



Don demonstrates proper form for pre-running Baja (2007)



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NEWS FLASH: Motocross Series Round 1 has moved! Our last newsletter included the series schedule for the AMA Southern California Championship Motocross Series, and that schedule is still accurate except for Round 1. The Dirt Diggers Motocross will still take place this weekend at a track in Perris but will be one day earlier. Round 1 is now a Saturday Night Race, the date is June 28, and the new track is Starwest at the Perris Fairgrounds.

See www.amaSoCalMotocross.com or www.StarwestMX.com for more info. Also, Round 5 is shaping up to be a real hoot, we will be there riding, racing, and spectating, so come on down! Racetown 395, Adelanto, August 3.

SHAMROCKS GP: May 3 and 4, LACR Palmdale, Big 6 Round 4, 1200+ entries. Rough. LACR Palmdale is located inside of a working quarry and mining operation, and they are chipping away at the areas that were previously reserved for motorsports. All of the features that made this event great are gone - the dragstrip, the high speed asphalt twisties, the transition sections to and from the motocross track, the fast dirt sections, and the desert loop off of the south end of the dragstrip.

What is left is the upper and lower motocross tracks in compromised condition, with the latter being located down in the sand pit. The big hills are steep and have the potential to be truly great, but they are deep sand, most of the GP course is deep sand, and the fun factor has sadly packed-up and left town. Course length is about 3 miles, every race on the full course ran at least 10 laps, traffic was a problem, slower riders got in the way of faster riders lapping them, and the end result of all that was...

Rough. The track got completely hammered, the deep sand rollers and whoop-de-doos could eat an XR 650, and trying to hold any kind of a race pace would pound the rider into submission. But other than that it was a fun race.

We do not blame the Shamrocks for this unfortunate turn of events, it is beyond their control, yes they are looking for a new location, it should be remembered that their GP was truly great for many years, and last year was epic. Also, at this years event, the Shamrocks hosted an incredible Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings Saturday evening, and they fed everybody who was there no matter what club they were a member of. Cool.

Race 3.	Don Doerksen Brody Phillips	4 th Super Senior Expert 6 th Mini Beginner
Race 7.	Hayden Hintz Nolan Phillips	1 st Micro Novice! 3 rd Junior Beginner
Race 11.	Keith Kubachka Butch Nelson Vinnie Mandzak Tom Marshall	4 th Evo Intermediate 7 th Classic Expert 2 nd Vintage Expert 9 th Evo Intermediate
Race 13.	Clayton Raiche	1 st Senior 250 Beginner!
Race 14.	Keith Kubachka Tom Marshall	12 th Senior 250 Intermediate 10 th Magnum Open Intermediate

QUALI-FIRE: Ventura County MC Hungry Valley Quali-Fire Enduro, May 18. As you know, we never make these things up, and yes, that really was the advertised name of the event. Last year a brush fire scorched the 1st loop the day before the event was scheduled to run, the rangers shut it down, and the enduro was cancelled - thus the new event name. This year the event saw no such problems, and had a total entry of 339 riders.

This was a long one. 1st loop was 42 ground miles, 2nd loop was 46 ground miles, total distance 88 miles, and the advertised distance was 75 miles. That last 13 miles was deep sand, and it was a bit much after six hours in the saddle. Wind blew like crazy Saturday, then was a nice breeze on Sunday.

One of the 2nd loop special test sections started right after we had crossed over from the State Parks area into the National Forest. This is always a good special test because its high in the mountains, its long, its single track, and a bit tricky. Some of this is narrow goat trails, and if you are careless and go off the trail on the steep downhill side it might take awhile to get your bike back up onto the trail. Our rider on minute 60 counted about 10 riders who had suffered such a fate.

Then the weather got warm and the course took us down into a canyon. A long canyon. A long, tight, twisty, and narrow canyon. The thing went on forever, it was work, and by the time we reached the bottom we were making good use of our CamelBak hydration systems.

At this point we were about two-thirds of the way around the 2nd loop, there were still two more special test sections yet to run, and the remainder of the event was nothing all that difficult but overall this was a physically demanding ride. This enduro continues to be a unique event with a good fun factor, the national forest section is epic, and riding well enough to place near the top is a challenge. Here's how we did in order of overall finish >

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Class Finish</u>	<u>Enduro Points</u>	<u>Desert Points</u>
Jeremy Doerksen	2 nd 200 B	2 nd	2 nd
Tim Olson	11 th Open C	3 rd	7 th
Tom Marshall	8 th Magnum Open B	2 nd	6 th
Michael Hastings	5 th Magnum 250 B	2 nd	
Kim Lynch	3 rd Woman A	1 st	3 rd
Don Doerksen	2 nd Super Senior A	2 nd	2 nd
Michael Kirkpatrick	7 th Open D		3 rd

GREEN & GOLD: Our club colors are... what? Green and gold. Historically, when our haberdasher has ordered club apparel, the availability of the color gold has been a problem, thus the color yellow was used in its place. This has always been the case, even now, and that is why our colors have ended up as green and yellow. Both combinations are acceptable to use.

CLUB MEETINGS: Our next three meetings will be Tuesday evening, July 1, August 5, and September 9 (one full week after the holiday), and Kurt's Clubhouse can be found at 4100 Stevely Avenue, Lakewood CA 90713. Next club newsletter will be mailed September 2 and will include a most noteworthy pin-up calendar.

At our May meeting we conducted the annual club officer elections, political consultants were called in, and Recording Secretary Steve Rauen tells us that all candidates were endorsed by both Clinton and Obama (he really said that). After the deck was cleared and casualties inventoried, it looked like this >

Bill Gillan	President
Doug Clagg	Vice President
Kurt Hintz	Treasurer
Don Doerksen	Referee
Steve Rauen	Assistant Referee
Steve Rauen	Recording Secretary
Tom Marshall	Corresponding Secretary
Don Doerksen	Haberdasher
Stacy Doerksen	Insurance Communication Officer
Kurt Hintz	District Rep
Steve Rauen	District Rep
Jim Olson	Big 6 Grand Prix Rep
Kurt Hintz	Big 6 Grand Prix Rep
Tom Litton	1 st Loop Captain
Bill Gillan	2 nd Loop Captain
Kurt Hintz	3 rd Loop Captain
Mark Nevin	Website

R1: Don Doerksen is on the gas and stylin' big! Desert Super Senior is now a larger division than in previous years with 90 plate holders and 53 riders chasing the points as of April 30. Don has been a top finisher consistently, has scored 1st place points a few times, is currently on top of the point standings, and is well on his way to R1, the Number One Plate for Super Senior. When the points were last updated (April 30), Don had 2030 points and the 2nd place rider, Ron Kenyon, had 1510 points.

And speaking of Prospectors with a Number One desert plate, it has been reported that Gary Covington was actually spotted riding a motorcycle! As soon as we have photos to confirm this, they will be posted to our website...

MAILING ADDRESS: As you know, the plush and semi-well-lit offices of this publication relocated to a different spot on the mountainside within the Los Padres National Forest last year. Mailing address has now changed also, and the new address is >

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Phone number and email address remain the same. 'Pine Mountain' and 'Pine Mountain Club' are one in the same, the surrounding area is dual sport heaven, and the region is filled with a wide variety of tree lined trails that extend well into the forest. What does the 'BB' stand for? Bark Buster.



"You meet the nicest people on a Honda"

NAME THE CAPTION: After a prolonged review and several e-meetings that took many factors into consideration, it was determined that the clear winner is... (ad slogan, please...) Doug Clagg! He nailed this one perfectly and was also the first to respond.

Neil emailed us an entry, he pointed out that in years past the weapon of choice for the balloon race was rolled up newspaper with masking tape, and that Bill Friant said to add a two foot piece of #4 rebar for balance. Cinco left us a voice mail message, he said something about a Yamaha sandwich, and we have submitted this to Larkin for a translation.

MULTIPLE MOTOCROSS: Five questions, best score wins. The first four are multiple choice, and the last one asks you to provide either two last names or four complete names, and this one will be the tie-breaker. If you know the answer to any of these, please respond! You will probably finish in the top 10.

1. Who was the first AMA 500cc National Motocross Champion?
A) Mark Blackwell B) Brad Lackey C) Billy Clements
2. Prior to 1985, who won the most World Motocross Championships?
A) Joel Robert B) Roger DeCoster C) Harry Everts
3. Who was the tallest American that raced AMA National Motocross?
A) Gary Bailey B) Mike Bell C) Steve Stackable
4. Who won the first four AMA 250cc National Motocross Championships? (but only got credit for three of them)
A) Gary Jones B) Tony DeStefano C) Jim Pomeroy
5. Name two pairs of brothers that raced AMA National Motocross during the 1970's.

In the event of a tie, the most complete answer to number 5 will be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie, quickest response will be the tie-breaker. As always, you may respond by email (best), voice mail (quickest), or ground mail (also good, just not very fast).

Live engine start,

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Round three of the GPR Big Six Grand Prix Series stormed the 29 Palms Motor Sports Arena, as 1,256 riders showed up to race the 34th annual Hilltoppers GP.

TWENTYNINE PALMS MOTOR SPORTS ARENA
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA
RESULTS: APRIL 5-6, 2008 (ROUND 3 OF 6)

60+ EX: 1. Bill Maxim (Suz); 2. Terry Davis (Yam); 3. Don Doerkson (KTM); 4. Jeff Bell (KTM); 5. Steve Rinker

200 INT: 1. Kevin Barbosa (KTM); 2. Dustin Wortham (Yam); 3. Chad Price (Hon); 4. Jeremy Doerksen (KTM); 5. Trevor Deruise (KTM).

50+ 250 INT: 1. Mark Reha (KTM); 2. Willy Banuelos (Yam); 3. Steve Read (Hon); 4. Philip Taboada (Suz); 5. Dana Slater (Suz).