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**2011 OTHG RACE  
SCHEDULE**

**INSIDE LINE**

By Jeff Hamblin

**RIDER OF THE MONTH**

Chuck **COOK**



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# INSIDE LINE

Jeff **HAMBLIN**

Welcome to 2011! As we start off the New Year I find myself in a new position, your OTHG president. Thus, here I am writing you this column. As I'm finding out already, being the president is a far cry from doing the stats position that I've held for the past two years. I often wonder if I am crazy for taking this on, but then I realize that my love for this club, the sport, and everyone involved, won't let me step aside just yet. With Chuck Cook at the helm last year we made a lot of progress towards bringing in new members and getting our race turnouts up again. I fully intend on continuing this path as well as reaching out to past members and encouraging them to give the OTHG another try.

So before we move on to the New Year, I think it's important to reflect on the accomplishments of 2010; specifically the top 3 riders. To make it into the top 3 is no easy feat! It takes a lot of dedication and commitment as well as consistent finishes all year long. These riders are truly ones to be admired!

### #1 Kon Baur

Wow, what can you NOT say about Kon! Coming back from an injury in 2009, Kon proved once again why he owns that #1 plate. Kon is the only OTHG rider in recent history to win the #1 plate three times, as well as doing it back to back in 2007 and 2008. On the track, Kon is extremely fast, especially through the corners and on fast rough tracks like Glen Helen. Off the track, he has a great personality and is very approachable; he even seems to have a special charm with the ladies! So basically Kon has just about everything you'd ever hate in a competitor. I'd love to T-bone the guy in a corner but I just can't seem to get close enough to pull it off! Just kidding of course! Seriously though, you will not find a finer rider than Kon to hold the #1 plate.

### #2 Tommy Pearl

Tommy never ceases to amaze me! If you ever spend some time with him and listen to a few of his stories, you'd be hard pressed to find something he hasn't done! (From a former fighter to pilot to school teacher and so on and so on). Tommy came within a mere 3 points of the #1 plate this year. He accomplished this by kicking butt in his class all year long! And it wasn't at any particular style of track either (fast & rough versus jumpy & technical, etc), he was fast at all of them! Tommy proved this year that skill and determination are what it takes to be a champion...and this is regardless of your age!

### # 3 Bruce Ashmore

When I think of Bruce I think of the phrase "Never say die!" Bruce is perhaps the kindest and most giving person you will ever meet. When I first started racing the nationals some years back, I barely knew who Bruce was. I remember I was at the starting line of one of those events and I saw this guy tirelessly sweeping and prepping each "G" riders gate. I remember thinking, "Wow, who is this guy?!" Well it was Bruce; that's how he is! After multiple Iron Man seasons, which is an accomplishment all to itself, Bruce finally made it into the top 3. All of the hard work and determination finally paid off! There's not many around that more deserving than Bruce when it comes to handing out awards.

So with that, we put a close to the 2010 season; it's now time to write a completely new chapter to this ongoing story. If you are new to the OTHG, then I encourage you to make friends and become involved. I guarantee you there is much more than just the racing itself! The people, the good times, and the good friends are really what's it's all about. So dust off that bike, get your gear ready, and clear your weekend schedules, because the OTHG is about to embark on a brand new season; one that's sure to be like no other!

See you at the track!  
Jeff Hamblin  
#5G



DATE	EVENT
January 30	<b>AV MOTOPLEX</b>
February 13	<b>I-5 MX</b> W/OTMX
February 27	<b>GLEN HELEN RACEWAY</b> National Track W/CMC <a href="http://www.glenhelen.com">http://www.glenhelen.com</a>
March 13	<b>MILESTONE MX</b>
March 20	<b>COMPETITIVE EDGE MX PARK</b> <a href="http://www.ridecemx.com">http://www.ridecemx.com</a>
April 3	TBA
April 17	<b>THE RANCH</b>
April 30 - May 1	<b>SIERRA NATIONAL</b> Oatfield Raceway, Turlock, CA
May 15	<b>CAL CITY MX PARK</b> W/ Central Valley OTHG <a href="http://www.calcitymxpark.com">http://www.calcitymxpark.com</a>
May 28-29	<b>RENO NATIONAL</b>
October 3-4	<b>SOUTH NATIONAL</b> Glen Helen Raceway National Track <a href="http://www.glenhelen.com">http://www.glenhelen.com</a>

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# 2011 EVENT SCHEDULE



# RIDER OF THE MONTH

## chuck COOK

Our first pick for 2011 Rider of the Month, Chuck Cook. Let's get a little insight on the man who was the former President.

**MARRIED** Yes, but only because my wife has the patience of a saint

**CHILDREN** Yes, but it's complicated

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE** Granada Hills

**OCCUPATION** LADWP water

**STARTED RIDING** 1973

**FIRST BIKE** 71 Honda CB 100 ( street bike took the lights off)

**FIRST RACE** Carlsbad raceway 1981

**FAVORITE TRACK** REM / Glen Helen

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE OTHG** 4 years

**BEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MX/SX RACE YOU HAVE EVER BEEN TO** 1976 Superbowl Of Motocross

**FAVORITE MX PRO RACER RYAN** Villopoto

**FOUR-STROKE OR TWO-STROKE** 4-stroke

**FAVORITE/BEST BIKE YOU'VE EVER OWNED** 1999 YZF 400 (my first new bike)

**FAVORITE PART OF AN MX TRACK** Turns and whoops

**OUTDOOR MX NATIONAL OR SUPERCROSS** Outdoor

**WHO'S YOUR PICK TO WIN THE 2011 SX** Villopoto

**IF YOU COULD BE A PRO IN ANY OTHER SPORT, WHAT WOULD THAT SPORT BE** Baseball

**WHAT'S PLAYING ON YOUR IPOD** Rush / Clash / Police

**FAVORITE FOOD** Turkey dinner with cranberries in the shape of a can

**PREFERRED LIQUID REFRESHMENT** Mint Julep

**HOBBIES** Motorcycles, it's all I ever wanted to do. Oh and a bad round of golf here and there

**WHO DO YOU MOST ADMIRE** My wife she's feeding me the answers

**WHAT'S YOUR MOTTO IN LIFE** In a perfect world Yoko would have stepped in front of John

**FAVORITE TV SHOW** *Celebrity Rehab* reminds me things aren't that bad.

**FAVORITE MOVIE** *The Execution Of Private Slovic*

**WHAT'S THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW** *The Kids Are Alright* (not the who)

**THE LAST BOOK YOU READ** *No Country For Old Men*

**FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** History

**BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU EVER GOT** Razor scooter

**ONE PLACE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN BUT WOULD LOVE TO SEE** Ireland

**THE MOST AMAZING THING YOU'VE SEEN** My dog delivering pups

**FAVORITE COLOR** Green

**MOST ANNOYING THING ABOUT YOU** Depends on who you ask

**YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE** Guilty is not a word in my vocabulary

**ANYTHING WOULD LIKE TO ADD** Yes but it's a family show



# ASK FOSTER

Dennis FOSTER

Got a question for "Ask Foster"? Email your questions to editor@othgmx.org and Foster will impart his wisdom and knowledge in a future issue of the *Holeshot*.

Dear Foster,

I'm considering moving up in class and was wondering if it is better to bump yourself or be bumped?

Thanks,

To Bump or Not

Dear To Bump or Not,

If you have the ability to be honest with yourself, and the abilities that you do or do not have, then I think bumping yourself is fine. If I could make a suggestion, use the safety of you and your fellow riders as a major factor in your decision making process. You want to consider if you will have the pace to allow you and the riders in your new class to be comfortable while racing.

If you don't have the ability to self efface, or tend to be shall we say, "Full of yourself" then you may want to let the race director make the decision for you. Our race director for the 2011 season is an experienced racer in

his own right, and has been involved in motocross in one capacity or another for many years. I'm sure that he will take into consideration all the factors that will need to be assessed prior to moving you up.

Dear Foster,

I'm curious to know if you're related to the Foster's of Australia, you know Foster's brew? I figure that any guy who is always walking a round with such a big smile on his face must have a huge stash of beer somewhere?

Sincerely,

Nameless in Newbury Park

Dear Nameless in Newbury Park,

I sure wish I could lay claim to the distinction of being heir to the Foster's brew Co., but alas I'm not. But I do have six Sam Adams chilling in the frig as we speak. As for the perma smile you have noted, it truly stems from the enjoyment I receive from the friends I see at the race's on Sunday.

Another reason for the perma smile can be traced back to a little note I wrote a few years back, I've printed it below, it pretty much sums up how I feel about racing and riding with this club:

I've ridden a motorcycle since I was 7 and I'm 48 now. I have raced motocross for the past ten years and I love it. I can honestly say that every second that I have spent on my bike be it riding or racing are by and far some of the best moments I have ever experienced, even when I was crashing my brains out, and ending up under the knife at the local hospital. I think the biggest bonus I get from riding now a days is the little secret that I have tucked away in my back pocket. The secret is the same one you have in your back pocket. That no matter how blanked up things can get in your life from time to time, as long as you know that your going riding this coming weekend, all the B.S. that you might be dealing with at any one moment is all going to fade into the distant past when you swing your leg over your bike. After I ride or race, my whole world seems to come back into focus, and I'm better armed to deal with the day to day struggles that life brings my way. I've mentioned to many people, riders and non riders that when I'm on my bike, it's the only time that I experience a true "Purity of moment" There is no external distraction to deal with, I don't have to "Multi-Task". I can focus on one thing and one thing only, trying to catch the guy in front of me, getting up that rocky hill that beat me the last time I rode this trail, trying not to be late to my next check point, etc. When I know that I have a chance to race or ride, I

start to get geeked three days before the ride, and stay geeked for three days after, replaying the events of that particular ride. When I mention "Purity of moment" to riders, they instantly light up, and know exactly of what I speak. When I mention it to non riders they acknowledge my comment with a polite smile, and a "OH really" but you know that they have no idea what I'm speaking about, because you know they have never experienced what I'm talking about. I'll be honest, the non rider lack of understanding brings on a little sense of superiority on my behalf, especially when I'm speaking to people my age, that I know may never get a chance to understand what we feel when we ride our bikes. I've asked many of these people to come and join me, but I usually get the pat response of, I'm to old, your crazy I would never jeopardize my health or my families well being especially at my age, etc. etc. I never take offense to these comments, I just feel sorry for them because they will not get to use the little secret we all get to carry around in our back pockets. So to all my back pocket secret buddies out there in rider land, keep riding, keep having fun, and keep those little secrets tucked away tight in your back pockets.



- 1 - Kon Baur 862
- 2 - Tommy Pearl 859
- 3 - Bruce Ashmore 839
- 4 - John Lombardo 836
- 5 - Jeff Hamblin 827

**OTMG** 2010 TOP FIVE



kon**BAUR**

#1

tommyPEARL



#2

bruceASHMORE



#3



john**LOMBARDO**

#4



jeff**HAMBLIN**

#5



## 2010 TOP 25

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Kon Baur 862        | 14 - Steve Mizrahi 758   |
| 2 - Tommy Pearl 859     | 15 - Bob Gallareto 754   |
| 3 - Bruce Ashmore 839   | 16 - Steve Landsberg 741 |
| 4 - John Lombardo 836   | 17 - Pete Van Aalst 734  |
| 5 - Jeff Hamblin 827    | 18 - Chuck Cook 726      |
| 6 - Eric Warrington 825 | 19 - Linda Thomas 722    |
| 7 - Dennis Foster 818   | 20 - Pete Anagnos 719    |
| 8 - Ben Paris 814       | 21 - Michael Tucker 714  |
| 9 - Larz Feldman 813    | 22 - Rick Aldrich 710    |
| 10 - Chris Cumbo 808    | 23 - Lee Evans 709       |
| 11 - Kevin Ridgeman 792 | 24 - Ray Valenzuela 685  |
| 12 - Franck Vales 775   | 25 - Paul Lesseos 667    |
| 13 - Mike Greene 763    |                          |

# 2011 OTHG AWARDS BANQUET

The 2011 awards banquet was held Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Covina. There was a great turn out for dinner, dancing and awards. Here are a few of the highlights from the evening.



## 2010 IRON MEN

Left to right: Eric Warrington, Mike Greene, Chris Cumbo, Kon Baur, Chuck Cook and Bruce Ashmore

## 2011 OTHG BOARD

Left to right: Treasurer - Pete Van Aalst, Stats - Dan Yearata, Secretary/Editor - Chris Rice, Race Director - Reid Franke, President - Jeff Hamblin, Vice President - John Lombardo, Web - Jim Pierce



# OTHG NEWS & INFO

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For 2011 the OTHG has committed itself to using transponders for timing and scoring. The system we chose, Orbits AMB, is the same as: OTHG Sierra and Bay chapters and SoCal Old Timers This system is on its way to becoming the new standard among vet motocross clubs. The MYLAPS MX Rechargeable Power Transponder provides you with accurate and reliable information about your race and practice results. For more information on how to get your transponder please speak with John Lombardo.

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## CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

**NEXT MEETING** February 9, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

### MEETING LOCATION

Larry's Pizza  
926 West Orangethorpe Avenue  
Fullerton

FREE PIZZA from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

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