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### April Birthdays

None!

## From the Prez

49er Family Enduro. Bob's getting everything line up and needs everyone to give him a call and sign up for the open positions. First come, first served or you may be assigned to outhouse patrol! Seriously, please get your positions set up early. That's the biggest worry of a chairman is having all the positions filled.

Bill Fain sent out the info for the Austin Ride in June. The spots are filling up fast so get your spot reserved now for some of the best riding fun all year!

I hope everyone's looking forward to our ride of the month coming up, the Virginia City Grand Prix. We should be getting our numbers in the mail any day and if Steve did his usual good job we'll be sitting on row 1 again this year when the gun goes off.

Finally, Curt's been real busy on the LAO side attending phone in conference calls and a couple of live meetings. Check out his LAO report below.

See you at the races or on the trail!

## On the LAO Front

Curt has so much stuff to report I'm putting it on page 3. Please give it a read. There's stuff like another chainsaw class for Foresthill, Trail Designation plan and other good info.

I'm waiting for Ken to start submitting the items from his monthly Prairie City Improvement Group also to add to the Newsletter.

## 2007 Meeting Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm at Coco's Restaurant at Greenback and Sunrise. (Bench Racing to begin at 7:00pm)

January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 6 <sup>th</sup>	March 6 <sup>th</sup>	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	August 7 <sup>th</sup>
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 6 <sup>th</sup>	December 4 <sup>th</sup>

## April Events

Date	Event	Location
4/1	Pony Soldier Hare Scrambles	Salt Wells, NV
4/13	KB Motocross	Sacramento Raceway
4/14	Lodi Cycle Bowl Season Opener	Lodi Cycle Bowl
4/14-15	OTHG Sierra National	Oatfield (Turlock)
4/15	Shasta Dam Grand Prix	Redding

# 2007 1x Standings As of Mar 30<sup>th</sup>

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Name</u>
147	20x Dave
127	31x Cliff
100	25x Jim
99	29x Frank
68	10x Bret
66	22x Bruce
54	15x Curt
50	42x Wayne
46	14x Bill
44	27x Ernie
39	16x Ryan
32	TBD Hayden
24	51x John
23	TBDx Chris
16	11x Bill
16	1x Jim
10	26x Ken
4	13x Steve

4/21-22	Honey Lake Hare Scrambles	Milford
4/27	KB Motocross	Sacramento Raceway
4/29	Hollister Youth, Woman, Vintage	Hollister SVRA
<b>4/28-29</b>	<b>Virginia City GP Ride of Month</b>	<b>Virginia City, NV</b>

## March Ride Report

For complete write-ups check out the website. Here's a summary of our rider's finishes this month and the best photo from our pit crews. Dave Wells was our rider of the month finishing in the top half of the A Senior class at the Old Crow and earning a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy at the Wild Boar. Nice tire Dave!

### Old Crow Hare Scrambles, Mar 3-4

Dave W 9<sup>th</sup>/20 A Senior  
Cliff 19<sup>th</sup>/76 C Senior  
Bruce 18<sup>th</sup>/19 C Super Senior  
Jim A 23<sup>rd</sup>/36 B Senior  
Ernie 31<sup>st</sup>/36 B Senior  
Probate Hayden 6<sup>th</sup>/13 B 12-15

### Wild Piglet Family Enduro, Mar 10

Chris 12<sup>th</sup>/25 C Veteran

### Wild Boar Enduro, Mar 11

Dave 3<sup>rd</sup>/17 A Senior **TROPHY**  
Bret 15<sup>th</sup>/17 A Senior  
Curt 27<sup>th</sup>/44 C Senior

### Phantom Hare Scrambles, Mar 18

Jim A 12<sup>th</sup>/23 B Senior



Recent LAO Stuff – 3/30/07  
Submitted by PDMC LAO Curt Backhaus

3/13/07 – Eldorado National Forest Trail Designation Program Conference Call

- Some changes still being made:
  - Preferred Alternative should be defined by next week, but not released to public until official release of the Draft EIS.
  - Restrictions on over-snow travel for wheeled vehicles on parts of Mormon Immigrant Trail and no wheeled vehicle over-snow travel allowed on groomed snowmobile trails.
- Draft EIS should be ready for internal review within two weeks.
- Release of Draft EIS estimated for mid-May.
- 45 day public comment period will begin with release of Draft EIS.
- Maps and other supporting documents will be available on CD.
- Willingness to “adopt-a – trail” in public comments may help keep some trails open that are proposed to be closed.
- Final record of decision is due by 12/31/07.
- Implementation is expected to be the end of Spring 2008 (May or June).

3/15/07 – Foresthill OHV Meeting

- Trail system is currently closed for the season because of saturated soil conditions.
- The trail system became an official OHV area in 1985 / 1986.
- Many trails in the system were poorly designed, and have been poorly maintained over the past several years.
- Trail use is estimated to have nearly doubled over the last five years (estimated 15,000 riders in 2002, 28,000 riders in 2006) while funding has fallen from \$80,000 in 2002 to \$37,000 in 2007.
- It is very likely that the OHV area will go to a fee structure in the future.
- A strong volunteer program is being started and appears to be welcomed by the Forest Service. The volunteer program is being structured into six categories, each having a captain or co-captains and a Forest Service contact. Those six categories are:
  - Trail Maintenance
  - Facilities Maintenance
  - Monitoring and Assessment
  - Education
  - Funding
  - Long Term Planning
- Meetings between the captains and Forest Service contacts are being held in the next couple of weeks to work out basic details, and a volunteer meeting is planned for 3/29 to update everyone interested on status and upcoming volunteer activities.

3/23/07 – Rock Creek Collaborative Forum

- Jon Jue is currently the acting District Ranger for the Georgetown District. The Forest Service is currently interviewing for District Ranger positions in all four districts of the Eldorado National Forest.
- Discussed upcoming events at the Rock Creek trail system
  - Fools Gold Enduro 5/6
  - Two equestrian events in May and June
- Summary of Eldorado National Forest Trail Designation Program status (basically same as explained during the last conference call).
- Discussed funding issues for Rock Creek OHV area (lack of green sticker grant funds).
- Discussed upcoming volunteer trail maintenance activities.
  - Volunteer trail maintenance on equestrian trails afternoon

of 3/23.

- Volunteer trail maintenance on Darling Ridge trails on 3/24.
- Discussed the idea of having this type of forum at all of the ranger districts in the Eldorado National Forest.

3/29/07 – Foresthill Volunteer / Forest Service Meeting

- Foresthill Ranger District will be providing a 2-day chain saw training course for volunteers on April 14 – 15.
- Certified volunteer sawyers will be going out to clear trails of downed trees and branches as soon as conditions permit, probably starting the week of 4/16.
- Volunteers will be doing trail assessment rides to identify areas that need immediate attention and trail maintenance as soon as the trails are clear of downed trees.
- Volunteer trail maintenance activities will start after the trail assessment is done, and continue until the trails are in adequate condition to open the trail system.
- There are two grass roots fundraising events in planning; a Memorial Day ride event based at Morningstar Campground and a June 16<sup>th</sup> Foresthill dinner, free style show and street fair.