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From The Presidents Desk

“Welcome Aboard”

by Rick Lukasik

Welcome aboard to our newest LPC members and congratulations to those who were moved up into the main SMDR portion of the club. On April 1st we held our annual membership drive with just over 100 openings. When I pulled into the Atlantic parking lot at 5:30am it was full. There were a lot of smiling faces even at this early hour! Luckily the weather man was wrong and the rain held off for the sign-up. I would like to thank our Blue Crew for all their work and help in making this such an orderly success, they came through as always. When I pulled into the DeMarr road facility, it was full as well. More than just a few new members took advantage of their new membership. We were starting to run out of parking spaces from all the vehicles. My thanks to Steve and Kevin for the riders meeting and taking some of the new riders and showing them the track and trails. This will go a long way in keeping things safer. A job well done as well for the great condi-

tion of the trails and the tracks!

While I am on the subject of the DeMarr road facility, there have been incidents of club members trespassing during non-riding days. This will not be tolerated. We have also had members and non-members caught riding and dropping club officer's names saying they have permission to be there. No one has permission to be there no matter what type of "cycle" you are riding. The only time you can ride there is during scheduled rides. This is the only time we are covered by insurance. We do not want to lose our riding privileges for a selfish few. As the president, I am the only one who can give permission for non-members to ride there. In the few incidents I might allow this; it will be during scheduled rides only. Our Blue Crew will not accept any more excuses from members and non-members. You have been warned

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Activities Schedule for April

April 14, 2007 Demarr Rd,
SMDR Members and LPC Mem-
bers

April 21, 2007 Budds Creek MX
Track, SMDR Members Only

April 22, 2007 Demarr Rd,
SMDR Members and LPC Mem-
bers

April 28, 2007 Christmas in April
Project

April 29, 2007 Budds Creek MX
Track, SMDR Members Only

May 5, 2007 Demarr Rd, SMDR
Members and LPC Members

June 15,16 & 17, 2007 Pro Na-
tionals at Budds Creek

*Please call the Ride line for the
latest information on upcoming
rides or log onto our new updated
web site www.smdr.org*

April 11, 2007 SMDR Meeting at SMECO



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so, next time you are caught chances are you will be arrested and your bike impounded.

For all you SMDR members, if you have not signed up for your workday please do so. We still have positions open for the Nationals to fill. You can send Jim and e-mail with your availability and he will add you to his list. Please be proactive on scheduling your workday and not wait for the last minute. We will start checking your name at the rides and expect you to sign up for your workday prior to riding. For the New LPC members, please contact either Steve or Kevin, their e-mail address is on our website, and schedule your gate day and workday. If you would like to get more involved with the inter-workings of the club let Steve or Kevin know. They are always looking for members who want to do more in making the club the best it can be. If you have any equipment and would like to help in grooming the track and/or woods let Steve or Kevin know, they can always use the help. For all our LPC members, we will be holding a lottery at each club meeting, second Wednesday of each month, for a chance to ride with the main club at Budds Creek. Please feel free to join us at our meetings and you may get more than you expected from it! Ride Safe.

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. April 11, 2007 SMECO Building White Plains MD.
2. May 9, 2007 SMECO Building White Plains MD.
3. June 13, 2007 SMECO Building White Plains MD.

Meeting Minutes March 13, 2007 by Ray Rands

Our Monthly meeting was held on March 13th, 2007 at the SMECO building in White Plains, MD. At 7:00pm.

Rick Lukasik opens the meeting talking about the upcoming ride at Budds Creek on March 18th, 2007. Rick also talks about the SMDR renewals and the LPC move ups, 90% of the SMDR members should be receiving there cards in the mail soon and some LPC chapter members will be getting letter asking if they would like to move up to the main SMDR chapter, the letters are going out this month. The LPC Chair Steve Blinn takes the floor and talks about the riding property on Demarr Road, and that the trails have directional arrows, please follow the marked direction,

if unsure there will be a map at the sign in desk, and will be on the website, or just ask. Karen Acton goes over the clubs financial sheets and speaks briefly about the Privateer Award for the 2007. Rich Pettit speaks about the new SMDR / LPC calendar that Darryl Smith a SMDR member has made, calendars will be on sale for \$10.00 dollars and the proceeds go back to the club for special events, like the Privateer award, gifts for the center for children and other activities. Also the club has added a new sponsor Carbon Fiber Works, check them out at <http://www.carbonfiberworks.com> Mike Bake takes the floor and speaks about the upcoming Christmas in April, and the work that needs to be done on the home. George Vincent awards Vance Denton with I BE MORE MAN THAN YOU award for his outstanding adventures. Thank you Vance for keeping us entertained

The club awarded Donnie Huff an Appreciation Award for all his work over at the Demarr road property, without him the grass would be too tall no one could see the track or park. Tim Titcomb talks about the **2007 Masters Motocross Series, A modern motocross series for 30+, 40+, 45+ and 50+ riders!** New for 2007, the Masters Motocross Series teams up with the AHRMA-Mid Atlantic Vintage program to offer a short series, full-length motos, and an atmosphere like most of us enjoyed when points races were the races to attend. This is not a club, organization, race promoter, or any

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similar structure. It is just a group of riders who want to enjoy racing motocross with each other and are pitching in for year-end awards for our own enjoyment. There will be a \$25 per class annual fee to participate in this series, with 90% or more of fees per class used for awards.

All races run on Saturdays so there are no conflicts with other MX series events. Race Events:

1. Budds Creek Saturday, March 31
2. Tomahawk Saturday, May 12
3. Tomahawk Saturday, June 2
4. Mountaineer Saturday, August 18

For additional information and application form, check out <http://www.ahrma-ma.org>. After the break the meeting started the Signup lottery for the best work days, once the signup was over the meeting was adjourned

Christmas In April Project, April 28th

For those who have not been aware of Christmas in April Project, SMDR has participated in this community service project for over 10 years. This year we will be working on a home in the Bryans Road area, the home owner is a very nice 83 year old widowed lady, in a very needy situation. We are planning on meeting at the Bryans Road McDonalds at 7:00 AM.

Our Task include the following; Re-Carpet, Paint, Repair vinyl floor, Replace door, Repair overhead light, Install smoke de-

tector, Replace attic door (non stair type), Replace shower tile board, Replace medicine cabinet, Replace shower & window rods, Caulk Replace entry lock set, Install trim, foundation wall, Paint entire exterior, Paint front porch rail, Replace glass in 4 windows, Replace Plexiglas in front door, Replace back door, Re-run cable wire.

As before there will be a dinner party afterwards held at the Charles County fair grounds.

Nuts & Bolts Forum

By Rich Pettit

Next let's go over brake fluids

Brake fluid is a magic elixir. To work properly, brake fluid must be thin enough to respond instantly, compatible with brake components (plastic, metal and rubber) and able to remain consistent in temperatures that vary from 500 degrees to freezing.

Polyglycol fits the brake fluid profile to a T. Unfortunately, glycol, an alcohol derivative, has one nasty habit: it absorbs water (so what you say)? Brake fluid absorbs moisture out of the ATMOSPHERE AT AN ALARMING RATE. Fill a cup with DOT 3 brake fluid (the type most likely came with our bikes) to the brim and let sit on your bench (be careful with brake fluid it will damage painted surfaces and can discolor some plastics if spilled on them) over time the fluid will overflow from the cup.

Hydraulic brake systems are sealed, so how does the water get in?

These are the major culprits:

1. Hygroscopic fluids, like brake fluid, can actually pull moisture past the master

cylinder's diaphragm.

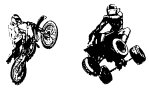
2. Moisture can enter when the reservoir cover is off.

3. The brake fluid can be contaminated with water BEFORE you put it in your brake system (how you say?) don't purchase a container that looks like it's been around for a while, also reseal (put cap back) immediately after use to keep moisture at bay, note: there is a seal under the cap of container that has to be perforated to pour fluid from container. I put a small hole in seal to help slow down moisture absorption.

Moisture is a problem but so is heat. Using a few square inches of brake puck to stop a 400 pound motorcycle and rider generates heat. How much heat? up to +500 degrees. This is transferred through the brake pads directly to the brake fluid. Brake fluid can become so hot that it will boil, and when it boils, it vaporizes into a compressible gas. Under braking, the vaporized gas compresses before the hydraulic fluid and makes your brakes feel mushy. Even worse, if you mix the two troublemakers, water and heat things get worse. When water gets into your brake fluid, it lowers the boiling point and causes the brakes to fade even earlier. What fluids are available to fight the twin evils of water and heat? The DOT (Department of Transportation), which regulates brake fluid, has criteria so stringent that only three companies produce brake fluid in the USA (no matter whose name is on the can, the brake fluid came from Dupont <Dow or Union Carbide). The DOT grade brake fluids by type, boiling point and compatibility. Here are the big players in brake fluid types.

DOT 3: In almost all cases, DOT 3 is the least expensive and lowest performing brake fluid produced. DOT 3 is compatible with DOT 4 and DOT 5.1 and has a wet boiling point of +284 degrees. Note: the higher the wet

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boiling point, the less susceptible the fluid is to absorbing water.

DOT 4: DOT 4 is compatible with DOT 3 and DOT 5.1 and has a wet boiling point of + 311 degrees. Most DOT 3 fluids meet DOT 4 regulations and vice versa.

DOT 5: the high boiling point of DOT 5 makes it look attractive, but if water or air got into the system, DOT 5 would get syrupy (not allowing the micro bubbles to separate and float to the top of the reservoir). DOT 5 is NOT compatible with DOT 3, DOT 4 or DOT 5.1 and has a wet boiling point of + 500 degrees.

DOT 5.1: DOT 5.1 was designed for the antilock braking systems (ABS) on today's automobiles. DOT 5.1 is the thinnest brake fluid and offers the least hot -to-cold change in viscosity. DOT 5.1 is compatible with DOT 3 and DOT 4 and has a wet-boiling point of + 356 degrees.

So what should you use? First and foremost, you should NOT use DOT 5. REPEAT: do not use DOT 5.

Your bike or ATV most likely came with low-cost DOT 3 fluid. After break-in, replace the stock fluid with new DOT 3, 4 or 5.1 fluid. Be forewarned that mixing new fluids with old fluids lowers the boiling point of the new fluid, so flush the complete system.

Although fluids with high wet ratings can run longer before water contamination becomes too great, it's never smart to run fluid longer than six months anyway. DOT 3, 4 or 5.1 fluids all work well. Your usage and standards determine which one is best for your mighty steed.

Till next time, ride safe and as always keep the rubber side down.

Classified Ads

Wanting to trade 1973 Kawasaki F11 250 Enduro, this bike only has 300 orig. miles it is near show room new, it will need a title to be street legal, but the original is long lost. Vintage jap show trophy winner, Wanting to trade for four stroke pit bike, xr crf trr etc. mini or full size. What do you have? Other bike trades considered. howardhepone@aol.com or phone 717-227-3512 4/07

1995 Yamaha Blaster 200. New top end, Holeshoot front and rear tires, Runs good. \$1,000 obo. Pgianni@comcast.net Joey (2-07)

1997 CR250, Nice bike, ridden and maintained by a old rider. Lots of upgrades to make it a great woods ride. \$2200 or OBO email me at phreakingeeek@gmail.com

2000 XR 100 Good condition runs great and just never got the time to ride it. Selling for \$1000 or best offer. If you are interested please call 240-508-2907 or call 301-932-4853 no later than 8:00 pm please and ask for Bryan. 4/07

2000 Kawasaki KX 80 This bike is in excellent condition. It was raced in the mini-women's class several times. The crank has bin changed a year ago and has 10 races on it. The top end was done maybe 3 races ago and I have a new piston on hand. It has a pro-circuit pipe, V force reed block, PE clutch basket, Pro Taper fat bars, Bumpstiks suspension, Pro wheel rims, Dunlop tires and other goodies as well as many parts. Asking \$1000 call David 240-346-6464 3-07

2001 yamaha FZ1 , (1000cc. crotch rocket) Very fast and clean,

gloss black, polished muzzy exhaust, well maintained by certified mechanic, just had tune-up, 21,000 miles. \$3,900 obo. Call or e-mail joey for more info. 301-385-4688 or pgianni@comcast.net 3-07

2001 Yamaha TTR 125L for sale \$1100. / OBO - Excellent running bike in good condition, son has moved up and must sell this bike. Please call (410) 535-1904 or (240) 375-3793

2001 KX250 This bike has never been raced, only ridden at club rides. New top end, new bearings to complete rear end. FMF exhaust and silencer, V Force 3 Valve, I CAT, Uni air filter and have other extras for the bike. Asking \$2600 OBO. Contact Rodney at (301) 843-3409.

2002 WR250F, \$2500 OBOYZF auto decompression exhaust cam, YZF muffler with PMB end cap and spark arrestor,- Pro Taper AC3 bar, Moose full skidplate, Flatlandracing radiator guards, Works Connection frame guards, Suspension resprung and revalved by CDR- avNow (better version of thePowerNow), Michelin MS2 front and S12 rear tires, Seal Savers Call Alan 240-418-6854, avinh@verizon.net

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

2003 KTM SX 125 This bike is in excellent shape. It was raced in the women's class only a couple times. The piston was changed and has maybe 4 rides on it since. It has bumpstiks suspension, he changed the springs, shock reservoir with valving and is set up for a 100-120 pound rider. Asking \$2200 Call George 240-346-4486

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2003 Honda TRX400 EX listed 26 Jan 2007, for sale on the web site. I would like to update the price from \$3,800.00 to \$3,200.00 OBO Shaun Walker, shaun.walker@navy.mil 3-07

2003 CRF450R, Very good condition. Raced one season by old slow fat bald super senior rider. New clutch with Hinson hub, Custom Suspension by MotoWorks, Stage-3 motor mod by RRP, gripper seat, fresh bearings, new valves, hand guards, lots of extras. \$3100 obo. Call 301-752-0718. 3-07

2003KX125- Pro circuit stainless shorty pipe - Pro Taper bar - B3 ballistic grip seat - Michelin treads - runs great -\$1400 OBO - Must sell bought new bike Call -202 812-3615 Wendell Bankett (2-07)

2003 Honda TRX 400EX, Well maintained. Owner/Aircraft Mechanic.

ProCircuit T-4 exhaust, Dyno-jet stage 3 jet kit, Dyno-jet Rev kit (ignition), Full Granite Gear Aluminum Air box, K&N air filter with filter skin, Tag Fat bars with recently new grips, Durablue +2 inch Rear axle--2" wider than stock, New EBC sintered brake pads front and rear, New Factory FX gripper seat cover and New Rear axle bearings. \$3,800.00 OBO shaunwalker117@yahoo.com call Shaun 240-538-8865 (2-07)

2004 YZ250F, it has ProTaper bars, a Sunstar sprocket, and Brake away levers, Very well maintained. Seldom Raced. \$2,900. 4/07

2004 Suzuki JR50 ridden only a hand full of times, has center mount training wheels which do come off easy, bike is still in new condition. I

do have pics just e-mail me. \$750.00 O B O . D a v i d H e a t h dheath@passportbmw.com 301-641-7599

2005 Honda CRF450R This bike is in excellent condition. It was raced by a Super Senior just over one season. It has a New piston, New faction valves, New valve springs and seals. It has race tech gold valves in the forks and Dunlop tires. It is ready for a new race season. Asking \$4800 call David 240-346-6464 3-07

2005 crf250 for sale. Very clean and fast! new tires, new wiseco hi-compression piston, never raced, power nows, never abused. Oil and filter changed an air filter cleaned every ride, owned by certified mechanic. \$4,300 obo. Call or email joey @ 301-385-4688 or pgianni@comcast.net. 3-07

2005 KTM Mini Adventurer 50-- Looks and runs great! For riders/racers 4 - 8 years old. New plastic, rear tire, and brakes. Asking \$900. Located in La Plata call Lenny 301-752-5041 3-07

2005 CRF250R, Excellent condition, used a practice bike, new valves and top end, fresh bearings, all new clutch components, custom suspension and stage-3 porting by Giles Racing. \$3900 obo. Call 301-752-0718 3-07

2005 YZ 450F For Sale: Ecellent condition, Bump Stix suspension, Kehin carb, full graphics, bike has never been raced. Just Reduced to \$4,500.... MUST Sell... call 410-257-0937 to work the deal... leave phone number if no answer, or send a note to luvnlife@chesapeake.net

2005 Yamaha PW 50 I purchased the bike new from Atlantic Cycle and Power in June 2005 paid \$1311.51 total including freight,tax ,title etc. Never

raced, ridden very little by my son. He wants a 4 wheeler so I am selling the bike. Like new with only a nick in the decal on the left side of the gas tank. Have receipt and title. Selling for \$700.00 firm. I live off of Budds Creek Road in the Wicomico Shores neighborhood. Call or email Craig at 301-290-1936 craigshrm@msn.com (12/06)

2006 Honda CRF 230F. Only rode a handful of times. Looks and runs great. \$3100 OBO. Call Pete at 301-997-1195 or 240-538-1985 if interested.

2006 CRF450R for sale. Mint, not more than 4hrs on it. Fresh tires, valve adjustment and Regina Gold Chain. New in package Glide plate and stand included. 5900/OBO 301-994-3341 or magua93@yahoo.com

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2. Make
3. Model
4. Brief Description
5. Price
6. Contact Name and Phone Number

All other format will be rejected, please e-mail your ad attn Barry Howard, e-mail address "barry383@comcast.net"

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