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American rider Rory Sullivan at the 2009 Six Days in Portugal



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GP: Quail Canyon Motocross Track, a few miles from Gorman, November 1, 2, and 3! Same location as our motocross event, the quality of the dirt is great for racing, and some years it rains.

Saturday morning, October 26, help us place hay bales and decide what goes where for the following weekend. We will try to start early at 8:00 am so we can knock this out in one day, and items to bring are trucks and work gloves. Be there and be counted among the fearless, and this might be more of a challenge than usual because this is also the weekend of the rescheduled VCMC Enduro. Ventura County MC is using the same area and we will not really know exactly what trails they are using until we get there, which means that...

Thursday, October 31! This is when we will mark the course so please come out and help if you can. Yes, this is Halloween, but the show must go on - sorry kids. We blame the large brush fire in May that caused the VCMC Enduro to get postponed, which led to the date conflict.

Friday, November 1! This is when the event cranks-up and we need as many members as possible to be there. On Friday, folks will be rolling in all day long to get the good parking spots, and the sign-up area will be running wide-open from mid-afternoon until well into the night. Sound Test / Tech Inspection will also have its hands full trying to process all the riders.

Be there, be in club colors and / or green, and help us look good. If every Prospector member is there helping to caution flag and work the event, we will almost have enough people. Any less than that is a problem and we are always somewhat short-handed - such is the nature of hosting an amateur event.

Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3. The races will start early Saturday morning and we need to be ready - see enclosed event flyer for race times. See enclosed letter from President Steve, see pin-up calendar from our September newsletter, and see Wildman represent. Its like the radio ads for the Bakersfield Top Fuel Lawn Mower Drag Races say, "BE THERE!**"**

Still need club colors? Don and Rick's contact info are as follows:

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WORK POINTS: District 37 points for both you and our club - see enclosed chart (two pages!) and check for accuracy. If you have changed classes and / or your riding number is not listed, please let us know before the event. Send all updates and corrections to Gold49@frazmtn.com

MOTELS: The Econo Lodge in Gorman, the Motel 6 in nearby Lebec, and the Holiday Inn Express also in Lebec.

THANKSGIVING: Our annual Thanksgiving Field Meet will be held at the same place as the last few years on the east side of Hwy 395. This is the 'New Thanksgiving Spot' that is across the highway from the El Pasos. The BLM will greet us with a welcoming reception and probably have hot coffee and donuts at the ready. Not.

CLUB MEETINGS: Our next two meetings will be Tuesday evening, October 22 and December 3. There is no meeting in November, and Kurt's Clubhouse can be found at 4100 Stevely Avenue, Lakewood CA 90713.

Next club newsletter will be mailed December 10, will announce plans for our New Years Field Meet, and feature results from the Viewfinders GP.



DESERT REPORT: Lost Coyotes MC Dual European Scrambles, September 7 and 8, California City! This event was huge fun and also noteworthy for a handful of reasons as the last District 37 event or desert race of any type in this area was 25 years ago. What we learned is that most of the desert between Cal City and Four Corners is NOT BLM land, it is part of incorporated Cal City. This is a good thing and the Lost Coyotes were able to put their event together easier than would be expected in the case of having to deal with the BLM.

Two courses, Course A and Course B, 10 miles around and 12 miles around. Fast, some definite high-speed sections, but also variety with some great trails that are not whooped-out. Most of the Course A races were 4 laps, and Course B races were 3 times around. But the real attraction and highlight of the weekend was the first ever...

Desert race for vintage bikes! The first race of the weekend on Course A was the Vintage Trophy Dash, three laps for a total of 30 miles. Total number of entries was 22, and that was 7 experts on the first row and 15 amateurs on the second row. They gave the first row about a one minute head start, then waved off the second row, and it was on! Triumphs, Huskys, Suzukis, Hondas, Pentons, and KTMs - you should of seen it. This was a 'fun race' that did not pay points and everybody loved it. This vintage race was open to all 'Old Bike' classes, which are now pre-1996. Will this start a trend? Yeah, we think so, and expect two or three of these next year.

HERO POINTS: Les West sent us a check to help with postage and we thank him for that.

BAD BRAD: After many years of trying, Brad Lackey became America's first World Motocross Champion on August 8, 1982. It was at the final round for the 500cc series that year and it was also his birthday. How old was he?

- A) 20 B) 25 C) 32 D) 29

The answer is D) 29. This came after 10 years full time on the World GP circuit, and for 1983... he retired from professional competition. Just for fun, he rode the 1983 USGP motocross at Carlsbad on a borrowed YZ 490 (!), and placed 5th! Not bad, and that was the only time he sported the number one plate.

And the winner is... (air cooled passport, please...) Jamie Trulove! She called it in ahead of 2nd place President Steve and the margin of victory was 2 hours and 34 minutes. Two days later we heard from 3rd place Jim Carlson, all responses were by phone, and we also received one incorrect guess of 32.

TRIVIA: Our supply of trivia questions ran low, so let's try something completely different - send us one! If you have a good one, it will be featured in 'Guest Trivia'; the range of possible puzzlers is wide-open and there are only two guidelines to consider. Questions should not be too much of a stretch (for example, who won the 1953 Four Aces H&H?), and questions should be relative to dirt bikes or the sport in some way. Thanks!

1953 FOUR ACES HARE & HOUND: Hose Freeland placed 14th overall. We don't know who won.

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