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# LEAPIN LEVI LEDDY

Story and photos by  
Jessica Ten Hagen

**W**hen Levi Leddy was born there was no question that he was born into a motocross family. His parents, Carrie and Donald Leddy are well known in the District 14 motocross world as fierce competitors themselves. Donald and Carrie have competed in the District 14 series for several years. Donald has also been a competitor at the AMA Amateur National at Loretta Lynn's Ranch for the last 6 years. In 2018 Levi became one of the youngest riders to line up on the gate at the AMA Amateur National at Loretta Lynn's Ranch in just his first season of racing. He has since gone every year and placed 2nd in the Nation in 51cc 4-6 Shaft Drive class in 2020. He also made history in the motocross world by becoming one of the 42 riders in the nation to line up for the up-and-coming EBIKE class. He placed 7th overall in that class.

Spring has sprung and so has Levi. He came into the season still eligible for the 4-6 51cc classes. He competed at Daytona finishing 3rd in the 51cc Limited and 4th in the EBIKE. At the Motoplayground Spring A Ding Race in Kemp Texas, Levi put himself right on the top spot of the podium in the 51cc 4-6 Shaft Drive and EBIKE and took 4th in the 51cc 4-6 Limited. He stood on the podium and thanked his Grandma and his friends for helping him along with his trainer Matt Walker at Moto X compound.

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## Starting Lines

a few words from the editor

As of this writing, Memorial Day is right around the corner! How in the world does the time fly by so fast?? It seems the older I get, the quicker it goes. Best to get out and enjoy every minute of life you can right now!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to this month's contributors. Hopefully now that we have some racing coming up, and the powers-that-be seem to be loosening their stranglehold on us so we can go out and play, we will have lots of stories in the pits to be talking and sharing about!! Now if we could just get on track with meeting deadlines I think we'd all be happier with an earlier newspaper delivery date. We shall see!!!

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'Til next time ... take care and be cool. And as always, enjoy the ride... it all goes by in a blink.

Rox

### To this Month's AH-MAZING CONTRIBUTORS...

# THANK YOU

– In order of appearance –

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Molly Kidner, Steven Beane, Thomas Dunn,  
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Submitted by Molly Kidner, Membership Administrator

Hi everyone! If you purchased a D 14 membership before May 1 from any event or online or through the paper and have NOT received your D 14 card in the mail, you need to contact me. I am up-to-date with everything as of May 1 as far as I know! Occasionally things do get lost. Please contact me if you do not have your card at [D14membership@gmail.com](mailto:D14membership@gmail.com).



◀ **Jeremy Crowley**

### **CORRECTION:**

This photo placed in April's edition ATV Nationals story had the incorrect name captioned on it. It is Jeremy Crowley, not Jeremy Krueger. Apologies for any inconvenience or misunderstandings.



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# Vintage MX TURNOUT SOARS

## as 2021 Gets Under Way

*Story and photos Steve Baginski*

### BULLDOG RIDERS MC (Millington MI)

April 10, 2021 | We kicked off the 2021 season on April 10th with a record of 78 Vintage signups. That is the largest turnout I have ever seen since I've been involved with Vintage MX. We also had seven racers in the newly added 65/70+. We have added them to our series this year to show the interest to make them a D14 class for 2022 and beyond. We had some great weather and great racing all day long. There were some mechanical issues throughout the day but that's expected for round one. The track was awesome and all the racers were very happy to have the season starting.

The 21 Evolution racers were out first with Michael Sokalski grabbing the holeshot. Mike had an early challenge in moto one with Ross Kershner but Ross had bike issues on lap three and ended his race. Mike went on to an easy win as Ray Brooks held on to second. Al went down in turn two and worked his way from last to third by the end of the moto. Shaun Nestor and Mark Havalda rode well to round out the top five. Al had a much better start in moto two with the holeshot with Ross getting his bike fixed and running second. Al led for the first lap and then had to end early with some throttle sticking issues. That left the door open for Ross to take the lead with Mike on his rear fender. They had a great battle until the last lap when Mike went down trying to make the pass. Ross went on to take the win but was outside the top ten with his first moto dnf. Mike was able to remount fast and hold onto second to take the overall. Ray was a solid fourth to take second with a steady Shaun Nestor going 4-5 to round out the podium. Mark Havalda was also quick and consistent as he was the top 125 finisher going 5-8 for fourth overall. Todd Lane wanted the top 125 spot but came up just short with his 8-7 finishes to finish out the top five.

We had a good buffer race with the 65/70+ and Schoolboy classes out together. John Korte grabbed both holeshots as he was entered in the 70+ class. He had a good pace early but a fall mid race dropped him to second. He rebounded in moto two to take the win and overall. Charles Younglove and Martin Murphy

► Lance Shelton makes his racing a little easier now that he's on his 250







▲ Robert Lloyd rode well in his vintage debut to take hard fought second in Transition



▲ R.S. Delaney seems to finally have his YZ figured out



▲ Ross Kershner was a favorite until a bike failure in moto one

swapped moto wins in the 65+ class with Charles taking the top spot. Martin ended up second as Dale Darling decided to ride his Vintage bike in 65+ to take third. After John's crash in moto one, Ed Shively took the top spot but only managed to get a third in moto two. It was good enough for second overall as Gary Sirovey ended the day in third with his 3-2 scores. William Foster decided to race the young bucks in the 70+ class over Evolution like he has in the past even though he turned 80 just a few months before. He had some good battles with the Schoolboy class as he went 4-4 for fourth. I felt it was fitting to have the oldest and youngest racers on the track at the same time. Alexis Argue and Seth Gamet swapped moto wins but with Seth not being able to finish moto one, that gave the overall to Alexis.

The Innovation class was next with a total of 24 racers. Gene Huntoon was fast out of the gate getting both holeshots but with the fast group of racers, he just missed out on the top five. Nik Michael was quickest into the lead to take both moto wins and overall. Garritt Powell was on the gas on his 125 in moto one for second but a first turn pile up in moto two hurt his podium chances. He

rode great to come back to sixth to earn fourth overall. Lance was smooth and consistent all day to get 3-2 finishes for second overall. Tom Claerhout showed up with his China air cooled four stroke again and rode it hard enough to melt the muffler sticker. He was scored as the top 125 on his way to 4-3 finishes to round out the podium. Shawn Kish jumped into the Inno group after picking up a nice YZ250 and he had some solid rides to finish out the top five.

Historic was a little light compared to the other classes but we still had ten of them. William Hawkins was quickest out of the gate to take both holeshots. He held on for the moto win with Jim Jobson a very close second. Mike Mason was just off pace as he rounded out the podium. Blake Argue was the top 125 as he rode well just ahead of Jon Rugenstein and Ken Argue. Alexis Argue also rode in Historic making it the first ever that a father/son/daughter have ever competed and earned points in the same class. William was off to a good start in moto two but an early fall gave the lead to Jim with Mike a close second. Jim kept looking ahead and went

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**VINTAGE** continued from page 7

on to take the win and the overall. William came from a decent way back to get into third and that was good enough for second overall. Mike was faster the second moto but his 3-2 was only good enough for third. Blake had to work for his position as he was back to back and they forgot to hold the gate in the second moto. He came from way back to go 4-4 for fourth. Jon Rugenstein and Ken Argue had a good battle in moto one but Ken was also back to back. He then noticed that Alexis needed help in moto two so he helped her instead which slowed his progress. Jon would round out the top five with Ken slipping to sixth. Stephen Phillips had to race his home track as he took seventh just ahead of Michael Sangster. Mike is still new to racing and he hasn't figured out yet that you're not supposed to fall right in front of the camera guy. He rode well to take eighth ahead of Alexis and Joe Rader.

The fastest class of the day was saved for last with 21 in Transition. Thomas Templeton was fast from the drop of the gate. He grabbed the moto one holeshot and checked out. Robert Lloyd and Alan Doneth had a good battle for second as Kris Gillett and Nik Michael fought for the top five. Chad Morehouse

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▲ Charles Younglove took the first ever 65+ moto overall



▲ Mike Mason has an old school smooth style every time he's on the track



▲ Jim Jobson charges through the corners on his way to the overall on his home track



▲ Michael Sangster has yet to figure out not to crash in front of the cameraman



▲ Tom Lee decided to do a quick cuddle to show how much he loves his KTM



▲ Father chasing Son early in Historic as Blake Argue had the advantage over Ken





▲ First Holeshoot of the season went to Michael Sokalski in Evolution



▲ Shaun Nestor finished on the podium for round one



▲ Jay Ottenwess showed off some retro gear as he just missed the top ten in moto two



▲ Andrew Shafer trying to hold off Gene Huntton and Kris Gillett



▲ Stephen Phillips and Joe Rader had a good battle in moto one



▲ Mark Havalda takes a quick peek to see the train of racers behind him



# Landen Gallt, inaugural Stacyc Race Winner

# HARE SCRAMBLE SPOTLIGHT

Story and photos submitted by Molly Kidner | Photographer unknown

Most days you will find Landen out on his home track in Sunfield, Mi riding his Stacyc until the batteries run dry and then the dirt bike comes out until it gets dark. He rides rain or shine, snow or mud! There isn’t a day that he doesn’t ask his Dad if he can get his dirt bike out to go riding.

Landen has been racing dirt bikes since he was 4 years old. He got his start on a PW 50 and raced his first race in 2019 at Polka Dots where he placed 3rd. If you ask Landen today he will still tell you that Polka Dots is his favorite track!

He won the 4-6yr old 50 Auto class in 2020 and will be racing the same class again this year. Landen wanted to start racing after watching his sister race the hare-scramble series! This is a great sport for our whole family and we are so grateful to everyone who makes this series possible!





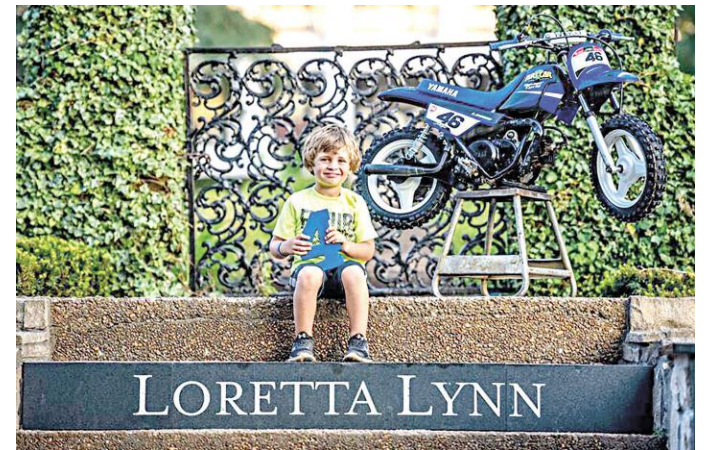
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This weekend at the ALLQ held at Dutch Sports Park I was able to speak to Levi for a brief minute. He said he wants to win, and he wants to play with his friends. He flashed his super big smile and ran off to go play at the park. He went on to win all of his motos in the shaft, EBIKE and Limited classes. We will continue to watch Levi race over the summer as he races in District 14 and hope to see him return to the AMA amateur national bringing home a championship to Michigan.

Follow Levi on Instagram @ leapinleviledy469



▲ Levi and Abby Furno



▲ At Loretta's



▲ At Dutch



▲ At Regionals



▲ Spring A Ding Champ



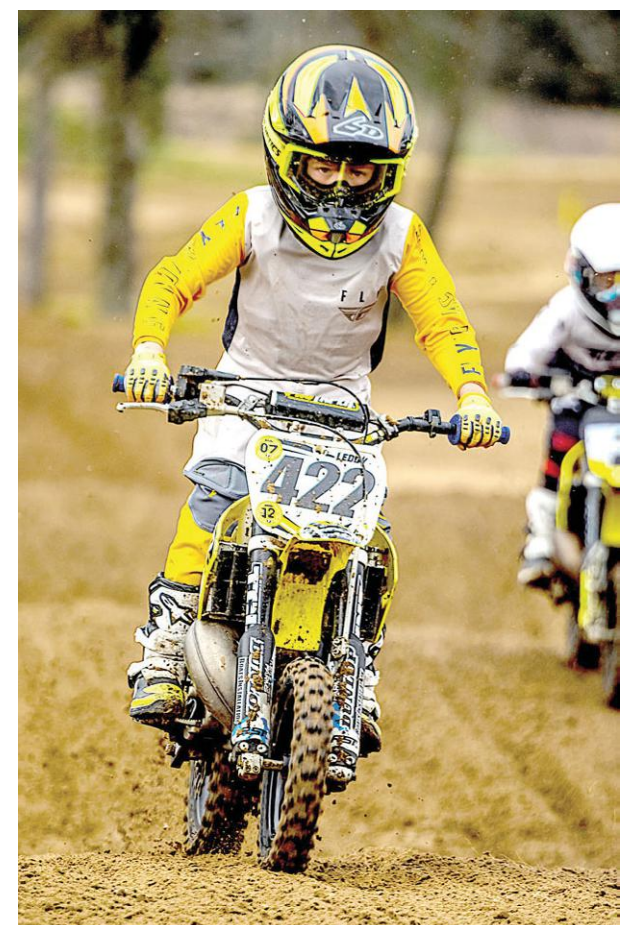
▲ Big ole smile



▲ With Grammy



▲ Levi, Mom & Dad



▲ Spring A Ding



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## ATV MX

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 ⚡ = State Championship Race

### MAY

15 Battle Creek MX ..... Battle Creek  
 16 ⚡ Battle Creek MX ..... Battle Creek  
 22 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 23 ⚡ Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 TBA ⚡ Big Air MX ..... Newago

### JUNE

06 Dutch Sportpark ..... Bloomingdale  
 20 ⚡ Valley Trail Riders ..... Bentley

### JULY

10 Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 11 ⚡ Twisted MX ..... Milan

30 ⚡ Redbud Nat'l ..... Buchanan

### AUGUST

01 ⚡ Redbud Nat'l ..... Buchanan

### SEPTEMBER

18 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 19 ⚡ Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale

### OCTOBER

02 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 03 ⚡ Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 16 Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 17 ⚡ Twisted MX ..... Milan

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16 Whiskey Creek ..... Cluster

### JUNE

06 Dutch Sportpark ..... Bloomingdale  
 20 Valley Trail Riders ..... Bentley

### JULY

31 T-Time Acres ..... Mount Pleasant

### SEPTEMBER

11 Toledo Trail Riders ..... Toledo, OH  
 25 T-Time Acres ..... Mount Pleasant

### OCTOBER

16 Valley Trail Riders ..... Bentley

## ENDURO

**INCLUDES FAMILY ENDURO (FES)**

**CHAIRPERSON** ..... Mike Maurer  
 (No FES dates provided as of printing)

### MAY

23 Jack Pine Spring ..... Moorestown  
 23 Pine Cone Spring (FES) .. Moorestown

### JUNE

13 Muddobbers (FES) ..... Matthews, IN

### JULY

10 Grapevine (FES) ..... Lawton  
 24 Weed Wacker (FES) ..... Bentley  
 25 Barkbuster ..... Bentley

### AUGUST

15 Summer Bummer ..... Roselawn  
 21 Pine Cone (FES) ..... Moorestown  
 22 Jack Pine ..... Moorsetown

### SEPTEMBER

11 Greenville (FES) ..... Greenville, OH  
 25 Fife Lake (FES) ..... Fife Lake

### OCTOBER

03 National Enduro  
 Muddobbers ..... Matthews, IN

### NOVEMBER

06 Turkey Gobbler (FES) .... New Paris, IN  
 07 Turkey Creek ..... New Paris, IN  
 14 Peace Pipe ..... Greenville, OH

## FLAT TRACK

**CHAIRPERSON** ..... Harmony Bailey  
**VICE CHAIR** ..... Teresa Bennett (Gigi)  
 (All Events run Quad Exhibition Class)

### MAY

02 ST ..... Owosso  
 03 TT ..... Owosso

### JUNE

05 ST ..... Polka Dots MC  
 06 Rain Date ..... Polka Dots MC  
 12 ST ..... Lucky Thumb MC  
 13 TT ..... Lucky Thumb MC  
 19 ST ..... Polka Dots MC  
 20 Rain Date ..... Polka Dots MC

### JULY

10 ST ..... Lucky Thumb MC

11 TT ..... Lucky Thumb MC

31 ST ..... Lucky Thumb MC

### AUGUST

01 TT ..... Lucky Thumb MC  
 21 TT ..... Bridgeton / Muskegon MC  
 22 TT ..... Bridgeton / Muskegon MC

### SEPTEMBER

11 **ST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 ..... Lucky Thumb MC

12 **TT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 ..... Lucky Thumb MC

18 ST Rain Date ..... Lucky Thumb MC

19 TT Rain Date ..... Lucky Thumb MC

25 ST ..... Owosso

26 TT ..... Owosso

## HARE SCRAMBLE

**CHAIRPERSON** ..... Zack Keizer  
**VICE CHAIR** ..... Dan Stephens

### MAY

16 Whiskey Creek ..... Cluster

### JUNE

06 Dutch Sportpark ..... Bloomingdale  
 20 Valley Trail Riders ..... Bentley

### JULY

11 Muskegon MC ..... Muskegon

### AUGUST

01 Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek  
 15 Polka Dots MC ..... Midland

### SEPTEMBER

12 Toledo Trail Riders ..... Toledo, OH

### OCTOBER

10 Fredneck Ranch ..... Frederic

## HILL CLIMB

**CHAIRPERSON** ..... John Radke

**VICE CHAIR** ..... Brix McFee

### MAY

16 Goshen Ironhorseman ..... Goshen, IN

### JUNE

11 Muskegon MC ..... Bridgeton  
 12 Muskegon MC ..... Bridgeton  
 13 Muskegon MC ..... Bridgeton

### AUGUST

21 Muskegon MC ..... Bridgeton  
 29 Goshen Ironhorseman ..... Goshen, IN

### SEPTEMBER

10 Muskegon MC ..... Bridgeton  
 11 Muskegon MC ..... Bridgeton

### STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Muskegon MC ..... Bridgeton

## MOTO CROSS

**CHAIRPERSON** ..... Kreg Bigelow

**VICE CHAIR** ..... Kip Bigelow

⚡ = MI State Championship - Max Points

### MAY

01 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 02 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 02 Bulldog Riders ..... Millington  
 09 Portland Trail Riders ..... Portland  
 15 Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek  
 15 Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 16 Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek  
 16 Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 22 Big Air MX ..... Newago  
 22 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 23 Polka Dots MC ..... Midland  
 23 Big Air MX ..... Newago  
 23 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 29 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 30 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 31 Valley MX ..... Stanton



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# 2021 AMA D14 EVENTS

## JUNE

- 05 Grattan MX ..... Belding  
 06 Grattan MX ..... Beldin  
 06 ★ Bulldog Riders ..... Millington  
 12 Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek  
 13 ★ Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek  
 19 Portland Trail Riders ..... Portland  
 20 Portland Trail Riders ..... Portland  
 20 Cadillac MC ..... Cadillac  
 26 Big Air MX ..... Newago  
 27 ★ Big Air MX ..... Newago

## JULY

- 02 Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 03 Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 03 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 04 Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 04 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 10 Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 10 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 11 Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 11 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 18 ★ Polka Dots MC ..... Midland  
 24 Grattan MX ..... Belding  
 24 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 25 ★ Grattan MX ..... Belding  
 25 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 31 Valley MX ..... Stanton

## AUGUST

- 01 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 07 Big Air MX ..... Newago  
 07 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 08 Big Air MX ..... Newago  
 08 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 14 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 15 ★ Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 21 Cadillac MC ..... Cadillac  
 22 ★ Cadillac MC ..... Cadillac  
 22 Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek  
 28 Grattan MX ..... Belding  
 28 Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 29 Grattan MX ..... Belding  
 29 ★ Twisted MX ..... Milan

## SEPTEMBER

- 04 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 05 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 06 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 11 Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 12 ★ Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 12 Cadillac MC ..... Cadillac  
 18 Portland Trail Riders ..... Portland  
 18 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 19 ★ Portland Trail Riders ..... Portland  
 19 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 25 Big Air MX ..... Newago  
 26 Polka Dots MC ..... Midland

- 26 Big Air MX ..... Newago

## OCTOBER

- 02 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 03 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 09 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 10 ★ Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale  
 16 Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 17 Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 23 Valley MX ..... Stanton  
 24 ★ Valley MX ..... Stanton

## SEPTEMBER

- 19 Nancy Boy ..... Bentley  
 26 Drumlin Hills ..... Ellsworth, MI

## OCTOBER

- 24 Battle Creek GP ..... Battle Creek

## VINTAGE MX

**CHAIRPERSON** ..... Steve Baginski  
 ★ = GP Series Race

## MAY

- 08 ★ Portland Trail Riders ..... Portland  
 22 Big Air MX ..... Newago

## JUNE

- 06 Log Road MX ..... Bronson  
 17 ★ Polka Dots MC ..... Midland

## JULY

- 07 Red Bud MX ..... Buchanan  
 21 ★ Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek

- 22 Battle Creek MC ..... Battle Creek

## SEPTEMBER

- 12 ★ Twisted MX ..... Milan  
 25 Polka Dots MC ..... Midland

## OCTOBER

- 16 ★ Valley Trail Riders ..... Bentley  
 17 ★ Valley Trail Riders ..... Bentley

## SPRINT ENDURO

**CHAIRPERSON** ..... Logan Densmore  
**VICE CHAIR** ..... Shawn Elkins

## MAY

- 01 ISDE Qualifier 1 ..... Battle Creek  
 02 ISDE Qualifier 2 ..... Battle Creek

## JUNE

- 27 CMB ..... Bentley

## JULY

- 18 Evergreen Creek ..... Vassar

## AUGUST

- 08 Muskegon MC ..... Grant  
 29 Dutch MX ..... Bloomingdale

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 RedBudMX.com  
 TheValleyTrailRiders.org  
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▲ Nik Michael aired out the front table top on his way to a 1-1 in Innovation



▲ Tom Claerhout took top 125cc honors in Innovation on his air cooled china four stroke



▲ Gene Huntoon grabbed both hole-shots and drifted his way around the track but just missed the top five



▲ If it weren't for a first turn pile up in moto two, Gerrit Powell could have challenged for the win on his clean CR125



▲ Gary Sirovey came back to racing since there was an older class for him to race

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was still getting into race shape as he was trying to hold off Tim Beougher, Shawn Kish and Mark Becker. Al was able to get the holeshot in moto two and battle for a little before Tom took over the lead and went on to an easy 1-1 and overall. Robert and Al then continued their battle from moto one. They were wheel to wheel for the entire moto with Robert getting by to take second and second overall. Al would keep pace but round out the podium. Hunter Cimini had issues in moto one back in eleventh but a great ride in moto two to take fourth but sixth overall. Chad as in a solid top five at the beginning of the moto but a stupid tip over cost him dearly. He would only get back to tenth for eighth overall. Nik made the pass for fifth as he was battling with Mark Becker and Shawn Kish. Kris was taking his time getting through the field as he was fighting with Andrew Shafer and Gene Huntoon. Kris would make his way to Nik's rear fender but couldn't get around him as they finished fifth and sixth to round out the overall podium. Mark had a good fight in the mid pack to hold on to seventh for seventh overall. Shawn and Gene went back and forth a few time and in their finishes as they rounded out the top ten.

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# Miscellaneous MOTO MUSINGS

MAY 2021 – by Steven Beane

- It's been a minute since we last wrote, and that's because we've been so darned busy. Like almost every other powersports dealer in the nation, PlusOnePerformance has been flat out selling anything with wheels, a lot of parts, and tuning suspension. Oh, and racing and setting up race events too.

- As noted by the esteemed Mr. Dunn in the last edition of the D14 news, one of the early season sales saw a crisp and well-prepared Beta 250 head to Lansing, allowing our president to retire the Yama-thumper for good.

- Not much to report in the professional off-road racing world, except that Stew Baylor is an absolute beast. In the last couple months, he's been atop the podium in National Enduros, GNCCs, and in the newly (and hastily) formed US Sprint Enduro series.

- Baylor's rise has been made easier by the absence of Kailub Russell, who announced last year that he was retiring from active participation in off-road racing. We know now that what that really meant was that the 8-time GNCC champ was going to take a swing at the National Motocross championship on a Factory KTM 250SX-F.

- Russell's season hit a real rough patch even before it got started – his hand slipped off the bars on a set of rollers while practicing at Fox (nee Pala) Raceway in California, and the subsequent crash left him knocked out with several broken ribs and a jaw that had to be wired shut in order to let it begin to heal. Ouch.

- Here's one I didn't see coming – immediately following the supercross series in which he captured third place, Eli Tomac announced that he would not be re-signing with Kawasaki, even though it was rumored he had already inked a two-year contract extension with the green team. Actually, Tomac didn't announce that, because he remains at once one of the sport's greatest riders and yet most elusive personalities. Speaking of rumors, scuttlebutt has

Tomac headed to Star Yamaha. Maybe that's why Malcolm Stewart bid his farewell to the team ...

- It's also rumored that Aaron Plessinger is headed to RedBull KTM, but surely the orange giant also keeps Marvin Musquin for a couple more years, especially given his late season performance that included a race win and podium in the last three races.

- The effects of the world's response to Covid-19 will be felt for a long time going forward – some positive and some negative. On the plus side mid-week racing and multiple events in a city seem to improve the supercross series, and there are many new or returning riders to the off-road riding roster. On the negative side, state and local restrictions make planning and holding races an on-going challenge, and the recent increase in shipping and raw material costs means that the 2022 bikes will cost much more than earlier models.

- Global logistics issues have thrown a wrench in the plans of many a rider who wanted a new bike for the early spring races. There are dozens of freighters doing water-donuts off of the east and west coast harbors, and even when ships make port there are delays in getting off-loaded and having the containers of bikes moved to the importers. At one point Beta had 19 containers floating in the Pacific off the west coast, waiting for a chance to land.

- KTM, Husqvarna, and Honda jumped the gate in a manner of speaking, releasing details of their mostly-refreshed 2022 models at the end of April, with others surely soon to follow. Manufacturers have little choice but to bring new models forward – most have been sold out of 2021s for months.

- With the enduro and off-road calendar back-loaded in the year, it's a good time to join a club and get into the woods with arrows and a stapler in your hands.

- One club that could have used some additional help was the Grand Kankakee

Riders – they were short-handed to the point of missing a checker at the end of an epic section 2 at the recent Sand Goblin enduro.

- I remain convinced that trials riding can only be good for your off-road race results, as the opening test of the Sand Goblin featured approximately 20,000 logs to hop.

- Cooper Webb joins an elite group of riders as a multi-time (2 in his case) 450 class supercross champion. He is also the first repeat winner since Ryan Dungey.

- Star Racing Monster Yamaha had a banner year, winning both coasts of the 250 supercross championships with Colt Nichols and Justin Cooper. Team-mates Christian Craig and Nate Thrasher also scored race wins, while title-hopeful Jeremy Martin crashed out of the season early and Jarrett Frye proved underwhelming.

- Ken Roczen made it to the end of the season physically healthy, but he must be wrecked mentally. Cooper Webb is perhaps one of the best racers (not the fastest, mind you) in the business, and he has been living rent-free in the Honda rider's head for months. In late-season action, the Red Rider would get out front and seemingly be streaking away to the checkers, only to have an unforced error and get gobbled up by Webb, over and over and over again.

- I saw my first Yamaha Tenere 700 in the flesh (metal?) in North Carolina a couple weeks ago, and boy did it look good! The long-anticipated Japanese 'middleweight' adventure bike joins an increasingly crowded segment.

- Speaking of middleweight adventure bikes, you can sample Triumph's latest Tigers by hooking up with Jeff Stanton Adventures. If all goes well, I'll have a

first-hand report on Stanton's latest venture which is said to also include opportunities to hunt, fish, and explore Michigan's extensive off-road single- and two-track network.

- It's been suggested that leading a balanced life is having a good life. I took that to mean riding a Vertigo trials bike, along with eating more vegetables and sleeping more. The Spanish machines are incredibly easy to balance at a standstill, yet still turn as well as previous class leading Beta.

- Sometimes balance isn't enough – 28 (!!!) time world trials champion Toni Bou recently had emergency surgery to repair a broken fibula. The injury was suffered training for the upcoming TrialGP season, and is expected to keep Bou off the pegs for ... three weeks!

- Jack Miller broke what seemed like an eternity-long dry spell by taking the top spot at the recent Spanish Grand Prix. The Ducati rider bested his teammate Francesco Bagnaia and Yamaha's Franco Morbidelli.

- Long-time Yamaha pilot Valentino Rossi will lead a MotoGP effort with his own team next season, although the maker of the bikes the team will be astride is still up in the air.

- It's almost time for the outdoor nationals to start, and 450 defending champ Zach Osborne looks primed to come out of the gate strong. The Rockstar Husky rider aggravated old back injuries and had to bow out of the supercross series early, but that gave him a jump-start on summer series.

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# Visions

Story by Thomas Dunn, District 14 President | Photo by Jenny Dings

## A WORD FROM THE PREZ

### APRIL SHOWERS

April showers bring May flowers; The saying can be traced back to England from the 1500's poet Thomas Tusser. Back then, he wrote "Sweet April showers do spring May Flowers." In England, the month of April brings huge weather swings with the jet stream lifting northward at the start of spring,

Despite the state's continued closures and Health Department orders, District 14 racing continues to thrive and grow. As our season takes off and people tire of the long winter months, we are seeing a rise in membership and riders at the tracks.

The first Enduro in Roselawn Indiana saw a weekend number of a little over 700 riders.

Valley MX motocross opener had around 700 plus for its 2 days of racing.

Portland Trail Riders were a bit unprepared for 507 riders in the Hare Scrambles opener, but bounced back to run a wonderful event. They also had an additional 79 ATV riders for the afternoon race!

Flat Track is up and running with OMP, although I don't know numbers yet, I am sure they will show large participation.

The very best part I can see is that Youth racing is through the roof. Portland had 39 50cc auto riders!

Hill Climb will be holding their first event soon! I look forward to seeing their turnout.

Michigan Sprint Enduro Series opens with a 2 day ISDE Qualifier at Battle Creek Motorcycle Club which should pull in huge numbers!

So far our events are being allowed to continue uninhibited as communities appear happy to bring us in.

### DISTRICT 14

The District continues to recommend that all event practice the "Ride Safe Protocol" developed last year by the AMA and to follow local and State rules.

### LEGISLATION

After 11 years of being a Member of Michigan Trails Advisory Council, advising the Governor and DNR on the various trails and trail type that the state offers, I was not reappointed to continue. This has opened me up to do more on the legislative side to protect our riding rights.

House Bill 4535 introduced by Representative Ken Borton is now in the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation committee, would close all trails to wheeled vehicles From December 1 to March 31 if that trail is groomed for snowmobiling and has hefty fines if ticketed.

Although I believe if a trail is groomed for snowmobiles, ORV's should stay off of if all possible and be respectful of other users. Know where you're riding as 50% of snowmobile trail is on private property, many leased by the program, and could be lost if used unwanted vehicles.

With a finite amount of trails and state lands, many trails are "shared" and are unavoidable to ORV's as they travel the designated trails.

ORV sport is a 12 month sport and deserves to be viewed as such.

House Bill 4332 introduced by Representation Steve Johnson would allow for ORV stickers to be placed in a variety of places including on the forks as many of our motorcycle riders have been asking for. Lew Shuler of the Cycle Conservation Club and I are scheduled to testify in front of Natural Resource and Outdoor Recreation committee this week.

### BRING A FRIEND!

As always I ask that all of you take the time to help introduce our sport to others and invite them to come with you to an event. Even if they only come to observe it helps bring new people and new perspectives to our sport.

### WRITE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Writing about your experiences riding doesn't have to be about a race or event, just about your experiences motorcycling or ATVing. Write about a friend or family member that rides or maybe got you interested in riding. None of us writing for D14 NEWS are professional writer, come join us!

See ya at the races!

## HEY YOU...

Submit your ads and articles by the 20th of each month for the following month's edition!

May 20 ►► June paper  
June 20 ►► July paper  
July 20 ►► August paper  
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Sept 20 ►► Oct. paper



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We are off to a great start and I hope these numbers will continue. We are off for a little with the next race at Portland on May 8th. After that we head to Big Air on Saturday May 22nd. Then we only have one race in June at Log Road on June 6th. That will also be a Vintage only race as we mix in with their vintage series and open practice. Tom Claerhout is once again keeping points but they won't be updated until about round three or four. You can check [www.michiganvintagemotocross.com](http://www.michiganvintagemotocross.com) for those points and any other info. Thanks for checking in and I'll see you at the races.

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da (Suz); 5. T. Lane (Hon); 6. R. Delaney (Yam); 7. D. Michael (Hon); 8. D. Layman (Hon); 9. T. Lee (Ktm); 10. A. Doneth (Yam); 11. G. Goforth (Mai); 12. R. Stone (Kaw); 13. R. Kershner (Hon); 14. J. Mapes (Kaw); 15. C. Fitzpatrick (Yam); 16. S. Berlanga (Yam); 17. A. Mangani (Yam); 18. J. Ottenwess (Yam) **Innovation:** 1. N. Michael (Hon); 2. L. Shelton (Yam); 3. T. Claerhout (GPX); 4. G. Powell (Hon); 5. S. Kish (Yam); 6. G. Huntoon (Kaw); 7. C. Goulet (Hon); 8. R. Brooks (Suz); 9. B. Argue (Hon); 10. T. Lee (Ktm); 11. K. Argue (Hon); 12. M. Wetzel (Yam); 13. J. Ottenwess (Yam); 14. K. Petkowitz (Hon); 15. E. Hovorka (Hon); 16. S. Farmer (Kaw); 17. A. Garn (Yam); 18. J. Garn (Yam); 19. J. Doneth (Hon); 20. J. Mapes (Kaw) **Transition:** 1. T. Templeton (Yam); 2. R. Lloyd (Kaw); 3. A. Doneth (Yam); 4. N. Michael (Hon); 5. K. Gillett (Yam); 6. H. Cimini (Suz); 7. M. Becker (Hon); 8. C. Morehouse (Hon); 9. S. Kish (Yam); 10. G. Huntoon (Kaw); 11. T. Beougher (Kaw); 12. J. Sangster (Hon); 13. V. Flegel (Suz); 14. A. Shafer (Kaw); 15. S. Farmer (Kaw); 16. M. Wetzel (Yam); 17. E. Hovorka (Hon); 18. B. Simms (Kaw); 19. J. Fedor (Hon); 20. C. Clayton (Hon) **65+:** 1. C. Younglove (Yam); 2. M. Murphy (Yam); 3. D. Darling (Mai) **70+:** 1. J. Korte (Hon); 2. E. Shively (Ktm); 3. G. Sirovey (Ktm); 4. W. Foster (Suz)



# 5 REASONS YOU SHOULD USE A PLANT-BASED CLEANER



## 1. Safety:

Have you read the label on the back of a commercial cleaner? Warning! Flammable! Do not ingest! Keep out of reach of children! Many chemicals used in household cleaners have not been tested for safety. Household cleaning supplies are one of the top five substance classes accounting for calls to the National Poison Control Center. Many commercial cleaners contain ingredients that are endocrine disrupting chemicals, carcinogens, or neurotoxins. Kids, babies, and pets are even more vulnerable to chemical exposure because they are smaller and cannot get rid of toxins as easily as adults. It is definitely

worth ditching harsh chemicals for a cleaner with plant- and mineral-based ingredients.

## 2. Air Quality:

Did you know that indoor air is 5–7 times more polluted than outdoor air? Most cleaning products contain Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), which have been associated with many health problems, including damage to the liver, kidneys, and the central nervous system. They have also been shown to harm our lungs and cause throat irritations and headaches. VOCs are released when products are used and can linger in the air long after we clean. When we

breathe, we inhale the air—as well as whatever is in the air.

## 3. Environmental Impact:

Harsh chemicals found in cleaners are not only harmful to our bodies, but they also have a major impact on the environment and are huge contributors to environmental pollution. Some conventional cleaning products contain ingredients that are toxic, non-biodegradable, and from non-renewable resources like petroleum, so they harm the Earth's ecosystems. Harsh chemicals may contaminate the water through rivers, streams, and lakes, which affects wildlife, plants, trees,

and us! Plus, there are thousands of chemicals that are in cleaning products that have never been tested for safety.

## 4. Convenience:

It's much easier to clean with a few products that take care of all your cleaning needs, rather than having a whole arsenal of toxic products under your sink and in your bathrooms. With Thieves® Household Cleaner, you can tackle multiple cleaning jobs in your home without switching products as you clean! It cleans countertops, windows, mirrors, floors, toilets, showers, and pretty much everything else. Plus, you don't have to worry about getting bleach stains on your clothes or accidentally mixing dangerous chemicals together. It's worth a try for the convenience alone.

## 5. Cost:

The cost of buying cleaners is expensive, especially if you have to buy multiple different cleaners. Thieves Household Cleaner is very cost effective, and it comes in a concentrated form. There are approximately 60 capfuls of the cleaner in a 14.4-ounce bottle. Using the medium degreasing ratio, you can get about 29 16-ounce cleaners. That's less than \$1 a bottle!

Why worry about all the what if's? Be empowered and take charge of your chores by using a cleaner with plant-based ingredients.

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# Getting to know...

## Vanessa Senyk

**Your AMA D14 Hare Scramble Photographer**

*Story and photo submitted by Jennifer Buhr*

Married 22 years to a D14 rider, Vanessa is well acquainted with dirt bike racing. Her intuition and talent behind the lens are already your favorite things about her! Read on to learn more about this full-time registered nurse and mother of three daughters—the woman who captures your greatest action shots and shares them freely with our D14 community.

### **District 14**

**How did you come to photograph D14 racers?** When my youngest daughter stopped racing, my husband needed someone to pit for him. When the three-hour hare scramble was eliminated, he no longer needed me in the pits. And since I was already there, I decided it would be more fun to take pictures of everyone instead of just one person.

**How do you remain still, so composed, when riders are flying at you?** A zoom lens helps a lot! Also, I worry more about startling a rider.

**What is the most common question D14 racers ask?** The most common question I get from riders is “did you get it?” after they fall.

### **Photography**

**Do you have formal training as a photographer?** I do not have any formal training. I started by taking photos of my kids sporting events when they were in school.

**Do you use any editing software?** For editing I use Adobe Lightroom. The other question I always get asked by message after every race is, what type of camera I use. I use a Canon Eos R5.

**Describe your process for sorting, editing and posting race photographs.** We live 2-4 hours from every race, so usually I don't start working on them until after 8pm the day after the race. I start them downloading from my camera to my computer while we unload. Once they are downloaded, I start by editing them by section of the track and deleting the ones I'm not happy with. As I get one section done I post those to Facebook, and then start on the next section. I take anywhere from 900-1200 pictures each day of racing, so I'm usually not done with them until around 5am.

**Aside from racing, do you enjoy photographing other subjects or activities?** Aside from racing I don't really photograph anything else. Unless I'm just using my phone to do it.

### **For fun...**

**What is your favorite way to spend a day off?** On my days off I like to draw or mountain bike.

**What is one thing that can instantly make your day better?** Good food!

**If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?** I honestly would not want to go back in time. I love technology and modern convenience. If anything, I would want to jump into the future.

**FIND VANESSA'S PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK – AMA DISTRICT 14 HARE SCRAMBLES PHOTOS. WHEN YOU SHARE, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE PHOTO CREDIT!!**

## SHOW TIME



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# Lincolnview's Fletcher Collins has a passion for Enduro motorcycle racing

*Submitted by JIM COX, Times Bulletin Correspondent*

MIDDLE POINT — Fletcher Collins is an honor student, soccer goalkeeper, and basketball player at Lincolnview High School. The main passion of this 6'4 senior, however, is quite different from the norm here in Northwest Ohio — he's an Enduro motorcycle racer — a sport that's not for the faint of heart, to say the least.

Enduro motorcycle racing normally is a one-day weekend event involving six "tests," most of it through woods, some of it through fields, some through streams, mud and/or a series of low man-made sand or dirt humps called "whoops." Some courses will have sizable hills. Each test is several miles long, and between these tests is a "transition" ride to get to the next test. A typical Enduro motorcycle event will require three hours and a total of 60-80 miles on the bike, much of it grueling and risky. The only time off the bike is a one-hour break to fill up on food, water, and gasoline.

Each rider attaches a time sheet to his/her handlebars. This sheet tells the rider the starting time for each test and the finishing time objective for that test. Thus, the rider knows how long he/she has to transition ride to the next test. Arrows direct the riders on each test and each transition ride.

"You want to beat that (objective) time for each test, but it's hard to beat,"



▲ Collins was also Lincolnview's starting keeper on the soccer team this past fall.

says Collins. "You have to average 24 MPH going through the woods to be on time. The top guys are right there. On occasion I can be close. On average I'm two or three minutes slower than the fastest guy."

Riders are started in rows of four or five at one minute intervals. There is a lot of passing, much of it on narrow woodsy trails. "Ninety percent of the time, they let you pass," says Collins. "Most are accommodating; some are not. If you're being passed you have to wait for an opening. Sometimes you just need to make space."

Physically and mentally, the rider is totally exhausted by the end of the ride.

"Your hands take a beating — it's awful," says Collins. "You can't even hold onto the bike at the end of a race. Your butt will start hurting — you have to stand up more. Your lower back will hurt. Every part of your body will be hurting after a race."

"You get tired mentally during a race," he adds. "For the most part you're looking down the trail — I see an arrow, so I have a right turn, you turn and there's a log, down through this rut, tight trees I have to wiggle through. When I'm focused I'm just thinking about that. Sometimes I mess up and start thinking about stuff that I did, but I'm trying to fix that."

The motorcycles are expensive and are adapted to ride on rough terrain. Collins's bike has sturdy protectors to prevent injury to his hands when tree branches intrude. He chooses to wear top-notch protective gear for chest, neck, head (helmet), hands (gloves), and feet/ankles (boots). Still, injuries are expected in this sport.

"Knock on wood, I've been pretty safe on a bike," he says. "The worst thing I've ever done is sprain my wrist. I've knocked myself out a couple of times. No concussions, all good. I've gotten scratches, that'll happen. So far I haven't broken anything. Guys break bones all the time."

Collins races mostly in District 14 which includes parts of Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. Typically there's a family



▲ Pictured is Lincolnview senior Fletcher Collins on his bike.

Enduro event on Saturday and the serious competition on Sunday. The Sunday riders are classified as C (novice), B, A, AA and professional. Riders in the A, B, and C classes may choose to participate in an age group (e.g. 50+) or in open classes. Regardless, all of the Sunday riders compete on the same course at the same time (except for the one-minute staggered starts).

"Training-wise, it's more endurance," says Collins. "I've been working out a lot to get in shape, like rowing and cycling every day. There are not many places to go to ride — the nearest one is an hour and a half away at Maumee."

Collins is in the B Open class, which he won for District 14 in 2020, his first year up from C. He has already done one event this year and will be doing seven more, ending in November. He hopes to be moved up to Class A next year.

"I want to race for as long as I can hold on to the bike," says Collins, whose ultimate goal is to join a professional

team. "Nowadays, early-to-mid 30's you're pushing it (to remain professional). The younger guys are faster, can see better. Pros now are 15-30. The top guys are typically in their mid-20's."

This is Collins's 12th year of Enduro racing. He is the son of Shawne Collins and Susan Fisher, who are both Enduro racers. Susan typically rides in the Saturday family event, Shawne in both Saturday and Sunday events. All three family members have won multiple trophies. Shawne is still a seriously competitive racer.

"Susan has had a broken arm and a broken foot," says Shawne. "I broke my leg, fractures in my back, my shoulders. The sport is growing rapidly though. The first year I was at nationals there were 150 riders. Now there are 900."

Fletcher Collins volunteers at The PAC, Community Club, and D.A.R.E. programs. He works for Friedrich Lawn Care and A-1 Fix It. He will enroll at UNOH this fall to study HVAC technology.



# Hare Scrambles: Portland Trail Riders

Compiled and submitted by Molly Kidner. Rider spotlights and photos courtesy of Facebook thievery (with permission)

It's the first Hare Scramble of the year, and boasts a unique mix of the serious Hare Scramble competitors and Moto/Enduro riders looking to try something different. To quote one of my favorite movies, "you never know what you're gonna get". Apparently everyone was SUPER ready to ride, as they had an amazing record turnout of 507 bikes!

We were as anxious to get to it as anyone, and showed up at 3pm on the dot when the gates opened. By 5 pm, it looked like a full race day and when signup opened at 7 am the line was long and stayed that way all morning! We watched lines of trucks and trailers wait patiently (haha!) for their turn to get in the gates.



▲ **RIDER SPOTLIGHT: BRIAN TRUCKS** - When you show up to race out of an old extended church van aka "the holy roller" you get named the Reverend as soon as you park. Don't know how I finished and I don't care. This was the first hare scramble I was able to finish since 2017. Been a rough few years due to life and couldn't focus or have fun on a bike! 5 mile course, 2hrs + 1 lap old 2004 CRF250R on a motor rebuild by me! Thanks to my pit crew!!! Couldn't ask for a more fun day!

We had a new adventure with the "Littles" and their Stacyc bikes – what a riot to watch and sooooo much fun! Chairman Zach Keizer had a suggestion made from a parent and thought it was a good idea – one test race last year supported that and the series will offer Saturday night races at most (maybe all?) of the Hare Scramble events!



## ◀ RIDER SPOTLIGHT:

**BODE ELLIS MEYLAN** - First race of the season - *Pulled second off the start and from there I battled for first, with 507 riders we didn't get a break of passing people. After banging bars with lappers all day I fell back to 5th on the 6th lap. I kept pushing and ended the day 17th OA and 5th in open A. Not very happy with how I finished cause I know I can do better but that just makes me more motivated*

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Our 50cc Auto program is roaring! Nearly double the youngsters from last year at the first race! It is so awesome to see all the families coming out to experience our sport. As a non-rider, I can attest that there is so much more to experience than racing – not to take away from that by any means! But as people who have been involved for many (ahem) years, I can say we are so grateful for the friendships and experiences this sport has given us. (You know who you are!) These are some of our future superstars – sorry not to have gotten all the names!

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**RIDER SPOTLIGHT: BEN BRAGENZER** - *Dusty and brutally rough track yesterday at the first D14 hare scramble. 507 riders on a 5.5 mile course made for A LOT of lapped passing all day. Ended the day 4th in AA and 4th overall. Happy with how I rode and to end the day healthy but made too many small mistakes and my goals are set on better results. Can't thank everyone enough for the support this year @ecklerbentc @jakethomas413 @hairby\_chad @kendatire @ride100percent @lamoreauxh @twin\_air @vpracingfuels. Special shout out to Liz at @intrepidcyclingco for whooping my a\$\$ into shape to handle 2+ hours of racing. Truly couldn't be chasing these dreams without you guys! We will be back!*



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## The Importance of Balanced Muscles

If you're into moto and you're serious about the sport, chances are that you're serious about the topics of injury, injury prevention, and maintaining or improving the state of your general health. This is especially true if you've been sidelined by an injury and ended up sitting on the sidelines with the spectators full-time. And if you haven't been injured – well, let's just say that the odds are following your every move. So let's take a moment to talk about these issues.

There's no doubting the importance of training in the world of dirt bikes. Generally speaking, there's two components of the training topic. The first is riding. Like a bronco rid-

er, you've got to put the hours in the saddle to improve. The other side of the training coin is physical training, keeping the body strong, flexible, and tough.

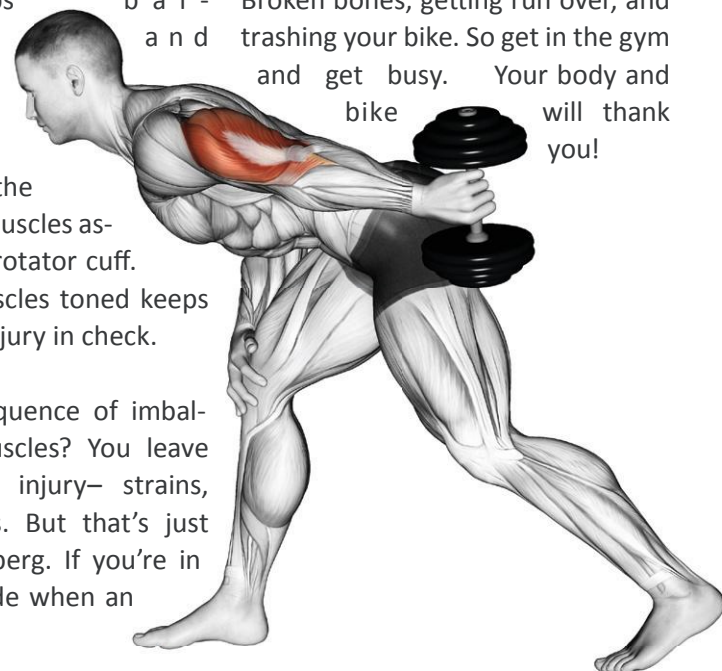
The most effective strength training program targets the sport or activity that the athlete is training for. Football players, for instance, will indulge in a completely different regimen than you will. The specific exercises you need are designed to promote balanced strength training in the areas that are most likely to be injured. For moto riders, these areas are recognized as being the wrist, knees, and shoulders.

Balanced strength training, means

that opposing muscle groups should be strengthened and brought into balance. On the upper body, this means the triceps balancing the biceps rounding it out with the helping muscles – the traps, the pecs, the deltoids, and the muscles associated with the rotator cuff. Keeping these muscles toned keeps the possibility of injury in check.

What's the consequence of imbalance in these muscles? You leave yourself open to injury– strains, sprains, and tears. But that's just the tip of the iceberg. If you're in the middle of a ride when an

injury occurs, you risk taking a nose dive. That's where the really devastating injuries are likely to show up. Broken bones, getting run over, and trashing your bike. So get in the gym and get busy. Your body and bike will thank you!





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