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EVENT CALENDAR

Visit www.district5ama.org for updated HS, MX, GNCC & AWRCS race schedules

Club Meetings: meetings start at 8pm

Feb 2 Schulz Cycle and ATV
106 Morgan Hill Rd Morgan PA 15064 (just outside of Bridgeville)

Due to road construction you must follow a detour. Exit from Interstate 79 at Bridgeville. Turn left onto route 50 west. At the 3rd light (3.2 miles) turn right onto Millers Run Rd. Go 1.2 miles and turn left onto Cuddy Lane before concrete bridge. Fergusons Pub is on the right. Follow Cuddy Lane to end. Turn right on Morgan Hill, cross bridge and left into Schulz lot. Bike shop is in back bldg on left side.

Feb 21 AWRCS Banquet

Due to a cancellation at the banquet hall, we are able to move up the date of the awards banquet. I know that there was a few of you heading to Florida for the gncc race so I hope this helps out and allows you time to attend the banquet. The 08 AWRCS Banquet will be held on Feb. 21 2009 at Washington Twp. VFD 1124 Reesdale Rd. Adrian, PA 16210.

Doors open @ 5:00 pm Dinner @ 6:00 More info. to come soon. www.awrcs.com

Mar 2 TBA

April 6 TBA

Ride Reports

Ride Report from an "Undisclosed Location" Near Pittsburgh (Sunday 1/11/09) By Fred

Goldsmith Having survived yet another false alarm, over-hyped by the Pittsburgh TV news media, winter storm the previous Friday night, Dan Martin and I headed to our usual and reliable "undisclosed location." Dan had just performed clutch plates, front and rear sprockets, and chain replacements on my '06 200XC, and a clutch plate transplant from his CR250 without winter studs into his CR250 with the steel pricklies on the tires.

Before the ride even began, we were concerned about the ability of our trucks, even though they're both 4X4s, to get us in and out of the "parking lot" of our usual and reliable undisclosed location. We finally made it in and parked, but there were a few close calls. An adventure within an adventure. Lurking under the snow was a well-rutted, wet, muddy road with several soft-bottomed baby-pool sized mud holes. I let momentum be my Tundra's friend.

Once we suited up, our bikes ran perfectly, although the KTM took some trail time to get used to the mid-20s, wet cold. There were about four inches of snow on the ground, but certainly not the "severe storm alert" snowfall my former colleagues in TV news had warned us about. Dan ran his four-year-old Trelleborgs and I had Michelin winter studs, now in their third season, mounted on my KTM's rims. All four tires are wearing excellently, with probably another two or three seasons on them. The studs themselves look brand new.

As I gained confidence and shifted into third, my front wheel kept wanting to catch snow and rock chunks and slide out, thus I shifted my weight back and segued into snowmobiling mode. Traction for both of our bikes, whether cruising down narrow trails, bushwhacking through the woods and over fallen tree branches, or when following a hunter's fresh but steep footsteps through the woods, was awesome.

As we emerged from a wooded section into a large field, I was startled by sudden and unexpected movement in my peripheral vision to my right, in an otherwise deserted, cold, and quiet western Pennsylvania wilderness. Four white tail deer, the closest two just twenty yards away, bounded through the snow in four different directions, like they had springs mounted, then stopped to observe us, as though they were pleased we packed only toewarmer pads and two stroke engines, not 30-06s. We

were all probably equally shocked to run into each other; the deer thinking they had the day off from hunters and other human intrusions, given it was a Sunday, when deer hunting is banned in Pennsylvania. What a spectacular run-in, and just half an hour from downtown Pittsburgh.

After a few hours of exploring, and trying to recognize through the snow drifts our regular trails, we elected to circle back to the trucks, while we were both in great spirits and uninjured.

Once I was back home, cleanup was difficult. My garage's hose water temperature was only a few degrees warmer than the frozen mud (which had hid just below the snowfall before jumping onto our bikes) caked on my bike frame, wheels, and under the fenders. The temperature had also dropped a few more degrees. An initial mud-removal hose-off that usually takes ten minutes took half an hour. Clean water icicles re-formed on the bike only moments after the frozen mud fell reluctantly in chunks like heavy fudge to the concrete driveway. I elected to defer the usual second step, a Simple Green scrubbing and rinse. My bare hands were numb from holding the brass nozzle and enduring the stinging back-splash.

When fall was upon us a few months ago, I was dreading the long winter, thinking ahead to its cold, depressing, gray days, and snow. But, I've come around and have made up with our dreariest season. It brings us snow and cold, conditions which I've decided are equally enjoyable as dry or muddy spring or summer conditions. When riding in the wintertime, there's little sweating, the air is cool and refreshing, the countryside is beautiful, and there's usually no one else about--perfect conditions to recharge my mind after my lawsuit-focused workweek. [See other file sent with this newsletter for photos.....](#)

1/18/09 Lipscomb Camp, Bruin area by Keith Marburger

Note to self, 16" of snow is no fun to ride in.....

At the holiday party Jason asked if I wanted to go to his camp with him and some others to do some ice racing. His family has a camp near Bruin and it has a small pond. They lay out an oval track and race on the ice, studs are a must. Sounded like fun.

Sunday morning awoke to 3" of fresh snow but the roads in the Carnegie area were just wet. I was meeting Jason, Bob, Mike and his son Ryan in Butler. As I headed north on 79 things started to get worse after I crossed the river. 79 was getting slushy and Route 228 and Route 8 were still mostly snow covered. As we headed out of Butler it wasn't getting any better. When we reached Jason's camp the snow on the sides of the road was a good 2' deep from the plows and about 16" everywhere else. We couldn't even get off the road to park. Jason ran into the snow berm enough times that we could park on the side of the road with enough room for other cars to get by. Next Bob took his drill out on the ice to check thickness. OOPS, not thick enough, only 3". Racing on 3" of ice over 12' of water was not a good idea. The few passes we made separately on the ice were fun, but when Mike's front wheel went through at the edge by the dam we figured we were pushing our luck. Since we were already there, we decided to try to ride, big mistake. Slow going, bikes screaming, feet paddling, being thrown around every time you hit a snow rut, not fun. We ran out along a gas line, through a field to get to some unmaintained roads. Even bigger mistake, Not only did the snow ruts cause problems but the dirt ruts in the road underneath the snow made it even worse. Not a fun ride but a good workout. Thanks Jason for the workout.

Race Report

AWRCS is under new ownership www.awrcs.com

from the AWRCS website...

The series has been bought by Steve Stiller and Adam Coulson. We are going to strive to keep this an exciting and fun series for all riders.

We will be hosting a banquet for the 08 season. Keep checking back as we will be posting details for the banquet and a 2009 schedule as soon as possible.

We have a few new venues that we will be looking at this week that should be great AWRCS terrain and 500+ acres!!

AWRCS has picked up some new sponsors with more to come. We want to thank our existing sponsors and welcome the new ones for supporting the AWRCS Series.

also from Steve...

We will also be looking for some help with course layout and course marshals. Any info on potential race sites (200 or more acres) would be appreciated.

JG Off Road / GEICO Powersports 2009 Line-up

January 8, 2009 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The 2009 JG Off Road / GEICO Powersports team has been set, and we are very excited to announce the line-up. New to the team for this year racing GNCC's, OMA's, and select Endurocrosses – Paul Whibley, Jimmy Jarrett, and Scott Watkins. All three riders will be aboard Kawasaki's.

"We are really excited about our new line-up for 2009." Said JT Bennett, manager, JG Off Road / GEICO Powersports. "We've been working extremely hard over the past 2 years to build a team of this caliber. With this team, I feel we have a solid chance to capture the championship plate in several different off road classes and events."

Paul Whibley, will be chasing down the GNCC championship on his #2 KXF450 in the XC1-Pro class and defending his OMA Championship. Paul is currently back home in New Zealand racing his KXF450 and has won every race he's entered so far. Paul will also attend select Endurocross races. Paul will be starting his US race season February 28-March 3 at the River Ranch GNCC. Congratulations to Paul and Katherine on their upcoming wedding!

Jimmy Jarrett, also contending the GNCC XC-1 Pro class will be aboard the #6. After taking a 2nd place finish in the OMA Series in 2008 will be chasing down Paul for that 2009 championship. You will also be able to find Jimmy and his GEICO KXF450 at the National Enduro Series and select Endurocrosses. Jimmy will be kicking off his season on January 25 in Wedgefield, SC.

Scott Watkins will focus his efforts in the GNCC series in the XC2-Pro Lites class aboard a KXF250. After a rough start to the 2008 season due to an injury, Scott was able to redeem himself with a 4th place class finish and a #15 overall. Scott will also be contending a select Endurocross races.

Team manager JT Bennett will be racing select GNCC with his main focus on the Endurocrosses and National East Harescrambles. JT will remain on Yamaha's for the 2009 season.

Jennifer Albright will be re-joining the team for 2009 in the Women's Quad A class. Jennifer took a 5th place finish in 2009 and is training hard to break into that top 3 in '09.

Chasing down more 2 Stroke Open podiums and the championship, The Rodgers Brothers – Ryan and Eric will also be back on the team for the Endurocross Series. They will also be contending the Expert class and looking to improve their qualifier finishes for more appearances in the Main Event.

Team manager, JT Bennett also added, "Just being in our 3rd year as a team, I am very proud to have GEICO as a sponsor and thrilled to announce that we recently signed a 3 year contract extension. GEICO and JG Off Road have committed to a strong relationship and a dedication to off road racing. We would also like to thank all of our new associate sponsors and the ones that have stuck behind us from day one; we're looking forward to a successful 2009 season." <http://www.jgoffroad.com>

How to No submission

Product Evaluation Received this from Mike on studded tires....

I don't know if the word is out yet, so here we go.

I just purchased a set of trelleborgs from the manufacturer.

The price is \$575.00 per set w/ free ground shipping.

The must be purchased direct from the manufacturer.

They have loads of inventory & I was assured it's still the same as previous products. (No change in compound, etc)

Mitas-trelleborg website is

www.mitasmx.com

Pass the word along to our fellow members

Thanks

Mike Villalpando

President's Report

By Steve Stiller, Club President

Thanks to approx 100 riders that showed up at Bruin for the Toy Run in severe weather conditions. I hope you had a good time despite conditions.

Secretary's Report

By Keith Marburger, Club Secretary

December meeting at Nick's office was attended by 13 members. Thanks Nick and Kathy for the space, pizza and refreshments.

Plans for the upcoming holiday party were finalized. The club voted to, as in the past, fund the prize pot. \$500 for riding related items for the guys, \$250 for gift cards for the gals. We also voted to again sponsor the studded tire raffle. (this is a break even item for the club)

1/17/09

The Holiday party was held at the Shaler Moose Lodge in the small party room this year. Approx 40 attended and I think everyone had a great time. Lots of good conversation and ride discussion. The food was awesome and everyone left with a prize. The 50/50 winner got \$50+, sorry I don't remember who it was. Bob Huerbin won the studded tires. One lucky lady (also don't remember who) won the extra J.C. Penny gift cards, \$90 worth. If you missed it, shame on you.

Minutes of [last] Membership Meeting

By Keith Marburger, Club Secretary

- Holiday party discussed
- Bruin Toy Run
- Update on recent industry happenings (economy related)

Treasury report

By Nick Milan, Club Treasurer

- Club general account is good at \$2295.00
- Dirt Quest account has approx 20,000.00
- 2009 dues and registration are due.

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

Wanted: Honda TLR200 Reflex Must have title and preferably with lights, etc included. Looking for a streetable regular rider that's not too expensive. Jim Smith at jhsfxrt@zoominternet.net

Oversize gas tanks:

KTM 200/250/300 XC-XCW 2003-2007 IMS 3.2 gal Natural \$150

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Keith Marburger 412-276-6567 evenings

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TRCR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES RENEWAL FORM
and
ASSUMPTION of RISK, RELEASE, WAIVER of LIABILITY,
and INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND READ CAREFULLY!!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ AMA No.: _____

(check one) 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 or guardians w/children under age 18)

Please make check payable to “TRCR” and bring with this fully-signed form to the next meeting OR mail both to:

Nicholas C. Milan, TRCR Treasurer
c/o Milan Business Associates LLC
827 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15223-1341

ASSUMPTION of RISK, RELEASE, WAIVER of LIABILITY,
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Please carefully read the following. It is a serious and binding legal contract.

I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, successors, administrators, assigns, personal representatives, next of kin, and estate, and, if applicable, as parent or guardian of a member or other minor participant under the age of 18, and their heirs, executors, successors, administrators, assigns, personal representatives, next of kin, and estate, AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. I acknowledge, understand, and appreciate that off-road motorcycle and ATV riding is a hazardous and very dangerous activity with inherent and other risks of serious personal injury, death, and property damage. I voluntarily and knowingly assume full responsibility

for all these risks and dangers arising from or related to participation in any Three Rivers Competition Riders (hereinafter "TRCR") sponsored, coordinated, or organized event, activity, meeting, or party, including the negligence of others and negligent rescue operations.

2. I release, discharge, agree to hold harmless, covenant not to sue or file a lawsuit against, and waive any claim or cause of action against TRCR, its officers, directors, trail leaders and members, and their heirs, executors, successors, administrators, assigns, personal representatives, next of kin, and estates, from and for any and all losses, injuries, claims, costs, attorney's fees, expert's fees, court costs, causes of action, liabilities, judgments, or damages of any type or kind, even if any of the above persons or entities are or are alleged to be negligent (whether solely, partially, concurrently, actively, or passively) or otherwise at fault in any way, on account of any personal injury, death, or property damage which may result, directly or indirectly, from my participation in any TRCR sponsored, coordinated, or organized event, activity, meeting, or party.
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4. 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.
5. I hereby consent to and permit first aid and emergency medical treatment if I am injured.
6. 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.
7. Photocopies, fax copies, or electronic/pdf copies of this signed document are just as enforceable as the original.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY THE ABOVE TERMS IN THEIR ENTIRETY. I READ AND SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT WHILE NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL. I SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND WITHOUT ANYONE'S PERSUASION, INFLUENCE OR COERCION.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Witness Printed Name: _____