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SEPTEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

Visit www.district5ama.org and www.mojoraceteam.com for updated Harescramble, MX, GNCC & AWRCs race schedules

SEPTEMBER

21 Annual TRCR Summer Picnic, Switchback Raceway

27 Rumble on the Ridge trail ride, Shortcreek Sportsman Club,
www.rumbleontheridge.homestead.com for details

OCTOBER

3/4/5 TRCR Ride at Hatfield McCoy Trails, Logan WV

4/5 Tour de Forest, Marienville, www.allegheny-online.com for details

6 TRCR Monthly Meeting, Schulz Cycle, Bridgeville, 8:00pm

11 Rally in Herrick Valley trail ride, Adena OH, www.rallyinherrickvalley.com for details

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

And...the winner is...

This is an early, and abbreviated, September newsletter, which we wanted to get out before the **club picnic on Sunday, September 21st at Hopp's Switchback Raceway**. More on that later.

First up, though, is the results of the **Dirt Quest** drawing that was held on the Friday, September 12th evening PA Daily Number. The winning number was 422 and the lucky buyer of that ticket is **Richard Parks**. Richard will get his choice of the spoils as outlined on the ticket – a new machine from one of the participating dealers or \$4k in cash. The winning ticket was sold by member **Frank Hanzlik** and the most tickets were sold by member **Mark Augustine**. They each win a \$200.00 gift certificate at Adams Cycle.

We had a great response to our “emergency mailing” to the membership, where we sent 3 tickets to everyone who hadn't picked any up at meetings. While some counting is still going on, it appears we sold the vast majority of the tickets so, the club will add to the Dirt Quest war chest. **If you still have money to turn in on sold tickets, please get it to us at the club picnic on Sunday, September 21st, or at the next meeting at Schulz Cycle on Monday October 6th, or mail it to Michael Hawthorne at 243 Spartan Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146.** Thanks to everyone for coming through to make this drawing a success, and, special thanks to **Dale Gordon** and **Michael Hawthorne** for running this drawing. And, of course, congratulations to the lucky winner.

Now, as for the Club Summer Picnic, which was at the top of the list of things to discuss at our last meeting at Northgate Cycle (thanks to **Steve Stiller** of Northgate for hosting us and for the pizza!) we are pretty much going to do the same thing as last year with just some slight modifications on the food

to make it easier. Since roasting the pig is a lot of work and mess, we are going to grill hot and sweet sausage as well as some hamburgers and hot dogs. And the club is providing the beer and soda. Members are requested to bring a side dish -you know, the usual potato/macaroni salads, baked beans, snacks, deserts etc. We have kept a lid on admission - \$25 per family, \$15 for a single. Remember, the usual rules apply, to attend, you need not be a member, BUT, if you are going to ride or race, you **MUST** be a member and you can join at the gate.

The gate opens at 9:00am and you are advised to come early since the kids races usually start pretty early, around 11:00am. The adult races will again feature the Iron Man Triathlon event consisting of a Hillclimb, Dragrace and one hour hare scramble. We are “on our own for lunch” but the club hopes to put on the main chow by 3:00 pm or so.

Help is always needed! Celine could use a little help at the gate. We need a person or two to assist in running the race signup to be sure the sandbaggers aren't all entering the “C” classes. And a few people to help flag the kids races is always helpful.

Okay, with that out of the way, on to other issues from the September meeting at Northgate. We learned that the ongoing negotiations between TRCR and the Bognars over the Leechburg property is still progressing. We are now at a stage where the lawyer for the Bognars and the person who is going to write the insurance policy are hammering out the details. Maybe some good news is just around the corner.

Dale Gordon brought t-shirts from the Air Search & Rescue organization for those members who have been helping with that cause.

Gary Bauer gave us a really informative presentation about competing in the AMA pro hillclimb series and brought along his high-zoot 540 pro class CR500 hillclimber. Wow, what a machine. It may not turn well, but we

bet it would tackle the long rocky hills at Hatfield McCoy with ease. Thanks to Gary for taking the time to speak with us.

Speaking of Hatfield McCoy, some of the members are planning a little 3 day event down to Logan to ride the best trails in the country over the weekend of October 3/4/5. Honestly, if you haven't been down there yet, what are you waiting for! This trail system is now widely recognized as the best public trail facility in the nation. In looking at the maps on their website lately (trailsheaven.com) we see that there are even more trails than when we were down there in the spring of this year – well over 500 miles now. Some of us are set to arrive in Logan on Thursday evening, the 2nd, and ride Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We routinely stay at the Super 8 Motel in Logan and both Dale Gordon and Jeff Pflugh have a couple extra rooms in case anyone is interested. Look them up at the picnic.

At the October 6th meeting at Schulz Cycle in Bridgeville, we will be taking nominations for club officers for the 2004

year. Some officers, including our esteemed president, have already announced they will NOT be sitting at the table next year. Hmmm.

And, finally, a bit of bad news. It was announced at the September meeting that Frank Greenhouse, former owner of Gibsonia Cycle in the “good old days”, passed away a couple weeks back. Frank will always be remembered as a good guy who did a lot for offroading in our area and lots of members at one time or another were riding machines that came from Frank. Our condolences go out to his family.

If you have anything to submit to the newsletter, you can send it to the secretary directly at jpflugh@adelphia.net or to our website, trcr.org. See you at the slub picnic at Switchback, and at the October 6th club meeting at Schulz Cycle (I -79 south of Pgh, Bridgeville Exit, left off the ramp, half mile, right onto Millers Run Road, right under white tunnel).

Then, we'll see you in the woods.

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1997 Kamakazi Ninja 250 sportbike. Red. 15K miles. Tinted shield. Good tires. New wheel bearings and brakes. New clutch. Very dependable and runs great; especially wound up in the 5-digit RPMs. Excellent starter bike or for zipping around town. Giving it away at \$1,200. 412-372-5215.

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