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DECEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

Visit www.district5ama.org and www.mojoraceteam.com for updated 2006
Harescramble, MX, GNCC & AWRCS race schedules

JANUARY 2006

2 Monthly Meeting, 8pm Northgate Cycles in Cranberry
21 Annual Holiday Party, 6pm, Shaler Moose, Saxonburg Blvd.

FEBRUARY

6 Monthly Meeting, (site to be announced)

MARCH

6 Monthly Meeting, (site to be announced)

APRIL

3 Monthly Meeting, (site to be announced)
7/8/9 Annual Spring Ride at Hatfield McCoy Trails

ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006 ARE NOW DUE.
Please pay at next meeting or use the enclosed Form to pay by mail

THREE RIVERS COMPETITION RIDERS

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

GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OF THE PACK

Last month's meeting was held at West Hills Honda, a nice new shop out near the airport on "the runway". We thank the owners for hosting us and for the pizza. We had a decent turnout of over 50 members and we spent most of the evening going over the outcome of Steve Stiller's very successful Toy Run, planning our annual holiday party, which takes place January 21st, and just doing some general bench racing. Steve's Toy Run was featured on a recent episode of Speed Channel's "2-Wheeled Tuesday" show. If you caught the segment, you'd have to agree that we not only got some decent airtime, but Steve did one heck of a job on his interviews. And maybe you saw yourself, or one of your fellow members, on TV. Couldn't help but notice that Vinny Kabay was shown twice (camera hog) and the one time, it kinda looked like he was trying to run over some poor kid on a minibike. What some guys won't do to get on TV. Anyway, the Toy Run was Steve's best ever and it was nice to see it get some exposure. Steve wanted to mention that nobody claimed the 50/50 ticket worth \$104 – if you can show Steve the ticket with the winning number of 761408, the money is yours. The winners of the other raffle items were:

Rekluse Clutch – Gill P.

Riding gear – David Smail, Jeff Pflugh

T-wrench set – Nick Wisnick

Tie Downs sets – Luke Prager, Bob Vogel

Goggles – Luke Prager, Jill Moyher, Sydney

Bordonaro

Fuel Can – Tom Nwanski

Broc Hepler's racing jersey – Jeff Lamparski

The other item at the December meeting, of course, was the annual Christmas/Holiday Party. We're again having it at the Shaler Moose lodge, which has proven to be a very good place to have the event and is somewhat centrally located for most members. It's just north of the city, off Rt. 8 and onto Saxonburg Blvd heading north just a few miles on your right. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate this year. Last year, a mini-blizzard blew through the evening of the party, making for a pretty light turnout – and no band! If you've never made the party, it really is a good time. There aren't many places you can go out for \$45 per couple to eat, drink and dance all night. The grand selection of door prizes alone makes it worth the trip. Appetizers and drinks begin at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. You can pay at the door but the club greatly appreciates advance reservations so we can get a handle on attendance. Pay at the next meeting or send your check to Nicholas Milan with the enclosed form. Bring a dessert and get a \$5 discount. Come on out, you won't be disappointed. As Don Adams always says, if you don't come, shame on you, because we had a great party on your dues money.

At our November meeting, elections, er, I mean, appointments of new officers was made. Pretty much the same lineup except that yours truly is back at the Secretarial keyboard. The 2006 officers huddled up after the last meeting and resolved to pick things up a bit this year and concentrate on having more club rides. What we have learned is that, just because some of the "core" members don't show up at these rides, or see their worth, there are prospective members that come in and out of the club every month, hoping to find organized rides. There is also a separate layer of membership beyond the experienced riders and 10-20 year members that are begging for these kind of events. We're going to put more of them on. Steve and Mike Perry are working on filling the calendar. We are also going to plan on taking advantage of scheduling club events at some of the legal places to ride such as Marienville. It still amazes us that many members haven't been to the Marienville bike trail in years. Fact is, the trail is in great shape these days and is fun and challenging. It may not be "tight woods", but the twisty sections that went in over the last few years are a blast on any bike no matter what your skill level. And there are still a few rocky sections that can give anyone less than a B+ a run for their money if they try to ride it too fast. Point is, we could be scheduling club rides at one of the trail heads and put on a picnic spread.

If you're interested in helping to plan rides or have something to say about any other issue, the officers and advisory board members will be meeting at Northgate Cycle at 7pm on Monday, January 2nd, just before the regular meeting. The advisory board is made up of some longstanding members, mostly those who were involved in the club during its inception. But we are always looking for "new blood". So, short story is, if you are as passionate about off-roading as we are and can devote some time to the club, come on out.

Another short item that has once again surfaced is the cost of mailing this newsletter. Two years ago, we tried to convince people to give us their email addresses so we could send the newsletter around on an email chain. At both the September and October meetings, the attendees unanimously voted to discontinue sending hard copies of the newsletter by mail. And, why not, we spend hundreds of dollars every year on postage alone mailing the newsletter. Although this would seem to be one of those "no-brainer" issues, the same degree of enthusiasm displayed by those who voted on this issue is not seen on your dues renewal forms. You see, to make this work, we need your email addresses. We have many renewals for 2006. We see very few email addresses. At the meetings over the next few months, we will be passing around a sheet for you to give us your email address. You can help save the club some administrative time and money by accepting your newsletter via email.

Hey, speaking of the Speed Channel – there was a 1 hour episode on the recent Red Bull Last Man Standing race that was held in northern Texas back in November. What a great event. An elimination style race featuring some of the big names running during the day and night. Tom Nebel and some of the TEN Racing gang went to

see this race and they said it was the best off-road event they've ever attended. There are some brutal sections with rocks you would never believe existed in Texas. If you go to redbulllastmanstanding.com, they have some cool race pics and video on the site. If you missed the race on Speed, it is being rebroadcast on January 8th at 6pm.

And finally, I'm working on an article that addresses the whole 2-strokes versus 4-strokes in the woods issue. Basically, what I'm looking for from riders is what advantages and disadvantages you see for each machine in the woods in different conditions. For example, it's nice to have a 2-stroke for tight woods and a 4-stroke for more open trails, right? Last week, even with new Trelleborgs, I wondered whether I would have been better off on my heavier 4-stroke in the snow. My arms felt as if I'd just rowed up the Allegheny from Pittsburgh after spending the day sawing the bars back and forth on the lighter 2-stroke because I couldn't get the front wheel to bite into the ground. Although these opinions are always better when coming from those who have spent time on both, I'm also interested in hearing from those who would "never ride a lawn mower" and those who would "never go back to a 2-smoke". You can email me at jpflugh@peircelaw.com with your ideas, comments, opinions etc. Or, talk to me at next years first meeting – January 2nd at Northgate Cycle at 8pm. In the meantime, we'll see you in the woods.

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

1995 Honda XR280 Brand new Al Baker's XR's Only 280 Kit w/ 3 rides on it. XR's Only exhaust system, graphics and seat cover too. One nice running/sounding/looking mid-size thumper that is ready to ride, needs nothing. \$1,800 OBO. Jeff, 724-295-2583.

1995 KTM 250EXC in very good condition, rear brake guard, front brake cover, new seat cover, good tires, no broken plastic. \$1,700 OBO, evenings after 6pm, Dave Orient, 724-746-1331.

TRCR's DISCOUNT DEALERS Please be sure to visit these dealers and accessory shops. By showing your TRCR membership card you receive a discount. Most dealers give 10%.

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

BENTLEY'S Yam-Suz-Pol-KTM 4451 Rt 22 Murrysville, PA 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

CROSS ROADS MOTORSPORTS, 5375 William Flynn Hwy, Gibsonia, PA 724-444-6555

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

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

DUTCHMAN RACING, 412-781-5551 or www.dutchmanracing.com

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

iMX Internet Motorsport Xessories, 146 Chestnut Street Zelienople, PA 16063, 724-452-6952

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

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

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

NORTHGATE CYCLE – 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, 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 Rd Conneaut Lake, PA www.stnt.com, 877-STNT-YES

TEN GRAPHIX, Signs & Vehicle Markings, Thomas E. Nebel, 1800 Sheridan St., No. Braddock, 412-824-8889, www.tengraphix.com

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CENTER, 68 Camp Horne Rd., Emsworth, 412-761-1666. Auto and cycle inspection

TRCR 2005 HOLIDAY PARTY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Single	Couple	Youth	Guest
\$25.00	\$45.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
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Saturday January 21st at the Shaler Moose, Saxonburg Blvd.

6:00 pm Appetizers

7:00 pm Dinner

Buffet dinner, beer, raffles, door prizes and dancing!

Bring a dessert and knock \$5.00 off price of admission ()

Make check payable to TRCR and bring to January 2nd meeting at Northgate Cycle or mail this form w/ your check to:

**Nicholas Milan
TRCR Treasurer
PO Box 95224
Pittsburgh, PA 15223-0224**



2006 TRCR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - DUES RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ AMA No.: _____

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____ ADDRESS CHANGE _____

New members only – membership is \$3.00 per month for each month remaining in year

Single Membership _____ \$34.00 annual (Anyone age 18 or over)

Family Membership _____ \$35.00 annual (A family includes parents w/ children under 18)

RELEASE

In signing this membership application, I acknowledge that off-road riding is a hazardous activity with inherent risks of injury and that I voluntarily assume those risks. I understand that TRCR, its officers, directors, trail leaders and members welcome my participation as a club member, but are not responsible for my safety or liable for any injury that might result from my participation in any club activity. Furthermore, I will rely upon my own judgment and ability while participating in TRCR events and assume all risks of injury or damage arising out of such participation. I will not sue or make any claim whatsoever against TRCR, its officers or the organizers of its events as a result of such participation. I agree to follow sensible trail riding principles and ride carefully to ensure my own safety as well as the safety of those with whom I share the trail. As a parent or guardian of a member under the age of 18, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above mentioned parties from any claim or injury or damages which said minor may sustain. I hereby consent to and permit emergency medical treatment if I am injured. Above all, I hereby acknowledge that TRCR is an off-road vehicle club which is dedicated to the furtherance and preservation of the sport. I therefore agree to follow general rules of good conduct and sensible behavior at all club functions and wherever TRCR appears in public in any way.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make check payable to TRCR and bring to next meeting OR mail to
Michael Perry, TRCR VP
667 Baur Drive
Wexford, PA 15090