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From The Presidents Desk

“Another Year Ends”

by Rick Lukasik

Happy Holidays! Another year of SMDR/LPC motocross comes to an end with a fresh season just around the corner. It's been a very eventful year for us with some good and some bad. The bad news was losing the DeMarr road property for riding. For those who have been in the club for a number of years you know the track and woods have come a long way from the early days. I can still remember my first day riding there. What a thrill it was to be riding off road again with my son Ricky. The DeMarr road property brought us many good memories. My thanks to all of you who put time and effort it making it work. This will also open up new opportunities for our club. First, all the LPC

members will be moved up into the main club this year. However, there are no planned openings for the coming year. Once we have established the new ride dates for Budds Creek, we will start discussions with the other tracks. We have several track owners who have expressed interest in having us flag for their races in exchange for free track time. In the mean time, we are currently seeking some property to build on. This is a time consuming project and we will not have a lot to offer until late this coming season

The good news was SMDR's success in supporting

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Activities Schedule for October thru November

Jan. 9th, 2008– SMDR Meeting at Smeco Building

ALL LPC RIDES AT DEMAR ROAD HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

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

January 9, 2008 SMDR Meeting at Budds Creek



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the Pro Nationals, Gold Series and Motocross the Nations. It's a labor of love in giving back to the sport we love. We supported two amateur racers, one in the lites class and one in the 450 class. My thanks to those who donated money is support of this effort. Gavin Grack, our 450 rider, was picked up by a factory team for the 2008 season. Our food drive for Thanksgiving was a success as always. When I drop off the donated food and cash at the Hughesville food bank; they knew our club by name. They look forward to and count on us to help out each year. How proud I felt knowing we help so many with so little effort. We donated 225 pounds of food and \$210 dollars in cash. I would also like to thank all of those who donated toys and money in support of our Children's Center Christmas party. We will support around 195 children this year. Your donation of toys and money made it successful again this year. Our many thanks go out to Todd as always for pulling this event together. For Scott's father in playing Santa Clause this year, the kids

loved him.

We held our yearly elections for the club Board of Directors last month. All the current board members were re-elected. We look forward to the privilege of supporting this club for another year. Karen has signed on for a fourth year, Ray a third and Rich, Randy, Jim and myself for a second year. Please remember don't forget to thank them for all their hard work!

Monthly Meeting Minutes September 2007

Our Monthly meeting was held on November 14th, 2007 at the SMECO Building in White Plains, MD. The meeting was opened by our President Rick Lukasik; this month was our food drive and all of the proceeds went to Catholic Charities, great job. Christmas Party schedule which is on December 1st, at the FOP lodge in LaPlata, Hall opens at 4pm (light finger food served) 5pm meeting, 6 pm Dinner, Please bring deserts, Twin Grill catering will be providing the food. Todd Fuksa goes over the Center for

Children Christmas benefit schedule which is on December 10th, at the Jaycee Hall in Waldorf, Todd informed us about the past turn out, and this year we are expecting 224 boys and girls. It's a good feeling knowing we have been given the opportunity to help these children to have a good Christmas. New Elections held, President - Rick Lukasik (2nd term), VP- Rich Pettit (2nd term), Secretary - Ray Rands (3rd term), Treasurer- Karen Acton (4th term), Records Director - Randy Stone (2nd term), LPC Coordinator - Jim Ferlong (2nd term), this is your new board for the 2008 year. Meeting closed.

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 9th, 2008
2. February 13th, 2008
3. March 12th, 2008
4. April 9, 2008
5. May 14, 2008
6. June 11, 2008



Annual Center for Children Christmas Party! December 10, 2007

Adults and children are encouraged to participate. Clean Bike, ATV and Gear are required. Staging starts at 5:30 behind the Jaycee center. We need many reindeer to escort the Clauses and many elves to help Santa pass out his presents. In years past there have been approximately 225 children waiting for Santa. The children have their picture taken, tell Santa their wishes and anxiously await their gift.

It doesn't matter what age you are we need everyone in the club to participate in our reindeer parade. Santa and his team will be lead, once again, by the Charles County Sheriff's Office through the parade route. The children will have an opportunity to sit on the motorcycles after the parade. Please bring your bike stand to rest your bike after the parade. There will be security for the bikes while everyone is working with the children inside.

All participants should meet behind Jaycee center at the rear parking lot no later than 5:45 pm. The parade is scheduled to start at 6:15 pm. Please have full, clean riding gear and a clean bike or quad.

LPC Corner

By Steve Blinn

I will jump right into it and answer the question on everyone's mind. No, we haven't found a property yet.

We need our fellow members' assistance to "Keep an Eye Out" and help us locate a property. Preferably, 30 acres or more would be suitable. If anyone has any information please contact the board members or me by email; stephen.blinn@verizon.net or cell; 301-672-2908.

Our rides will be limited this upcoming season. I want to organize "Flag for ride trips". Most tracks give us 3 ride passes for each race flagged. I'd like to get some feedback and see who is interested. Shoot me an email with your contact info; email and phone numbers. I will compile a list, talk to the track owners and see what's available.

I wish all my fellow members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Classified Ad Notice

Please note that Free ads are open only to club members and will be run for **one** months.

Please place your ad as follows:

1. Year of Bike
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"

Please submit your nuts & bolts article to the newsletter editor at (barry383@comcast.net), please help in keeping this forum going



Tomahawk MX Park ****IMPORTANT****

Many of us remember the Aquasco track from back in the '80's and early '90s. Good memories, right? Yet it didn't take anything more than a single neighbor with an agenda to shut down a riding facility that provided thousands of adult and youth riders in this area with a place to ride, race and enjoy the friends we make in this sport. The threat of neighbors with agendas is once again at our doorstep, and it's Tomahawk MX Park that needs our support in the fight we all want won. The information on the Tomahawk MX Park Defense Fund is below, as well as a link to the Tomahawk web site.

I urge you to consider helping out with this for Chad 's sake, your own benefit, and so that the motorcycling community in general isn't shut out of another private riding facility by the actions of a couple of people with an anti-motorcycling agenda. It's time for this to stop!

Tim Titcomb
Masters of Motocross
Sponsored by Fredericktown Yamaha

TOMAHAWK MX PARK DEFENSE FUND

The Tomahawk MX Park has recently come under attack from some local residents who have launched an effort to attempt to shut down the facility. These residents have filed complaints with law enforcement, local government officials and have even contacted one of the race sanctioning organizations urging it not to hold any of their races at Tomahawk MX Park.

Chad Gochenour (track owner) has launched an aggressive campaign to defeat the efforts of the local residents to shut down operations at the track. Our right to ride and enjoy our sport is under attack and Chad needs your help. Defending these claims costs money. All of us who ride and race at Tomahawk should consider ourselves members of the Tomahawk MX Park family. It should not be up to Chad to wage this battle alone. I urge everyone who rides and/or races at Tomahawk to step up and help Chad fund the defense of Tomahawk. Chad has hired a lawyer to defend against the efforts of these local residents to shut down Tomahawk. We as riders and racers have an opportunity to help and I urge you to do so. Chad is constantly striving to run a first class operation and continues to invest track revenue into improvements to the facility, a commitment he has made and continues to honor. We should all make a similar commitment, a commitment to help preserve the right of Tomahawk MX Park to operate so that we can all to continue enjoy the fine facility that Chad has built.

A fund to receive monetary donations has been established. One hundred percent of all funds donated will be used to defray the legal costs incurred to fend off the effort by some of the local residents to shut down Tomahawk MX Park. Please consider what is at stake and help fund this effort. Every little bit will help and will show these local residents and others that we are prepared and committed to protecting and preserving Tomahawk MX Park.

Please make your check payable to the Tomahawk Defense Fund and send it to Tomahawk MX, LLC, 863 Tomahawk Run Rd., Hedgesville , WV 25427 .

