear Tires, FMF Pipe, E-Line Pipe Guard, PRICE REDUCED – MUST SELL, Call Joe Clark (724) 872-6597

**TRCR's DISCOUNT DEALERS** Please be sure to visit these dealers and accessory shops. By showing your TRCR membership card you will receive a discount. Most dealers give a 10% discount  
**356 CYCLE**, Route 356 just north of Freeport, PA 724-295-9699

**ADAMS CYCLE** 4088 Hyland Road Jeannette, PA 15644 724-744-3873

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**AUGUSTINE KTM** 2469 Wm. Flynn Hwy, Rt. 8, Butler, 724-283-4820

**BENTLEY'S Yam-Suz-Pol-KTM** 4451 Rt 22 Murrysville, PA 15668 724-325-2344

**BENTLEY'S Yam-Suz-Kaw-Polaris** 589 W. Pike St Cannonsburg 724-746-7100

**BOB THOMAS HONDA** 12671 Rt. 30, No. Huntingdon, 724-863-0237

**BOB TRACEY'S World of Cycles** 604 Narrows Run Rd Moon Twp, 412-269-9999

**BOHN CYCLE** 2015 Saw Mill Run Blvd Pittsburgh 412-882-4330

**COTTMAN TRANSMISSION**, 1129 Maple Ave., Washington, 724-222-2229

**CROSS ROADS MOTORSPORTS**, 5375 William Flynn Hwy, Gibsonia, PA 724444-6555

**DARLINGTON CYCLE** Rt. 51 at Rt. 168, Darlington PA 724-847-4011

**DAVIS CYCLE**, Kaw-Suz-SeaDoo, 701 New Castle Road, Butler, PA, 724-287-3052

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**GATTO CYCLE** Honda-Kawasaki-Suzuki, Tarentum, 724-224-0500

**GEITHER'S AUTOBODY & WELDING, Inc.**, 201 Hansen Ave., Butler 724-283-6610

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**INSTIGATOR RACING**- ATV Tires, Wheels, Bumpers, skid plates & accessories, Freeport PA, Mike Fajbik 724-295-3707 [www.instigatorracing.com](http://www.instigatorracing.com)

**LEGACY FURNITURE GUILD** 623 W. Liberty St., Hubbard, OH 330-534-6161

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**PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGIES**, East Pgh., 412-823-7338, 20% off parts, 10% off engine/susp

**PRO-ACTION SUSPENSION**, 3611 8th Ave, Beaver Falls 724-846-9055, [www.pro-action.com](http://www.pro-action.com)

**SCHULZ CYCLE & ATV**, 234 Millers Run Rd., Bridgeville, Parts & access. 15% off, ATK, Husqvarna, Gas Gas, Kasea parts/service 412-257-3188

**STORMIN NORMAN'S RACING**, Billet clutch baskets \$125-\$135, Basket wear inserts \$90 kit, includes machining (select models) call Norm at 724-722-3630

**STREET TRACK 'n TRAIL** 13723 Conneaut Lake Road Conneaut Lake, PA [www.stnt.com](http://www.stnt.com) 814-382-4821 877-STNT-YES

**TEN GRAPHIX**, Signs & Vehicle Markings, Thomas E. Nebel, 1800 Sheridan St., No. Braddock, 412-824-8889, [www.tengraphix.com](http://www.tengraphix.com)

## **2002 TRCR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DATE: Saturday, January 11, 2003

LOCATION: Futules Harmar House, Old Freeport Road, Cheswick

TIME: 6pm to midnight

DETAILS: 6-7:30, doors open, Hordeurves served, bar open  
7:30-8:30, buffet dinner  
8:30-midnight, dancing, live entertainment (too good to miss!), special raffles,  
door prizes, 50/50, BIG FUN!

COST: \$45 couple, \$25 single if prepaid reservation by January 10  
\$50 couple, \$30 single at the door  
Members AND Guests welcome

\* PLEASE visit your local dealer and solicit door prizes!

\*Pre-pay at the January meeting or mail in the form below BEFORE January 10<sup>th</sup>!

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**2002 TRCR CHRISTMAS PARTY ADVANCE RESERVATION**

NAME(s)

Circle one or both

\_\_\_\_\_

Single \$25, Couple \$45

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Single \$25, Couple \$45

\*Checks should be made payable to T.R.C.R

\*Bring this form to January meeting at Schulz Cycle OR mail to:  
Celine Nista, Vice President, 37 Julian Dr., Pittsburgh, PA, 15235

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**ANNUAL TRCR FMX OUTING! – FREESTYLE MOTOCROSS**

DATE: Friday, January 31, 2003

LOCATION: Mellon Arena, downtown Pittsburgh

TIME: 8:00 PM

DETAILS: TRCR will have a group of 50 seats reserved at the FMX. We will be seated in Section "C", just above the West Igloo seats where we sat last year (good seats). Prices are reduced this year, as follows:

PRICE: Adults - \$17.75 each  
Kids - \$6.25 each (12 years & under)

Reserved TRCR group tickets will be first come, first served basis! If you wish to partake in a pre-event dinner gathering, we will be meeting at the Church Brew Works, located in Lawrenceville at 5:30 pm. Use the form below to pre-pay at the January meeting OR mail in your reservation right away. These seats will go fast! DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**2002 TRCR FREE STYLE MOTOCROSS GROUP SEAT RESERVATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to reserve the following seats:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult tickets @ \$17.75 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Kids tickets @ \$6.25 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE:**

**YES, I plan to attend the pre-event gathering dinner. Reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ seats.**

**NO, I do not wish to attend the pre-event dinner gathering.**

**\*Checks should be made payable to T.R.C.R**

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