



BER Rattlesnake Enduro

Cross Forks, PA 7/31

By Bill Bennett

It's 7:00 on a Sunday morning, and I don't do mornings. We're getting ready to head down to the starting line, after everyone's watches are synchronized (I'll work backup sheet). Everyone got enough pens? How about water? This year mud's not the worry, heat is. How's the last-minute registrations adding up (we know enduro ridership is down around the ECEA)? Do we have enough riders to cover our costs this year? The calm before the storm. BER check crews fan out to almost a dozen locations to staff their checks.

Our enduro is in one of the most beautiful and remote locations on the ECEA calendar. So remote that after a day of not being able to use your cell phone, people really look forward to that peace and quiet. The club survived without an enduro for several years after it lost its previous riding area, by helping other clubs, but then found land in Cross Forks, PA. Decades ago members once rode for fun up there with Dave Flack, who with his wife Barb run Quiet Oaks Campground. "Bob asked if his Club could do an enduro at our campgrounds," said Dave. "I knew how much fun it was to ride, so I thought, putting one on would be fun, too."

Club treasurer Bob Stewart points out planning for the event usually starts two months after the last one. Beyond land access, there's AMA sanctioning, legal documentation & waivers, campground logistics (ambulances, food, porta-johns, fireworks and lodging, to start), trophies, t-shirts, lots of contingency requests, eight miles of ribbon, a bunch of "X" "W" and "" arrows, route & mileage sheets, the list goes on.

Stewart and trail boss Brother Wilson carefully coordinate with the state rangers what new sections members would like to add, as the rangers give us special dispensation to ride two-wheels on ATV trails.

Club president Chris Watters reflects many member's thoughts on how to keep folks coming year after year, especially with exorbitant gas prices. "We've got to keep things interesting for everyone who comes up – if they're not riding, maybe we can direct them to local swimming, fishing, or bicycling venues." There's a lot of nature up there, and lots to do.

The four mile grass track has gone through a few evolutions, from having long and fast parallel runs with tight, challenging corners to wide and fast runs with lots of sweeping turns. Grass track "producer"

Rob Dalby's initial concerns that our premier hare scrambles in June might have harmed the enduro trail turned up a positive. This year our grass track was 1.5 miles of wide, fast woods, clocked at 24 MPH, with four AA riders zeroing it.

Each year brings new ideas and challenges. And since each road trip for a member to setup or prep trails is three to six to eight hours roundtrip, there's always a lot of recruiting of talent. But with the beauty of the region, our addition of a hare scrambles, and the discovery of more to do up there recreationally – there's a fusion of riding and relaxing there we look forward to year after year.

This year's BER event saw yet another position swap between Fred Hoess and Richard Lafferty, with Hoess taking the win and Lafferty scoring second overall. The former ISDE teammates seem to be swapping the win each week these days, but in truth Hoess' lack of scores in some earlier events kicks him well down in overall points, though he is in second place so far for the year. In other words, Lafferty will have to suffer some bad luck yet this year in order to give away the championship.

The two matched scores at 14 points, with a difference of 21 seconds between them. Taking third overall was Aaron Kopp with a 15 point loss. This year Kopp and Hoess are teaming up for the Six Days in Slovakia in September, both picked for the USA World Trophy Team. Slovakia should be good and tough—not unlike a Pennsylvania enduro every day—and we expect "our guys" to be leading the team!

Steven Kries' 18 point score was good for the High Point A trophy; Steve is also an ISDE vet. Philip Weigard won the High Point B award with a 24, and John Eggleston was once again the High Point C winner. ⬆

Rattlesnake Enduro	1. Dave Glenn	Yam	4. Brent Kelsey	Kaw	Women	
Grand Champion	2. Matt Spigelmeier	KTM	5. Dean Kulp	KTM	1. Lacy Jones	Gas
Fred Hoess	3. Tim Nocera	Hon	B 250		2. Merle Compton	KTM
High Point A	4. James Morris	Yam	1. Shawn Holley	KTM	3. Lori Kennel	KTM
Steven Kries	5. Timothy Sermese	Hon	2. Jim Jervis	KTM	Golden Masters	
High Point B	A Vet		3. Jay McCauslin	Gas	1. Joe Galle	Yam
Phillip Wieland	1. Mike Kowalski	KTM	4. William Neidigh	KTM	2. Robert Hoover	Kaw
High Point C	2. John Cardozo	Yam	5. Tom Cox	Yam	3. ED Baker	Kaw
John Eggleston	3. Steve Aretz	YAM	B Open		C light	
AA	4. Jamie Wright	KTM	1. Chad Barth	KTM	1. John Eggleston	Hon
1. Richard Lafferty	5. Robert Aldakimov	Yam	2. Malcolm Schenberg	KTM	2. Karl Hider	KTM
2. Aaron Kopp	A Senior		3. David Whiteman	KTM	3. Craig Newswanger	KTM
3. Mike Bradway	1. John Eggleston	KTM	4. Derrick Clerici	KTM	C 250	
4. Brian Carden	2. Carl Rehatchek	Kaw	5. Dave Barth	Hon	1. Brandon Switzer	Hon
5. John Burgard	3. Chuck Sullivan	KTM	B Four Stroke		C Open	
A 125	4. Dan Compton	KTM	1. Dan McCauslin	KTM	1. Daniel Eppinger	KTM
1. Charles Ciaurelli	5. Jim Brethauer	KTM	2. Steve Gray	Hon	2. Steven Schonberg	KTM
2. Pete Wright	A Super Senior		3. Ryan Barth	KTM	3. Paul Huberty	KTM
3. Russ Cherry	1. Don Graver	Yam	4. Chris Borger	Hon	C Four Stroke	
A 200	2. Scott Wolfersberger	Hus	5. Charles Lowe	KTM	1. Eric Gebbard	Yam
1. Josh Yanhocik	3. Bill Atherholt	Yam	B Vet		2. David Kennel	KTM
2. Ron Callahan	4. Robert Borchardt	KTM	1. Bill Kronen	Yam	C Vet	
3. M Dean Spencer	5. David Coulston	KTM	2. Jeff Booth	Yam	1. Todd Narduzzi	KTM
4. Ron DeCaro	Masters		3. John Schoeffling	KTM	2. Michael Farrington	KTM
5. Matt Biedka	1. Jack Lafferty	KTM	4. Randy Grove	Yam	C Senior	
A 250	2. Charlie Stapleford	KTM	5. Gerald Peklah	KTM	1. William George	KTM
1. Dan Stoppi Jr.	3. Don Billing	KTM	B Senior		2. David Meyers	KTM
2. Bob Solomon	4. Don Kirkpatrick	KTM	1. Tony Rosselli	KTM	3. Dirk Lord	KTM
3. Ben Smith	5. George Clickner	Gas	2. Brad Waddell	Suz	4. David Bachrach	KTM
4. Rob Trout	B 125		3. Dennis Fitzgerald	KTM	5. Doug Conde	KTM
5. Michael Melniczuk	1. James Shea	Suz	4. Stephan Haines	KTM	Teams	
A Open	2. Gary Fischer	Hus	5. Marty Sprecher	Hon	DER #1 113	
1. Michael Crum	3. John Williams	Hus	B Super Senior		CJCR Good 114	
2. Ken Yankowski	4. Len Rehatchek	Kaw	1. Russell Newlin	KTM	Team Hammer 125	
3. Pat Emmons	B 200		2. Doc Kauanagh	Mon	DER# 2 145	
4. Jay Dean	1. Justin Gibble	Kaw	3. Joe Epperson	KTM	SPER Fast Boys 1 149	
5. Troy McNamee	2. Roy Harrell	KTM	4. Giuseppe Bergami	KTM		
A Four Stroke	3. P J Crossman	KTM	5. Chuck Labar	Suz		