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JANUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY 2004

2 TRCR Monthly Meeting, 8:00 pm, Schulz Cycle, Bridgeville
6/7 Freestyle Motocross event at Pgh. Mellon Arena

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

It's cold and snowy and hats off to anyone braving the elements to ride.

The January 2004 meeting was held at iMX/Internet Motorsport Xessories in Zelienople and if you haven't been there yet – two words – nice place! Thanks much to the good folks at iMX for the pizza and hospitality last month.

The club welcomed its new officers for the year with Steve Stiller sitting as the new prez and

Nicholas Milan as our new treasurer. Steve is already working with some volunteers to put on more events this year.

We had a nice turnout at iMX, over 60 members, and welcomed new members Kevin Kosik and George Huerbin.

The FMX is set for the weekend of February 6th. The club has around 80 members attending on Friday night. If you're not in the group, there's probably still time to get tix through the Mellon Arena

box office for either night.

We spent the rest of the meeting going over plans for the annual Christmas Party which was held January 24th at the Moose Lodge in Glenshaw. The party went well with about 80 attendees. Celine really deserves all of our thanks for pretty much putting this thing together on her own. She wants to thank members of the "ladies auxiliary" for their help – Sally Frueh, Paula Hawthorne and Lisa Starling. The food and entertainment – provided by "The Average Joes" - was great. We had well over \$1,000 in door prizes thanks to Steve and Joe Habersack at Northgate Cycle, and to Ron Christmas of WPS who gave a lot of the prizes at cost through Northgate. Michael Hawthorne, the club's outgoing treasurer of the last decade or so, was awarded the President's Award. Vinny Kabay was awarded the coveted Smashed Pipe Award for his riding antics at Hatfield

earlier in the year.

Not much else happening this cold January. Hope you're staying warm and as active as possible. One way to do that is to come out to the meeting on February 2nd at Schulz Cycle and do a little bench racing. Take the Bridgeville Exit off I-79 south, left at the light, ¼ mile, right onto Millers Run Road (look for white tunnel on your right).

Oh yeah, two more things, membership dues for 2004 are now due. There's a form in this issue to renew or recruit a new member. And, check out the newly updated PaOHV website at paohv.org.

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 February 2nd meeting at Schulz Cycle. Then, we'll see you in the woods.

AMA News & Notes for the Politically Motivated Motorcyclist

A monthly service compiled and edited by the AMA Government Relations Staff to keep motorcyclists informed of happenings around the world..

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Imperial Sand Dunes, known in the off-highway vehicle community as Glamis, plan for reopening 49,000 acres to motorized recreation is once again on hold. A federal plan that would have reopened a portion of the dunes that has been closed to off-road traffic in recent years was delayed as the US District Court in San Francisco ruled that the BLM must wait for more input from the US Department of Fish and Wildlife before issuing a plan to reopen 49,300 acres to vehicular traffic. The court action was in response to a suit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity, which claimed the biological opinion from Fish and Wildlife in the plan was flawed.

Pennsylvania House Bill 2133, introduced by Representative Kerry A. Benninghoff (R-Bellefonte), proposes to amend Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding a section 4310 to read, "Auxiliary lighting may be added to a motorcycle to protect the driver, including blue dot illumination, standard bulb running lights and various colors of valve stem caps, light-emitting diode (LED) pods and strips, light wire, neon tubes and strobe lights." The bill was referred to the House Transportation Committee on October 27, 2003.

Motorcyclists and safety experts know that additional lighting increases visibility of motorcycles to other motor vehicle operators. Many enthusiasts have decided that stock lighting on their motorcycles is not enough. The addition of after-market lighting boosts conspicuity, especially at night. Even during daylight hours, adding more lights may help other drivers more clearly identify motorcycles.

Show your support for HB-2133 by sending a letter to Honorable Richard A. Geist, Chairman, House Transportation Committee, Main Capitol Building - Room 144, Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020.

Contacting your representative is also important in promoting HB-2133. You can use the "Take Action Now" feature of AMA StateWatch on www.AMADirectlink.com to send a pre-written letter of support for HB-2133 to your representative.

Just three weeks after the bill was introduced in Congress, the House Resources Forests and Forest Health Subcommittee held a hearing on a proposal to crack down on people who willfully damage public land. The bill, HR 3247, is called the Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands (TRAIL) Act. It would create consistent standards for law enforcement on federal land.

Also, the proposal substantially increases the penalties on recreational users of the land who willfully cause

damage to public land. The fines would be used for rehabilitation, education, and awareness.

At the hearing, Mark Rey, US Agriculture Department undersecretary for natural resources and the environment, and Larry Parkinson, US Interior Department deputy secretary for law enforcement and security, offered support for the goals of the bill and offered to work with the subcommittee on the final language of the bill.

The AMA supports responsible riding on public land and believes that those who intentionally damage land should be punished, whether they're motorized vehicle users, horse riders, campers or hikers. The AMA decided to endorse the Tancredo legislation, in part, because another measure -- HR 751, commonly called ROVER -- targets only motorized vehicle users, and doesn't provide for consistent penalties among the various federal land agencies.

"I Have A Dream"

by Don Amador,

Blue Ribbon Coalition Western Representative

As I watched a mountain biker from the San Francisco Bay Area drip precious fluids from his CamelBak hydration system onto my friend's motorcycle tube to help spot an air leak, I was struck by the irony of the situation.

Here is a group of non-motorized trail enthusiasts helping some dirt bikers on a trail in the Poison Spider Mesa near Moab, Utah. I have been told by the Sierra Club and other preservationists that we weren't supposed to get along.

For many years, greens groups have cited so-called user conflict between motorized and non-motorized recreationists as a reason to close lands to Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). A recent 68 page "the sky is falling" report authored by the California Wilderness Coalition said that hikers, campers, and mountain bikers have been run off the land by OHVs.

Yet, here I am in the mountain bike and hiking capitol of the world enjoying the scenic wonders of this special place and it seems that the non-motorized recreationists have not heard that they are supposed to yell at jeeps and OHVs for "ruining" their solitude and enjoyment of the great outdoors.

As several of us dirt bikers dismount and hike out to a vista overlooking the Colorado River, we are greeted by some tourists who hired a local guide to drive them in a 4-wheel drive. At the same time, four mountain bikers also park their bikes and join us as we all take in the beauty and grandeur of the canyon and view.

The hikers we passed on the Poison Spider Trail waved at us and smiled. They said they were having a great time and told us to enjoy our ride. Maybe this is a dream. But no, it is real.

As the one mountain biker helped locate a slow air leak in Randy Block's tire tube, I chatted with the other riders visiting this area from California. Instead of pointing fingers at each other, we talked about the price of my Michelin S-12 knobbies and that their mountain bike tires also cost about 65 dollars each.

I asked them if they had ever ridden at one of my other favorite trail areas near Downieville, California. Located in the Sierra Nevada, this popular multi use trail system is yet another example of where I have experienced a "we can get along" philosophy. I go there every year and it seems that the equestrians, OHVs, and mountain bikers have managed to craft a land-use ethic that respects other trail users and the environment.

Am I naive enough to believe that there are never any instances of some trail users having disagreements with other recreationists? No. However, I do believe that there are many places where diverse recreational interests have and do manage to use public lands in a cooperative fashion.

I have a dream that someday all trail users will get along and respect each other's personal choice of recreational activity. Maybe that's not such a far fetched idea.--

Don Amador is the BlueRibbon Coalition Western States Representative.

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2001 DRZ400S 775 miles w/ extra Dunlop 606 tires, \$4000 OBO, Ernie, 724-869-2827

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