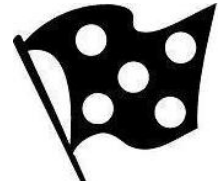


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## Lazy Summer of Racing

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The Summer Racing season appears to be slow. The July ROM only had 5 racers with Connor, Ty, Steve, and Frank in the under 50 class and Bill all by himself in the over 50 class (maybe we should ditch KB moto or maybe require them to give us 7 laps in stead of 3). The results indicated Ty took the overall win in the under 50 class, while Bill ran a way with the overall in the over 50 class.

The August ROM is shaping up to be a track day out at Sopiago Creek Resort near Elkins Flat. The details are not entirely worked out yet but we are close. Don't make any plans for August 27<sup>th</sup> as that is the date that is locked in for the ROM. The day will feature several moto races with 5 plus laps and possibly a main with 10 plus laps. Other rides that we are trying to plan are a trail ride and/or dual sport ride.

The Forest Service has made progress on our Environmental Analysis for the five year permit. At the July meeting the decision was made to move forward without two crossings (#1 on Middle Creek and McKinney Creek) with the understanding that McKinney Creek would be usable in later years once the approach stabilization is complete. We should be able to bring those crossings back in with no additional cost. The two crossings that were negotiated back in to the analysis/permit are #2 and #3 on Middle Creek (westerly crossings). These two crossings were necessary to access trail 25 and 26 south of Elkins.

The cancelation and postponement criteria (weather event) was changed back to 0.5 inches of precipitation. The Forest Service contended that 0.5 inches of precipitation would cause trail conditions to be hazardous and would damage resources. After some discussion we all agreed that 0.5 inches was too low to cause trail damage or create unsafe conditions. However, the Sierra Nevada Framework specified 0.5 inches as the threshold for Forest Service activities to be stopped based on Red-Legged Frog migration. Anyhow, I have not seen the revised criteria yet, but it should be in soon.

The completion timeline for the EA and issuing a permit was too close to rely on having it in place for the October 30<sup>th</sup> 49er. The Forest Service offered to let us run the 49er event in Gold Note instead. The FS said there are no extraordinary circumstances present in the Gold Note area and they would be able to issue a one year permit under a CE. We settled on running the 49er Family as the area would not be suitable for running the 49er.

In a fire storm or activity we have attempted to reschedule the Family to October 29<sup>th</sup> as voted on by everyone. However, we have run into sanctioning issues with D36 and another club. After a emotional discussion between that club, D36 and PDMC we will likely need to be the accommodators and move to another date (likely October 22<sup>nd</sup>). Either way we are about 90 days out and we will need all hands to get this done.

## LAO News

No new news from Ray however, we need to get up to the Long Valley Trail (our adopted trail) and get it cleaned out. We need to evaluate how we can expand and extend the trail. We have put the bug into the Amador Ranger Districts ear that we want to make some changes to the trail and they appear interested. So maybe a work party in early September?

The Eldorado National Forest SOPA for the time period of July through September is up. Go take a look, shake it out, and see what falls out.

No update on the 1x standings, all correspondence to the Road Captain has gone unanswered. Maybe he went back to rechallenge the Austin Mud Bog and reclaim his tears.

We have a busy time in front of us with the 49er Family, trail work, 5 year Permit, 2012 sanctioning and the ramp-up to the PCGP.

## 2011 Meeting Schedule

PDMC meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Coco's Restaurant near the corner of Madison and Sunrise. (Bench racing starts at 7:00pm). **This months meeting is at Brookfield's Restaurant located at the corner of Sunrise and Folsom Blvd.**

<del>January 4<sup>th</sup> 2011</del>	<del>Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 2011</del>	<del>March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011</del>	<del>April 5<sup>th</sup> 2011</del>
<del>May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011</del>	<del>June 7<sup>th</sup> 2011</del>	<del>July 5<sup>th</sup> 2011</del>	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2011
Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> 2011	October 4 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2011	Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> 2011

## August Schedule, 2011

Date	Event	Location
August 2th	Standard Meeting	Sunrise/Folsom Blvd
August 27h	ROM	Sopiago Creek Resort

## Mark your calendar now for the 2011 PDMC events (Preliminary Dates)

Date	Event	Location
TBD	Adopt-A-Trail Work Party	Tragedy Springs
October 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>st</sup>	49er Family Enduro	Gold Note