My Idaho Endurocross Race Experience
by Sharon Mowell

November 12th, 2014. I was learning the ropes of Endurocross from Harry Oswald. He kept joking around how I should just go with him, his family and both his and my sponsor, SRT Offroad to this Idaho Endurocross race. Knowing I have only ridden on his practice track twice and not knowing anything about it, come Thursday night I decided at 8pm to call and ask if I still had that invite! Twittering my thumbs with nervousness and asking a million questions the whole 10hr drive there, we arrived in the 10-degree state of Idaho. We went to go signup at the arena Friday night and driving in the back entrance to the parking lot, seeing all the factory semi-trucks pulling in (like KTM, and BETA etc.) I was trying to think of an excuse to back out.

The next morning we had track walk, wondering what in the world am I doing here? Getting to walk the track and meet these professional riders, riders from all over with crazy accents also such as Dustry Abbott, Mike Brown, Cody Webb, Kacy Martinez, Sandra Gomez, Geoff Aaron, Colten Haaker, Taddy Blazusiak, Magen Blackburn and Tarah Geiger (to name a few) was no big deal to anyone else but I was the newbie at this.

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Cowbell Revisited

As I age, not so gracefully, to "geezerdom", I am starting to realize that those "old" motorcycle stories are now about my generation. Such is the story about the "71" (I think) Cowbell Enduro. My crazy cousin Pat was there with his Ducati, ignition points and all. As the story goes, he was part of 1500 riders who started in a pouring rain. He struggled on for many hours only to get stuck at the bottom of a hill with dozens of other riders who had watered out and were now going to spend a very cold, wet night in the forest. I guess the most aggravating part was that his uncle finished on a Hodaka 100. And, when Pat finally got back to the pickup late Monday afternoon, his buddies had eaten all of the food!

Not so this year--Uncle Pat accompanied me to the latest version of the Cowbell Enduro, and what a treat we were in store for. The conditions were primo, it rained Friday, and this particular forest is very friendly to motorcycles, so we were treated to some awesome conditions. We decided to help the Hayward MC by working a check as they had worked a check for us Roosters last year. So we learned a lot about enduros from the other side of the handlebars. Mostly, that this is a very intense combination of riding ability and thinking. There is really an art to riding on time all the time. Not to mention the special tests that can challenge the sport's best to complete on time. Middle Creek is simply a gem of a riding place. The trails were challenging but really fun and well maintained, not beat. By the end of the weekend I realized we had a blast. Next year I'm coming to ride the Enduro to enjoy a great place, a great organization, and great company (the whole Hayward Motorcycle Club).

PS--Crazy Uncle Pat finally got that finisher pin for "a Cowbell" that he never got in '71. I guess he just had to wait a few years (43) for Cowbell Karma to come his way!

Jerry Fouts

Just For Fun

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary?" It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?"

And that's when the fight started...

Never wrestle with a Dirt Bike rider—
Both of you will get dirty and the Dirt Bike rider likes it.

Tool Definition:
PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used to create blood-blisters.

Pop Quiz
What can you sit on, sleep on and brush your teeth with?
(answer page 19)

Update Your District 36 Membership

Is your District 36 membership expired or getting close? The 2015 competition season is upon us, so if you need to renew your membership or want to extend it why wait until the first meet? Renew now and go prepared.

To renew or extend your District 36 Membership go here: Renew My Membership

Have you moved, changed your email address and/or phone number? If so please send Jill, our Membership Director, an email with your updated information so she can update our records. Email Jill (please include your D36# in the email)
What Is The LAO And It’s Benefits To You

Several decades ago District 36 created the District 36 Legislative Action Office (LAO). This is a full-time program that’s only purpose is to monitor, protect and work against closures, unreasonable laws and State/Federal regulations that harm legal OHV recreation. This office was created to address the issue of one riding area after another being closed or greatly reduced in size, affecting our events and trail riding opportunities on both public as well as private lands.

When riding areas close or are unfairly restricted, it not only affects our clubs and promoters that put on events, but it also affects YOU, the weekend rider, as you lose places to ride. You may or may not be aware of the constant barrage of anti-OHV groups that want to take away your access to public and even private lands for legal motorized recreation. If you are aware, you already understand that we must stand together. If you are not, then you may be in for a rude awakening when, some day you go to your favorite riding area only to find a locked gate.

To continue to fight for you we need revenue from memberships, but just as important, we need volunteers to be organized and keep an eye on their favorite riding areas, reporting back to our LAO office and holding public officials feet to the fire to protect our Right to Ride. These efforts create clout and credibility for our sport. The more members we have the louder our voice when dealing with elected and appointed officials who make decisions about how and where we ride.

How can you help? First, you can join District 36. Its thirty dollars per year. That is the simplest way to get involved (and maybe good karma on the trail). Second, get involved at any level you choose. Usually there is a riding area you frequent and you may have some suggestions about making it better, or maybe your riding area is threatened. Either way, we suggest you contact our LAO office and volunteer to help. Just you being able to go to local meetings and give us a heads up would be a tremendous help and our LAO officer will help you get started.

In the end you may be responsible in part for saving or improving your favorite riding area for generations of riders who follow you, including your kids and their kids. It’s a good feeling to go riding while carrying the pride of protecting a place you think is special.

Thank you for caring and let’s work together to sustain a sport we all think so much of. Membership information and how you can join us can be found at: Join District 36

And while you’re there take a few minutes to browse our website and see what District 36 is all about.

Leave us your email address for LAO related issues, and you can (if you wish) receive emails on important LAO issues. To do this you can register for email alerts here (select Right to Ride). To volunteer your help to our LAO office or to monitor issues close to you, please contact our LAO office at: d36lao@volcano.net

Win this 2014 KTM 300 XC

The drawing for this bike will be held at the District 36 2014 Awards Banquet Saturday, January 31, 2015. The Drawing also includes the prizes show below and much more. Need not be present to win.

For over a decade District 36 LAO has raised funds with a bike raffle and many vendor donations to protect your Right To Ride and keep our lands open to ride.

Tickets can be purchased at most D36 events, and through most D36 clubs. Or go here for more information on the raffle and how to purchase tickets.

1st Runner-Up Matrix Concepts Ultimate Pit Package

Or one of these other fantastic prizes!

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I figured out shortly I was to leave the gate side by side next to factory rider Kacey Martinez, Tarah Geiger and many more well known female names.

Not only was I nervous but it never got over 20 degrees so it was freezing in the mornings at -6 and evenings around 17, and it froze the bikes all up. Every time in between practices and such we were using heaters to warm our bikes so they would start up and run. My bike was not running in top shape unfortunately (coldness and or elevation change) which did not help me out any.

Entering the arena building with cement walls with the deep echo of the revving of your engine still gives me goose bumps just talking about it. In the practices we didn’t take off all at once, they let us take off about 5 seconds after one another. Then qualifying came. Since I have never raced in this atmosphere of motocross, I have never had to start a race from an actual starting gate! So here I was even more nervous not knowing how it all works.

Girl comes out with a 30sec board! I am like OMG this is the real deal. We all start to rev our engines, she walks off the track...“here goes nothing!” Gate drops (starting from a real gate was awesome and breath taking)! Kacey Martinez hole shots and I’m right behind her in second then every time we hit the firewood pit, spots of placements changed.

My Idaho Endurocross Race Experience

It seriously was such a crazy experience and I am so glad I took the opportunity to go. No, I didn’t qualify for the main or make it on TV but I will say I’m pretty addicted after doing this one race so I think I know what I’ll set my goals for next time!
District 36 Invites You to Attend Our

2014 Awards Banquet

“Celebrating 60 Years of Racing”

**When:** January 31st, 2015  

**Where:** Placer County Fair Grounds “All American Speedway” – Jones Hall  
800 All America City Blvd - Roseville, CA 95678

**What:** Year End Awards Presentation, BBQ Dinner, No-Host Bar, 
Raffle, Prizes & Fun….LAO Bike drawing…who will be the next big winner?  
*Informal attire (Please no T-shirts)*

**Time:** 5 pm – 11 pm  
*Doors Open @ 4:00pm*

**Cost:**  
*Reservations postmarked or online @ AMA-D36.org by 1/23/15:*

- $40.00 (13 & over)
- $25.00 (12 & under)
*At the Door *If Available-Reservations Recommended  
- $60.00 (13 & over)  
- $35.00 (12 & under)

**Nearby Accommodations:**  
RV Camping @ the Fairgrounds  
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Call to Reserve a spot 916-786-2023  
877-722-3422

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Holiday Inn  
916-772-5555  
877-786-9480

**Questions:** Email Banquet questions to d36banquet2012@sbcglobal.net  
Contact appropriate Steward for questions regarding awards.

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Mail Reservations to: District 36 Banquet  
PO Box 70, Norden CA 95724-0070
As somebody who started out riding motorcycles in the 1960s on a push-rod Honda Trail 90, I may not be the best person to offer an unbiased review of On Any Sunday: The Next Chapter but I will try.

Last week, I attended the one time showing of the movie at The State Theatre, a 500-seat venue, in Modesto, California on behalf of the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), a national trail-based non-profit recreation group. I want to give some major props to Jerry Fouts, the current president of AMA District 36, for organizing this event as a fundraiser for the BRC Legal Program to help support our collective effort to keep trails and riding areas open for OHV use.

Racing legend Kenny Roberts, theatre management, Jerry Fouts, local sponsors, and I welcomed motorcycle and powersports enthusiasts to the SOLD OUT event. Little did we know just how well the broad demographics of those attending Dana Brown’s sequel to his dad’s classic masterpiece would be mirrored in the movie.

The film focused on youth riders, family fun, and a new generation of professional competitors from various disciplines. It also weave in some inspirational stories of riders such as Doug Henry, Jake McCullough, and Ashley Fiolek. Robbie Maddison and Travis Pastrana wowed the audience with their passion for the sport and their unbelievable motorcycle stunts which often left folks speechless and/or hanging on to their seat. On an international basis, the show featured the current stars of MotoGP, medical staff using motorcycles to serve backcountry areas in Zambia, and busy commuters in Vietnam.

The Modesto event was particularly rich because one of the On Any Sunday-era stars, Kenny Roberts, was at the theatre signing posters and visiting with the attendees. That movie was shot 43 years ago by Dana’s father, Bruce Brown.

I felt the short interviews with motorcycle icons, Kenny Roberts, Mert Lawwill, and Roger DeCoster appropriately “passed the torch” to this newer generation of riders and professional athletes.

In my opinion, the most notable “update” in the film came when several riders talked about the loss of trails and riding areas over the last 40 years. This segment only lasted for about a minute, but it is historic as this is the first acknowledgment (that I know of) by a major production company that “land-use” is now an important aspect of the sport. Maybe it wasn’t an accident that this showing in Modesto was to benefit the legal fight to preserve riding opportunities for current and future generations.

As people streamed out of the theatre after the movie ended, I noticed a lot of smiles on young and old riders alike. For those of us who are passionate about, and hard-wired for, motorcycles, the show was a personal reaffirmation that our sport is not a choice but our destiny.

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The 2014 Youth Family Enduro Series ended somewhat disappointing with the loss of two meets, the Buckhorn Family Enduro and the Crazy Miner. The Redding Dirt Riders decided to take both their family and regular enduros off the calendar due to low rider turnout and the Crazy miner was rained out not once but twice. So out of the original six meets, four ran; The Wild Piglet; The 49er Family; The Wild Pony and the Bearfoot. All these meets were very well produced by their respective clubs, coming as no surprise considering the efforts and dedication by each club and its members.

The meets presented a diverse set of courses and terrains for the competitors, making for a challenging but fun series for 2104. We are looking forward to the upcoming District 36 Awards Banquet on January 31, 2015 to honor all the winners with hard earned awards. Our hope is to see everyone there along with their families to celebrate victory.

Thank you to all the riders for supporting the series. It’s time to put 2014 to bed and look forward to 2015.

A Special Congratulations to the series overall winner: **Eli Ruggiero**

And congratulations to all our class winners......

**PeeWee 7-9**
1 Zaio DeMarco  
2 Ricky Bobby Kinney  
3 Ainsley Thompson

**Girls 10-12**
1 Karleigh Siebenbthall

**Girls 13-15**
1 Julia Meyer  
2 Kendall Deeg  
3 Hanna Burkett

**Boys 10-12**
1 Joshua Marshall  
2 Logan McChesne  
3 Italo Ruggiero  
4 Riley Doyle  
5 Mason Harrington  
6 Jesse Meyer

**Boys 13-15**
1 Eli Ruggiero  
2 Jake Marshall  
3 Landon Bienas  
4 Jason Wagner-Jaureggi  
5 Tyler Doyle  
6 Kyle Boardman

**C Women (30 & under)**
1 Marlee McInnis

**C Diva (Over 30)**
1 Briget Mitchell  
2 Lisa Schamaun  
3 Cheryl Heath

**C Super Senior**
1 John Thornton  
2 Peter Bienas  
3 Mike Cox  
4 Eric Kiser  
5 Charles Stembridge  
6 George Viera  
7 Steve Tindall  
8 Joseph Fisher  
9 David Simpson

**C Masters**
1 Monty Tavares  
2 John Alafouzos

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**DISTRICT 36 ANNOUNCES A NEW 2015 SPONSOR**

**IRC TIRE**

IRC TIRES ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT THEY WILL BE A MAJOR SPONSOR OF DISTRICT 36. As this level of support will meet D36 requirements of a “SILVER” level Sponsor, distribution of product will be announced once details are confirmed. We will let you know how product distribution will take place.

“Stay tuned for future announcement”

Kaz Kawano, Director for Strategic Alliance, IRC TIRE, advised D36 of their decision to support our Race Programs in 2015, and noted he is pleased to be part of D36 in 2015. Please see the IRC WEBSITE for a complete product line up, including the latest tire technology as well as their famous HD race tubes.

[www.irc-tire.com](http://www.irc-tire.com)
Look for our products at your local motorcycle shop!
District 36 Website 101 from an “Old Guy”. OK Ladies and Gents, here it is, time to open your eyes and minds and really check out the always changing D36 website.

There is a new feature on the site at the top of the column on the right, with a box that says "latest news". If you enter an email address and tap subscribe you will receive an email alert whenever a new news item or story is posted on the front page of our website. This way you don’t have to look every day to see if anything new has been posted. Keep in mind that if you decide you don’t like this feature you will always have the option to “unsubscribe”.

For our XC racers there is an important resource in the XC "Results and Standings" menu. This page provides results for all our races within a few days of each meet. Here lap by lap times for each racer are listed so you can see how you compare to others in your class and others in advanced classes you might aspire to be in. This comparison might also help you see if you are consistently fading at a certain time (lap) during your races so maybe you could adjust your fitness or machine for that challenge. If you tap on your AMA number in the results of a specific event you get a compilation of your own personal recent results, pretty neat and looks great on a resume.

Our District 36 forum is for members only and can provide information about many subjects, from bike setup to land use issues. There is a forum for listing items you have for sale and finding what others are selling. You may just find that odd part you’ve been looking for like a Scotts steering damper, I found one there. Keep in mind that in the “Classifieds” forum as well as all the others you will be free of commercial advertising that is not permitted. The forums are for members by members, so there’re not only for you to look at, but to participate in as well.

We encourage you to check out the events page where you might find other types of events that might be fun. On an off XC weekend try an Enduro, they are a great test of endurance and bike setup and just plain fun even if you choose not to keep time. You can ride with friends, family members or someone who does know how to keep time on the same minute. Heck, call a riding buddy you haven't seen in ages and just use it as an organized trail ride. Along the way you might learn a little about enduros and how much fun they can be. Enduros are great way to reconnect with the reason you started riding in the first place so give them a try, you might just like them.

The District 36 website is yours, so please take a few minutes to check out all the information available to you. If you see anything that you think we can improve on or information not there that you believe would benefit all our members, let us know by contacting myself at: jerryfouts@gmail.com or Bill McGibbon at bill.mcgibbon@ama-d36.org. We really would like your ideas to make it better for you.

See you on the trail.
Jerry Fouts
AMA-D36 President
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January 17-18th 2015

• Round 1 Motion Pro Championship Cross Country Series
  Presented By Works Connection
• Round 1 Motion Pro Championship Youth Cross Country Series Presented By Racer Decal

Saturdays, Race 1:
8:00-9:00
Beginning Women, Div 1, Div II, Fro

Saturdays, Race 2:
9:30-10:30
B85-65, C Youth

Saturdays, Race 3:
11:00-11:30
A/8 & 50's, C Clutchless

Saturdays, Race 4:
11:45-12:15
C 50's

Saturdays, Race 5:
12:30-2:00
AA Youth, A/8 85, A/8 Girls

Sundays, Race 1:
8:30-10:30
AA, A250, A Open, A Vet, A Senior, AA Women

Sundays, Race 2:
11:00-12:30
B250, B Open, B Vet, B Sen, A/8 Super Senior, A/8 Master, A Veterans

Sundays, Race 3:
1:00-2:30
C200, C Open, C 250 2 Stroke, C Vet, C Vet Plus, B Women, C 250 4 Stroke

Information:
• 707 Suspension is giving a free suspension revalue to the overall winner on the A & B sportman on Sunday.
• Kenda Tire is giving away a set of Tire to the fastest last lap of the A & B sportman race on Sunday, you must be on the lead lap.
• Same Day Results, Tropies and Pictures
• Pit Riding, Golf Carts, Side Bys = Ranger ticket
  • D36 & AMA rules apply
  • 96 dB sound limit (A sound test will be given)
  • Spark arrestor & Green or Red Sticker required
  • Dead engine, Lemans start – Bring a stick
  • No rider medical insurance
  • No practice or riding on course within 48 hours
  • No one under 12, dogs, smoking, alcohol in the pits
  • Free overnight parking but no ground fires
  • Minors <18 must have parent or guardian at signups

Directions to PRAIRIE CITY SVRA:
From Sacramento, take Highway 50 east. From South Lake Tahoe, take Highway 50 west. Exit on Prairie City Road and go south on Prairie City Road. Turn right on White Rock Road. Look for park entrance on the left.

INFO:
Rich Scoll: prairiocitygrandprix@gmail.com
Polka Dots MC Website: www.polkaadotsmc.com
District 36 Website: www.amad36.org

Fees: $3 from EVERY entry goes to LACI!
Youth Rider Fee: $35 pre-register by Jan 9 at www.eventbrite.com, $45 post
Adult Rider Fee: $50 pre-register by Jan 9 at www.eventbrite.com, $60 post
Sunday AA Class: $100 (100% Pro Payback)
Vehicle Fee: $10 per vehicle
AMA Card: $49 ($20 for 1-Day Card)
D36 Card: $30 ($10 for 1-Day Card)
Transponders: $10
AMA/D36 Cards & Transponders available at signups

Times:
• Gates Open 6:00AM both days. Sign-ups Open 6:30AM
• Signups close 30 minutes prior to start of each race
• Riders Meeting on the line 15 min before each start
• No entry after 10pm Fri & Sat night

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In 1974 I competed in my first District 36 cross country race. Right away I knew it was something I wanted to do again. Motocross was still my main focus but whenever there was a cross country within a couple hours of driving I would go. At that time I was a new member of the Sacramento Jammers Motorcycle Club and the Jammers put on a cross country every year called the Wild Hare. I began helping put on a cross country race at 15 years old and at that time had no idea I would be doing it every year for the next 40 plus years.

If you have ever been in a motorcycle club that put on a cross country you know the work that goes into it both before and after the event. Laying out the course, marking the course, doing course marking repair all day as the races go on, lap checking, scoring, sign-ups, and the dreaded after race clean up of all the stakes, ribbon, and arrows used to mark the course. I've done every job there is in regard to putting on a cross country.

Although I don't ride as much as I used to I have ridden my share of races in the 41 years I've been involved. I've raced the ongoing classics like the Polka Dots Grand Prix, the Dirt Diggers' Lilliputian (before I joined the club in 1990), and Wilseyville which we will all miss. Some that are no longer around like F-Troop's Coulterville or the one at Gambonini Ranch, or the Thorntree in Marysville. There were also the ones that ran only once or twice like Argyll Park in Dixon or Mammoth Bar in Auburn, the one at Donner Ski Ranch or the one the Jammers did at Sacramento Raceway. Over the years there have been quite a few different locations that have had successful and fun cross country races. I've been through the muddy ones, the dusty ones, and everything in between. I've won some at the expert level, I've broken down while leading overall, I've had those days that there were too many crashes and I have even been known to pull off and wait for the checkered to come out because I was too exhausted to make it another lap. I have experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. From what I've heard that is what builds character.

And now just a month shy of 56 years old I can say I've been an active member of a District 36 club for almost 42 years, have held a Dist. 36 and AMA card for 42 consecutive years, I have been a race official at hundreds and of races, and one time I was asked to testify as an expert witness in a case where a young rider was injured and the parents were trying to sue the owner of the property.

The last few years I have mostly been doing the referee duties at the races. Whether the race is Hangtown or a cross country it is something I still enjoy and I feel I do a good job as the referee. My first time being the referee was when I was 17 and since then I have been referee at over 100 events, both motocross and cross country. This sport is, has been, and always will be part of my life. After all these years and hundreds & hundreds of races I'm still enjoying it. I think a lot of that has to do with it really being a family sport. It is really hard to put into words the feelings going through me those two times I was on the line with both my father Billy R. Hilton and my son Billy J. Hilton along side of me and also racing. There were many times my dad and I would race the same event and later on it would be my son and I. But for 3 generations to be entered in the same event is, well, priceless.

What keeps me coming back and makes me want to stay involved is the people. I have made countless friends in the years I've been doing this. Some of them I may only see one or two times a year but still they are friends. Friends that I met as competitors as a teen sometimes show up at races now either riding again, still riding, or just to support their kids or even grandkids. This sport has a lot of good people involved in it.

This year makes it 41 consecutive years that I have been to at least 2 cross country events each year. One that the club I belong to put on and at least one other I participated in or just helped pit for friends. Almost every year there were far more than two but the minimum in 41 years was two events.

Of all the races I've been involved with one way or another the one that stands out the most has to be the youth program at the cross country race recently put on by MMX in Marysville.
I told myself there are three options, proceed as planned and let things unfold. No- this won't work. Too nasty out there. Option #2 - cancel the race for these little guys. Nope - it's not fair to the parents that spend a lot of money to get to the races or to the kids that want to ride in the mud and be part of this event. Or the #3 option - get creative and figure out a way to keep everyone happy by letting the kids ride.

At the riders meeting I asked all the parents to hold the motorcycles and all the kids come to the front of the starting area with me. I got down on one knee to talk to the kids and I explained to them it's very very muddy out there but it is part of racing. I told them we took a lot of the mud puddles out but there were still a few. I told them if they had a hard time in the mud puddles out but there were still a few. I told them if they had a hard time in the mud they can go around it but they had to at least try it once. They could not go around it until after they tried it. The main point I wanted to make was for none of them to quit. I told them again that if they "had a hard time in the bad spots to go around, but you have to try it once. Just don't quit. It's really really muddy and every one of you are going to fall down, but it's okay because you're all going to fall down at least twice". Then one kid said "not me, I'm not going to fall", that kid fell before the first turn.

After my riders meeting with the kids they all went to their bikes. At that time I called all of the parents of these riders to the front of the start for a special "parents meeting". At this parents meeting I told them all what I had just told the kids. I explained that I had 3 options to consider and the option I chose is how we are going to proceed. I told them what I told the kids about going around the worst of the mud but they had to try once before going around it. I also asked for their help in making sure no rider quit.

Then the last thing I told them is something I'm pretty proud of myself for and something I'll remember for a long time. I told the parents that for this race as the referee I would not except any complaint or protest for course cutting what-so-ever. This race is an opportunity for these little guys to learn how to deal with really muddy conditions. They will get to the point of wanting to quit. If you see a rider just about to the breaking point of wanting to quit jump in and do whatever it takes to convince them to keep going, especially if it's not your kid. Kids are more likely to start crying and want to quit in front of mom or dad than in front of somebody else. I told the parents to make it fun and there would be no penalty for going around the bad areas even if your own kid fought their way through it.

It was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had as a referee. As the race started every parent was willing to help any kid having problems and believe me at some point they all had problems. The best part was that I don't think a single rider quit, and they were going down everywhere. I was standing just past main check and after the second lap a kid came in wanting to quit but after talking to him and reminding him he can go around the hard places after he tries he gathered himself, wiped away the tears and took off.....and finished.

For some reason when the checkered flag came out I felt like I had accomplished something special. We figured out a way the kids could have their own race in these extreme conditions. Not only that but I was successful in convincing them not to quit. By making sure the parents all understood the way I was going to run this race and what I thought was important on this day the parents put all the normal competitive juices aside and jumped in to help any and every rider. That helped every racer succeed in their own way and they will remember this race for a long time.

So after over 40 years of being involved in this sport that I love so much I can honestly say I'm still having fun. Like I say to the riders on the line of a cross country race just before the shotgun goes off when I'm wearing the black and white stripes, "IF YOU'RE NOT HAVING FUN, YOU'RE NOT DOING IT RIGHT".

Mark Hilton
Dirt Diggers North MC member and referee
2014 Youth Cross Country Champions

Congratulations to the overall and class winners for the 2014 District 36 – Motion Pro Championship Youth Cross Country Series. After a full year of racing, these young District 36 racers have excelled in their respective classes and will be honored for their efforts at the 2014 District 36 Awards Banquet to be held January 31, 2015.

Spring Series Award Winners

A 85
1. Tyler DuCray
2. Lochlan Campbell
3. Mason Parker
4. Garret Martini

A 50
1. Sarah Davis
2. Anthony Aveggio

B 85 (12-15)
1. Eli Ruggiero
2. Zach Bennett

B 85 (7-11)
1. Tyler Toline
2. Cameron Helfrick

B 65
1. Zane Rodriguez

B50
1. Brock Archuleta

C 4Str (7-11)
1. Alex Oliveria
2. Tallon Marshall

C 85 12-15
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2. Tyler Toline
3. Tim Fish
4. Kole Orth

Fall Series Award Winners

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1. Max Masrzyk
2. Mitchell Darosa
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C 85 (7-11)
1. Michael Oliveria
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3. Reid Rodriguez

C Girls
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2. Maddison Freitas
4. Jaymie Helm
5. Ava Silvestri

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Black Oak Hare Scrambles

What a great race. The weather cooperated and the Garrahan folks really put together a technical tight fun course. The location was on an old lumber mill site from many years back. The property is now owned by The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians who own and operate the Black Oak Casino. The partnership between the Garrahan's and the Me-Wuk Indians produced an overall fabulous community based event. There were a great deal of unique riders to this event, AKA paper plates and a huge turnout of spectators. The Rock garden and huge piles of wood chips provided great spectator view of skilled riders as well as those of the not so skilled (guys) like me.

The A, AA race provided a really neat addition to this meet. Brian Garrahan made it a true Hare & Hound race by offering up money for the first rider to catch the hare. That was followed by a spontaneous avalanche of donations from racers and race crews for the "hound" who could catch the "hare". The real catch was the hare turned out to be Patrick Garrahan, National Hare Scrambles competitor, and winner. After the start the intensity was incredible as Joe Fiasconaro was the first one to chase down the "hare" and pass him to earn over $1400.00 in cash. The race finally ended up being a showdown between Kale Elworthy taking 1st and Steven Godman finishing 2nd. Justin Bonita took 3rd with the "hare catcher", Joe Fiasconaro taking the 4th spot.

All in all, the event was a great success, the Casino provided a shuttle to their Casino, and next year I personally will park my stuff and stay in the comfort of the Black Oak hotel. There was security for my stuff this year, and I had a great time. I'll definitely be back.

Jerry Fouts
Dirt Track Racing in 2014

Our Dirt Track season has drawn to a close and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment making this a very successful season. A special thank you goes out to all our D36 Dirt Track Committeemen; Mike Fowler, Kevin Keeran, Jon Eichelbaugh, Tom Knight and Ron Knight. One would be hard pressed to find a better group to work with. Again thank you for the commitment and hard work.

Thank you Lodi Motorcycle Club and Stockton Motorcycle Club for your work and efforts put forth to make our racing season a huge success. I also would like to mention a couple of special people that stepped up this year and contributed to our season. Debbie Rocha and Shirley Holland deserve a special thank you for their contributions.

Racing has been hard fought throughout all the classes this year and our young riders proceeded to amaze us with their skill and competitiveness. We are watching our future Pro Riders in this competition. At this stage of their development they are running approximately one second slower per lap than the Open A Class. A special thank you goes out to the Mothers and Fathers of these young riders. Their commitment really shows as we watch these young stars develop.

Starting with the Class 4 DTX PW, Kenneth Holland, Jr. led the way winning 1st place. He was followed by Andrew Griswold in 2nd and Eli Souza rounding out the top three. We had fifteen competitors in this starter class.

Although the 65cc Mini did not have a large group this year, Chad Spurgeon led the way winning 1st place.

Our 85cc Mini Class however has very competitive C rider and A rider divisions. The winners in the C division were Chad Spurgeon in 1st place followed by Dustin Shumate in 2nd place and Nathan Agrifoglio finishing 3rd. The 85cc A rider division was won by Evan Souza winning the #1 Black Plate with Justin Anselmi picking up 2nd, Jacob Pursell 3rd, Hunter Brooks 4th, Tyler Raggio 5th, Christian Spurgeon 6th and Dominic DeMario 7th.

The 100cc Youth Stock class was very strong this year. Dustin Shumate won 1st place, Dylan Shumate 2nd, Andrew Greenmyer 3rd, Devin Konnoff 4th, Michael Meldinger 5th, Angel Gepford 6th and Zayne Kannal 7th.

Ron Kilby wins the B rider class with Kosta Achin taking 2nd place. The 250cc class showed resurgence this year with our group of C riders. Renee Gardner took 1st place, Kyle Raggio in 2nd, Jonathan Pierce 3rd, and Jared Jensen 4th.

Our Open A class is always exciting and the crowd favorite. One has to witness these riders in action. Every rider is now at the top of their game and the moves we witness are breathtaking and phenomenal. Dominic Colindres won the #1 Black Plate followed by Tony Meiring in 2nd, Stewart Barber 3rd, David Jorgensen 4th, Joseph Hernandez 5th, Kevin Keeran 6th and Jesse Sanchez 7th.

Our Veteran and Senior riders filled out the racing schedule. The Vet 30 class had Jon Eichelbaugh garnering 1st place followed by Kevin Keeran in 2nd and Aren Clark finishing 3rd. The Senior 40 class had Tom Knight leading the way with Jon Eichelbaugh 2nd, Kevin Keeran 3rd and Donnie Darrah hard on his heels in 4th. Unfortunately Donnie’s season was cut short this year with an accident coming out of turn two. Next Season Donnie. The Super Senior class once again had Jon Eichelbaugh winning with Donnie Darrah in 2nd place, Tom Knight 3rd, Robert Curry 4th and Mike Fowler 5th.

The Vintage A class was won by Robert McDonnell. He has been Black Plate #1 for many years and we love watching him ride. Mike Fowler garnered 2nd place with Gary Durbin 3rd, Randy Martin 4th, Donnie Darrah 5th and Mitch Gallagher 6th. In the Vintage C class we had Garrett La Fever in 1st place, Ken Kutaka taking 2nd and Michael Satterfield finishing 3rd.

Our Master A class winner is Tom Knight with Victor McBee 2nd, Bud Riddle 3rd and Ralph Lee 4th.

Congratulations to our winners and all our competitors for making this such a successful season. We now look forward to the awards dinner coming up on January 31 to honor all that have achieved success in our racing program.

Dave Bickle
District 36 Dirt Track Steward
The 2014 Season is in the books. It was nice to have some moisture in the ground for the fall rounds, but was a bit too much for the 49er which ended up cancelling. Thanks to all that came out and supported all the D36 Enduro clubs. Congratulations to all the 2014 award winners.

District 36 Enduro attendance is at an all time low. Here are a few numbers from 2014; A riders, there were 120 that rode at least one meet but only 32 that rode 51% (4 events); B riders, 82 rode at least one, 15 did 51%; C riders, 167 rode at least one, 20 did 51%. So a lot rode at least one event but not many rode enough to qualify for series participation (51%).

The clubs are trying new things in attempts to bring back the riders. For example, the Brand Q format was used by the Valley Climbers MC at the WFO and it did help bring in some new riders. There was also some new course layouts and time schedules. There were some Enduro rule changes at the D36 level to give the clubs a few more options in setting up their events for 2015.

So if we want to keep Enduros as an available event to compete in, the Clubs need your support. Bring a buddy that has not tried one. If you only rode one last season try to ride at least one more this season. If you have never worked one do so (plus you get work points). The District is working on the Enduro/Cross Country scheduling conflicts.

The 2015 Season Championship Enduro Series will have 7 events, starting with the Sawmill in April. The District 36 Awards Banquet for the 2014 season will be held Saturday January 31st, 2015. I hope to see all award winners there.

John Davis
District 36 Enduro Steward
Meet Your 2015 District 36 Board of Directors

Curt Backhaus  
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Ed Santin  
BOD  
AMA Congressman

Ray Spore  
BOD  
Cross Country Steward

2015 District 36 Holeshot Award!

The Dirt Diggers North Motorcycle Club has stepped in as a new sponsor of the District 36 Cross Country Holeshot Award for 2015. The holeshot award is presented to the racer that wins the holeshot in his/her respective race. At each meet one race (different at each meet) is selected by the Cross Country Steward. Winners in the Spring 2015 series will receive two adult general admission passes to the 2015 Hangtown Motocross Classic, and winners in the Fall 2015 series will receive two adult general admission passes to the 2016 Hangtown Motocross Classic.

The Hangtown Motocross Classic is in its 46th year, and will be the series opener to the Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship. It is currently the only event in the series that is promoted by a volunteer-based motorcycle club.

Special thanks to the DDNMC for offering this amazing holeshot award sponsorship for our District 36 racers!
Steward’s Corner
by Raymond Spore

Cross Country 2014

Well....We did it!

We made it through another year of D36 Cross Country racing. 2014 is now in the books and what a year it was! Some truly high spots....and only a few lows. But all in all, a pretty darn good year. We saw quite a few new young racers out there, perfecting their craft, and emerging as real contenders. Along with some amazing shows of skill by some of our more experienced stable of racers. Absolutely amazing year!

First off....I just want to thank everyone that put up with me, and helped me bumble through this fall season of races as the “stand in” XC Steward.

Kraig Traums’ work requirements that took him away from the fall series left myself and the rest of the crew some extremely large shoes to fill. His absence was noticed at every turn! As the dust clears we are still trying to figure out how to handle, with many people, the jobs and duties Kraig did alone. He was, and is, an amazing man and is greatly missed.

And....Thanks to the incredible team of folks that worked so hard to keep these events moving as smoothly as possible. Also, a Big thanks goes out to Billy Goodno, and Bill McGibbon for keeping me pointing down the right trail and from getting my old bones run up the flag pole by the masses. Thank You, everyone! You are the best!

As a District we had a few challenges this year and we are very thankful for the patience and understanding of all those involved as we try to do the “right thing” and make the racing better and safer for everyone. It is not always an easy or comfortable process, however we can all work together to make this country’s best race series even better!

I cannot name and mention every great battle that occurred out there this year....You yourself were most likely involved in a few! From the Younglings up through the Elders...Great races were out there every weekend! I was lucky enough to have witnessed a few great ones this year. More than one Championship battle came down to mere points deciding things in the end. It just does not get much better than that. After all, isn't that why we race?

A couple things that stood out for me over the year; There was an amazing growth of a new crop of young B, A, and AA racers! Holy Smokes! There are some amazing young men and women out there taking talent to a whole new level. Our future is really looking good!

We watched the early season dominance of a few of the “old guard”, and the incredible emergence of some new super talent this fall in the AA ranks to make the point at the top very sharp indeed! And, some of the “regulars” were not about to just lay down without a fight. Seriously....Racing at its best!

One of the season’s most notable standouts for me was the Sportsmanship shown by two of our nicest and talented young men at Black Oak....During the entire AA race, Steven Godman and Kale Elworthy were never separated by more than a few feet. They swapped the lead back and forth between them, for over two hours, finally finishing with less than 2 feet between them, and with a new, first time event winner, Mr. Elworthy! The race was amazing. The speed, dominance and talent was off the hook! But what stood out most for me was that the second place finisher, Mr. Godman, was so absolutely overjoyed for his friend and race mate who had just won his first ever race in that class (just as he, himself, had several weeks before). Sportsmen, Competitors, Friends! Its stuff like this that makes a lasting impression on all of us that witnessed it unfold. Great job guys! Do our racer families know how to raise great young men and women or what?

We got to visit many of the same tried and proven race facilities and promoters over the season. In a difficult year of diminished water supplies, conditions were less than ideal at several events. But in true XC tradition we persevered to the best of our abilities. And amazingly, injuries stayed very few. I think Fred Sumrall had something to do with this so, Thank You Fred!

Many thanks to all the hard work and sacrifice that those clubs/promoters put on the line in these challenging conditions, to make it possible for us to race. We would have nothing without their vision and passion for the sport! Thank You!

We also were blessed this fall by the hours of work and vision by the Garrahan Brothers, Brian and Pat, who, after years of working the back channels, were able to secure a new race facility against all odds....then guided their work crews to produce an event that was a “Home Run” their first time at the plate! Great Job Guys! Thank You!

One of the promoters recently confided to me, “I really like putting races on for you guys because your riders just want to race and not just complain about what color the dirt is.”

I think the point he was quietly trying to make is something many of us already know.....WE have the best racers, best races and the best people anywhere!

As Fred, a second father to us all, would say with all his heart, “You all are My Family!”.....funny thing is....he is right! We are one Big, Strange, Wild and Wonderful Family! And Thank You, our District 36 Members for being a big part of it.

Now....2015, here we come, ready or not!

Ray
What an eventful year it has been! 2014 was packed with tons of excitement and drama for me personally, professionally, and competitively. Mark Twain once said that “a man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way,” and in that spirit I embrace the trials and tribulations, for in the end I emerge a better, more experienced wife, colleague, and racer.

As a member of the District 36 Board of Directors, the Cross Country Committee and the District 36 "Women's Steward," I set a goal in 2014 to reach out beyond the Cross Country discipline and learn more about the Dirt Track and Enduro disciplines. Well what better way than to learn by doing? So in May I grabbed the cat by the tail, and participated in all three disciplines - Family Enduro, Dirt Track, and Cross Country - in as many weekends.

Three weekends of racing; different promoters, different venues, different styles, different racers. In fact, the only things in common were my trusty ol' CRF 250X and my ear-to-ear grin at the end of each ride!

The next weekend required far less "navigation" and no time to have a picnic mid-race. A knobby class was added to the dirt track schedule this weekend and a few cross country natives came out to try our hand at turning left. The dirt track clan was very hospitable and I immediately felt at home in the pits. Tech inspection revealed a few minor modifications needed to make my cross country bike dirt track ready - duct tape the foot pegs, remove the kick stand, etc. - then I was set to go! I wasn't quite sure at first what to do with the perfectly groomed flat hard-packed "dirt" but by the end of the night I was getting the hang of it. Now those of you who know me know that I'm no speedster, but regardless I sure had fun zipping round that track!

The racing trilogy ended with a cross country the next weekend. This would be my first time racing at this venue, so yet another new experience to add to the list. Back to navigating market trails, negotiating obstacles and racing with friends! Another spectacular event and a great way to conclude the trio of races.

Even though I am committed to the cross country series, I am so glad that I made the time to experience other events that District 36 has to offer. There are many differences across the disciplines and each offers a unique version of fun and an opportunity to improve on a different set of skills. There are also many similarities such as a close family atmosphere and, of course, passion for dirt bikes!

Dr. Jen
AMA-District 36 Woman's Steward
Bring The Writer In You Out Of The Closet

Do you want to become famous? Want your story published? Well then let's do it!

Do you have a good riding and / or racing story to tell? Silly question I know, because we all have them. You know the one I mean, the favorite one you love to tell around the campfire. Yea, that one.

Or maybe you have a really easy way to make a certain repair such as when bleeding brakes or a shortcut or special technique to cleaning that air cleaner? Race tuning your suspension? Troubleshooting a sick motor? How about riding tips such as how to ride across an off-camber hill-side trail or crossing a log that's slick and at a 45 degree angle to the trail? Want to share it with us?

Our offer.....Send us your stories and include a few photos and we'll publish it in our newsletter. You have read others' stories and enjoyed them so let's get yours out there for the rest of us to enjoy.

Oh, and I kinda doubt you will become famous. But it could happen. At the least you'll be famous to us and your friends!

Send your stories and / or tech hints to Bill at: d36newsletter@gmail.com. Don't forget to include photos if you have them, especially for technical advice.

Now the fine print: We reserve the right to reject or do minor editing. We will not accept stories where you describe riding in illegal areas, damaging property or person(s), naming persons that may be doing this or describing something detrimental to mar the image of OHV riding and racing. We will not accept stories that appear as advertising, either blatantly or surreptitiously.

OK then...Let it happen.
(submission info see last page of this issue)

We Want To Hear From You

If you have questions or comments for us please contact one of your District 36 Officials. To find the appropriate official to address any questions or comments, visit our District 36 Contact Page for email addresses' or phone numbers.

The only stupid question is the one you don’t ask.

Going racing?

Reminder: Always remember to bring both your current AMA and District 36 cards with you. You will need them when signing up.

AVOID LINES ON RACE DAY
Get Your AMA Membership Before You Go

Pop Quiz answer: A chair, a bed and a toothbrush

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Lets Start a Family Enduro…..

First things first...Sound Test

Now we go to the start line

Waiting for our minute to come up

Watching the clock. 20 seconds to go!

And we’re off...

“Don’t worry Mom, I'll see you in about two hours. Have lunch ready. OK?”

Photos by Tad Cornwell
Wet Weather Soil Study - A New Trail Management Tool?

*QWR's, Don Amador, recently helped the FS's wet weather management study lead, Roger Poff, with field research on the Mendocino National Forest. QWR thanks Mr. Poff, a leading soil scientist, for sharing his overview of this important project with our readers.

Forest Service Wet Weather Management Studies – R. Poff

OHV traffic on trails under wet conditions can damage treads and drainage structures. Determining when to open or close OHV trails has been a challenge for trail managers. Some have used seasonal closures; others have used rainfall. Both of these approaches have limitations.

The USFS is conducting field studies to develop an evidence-based method for opening trails based on direct measurements of trail condition. Four pilot studies are underway, in the Pozo area on the Los Padres NF, the Stonyford and Upper Lake areas of the Mendocino NF, and the Sugar Pine area on the Tahoe NF.

The field studies involve measuring soil strength and soil moisture, and correlating these measurements with observed levels of trail damage. This information is used to predict the risk of trail damage at different levels of soil strength and soil moisture. This prediction of risk can then be used to develop threshold values to determine when to open or close trails.

This method will not be a “magic bullet” to solve all the issues related to opening and closing trails under wet conditions. However, it will be an important tool in the trail manager’s toolbox for managing trails under wet conditions.

The field studies will be completed by October 2014.

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### Enduro Schedule
- **Enduros:** 7
- **Family Enduros:** 5
- **Cross Country:** 13
- **Special Events:** 7

### Note
The Dirt Track races for the 2015 season will be added to this list when their schedule is put together at the end of January 2015.

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JOIN DISTRICT 36
The following rules were proposed and approved by a vote of the District 36 Board of Directors for the 2015 Operations Manual. (note: these are procedural rules that are decided by the BOD)

1.6.1 Rules Committee meetings may be held in June and October and/or other times as deemed necessary by the Rules Committee Chairman. The Rules Committee may consist of Stewards, D36 officials and concerned D-36 Members. Rule change submissions are submitted to the appropriate Steward; or Rules Chairman if not specific to a discipline. If submitted to the Steward, he/she shall then submit the rule change to the Rules Chairman and the Director of Competition with his/her recommendation. Prior to a final vote by the Competition Committee taking place, all proposed rule changes are to be published in either the D-36 meeting minutes or in a separate publication to be located in proximity to the meeting minutes a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. A rule change passes if approved by two thirds of the Rules Committee and then approved by a majority of the voting members of the Competition Committee in attendance at the next scheduled meeting. If a rule change passes it will become effective immediately.

1.6.2 General Rule Proposal Requirements:
1. Proposals must state which rule (with number) that is being changed and if it impacts any other rules in the D36 rulebook.
2. New rule proposals must give the location and new rule number of where the proposal is to be added.
3. The exact verbiage must be stated.
4. The proposal must state which discipline it applies to and if the appropriate Steward approves of the proposal.
5. The reason for the proposal must be stated and substantiating documentation should be provided, if available.
6. The deadline for submitting rule changes/proposals for the following year’s Operations Manual is October 15th of the current year. During the current year, at any time, a rule change/proposal that is deemed an “Emergency” rule proposal by the Rules Chairman or Director of Competition will be submitted to and voted on by the District 36 Board of Directors as soon as reasonably possible and if passed will take effect immediately.

The following rules were proposed and approved by a vote of the District 36 Competition Committee for the 2015 Operations Manual:

3.1 Paragraph B Mini Program: Ages 7 to 16th birthday. Amateur class may start at the rider’s 12th birthday and is mandatory at the rider’s 16th birthday. Once a selection is made to ride the Amateur Class, the rider will not be allowed to ride the Youth (Mini) Class again.

7.1. ADVANCEMENT
Riders are advanced from C (the lowest skill level) to A (the highest skill level) as they accumulate “advancement points”. Any rider that has earned any District 36 advancement points and is found to be riding under a no-card or false card shall forfeit all earned points and his/her eligibility to compete in future events may be withdrawn. The issuing of official results or advancement points does not exempt riders who competed in the event or series from penalties for rules violations determined by D-36 investigations following the protest period or issuance of advancement points.

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7.3 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
Points will be awarded at all District 36 approved events for the purposes of advancement and to determine the top “A” riders in each type of event. The Competition Committee may withhold points from any event if not of championship quality. The top riders shall be allotted points under the following rules. Any rider / worker that has earned any District 36 points and is found to be under a no-card or false card shall forfeit all earned points and his/her eligibility to compete in future meets may be withdrawn. Issuance of official results or posting of series standings does not exempt riders who competed in the event or series from penalties for rules violations determined by D36 investigations following the protest period or his/her posting of series standings. (Rev. Jan 2015)

7.1.7 Riders in all disciplines will be advanced to the next higher class as soon as they earn the necessary points. Riders may be advanced upon approval from the relevant discipline Steward and/or the Competition Committee. Enduro and Cross Country series participants may choose to advance according to the Enduro or Cross Country B/C Series rules, as provided by the applicable discipline Steward. (Rev Jan 2015)

7.1.8 A rider advancing from “C” shall never ride as a “C” again, in the discipline that he/she advanced. (Rev Jan 2015)

7.1.9 Any rider caught riding in a classification other than the one he/she is supposed to ride in shall forfeit all points earned in the wrong classification and his/her eligibility to compete in future events may be withdrawn. The issuing of official results, series standings or advancement points does not exempt riders who competed in events in the wrong classification from penalties for violations determined by D36 investigations following the protest period. (Rev Jan 2015)

7.1.10 Amateur riders shall not ride more than one (1) class down from his/her highest earned classification in another discipline, i.e., no “A” rider in one discipline can ride the “C” class a different discipline. AMA Professional license holders will ride in the “A” class. (Rev Jan 2015)

7.1.11 Advancement in Dirt Track will apply only to Motocross only. Advancement in Cross Country or Enduro will apply to both disciplines. If a Cross Country or Enduro rider does not wish to advance in the discipline they did not earn the advancement points in, he/she may appeal to that discipline’s Steward. (Rev Jan 2015)

7.1.12 No rider will be classed in any lower classification than the same class held in the past, unless designated by the discipline Steward and/or the Competition Committee. No rider will be allowed to return to the “C” class in any discipline that he/she earned advancement to the “B” class in. (Rev Jan 2015)

7.1.13 Any rider that has never been classified with District 36 will be placed in the “C” class, until advancement has been approved by the discipline Steward and/or the Competition Committee. Riders coming to D36 from other AMA recognized racing organizations will be classified in their correlating classifications, once verified by the applicable discipline Steward(s). (Rev Jan 2015)

7.5.3 Any District 36 “A” (including “AA”) rider who works one District 36 championship point paying Enduro will receive District 36 championship points for the worked meet. The amount of points awarded shall be determined by the rider receiving the equivalent of 4th overall points or the average of his/her best 5 rides if there are 8 or more series events. If there are less than 8 series events, the amount of points awarded shall be determined by the average of his/her best 4 rides. District 36 membership MUST be current at the time of the meet worked. (Rev Jan 2015)

Note: 7.5.3 was deleted and this rule was renumbered from 7.5.4 to 7.5.3 with subsequent rules renumbered. 7.6.1: Championship Points shall be awarded to “A”, “B” and “C” riders based on their finish in their respective classes. Throw aways are as follows:

- 6-10 season races = 1 throw away
- 11-15 season races = 2 throw aways
- There will be zero throw aways for the “AA” class and zero throw aways used for determining the top 20 Overall series champions.

Only the “A”, “AA” and “B” class riders who ride in the primary race are eligible to receive a top 20 Overall series championship. Rank points shall be awarded to all “A”, “AA” and “B” riders based on their overall finish in the primary or secondary race. Series rank assignments for the following season will begin at 21st place. (Rev Jan 2015)

7.6.8 Overall points will be awarded to all “A” and “B” riders racing in the secondary race as follows: Finish Points
1-129
2-124
3-120
4-117
5-115
6-114

Each rider beyond 6th place will receive 1 (one) point less than the previous finisher. Also, all riders beyond 140th place will receive 1 (one) point. (Rev Jan 2015)

11.1.4 A rider must start a Cross Country meet to be eligible for District 36 individual class awards and points. To start, a rider must cross the start line. (Rev Jan 2015)

11.2.6.1 The course must be 70 actual ground miles in length or longer for A and B riders and/or 50 actual ground miles for C riders in length or longer. The Enduro Steward has the authority to approve a shorter course, but not less than 60 ground miles for A and B riders in the case of extenuating circumstances. (Rev Jan 2015)

11.2.7.15 All events will use the “flip-card” system. If multiple (separate) time schedules are used for A, B or C classifications clock time can be used. (Rev Jan 2015)
DISTRICT 36 MISSION STATEMENT

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