



# TRCR

*Three Rivers Competition Riders*

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

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Member PA Off-Highway  
Vehicle Association

## FEBRUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER

### EVENT CALENDAR

Visit [www.district5ama.org](http://www.district5ama.org) and  
[www.mojoraceteam.com](http://www.mojoraceteam.com) for updated  
Harescramble, MX, GNCC & AWRCS race  
schedules

### MARCH

1 TRCR Monthly Meeting, 8:00 pm,  
Northgate Cycle, Cranberry

### APRIL

5 TRCR Monthly Meeting, site to be  
announced

Hatfield McCoy trip, date to be set

### THREE RIVERS COMPETITION RIDERS

President: *Steve Stiller* Vice President: *Celine Nista* Treasurer: *Nicholas Milan*  
Secretary: *Jeff Pflugh* Legislative Affairs/USFS Liaison: *Mike Babusci*

#### **GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OF THE PACK**

Ice racing anyone? As you can see by the cover, that's what Neil Barker has been up to. But, we're finally seeing a little bit in the way of a break in the weather so maybe some of us didn't mount those studded tires for nothing after all.

Our January 2004 meeting was held at Schulz Cycle in Bridgeville and we had a decent turnout of around 50 members. Thanks to Darrell and the boys for providing the hungry and cold members with some really good pizza

And, special thanks to Ron Christmas, who was on hand to promote the new Fly Gear line. Ron raffled off a free Fly outfit and the lucky winner was Fred Michalski. Ron also gave away passes to the Freestyle MX that was held at the Mellon Arena a couple weeks back. Thanks so much to Ron and, if you weren't on hand to look at the Fly line, we must say it is really worth looking at – all the stuff is made in the U.S. and is real quality gear. They even have a new boot that rivals the Tech 8 (including removal inner bootie) for considerably less money.

Celine gave us a debriefing on the club Christmas Party and the net cost to the club was around \$300 plus the \$750 we spent on doorprizes (which had a value in excess of \$1200 thanks, once again, to Ron Christmas).

We spent some time at the meeting discussing the insurance issues. Basically, the lack of an affordable liability insurance policy for non-competitive events is keeping us from scheduling riding events at some sites and, more importantly, is the stumbling block in putting together an agreement to ride at the former Leechburg property. But, as we go to press, we are getting some very positive info from the PaOHV Executive Director that we may in fact be close to having an insurer write the policy necessary for clubs like ours to do the things we do without buying expensive

“racing” policies. We hope to have some more info by the next meeting - keep your fingers crossed.

Darrell Schulz gave us some info on how they are geared up for a very eventful year of rides and races. The Schulz Race Team will be competing at many District 5 Hare Scrambles, Cross Country races and Enduros. And, Darrell will be putting on some trail rides out of his shop. Keep an eye out on their website [www.4schulzcycle.com](http://www.4schulzcycle.com) for details.

The FMX at the Mellon Arena on February 6<sup>th</sup> was a smashing success with around 80 TRCR members attending. The stunts were a notch above last years events with backflips being done for the first time at the Arena. Several members attended a pre-event gathering at the Church Brew Works and lots of fun was had by all.

Another group in West Virginia has recognized that off-roading brings in dollars to the community and creates jobs. The Ritchie Codunty Economic Development Authority is working to build a trail system in Ritchie County (area between Clarksburg and Parkersburg). Of course, they are meeting the typical resistance from environmental groups, hunting clubs and locals who have a misperception of what the sport is all about. However, the folks in Ritchie County are also meeting resistance from the Hatfield McCoy group which has pretty much said they will do what they can to stop any development of trails that the Hatfield McCoy group does not manage, citing the fact that there is only so much annual funding for trails.

Gee, we'd like to think that there is enough interest in the sport, especially in central and southern West Virginia, to support both systems. And, although we love the Hatfield McCoy trails, fact is, Ritchie County is about half the drive for us.

Speaking of Hatfield McCoy, it's time to set

a date for our annual spring weekend riding adventure. If you haven't been to one of these bi-annual trail rides yet to experience the 400-plus miles of great trails in southern WV, all we can ask is – what in the world are you waiting for? It's a great trip and we challenge you to find anyone that came back either disappointed or who couldn't wait to go back down. Be at the next meeting to vote on a weekend in April.

A reminder that membership dues for 2004 are now due. There's a form in this issue to renew or recruit a new member. If you have anything to submit to the newsletter, you can send it to the secretary directly at [jpflugh@adelphia.net](mailto:jpflugh@adelphia.net) or to our website, [trcr.org](http://trcr.org). See you at the March 1st meeting at Northgate Cycle, Rt. 19 North in Cranberry. Then, we'll see you in the woods.

## **MALCOLM SMITH HONORED & BOB HANNAH ROASTED AT 2004 BLUE RIBBON COALITION BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS**

by Clark L. Collins, Development Director, BRC <http://www.sharetrails.org/index.cfm?page=21#Clark>  
POCATELLO, ID (February 19) -- Nearly five hundred Powersports Expo attendees were treated to breakfast and some of the best bench racing stories ever at the BlueRibbon Coalition's sixth annual BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS on Sunday, February 15, at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis. Off highway motorcycling legends Malcolm Smith, Bob Hannah, Scott Summers, Scot Harden, Donnie Hanson, Jimmy Lewis, Danny Laporte, John Penton, Dick Burleson, Marty Moates, Mike Bell, Ryan Young and Guy Cooper were featured.

An original sculpture of Malcolm Smith in an action pose on a Husky was presented to Malcolm for his years of support for the BlueRibbon Coalition. The artist, Mitch Billis from Bozeman Montana, went to great lengths to create a tribute worthy of its' recipient. Billis, who is a dirt biker and snowmobiler himself, studied old Dirt Bike magazine articles about Malcolm and even examined an old Husky to ensure the authenticity of the piece.

Motorcycle industry leader Mark Woodward was the master of ceremonies for a "roast" of Bob Hannah. Other champions told stories about racing with Hannah, and what a tough competitor he was. The best story of all was from his mechanic at the time, and current Yamaha Racing Division Director, Keith McCarty. McCarty said that Hannah was always playing tricks on other team members. One day they lured him into a room at the hotel they were staying in, stripped him naked and duct taped him to a chair. They then carried him to the elevator, set him in the middle of it, and punched the buttons for every floor. At the lobby, a guy waiting for the elevator just calmly removed the tape from Hannah's mouth, asked him which floor he wanted, put the tape back and sent him on his way.

Eric Anderson, who has assisted us at every Breakfast of Champions, conducted the live auction of the memorabilia items contributed by our champions. Several motorcycle adventures were also auctioned to the highest bidder to raise money for BRC's advocacy efforts. Malcolm Smith donated a 1982 Husky 430cc six-speed motorcycle for the auction. When the bidding didn't go high enough to suit him Malcolm bought it back himself.

Danny Laporte presented the BlueRibbon Coalition with an \$8,000 check from FMF's Q series exhaust/BRC support program. Laporte challenged the industry to adopt a "FEEL THE POWER" program to show OHV enthusiasts that they don't need to "hear" loud pipes to achieve maximum performance. Once again Dick Burleson reinforced that message pointing out the importance of quiet pipes to achieving success in the land use issues.

The 2004 Breakfast of Champions was co-sponsored by the following powersports industry leaders. Yamaha, Xtreme Motor Co., Western Power Sports, Warn Industries, Works Enduro Rider, V Force Reed Valves, Tucker Rocky, Trail Rider magazine, Suzuki, Scorpion Helmets, Scott USA, Pro Moto Billit, Progressive Suspension, Power Sports Business magazine, Polaris Industries, Parts Unlimited, No-Toil, Motorcycle Stuff, Motorcycle Product News, Motorcycle Industry Magazine, Motion Pro, Mikuni, MIC/SVIA, KTM, Kawasaki, Intersport Fashions West, Impact Video, EBC Brakes, Fox Racing, Dealer News, California Motorcycle Dealers Assn., Entertainment, FMF, Cycle News and Clear Channel

Entertainment.

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