



TRCR

Three Rivers Competition Riders



"Western Pennsylvania's Premier Off-Road Club"

online @www.trcr.org



Member PA OffHighway
Vehicle Association

SEPTEMBER 2002 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 5 Supercross, Switchback Raceway
- 6 TRCR Monthly Ride at Switchback Raceway, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- 7 TRCR Monthly Meeting, Lojak's Cycle, 8:00 pm
- 13 Harescramble, Switchback Raceway
- 19 Supercross, Switchback Raceway
- 20 Northgate Cycle Customer Appreciation Day, Switchback Raceway –come ride!
- 27 Harescramble, Switchback Raceway

NOVEMBER

- 2 Supercross, Switchback Raceway
- 4 TRCR Monthly Meeting, Northgate Cycle, 8:00 pm
- 8/9/10 TRCR Hatfield McCoy Trail Ride – come ride over 400 miles of trail in 3 days!
- 10 Harescramble, Switchback Raceway
- 16 Supercross, Switchback Raceway
- 24 Annual TRCR Toy Run, Stiller's

THREE RIVERS COMPETITION RIDERS

President: *Don Adams* Vice President: *Celine Nista* Treasurer: *Michael Hawthorne*
Secretary: *Jeff Pflugh* Legislative Affairs/USFS Liaison: *Mike Babusci*

GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OF THE PACK

September was a good month to be on wheels. The weather has cooled down, there was a good meeting, and some good events have been happening and are just around the corner.

The September meeting was held at Tracey's World of Cycles out near the airport. In spite of the Steelers on Monday Night Football, we had a decent turnout. There were lots of new street and dirt machines to dream over and good deals on parts and accessories going on. Thanks to Chris Carda and the other good folks at Tracey's for hosting us – and for the great pizza too.

A large part of the meeting was spent finalizing plans for our annual picnic which was held at Switchback on the 22nd (story later on). The planning became pretty crucial once we learned that our club hon and VP, Celine Nista, could not attend. We have been spoiled over the past years because Celine plans and runs all these events so well. Anyway, plans were made, volunteers stepped up to fill the void and the picnic was a smashing success.

The other nice thing about moving the meetings around is that you get to see some different faces in attendance. We had several new members and some former members show up to rejoin. If you have a suggestion for a shop to host us at a monthly meeting, please let one of the officers know.

Bobby Huerbin gave a report on the turnout of our I-279 Adopt-a-Highway cleanup detail held on September 8th and we had 11 members show up to volunteer their time. The club voted that anyone helping on this detail gets a free admission to a TRCR Monthly Ride.

Speaking of the Monthly Rides, our last one in September was well attended once again. The weather was a little cooler and the woods course was in really nice shape. **Please note that the**

Greetings from Southern California

Dear TRCR Faithful,

By now you may or may not have heard the news that my father, Don Adams, permanently shut the doors to Adams Cycle on September 28, 2002. For over twenty-two years my dad devoted himself to the motorcycle consumers of Western Pennsylvania. He ran the shop for so long that I can't ever remember a time when he didn't.

Monthly Ride for October has been changed to this Sunday, October 6th to accommodate the Northgate event on the 20th. Steve Stiller says to come on out and ride on the 20th too. You can even get a chance to test ride one of the machines he'll have with him from Northgate Cycle.

Some members have set a date of November 8/9/10 for a trip down to southwestern West Virginia to ride the famous Hatfield McCoy Trails. If you've never been there, you truly don't know what you're missing. There are now over 400 miles of mapped trails at three different trailheads and it is fantastic. There is more single track going in all the time and, even the "easy stuff" isn't so easy that it is boring – not by a long shot because of the endless mountainous terrain! More details on this trip are found in this issue and info will be given out at the October meeting at Lojak's.

Also this past month – if you haven't ventured up to ride one of Larry Hopper's "Loghopper 100s" at the old Boyers GNCC site, you don't know what you're missing. Mark Augustine marked off one of the nicest courses you'll ever ride for the 4-hour buddy race held there last week. A true harescramble course just like the old days. So much fun you kinda forget it's a race. We look forward to some more of those next year. Larry also is looking into having some Poker Runs at the site.

And, coming soon at the end of November is the annual TRCR Toy Run at Steve Stiller's place. Always a fun ride. The course is in real decent shape right now too.

By the way, contributions to the newsletter can be sent to the secretary at jpflugh@salsgiver.com See you at the October 7th meeting at Lojak's Cycle, Rt. 908, Tarentum. Then, we'll see you in the woods.

Now he begins a new chapter of his life. One without the daily struggles of business ownership. Nobody, including my dad, is sure what the future holds for him. He has plans to tinker in the shop, work on some projects, travel a bit, and – of course – ride. He wouldn't be Don Adams if he wasn't planning to ride. Somewhere in those travels of his new life he may take advantage of an "opportunity." That's what he called it – an "opportunity." I liked the way that sounded when he spoke it to me. Between you and me, I think he still has too much adrenaline pumping in those veins to be retired already. I hope that "opportunity" will be just around the corner.

I am sure this letter will embarrass my dad, and perhaps it isn't completely appropriate. But I wanted to express to him and you – the people whom he most respects – just how proud of him his family is. You see, to you he's always been Don Adams the fierce rider and competitor. To us, he's been dad the man who pulled on his winter boots and struggled through the snow to stand in a 45-degree concrete building to provide for us. And no race win or championship title could ever match that. For that I owe him everything.

Don't think for a minute that semi-retirement is going to make him any slower, either. In fact, I'll bet that right now he's in the shop figuring out how to get two or three more horsepower out of his 200. Now he's got the time. Thanks, Dad, for twenty-two hard years. I hope the next chapter is a fun one.

Steven Adams

2002 Annual TRCR Picnic

If you missed this year's picnic, shame on you! We ate your food, drank your beer and raced the track and trails and had one heck of a good time doing it. The roasted pig, beef and corn were great – with lots leftover. The beer was premium Sam Adams. The races were super. The kids all raced on the big Supercross track (only one little crash) and got trophies – nice ones. The adults, crusty dirt riders that we are, had fun doing the "iron man thing" – an Off-road Triathlon that included racing the clock climbing the big hills, competing in an elimination drag race and racing a one hour hare scramble.

We were having too much fun to do a formal count of attendees but it seemed over 150 or so folks made the trek to Hopp's Switchback for this year's picnic. Thirty one kids raced and 61 adults signed up. As we wondered about the prospect of lining the kids up on the little track in all the dust around the cooking area, we made a quick executive decision and moved everyone down to the big Supercross track. A lot of little eyes tripled in size at the prospect of rolling over the double jumps but all the kids did a good job. Some of the races were downright close. All the results are posted below.

Then the adults began the afternoon Triathlon. First event up was a double hillclimb. Everyone had to shoot the steep hill outside the side door of Augustine KTM next to the mini track. And, when we say shoot, that didn't involve anything even closely resembling a head start. A large log was placed smack dead at the bottom of the hill where you were to place your rear tire. That meant some slippage of the clutch and good throttle control to get up the first hill, through some ruts and between some trees, where you had a little run to shoot the next hill. Quite a fun event. Vince Kabay provided the most exciting moment when he launched his RM250 into the trees. No injuries, just a little engineering wizardry in extracting the banana bike from the branches.

Next up was the drag racing. This proved to be a lot of fun too. We moved out to an open section of the hare scramble course on the powerline where there was some shade, less dust and good soil. Everyone raced within their class in an elimination format. When watching the first runs go off, everyone figured size would matter. Actually, what mattered was a good clean start with traction. Of course, when those big

thumpers do eventually get traction and a full head of steam, you better be way ahead of them.

After the drags came a one hour harescramble. By now, we were ready to do some serious woods riding. The course stayed completely in the woods so that other riders and the kids could still practice on the motocross tracks. The course was dry but in real decent shape. It was a blast.

Of course, without Celine to run this shindig, a lot of people had to buck up to keep things running. First off, thanks to Larry Hopper for the facility and for giving us a huge discount on the trophies for the kids. Lots of thanks to Katrina Etzel and Laurie Harvey for running the races— without them, we're not sure who would have done it. They did not come out planning to work all day, but they did it with a smile and we sure appreciate it. Mark Augustine helped run the kids races, and he and Scott Wolfe were the major players in cooking too. Dave Caughey ran the corn, beer and did his usual work making everything come together. Linda Hopper ran the Chuck Wagon and helped with the meal preparation too. And, we can't forget Ernie Wesche, Brian "Honey Dipper" Hunkle and Lisa Starling for their efforts running the front gate and race signup. Thanks to all who helped.

KID'S RACE RESULTS

Quad 50cc

1. Codi Reed
2. Zach Martinelli
3. Jessi Reed
4. Hannah Klachthaler

Quad 80cc

1. Jake Klachthaler
2. Shannon Savol
3. Erin Jeuther
4. Cody Swaser
5. Michael Arnold

125cc MX

1. Austin Harvey
2. Michael Bauer

80cc MX

1. David Brush
2. John Woppler
3. Cody Bole
4. Eric Bole
5. Pete Pomville

80cc Trailrider

100cc+ MX

6. Cole Harvey
7. Tyson Stupy
1. Robby Huerbin
2. Dustin Pflugh
3. Russell Pflugh
4. Michael Bash
5. Anthony Martinelli

80cc Trailrider

1. Ryan Stupy
2. Eric Pfund
3. Seth Starling
4. Jake Klachthaler
5. Andy Domville
6. Michael Arnold

50cc MX

1. Jake Hammel
2. Codi Reed

60cc MX

1. Abby Koper
2. Joshua Etzel

ADULT TRIATHLON RESULTS

Overall Ironman winner, Terry Hartman

HILLCLIMB

A Class

1. Terry Hartman
2. Jake McCrae
3. Paul Thompson
4. Jeremy Thompson

C Class

1. Tom Nebel
2. Ryan Hall
3. Matt Marburger
4. Cam Marburger

Senior 50+

1. Jim Siebert
2. Don Adams
3. Bill Bates

Senior 40+

1. Jeff Pflugh
2. Eric Gardner
3. Jeff Wappler
4. Vinny Kabay

DRAG RACES

A Class

1. Doug Boros
2. Terry Hartman

Kid's C Class

1. Cole Harvey
2. John Wappler

C Class

1. Mark Finn
2. Joe Clark

Senior 50+

1. Jim Siebert
2. Bill Bates

Senior 40+

1. Vinny Kabay
2. Tom Marchese

Vet 30+

1. Randy Drapela
2. Dan Baniul

Open Quad

1. Dan Chiarluna
2. Jason Thompson

Quad Vet 30+

1. Dan Kalchthaler
2. Rich Jarvis

HARESCRAMBLE

A Class

1. Terry Hartman
2. Jeremy Thompson
3. Paul Thompson

Senior 50+

1. Don Adams
2. Jim Siebert
3. Bill Bates

Vet 30+

1. Randy Drapela

C Class

1. Tom Nebel
2. Cam Marburger
3. Ryan Hall
3. Joe Clark
4. David DeSimone
5. Matt Marburger
6. Mark Finn
7. Mike Verbanic
8. Anthony Erlain

9. Alan Upholster

10. Mike Bauer

11. Bobby Huerbin

Senior 40+

1. Vinny Kabay

2. Jeff Wappler

3. Eric Gardner

4. Chuck Smith

5. Jeff Pflugh

6. Pancho Harvey

7. Mike Stupy

8. Tim Pfund

9. Bobby Huerbin

10. Tom Marchese

11. Bruce Bischoff

Kid's Class

1. John Wappler

2. Robbie Huerbin

HATFIELD McCOY TRAIL RIDE

Many members are looking into venturing down to ride the Hatfield McCoy trail system in southwestern West Virginia over the **weekend of November 8/9/10**. If you are interested, either give Jeff Pflugh a call at 724-295-2583 or drop him an email at jpflugh@salsgiver.com. Here are the details so far: Some are planning a ride at all three trailheads on Friday/Saturday/Sunday. To do that, you'll need to leave Thursday afternoon/evening as it is about a 5 hour trip from Pittsburgh down to Logan, WV. A trip down even if you can only ride Saturday/Sunday is still worth the trip. The best place to stay, having sampled some of the hotels/motels on previous trips, seems to be the Logan Super 8 Motel. Their number is 304-752-8787. It's clean and reasonably priced, and is next to a Shoney's and within walking distance to other restaurants and such. Logan is also quite close to the two northernmost trailheads. If you are interested in campsites, check out the Hatfield McCoy website at www.trailsheaven.com for a list.

The order in which we are planning on riding the trailheads is:

1. Friday at the Reverend Compton Trailhead, off US Route 52 outside of Williamson, WV.
2. Saturday at the Rockhouse Trailhead, off Rt. 10 outside of Man, WV.
3. Sunday at the Bear Wallow Trailhead, off Rt. 10 just outside of Logan, WV.

There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting at Lojak's Cycle. Obviously, you needn't attend the meeting to go to Hatfield McCoy, but, it would be good to see who all is going so we know where everyone is staying to maybe coordinate evening activities and ride times and pairings. For example, some who've signed on are A riders, C riders, quad riders etc.

Trail permits are on sale at the trailheads and plenty of other establishments in the area. A 7 day permit costs \$35 and is mandatory for sure – still well worth the price. These trails are primo stuff and even the trailheads are first class with running water restrooms and spacious graded parking lots. Some members think that it can't be worth the trip because the trails are "too easy". Believe us when we say that even the easy stuff is more fun than you can imagine because of the huge mountains and many switchbacks and rocks. There is also a lot of A trail and single track that is downright difficult.

Some pointers: Fuel is a concern. Some of the perimeter loops are 40+ miles. Finding a place to hide gas in these mountains won't be easy. Invest in a supplemental tank like the ones that replace your number plate, or plan on carrying fuel somehow if you're riding a machine with a small tank. A well stocked fanny pack is also a good idea. At Rockhouse, the furthest point out is easily 25+ miles from the trailhead and out in the middle of nowhere. The terrain is rocky – not like rocks here though. They're the kind that are loose on the ground and some are bowling ball size and bigger. Run plenty of air to avoid flats.

Again, there's a ton of info, including printable trail maps, on their website www.trailsheaven.com

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

ANDREWS CYCLES 13134 State Route 62 Salem, Ohio 44460 330-332-8534 - 800-596-6199

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, 1125 Maple Ave., Washington, 724-222-2229

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

DIRTY HARRY'S BICYCLES, Main Street, Verona, PA, 412-828-2667, www.dirtyharrys.net

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

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

GROVE CITY MOTORSPORTS Rt. 208 1764 S. Center St. Ext., Grove City, 724-748-5004

INSTIGATOR RACING- ATV Tires, Wheels, Bumpers, skid plates & accessories, Freeport PA, Mike Fajbik 724-295-3707 www.instigatorracing.com

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

MACE'S MOTORCYCLE SERVICE, ATK Rt. 982 So., Mt. Pleasant 724-547-5355

MILAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATES Prepare now for year end Taxes. Call Nicholas C. Milan, experienced, professional service. 412-782-3773.

NORTHGATE HONDA – 20634 Rt 19 Cranberry Twp., 724-776-4283

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

SCHULZ CYCLE & ATV, 234 Millers Run Rd., Bridgeville, Parts & access. 15% off, ATK, Husqvarna, 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 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

CLASSIFIED - (ad will run for 3 months only, unless renewed)

1997 Honda XR100, Real good shape, needs nothing, well maintained, new HD chain/sprockets. \$1,400 OBO. Jeff Pflugh 724-295-2583 or jpflugh@salsgiver.com

2001 Honda CR 250, 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. Asking: \$4100.00 Tom Nebel, 412-824-8889

1991 Suzuki LT80 Quads – Two of 'em Good cond., new rear tires, batteies, Bob, 412-364-9327