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▲ Jeff Sangster made a return to vintage racing after 15+ year break



▲ Jeffrey Sangster was on the gas as he took his second overall in as many races in Schoolboy



**REDBUD MX (Buchanan, MI)** | August 7, 2021 Story and photos by Steve Baginski

We headed to Red Bud for the first Annual Jeff Stanton Classic on Saturday August seventh. There was a decent turnout as a lot of racers were looking forward to a great day on the Pro track. The weather was perfect, track was groomed to perfection and the crew was very welcoming. All of the racers had an amazing time with some great race action. Hopefully this will be the first of many for this great race.

With all of the AHRMA and support classes mixed in, our classes were all over the schedule. Jeffrey Sangster was on the gas in both of his Schoolboy moto's to take another overall win beating out Alexis Argue in second. John Korte and Ed Shively swapped moto wins in the 70+ class with John taking the second moto and overall. Chad Fitzpatrick was fast out of the gate in both Evolution moto's on his big four stroke and grabbed both holeshots. However, Ross Kershner was fast and steady all day and would earn top D14 honors. Chad held on for second both times out with Jason Leedy rode great on his smaller IT to round out the podium. Dean Howard was near the front in moto one but a mid race crash dropped him out of the top five. He would rebound in moto two but just missed out on a podium spot. Shaun Nestor was racy on his Maico as he battled with Ray Brooks early in moto one. Shaun stayed consistent to earn his top five. Nick Wickerham just missed out on the holeshots in Innovation but was quickly into the lead and checking out. He was fast in both moto's to take the win and overall. Lance Shelton was able to grab the first moto holeshot and rode great to hold onto second. He fought with Nik Michael in moto two but let him go as his third was still good enough for second overall. Nik took some time to get going in moto one and only managed a fourth. He rode to his potential in moto two and took second but was only good enough for third overall. Frank Croley grabbed the second moto holeshot and was on the gas but slipped back a few spots by the end of the race. He ended the day in fourth with his 3-4 finishes. Brody Bahlau was the top 125cc racer as he edged out Blake Argue and Gene Huntoon as he rounded out the top five with his 5-5. The Historic class was out next with William Hawkins leading the way grabbing both holeshots. Konnor Visger made his return to Vintage on his old Yamaha and was setting some fast lap times. He ended both moto's with a large lead to take the wins and overall. Mike Mason took over second both times out for second overall. The fun battle to watch was for third as Blake Argue and William duked it out. William had a slight gap in moto one but Blake was

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Summer will soon be over, but that doesn't mean that the fun has to stop... A few divisions still have lots of racing left, then there's banquets and hopefully Ice Racing! A BIG THANK YOU to this month's contributors, especially all the Photo Contest entries. I would absolutely LOVE for us to get back on track with meeting deadlines. I'm sure everyone would like to get their monthly papers a little earlier in the month. With that said, your October submissions are due NOW! Thank you!

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2021 Jack Pine, Grand Champion, D. Aaron Wegner

# 20 YEAR OUEST FOR THE COWBELL Story and photo by Aaron Wegner

On Aug. 22 2021, I achieved a goal of mine that has eluded me for the last 20+ years. With a lot of hard work, help from family and friends(and some luck), I managed to take home the Grand Champion trophy at the 95th Jack Pine Enduro.

I have raced Jack Pine a handful of times since my first one in 1999 with mixed results. I have a lot of memories from my races there(some better than others), but I'm definitely going to remember this year's race as my most meaningful win to date.

I'd like to thank the Lansing Motorcycle Club for putting on a great event that was a true test of timekeeping skills, endurance, and riding ability. I'd like to thank two time Jack Pine winner Corey Parlin for his coaching and help in my preparation for this race. Thanks to Tom Cannon for re-building my shock which handled all that rough trail great! I would like to thank my family: My girlfriend Jennifer who has always understood my love for racing and stuck with me all these years. My kids, Ariel and Christian, and my parents who started taking me to Enduros when I was young.

A special thanks to the Hunt family for their continued support of my racing over the years, and my sincerest condolences to them on the loss of Virginia Hunt (a great woman and significant contributor to the success of District 14 off-road racing and the Jack Pine Enduro)

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who cheered me on or congratulated me. It is always nice to see old friends that I used to race Minis with who still make it up here every year for this event. It will be great to finally see my name on the cowbell next to all the great racers that have won this race in the past, and after not winning a race for 9 years just makes it that much better!



Mike Mason had to ride hard to hold onto his second place finish



▲ Tom Lee (130) trying to hold off Dorene Payne (14W)

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 Chad Fitzpatrick (11) airs out the finish jump on his heavy four stroke trying to hold off eventual winner Ross Kershner (38)



 Cory Sutherland raised his hand in excitement that the race was over

**VINTAGE MX** continued from page 2 on the move in moto two. Blake was the only Historic racer to jump the double of Laroccos leap EVEY lap. He closed in and jumped passed William and was gaining on Mike in second. He was only a few seconds behind at the finish and it was a good thing there wasn't another lap. He crossed in third and rode back to the pits where he found out he had a flat tire and almost a dozen broken spokes in the front wheel. He swapped finishes with William as he took third and Will in fourth. Cory Sutherland battled with Blake early in the second moto as he rounded out the

top five with his consistent 5-5 finishes. Gordy Baird was the lone 65+ racer and was out with the 55+ support class. He was in the mix with some great starts as he took the win. The Transition guys were all out together with the largest class of the day. Konnor Visger was fastest out of the gate to take both holeshots. He lost a spot in moto one but it was to a non D14 racer so he actually took the race win. In moto two, he was going for the lead but thought better of hitting the leader and grabbed too much front brake and went down. He got back up after losing a few spots and worked his way back to second for second overall. Nick Wickerham was fast and steady all day and swapped moto scores with Konnor as he took the overall. Austin Visger was also back out on his big four stroke finishing just outside of the top five but was able to round out the overall D14 podium. Nate Stephens had a good battle with Austin in moto one and was one spot better but struggled with the heat of moto two. He had a great battle with George Souliotis and Sean Sangster as they rounded out the top ten. Nate was towards the back of the group but he had the better first moto to earn fourth D14. George had the best moto two as he was barely able to hold off Sean for fifth overall. Sean had a rough first moto but was up to speed in moto two to take sixth overall.

The next two races at Battle Creek have already taken place as we prepare for Twisted MX GP on September 12th. Then we head to Polka Dots for the final two moto format of the season on September 25th. And then it's a few week break



 Ross Kershner grabbed another Evolution overall and put him in the hunt for the Championship



▲ Gordy Baird continues to lead the points in 65+ with some great rides



▲ John Korte is still on the gas and winning the 70+ class



▲ There was some great racing in the Transition class between Nate Stephens (583), Austin Visger (439) and George Souliotis (119)



▲ Blake Argue jumped his way into a podium spot in Historic



▲ Dean Howard was in podium contention but a first moto crash hurt his chances



• Who wants to be a professional racer? Most of us would sell a kidney to get the chance, but it's not all rainbows and butterflies. Pro riders fly a couple times a week, and as I sit at hour 7 in the Charlotte airport, I honestly don't know how the pros put up with it.

• The entry list at the Italian-hosted ISDE shows Rachel Gutish on a Husqvarna, but she most recently was spotted battling for the podium on a Kawasaki, so what gives? Apparently Rachel bought a white bike to put in the container bound for Italy after she and Beta parted ways, but she was later picked up by a green team to race GNCCs and enduros.

• Speaking of enduros, here's an honest timekeeper question. How come the check crews will claim you are early as soon as they see you if you're riding right on your minute – major burn - but not stop the clock on you until you physically cross into the check if you're running late?

• The fastest men in American motocross right now may be Ken Roczen, Dylan Ferrandis, and, wait for it .... Aaron Plessinger! AP was the only man able to even see Roczen at the recent Unadilla, but a nasty loop-out caused after whiskey-throttling out of a hole left the soon-to-be-KTM rider on the ground with a bruised liver, cracked rib, and mild concussion ... or something like that.

• The American ISDE team is looking strong for another overall, as Taylor Roberts, Johnny Girroir, Layne Michael, and Ryan Sipes are representing the red, white, and blue in the World Trophy class. Cody Barnes, Dante Oliveira, and Austin Walton comprise the Junior Trophy roster, while Brandy Richards, Rachel Gutish, and Britney Gallegos make up one of eight Women's Trophy teams.

• Kawasaki announced earlier in the year that Eli Tomac would be departing the motocross team with which he has had the majority of his professional success. Asked recently when he would announce his plans for the new year, the three-time 450 MX champ (and 2020 Supercross champ) would only say "October 1st".

• The middleweight adventure bike class just got even more crowded! Aprilia released an animated build of its upcoming 660cc Toureg, named not only for a desert in Africa but also for a bike the Italian company sold in the very early days of the Dakar rally.

• Harley-Davidson stunned the world twice in one model year by revealing an all new Sportster powered by a reconfigured version of the 60 degree, liquid-cooled V twin that debuted in the Pan-America.

• Coolest custom-build bike at the Jack Pine award has to go to AJ Stevens aluminum-framed 1994 Kawasaki KX250. Fast too, as Stevens brought home second in the competitive A250 class.

• Certainly not to be outdone, Aaron Wegner piloted his YZ250 to top-spot on the day, taking the coveted cowbell trophy from Tyler Vore, who rode sweep before heading to the ISDE. • Immediately following Loretta Lynn's Hillsdale, MI based Cobra motors released a brand new 65cc racer. Oh to be seven years old again – this thing is a genuine race weapon. I plan to do an indepth interview with Cobra head-honcho Phil McDowell, and we'll dig into what makes America's only dirt-bike manufacturer tick.

• It may seem like the riding season is almost over, but it's only just hit the half-way mark. Get out and ride!

The new TMs are on the way, but they'll be battling for attention with the 2022 XTrainers, EVOs, and Vertigos in the PlusOnePerformance shop. Catch up with us at the trail on in the shop, or on the internet at www. afterhourscycle.com and we'll talk through all the newness!

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# **OCTOBER**

16 Valley Trail Riders.....Bentley



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

# **OCTOBER**

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

# **NOVEMBER**

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- 07 Turkey Creek ..... New Paris, IN
- 14 Peace Pipe ..... Greenville, OH



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# OCTOBER

10 Fredneck Ranch.....Frederic

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CHAIRPERSON ...... Kreg Bigelow VICE CHAIR ..... Kip Bigelow Image: State Championship - Max Points

# **OCTOBER**

02	Log Road MX	Bronson
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▲ Konnor Visger won Historic and had the speed to win here in Transition but a crash in moto two prevented that



 Nick Wickerham was fast and smooth all day long in both classes earning both overalls



 Shaun Nestor rode well to a top five in his first trip to Red Bud



▲ Brody Bahlau continues to impress the Innovation racers on his 125

**VINTAGE MX** continued from page 6 before we finish up the season at Valley Trail Riders double header on October 16 and 17. The points are updated and are on our Facebook page and on the web at michiganvintagemotocross.com. Check the site and/or Facebook for those points and any other info. Thanks for checking in and I'll see you at the races.

**RESULTS: RED BUD 8/7/21 – Historic:** 1. K. Visger (Yam); 2. M. Mason (Yam); 3. B. Argue



▲ Caleb Carter probably had the most fun even though he was on the slowest bike

(Hon); 4. W. Hawkins (Suz); 5. C. Sutherland (Hon); 6. K. Argue (Yam); 7. A. Argue (Hon); 8. M. Sangster (Hon); 9. S. Phillips (Hod) **Schoolboy:** 1. J. Sangster (Hon); 2. A. Argue (Hon) **Evolution**: 1. R. Kershner (Hon); 2. C. Fitzpatrick (Yam); 3. J. Leedy (Yam); 4. D. Howard (Mai); 5. S. Nestor (Mai); 6. R. Brooks (Suz); 7. D. Payne (CZ); 8. T. Lee (Ktm); 9. S. Berlanga (Yam); 10. T. Lane (Yam); 11. B. Hague (Yam); 12. D. Michael (Yam); 13. R.S. Delaney (Hon); 14. D. Layman (Hon); 15. J. Ottenwess (Yam);



 Frank Croley (344) held off Nik Michael (01) for at least the first moto of Innovation

16. V. Grahn (Yam); 17. K. Krassa (Yam) Innovation: 1. N. Wickerham (Hon); 2. L. Shelton (Yam); 3. N. Michael (Hon); 4. F. Croley (Yam); 5. B. Bahlau (Kaw); 6. B. Argue (Hon); 7. G. Huntoon (Kaw); 8. R. Brooks (Suz); 9. C. Sutherland (Hon); 10. J. Smith (Hon); 11. K. Argue (Hon); 12. S. Nestor (Mai); 13. S. Adema (Hon); 14. E. Hovorka (Hon); 15. T. Lee II (Suz); 16. S. Farmer (Kaw); 17. J. Ottenwess (Yam); 18. R. Murphy (Hon); 19. J. Hovorka (Hon) Transition: 1. N. Wickerham (Hon); 2. K. Vis-



 Eli Hovorka wheelies over the rough stuff charging all race long

ger (Hon); 3. A. Visger (Yam); 4. N. Stephens (Hon); 5. G. Souliotis (Hon); 6. S. Sangster (Hon); 7. G. Huntoon (Kaw); 8. Je. Sangster (Hon); 9. L. Shelton (Yam); 10. N. Michael (Hon); 11. E. Hovorka (Hon); 12. B. Sims (Kaw); 13. D. Layman (Hon); 14. A. Sangster (Hon); 15. J. Hopkins (Yam); 16. S. Farmer (Kaw); 17. M. Leach (Hon) **65+:** 1. G. Baird (Ktm) **70+**: 1. J. Korte (Hon); 2. E. Shively (Ktm); 3. S. Krassa (Hon)

# **DISTRICT 14 VOLUNTEERS - HARE SCRAMBLES**

Story and photos submitted by Molly Kidner

Did you know? ALL of District 14 is run by volunteers! They put in countless hours make the organization as great as it can be. There is a constant need for more hands on deck and so many fun ways to participate! Talk to your series Chair or Club to see how you can help. Thanks to all who volunteer!



▲ Hare Scramble Rider Rep Doug Zdybek and Brian Kidner WORKIN' IT at Fredneck Hare Scramble



 Hare Scramble ATV Chair Jason Cottrell and D14 President Thomas Dunn



▲ Past HS scoring crew Sherry Fleszar braves the roost!



▲ The "Chick Check" at an Enduro

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# THE 2ND ANNUAL "MONEY MONEY" MOTO

Story by Don Wier | Photos by Addition Racing Photos

The old guys got a blessing, with the heat going to hit in the 90's the money moto was the first race of the day. With the track well groomed "as usual" the guys got ready for the 18 minute to white flag race with 9 riders. The guys voted to do a one drop on the gate, "HOLE SHOT" coming around the first turn was Jeff Bost, Gordon Baird and Cliff Knudsen with John Shively rolling the thunder with 5 other riders bunched all together. So after the first lap the order rolled like this, Bost, Knudsen, Baird, Korte, Shively, Sirovey, Doneth, Foster, Macdonald. But in the 6th lap, J. Korte on the heels of G. Baird went down in the middle of the track, and over the bars. With his kill switch getting jammed he fell about 2 laps down. With Cliff Knudsen keeping Jeff Bost honest in the 65+ class with J. Krote down Gary Sirovey picked up the pace to keep john Shively honest in the 70+ class. As I watched these guys on the side lines I was very impressed by the fact they all had solid lap times. Sometimes when your racing you get into that "Ho Hum" well I'm in this spot so I'll just cruise, "NO" like the pro's when you pass someone you get 2 points. In this case you pass somebody it



was \$50 to \$60 BUCKS difference. All in all the riders had a good time, and are ready for next year!

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### **RACE RESULTS:**

**65+ Money Moto:** 1. #104 Jeffrey Bost (Hon), 2. #822 Cliff Knudsen (Ktm), 3. #801 Gordon Baird (Ktm), 4. #354 Jeffrey Doneth (Suz)

**70+ Money Moto:** 1. #11 John Shively (Ktm), 2. #25 Gary Sirovey (Ktm), 3. #002 William Foster (Ktm), 4. #370 John Korte (Hon), 5. #827 Martin MacDonald (Yam)

Total Payout per class \$1035

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 John Shively is looking at dollar signs



▲ John Korte after his crash



▲ At 81 years old, William Foster, can still throw a roost!



▲ After 5 years of not racing, Martin MacDonald, looks serious

▲ The paper trophies everyone received



▲ Jeffrey Doneth back on his BIG BORE!



Smiling all the way to the bank. Can't wait for next year!



 The 65+ &
70+ "HOLE SHOT

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I've been a trail rider for 25 years. This year I decided after all these years I was finally going to make it down to Red Bud to watch the Pro Motocross. So I thought, how cool would it be to race that weekend on the same track as the pro! I've never in my life raced be-



▲ Trevor Schlicht #338 | Photo by DiffySmooth.com

fore. So I watched a race at Dutch Sport Park in Bloomingdale, MI and thought, I could do this. I consulted with the very helpful staff at Red Bud to get details on the weekend events; racing and camping. I thought it would be a good idea to try out a smaller race before going to the big track of Red Bud. So I raced my first ever race at Cadillac motorcycle club. Had a blast and was ready for the "big time". Packed up and headed to Red Bud for a few days of camping, practice and racing. Although I no longer ride a bike built for racing, I still had a great time on my bike, hanging out and racing with all sorts of people. Fortunately a pro photographer was there to capture me in my glory.



# Caleb Woolf #759 & Charlie (Charlotte) Nephew #494 Photo by Natalie Woolf

Caleb (on the KTM) and Charlie (Honda) are good friends. Just this year they've both discovered the joys of competition. Caleb's number one goal: beat girl Charlie, Charlie's number one goal: beat Caleb. Caleb beat her a few times at the beginning of the season but now that Charlie's on a KTM too, she's making up for lost races. In the photo, Caleb and Charlie have been going back and forth the entire race. The pressure was definitely on. Those are some of the best races, when you're fighting your friend for position the whole time and then when it's all over, your whole pit crew is there to greet you and take pictures of your dusty mustaches and black teeth.



Photo by mom, Stefanie Roberts This is my sons first year racing and this was his first race at Big Air Newaygo, MI and he took 3rd place! He s never been so excited and ready for more races!!



▲ Jaxon Morgan Photo by Jason Shaw Imaging



**Rider Justin Lehti 893** | Photo by Jen Lehti Dirt bike camp has some fun times 3 years ago I had broke my wrist then a year later the bike blew up and now it's been smooth riding



▲ Tyler Tressler | Photo by Desired Shotz Coming into a corner at BCMC racing vet sport.



Long time D-14 member, 19 year old Noah Willbrandt and his Mechanic Alex Locke on the gate at the Hang-Town Classic last weekend. | Photo-Credit Sammy Taylor

Noah got his Pro Outdoor license in June and his first Pro race was the Red-Bud National. He ended up qualifying for 7 out of the 8 rounds he tried for (Redbud, Southwick, Unadilla, Budds Creek, Ironman, Fox Raceway 2, and Hangtown). Noah is now headed back to ClubMX where he lives and trains full time prepping for the start of the Pro Supercross season.

## Crash and Burn Laidback "Lenny" Hufton

Images were captured in 1981 at PolkaDots Motorcycle Club Silverdome Qualifier. The "Flying W" made Top Ten Bail Offs of 1982, which appeared in 1983 Crash and Burn magazine. A blurry Chris Stanick is looking through my elbows. This certainly was my five minutes of fame. The beauty of this image is I saved it, did NOT crash! Riding the "B" classes, I only finished 2 out of 4 motos- It was a real MUDDER! This image was captured in a double/double section before we rode down the hill. There was a big water hole right before the section which threw us out of control, thus not getting enough speed to clear the obstacles cleanly. Half the time it looked like this- casing, swapping, and almost crashing. I included another image "series" to illustrate.

The image series is in the same section riding my 1979 YZ250. Those are some of my friends in the background. Rick Seibert(Gary TooFast Seibert's brother) is flagging, whilst looking NOT impressed. John, Jim, and Bill (RIP) looking astonished as I try to not crash going by. They were standing there so I HAD to go for it! Sometime known back then as the fastest guy out there in between crashes, I provided plenty of entertainment for most.

Many other riders made Crash and Burn from this race. Top of mind include Russ Ackles(spelling?), and Tim Roberson- who crashed in the same section. Bikes were stuck, buried, and blown up in the mud, left to be retrieved by man power(sometimes more than one) or tractor. Mark Doepel was the photog-



Mud racing gives riders the opportunity to show off their maximum riding skills. But some riders are less maximum than others. (Mark Doepel) 6 CRANGE RIMUERBRIARY 1989

rapher that reaped the benefits of our loses. MANY of his images appeared in that magazine.

In one section we had to cross fourfoot-wide ditch due to track "rerouting". Old Man Dave Curry was standing there pointing to a piece of sod telling me to pin it. I was able to bunny hop the ditch a couple of laps. Then the sod went away, and I wound up parked in the middle of the ditch, up to my knees in water. It looked cool for a little while. Pretty sure I didn't finish that moto. My Mom always used to say; "You'll NEVER see your eighteenth Birthday!"- Now EVERY day is my Birthday! I've been back to PolkaDots a few times to race the Vintage Grand Prix. I have had more than a few flashbacks to that muddy day 40 years ago. I STILL like long motos, but don't ride the same anymore. In the old days it was "When in doubt GAS IT!" which usually worked. Now it's; "Safe, fun, fast!"- In that order. Enjoy the day



Jeff Aud #96 at RedBud MX Photo by Ashley Posey



Austyn Stemler | Photo by Walter J Cronk Photography Portland Trail Riders leading 125bc class.



Brody Miller Photo by Jackie Miller 12 hours after breaking his leg at the Brawl this past weekend, Brody Miller, 12 of Fremont, was trackside to cheer his brother on!



Nik Michael and Derek Michael My Wife Hiedi Michael took the pictures. My son Nik Michael and I got to race in the same class at Valley last Sat. My wife was able to get the picture of us passing.



Jaric Norris | Photo by mom (Maya Norris) Jaric Norris, #144 on a Gas Gas at the finish line table at Cadillac.

# **5** REASONS YOU SHOULD USE A Plant-based cleaner



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Eli Hovorka | Photo by Joe Hovorka Eli Hovorka tearing up the turns during the D14 Vintage motocross race weekend at Twisted Motocross Track, Milan Michigan on 9/12/21 Eli's on a 1997 Honda CR125



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Dan Cross aka Charlie Burk | Photo by Brad Kiness This is the result when a 60+ rider can t decide between gymnastics and short track racing. Submitted by Brian Hewson



Brooklyn McBride Photo by Heckman Productions

# PHOTO CONTEST



# Katharyn Longanecker Photo by Mechelle Longanecker

Katharyn Longanecker #539 riding the infamous Larocco's Leap for the first time ever on her birthday last April! The cool part is that she was on a brand new bike and was so scared that she was crying before she left our pit, went to the gate, swallowed those tears and gave it her all. Yeah it's not a cool whip or anything like that but a dream come true for her that day!! She now sits in sixth place in the girls class for D14 points in first full season of competitive racing!



### Jeff Sangster Photo by Steve Baginski

It has been 18 years since I last raced, so I have this on again/off again battle in my head if I really want to race again. My kids make fun of me and my wife calls me "racing bipolar." So my son Austin cropped and captioned this starting line photo by Steve Baginski from the 8/22 Battle Creek Transition class vintage race. Sums up my pre-race mindset. But once the gate drops there is no question about it ... I absolutely love racing motocross!



Parker Beckington | Photo by Full Circle Photo This is of Parker Beckington at Loretta Lynn<sup>®</sup>s this year with Nick Wey and his Dad,

Terry Wey in the back. Jason, Parker's Dad, was part of the Michigan Mafia with Nick and Parker's other "bonus Uncle's Ryan Valade, Randy Valade, Jeremy Booher, Matt Lasco, Chris Beckington (Jason's twin brother), Dave Beckington (cousin), Jeff Beckington (cousin), Mike

Mercer, Ryan Haines. These were the Moto friends that became family. We have been to their engagement parties, weddings, baby showers, birthday milestones, etc. And as Nick's boys are riding and Parker, the next generation of the Michigan Mafia family has started their journey.

Parker has been watching Nick since he was born. We never thought Parker would ride but when he started we couldn't get him off his bike. The fact that he started riding in the fall of 2020, then had a devastating accident at the track, that ended with him shattering his humerus. He was out of commission for almost 5 months.

As soon as he could ride again, he was back at it. Qualify for areas, then Regionals and finally for Loretta's, we had no expectations for him because he had worked so hard just to be there. We were so proud of him and wanted him to enjoy it. Then with his 6th gate pick chip, he got 6-6-6 to get 6th overall. With his friends and family watching him online from home, we were able to share the experience of this awesome moment with them.

Loretta's holds a dear place in our hearts and have so many memories and stories from our trip, we were so sad to hear about the devastation down there. We hope to get back to the beautiful Loretta Lynn's property again. It was amazing to share it with "family" and see the start of our lil ripper's motocross journey??



# Trent Thompson | Photo by Steven Miller

A group of us were riding the "outlaw trails" in Kentucky. We had an odd group of three side by sides and three dirt bikes. We came up on this giant hill. We stopped and played on the hills for a while. There were a lot of side by sides already there when we showed up. Everyone was having so much fun watching Trent Thompson, son of John Thompson, burn up the hills that one man asked if we cared if he photoed us ripping around. Thanks to Steven Miller of Freeburn KY for the photos. Steven shared our photos on Facebook so we could have them. As you can see here Trent is ripping a big donut.



Alex Eston | Photo by Elizabeth Colyer Tried to move over a 4 bike tip over and jumped a berm and barely saved it and she shot this photo during the event.



### Ethan Day | Photo by Racer X

This is a picture of Ethan Day (17 yrs old) at Loretta Lynn's this year right before the catastrophic flood. It is special to us because it was taken just a couple weeks before the track is covered with water and because he worked so hard to get there to compete. It isn't often that a kid from Twin Lake, Michigan gets a picture taken by Racer X!



Wylder King in dad's atlas brace and helmet | Photo by Riley King





Jaric Norris | Photo by Jim Derry MotoMom (Maya Norris) giving the pep talk at the gate to son (Jaric Norris) #144... because not all dads do Moto.



Mike Ross | Photo by Matthew Smith Mike is a former Professional MX and SX rider. He has been my friend for about 12-13 years. He hasn't rode in 3 years since this pictures were taken. Pictures was taken Labor Day weekend at Valley. He spent hours putting this bike together just to get to valleys He came out for a fun weekend and these pictures show his love for the sport! His original number is 442. He's running his buddy's number plates in memory of him. I haven't seen him in a couple years prior to that weekend. Here are a few photos. He loves doing heel clickers also.



Jett Janowski | Photo by Jeff Douglas



Jace Sabyan | Photo by Charlie Diffysmooth Burgess Jace Sabyan at the Redbud round of the state championship with his 3rd holeshot in a row that weekend in 250c.



Photo by Harmony Bailey Photo taken at Lucky Thumb MC on Sunday 9/12. The remaining racers and families gathered to help fold the flag at the end of the race weekend.



Submitted by Karen Lickfeldt Tight squeeze!



# **Rider Unknown Photo by Jacob Walterreit**

I took this photo at the Stanton classic @ Redbud this year. I have not been able to find the riders name yet. He is minus one foot, his shifting foot. After seeing this I had to find him and shake his hand. He said last year he had to use a string attached to the shifter. He upshifted and the string got caught in his prosthetic. Truly a gnarly dude.

# PHOTO CONTEST



Greg Gabriel Photo by Mike Wilson This is 48 year old Greg Gabriel, a Marine Corps Veteran having served in the Iraq War. The photographer is Mike Wilson, an Army Airborne Veteran having served in Desert Storm. Both Mike and Greg are actively involved with the VFW in Hart. Greg (pictured) is new to motocross and racing; Mike (photographer) was an

amateur quad and pit-bike racer.



Elijah Root | Photo by Robert Root His first trophy... but it won't be his last! #District14forlife



Jim Williams | Photo by Unknown Watching Grampy race for the first time.



D14 member Michael King helps D14 member David Gray up to the starting gate during a night race | Photo by Riley King



#71 Good Times at the Springfield Mile in Memory District 14 Dirt Tracker 27p Joey Phelps. Submitted by Dan Hodder



### Jeff Doneth | Photo by Steve Baginski

This is my favorite photo from 45 years of racing. It was taken by Steve Baginski at the Red Bud Grass Race I think in 2010. It is me (Jeff Doneth) talking to my Allan Doneth while he was in staging. Riding and racing with him has been the best part of this sport and we are still going.

She told Ryno "if you want to win you need to get rid of the dead weight!" This is my buddy's wife Denise referring to yours truly! Ya know, she's not wrong but sun-of-a-bitch that stung!

It doesn't matter, you see, Ryno doesn't like to ride a harescramble, and the only reason he is here on this day is because I asked him to join me. I look forward to this hometown race every year and like Moto Camp, it's an annual riding ritual that at least one of us looks forward too.

This race is special to me, it's a time for me to hang out in my home-state with my wife and kids, (the Schnauzers) and camp at the track. There is something magical about being at a racetrack in Michigan during the Summer. The nights are humid, crickets are singing, and all over camp you can hear bench-racers reminiscing about races gone by. Plus, I get to build a campfiresomething I can't do in Bend, Oregon right now due to extreme fire danger.

At the end of the day I just love riding my motorcycle so who gives a shit where we finish? For me, it's all about friendship, bench-racing, and having fun twisting the throttle.



Mike Chesney | Photo by Unknown



Photo by Wayne Koppa

Trail Maintenance - Who clears those trails? One of the organizations is the Lansing Motorcycle Club. Formed in 1920 in Lansing Michigan by Oscar Lenz, known as the Old jack Piner, who was a bicycle and Harley Davidson dealer. His work is carried on today by many young and old, 101 years later. Thanks Oscar and thanks Lansing Motorcycle Club.



### Jacob Keene | Photo by Rising Sun Photography

My photographer is Ms. Sunny Neueschwander with Rising Sun Photography. She has captured all my great riding shots this year. I've had a rough start this season as far as just keeping the bike in racing condition. The bike had been neglected for many years. I just started getting back into racing in 2020 after being off the track for 10+ years. Always falling short of finishing in the top ten. Red Bud has been my true test of speed and endurance. Coming back in the '21 season and seeing my progress has helped boost my confidence. Finally finishing in the top 5 at Red Bud while taking everything I've learned back to my home track and finishing in the top 3! It's good to be back racing again!!



Rider Unknown | Photo by Ron Harner Ama Hill Climb on August 29th

# **PHOTO CONTEST**



Justin Samples | Photo by @on\_the\_side\_photography at Valley MX



Left to Right: Clayton King Sr (rider's dad, baby's grandpa), Riley King (rider's spouse, baby momma), Wylder King (baby, rider's son), and Michael King (rider) | Photo by Laura Kerre



Brock Alexander at Redbud | Photo by RKH Photography



Submitted by Karen Lickfeldt What racing is all about



Jace Sabyan | Photo by Josh Cline PH3 photography Josh always has an amazing perspective!

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