



TRCR

Three Rivers Competition Riders



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MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

EVENT CALENDAR

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

JUNE

5 Monthly Meeting, 8pm at Northgate Cycle, Rt. 19, Cranberry
11 Rock Run Poker Run, Patton, PA www.rockrunrecreation.com for details

JULY

1-2 Powerline Park Fun Run, St. Clairsville, OH www.nwonline.com for details
10 Monthly Meeting, Stiller's Bruin riding site w/ free riding and dinner
before meeting
21-23 QuadFest 2006, Mountain Ridge Trails Resort, Shanksville, PA
www.thequadfest.com for details
22-23 World Enduro Championship, Hancock, NY www.usgpenduro.com for
details

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

Wow. The weather has quickly gone warm and summer is right around the corner. There's been plenty of riding opportunities and events: Yet more new trails have been added to the Hatfield McCoy system – always a good summer venue for a long weekend. The USFS trails at Marienville and Rocky Gap have officially opened for the season. The High Point MX National was last weekend along with the World Trials Championship round in Tennessee. There are lots of Poker Runs and leisure type trail rides going on for the family to attend. And, Steve Stiller has a nice combination of loops ready to ride at his new Bruin site. In short, if you can't find a ride, you're not looking very hard.

Last month's meeting was held at the newly remodeled Bentley's Cycle in Murrysville and we have to thank parts manager, Mike Warchol, for hosting us and raising the bar somewhat on how to put on a meeting! Not only did Bentley's have some great parts specials like tires and other discounts for the night, but there was a free bag of goodies for everyone on their way out that included lubes and cleaners and the like. Oh, and the food being served by local Hooters girls was a nice touch too. Joe Clark won a new set of Smith Rolloff goggles and Darrin Bigley won the Racer's Fund while Dave Caughey won the 50/50 split of the cash.

Business conducted at the meeting included discussion of the growth of the local American Woods Racing Championship Series. Steve Stiller hosted an AWRCS event the week before the meeting which was very well attended and netted some new TRCR members as well.

A review of the I-279 Adopt-a-Highway cleanup revealed some very bad weather made for some low attendance. Still, the job got done and the eleven members who showed will get in free at their next club ride at Bruin.

Speaking of Bruin, if you haven't gone up yet because your memory of your last ride there at last year's club picnic is that the loop is a little short – you need to go back and give it another loop. Steve now has a 6 mile C loop, a 9 mile ATV loop and a 9 mile bike loop. Now, 9 miles might not sound like much. But, after I rode a ways into a loop at last month's club ride and ran into Steve doing some marking, I was amazed to learn that I had only ridden 6 miles. It felt like we'd ridden 15. The loop is super tight and technical and downright fun. Steve promises he can almost double the existing distance with more switchbacks. TRCR members and AWRCS card holders get a discount on admission during Steve's hare scramble practice schedule which runs several Sundays and Wednesdays through the summer. Or you can see Steve about purchasing a key to the facility. Sunday sessions run 10am to 5pm and Wednesdays from noon to 7pm:

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>
June 11	June 14 and 28
July 16	July 19
Aug 13	Aug 9 and 30
Sept 24	Sept 13 and 27
Oct 15	Oct 11

Understand that Steve has put a ton of money into this site. New gravel driveway smooth enough for a motorhome coach (ask Al Swager). Changing/camping sheds etc. And it's an easy ride just north of Kittanning up Rt. 268 just above Petrolia. Check the TRCR website for additional ride dates. Steve is also having the July meeting there (on the 10th because of the holiday) and he'll open for a free ride at 4pm and then serve us dinner. Bring the whole family.

The club is working with the PaATVing group on the QuadFest event scheduled for July 21-23 near Somerset. And don't let the name fool you, it's for bikes too and is being held on the new Mountain Ridge Trails Resort site at Shanksville. We'll be helping to run the timed MX course and we can raise a little money for the club at the same time. The first 10 members who sign up for the event will get a free pass for 3 days of trail riding. See Steve at the next meeting to sign up.

Heard along the trail was news that club founding father Don Adams had broken his hand. Of course, this can be a career ending injury. But then, no one seemed to know the details of how bad Don's hand was or how he did it. Well, pride aside, sometimes we dirt riders are as bad as a card club of old women. The next wave of rumors on how it happened evolved into some pretty good ones by Mike Babusci and Dave Nicklas-

- “I think he was going for an after ride beer. As he was reaching into the cooler it slipped off the tailgate and, in a vain attempt to keep from breaking any beer bottles, Don tried to cushion the fall of the cooler with his free hand only to have the full weight of the cooler come crashing down on it. While it's a shame that he broke a few bones it is with a significant amount of pride that we can report only one bottle was cracked and an insignificant amount of beer was wasted.”
- “I think he was rummaging around in the back of his shop one day and one of the Husky's that he had back there waiting for a new part bit him on the hand. (Rumor has it that the Husky belonged to Craig Martinelli and it was sitting back there for three years waiting for a new clutch lever.) The Husky is now being tested for rabies.”
- “I heard a developer stopped by to inquire about purchasing Don's property. When he heard how much Don wanted for it, he laughed so hard that he slapped the tabletop. In doing so he broke Don's hand.”
- ” I heard he borrowed \$1.00 off Nick Milan and took more than a week to pay it back, so Nick had someone rough him up and break his hand as a lesson.”
- “I heard it was only 50 cents.”
- “Actually I think he reached into a cooler with a small opening and could not remove his hand with a beer in it. So...”

Well, in any event, maybe Don can set us straight at the next meeting. We know he is up and around because he went to the World Trials event a couple weeks back and wrote us a nice review of the weekend.

Via Jeff Peterson, our webmaster, Matt Darnell, who rides with the #1 plate in the District 5 Hare Scramble series, had a terrible crash at the R&D Hare Scramble on April 30th. He hit a tree head on at speed. Jeff heard that it broke Matt's helmet in half. They life flighted him out of R&D and we hear he is recovering but not yet riding.

Some members have explored the helmet cam thing and wondered about pitching in on one to sort of pass around to accumulate some video for our website and to play at our year end Holiday Party. Member Fred Goldsmith has researched it a bit too. If any of you are serious about it, let's get together at the next meeting and distract Nick Milan so we can steal the club checkbook from his briefcase.

Other members have talked about the possibility of doing a road trip to go see the World Enduro Championship round in Hancock NY the weekend of July 22/23. It's the first time the WEC has come to the states and the event is a little northeast of Scranton on the NY/PA border-probably a 5 hour drive – well worth the trip for that caliber of event. This is the closest thing we'll see to another Six Days in the states for quite a while. If you're interested in going to go see a 2-day event that includes the very best riders in the world, sign up at the next meeting to scheme how we can again get a blank check from Nick.

Some of us make a habit of playing hookie a couple times per month to go ride the Marienville bike trail on Wednesdays. If that interests you, give us a shout at the next meeting so we can get you on the email chain. Next ride is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7.

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, June 5 at Northgate Cycle, Rt 19 in Cranberry at 8pm. In the meantime, we'll see you in the woods.

2006 FIM WORLD TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TRIP

By Don Adams (with help from Carol, I bet...editor)

Participants – Don Adams, Brad Stroud, Larry Frue, John O'Toole and Spencer Larimer.

My friend Brad and I took off on Friday morning around 10 trailering his Suzuki SV650 and my Ducati 620 in a light and intermittent rain. But John, Larry and Spencer decided to ride their bikes and left Thursday morning around 8 in the pouring down rain. We were all headed for the same destination – Knoxville, Tennessee.

Brad and I had made reservations for Friday evening at a Motel 6 just West of Knoxville, thus making it ideal to start out on some of the greatest motorcycle roads in the good old US of A. The other guys had planned on a two day trip to Knoxville, camping along the way. But a late evening phone call on Thursday night from a motel somewhere in Virginia revealed that they had had enough

rain and weren't willing to spend the night in a tent. So I gave them the name of the motel where we were staying on Friday night and they pulled in not more than 15 minutes after Brad and I arrived, having spent a good part of the day Friday riding in the rain.

Brad and I thought we had the hot set-up, trailering in the rain instead of riding, and were feeling rather smug until a strange noise and a slight amount of swaying revealed a flat tire on the trailer. There we were, rain jackets on, changing the wheel along side the road about a quarter of the way into our trip. Fortunately, in an effort to think of everything, I had removed the lug nuts and anti-seized them or else we never would have gotten that tire off. Turned out the problem was with the valve stem. We mounted the spare wheel and were good to go...banking that the chance of getting another flat was slim to none.

Saturday morning dawned warm and sunny and Spencer immediately led us into the Great Smoky Mountains and onto Highway 129, which is renowned for its 318 curves in 11 miles, better known as the Tail of the Dragon. On one side of this highway is a mountain and on the other side there is no guardrail and if you go over, it's a long way down. As you start into the 11 mile section of the Tail of the Dragon a large sign greets you...as Larry so diligently read "DO NOT CROSS THE CENTERLINE OR YOU WILL DIE." One of the reasons this section of the road is so popular is that there is no access roads that intersect it, thus you know no police can be lurking behind a sign. The locals actually unload full race bikes from trailers to ride this particular section of road.

After leaving the Tail of the Dragon, we spent the day on roads that were almost as good, just less congested, winding our way to Chattanooga where we all had reservations for Saturday night. Just as we pulled into the motel we were greeted with thunderstorms and hail the size of mothballs. It's true that timing is everything.

We woke up to a sunny Sunday morning and it was a quick jaunt to the trials training facility where the world round was being held. The facility is well set up and very motorcycle friendly. We as motorcyclists were escorted around car and truck traffic directly to our own parking area via straw-strewn grass and into a canopy-covered admissions area. We were even given pads for the kick-stand!

The trials course consisted of 15 sections, all within walking distance or accessed by a shuttle. Most of the sections were laid out in valleys that had streams and large rocks and provided an absolutely perfect spectator viewing situation.

The weather the night before was certainly a factor. I don't think any of the world guys cleaned any of the first four or five sections on the first round, due to all the rain from the night before, but still put on one hell of a show taking their bikes up and over obstacles that you or I couldn't climb without a bike, let alone riding one. As things dried out, and time went on, that all changed as the top ten riders battled against each other and time. To explain the scoring for those who don't know – each time you dab, you get one point until you reach three points. You get five points if you crash or your handlebar touches the ground, you go backwards on a section, you go out of the ribbons that define the section or you time out (you have a minute, thirty seconds to complete each section). The riders have a total of four hours to complete two rounds of the 15 sections. Low score wins. Since this competition is done at such a slow pace, one might think it's not hard on the riders, but with the time factor thrown in, and the crashes, and even riding from one section to another (as Larry said "We couldn't even ride our bikes from one section to the other") these guys and their bikes are pretty beat up at the end of the day.

The day at the trials started about 9 in the morning and finished up at 5. We then jumped back on our bikes and rode for about four hours on good roads to get us back to the motel for a good night's sleep to start our trip back home. As an added bonus, I ran into a familiar face some of you might remember...John Mattern, one of the original TRCR club members, who now lives in North Carolina and was also at the trials.

All in all it was an awesome trip - good friends, great road riding, spectacular feats by the best trials riders ever, impressive 650 acre Trials Training Facility, lots of beer, almost perfect timing and no mishaps – it just doesn't get any better !!!

If you ever get a chance to take in a world trials, don't miss it...it's the most spectator-friendly motorcycle sport around.

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

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

2002 Honda 250 Rebel Red cruiser w/ only 2,500 miles. A-1 condition. Perfect beginners bike w/ 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

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

Mountain 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

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

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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, fender bag, jet kit, Kevin, 724-586-5577

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2006 TRCR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - DUES RENEWAL FORM

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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: _____

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