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Prospectors M/C Hare Scrambles at Quail Canyon / Hungry Valley March 15, 2015



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HARE SCRAMBLES: We hosted a Hare Scrambles event at Quail Canyon / Hungry Valley the weekend of March 14 and 15 and it was mostly a success. This was Round 3 of the AMA Western Hare Scrambles Series and also an event that paid District 37 points to both Desert and Enduro. Total entry was just a touch low at 315 but well above the number we needed to break even.

The two big Sunday races featured a 12 mile course that went outside of Quail Canyon, up to the top of Freeman, and then used the really fun trails up on top. This was a really cool race that offered something new and different, and most of the riders liked it in a big way.

Doug is a hero for putting this together and making it happen, but it goes beyond that. The level of organization that our club officers and core members displayed was something you had to see to truly appreciate, they acted as a unit and knew who was doing what. The hardcopies of the detailed maps could also be sent electronically to your smart phone and finding checkpoints was easy. That was a big deal because we used three different course configurations (two Saturday, one Sunday) and everything that could go wrong... didn't. We have been putting on races since 1951, but the fact that we executed so perfectly is still just short of amazing.

Thank you to all of you who were there and helped to put this event on and be sure to read the enclosed Hare Scrambles Report from President Steve. Oh, and we did have one club injury. Continuing in the tradition of Wildman, Kurt Hintz was attacked by a falling motorcycle that unfortunately had a license plate and a sharp one at that. The below photo does not do the injury justice, the laceration is actually very deep and required a trip to the hospital.

Mike Garrett photo



OVER UNDER: Doug sent us this email April 13th just as this newsletter was about to be sent to Dave Croddy for printing. Good stuff! If you would like the jpeg images at the bottom of this page sent to you by email let us know.

Just spoke to Peter Jones from the State Parks Department about the Over Under. He has been pushing this and it looks like it is a go!!! The plan is to have a meeting at the installation site on Wednesday, May 20, at 10 AM to go over location, installation, grading, equipment needed and materials – gates, posts, peeler cores, etc. State Parks wants the Prospectors to have reps there to go over the plan for this.

After the meeting, Peter will prepare a quick plan. The Parks Department heads with authority over projects like this have already given the approval, so this should be easy. After approval, we need to order the pipe bands – \$600 to \$700 and a few weeks lead time.

The Park wants this to be a Co-Op project between the Park and our club. They would like us to get a group of volunteers to come up and help with the installation in September. It would be a weekend, likely both days. The State would have the area prepped and pipes on site, we would help get them banded and in the holes. We would also help with gates and fences, as the over-under would only be open for special events.

Anyone who wants to go to the May 20 meeting, let me know and we can maybe car pool. For the work weekend, we should put this in the newsletter soon, so members can make a plan. If anyone has a connection for the pipe bands, go ahead and check into it. Attached is a picture of the ASTM info on the pipes which are 13' in diameter.

Looks like we will have an over under for the GP this year! Peter also said that no issues have come up for the Hare Scrambles!? No news is good news?

Doug



EASTER FIELD MEET: Remember Hi Vista? That is the area northeast of Lake Los Angeles, it is unincorporated Los Angeles County, and it is not BLM land. If you are not familiar with Lake Los Angeles, it is the eastern edge of Palmdale and just west of El Mirage. Hi Vista is a sub-division that was never built which means it is a fun place to ride that has single-track trails that go for miles and not much in the way of whoop-dee-dos. Deluxe.

Doug found a good spot out there and that is where we held our Easter Field Meet this year. The decision to move the EFM came a tad late, but that is why we have most everybody's email address. More on the email issue after this EFM report.

Saturday was trail riding and there are some interesting sights to be seen in this area. Saturday evening we all watched the International Space Station fly by and Sunday morning was the Easter Egg Hunt, with one catch. We came to the sudden realization that most of the kids have grown up and entry was a bit low and the days of the 5 row start by age breakdown are gone it seems. But all is not lost! We had three field events that provided plenty of laughs.

Ball and Cone: A line of six highway cones but not on level ground and they are spaced far enough apart that you could drive a Buick between them. A Red Solo Cup is duct taped to the top of each highway cone. The object is to do a ride-by while placing a softball in each cup, do a U-turn, and then pick the balls up on the return trip. The whole time you are balancing a wire ball basket in your lap and fast time wins. One ball drop is an instant DQ, and every rider gets two attempts to complete the course and post a fast time. Sounds easy enough but only 10 riders of the 14 entered were able to complete the course and post a time. Extremely accurate results courtesy of Bill and his son Bradley as expressed in minutes and seconds >

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| 1. | Ragan | 0:38.64 |
| 2. | Kurt | 0:40.17 |
| 3. | Doug | 0:40.85 |
| 4. | Ted | 0:42.28 |
| 5. | Tom | 0:45.77 |
| 6. | Keith D. | 0:55.18 |
| 7. | Don Dudek | 1:00.87 |
| 8. | Katie | 1:06.65 |
| 9. | Sam | 1:11.55 |
| 10. | Bill | 1:26.08 |

Blind Race: Each team is a married couple (or father and daughter) driving through the desert and the driver is blindfolded. The navigator can see just fine, and gives the blind driver (who is wearing taped-over goggles) simple commands like 'left', 'right', 'hard left', and 'NO THE OTHER RIGHT!' The obstacle course is defined by highway cones (very nervous highway cones) that establish gates that must be driven through and each team must complete two laps, stopping after one lap to quickly switch drivers. Fast time wins, but times are greatly enhanced by penalties for running over cones, getting lost in the desert, etc. Race car for this competition is Doug's Kawasaki Mule 4WD.

Blind Race Results: For the 2nd time in three years the winning team is Ted and Nikki Tweet. Their secret? They talk each other through the event as opposed to hysterically yelling and screaming like most other teams. Good strategy. Their total elapsed time was 1 minute and 48 seconds, which was very fast. Hot lap for the event was all Nikki at 40 seconds.

The other teams? There were 18 teams in all, and after adding up all the penalties their total elapsed time was... a really big number. They missed gates, ran over cones, crashed / got stuck, and got completely lost. One team appeared to be headed for Four Corners.

Slow Race: Course length was about 250 feet, no zig-zagging, and all riders start at the same time. Ride slightly uphill towards the finishline as slowly as possible without dabbing and the depth of talent in this event has gotten very deep. Of the 14 riders we had 8 who finished without dabbing.

1. Hayden
2. Sam
3. Logan
4. Doug
5. Don Dudek
6. Ragan
7. Don Doerksen
8. Tom (strategy of a fast start to get away from falling riders did not work)

Hayden gets bonus points for doing a victory wheelie and looping-out.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: The following is an email that was sent to us after the Easter Field Meet by President Steve >

Attention all Prospectors: We would like to get everyone on our email list. If you have not received any emails with Prospectors info in it please send me an email and I will get you on the mail list. It is a great way to send last minute info that has missed the newsletter. It is our way of keeping all of you better informed. My email address is:

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Thank You

President Steve

Yes, it is important that we have everyone's current contact info. If you send Steve your current email address, be sure to also cc Anna Hintz and Tom Marshall. Anna sends out the evites for our field meets and other club functions and that is largely how we recently communicated to our members that the EFM location had changed. Providing Tom with your current contact info is important because our next newsletter will include an updated club membership roster.

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PRIARIE DOGS GP: February 28 / March 1 at Glen Helen, Big 6 GP Series Round 3. A challenging race course in less than ideal conditions.

Race 2, Saturday:

Steve Bebeck	5th Masters Expert
Hana Hintz	1st Woman Novice
Rick Levine	4th Evo Intermediate
Brooke Levine	8th Woman Novice

Race 2 had a total entry of 118 riders and Hana finished 40th overall. Of the 20 riders entered in the Woman Novice class, only 12 finished. The time gap at the finish was 14 seconds between Hana and the 2nd place rider.

Race 4, Saturday:

Ray Jandra	6th Magnum Open Expert
Ron Kupke	8th Magnum Open Expert

Race 6, Saturday:

Hayden Hintz	1st WCGP 200 Novice
Sam Capt	5th WCGP 250 Novice

(plus 1 Prospector DNF)

Race 7, Saturday:

Logan Tweet	5th WCGP 200 Intermediate
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Race 13, Sunday:

Sam Capt	6th 250 Novice
Max Hintz	5th 200 Novice
Hana Hintz	11th 200 Novice

Sam had a dead heat photo finish with one other rider in his class and that other rider was awarded with 5th place per scoring.

Race 14, Sunday:

Logan Tweet	1st 200 Intermediate
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HILLTOPPERS GP: March 28 and 29 at 29 Palms, Big 6 GP Series Round 4.

Race 2, Saturday:

Steve Bebeck

Hana Hintz

Stacy Doerksen

Butch Nelson

3rd Masters Expert

3rd Woman Intermediate

3rd Woman Expert

18th Masters Expert

Race 3, Saturday:

Clayton Cummins

1st Vet Open Beginner

This was a convincing victory in a class of 13 Vet Open Beginners, all of which went 3 laps to Clayton's 4. We expect he will soon be a Novice.

Race 4, Saturday:

Ron Kupke

Ray Jandra

10th Magnum Open Expert

13th Magnum Open Expert

Race 6, Saturday:

Hayden Hintz

Sam Capt

1st WCGP 200cc Novice

4th WCGP 250cc Novice

Race 7, Saturday:

Logan Tweet

1st WCGP 200 Intermediate

Race 8, Saturday:

Sam Capt / Troy Garvin

1st Place Team - Mini Bike Team Race

Race 13, Sunday:

Hayden Hintz

Sam Capt

Hana Hintz

1st 200 Novice

4th 250 Novice

8th 200 Novice

(plus 1 Prospector DNF)

Race 14, Sunday:

Logan Tweet

3rd 200 Expert Got bumped early!



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

HILLTOPPERS GRAND PRIX MINI BIKE TEAM RACE: No shortage of excitement at this one! We got off to a slow start because one of the other riders flipped our choke lever on while on the startline and we failed to notice as the motor was off at the time. After about 10 laps Jeff Capt reached in and turned the choke off which resulted in a clean running motor.

Our riders this time on the Official Prospectors M/C Mini Bike were Sam Capt and Troy Garvin. The race was 'National Format' which means 30 minutes plus two laps and lap times were about one minute with a rider switch every lap. Le Mans start.

As you can see in Photo 1, the big competition was a KLR 110 with a big bore kit that runs very well. It was not until after lap 10 that we began to gap the KLR 110 which was now running in 2nd place. In Photo 2 we have caught up to the 5th place bike, which was a 65cc two-stroke that was absolutely screaming once they got going. It took us at least 5 laps to finally get by them and put them a lap down. Photo 3 is the rider exchange area, which looks a lot safer than it was. That's Troy on the left and Sam on the right. Once we had lapped the entire field it was clear sailing to the finish as shown in Photo 4.

A pair of CRF 150's had an epic battle for third and all of the remaining teams finished behind the screaming 65. These races are FUN.

CLUB MEETINGS: Our next two meetings will be Tuesday evening, May 5 and June 2, at Kurt's Clubhouse, 4100 Stevely Avenue, Lakewood CA 90713. As always, our May meeting will feature club officer elections, a grand display of power and influence not to be missed. Next club newsletter will be mailed June 30 and will include info about our July 19 motocross event, an updated club membership roster, and also results from the Shamrocks Grand Prix.

HERO POINTS: We received postage donations from John Ballentine and Allen Welcome and we thank them for that. The club recently provided a check as well, and all of that will keep this newsletter going.

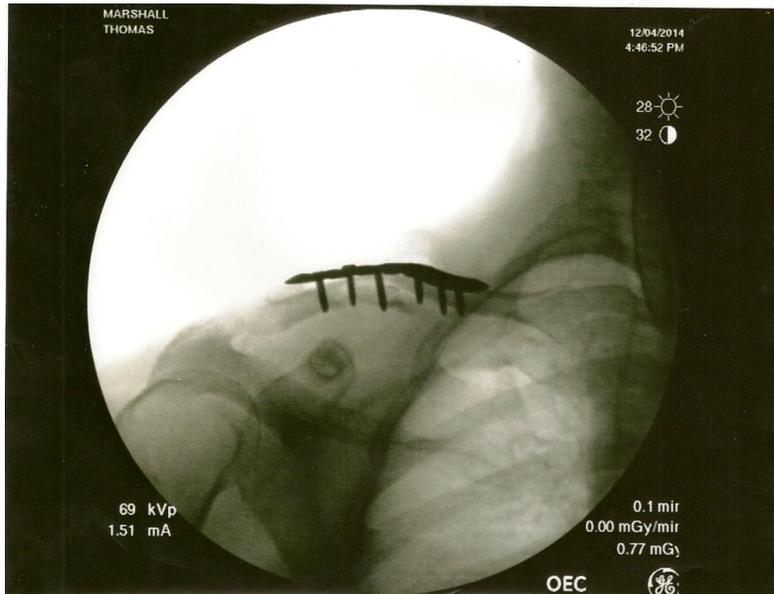
FINAL 2014 CLUB POINT STANDINGS TOP 10: The final club standings from the previous year were announced at the District 37 Awards Presentation in February and after being the Number One Grand Prix Club three years in a row followed by placing Number Two for 2012, then regaining the Number One spot in 2013, we are now...

Grand Prix

1.	So Cal MC	17,204
2.	Hilltoppers	13,985
3.	Prospectors	13,098
4.	Checkers	8,160
5.	Shamrocks	7,040
6.	Huntington Beach MC	6,949
7.	Rovers	6,340
8.	Dirt Diggers	5,795
9.	Desert MC	4,103
10.	Prairie Dogs	3,865



1925 Six Days entrants Miss E. Foley and Miss L. Ball



X-Ray Competition Part 2

DESERT REPORT: Shamrocks Dual European Scrambles at the Slash X, Sept 27, 2014. Great conditions but the afternoon course was a bit rocky.

Ambulance ride with full life support capability: \$1,900. Emergency Room visit: \$9,000. Subsequent operation and hospital stay to fix everything: \$46,000. Getting a great start and running 6th overall: Priceless.

Lesson learned: Rocks are hard.

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