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Nik Michael
was looking good
on the CR500

NIK MICHAEL

VALLEY MX (Stanton, MI) | October 24, 2020

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▲ Mike Mason was a consistent 2-2 for the Historic overall

VALLEY MX (Stanton, MI) | October 24
Story and photos by: Steve Baginski

We headed to Valley MX on Saturday October 24th to finish out our season. Mother Nature was not kind the night before. However, the crew did a great job to give the racers a really good track to race on. It was a little sloppy in practice and in the first few moto's, but with the large turnout, it turned into a great track. With over 500 entries for the day it made for some short races but great race action with our 43 total entries. In the end it was a great day to end the season and crown some Champions. Thanks to everyone at Valley MX for making it such a fun and enjoyable day.

The first classes that were out on track were Transition and Historic. Chad Morehouse took the early lead but fell on lap one and could only make his way back to fifth. Colin Cook took over the lead a few turns and checked out. Nik Michael slotted into second with Tom Claerhout moving into third. There was a second turn pile up that collected Chris Young, Simon Farmer and Jeff Doneth. They would all get back up but Jeff pulled off with some bike damage. Eli Hovorka barley made it around the

carnage and was into fourth as Chris and Simon were almost a lap down in sixth and seventh. The gate for moto two fell and it was Tom and Chad wheel to wheel for the holeshot with Tom taking it. He would cruise on to the moto win and take the overall. Chad redeemed himself and was on the gas to hold onto second to earn third overall. There was another second turn crash and this time it took Colin Cook and Nik Michael. They took a while to get going but Colin was on the gas to catch the pack in the short race. He was able to get onto the rear wheel of Eli in third but it was the last lap and couldn't make the pass. Eli took third for fourth overall as Colin took fourth for second overall. Nik took a little longer to get his 500 restarted and was way back and only managed fifth dropping him to fifth overall. Chris and Simon both decoded not to race the second moto putting them back in sixth and seventh respectively. The Historic class had some battles with William Hawkins and Mike Mason splitting holeshots. William led for the first few laps until a fall dropped him out of the top three. Jim Jobson was quick to strike and took the race win. Mike Mason was then

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▲ Lance Shelton slides his way around to a top three and a holeshot in Innovation

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a few words from the editor

By the time this edition hits your mailbox we will already have rung in the New Year. How time flies! I hope our entire D14 family was able to ring in 2021 with hopeful expectations of what's ahead for us in this new season and cycle of life. It can only go up from here, right??? Please say yes!!! LOL

THANK YOU to this month's contributors! I know these have been some challenging months for content but despite all that, we managed to get an edition out every month, even thought they may have been a little late!

For 2021 Ice Racing rules and classes, please check online at ama-d14.org for updates. The 2021 schedule is on page 17.

Right now is a good time to make sure your memberships are up-to-date. There's a **NEW FORM BELOW** if you're not tech savvy or still prefer mailing it in. STILL only \$15!! You can also purchase online at AMA-D14.org or at the races.

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

Rox

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▲ William Hawkins has been a contender all season long

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a close second as Shaun Nestor also made the pass for third. William came across in fourth as Blake Argue rounded out the top five. Stephen Phillips had a lonely race as his rival Jeff was out after the second turn crash. He took an easy sixth with Michael Sangster and Alexis Argue in seventh and eighth. Mike took the second holeshot but William was looking for revenge from moto one and took the lead by the end of lap one. He motored away from the pack and left the battle for second between Mike, Jim and Shaun. The three of them were close all race long with Mike having a slight edge. He would cross in second to take the overall with his 2-2. Jim made a few bobbles but was able to just stay ahead of Shaun for third and second overall. William did round out the podium with his 4-1 as Shaun just missed out in fourth after a great second moto. Blake was consistent for fifth as Stephen and Jeff were able to battle in moto two. Stephen earned the bragging rights and held him off for sixth. Jeff took seventh but his first moto dnf dropped him to ninth. Michael rode better as the track

was coming around and kept Jeff in sight and finished eighth for seventh overall as Alexis took ninth for eighth.

The Innovation class was next and was one of the classes that the Championship was still up for grabs. Lance Shelton grabbed the first holeshot but Nik Michael was quickly into the lead. He led every lap as Tom Claerhout took over second after another slow start. Lance Slipped back to third as a great battle was happening for fourth between Ray Brooks, Connor Goulet and Gene Hunt-oon. Connor made some great passes and made his way into fourth followed closely by Gene and then Ray. Kan Argue went back and forth with Dallas Martin-eau and was just ahead of Blake Argue. Dallas made a last lap error and that allowed Ken and Blake both to get by as they finished seventh and eighth. Dallas took ninth as Steve Adema had a hard time holding off Derek Michael as he rounded out the top ten. Joe Hovorka only made it a lap but it was a little longer than Rick Murphy. Rick stalled just out of the gate and then didn't make it a half a lap before a pretty hard crash. He was able to get up and ride off the track but he decided to sit out the rest



▲ Eli and Joe Hovorka giving me a shout out before the race



▲ Colin Cook was on the gas but a second moto pileup hurt his results



▲ Ray Brooks (015), Connor Goulet (69) and Gene Hunt-oon (780) battled like this for the last few races

of the day and watch. So as they were lined up for moto two, the title was between Tom and Nik and it was however won the last moto of the season would be the Champion. The gate dropped and it was Ray with the holeshot by less than half a wheel over Gene. Nik and Tom started right with each other and Nik came through to lead at the start of lap two. Tom was right on his rear wheel and made the pass a few turns later. Tom put his head down and slowly pulled a gap to take the race win,

the overall and the Championship. Nik rode hard and fast but took second on the day and in the season. Lance had another good start and slid into third and rounded out the podium. Ray, Gene and Connor were once again wheel to wheel all moto long. Ray had the edge in the moto to take fourth but as Connor made a last lap pass on Gene for fifth, that was enough to give him fourth overall. Ray kept it in the top five with his 6-4 as Gene ended in sixth with his 5-6. Dallas, Ken and Blake also continued



▲ Tom Claerhout airs out his RM250 on his way to another Innovation Championship

their battle but Dallas didn't make a mistake this time. He took seventh but with Ken staying on his rear wheel in eighth, it was enough for seventh overall. Dallas split the father son duo as he took eighth overall with Blake in ninth and top 125cc. Steve was Mr. consistent taking another tenth for tenth overall once again just ahead of Derek. Joe made it around a lot better to take twelfth for twelfth overall.

The Evolution and Schoolboy classes were out last with Dean Howard launching out of the gate of moto one for a monster holeshot. His lead wouldn't last long as he crashed down the back straight and picked it up in last. Ross Kershner was back out and took over the lead and motored away. Dean remounted and rode well but only made it up to third just behind Ray Brooks. Shawn Nestor almost held off the charge from

Dean but he was on a mission. Santos Berlanga hounded Shaun for most of the race and had to settle for a top five. Mark Havalda had a decent start and rode really well to take sixth. Keir Krassa and Jay Ottenwess had a great battle all moto long with Keir having the slight lead. Ron Delaney had a rough start as he stalled it out of the gate and was about a lap down before getting restarted. He rode well and looked good but could only manage a ninth. Todd Lane was on the gas early after top five start and running near the front. He had some bike issues and barely made it off the track but was scored down in tenth. Ross was dialed for moto two as he ripped the holeshot and put in some fast laps. He had to stay on the gas because Dean was not making it easy. He hounded Ross the entire race and at the finish Ross only won by about three



▲ The battle for Evolution could have been a lot different if Dean Howard wouldn't have crashed in the opening lap

seconds. But it was a 1-1 and overall for Ross. Dean ended the day in second overall with his 3-2 with a very good ride. Ray was also on the gas for the entire race as he rounded out the podium with his 2-3. Todd Lane was back out to have some fun and made two passes on the final lap to get into fourth. But his first moto woes dropped him to seventh overall. The big battle was between Shaun and Santos as they were wheel to wheel from start to finish. Shaun edged him out for fifth and fourth overall as Santos went 5-6 to

round out the top five. Mark once again had a great start and rode very well on his way to seventh for sixth overall. Keir and Jay dueled again and Keir had the lead for the first two laps. Then as they started lap three it was Jay ahead and he would hold on for eighth and eighth overall. Keir finished out in ninth for ninth as Ron decided to sit out moto two with bike starting issues to finish in tenth. Alexis Argue was once again our lone SB racer as she put in some good laps with

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▲ Shaun Nestor (49) and Santos Berlanga (641) were this close all day long



▲ Ross Kershner was determined to earn a 1-1 in Evolution

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CHANGES TO DISTRICT 14 MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

Submitted by Molly Kidner, Membership Administrator

Beginning Jan. 1, 2021 District 14 is SIMPLIFYING our membership process. There will no longer be different types of membership - all participants will need simply a "District 14 Membership". This applies to ALL individuals, including Canadian members and minors.

Why the change? Well, the discounted "D14 family membership" created a lot of confusion and ultimately frustrated more people than it should have. We want to improve our customer experience by eliminating that.

The D14 website and Membership Application forms will be updated to reflect the changes.

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A WORD FROM THE PREZ

DECEMBER

December means AMA District 14 Sanctioning Meeting! Our District bylaws dictate that every year on the first Saturday of December, AMA District 14 Club Council will hold it's Annual Meeting. This meeting brings the District's Clubs, Promoters and Organizers together in one place. They work to put together the next years racing schedule for all 11 divisions, look at District and divisional rules and procedures and vote on any changes there within. At the Annual meeting the Clubs, Promoters and Organizers elect the District's Board of Directors.

The 45th Annual AMA District 14 Sanctioning meeting in 2020 was as expected very different than normal. The meeting had to change venues several times due to government orders and restrictions and landed in Mount Pleasant, only to have the newest lockdown make the conference center cancel our meeting. Eventually we had the first ever Virtual Sanctioning meeting Via Zoom!

A huge thank you goes out to Taylor Carpenter for scheduling and rescheduling, then administering the meeting and all the divisional Breakout rooms. This system allowed us to do everything we have always done only via computer screens and cell phones, putting no one in direct contact. I was able to bounce in and out of all Divisional meetings and observe and listen as they put together their 2021 Schedules and rule and or class changes.

Although I really missed being able to talk with all of you personally, the meeting went surprisingly well and I think our members will be happy with the schedule for 2021, which allows for some type of off road racing every weekend throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall!

With our Ice season just getting ready to start and the AMA giving our Ice Division the ATV and Sidecar National again this year all we need now is ICE!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I would like to thank the Clubs, Promoters and Organizers for their continued support and trust in the Executive Board and myself as they will continue to serve our membership in 2021.

2020 RECAP

Well 2020 has been a difficult and at time strange year. It made our race season struggle to start and difficult to continue. With stay-at-home to no gatherings, to local Governments just saying NO, the District's Clubs, Promoters and Organizers worked tirelessly to survive and put on events that did not put its competitors in harms way... well at least in infectious disease area, racing always has its hazards!

It started slow and blossomed into a fantastic season with most Divisions exploding in the average number of riders at each event! We lost a lot of racing, especially in the Spring the numbers for the year were very close to 2019!

Now we look forward to the MX Banquet, January 30, 2021 and the Off Road Banquet March 20, 2021 both at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Conference Center in Mount Pleasant Michigan.

Please watch the website for changes to these events and possible restrictions as we continue to work through the 2020 Covid 19 pandemic !

See ya at the races,

Thomas Dunn

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the big bikes to take another win.

Well that's a wrap on the 2020 race season! It started off slowly but we had some great turnouts. A lot of old faces and a lot of new. I am glad we were able to get in as many races as we did. Our Banquet was on November 7th and look for the season recap in this paper as well. I am currently working on the 2021 season and hope to have it posted on the website soon. You can check www.michiganvintagemotocross.com for any info. Thanks for checking in and I'll see you at the races.

Results: Valley MX 10/24/20 – **Historic:**

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ENDURO SEASON

I receive a lot of calls related to the enduro events during our riding season. Most of the calls have questions about the event- when is key time? How do I find the staging area? What is an enduro?

A few weeks before the end of the season I received a unique call. It was from North Carolina and the person on the other end of the call grew up in Michigan riding dirt bikes, but his passion is playing/coaching hockey and this activity pulled him away from home. His father was riding the family enduro series and was doing well. He did ask some questions about the bike requirements for the event and asked if I could help him surprise his dad in New Paris, IN. I told him the event was on Halloween and he should wear a costume.

He called me at least five other times and sent me a couple of text messages. The day before the event I let him know when we arrived at the hotel. We checked in, walk to our room and run into his dad in the hallway. The secret was still safe. We get to the staging area and start with the registration process. Dad stops by the scoring trailer and my phone rings....yep, it is Junior and I cannot answer the call. He was not wearing a costume, but we had arranged for him to be on the same row as his dad. I am told there was not a dry eye at the surprise family reunion.

Here is picture of Tom Murphy, Jr. and Tom Murphy, Sr. – winner of the K class in Family Enduro Series. Taking this picture was a highlight of our shortened racing season. I am glad it worked.

The following day the District 14 President convinced me to ride an enduro. Yes, your chairman finally rode an event – it had been a long time. Since Stan and Tina were not at this event, we decided to take their row – last on number 40 and go for a trail ride. We were not fast and we did not have much rest between sections, but we enjoyed ourselves despite the weather – it snowed!

We had so much fun that we decided to “race” again the following weekend in Greenville, OH. Well, we did not decide until the drive down after we had evaluated the weather for the weekend and the amount of rainfall the week before = NONE. We were not the only ones watching the weather. We got in line for sign up and asked for row 40. Kyle Harter just laughed at us. The first row available was 66.

There were over 300 riders already signed up for the event. Again, our attitude was to go for a trail ride and I was looking forward to riding a timekeeping event. We headed back to the truck and ran into the Dings family. Jaysson and the boys were planning to ride in the C class and not signed up yet. We were surprised when they signed up on row 66 also. If you read President Dunn's article last week you saw a picture from the starting line. There were only four riders per row and Jaysson decided to ride “sweep” on row 67.

Xander (aka X) and Issac (aka Ice) grew up riding the family enduro series and perfecting their timekeeping skills. NOW I am looking forward to riding and allowing the boys to keep time for me. Jenny (aka mom) was also available to carry supplies for us. Thank you!

Sunday morning was warm and the sun was out – no jackets required. The boys raced off from the start, but the first couple of miles are on the road. We drop into the woods, but the first check was a few miles away. Xander was gone, Ice and I followed each other and then he missed a turn. I took a glance at the watch and we were within our minute. A few turns down the trail and there is the first check. We zeroed it! We ride to the first reset and there is Xander. He was two minutes early and we had a 7 point lead. It was the only timekeeping mistake he made all day – lesson learned. I knew when I caught him later in the day that I was back on time again. He zeroed the final check and I was three seconds late – in the next minute. I had a smile on my face at the beginning of the day and I was still smiling as we packed up to head back to Michigan. Riding an enduro with my good friend Thomas and two graduates from the family enduro series was another highlight of the 2020 season



▲ Father and son racing - Tom Murphy, Jr., Tom Murphy, Sr., Jaysson Dings and Xander Dings

I look forward to seeing everyone at the banquet in March to celebrate our accomplishments of 2020 and make plans for the next season!

ENDURO REPORT

As we start to plan for the 2021 enduro series, our team will not be changing. I will continue as the enduro chairman and I have asked Jeramy Pelaston to be the vice chairman again. Kris Tolly will be our treasurer and Logan Densmore will be our points keeper. Fred Kraemer, Vic and Tina Flegel will also be our rider representatives.

The only rule change was related to the fee charged to the clubs for the district banquet fund. Some of the clubs might consider an adjustment to their entry fees. We discussed how our events are a great deal for the cost.

We are planning our annual awards banquet for March 20th. The COVID virus not only impacted our racing/riding season, but also required us to change locations of our banquet. We have signed a contract with the Soaring Eagle Casino for a banquet on March 20th.

We only had 5 events this year and our two largest events were cancelled – Roselawn and Jack Pine. The Matthews National had over 500 riders, but most of them were from outside of District 14. Our budget for banquet awards is a lot less than last year and we will have fewer awards this year. The monogrammed jackets will not be available to everyone, but we have plaques/trophies for everyone on this list:

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VINTAGE MX YEAR END BANQUET

Story by Steve Baginski
Photos by Sandra Lee

What a crazy year it was for 2020! A huge thank you needs to go out to everyone who attended races and made this year possible. Our numbers were on par with last season and that is saying a lot for the limited number of races we were able to have. We had our Ron Durepo Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday November 7th to honor every winner from the D14 Series along with the Allpro Auto and Off-Road GP Series. It was a little earlier this season due to the shut down orders that were going into effect the following Monday. We made a last minute venue change to keep ourselves off the radar a bit and it was a huge success. Ray Brooks was gracious enough to allow us to invade his property for the day and use his barn and even let some people spin some laps on his practice track. We had a fantastic time as we gave away over 80 awards and well over 200 door prizes. I want to thank everyone for gathering door prizes again along with a special thank you to Kevin Sheren for all his hard work. It was also a big help to everyone that showed up early to help set everything up and for those that stayed to help tear down. I also need to thank all the tracks that donated items for our door prizes along with our terrific donors that step up each year to make our Banquet awesome. Those donors are:

WJ Phillips Insurance, Morgan Stanley, Hot Foot Moto, Allpro Auto and Off-Road, DC Plastics, Honda Suzuki of Warren, Steve Fairman's On the Side Signs, Magnum Distributing, College Bike Shop, K&W Cycle, Magic Motorsports, US 127 Motorsports, Twin Air, RMC Powder Coating, The Lee Family, The Sheren Family, CMP Suspensions, Linwood Cycle, B&D Classic Sewn, SK Graphics, Zeigler Motorsports, Grand Rapids Motorsports, Village Power Sports, Central Motorsports, Midstate Bolt, Midwest Power Equipment, JT Cycle, No Limits



▲ Shaun Nestor with the Kevin Kelly Bike of the Year



▲ The DC Dinosaur Awards: Shaun Nestor, Michael Sokalski and Gene Huntton



▲ We have amazing sponsors to help us give back to the racers



▲ Family of the Year was the Havalda Family



▲ Evolution GP winners



▲ Evolution top ten



▲ All of the award winners in attendance



▲ Transition Top Five

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▲ Robin Durepo and Mark Havalda accept flowers in remembrance of Ron and Big Mark passing



▲ Historic GP Top Three and 125cc winners



▲ Historic 125cc Blake Argue, Jeff Doneth and Derek Michael



▲ Historic top ten



▲ Evolution 125cc Winner Mark Havalda and Santos Berlanga



▲ Ray Brooks was kind enough to use his property to have our Banquet



▲ William Hawkins Jr earned the Kevin Stone Annual Holeshot Award



▲ Innovation 125cc winners



▲ Innovation GP top three and 125cc Champ



▲ Innovation top ten



▲ Transition 125cc top three; Gene Huntoon, Eli Hovorka and Colin Cook (not pictured)



▲ Transition GP and 125cc Champion



▲ The Mark Cook Memorial Lamp and winners Tom and Sandra Lee



▲ Outstanding Racer Tom Claerhout

ATVMX RIDER SPOTLIGHT

Story by Ed Hayden, ATVMX Rider Rep | Photo courtesy of SpeedPunkImages.com



This month's rider spotlight is on Trystin Chaney. Trystin is making the move from Schoolboy to the 450 classes in 2021. With multiple State championships under his belt, Trystin has become a podium contender on the National level. We are excited to see what the future holds for this hard-working kid.

How did you get started in the sport of ATV motocross?

I've been racing for 3 years, I got into the sport when my dad and I started talking about the ATV National Series in 2018, we found District 14 and came out to a local race at Twisted MX and I fell in love with the sport.

What is the biggest accomplishment in your racing career?

My biggest accomplishment will have to be my first national holeshot and 3rd place at 3 Palms MX.

Goals for the upcoming 2021 season?

My goals for the 2021 season is to win B and 14+ class.

Sponsors or anyone you want to thank?

I want to thank my mom and dad, Chaney Racing and Jh Racing.

Any advice for kids just starting in the sport?

My advice for the kids is to work hard, stay focused, and don't let anything distract you, and always race to the finish, don't stop short.



TIME TO REBUILD

Story and photo submitted by Ed Hayden // ATVMX Rider Rep

With the season over, many ATV racers take the off-season to tear down and rebuild. The off-season provides everyone that much-needed break to upgrade components and take care of all the maintenance items that may have been neglected towards the end of the race season. Unlike most dirt bikes, these race quads are so heavily modified that each and every part needs to be monitored. The wear and tear caused by pushing these 400+ pound machines to the edge every weekend is huge. It could take days, weeks, or months to get everything done, but it's worth it. There is nothing like a fresh rebuild with things like new bearings, piston, exhaust, powder coat, and graphics to get everyone excited for the upcoming year.

This time also allows us to enjoy the holidays, awards banquets, and some bench racing with friends. So while we wait for the new schedules and work away this off-season, remember to sit back and enjoy the memories you made this crazy year. It was a year like no other, and hopefully 2021 will start a little smoother.

Happy Holidays my friends!

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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.

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2020 D14 AWARDS

Top 12

Grand Champion - Tyler Vore (M)
 Craig Hamilton (L) - **Second Overall and Overall A Champion**
 Trevor Williams (M) - **Third Overall**

Overall B Champion - Matthew Glass (??)

Overall C Champion - Deven Hengy (L)

200 A - 1st Place - Vern Pacholke (L)

250 A - 1st Place - Jack Vonderwerth (L); 2nd Place – Dominic Frankini (??)

Open A - 1st Place - Clayton Erb (XL)

30+ A - 1st Place - Jeremy Zajac (L), 2nd Place - Derek Heisler (L)

40+ A - 1st Place - Jeremy Pelaston (L), 2nd Place - Jean Lavallee (L),
 3rd Place - Matt Dixon (??)

50+ A - 1st Place - Fred Kraemer (XL), 2nd Place - Zach Park (L),
 3rd Place - Brent Floyd (L)

200 B - 1st Place - Robert Dickey (M), 2nd Place - Shawne Collins (XXL)

250 B - 1st Place - Adam Harner (L), 2nd Place - Spencer Foley (??)

Open B - 1st Place - Fletcher Collins (??), 2nd Place - Race Vollmar (L),
 3rd Place - Justin Pitman (??), 4th Place - Brent Burrows (trophy)

30+ B - 1st Place - Jason Francis (XL), 2nd Place - Alex Papp (M),
 3rd Place - Jason Wier (??)

40+ B - 1st Place - John Bontempo (??), 2nd Place - Shaun Duffey (??),
 3rd Place - Stephen Chapman (??), 4th Place - Jeremy Hurst (trophy)

50+ B - 1st Place - Kalmer Urm (??), 2nd Place - Kurt Haveri (??),
 3rd Place - Thomas Dunn (L), 4th Place - Paul Keener-Ship (trophy),
 5th Place - Tom Densmore (trophy)

C-29 - 1st Place - Alexander Dings (L – tall), 2nd Place - Isaac Dings (L)

30 + C - 1st Place - Taylor Leisure (XXL), 2nd Place - Erick Hengy (??),
 3rd Place - Andrew Curto (??), 4th Place - Adam Wood (trophy),
 5th Place - Jeff Fransted (trophy), 6th Place - Jasynn Dings (trophy),
 7th Place - Lee Gall (trophy)

50+ C - 1st Place - Richard Bender (XL)

60+ - 1st Place Jeff Kirkwood (XL), 2nd Place - Bill Fritz (XXL),
 3rd Place Jerry Pekel (XL), 4th Place – Fred Fischmeister (trophy),
 5th Place - Doug Hamilton (trophy)

Women – 1st Place - Kelsey Pacholke (L)

Please review the sizes noted from prior years and let Fred Kraemer know if a change is needed. If we do not have your size, you will see (??). Please let Fred know the correct size.

We worked with the other off-road series – hare scrambles and Michigan Sprint Enduros to finalize our scheduled. Here is our schedule for 2021:

2021 SCHEDULE

- April 18 – Roselawn, IN
- May 25 – Moorestown, MI
- July 25 – Bentley, MI
- August 15 – Roselawn, IN
- August 22 – Moorestown, MI
- October 3 – Matthews, IN – NEPG
- November 7 – New Paris, IN
- November 14 – Greenville, OH

We look forward to seeing you in Mt. Pleasant on March 20th.

Miscellaneous MOTO MUSINGS

DECEMBER 2020 – by Steven Beane

- It’s all over but the unpacking of boxes ... PlusOnePerformance now calls the woods outside of Milford home, and while the house is still getting the finishing touches, the suspension shop and bike prep bays are up and running.
- What’s not running is JGRMX ... after more than a dozen years and likely 52 riders (I kid, I kid) the North Carolina-based team packed up their tent for the last time. Increased support from American Suzuki never materialized, and after running without a title sponsor for a couple years after AutoTrader bailed, the storied team closed the doors.
- Alex Martin landed on his feet at Man-luk/Rock River Yamaha, Joey Savatgy was able to secure a ride at Rocky Mountain ATV/MC KTM, and Shane McElrath will be racing a 2020 Honda CRF450R for the unconventional Bullfrog Spas/MCR team.
- Satvatgy’s appearance on the factory supported RMATV team is somewhat of a shock, as it left Blake Baggett out in the cold.
- Speaking of cold, it was the exact same temperature for both the Last Ride Before Deer Season (LRBDS) on November 11th as it was on the First Ride After Deer Season (FRADS) on December 11th ... 37 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Harley-Davidson has determined the best way to support flattrack racing is through support of dealership led efforts, leaving Indian as the sole (and very dominant) factory team in flattrack. The Harley XGA was built off of the company’s Street 750 engine, but that was a knife in a gin-fight against Indian’s purpose-built FTR V-Twin.
- Kawasaki surprised more than a few riders when they introduced a Supermoto-themed 300 street bike.
- Speaking of Super-motos, by the time you’ve decided what you’re going to return after Christmas, we should have one of the first TM450 SMX bikes in the country being prepped at our new shop.
- It’s official – the tear that Stew Baylor went on on the Yamaha YZ450FX landed him a full-boat ride with the AmPro Yamaha team. Baylor will contest both the GNCC and National Enduro series in 2021.
- And, speaking of National Enduro and 2021, the Sumter, South Carolina opening round is less than two months away!
- Sherco showed that they have a solid hold on the extreme enduro field when Mario Roman, Cody Webb, Nick Faringer, and Cody Wentzall went 1-2-4-5 at the recent Red Bull Override Hard Enduro held in northern Texas.
- 2021 will be the first year in a long time that James Dabill hasn’t competed at the World Championship level in TrialGP.
- There’s still plenty of time to ride your dirt bike in Michigan – the ORV and Trail tags don’t expire until March of next year.
- For the first time in a very long time the opening round of Supercross will take place somewhere other than Anaheim CA. In fact, Houston hosts the first three rounds, while California will have no rounds during the 2021 season. Fewer cities will host more rounds, as uncertainty surrounding the governmental response to covid-19 meant that some states, such as California and Michigan, would likely not allow the events to be run.
- Have you checked out the 2021 race schedule yet? I won’t spill all the news, but know the 101 year-old Lansing Motorcycle Club has 2 weekends on the new calendar. Look for it at ama-d14.org site.
- Italian racing powerhouse Boano Racing stunned the off-road world, and likely Beta, when they announced they would assume control of TM’s racing effort. Boano has cultivated world championship winning talent such as Steve Holcombe and Brad Freeman, among others.
- KTM continues their quest for complete dominance of the off-road world buy fielding GasGas-branded teams in most off-road race categories. The Troy Lee Designs team, headed in 2021 by Justin Barcia, will be riding red bikes when the gate drops in Houston January 16th.
- Merry Christmas everyone, and I hope to see you back on two wheels in 2021!

PlusOnePerformance is now located in the woods between Milford and Brighton, MI. Don’t worry though, we’re still delivering the same great service that brings off-road customers in from all across America, and even some from north of the border. Check us out at afterhourscycle.com for more details.

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Powersports, Life Cycle, Leaders RPM, Doris Karpinski, Big Air MX, Battle Creek M/C, Polka Dots, Portland Trail Riders, Twisted MX, Valley MX, Bulldogs M/C, MXC, Dutch Sport Park

2020 YEAR END POINTS

Historic: 1. T. Claerhout (132); 2. S. Nestor (124); 3. W. Hawkins (117); 4. J. Jobson (115); 5. B. Argue (82); 6. M. Mason (76); 7. J. Doneth (70); 8. D. Michael (61); 9. S. Phillips (56); 10. M. McCauley (50)

Historic 125cc: 1. B. Argue (82); 2. J. Doneth (70); 3. D. Michael (61)

Historic GP: 1. T. Claerhout (88); 2. S. Nestor (59); 3. W. Hawkins (48)

Evolution: 1. M. Sokalski (176); 2. S. Nestor (107); 3. D. Howard (106); 4. R. Brooks (103); 5. M. Havalda (77); 6. R. Kershner (76); 7. S. Berlanga (73); 8. B. Bahlau (69); 9. J. Ottenwess (60); 10. K. Krassa (56)

Evolution 125cc: 1. M. Havalda (77); 2. S. Berlanga (73); 3. B. Bahlau (69)

Evolution GP: 1. M. Sokalski (82); 2. D. Howard (60); 3. S. Nestor (43)

Innovation: 1. T. Claerhout (162); 2. N. Michael (157); 3. G. Huntoon (119); 4. L. Shelton (117); 5. C. Goulet (105); 6. R. Brooks (98); 7. B. Argue (78); 8. S. Adema (64); 9. K. Argue (49); 10. R. Murphy (44)

Innovation 125cc: 1. N. Michael (116) 2. B. Argue (78); 3. S. Krassa (14)

Innovation GP: 1. T. Claerhout (88); 2. N. Michael (61); 3. G. Huntoon (53)

Schoolboy and Schoolboy GP: 1. A. Argue (176, 88)

Transition: 1. N. Michael (128); 2. G. Huntoon (105); 3. C. Cook (98); 4. E. Hovorka (90); 5. C. Morehouse (40); 6. S. Farmer (39)

Transition 125cc: 1. G. Huntoon (105); 2. C. Cook (98); 3. E. Hovorka (90)

Transition GP: 1. N. Michael (70); 2. G. Huntoon (46); 3. C. Cook (90)



▲ Derek Michael was the recipient of the Sportsman of the Year Award



▲ The Schoolboy Champion Alexis "Alex" Argue



▲ W.J. Phillips Insurance was the Sponsor of the Year



▲ The Terry Couturier Most Photogenic Eli Hovorka



▲ Alexis Argue with the Schoolboy GP Championship



▲ The Ron Durepo Most Improved Rider Nik Michael


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To: All AMA Members
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 Re: 2021 AMA Racing Rulebook Update (Competition Apparel)

2021 AMA Racing Rulebook Update

The following rule change was created through the AMA Competition Commissions process. The change has been approved by the AMA Board of Directors and will go into effect **January 1, 2021**. New rules for the 2021 season are shown and printed in **bold italic** type.

Update to be included in all amateur AMA Racing disciplines:

All helmets must be intact and no modification may be made to their construction that alters the helmet from the condition it was tested and approved. The helmet is made to provide protection and is not a platform to attach foreign objects. For example, cameras or other accessories are NOT permitted to be attached to the rider's helmet.

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▲ We had a lot of Perfect Attendance winners for 2020

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

FRADS and Gifts from Presaro

Story and photos by Steven Beane

If you’ve been reading the D14 News for a year or more, you know that we like to commemorate the likely end of the off-road riding season with one last ride before deer season (LRBDS). This year that ride took place near Luzerne on November 11. Similarly, we like to celebrate the continuation of the riding season post rifle-season with a first ride after deer season – FRADS – if the weather allows. It did, so this years’ FRADS took place December 11 up near Moorestown, and the day couldn’t have been better.

The day before FRADS was one marked with indecision – what to ride? I took a look around the shop, and tried to decide between a trio of red and blue bikes. The TM144 is a fantastic tight-course race bike, but the Beta 250 would likely be a better choice given the fast company the ride would take place with. There was one other choice, another Italian bike. A fresh can of non-ethanol fuel was purchased, but still no decision was reached.

With less than two months until the 2021 season-opening National Enduro in Sumter, SC, FRADS was possibly the last chance there would be to ride in Michigan before heading south, and possibly the last chance to determine what bike to race in South Carolina as well. Finally, it came to me.

My mount for FRADS would be an early Christmas present from the TM factory in Presaro, Italy – a brand-new 2021 TM300fi 4T twin-piper! Not only would FRADS serve as the bike’s break-in ride, it would act as an audition for a mount for Sumter and start to answer the question that everyone has about the bike – how does it run?



▲ In the wild, after the ride

I’ve been racing TM’s for several seasons - 144s, 250s, and 300 two strokes - but it’s been a couple years since I’ve spent significant time on a thumper, and that bike was a Beta 350. Still, throughout the ride, the over-arching feeling was that I’d never been so confident on an unfamiliar bike, and I knew that I was riding something very special.

Even though the company is more than 40 years old, TM only makes 1250 bikes a year, and of that number only about 50 are this model. By definition, the TM300EN 4T is an unconventional bike.

The displacement puts it between the usual small (250cc) and mid-sized (350cc) thumpers. The fuel tank is located under the seat where an airbox is usually found. The airbox is between the rider’s legs, with a down-draft intake feeding the intake tract which is at the back of the head. And speaking of the head, it’s incredibly small by four-stroke standards. Twin counter-rotating cams are gear-driven from shaft mounted low in the head, which is itself chain-driven from the bottom end. Each exhaust port feeds its own pipe, with twin silencers tucked behind the side plates.

A TM-built shock is paired with KYB forks, and they are mated to an aluminum frame also made by the Presaro firm. The frame showcases some the finest welds found in the motorcycle realm.

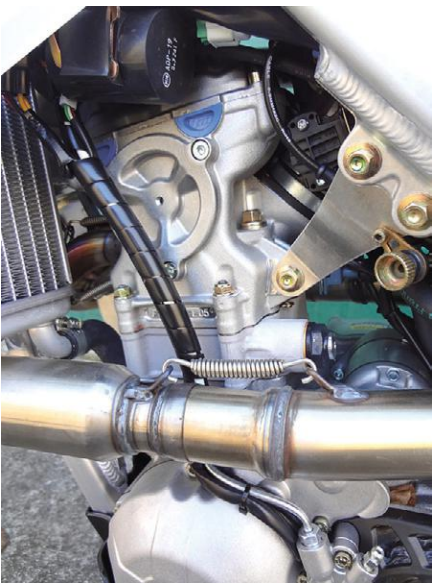
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▲ Clean air goes in the top



▲ Hot air out the back



▲ Purpose built powerplant

2021



SCHEDULE

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February 20th & 21st-

Team CDI Racing

presents

Lake Cadillac AMA ATV &
Sidecar Grand

Championship with

D14 State Championship for
Bikes.

Cadillac, MI

January 10th-Valley Trail Riders

Bentley, MI

January 17th-Owosso Motorsports Park

Owosso, MI

January 24th-Valley Trail Riders

Bentley, MI

January 30th/31st -Team CDI Racing & Racinjason Promotions presents

Lake Leisure Family Campground

Sumner, MI



February 6th- ATV/Sidecar National championship banquet at Soaring

Eagle (2020 #1 plates)

February 7th-Owosso Motorsports Park, Owosso, MI

February 13th-Valley Motocross presents Crystal Lake

Crystal, MI

February 14th-Valley Trail Riders

Bentley, MI

February 28th-Valley Trail Riders (backup date for Grand Championship

if Cadillac cancels)

Bentley, MI

March 7th-Makeup date



Valley Trail
Riders



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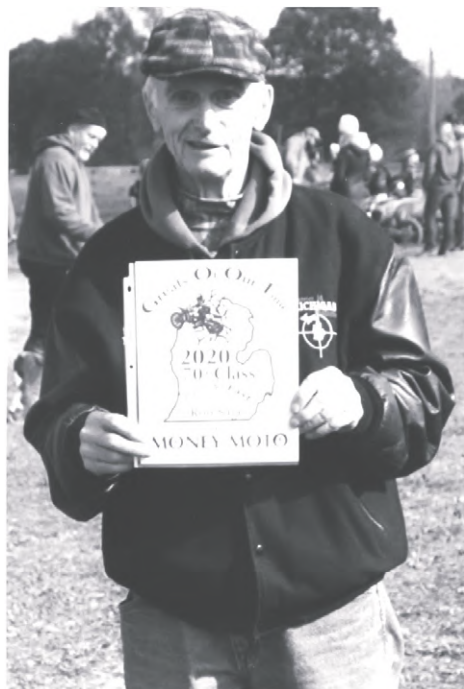
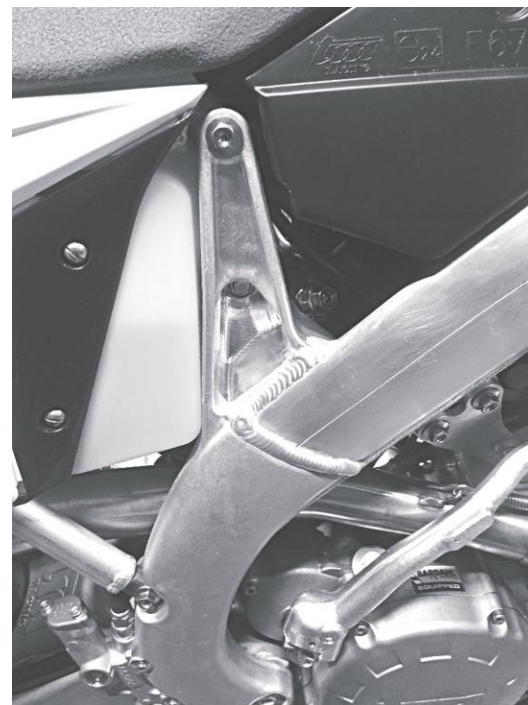
So back to the question – how does it run?

Without hesitation I can declare that TM's latest mid-sized thumper is a fantastic machine. The power is linear and robust, while the low and centrally-located fuel tank, counter-rotating cams, and tucked in silencers contribute to a very flickable feel more reminiscent of a 200cc 2T than a mid-sized four stroke. The unconventional airbox and fuel tank forms tuck in as well as the more usual parts do on a TM 2T, leading to a very slim and natural feel. The stiff frame and top-shelf suspension allow the rider to pick any line in a corner while still attacking high-speed whoops without drama. To top it all off, the top-mounted airbox and twin-pipes treat the rider to a symphony of sound unlike anything I've heard from a dirtbike.

It may sound like I'm gushing here – I am, but not without reason. Not every bike fulfills the promise of its spec-sheet, but like every great bike, the TM300 4T is very much more than a sum of its parts. With very limited production, it's obvious that this is not the bike for every off-road racer, but maybe it should be.

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► Fuel level shows on the clear tank, just behind the CNC machined upper-shock mount



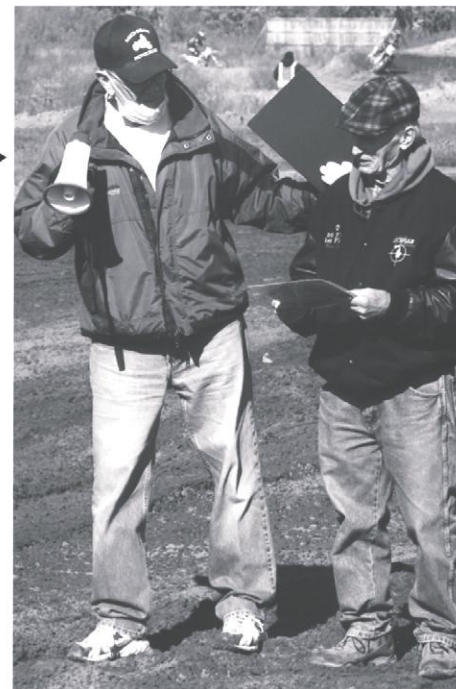
Fast Guy

Fast Guy Ron Sage

When we had our 1st 65/70+ Money Moto, one guy didn't have two wheels under him but still participated. That guy was Ron Sage. Ron couldn't ride due to medical issues but Mike Root, myself, and all the riders on line surprised Ron with an Honorable Mention & "Thumb Print Award" for putting his mark on racing.

Photos: Erin Bitten

Story: Deadly Don Wier



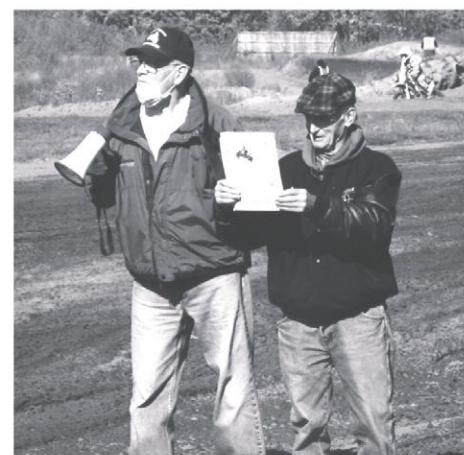
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I still think he looks like Jackie Stewart, Formula One driver



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