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From The Presidents Desk

“Ride to Live, Live to Ride”

By Mark Adams

There are very few things that remain constant in one's life. Its a fact, things change. Our bodies change, our jobs change, sometimes friends change, and for almost fifty percent of us, our wives change. For me though, there is one thing that has stayed more constant with me than anything else. That being my passion for riding dirt bikes. The adrenaline one feels when crossing sweet tera firma and lofting both body and bike into the air for a scant few seconds is like none else I have ever experienced.

This sport has taken me as far away as Baja, Mexico and also brought me some of the closest friends I think I shall ever find. It has endured grueling two hour hare scrambles, and long drawn out motos at the MX track. It has shown me what charity is all about, and about how champions are made. I believe this sport has two types of champions. One is the person that wins the

other is the person that holds the races for us to ride or the guy who spends his time so that others may know the joy he feels. I'm sure we can all name a few individuals who fit this description. Its through their efforts that the spirit of dirt bike riding is kept alive and passed on through generations.

Whether its the comradely, the spirit, the adrenaline rush or just the sweet smell of race gas early in the morning, one thing has remained constant for me since I was a little kid on an XR80. That is that I love riding dirt bikes. I believe the old saying "Ride to Live, Live to Ride" is truly the secret of life. Be safe and Happy Holidays.

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Activities Schedule for January

January 12, 2005—SMDR Club meeting

month

January 15, 2005—Arena Cross, starts at 7:00. The tickets are all \$20.00 a seat.

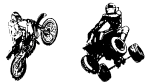
LPC New Member Signup, We will take memberships to the club on a first-come, first-serve basis

February 1, 2005 - SMDR Membership Dues is Due

Our 2005 ride schedule will be published next

Note: Please call the Rideline for the latest information

January 12, 2005 SMDR Meeting at Smeco



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. January 12, 2005-SMDR Meeting at SMECO
2. February 9, 2005-SMDR Meeting at SMECO
3. March 9, 2005-SMDR Meeting at SMECO
4. April 13, 2005-SMDR Meeting at SMECO,
5. May 11, 2005-SMDR Meeting at SMECO
6. June 8, 2005-SMDR Meeting at SMECO

December Meeting Minutes By Cheryl Magee



The December meeting was held on Dec. 4th prior to our annual Christmas Party at Melwood. The meeting was opened by George, aka Santa and the turned over to Mark who addressed Todd to get the final de-

tails in order for the Center for Children Christmas Party. Todd informed the club that in the past the turn out for children was between 130 and 150, this year we're expecting 238. It's a good feeling knowing we have been given the opportunity to help these children have a good Christmas.

Mark then took over the meeting addressing the concerns with Demarr Road and people riding the track without it being a club ride. Demarr Road is only opened to us for club rides and it is unacceptable for any club member to give permission for anyone to ride the track when it is not a scheduled club ride. Mark said that he would protect our right to ride at Demarr Road but we as a club have to do our part to abide by the rules.

Next on the floor, the District 7 Sanctioning Meeting and the effects it will have on the upcoming season. We learned that the Club points race is scheduled for October 2, 2005. Also we were told that six of nine of the District 7 tracks have left and joined MDRA (Mason Dixon Riders Association). On the positive side, District 7 has picked up three tracks, Virginia Motor sports, South fork and Atco. Griff stepped in to say that we have sixteen dates available to choose from for our club rides and that the schedule would be out in January.

In the past SMDR has given out lifetime achievement awards and this year wasn't any different. Mark presented the award to Vance Denton for all of his hard work he has done for the club. Mark said that Vance was "instrumental in maintaining Demarr Road for us" in that "he has spent countless hours

making sure we had insurance and were able to ride". Vance replied by saying that "the best part of being part of SMDR are the friendships and relationships I have made along the way". Thanks Vance for all of your hard work!! The Club really appreciates it.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!!

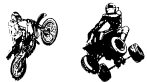
Winners for the best "Decorated Bike and Rider" contest

The Christmas bike/rider decorating contest at the Center for Children Christmas Party was Tara Russell who won for best dressed rider and Josh Clark who won for best decorated bike. Each winner will receive a fifty dollar gift certificate from Atlantic Cycle at next months meeting.

Center for Children Christmas party

Our 4th annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 15th at the Waldorf Jaycees hall to benefit the Center for Children. Santa and Mrs. Claus were led by there trusty team of 2 and 4 wheel reindeer. The event started of with a parade thru the Jaycees parking lot led by Don Kabala in his police car. Santa was met at the end of the parade route by 175 screaming

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children.

Once inside the hall, Santa spoke with each child. Each child received there picture with Santa, a stocking filled with good-ies, and a present.(all donated by our generous club members). The smiles on these kids faces was well worth the effort of the mem-bers who took part in the party. Thank you to all the people that were at this event.

Christmas party highlights

There was plenty of food and holiday cheer for the 60 or so members who attended. The pri-mary members were treated to 4 trips to the prize giveaway table from our generous sponsors.

The women of the club were treated to a great Chinese gift exchange. There was plenty of stealing of Christmas presents be-tween the women.

Griff Drew was the lucky winner of the mountain bike raffle (we collected \$235.00 for the Center for Children Christmas party). There was plenty of bench racing going on through out the evening.

Our SMDR Board members & Sr. Advisory Commit-

As our club grows and gets older, we thought it would be a

good idea to present a bio of our board members and Sr. Advisory committee in hopes that you will get to know them better and help support SMDR. Each month we will try to print bio's of each board member as they become available.

Todd Fuska VP

I graduated from Lackey High school in 1987. I began work-ing for Carsco Inc. in 1987. My po-sition is warehouse manager. My company manufactures automotive cleaning chemicals. (i.e.. dirt bike cleaning chemicals) I joined the club in 1999. I started out riding a Honda 250x atv. I currently ride a Honda CRF 450f. I enjoy riding my Harley when I am not on my CRF. I have previously served on the board as Secretary and as Vice President. The thing that I hope to get out of this club the most this year is to have more membership involve-ment (after all this is everyone's club).

Karen Acton Treasurer

I graduated from Cross-land High school in 1977 and went on to get a bachelors degree in accounting from UMUC in Col-lege Park and then returned to UMUC to get a masters degree in finance. I am the Publisher of Southern Maryland Newspapers which includes the Maryland In-dependent in Charles County, The Enterprise in St. Mary's County and the Calvert Recorder in Cal-vert County.

I have been involved with motorcycles through my husband

and my son, my entire adult life and not just as a spectator. I was part of my husband's pit crew when he drag raced a Harley Davidson professionally as we pursued the number 1 plate! We have also road raced and now we are racing motocross as my son pursues his passion.

We have been members of SMDR since 1998. Since my son and husband ride or race every weekend (I attend all of them), that doesn't leave me much time for other hobbies.

I think SMDR is a great club for motorcycle enthusiasts and I offered to be the Treasurer because of my accounting back-ground and my desire to give back to the club that has given so much to my family.

Griff Drew Records Director

Born April 1970 in Rich-mond VA. Graduated Hampden-Sydney College in 1992. I am cur-rently the Vice President and CTO of a government contracting com-pany in Rosslyn, VA. I started rid-ing at 6 but my first "real" motor-cycle at 13 was an XR 200. I took a 7 year break from riding during college and started riding again in late 1995. I started racing Hare Scrambles in 1997 on an XR 650. I think my greatest racing accom-plishment is finishing 3rd on the 650 the weekend before scheduled shoulder surgery. The following is a brief history of my racing and club accomplishments:

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- 1997 3rd place C Class HS
- 1998 Joined SMDR; 2nd place B Class HS
- 1999 4th place A Class HS
- 2000 1st place 4 Stroke HS; 3rd place C Class Enduro
- 2001 Started LPC - LPC Chairman; 1st place B 4-Stroke Class Enduro; 2nd Place B Class Enduro
- 2002 VP SMDR; 1st place B Class Enduro; 2nd place ECEA B 4 Stroke Class Enduro
- 2003 President SMDR, revamped club website (it still needs work!)
- 2004 President SMDR, started "first come first serve" membership

The new members that know me appreciate that my favorite thing is to bring new people in to the club, especially people that are "getting back in to riding". I think we have a great club that is full of experienced members and accomplished racers that can give and get advice as needed.

I think the culture of the area is changing as the population increases and I would like to see the club take a more active role in the political changes that impact riding in Maryland and Virginia.

Classified Ads

1999 Yamaha V-Star 650, Burgundy Red, Less than 300 orig.

miles, garage kept. \$3,500.00 . Call Dien (dean) Wilson (301) 705-7435

2000 Yamaha YZ426F Excellent Condition, Vet owned and maintained, Fresh Top End, New tires, Bump sticks Suspension, Only raced twice this year. I have all paperwork! KBB says its worth \$2300 - \$3300 NADA says \$2300 - \$3000 I am asking for \$2900 Call for list of goodies. 301-638-2233 or E-Mail hogs-rus@us.net

2001 Yamaha TTR-90. Original owner, purchased new 7/02 for \$1,700 +. Excellent condition. Very low hours. Great starter bike. Three speed with auto clutch. Comes with the following nearly new kid size riding gear (a \$350 retail value): HJC helmet size S/M youth; Thor Phase 3 pants size 26; MSR Boots size 4; Scott Voltage R goggles. Make a kid very happy this Christmas or treat yourself to a great pit bike for only \$950. Stewart Bartley. (703) 823-0539 or Sbartley59@comcast.net.

2001 zy 80 very clean new tire pro circuit pipe rental bars new plastic rebuilt motor by bump sticks runs great 1800.00 call Charlie 301 609 7654 cell 301 752 6592 5-04

2004 YZ125, bought new 7/04. Adult owned, fresh top end, new tires, some mod's, looks good, runs great \$3800.00 obo. Call Marshall 301-645-5761. (9-04)

2002 - WR250F. Excellent condition with Dr. D exhaust \$4100.00 Ronnie (H) 301.292.0663 / (W) 301.839.8453 email: rcope-land@nrlfcu.org

2002 KLX 300 for sale, complete with Baja kit, fully street legal

with street legal title. Never ridden Lots of spare parts and nice upgrades If anybody is interested have them contact me and we can talk (eric.c.boock@intel.com)day phone is 703 633 0947, Evening 703 803 3149

2002 KLX 300R--Very Clean, adult owned, well maintained, Moose easy clutch, Rental handlebars, skid plate, many more extras, starts easily, and runs great. Just \$3500 Call Lenny at (301) 934-0186

Motorcade single dirt bike trailer hitch \$125 obo, kids motocross gear pants, gloves, helmet, jersey, chest protector make offer adult motocross gear pants, gloves, helmet, jersey, chest protector make offer all motocross gear worn approx three rides still very fresh contact Lou at 301-452-6021 cell thx

Please submit all Classified Ads request to Barry Howard (barry383@comcast.net)

SMDR Membership Dues is Due, please use the attached form to submit your dues.. The attached form and your dues id due no latter that February 1, 2005