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GENERATION NEXT

RIDER OF THE MONTH





ON THE BOX

Sometimes the hardest part of writing is how to start off, think about that. Look what I just wrote to get started, I hope it gets better. The other day I bumped into an old ridding buddy at work, after the usual what have you been up to's, we talked about when we last saw each other at the Race Around The Lake. He's been racing desert lately and I told him about the gang. As I was talking, I realized that what I was saying was the same thing I've heard from so many of our folks—the camaraderie, the family atmosphere and the friendships we have built—all of that is what makes our club so special.

The best part of being the president of our club is, getting the opportunity to talk with so many of the membership, some new and some (seasoned) members. The resounding theme is that the club is in a good place. That is largely in part due to the fact that the membership is working as hard as the board to make the most of a very difficult time we all face financially. We have at last count 28 new members and that's due to our members brining folks out. In the past a lot of ideas and suggestions have been made to get new members out, but in the end there is no other substitution for a good time. If we as a club are having fun, then our friends and acquaintances will see that and want to join in.

I see and hear a lot of thanks to the board members for what we do, I'll be the first to tell you that I'm extremely proud of the job that we do, but I'm just as proud of the men and women that make up the membership of our club, without your support and dedication there wouldn't be an over the hill gang. So take a minute and thank your self for a job well done!

Chucky
OTHG President



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MARRIED Yes, Mrs. Shoe, going on 20 years she tells me

CHILDREN No thank you, I like being an uncle

RESIDENCE Orange

OCCUPATION Senior Financial Advisor

STARTED RIDING 1972 Zebra Mini-Bike / 3hp Briggs & Straton from grandma's edger

FIRST BIKE Honda CT70

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR NICKNAME "THE SHOE" The Top Hat, Race Car, Terrier and Thimble were taken

FIRST RACE 1973 Saddleback Park

FAVORITE TRACK Out door style - Glen Helen type tracks

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE OTHG 12 or 13 years?

BEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MX/SX RACE YOU HAVE EVER BEEN TO 1976 Saddleback Pro National Race

FAVORITE MX PRO-RACER Rich Thorwaldson, Team Suzuki - He was my neighbor growing up in Cerritos and always very good to me.

FOUR-STROKE OR TWO-STROKE Four-Stroke

FAVORITE/BEST BIKE YOU'VE EVER OWNED '08 Suzuki RM450 or my 1979 Suzuki RM125

FAVORITE PART OF AN MX TRACK No contest, I like the pits

OUTDOOR MX NATIONAL OR SUPERCROSS Supercross club seating

IF YOU COULD BE A PRO IN ANY OTHER SPORT, WHAT WOULD THAT SPORT BE Is there any other sport? I guess bowling, at least I could have a beer and some pizza.

WHAT'S PLAYING ON YOUR IPOD Richard Cheese, Bad Religion, Social D., Ramones, The Donnas, Amy Winehouse, have just about anything you could think of.

FAVORITE FOOD Anything cooked by Steve "The Kitchen Bitch" Mizrahi

PREFERRED LIQUID REFRESHMENT Captain and Pepsi



WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE Mrs. Shoe, she's is sitting next to me. My dad was a really good guy.

WHAT'S YOUR MOTTO IN LIFE Go with the flow. Enjoy the ride.

FAVORITE TV SHOW Tonight it's "Dancing with the Stars", Pam Anderson, Brook Berk, Edita

FAVORITE MOVIE The Jerk

WHAT'S THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW Alice in Wonderland 3-D

THE LAST BOOK YOU READ Still reading the instructions for my transponder. Seriously, probably Green Eggs and Ham

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL Shop? I was never in to school

BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU EVER GOT I was a spoiled OC kid that got everything.

ONE PLACE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN BUT WOULD LOVE TO SEE Maybe Alaska?

THE MOST AMAZING THING YOU'VE SEEN

Pete get up and race after a night of drinking in Reno.

FAVORITE COLOR Suzuki Yellow

MOST ANNOYING THING ABOUT YOU My wife says my farting and snoring (but I am a picker)

YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE Annoying my wife

anything would like to add Thank you all past and present board members for everything. To the whole member ship - I love you man!

THE OTHG GOES HIGH TECH

Jeff Hamblin



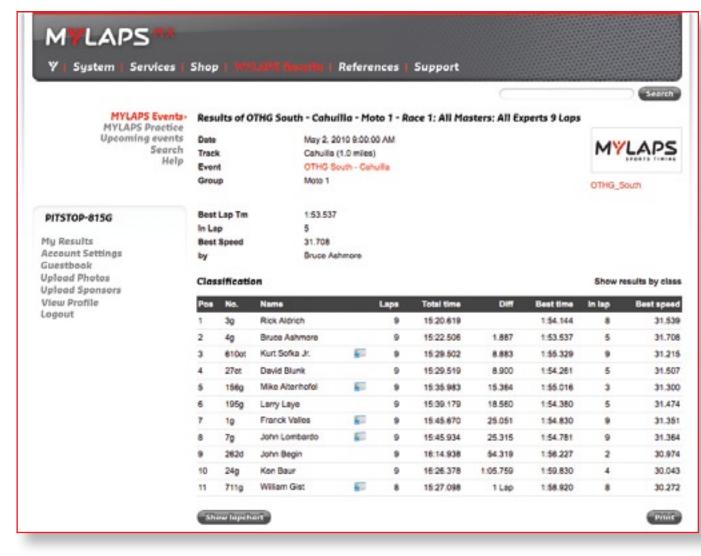
For 2010 the OTHG has committed itself to using transponders for timing and scoring. The system we chose, Orbits AMB, is the same as what the OTHG Sierra and Bay chapters use as well as the SoCal Old Timers, and is on its way to becoming the new standard amongst vet motocross clubs.

At first glance the system seemed simple enough to implement, but there have definitely been a few hurdles to clear along the way. First of all, anything to do with computers is usually a pain to setup, and getting the correct configuration was just that! During the off season we spent several weekends doing mock races just to get things figured out. Through this effort we felt pretty confident going into the season that we would get good results.

As for the system itself, we have one laptop that is directly connected to the hardware decoder loop to continually detect and record riders as they cross the finish line. From there we have a second laptop, which connects to the first via a wireless network, which is used to control the first laptop and enter in the event details. This is quite useful since, as you all know, signups don't usually occur right at the finish line of the track! The wireless network connection allows us to move rider registration away from the main laptop and transfer the data to it remotely. This remote laptop is also useful for printing out lap times and results without burdening the main laptop. This keeps the main laptop focused on detecting transponders as they pass by.

For the rider, if you decide to lease or buy a transponder, there is an added benefit in that you can register your transponder number on MyLaps.com and track your own race performance. This can be quite useful in determining your endurance (lap time consistency throughout the race) as well as where you stand against your competitors. Used correctly, this can help you determine your strengths and weaknesses so you can work on becoming a better rider.

Although it's not always easy to embrace change, the OTHG is putting its best foot forward in trying to modernize its scoring procedures and provide valuable timing information back to it's membership.



The screen capture above from www.mylaps.com details your timing information from your practice and race results. For more information click here

www.mylaps.com

The MYLAPS MX Rechargeable Power Transponder provides you with accurate and reliable information about your race and practice results.

The transponder comes with a recharger. After each full charge, it has an operational time of 5 days.

WHAT DO I GET

- + MYLAPS MX Rechargeable Power Transponder
- + Holder and clip (can be ordered separately for additional bikes)
- + Charging cradle
- + AC and DC power adaptor
- + 12v cigarette lighter adapter
- + User manual













The all-new VFX-W represents a breakthrough design for dirt riders. All of Shoei's technical expertise comes together in the VFX-W to give riders unprecedented ventilation, superior protection and unsurpassed comfort, plus an innovative Emergency Quick Release System to boost rider safety. Here's what the next-generation Shoei VFX-W has to offer.

+ Shoei's unique two-piece, dual-layer EPS liner allows Shoei engineers to fine-tune the stiffness of the EPS liner throughout the interior of the helmet to accommodate varying rider head sizes.

+ The VFX-W EPS liner also incorporates special channels that route cooling air through the helmet interior for unprecedented ventilation efficiency.

+ An innovative Emergency Quick Release System allows quick and easy removal of cheek pads to speed helmet removal by emergency medical personnel if necessary.

+ Impact-absorbing EPS liner throughout the chin bar for added rider safety.

+ The VFX-W affords superior Snell M2005 protection via a strong yet lightweight AIM+ shell that combines high-performance organic fibers plus fiberglass in a complex matrix.

> + Four shell sizes and five liner sizes are used in combination to yield appropriate fitment and sizing to suit a remarkably wide range of riders.

> > + All interior pads, including cheek pads, center pad and chin strap covers are removable and washable, and can be replaced with optional pads for custom fitting.

+ 3-D Max-Dry system easily absorbs and quickly dissipates moisture twice as rapidly as standard nylon for a cooler, drier ride.

+ Air intake vents in the forehead, center and visor areas, plus V-shaped ventilation ports in the top and rear areas connect to air passageways inside the EPS liner. Warm, moist air is then ducted out of the helmet via an exhaust port in the bottom rear of the helmet for unmatched ventilation.

+ A larger eye port and goggle-strap retention system add to the wealth of performance-related features found in the VFX-W.

+ The VFX-W also features a ventilated mouthpiece with a protective, reinforced mesh screen plus a removable and washable filter.

+ Every VFX-W bears ample evidence of the hand-finished work that makes Shoei's renown graphics and finish the envy of the industry.

*Shoei helmets are covered under a limited warranty for five years from purchase date or seven years from the date of manufacture, whichever comes first.

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OTHG NEWS

OTHG CLUB MEETINGS

Next Meeting May 12, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Location

Larry's Pizza

926 West Orangethorpe Avenue

Fullerton

FREE PIZZA!

Club Meeting is the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

April 14th. - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:17 PM

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Postcards have been mailed to the 2009 members.

VP REPORT

A race at Antelope Valley Motoplex has been added to the race schedule on June 13th.

*Transponders will be mandatory starting at Cahuilla Creek on May 2nd.

WEB MASTER'S REPORT

I am learning a new program for the web site.

STATS/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 155 members. 34 new members for 2010.

TREASURES REPORT

We still have money!

RACE DIRECTORS REPORT

I have a few people on my bump list.

Bump Ups

- + Brandon Morgan and Ron Wargnier from 28 Beginner to 28 Novice.
- + David Gilbertson from 38 Beginner to 38 Novice.
- + Ray Valenzuela from 45 Beginner to 45 Novice.

Old Business None

New Business None

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Submitted by your editor, Bob

GANG APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kirk Schrader	4/1
John "VP" Lombardo	4/2
D.J. Law	4/3
Ruben Alvarado	4/4
Vincent Gonzales III	4/7
Paul Lesseos	4/8
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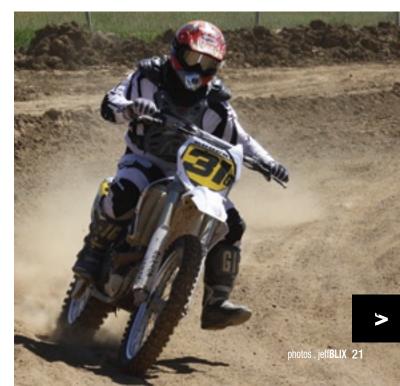














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