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Three Rivers Competition Riders



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FEBRUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

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

MARCH

7 TRCR Monthly Meeting, Northgate Cycles in Cranberry

APRIL

**4 TRCR Monthly Meeting, (site to be announced)
8/9/10 Hatfield McCoy Trip**

**ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2005 ARE NOW DUE.
THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID.**

THREE RIVERS COMPETITION RIDERS

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

GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OF THE PACK

Last month's meeting was held at Northgate Cycle in Cranberry. One of the main issues talked about at the meeting was about the insurance for the club. Thanks to Mike Perry the insurance policy will most likely go through. If the insurance does go through we could possibly have club rides every other week, which would be a big improvement since last year we really didn't have any. We will be scheduling rides at various places, instead of one consistent area. Also, the riding will hopefully attract more members.

Another issue that we talked about is the Hatfield McCoy Trip which will take place on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of April, hopefully we will have a good turnout. Here is more information about the ride:

Also, if anyone would like to place an ad in the next letter spaces are now available: \$25 for a pre-printed ad; ¼ page \$25; ½ page \$50, and for a full page \$100. So place your ads now!

ANNUAL HATFIELD McCOY SPRING RIDE

By Jeff Pflugh

The weekend of April 8/9/10 has been set to venture down to Logan to ride the infamous Hatfield McCoy trails. This is the weekend immediately following the spring "time change" when we flip clocks ahead an hour to begin Daylight Savings Time. That gives us an extra hour to ride (or find our way out of the woods if lost or broken down!). If you are reading this and have not yet made it down to the Mecca of legal trail riding – shame on you! Over 500 miles of trails await you and you won't be disappointed because even the "easy" trails offer such a great variety of terrain and mountainous vistas. If you think that it's impossible to have fun on a "legal trail system" or you expect these trails to be easy like the ANF trails – think again. Some of our best A riders have found hills at Hatfield McCoy that they can NOT get up. And the new single track trails at Rockhouse are so difficult they could hold a trials event there. So sick yet so much fun! Hell, it's worth the trip just to see Vinny Kabay do his bi-annual launch-and-endo off a mountain top.

Look, every month, members bring up the fact that the club doesn't get together enough for full bore trail rides. Well, this is your chance. And it doesn't matter whether you're an A, B or C rider. It's not as far or expensive as you think and the journey is well worth the trip to ride what have to be the best legal trails in the eastern US. The town of Logan is pretty central to most trailheads and the Super 8 Motel there seems to be the resting spot of choice. I've blocked off 5 rooms – first come, first served. If you plan on going down and staying somewhere – do not wait because accommodations go quickly.

Some of us ride Friday/Saturday/Sunday but you can ride any combination of the 3 days and still hook up with club members. For you newbies, here is a tip: Do NOT go down without a well prepared machine. Fresh tires, sprockets, chain etc are a must. Even the easy and moderate trails can get very rocky with sandstone that will wear your tires like sandpaper over 3 days. Large gas tanks are advisable but gas can be gotten off the trail, so you 2-strokes, bring a little bottle for oil. At some of the trails, you can ride right into town to hit quickie marts and restaurants, which is really neat. You can learn more about the trails and obtain other information on the Hatfield McCoy website at trailsheaven.com

If you want to snatch up one of the motel rooms I blocked off, gimme an email at jpflugh@peircelaw.com.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY CONSIDERS TRAIL SYSTEM

By Mike Babusci, TRCR Legislative Affairs Officer

A couple of weeks ago Steve Stiller, Jeff Pflugh and I attended a planning commission meeting in Armstrong County. Apparently, Armstrong County recently completed their county comprehensive plan. This plan, which still needs to be formally adopted, made several recommendations to the members of the Planning Commission. One of the recommendations is for them to adopt a formal recreation plan for the county.

The meeting that we attended was a public hearing the County held to determine what elements needed to be included in the recreation plan. Word got around and trail bike and ATV riders showed up for the hearing in force. The number of attendees to this meeting overwhelmed the capacity of the meeting room and resulted in lines that stretched into the adjoining hallways. The Commissioners clearly got the message that there is a significant segment of the populace that is interested in seeing motorized recreation be included in the recreation plan.

The Recreation Plan, once completed, may prove to be a rather vague but none-the-less important document. You have to keep in mind there is a tremendous amount of bureaucracy that is involved in making government work and having off-highway vehicle recreation being included in a county recreation plan is a vital first step. By including it in their recreation plan, Armstrong County is essentially saying that they recognize there is a need for this form of recreation in their community and they intend to address that need.

Now this is all well and fine but what does that really mean? I spoke with Michael Coonley from the Department of Planning and he indicated the County could do any of a number of things to work "towards" the goal of "addressing" that need. This could be as simple as the County adopting a resolution to identify a local off-highway group to work with in "discussing" future needs. It could mean they may decide to conduct a feasibility study to determine the pros and cons of developing such a facility. They may even go so far as identifying areas in the

county where they feel the development of such a park would have a minimal impact on other land uses.

If you're reading this and are thinking it sounds like we are a long way from somewhere to ride, you're probably right. Remember the wheels of government grind very slowly but we need to celebrate the fact that they are finally rolling in our direction. Armstrong County should be applauded for realizing that motorized recreation is a legitimate activity that needs to be included in their plans for the future. As ATV and trail bike enthusiasts we need to remind the County that we are willing to help them in their quest to create riding areas and when given the opportunity, show them that we can be responsible patrons of public lands.

As officers of TRCR and representatives of NOHVCC and PaOHV we will do what we can to keep this momentum moving forward. NOHVCC and PaOHV have commissioned a number of studies that show the positive economic influence a community can realize when they open their arms to motorized recreation. We intend to share this information along with any expertise we have to offer to Armstrong County's Department of Planning. We also assume, that when the time comes to show public support or to volunteer for trail construction or maintenance duties that the members of TRCR will rally to this need as well.

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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
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