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MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

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May Birthdays

Bob 44x

Bill 11x

Cliff 31x

Steve 13x

For the Prez

Well the month of April was a tough one for our A riders, the Road Captain is filling in for Bret this month, read on for the reason why.

Family Work Party

We had our first work party to mileage the Family enduro on April 20th. Living up to the adage "enduros are tough", Goldnote jumped up and bit Dave Wells as he was only in the first 10 miles into running mileage on the first loop. We are not sure exactly what happened, but after watching Dave try in vain to pop his shoulder back in for five minutes he finally agreed to catch a ride back to his truck on the back of another bike and drive (himself) to the hospital. We heard he had some hardware put in to repair his shoulder socket. We wish you a speedy recovery Dave!

Other than Dave's mishap we had a good work party and got most of the checks and course planned out. With the lack of snow this year we were able to put in the new far east section that we could not do last year. Thanks to Bret, Bill Buffington, Vern, Mark, Dave, Chris, Bill Fain, and John Manning.

Later that day a friend of our new member, Chris Worth, found a tree and did some major damage as well. Cliff has the picture of the damage on the website with an explicit content advisory.

VCGP

The last weekend of the month was the annual club favorite and ride of the month, the Virginia City Grand Prix. The weather was great and the course was tough as usual. Part way into the first lap Bret had a high speed get off that broke his collarbone (clavicle) and did a number to his elbow. He was taken to Reno by ambulance where he was cleaned up and released. Being the trooper he is he returned to join everyone for dinner Saturday night before being graciously chauffeured home by Bill Buffington. As he left Bret was already talking about which race he would be back for, get well soon Bret!

Steve and Cliff had good results on Saturday. Bill Fain sacrificed his race to help get Bret to safety. Dave eased back into his first race of the year with a one lap effort. Ryan rode the Pro class and was easily in the money until running out of gas (the bike not Ryan) on the last lap due to not taking gas on the previous pit stop.

The Saturday racers and the pitters tore up the town Saturday night in true Polkadot style that by all accounts had not been seen for a few years. See Cliff's write up and lots of pictures on the website for more on that!

Frank and Curt led the Sunday racers with great finishes. Frank put in four laps in three hours, as many as most of the racers on Saturday did in four hours and claimed the only trophy we know of for sure for the weekend. Chris put in a good

**2007 1x
Standings**
As of April 30th

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Name</u>
190	31x Cliff
153	29x Frank
145	20x Dave
100	25x Jim
84	22x Bruce
80	15x Curt
78	10x Bret
73	16x Ryan
64	14x Bill
60	42x Wayne
49	17x Chris
44	27x Ernie
42	13x Steve
41	TBD Hayden
40	51x John
36	1x Jim
28	11x Bill
25	26x Ken
18	2x Dave

three lap ride, while Wayne and Bruce battled it out for one lap.

On the LAO Front

We as individual enthusiasts need to make our voices heard. Here are a few easy ways YOU can do that.

National Forest Designation Process

The Forest Designation process is in full swing for both the El Dorado and Tahoe National Forests. Dave Wood posted the following on the District 36 board:

We need letters in support of the roads and trails that we want to see designated on the Tahoe NF.

The maps can be viewed from a link at;
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/projec...nv/index.shtml>

Your comments may be emailed to; tnf_rte_desiq@fs.fed.us

I have posted my letter below and ask that those of you who enjoy riding in the Tahoe NF get your comments in by 5-14-2007.

Wilderness Petition

This was posted on Thumpertalk:

Back in the 80's, the wilderness area consisting of 6 million acres of the California Desert was instituted by Congress and the rest of the dunes and back country were intended for motorized recreation in perpetuity. We all know how that turned out. Along come other groups that want to close the rest of the area.

In the past, concessions have been made allowing other lands to be designated Wilderness, while leaving remaining lands open to Multiple Use. Contrary to these past agreements Wilderness advocates (Leftist Environmental Whack Jobs) now want the remaining lands.

There is a petition that works to make this tactic outdated. Click the link below to sign in or copy and paste it in your browser. Pass the link on to as many pro-access people you know.

https://host593.ipowerweb.com/%7Eacc...ntry_petition/

California Wild Heritage Bill

The 2007 Boxer California Wild Heritage Bill S-493 proposes 36 new Wilderness additions totaling over 1.1 million acres

It includes three inappropriate Wilderness additions in the Sequoia, which would close 46 existing trails to multiple use.

Motorized groups have adopted at least 7 trails within the area proposed to be closed to them

None of these volunteer groups were contacted to ask if they thought these Wilderness proposals were appropriate

None of these areas were recommended for Wilderness by the Sequoia National Forest

Below is a simple petition opposing any more Wilderness Areas in California

<http://www.petitiononline.com/boxer/petition.html>

The bill will probably be scheduled for a vote about six months from now. Contact your Congressman & let them know how you feel.

Here is a link to find your Congressman's phone number & address
<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/officials/congress/>

2007 Meeting Schedule

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

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

Don't forget the Family Enduro Drawing party at the Folsom Round Table Pizza on May 15th.

May Events

Date	Event	Location
5/5-6	Coyote Hills HS	San Antonio Junction, CA
5/6	Fools Gold Enduro - Ride of the month	Georgetown, CA
5/5	Lodi MC - Dirt Track, ST	Lodi Cycle Bowl, Lodi, CA
5/11	KB Motocross	Sacramento Raceway
5/12	Sawmill National Enduro	Cow Mountain, CA
5/13	Outlaw HS	Cow Mountain, CA
5/13	OTHG MX	Argyll Park, Dixon, CA
5/15	49er Family Drawing, 7pm	Round Table in Folsom
5/17-21	Hangtown National Motocross	Prairie City OHV
5/27-28	Leoni Meadows Cross Country	Leoni Meadows, CA

April Ride Report

Here's a summary of our rider's finishes this month and the best photos from our pit crews. Cliff claimed his first 1x lead of the year with a trophy finish at the Shasta Dam GP and another good finish at the VCGP.

Shasta Dam GP, April 14-15

Cliff 4th/38 C Senior **TROPHY**
Jim Anderson 9th/22 B Senior

Virginia City GP, April 28

Cliff Gormley 24th/52, +40 Amateur
Steve Pratt: 13th/21, +50 Amateur
Ryan Mushrush: 12th/20, Pro
Bret Eckert 1 loop +40 Expert
Bill Fain 1 loop +40 Amateur
Dave DeBold 1 loop +30 Amateur

Virginia City GP, April 29

Frank Leonardi 4th/42 +30 Novice **TROPHY**
Curt Backhaus 32nd/84, +40 Novice
Chris Worth 37th/42, +30 Novice
Wayne Halozan - 8th/8, Bomber
Bruce Hendrickson 1 loop +50

Pitters: Rod Ruggles, John Manning, Dan Walling, Jim Piatt, Bill Buffington

Hollister Youth CC, April 29

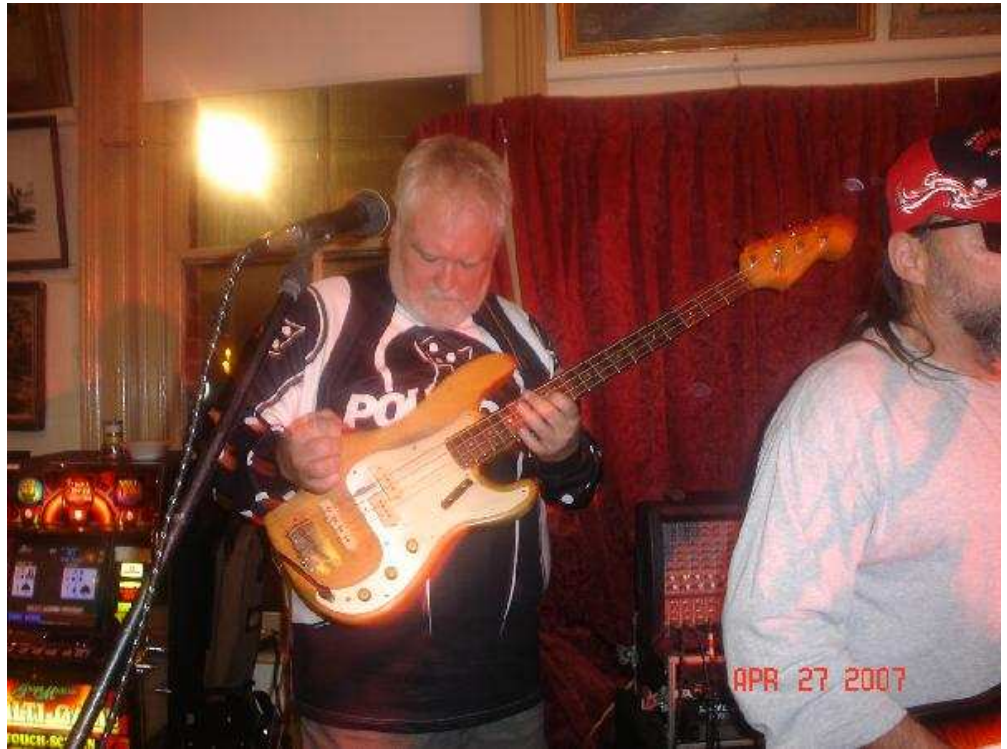
Hayden Florez 15th/19 B 85



What really hurts is wearing this KTM shirt!!



John prepares to show Dan who the new "big Dot" in town is...



Dan the "Riffman" playing some Carpenters for the crowd at VCGP



Curt "Old Dude" takes the holeshot in his snappy new jersey!