



TRCR

Three Rivers Competition Riders



"Western Pennsylvania's Premier Off-Road Club"

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Member PA Off-Highway
Vehicle Association

APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

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

MAY

- 1 Monthly Meeting, 8pm at Bentley's Cycle, Rt. 22, Murrysville
Read inside about big savings and specials for members at the meeting!
- 21 Club Rides at Bruin and at Mountain Ridge Trails in Somerset
Go to TRCR.org and come to Monday's meeting for details

JUNE

- 5 Monthly Meeting, 8pm at Northgate Cycle, Rt. 19, Cranberry

ATTENTION: MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006 ARE NOW DUE.
Please pay at next meeting or use the enclosed form to pay by mail
Only members in good standing receive a club newsletter via email or snail 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

The May TRCR meeting will be held at the newly remodeled Bentley's Cycle on Rt. 22 in Murrysville. Mike Warchol has taken over the parts department there and has informed us of some gigantic savings and specials for TRCR members who come to the May 1st meeting, especially if you are a KTM rider. Bentley's will be offering to TRCR members in attendance that night 20% off on KTM parts and accessories. In addition, any member who buys KTM parts and/or accessories that night will be programmed into Bentley's system to continue to receive 20% off on future purchases of KTM parts and 15% off on aftermarket accessories! Tasty arrangement, huh? Don't ride a KTM? Don't fret. Mike also says that Yamaha, Suzuki and Polaris riders will receive significant savings as well. Bentley's is also planning on putting on quite the food spread and serving up door prizes to promote their new shop. So, there you have it – tell the wife the lawn work will have to wait as this is a meeting you can't afford to miss.

Last month's meeting was held at West Hills Honda. Mike Stupy won a brand new Fly helmet donated by West Hills and we thank them for their donation. Dan Martin won the remainder of the 50/50 drawing. So, if you're not going to meetings, you're missing out on a lot. We've got prizes and rides galore. Steve Stiller gave us an update on his riding property at Bruin where he hosted a club ride last week. Bad weather dampened attendance a bit. But everyone agreed there are more and better trails there now including a new grass track and some C trail and kids area too. Next ride is May 21. If you want, you can pay as you go to ride there at \$10 per person/ \$15 per family or Steve is offering "keys" to the gate for \$150 for the season which allows everyone in your household to ride any Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Steve wanted to clarify that the property is not being financed or run by the club. Memberships are being offered at a discount to TRCR members as a perk.

On April 22, 13 members braved heavy rain to attend the clean up of our Adopt-a-Highway stretch of I-279. The event was covered by the press and Penn DOT because of our long history at the site. Thanks to Bob Huerbin who has continued to run this project. Members who attended the clean up will be credited for free admission to a future club ride.

The club did its annual spring ride at Hatfield McCoy trails over the weekend of April 7th. About a dozen members made the trip down to Logan for 3-4 days of great riding. Friday was punctuated with some pretty severe rain storms at the end of the day which made the trip back to the Motel quite the adventure. Stopping to drag fallen trees off the road in a serious downpour was necessary. That made for some interesting riding the next couple days, especially on Sunday at Rockhouse where Vinny and I were carrying bikes over and through blowdowns most of the afternoon. Some were pretty severe. I ran one of the IRC trials tires on the trip. If you haven't tried one of these yet, you really owe it to yourself to invest the hundred bucks for the best ear-to-ear grinning traction you've ever had. They really shine on slick, wet terrain and rocks whether wet or dry. I was the only one to make every hill with traction to spare and, as we all know, it wasn't this rider – it was the tire. It is amazing. It is not like the trials tires we had on our old Suzuki TS185. The compound is so much more advanced now. It just sticks to everything like glue. It got to the point where you could just twist the throttle without fear on slick, greasy surfaces and actually search out and aim at rock ledges on the hills and use them as instant traction to launch to the summit. Of course, the down side is that, as the only one to make the hill, you are sort of obligated to drag everyone else up them. I'm going to keep running this tire (after a rotation) and see how it runs in mud and roots in this area. There are articles in recent editions of Trail Rider and Dirt Rider praising these things and I, too, am sold. Some advice if you're going to try one – make sure you get the tubeless model as they have stiffer sidewalls. The knob surface is extremely soft and, from what I've read, the tube models have soft sidewalls as well so they are more prone to flats from rocks. The IRC model is moderately priced and has knobs so soft, we began calling the tire "The Eraser" because the knobs feel like pencil erasers.

But, they wear well. Dunlop makes one that is a little cheaper than the IRC but supposedly not as soft and I don't think it comes in a tubeless model. The trials rider pros also run the Michelin but it runs close to \$150 – a little pricey. Anyway, Hatfield McCoy rocked again. No major incidents other than Vinny blowing a chain through his case but in true McGyver form, he was up and running again after some quick welding from a tube.

Lots of events coming up on the calendar: Club rides at Bruin and Somerset. Check the AMA, mojaracetteam.com or PaATVing.com for race events and Poker Runs. The upcoming Quad Fest in Somerset. And, the ANF trails open up Friday before Memorial Day weekend. If you can't find a riding event, you're either not looking very hard or haven't come to a meeting lately.

Anyone with submissions for the newsletter can email them to the club website or me at jpflugh@peircelaw.com or, talk to one of the officers at our next meeting – Monday, May 1st at Bentley's Cycle, Rt. 22 in Murrysville, at 8pm. In the meantime, we'll see you in the woods.

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

1995 Honda XR250 w/ brand new Al Baker's XR's Only 280 Kit w/ 3 rides on it. Includes XR's Only exhaust system, graphics and seat cover. Other goodies too. One nice running/sounding/looking mid-size thumper that is ready to ride, needs nothing. PRICE REDUCED TO \$1,600. Jeff, 724-295-2583

3-rail Holsclaw cycle trailer (one rail removed and missing). Newer 12" wheels & tires. Fenders, working lights w/license plate holder. \$300 obo. Eric 412-242-5711

2004 Honda 250 Rebel. Red cruiser w/only 2,500 miles. A-1 Condition. Perfect beginners road bike. Great gas mileage. \$2,500 obo. Eric 412-242-5711

2002 Load Rite 3 rail trailer like new. Over \$1,100 new, asking \$725, Ray, 814-227-8287

2003 KTM 200MXC FMF pipe, Enduro Engineering silencer, Acerbis bark busters, Power Now Valve, Duvall rad guards. Well maintained, clean and ready to ride. \$2900. Barry Jeffries 412-793-8154

1995 KTM 250EXC very good cond, frt/rear brake guards, new seat cover, good tires, no broken plastic, \$1,700 OBO, Dave 724-746-1331.

1987 Dodge Dakota 8 ft bed, solid work truck, new inspect. \$1,700 Nicholas 412-916-8090

Moutain Lodge/camp, Clearfield, Rockton Mountain. Between S.B. Elliot and Parker Dam State Parks. 1/6 ownership, now through April 15th. \$6000. 412-916-8090. Nicholas

2003 Honda XR100R - excellent condition, normal wear, very clean, new Factory Effex Graphics, \$1,600. Denny, 412-795-1596 evenings/weekends

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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, 724-746-1331

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MOTORCYCLE REPAIR – Expert dual sport conversions and general motorcycle and ATV repairs. KTMs are my specialty! Don Adams, 724-744-2377

Wanted – fuel tank to fit 95-97 Yamaha WR 250. Stock or aftermarket. Brian, 724-443-5369

Free to Good Home Truxedo bed cover, like new, fits Dodge Dakota w/ 6 foot bed. Jeff 724-295-2583

2001 KTM 250EXC Revloc clutch, WER stabilizer, new rear tire. \$2,000 OBO. Dale, 724-337-8628

2005 Suzuki DR650S dual sport, 155 miles. Supertrapp exhaust, fender bag, jet kit, warranty, Kevin, 724-586-5577

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

MATTHEWS WALL ANCHOR SERVICE piering, waterproofing service Inc., 7250 Big Beaver Blvd., Beaver Falls, PA 1-800-284-7471 www.wallanchor.com Bud Norton Sr. 724-462-0082, Bud Norton Jr. 724-462-0091

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



2006 TRCR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - DUES RENEWAL FORM

PRINT NEATLY!!!

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