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From The President's Sofa

“Change is in the air”

By Griff Drew

Well we have had quite some weather here lately. From cool bright days without a cloud in the sky to storm after storm as the remnants of hurricanes pass through the area. It has made for some beautiful ride days and some VERY wet and muddy ride days. The good news is that there are lots of rides scheduled for this fall. We should all have a blast.

October means that we are closing in on the **Club Elections**. We will have the information in this newsletter and I hope everyone knows the importance of the Board positions for the operations of the club. We all know that we would probably not have places to ride without SMDR. But it is the short list of 5 officers that coordinated 5 away rides, 11 Budds rides, 10 workdays, 19 DeMarr rides, the actions of 600 members, and the distribution of thousands in dues.

Mark Adams, Vance Denton

Eric Johnson, and John Andrews have supported these items for the past year - **Vance** and **Eric** for much longer. They do this for the love of the sport, to protect our riding areas, and to insure that SMDR will continue. I would like to thank each one of you for a job well done! Show your support for the club by voting, volunteering for a committee, or running for office. I don't care what you know about riding, racing, or management, I guarantee that you will learn new skills in each of these areas and a love for the sport on a new level.

Like the changes in the weather, I feel that the SMDR organization is ripe for a change. This year, we have two long standing Board members that have decided that their duty to the club has been fulfilled. Treasurer **Vance Denton**

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Activities Schedule for October

10/2/2004 –Budds Creek, MX and Trail (SMDR Members Only)

10/3/2004 –DeMarr Ride @ DeMarr rd. MX and Trail

10/10/2004 –DeMarr Ride @ DeMarr rd. MX and Trail

10/10/2004 –Cancelled Makeup

Workday (Tomahawk)

10/13/2004 –SMDR Meeting @ SMECO, Waldorf Maryland

10/17/2004 –Budds Creek, MX and Trail (SMDR Members Only)

10/31/2004 –Budds Creek, Last SMDR Make-up Workday

11/6/2004 –Toy Drive at Budds Creek, MX and Trail (SMDR Members Only) You will be required to donate a toy or cash to gain admittance

Note: Please call the Rideline for the latest information

October 13, 2004-SMDR Meeting @ SMECO



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and Records Director **Eric Johnson** have decided to join the ranks of normal club members. This decision means that there are two openings on the Board for new meat.

Did I mention that being on the Board does not require experience or minimum time in the club? Have you noticed a theme to my newsletter articles?

I have decided that my time as President has passed. Most people will find it no surprise that after two years I will step down from being President. My decision means that three positions are open on the board. We need your help now more than ever.

In the past members have thought that the elections were a "done deal" prior to the November meetings. While I know that we look for people that are interested in being on the board, the election is not fixed. You may notice that the subject of this article is one month early. That is to give you a chance to talk to any board member about your interest in running for a position. **Don't be shy - let us know!**

SMDR's Meeting Schedule

Our monthly general meeting will be back at the SMECO building in White Plains, Maryland (across from Atlantic Cycle) from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Please remember, no food or

drinks are allowed in the meeting hall at SMECO.

1. October 13, 2004-SMECO
2. November 10, 2004-SMECO

SMDR Picnic/ Club Ride/Pit Bike Relay Re- CAP

By *Mark Adams*

Hurricane Ivan did his best to stop our summer picnic this year, but as usual, the perseverance (?) or just plain craziness of a few die hard dirt bikers prevailed and the picnic turned into a successful outing for those who dared to brave the elements.

I arrived at Budds Creek about 8 am to be greeted by a few people who signed up to fulfill their workday requirements. I expected a low turnout, but by 9:30 we had over twenty riders unloading bikes and getting dressed in their best duck suits. **Kevin Copeland** was the first to brave the soggy, soupy, Budds Creek MX track. A bunch of us watched in amazement as his trusty KTM wiggled around the track. Past President and chief SAC, **Mike Baker**, not to be outdone by **Kevin** or hampered by **Ivan** put on a mud riding clinic and even managed to get enough air to clear the pit side table top. A feat which had I not seen it for myself, I wouldn't have believed.

By mid afternoon the skies dried up, and the food and music

arrived along with a bunch of fair weather riders (I include myself in this group). **Glen Sosbe** put on a magnificent feast of BBQ chicken, Italian Sausages, burgers and dogs while **Brian Bowling's** DJ equipment belted out the tunes. We ate and we rocked for hours. Thanks to both of those gentlemen for the efforts.

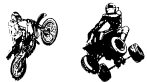
Let us not forget one of the highlights of the afternoon, the inaugural Pit Bike Relay. Due to the MX track being so messy, we arranged an alternate track in one of the parking areas. Cones and trash cans were used to mark the course. We had seven bikes with teams of three riders doing two laps a piece. The winning team of **Gery Vandervliet**, **Nate Vandervliet**, and **Garret McGuin** took home some modest trophies for their efforts. The action on the track during the race was intense with all of the participants having fun and doing their best to stay on the little machines. I personally almost got stuffed into a trash can during my stint on the bike by a rider who I will not name (you know who you are) but I got redemption just before crossing the finish line. Good clean racing.

Letter to the Board

By *Doug Moser*

I just wanted to say thanks to each of you for the countless hours you guys have put in making the club what it is today. My son and I really appreciate the "privilege" of being SMDR mem-

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bers. I know it wouldn't be possible without the hard work of some real dedicated people like yourselves.

Vance, my hats off to you especially. When the insurance issue first came up last year I thought DeMarr road, and possibly the club, were done. I can't imagine the phone calls, letters and time you spent dealing with insurance companies to find coverage. I hate dealing with the routine insurance coverage. I'm sure the words "off road vehicles" multiplied the frustration level. Personally, I would have preferred a root canal. It probably wasn't a solo effort, but you were the point man for it. Thanks to you and all involved.

A "Thank You" may be nice, but an offer to help is really appreciated. My schedule may not allow me to commit to a club position. However, that doesn't mean I'm not willing to help. If there's something I can do, please let me know. I talked to **Eric** at the last meeting and he mentioned organizing one of the upcoming club rides. Keep me in mind if you need some fill in help.

So again, Thanks guys. You probably get to hear all the gripes and complaints. Well I have none. I just wanted you all to know that you have at least 2 completely happy SMDR members who appreciate your efforts. See you on the dirt,

Picnic Planning 2004, Many thanks to our Sponsors

During the picnic-planning meeting, the task came up to go to our sponsors and purchase goodies for the give away at the SMDR picnic and Christmas party. Just think you have a hand full of cash and the task to buy stuff at the motorcycle stores, life can get any better. The following paragraphs have been compiled on our experience with our sponsors.

Barry Howard's task was to go to the MFI store in Woodbridge and meet with the owner **Mark Spence** and purchase an allotment of gifts. So I found a rainy Wednesday morning and came up with some lame excuse to the boss and managed to disappear for a few hours. The MFI store is located off of 95 on the prince William parkway. I couldn't miss the shop; there were dirt bikes and ATV's all over in front of the building and the parking lot was full of customers (don't these people have jobs). I went in and introduced myself to **Mark Spence** and he was open and friendly and introduced me to the parts manager. From there we went on a shopping spree. After the bill was paid, Mark came up to me and directed one of his counter people to get a hand full of tee shirts for SMDR member also. My experience with MFI was great; they made me feel like family. So if you get a chance stop in and thank Mark for his generosity.

Eric Johnson had the task of going to Atlantic Cycle who is a big

supporter of our SMDR Picnic. The club gets a deep discount on the give away gifts we purchase there and Missy, the manager of the part department, always prepares a box of free stuff to donate to us. Some of the higher value items at the raffle were donated by Atlantic. Everyone should support Atlantic Cycle the best they can and thank them next time you stop in for parts, oil or a new bike.

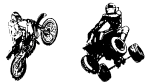
From La Plata to Altoona to Colorado Springs by Mike Barnett

I have always wanted to write an article for the SMDR newsletter but never took the time or mustered up the courage....so here we go.

I had been riding dirt bikes off and on since 1978, when I moved to Southern Maryland in 1992 and met my best friend, Brian Wilt. He lived down the street and became my new riding partner. We rode in the snow, mud, dust....you name it, we did it. In 1995 I bought a 300EX and decided I needed some better riding terrain to break it in, other than the local trails Brian and I had made. Brian found a club that would have some great riding opportunities and we attended our first meeting with Pat Sullivan as President. A club full of great people who love riding as much as we did, sign us up!

I have met so many great friends and had more experiences

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than I could have expected. I want to thank all the board members, present and past, for making it such a great club. I have watched the local riding areas diminish in front of my eyes, but because of this club, I have had the opportunity to ride in a place where the people are nice and the riding is awesome. A place where there are hills, rocks, "Big Murf" and a tunnel under the highway.

If you are lucky enough to have been there, you know that I am talking about Altoona, Pa. Where Nanny & Pop Pop Noel lived on top of the hill and have opened their arms to SMDR year after year. Though Pop Pop is in a better place, we are blessed to still have Nanny, with a heart of gold, to cater to your every need. Nanny, you mean a lot to us/me and I hope that life brings you more happiness than you can hold. It makes me smile to know that there are still good people in this world like Nanny, Jennie and "Mountain Man" George. So, if you have not made time in your busy schedule to visit Altoona, do it and tell them Barnett sent you. I promise you won't be sorry.

Though Altoona has brought much happiness in my past, my future holds bigger hills. My wife, Connie and I are moving to Colorado Springs, Co. in November. Colorado is like a big playground for us with skiing, hiking and biking available everywhere you look. So we are going to try living in the mountains we love to play in. We will send out change of address cards with all new information and hope to be hearing from

you guys. There will always be room in our home and our hearts for our SMDR friends. We will miss you all terribly but will be back to visit from time to time.

Thanks for checking out my little note. Take care everybody.

Mike Barnett

SMDR Elections 2004/2005

ARTICLE II

SECTION 8. Voting. At all meetings of members every member entitled to vote thereat shall have one (1) vote. If the chairman of the meeting shall so determined, a vote by ballot may be taken upon the request of ten percent (10%) or more of all of the members present and entitled to vote on such election or matter. Official written ballots will be distributed to the qualified voting members.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 2. Number of directors. The number of directors shall be five (5). Directors must be active members. The directors shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until the next annual meetings. At each annual meetings the successor directors shall be elected to hold office for term of one (1) year. There are no limits to how many terms an officer may serve as long as they are voted into office.

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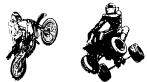
Officers

SECTION 1. Election,

Tenure and Compensation. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-president, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Records Director, and also such other officers, and/or one or more assistants to the foregoing officers as the Board of Directors from time to time may consider necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Corporation. All officers of the Corporation shall be members of the American Motorcyclist Association. All officers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Candidates for the prospective offices must be nominated by active members. All elective offices shall be filled at an annual election to be held on the second Wednesday of November of each year and all officers shall hold office for one year or until a successor is elected and qualified. All nominated candidates running for office will be decided upon by a of those qualified members present at the majority of votes meeting. Except where otherwise expressly duly authorized by the Boar of Directors, all officers and agents of the corporation shall be subject to removal at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Powers and Duties of the President.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have general charge and control of all its business affairs and properties. He shall preside at all meetings of the members. The President shall vote only when necessary to break a tie. The President may sign and



execute all authorized bonds, contracts or other obligations in the name of the Corporation. He shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of president of a corporation. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all the standing committees. He shall do and perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Powers and Duties of the Vice President. The active members shall elect a Vice President. Any Vice President (unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors) may sign and execute all authorized bonds, contracts, or other obligations in the name of the Corporation. The Vice President shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the President. In case of the absence or disability of the President, the duties of that office shall be performed by the Vice President, and the taking of any action by the Vice President in place of the President shall be conclusive evidence of the absence or disability of the President.

SECTION 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall give, or of all meetings of members and required by law or by these By Laws, and in case of his absence or refusal or neglect to do so, any such notice may be given by any person there unto directed by the President, or by the directors or members upon

cause to be given, notice. directors and all other notices whose written request the meeting is called as provided in these by-laws. The Secretary shall record all the proceedings of the meeting of the members and of the directors in the other provided for that purpose, and he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the directors or the President. He shall have the custody of the seal of the Corporation and affix: the same to all instruments requiring it, when authorized by the Board of Directors or the President, and attest the same. In general, the Secretary shall perform all the duties generally incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Board of Directors and the President.

SECTION 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation, and he shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation. He shall deposit all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the board of Directors.

SECTION 6. Records Director: The Records Director is responsible for maintaining, updating, and reviewing all membership records.

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