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Jase Delamater from Lakeview Michigan punched his ticket to the 2021 Monster Energy AMA Amateur National Championship at the Mideast Regional in June. He finished 23rd in the nation!

JASE DELAMATER

AMA AMATEUR NATIONAL MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP (Loretta Lynn Ranch – Hurrigan Mills, TN) | August 2-7, 2021

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MX RIDER SPOTLIGHT

CHRISTOPHER BLACKMER

AMA AMATEUR NATIONAL MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP
(Loretta Lynn's Ranch – Hurricane Mills, TN) | August 2-7, 2021
Story and photos by Samantha Taylor

Nineteen year old Christopher Blackmer is continuing to make himself a name in the world of motocross. Throughout the past week at Loretta Lynn's AMA National Motocross Championship, Christopher had to face many adversities alongside the good. He raced Collegeboy (18-24) and 250 Pro Sport: two of the fastest classes.

In Collegeboy, he went 2-4-3 to end up 2nd overall. There was also some controversy and protests in that class that could have led to a different outcome for Christopher. In 250 Pro Sport, he went DNF-18- DNF. The DNF in the third moto was due to him crashing and knocking himself unconscious.

Christopher explained that overall he had a pretty decent week. He had a lot of good luck and some bad.

The past week at Loretta's left us all asking questions. What is next for Christopher Blackmer? Will we be seeing him at Unadilla and Ironman? Will he continue training at MotoX?

When faced with those questions Christopher said, "I will finish my amateur career next year, but after that I will be going fully professional." He also said that he will be continuing to train full time at MotoX as he "wouldn't be where he is today without Matt Walker." Christopher thinks Matt, a professional rider of his time and now trainer of MotoX, has what it takes to help take him to the next level of motocross.



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Starting Lines

a few words from the editor

Who can believe that we only have a few short months left of summer? The days seem to go by quicker and quicker. I hope ya'll are getting out there and enjoying every last minute we have to play in the dirt this year!

A BIG THANK YOU to this month's contributors. As you know, without you, this paper would just be a bunch of blank pages! Now, can we PLEASE get back on track with meeting deadlines? I'm guessing everyone would love to get their papers earlier than they have been. JS Right now is a PERFECT 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 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

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HARE SCRAMBLE RIDER SPOTLIGHT

MEET THE RATLIFF'S- FATHER/SON RACING DUO!

Story by Molly Kidner | Photos courtesy of Bob Ratliff and Lindsey Hamel

MEET BOB RATLIFF (#768):

My father got me started riding when I was about 10. I'm so old we actually rode on the Pontiac silver dome property before it was built. I rode on and off when I was older but when my two boys Tyler and Alex got to be about 9 and 10 in 2003 we all got bikes. We rode trails for fun until Tyler got to be about 20. He wanted to try racing so we tried a couple hare scrambles and realized how tough they were. We decided to do team B and see what happened. We were both hooked.

My favorite place to ride is near St. Helen MI. Tyler and I have a great spot laid out, it's just us out in the middle of the woods having an awesome time.

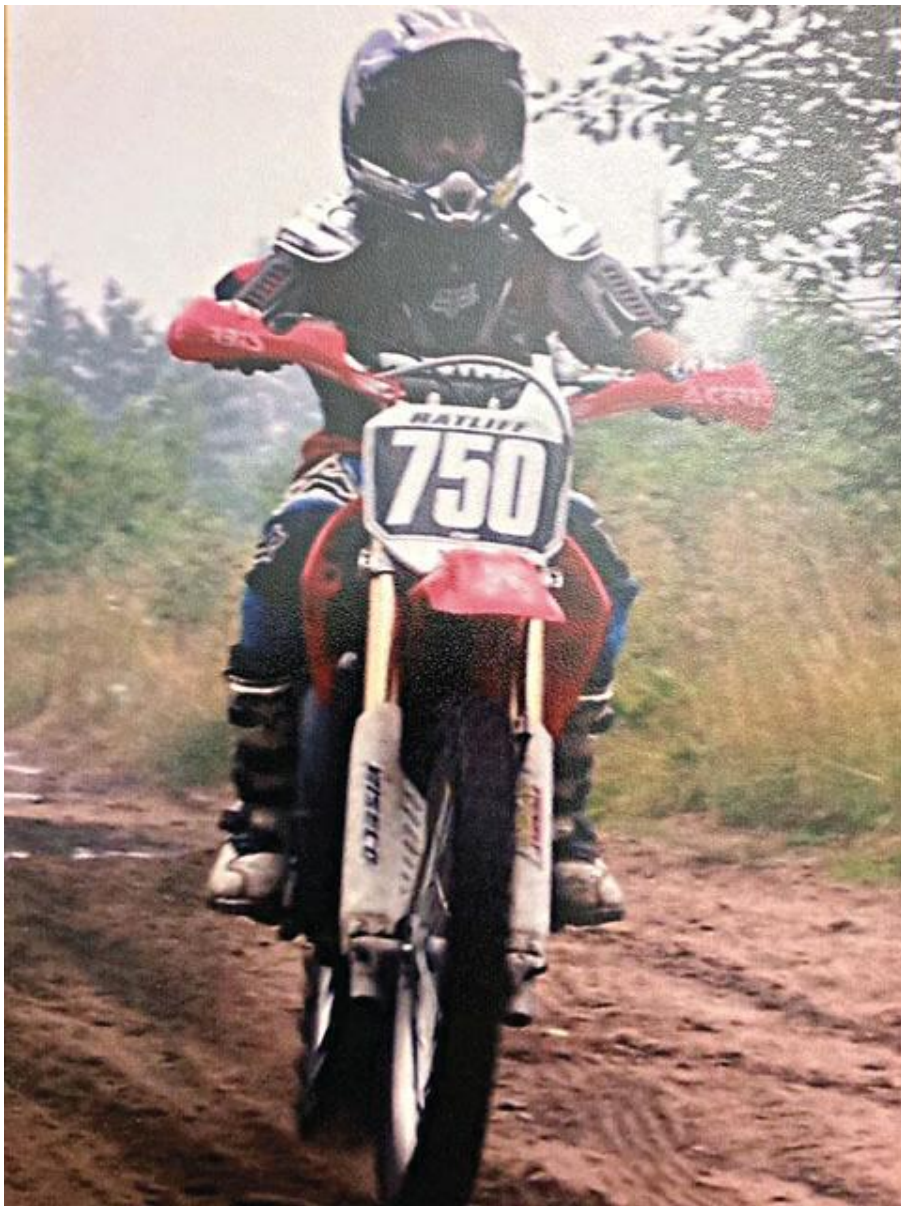
My lovely wife Melanie is very supportive of my hobby but at the track Tyler's girlfriend Lindsey is always there getting dusty and dirty talking pictures, pitting for us and helping load up. She works full time including some Saturdays and also watches a special needs child two days a week. I'm proud of the young lady she has become.

I keep coming back because we have met so many great people that want to help each other out and I really enjoy pushing myself especially during the hot days. Such a good feeling when you see the checkered flag.

I think the series is going great, numbers are up. I think the longer the laps are the better. That will help spread riders out. Having 1 minute in between rows at the start if possible may help also. To echo what Brian has suggested maybe more passing lane's in the woods could help also. I would like to say Zach and everyone involved especially score keepers do an excellent job. All the clubs and the volunteers need to be thanked also. We are all so lucky all we have to do is show up and race.

Fun Fact: My wife and I used to run marathons and in 2000 we both did an Iron-man triathlon in lake placid New York and got matching tattoos afterward. My younger son Alex is now the marathon runner in the family.





MEET TYLER RATLIFF (#750):

I’ve been obsessed with dirt bikes for as long as I can remember. My dad had the crusty demons and terra firma vhs tapes and I watched them all the time. My dad bought me a klx 110 when I was 9 and we went up north to ride the orv almost every weekend in the summer. I didn’t start racing hare scrambles until I was 20. My first race was at VTR and I crashed more times than I can count, but I was hooked.

My favorite place to ride is Evergreen Creek. The dirt there is prime, and Jeremy and his crew always do a fantastic job on the layout.

I need to give a huge shoutout to my girlfriend Lindsey. She goes to practically every race. She helps set up our pit, does the gas stops, takes countless pictures, and does the worst job of all, washing my gear after the race. I’d also like to thank my dad, he has done so

much for me and I would’ve never got into this sport without him. He really helped me out a lot when I first started racing. I can’t say enough good things about Magic Racing in Shelby Township, great people to deal with. They have the

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Visions

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

A WORD FROM THE PREZ

The End of Era

The American Motorcyclist Association's District 14 lost an icon this August. On August 17, 2021 Virginia Hunt, the long time matriarch of District 14, passed away. Virginia has been a figure at Portland Trail Rider's events, Lansing Motorcycle Clubs events, MIRA Snowmobile events and past President and Secretary of the District.

There aren't many people that race motorcycles in Michigan that hasn't crossed paths with Virginia.

A wonderful strong woman that over the years personally touched my family in many ways, from club guidance to being a grandparent to my children.

Many a time when her sons (Jeff and Jim Hunt) and I would be doing trail work for an event, leaving before sun up and not returning until past sundown, Virginia would have saved dinner for us and made us eat made no difference to her if you were her children or not.

Our heart goes out to her family in these difficult times.

District News

The AMA District 14 is doing well in these times of increase rider participation.

Since the 2020 Covid19 shut downs, people seemed to be ready for a outlet and or release coming out in record numbers to ride and race their Off Road machines.

The most exciting part in my opinion is the big increase in mini riders in every division of our racing programs ensuring the future for our sport.

The District has surpassed over 5000 members in our rider membership for, I believe, the first time in our 50 year history!

I would like to thank all the Divisional Chairs, clubs and promoters, for all they do to promote our programs and for

dealing with the huge increases of participants making for long sign-up lines and at times late start times as we continue to have record turn outs.

Jack Pine

The 95th Annual Jack Pine Enduro and the 44th Annual Pine Cone Enduro will have been run on the weekend of August 21 and 22.

The Jack Pine Enduro, the longest running off road event in the country, being held since 1923. The event predates the American Motorcyclist Association which was formed in 1924. The event was canceled last year due to State restrictions. The event is one of the last events that still use public lands to put on their events, working closely with Michigan Department of Recreation to provide the one time use trail used for the event.

The Pine Cone is the Original Family Enduro designed for children to learn to ride and participate in off road events. Started 44 years ago, the Pine Cone has become one of the many events the make up the Family Enduro Series.

Legislation

We continue to watch legislation designed to shut ORVs off State Shared Trails during December through March 31 when used for or groomed for snowmobiles

A call to your legislator or an Email to voice your concern goes a long way. Look for letter to you rep in this paper. Or on my Facebook page.

Forward

Moving forward and heading toward our fall season, lets keep pushing to provide the best events and riding experience we possible can.

See ya at the races!

RATLIFF'S continued from page 5

best staff, super helpful and friendly. Lastly, I want to thank the hare scramble staff. Especially the scoring ladies. They don't get enough credit. It's a tough job and they do it for just for us racers.

What keeps me coming back? The people. There are so many great people I've met through the hare scramble series. It's great to talk to everyone before and after the race. Everyone is very welcoming, it really is one big family, that sounds really cheesy but it's the truth. Also, being able to make do these races with my dad, it's going to something I'll remember forever.

I don't see much that the series needs improvement on. This season, our numbers have increased tremendously, which is great, but I can only imagine how much more work this has become for Zack and the rest of the hare scramble staff.

A fun fact about me, I met Travis Pastrana by coincidence at the St. Helen ORV Trailhead. It was bizarre. No autograph line, no meet and greet, nobody knew he was there. That day, he was just a guy going up north to ride with his buddies. He was really friendly, that guy is a genuinely good dude. It was one of the coolest and strangest things that has ever happened to me.



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VINTAGE MX HOLESHOTS HELP AT POLKA DOTS MC

POLKA DOTS M/C (Midland, MI) | July 17, 2021
Story and photos by Steve Baginski

Polka Dots in Midland hosted round five of the series as well as it being round two of the Allpro Auto and Off-Road GP series. Once again we were treated with an outstanding track with even better weather. There were a record number of racers with 87 total with 78 of them for the Vintage classes. The 65 and 70+ classes are starting to gain popularity and proving that the old timers still have what it takes to compete. Big thanks to the crew members to give us a great track and keep the program moving along. Also a big thanks to Mike Poirier for coming out of retirement to come and do an awesome fish fry for all of us to enjoy. We were done racing by noon and stuffing our faces and bench racing by 12:30.

The action got under way with the Evolution racers on the track first. The sight lap was done and Michael Sokalski was leading the pack through turn one with the holeshot. Ross Kershner took over the lead by the end of lap one and led for a few laps. Then he hit the ground and gave the lead back to Mike as he would cruise to a moto win. Ross dropped back a few spots but kept charging in the long moto to work his way back into second by the end. Chad Fitzpatrick had a top five start and had a good battle with Al Doneth for the first half of the race. Then Al had some bike issues and couldn't restart resulting in a dnf. That moved Chad into second for a few laps before being passed by Ross. He would settle for third with the battle open for the top five. William Hawkins, Ray Brooks, Shawn Muma and Shaun Nestor all wanted the spot and were close. William was into fourth with Ray on his rear fender as Shawn and Shaun were in a train. Just after the midpoint of the race, William lost a few spots as Ray took over fourth and Shaun into fifth. We had also lost Shawn as he had some bike issues that resulted in a dnf. Ray kept his speed up and held on to fourth as Shaun rounded out the top five. William faded a little in his first race back from injury but managed to hold on to sixth as he was the last racer on the lead lap. "Lenny" Hufton was back out for his once a season race having an up and down race. He started inside the top five but struggled in the middle of the race. At one point he was well outside the top ten but again with the long moto he kept charging and made his way back into seventh by the end of the moto. Tom Lee also had a good start and then had a great battle with Jay Ottenwess. They were bar to bar for a few laps until Tom was able to pull away just a bit to lock down eighth and Jay in ninth. Santos Berlanga had a tough day from the start as he showed up only twenty minutes before the start of the sight lap. He was late enough that he didn't even get to do that lap and just lined up for the drop of the gate. He started towards the back but learned the track quickly and rode hard enough to round out the top ten.

The Historic class was out next with Mike Mason leading the way. He grabbed the holeshot and pretty much rode uncontested to take the race win. Jim Jobson was having some issues on the line and they waited for his bike to clean out. He was off to a fast start and was holding down a solid second. Dorene Payne and Blake Argue were next with Ken Argue holding down the top five. Then Blake started making passes and was into third and closing on Jim. Blake was close enough and on lap six he finally made his move into second. Now the battle was for the podium as Jim had the spot but Ken was gaining ground. Dorene had gone missing with yet another bike issue on lap four. Ken kept closing the gap but just ran out of time as Jim held on to third with Ken in fourth. Randy Stone and Jon Rugenstein made their return and this time they were both on Suzuki's. I think every vintage Kawasaki was heartbroken as Randy rode great to round



▲ Jay Ottenwess showing some style as he earns a top ten



▲ Jason Smith charged all moto long in his Transition debut



▲ Tom Woods figured it was his time to race and not just work at this great track



▲ “Lenny” Hufton had a tough race to finish just outside the top five



▲ George Souliotis continues to twist the throttle near the top of Transition



▲ Blake Argue approves his runner up in Historic

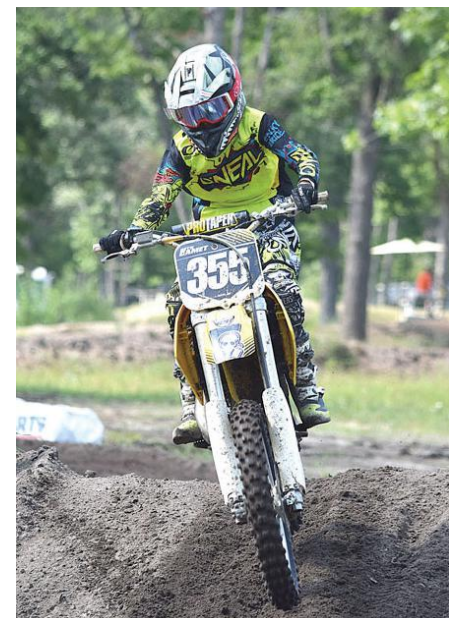


▲ William Hawkins rode well in his first race back from injury

out the top five. Jon had a fight early with Alexis Argue but would ultimately pull away and earn sixth. Alexis proves that seat time is the best practice and continually improves as she took seventh ahead of Michael Sangster in eighth.

The Transition class took off next with Nick Wickerham sweeping in from the far outside gate to take the holeshot. He put down some fast laps and then went into cruise mode. He even stopped to check on Chad Morehouse after his mid race crash. Nick was out having fun as he took the moto win. That left the battle for second up for grabs. Nathan Stephens was there first but kept looking down at his bike and faded back to ninth by the end of the race. Nik Michael was up next but after a hard landing off a jump and his bars coming loose, he pulled in for a quick fix and lost a few spots and only managed a sixth place finish. Sean Sangster was up next after coming from outside the top ten on the start. He was on the gas but Nick was too far out front and settled for second. Lance Shelton was also off to a slow start and was following Sean with every pass as he was able to round out the podium. George Souliotis was another with a slow start on his 125 but kept charging all race long to take fourth. Garrett Muma always has to race at his home track and had some good racing with George, Shawn Kish and Gene Huntoon. He went back and forth on his four stroke but eventually ended up rounding out the top five. Shawn had to fight for his seventh as him

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▲ Seth Gamet has to be the shortest Schoolboy racer in the series but that doesn’t hold him back



FLAT TRACK RIDER SPOTLIGHT

TREVOR GATLIN

Submitted by Harmony Bailey | Photos by Erin Fay Photography

QUICK STATS

Hometown: Harrison MI

Grade: Junior at Harrison High School

Favorite School Subject: Math

Favorite Track: Lima Half Mile

Bike: 2005 Honda CRF450r

Vintage Bike: 72 Yamaha Dt2mx 250

Riding Mentors: Henry Wiles & Max Whale

Engine Builder: Matt Shaw

Mechanic: Ryan Burgess

GOALS FOR 2022

- Finish on the podium at Amateur Grand Championships
- Earn a Top 3 finish overall in the D14 450A class
- Finish on the podium for at least 70% of races entered

CONTACT

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BIO

Trevor Gatlin started racing on a 50cc Honda at his local motocross track when he was 7 years old. After 2 years, he moved up to the 65 and on to flat track. Flat track gave Trevor an adrenaline rush he had never felt before. As Trevor grew through the ranks, his passion for flat track grew with him. In fact, Trevor was voted "Most Improved Rider" in D14 in 2018! In 2019, Trevor raced both the 250 open and lightweight vintage classes, earning the TT championship in the vintage class! 2020 was a trying year for the Gatlin team. Facing an already shortened season due to Covid, the team was also plagued with bike trouble. Trevor was able to enter a handful of races throughout the season and finished 2020 with mostly top 5 finishes. 2021 is underway with a fresh bike and fresh attitude. In addition to the 450 class, Trevor also competes in the lightweight vintage class aboard a 1972 Yamaha 250. As of July 20, Trevor has competed in a total of 14 races finishing on the podium 9 times with 1 win! He is currently 3rd in overall D14 points for the season in the 450A class! While flat track is Trevor's passion, he also plays Varsity football and basketball as a Junior at Harrison High School. He is an all-around player excelling in every position. In fact, His very first 3-point shot was a game-winning buzzer-beater! Despite the setbacks in 2020, Trevor continues to prove he is a talented rider with the drive and determination to one day earn an AFT national number.

Trail Closure

Submitted by Thomas Dunn

The Michigan Snowmobile ORV Association (MISORVA) had House Bill 4535 and 4536 introduced in the House of Representatives. This bill proposes closing all Snowmobile Trails from December 1 - March 31 each years when snow covered and groomed, which effectively shuts down all "Shared ORV Trails and Routes" during this time frame. While we do not recommend or condone ORV's riding on groomed snowmobile trail, we are against shared trail being closed.

Please see the letter below, copy and add your name and address and email it to your Legislator and/or call them to oppose this legislation.

Read the Bill Here:<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/.../htm/2021-HIB-4535.htm>
Below you will find a link to find your Legislator.

Together when can stop this legislation

<https://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/frmFindaRep.aspx>

Honorable _____
House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014Lansing, MI 48909-7514
RE: HB4535/4536

Dear _____,

I am writing to today in opposition of HB 4535 and HB4536 which prohibits wheeled vehicles on snowmobile trails during December 1 through March 31 annually.

The bill would close approximately 1500 miles of Shared ORV/Snowmobile State Designated trail to ORVs for 4 months.

With Technologies ORVs have become capable of use during times of snowfall on our trail system and continue to enjoy the States Forest land throughout the winter months.

The Snowmobile State Designated Trail system has approximately 6000 miles of trail which is situated on 50% State Lands and 50% on Private properties of which ORVs are already illegal to traverse.

With a limited amount of State Designated Trails, most of which are multi use, closures would limit over 280,000 licensed ORV users from winter travel.

We recommend that ORV's stay off of Groomed Snowmobile trails but believe Education over Legislation is key.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



WYATT SIDWELL

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~ Submitted by Leslie Ogden

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ATV MX

CHAIRPERSON Ryan Day
 * = State Championship Race

SEPTEMBER

- 18 Dutch MX.....Bloomingdale
- 19 * Ductch MX.....Bloomingdale

OCTOBER

- 02 Log Road MX.....Bronson
- 03 * Log Road MX.....Bronson
- 16 Twisted MX.....Milan
- 17 * Twisted MX.....Milan

ATV XC

CHAIRPERSON Jason Cottrell
 VICE CHAIR Jeff Gramzow

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)

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 CreekNew Paris, IN
- 14 Peace PipeGreenville, OH

FLAT TRACK

CHAIRPERSONHarmony Bailey
 VICE CHAIR Teresa Bennett (Gigi)
 (All Events run Quad Exhibition Class)

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

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Toledo Trail RidersToledo, OH

OCTOBER

- 10 Fredneck Ranch.....Frederic

HILL CLIMB

CHAIRPERSON John Radke
 VICE CHAIR Brix McFee

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Muskegon MC Bridgeton
- 11 Muskegon MC Bridgeton
- 12 **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**
 Muskegon MCBridgeton

MOTO CROSS

CHAIRPERSON Kreg Bigelow
 VICE CHAIR Kip Bigelow
 * = MI State Championship - Max Points

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 MXBloomingdale
- 19 * Portland Trail Riders.....Portland
- 19 Dutch MX.....Bloomingdale
- 25 * Big Air MXNewago
- 26 Polka Dots MC.....Midland
- 26 Big Air MXNewago

OCTOBER

- 02 Log Road MXBronson
- 03 Log Road MXBronson
- 09 Dutch MX.....Bloomingdale
- 10 * Dutch MX.....Bloomingdale
- 16 Twisted MX.....Milan
- 17 Twisted MX.....Milan

- 23 Valley MX.....Stanton
- 24 * Valley MX.....Stanton

SPRINT ENDURO

CHAIRPERSON Logan Densmore
 VICE CHAIR Shawn Elkins

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 24 Battle Creek GPBattle Creek

VINTAGE MX

CHAIRPERSON Steve Baginski
 * = GP Series Race

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 16 * Valley Trail Riders.....Bentley
- 17 * Valley Trail Riers.....Bentley



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TIDBITS

from Taylor

by Taylor Carpenter, D14 Secretary

Hey guys, I know its been a while. Just a little update, secretary-wise things are progressing and on schedule, I've started prepping for annual meeting. I know its only August but these really do take a long time to prepare packets and such and send out.

If you would like extra copies of newspaper please contact me.

Hare Scrambles have been unreal this season. Numbers are unreal, nothing that I have seen in my 14 years around. Yes that should tell you without telling you how old I am. Even minis and 50 Autos... all I have to say is WOW! Zach has done an amazing job at making this grow.



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and Tim Beougher went back and forth. Tim thought he had the spot but Shawn got by just before the white flag came out. Then they both got lapped ending their race early with Shawn in seventh and Tim in eighth. Mark Havalda was off to an ok start and then just stuck to the rear wheel of Shawn for most of the race as he held on to finish out the top ten.

The youngest and oldest classes were once again out at the same time. Gordy Baird was out on his new KTM to take the overall holeshot. He put in some fast laps but faded just a little to finish out in third in the 65+ class. Cliff Knudsen was quickly into the lead as he went on to win the race and his class to continue his win streak. Rick Rueske was a solid second as he kept Cliff honest all moto long. Jeff Doneth joined in on the fun to take fourth deciding to forgo the Historic racing. John Korte was fast all moto long as he rode his Maico 490 instead of his newer Honda. I believe he held the lead all moto long but the win went to Ed Shively. I feel it was a scoring error but no protest was made so the results stand. Gary Sirovey battled with both the 70+ and Schoolboy racers to take third. William Foster made his return after only racing round one to take fourth as he competed against the “youngsters”. A new en-



▲ Nick Wickerham (1) had to pin it around the outside to grab the holeshot and race win



▲ Brody Bahlau was very fast as he took top 125 honors in Innovation



▲ Gerrit Powell jumped on a 250 and barely grabbed the holeshot



▲ Rick Rueske rode hard but could only manage a second in 65+



▲ Jim Jobson roosts his way to a podium



▲ John “Boom Diggity” Pryor came out on a sweet looking CR250 for his first Vintage race



▲ Nik Michael rode great to take the Innovation moto win



▲ Tom Lee shows the smooth line cutting across the ruts

try in the Schoolboy class had some great pace and way out front. Jeffrey Sangster is following in his family’s boots as he easily took the race win. Seth Gamet and James Garn continued their close racing with 25 more minutes of back and forth. Seth had the edge for most of the race but late in the race, James was ahead for about a lap. Then a lap later it was Seth in front as he went on to take second with James rounding out the podium. Alexis Argue was out there again and has shown huge improvements in speed and comfort on the bike. She was all smiles as she went by to take fourth.

The largest class of the day was out last as there were 24 entries in Innovation. It also had the closest holeshot I have ever seen. I had to shorten the video and go frame by frame multiple times. Finally I decided that it was Gerrit Powell getting it by about a tire width over Ray Brooks. Gerrit led for three laps until Nik Michael took over. Nik was looking for redemption from Transition and was able to check out. He had some bad finishes in the previous races and was back to his normal self to take the win. Lance Shelton followed Gerrit for a few laps before taking over second for the remainder as Gerrit held on for third. Brody Bahlau was back after a huge crash at Log Road coming from a mid pack start to earn fourth. Blake Argue should be up for the late charger award as he struggled early but passed over 10 guys as he worked hard all moto to round out the top five. Gene Huntoon thought he had the spot after a solid moto to only be passed on the last lap knocking him back to sixth. James Iverson was outside the top ten on the start but was able to make some smart passes to get into seventh. Ray was riding hard but the second of two long moto’s was just a little much and slipped to eighth after just about tying for the holeshot. Shaun Nestor, Ken Argue and Joe Sangster had a great race as they fought for the top ten. Shawn had the spot but Ken made up two spots and had ninth as they started the last lap. Then with only a few corners to go, Shawn saw his opening and went for it. He took the spot for ninth and pushing Ken back to tenth.

Our next race is now the specialty race at Red Bud on Saturday August 7th. Then we have our first double header of the season at Battle Creek on August 21/22 with Saturday being a GP and Sunday a regular D14 points race. After that we head to Twisted MX for another Allpro Off-Road GP race on Sunday September 12th. The points are updated and are on our Facebook page and on the web at



▲ Ken Argue (318) chasing down his daughter Alexis (776)



▲ Ken Petkwitz showed some signs of speed as he gets back into his groove



▲ Roman Weltin for sure got the most looks on his big four stroke



▲ Dorene Payne looked smooth until an unfortunate dnf



▲ Michael Sokalski jumps over the rough stuff on his way to winning



▲ Mike Mason railing a corner way out front of Historic



▲ James Garn is always in or near the front of the class



▲ Jeffrey Sangster shared a bike with his brother



▲ Soggy Bottom Boys

Adventures of the Soggy Bottom Boys

Story and photo submitted by Menelaus "Pappy" O'Daniel

It looked to be a great day to get some training in as Northern MI had just received a heavy dose of rain. So the group headed out Friday morning, as we usually do, to one of many secret locations for an early morning ride. This time out there were only nine who met up to seek the treasure. Most were on noble Beta's and one special one with some DOH-Lin's fitted components. There were a total of six Beta's, one Honda, one Yamaha and one feller who had the Ktm disease. The ride was full of sandy yet water soaked whoops, high speed straights, tight turns, big corners and a few water crossings. A1 took advantage of one of the holes and caught DH off guard and helped him wash any dirt off his bike and goggles. We were led mostly by A1 and sometimes AJ would take over command. The Big DH was in there followed by PL and also mixed in was A2. We stopped here and there to let the group catch up with only the rider with the Ktm disease stopping to lose

his breakfast. We continued on to the steep hills covered with rocks and roots but were very happy to not see any dust whatsoever. Just over half way, PL pulled off to the side but nothing major as the group went on to the next major crossing. We let him catch back up when we realized he had a flat front tire. So as a group we decided to take the straight way back as we only cut off a few miles of trails. After we all made it back safely we did some bench racing like usual while loading up. Then we proceeded to the nearest watering hole a few miles away to just about pee ourselves with laughter. Especially when one of us can't even find his way to the restroom in an establishment no larger than your average house. All in all it was a fantastic way to spend a morning, riding 30 or so miles with some great friends, great weather and great trail condition! Until next week when we meet up at another secret location to do it all again.



▲ Lance Shelton was on the gas all day to earn two podiums

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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: POLKA DOTS GP 7/17/21 – Historic: 1. M. Mason (Suz); 2. B. Argue (Hon); 3. J. Jobson (Hon); 4. K. Argue

(Hon); 5. R. Stone (Suz); 6. J. Rugenstein (Suz); 7. A. Argue (Hon); 8. M. Sangster (Hon) **Schoolboy:** 1. J. Sangster (Hon); 2. S. Gamet (Suz); 3. J. Garn (Suz); 4. A. Argue (Hon) **Evolution:** 1. M. Sokalski (Hon); 2. R. Kershner (Hon); 3. C. Fitzpatrick (Yam); 4. R. Brooks (Suz); 5. S.



◀ The rolling MX museum is run by the force behind the 65/70+ classes Don Weir



▲ Chad Morehouse was looking great until a big crash ended his race early

Nestor (Mai); 6. W. Hawkins (Yam); 7. W. Hufton (Yam); 8. T. Lee (Ktm); 9. J. Ottenwess (Yam); 10. S. Berlanga (Yam); 11. D. Michael (Hon); 12. V. Grahn (Yam); 13. T. Lane (Hon); 14. J. Johnson (Suz) **Innovation:** 1. N. Michael (Hon); 2. L. Shelton (Yam); 3. G. Powell (Hon); 4. B. Bahlau (Kaw); 5. B. Argue (Hon); 6. G. Huntoon (Kaw); 7. J. Iverson (Suz); 8. R. Brooks (Suz); 9. S. Nestor (Mai); 10. K. Argue (Hon); 11. E. Hovorka (Hon); 12. J. Sangster (Suz); 13. R. Weltin (Yam); 14. S. Adema (Hon); 15. S. Schmock (Yam); 16. J. Ottenwess (Yam); 17. S. Farmer (Kaw); 18. A. Garn (Yam); 19. K. Petkwitz (Hon); 20. M. Wetzel (Kaw); 21. P. Benja-

min (Suz) **Transition:** 1. N. Wickerham (Hon); 2. S. Sangster (Hon); 3. L. Shelton (Yam); 4. G. Souliotis (Hon); 5. G. Muma (Yam); 6. N. Michael (Hon); 7. S. Kish (Yam); 8. T. Beougher (Kaw); 9. N. Stephens (Hon) 10. M. Havalda (Hon); 11. G. Huntoon (Kaw); 12. T. Woods (Hon); 13. J. Smith (Hon); 14. M. Smith (Hon); 15. E. Hovorka (Yam); 16. D. Layman (Hon); 17. B. Sims (Kaw); 18. S. Farmer (Kaw); 19. J. Hopkins (Yam); 20. J. Pryor (Hon); 21. M. Wetzel (Kaw); 22. M. Leach (Hon) **65+:** 1. C. Knudsen (Ktm) 2. R. Rueske (Ktm); 3. G. Baird (Ktm); 4. J. Doneth (Suz) **70+:** 1. E. Shively (Ktm); 2. J. Korte (Mai); 3. G. Sirovey (Ktm); 4. W. Foster (Suz)



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