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## From The Presidents Desk

“Job Well done ”

by Rick Lukasik

After months of preparation, hundreds of phone calls and numerous meetings to pull it together, I think we have a success! I'm talking about the National Motocross races at Buds Creek this Father's day. It's one of the biggest under takings we perform each year. Approximately two hundred club members are brought together over the three days to support this effort. To those of you who worked the starting line, flagging positions, finish line, and food delivery to those working the parking lots, all I can say is THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To the veterans of the club, my sincere thanks for your patience and understanding for the "new guy". My special thanks to Todd,

Rich, Mark and Gery for the extra guidance and help when it was needed. To the professionals who worked all three days, the club owes you more than we can repay. To Karen, Mike and Brian for their extra effort in collecting money all year for the privateer fund and for their long hours of interviewing to select one rider from each riding class to receive our privateer award. They did an excellent job, just like last year, in choosing the best possible candidates. To all of you who donated money including the Blue Crew in supporting our effort. My thanks to the club for letting me represent you in presenting the plaques and

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## Activities Schedule for July thru September

**August 11, 2007** SMDR Gold Series Work Day

**August 12, 2007** SMDR Gold Series Work Day

**September 1, 2007** Altoona & Steel City National MX

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](http://www.smdr.org)*

July 11th, 2007 SMDR Meeting at SMECO



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\$1,100 dollars to each rider. For those of you who didn't participate, you don't know what you've missed. Nothing gets the blood moving more than to see thousands of excited people, the sounds and smell of dirt bikes on race gas and the great weather we were blessed with this year!

What's going on with DeMarr road? The county had received a complaint about us operating an "ATV Park" on the DeMarr property. Following up on the complaint, the county discovers that the area we are in has been rezoned and we are now outside of their new zoning ordinance. The county then sent a letter to the owners of the property informing them of the issue. Upon receipt of the letter we were asked by owners to stop riding on the property. Two inspectors from the county then walked the property and inspected the track and the woods trails. At the completion of the inspection they issued a "stop work order" and posted it on the gate to the property. We have been in contact with the land owners and the county. Slow going is the best way to describe the process. Working with

county government as always is very slow and will take time. We have had several club board meeting discussing the best way forward. Several things will have come together for this to work out and possibly re-open the DeMarr facility. We will need the owners backing in our approach and meet all of the counties requirements and zoning issues. At the same time we are looking around at other alternatives, so let's try to be patient. In closing, we do not know who filed the complaint and that's not the most important issue. We need to work toward our goal as a club and not be distracted. Thank you for your understanding and we are looking at the best approach possible to resolve this matter.

## ***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. July 11 (at SMECO)
2. August 8 (at SMECO)
3. September 12 (at SMECO)

4. October 20 (at Budds Picnic)
5. November, 14 (at SMECO)
6. December 1 (at Christmas Party).

## **Monthly Meeting Minutes June 2007**

By Ray Rands

Our Monthly meeting was held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the SMECO building in White Plains, MD. At 7:00pm. Rick Lukasik opens the meeting speaking about our involvement at the Pro National weekend at Budds Creek Motocross Park and the Privateer Award. Also on the floor was the discussion about how the Demarr road property is closed until further notice. Meeting closed

Southern Maryland Dirt Riders Announces the Winners of the Southern Maryland Dirt Riders Privateer Award in memory of Kevin Crine

On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Budds Creek National, Southern Maryland Dirt Riders was proud to announce the winners of the third annual Southern Maryland Dirt Riders Privateer Award in honor of Kevin Crine. The winner in the motocross lites class was #695, Ben Ritter from Saint Mary's, Pennsylvania. Ben is 20 years old and rides a Suzuki RM-Z250. He finished 27<sup>th</sup> overall in his class charging hard for both



racers. The winner in the motocross class was #273, Gavin Gracyk from Blissfield, Ohio. Gavin is 23 years old and rides a Honda CRF-450R. Gavin rode extremely well and finished 18<sup>th</sup> overall. Southern Maryland Dirt Riders president Rick Lukasik and Kevin Crine's wife, Stacey Crine, presented each rider with \$1100 and a plaque on the podium after the second moto on Sunday. The money is donated by Southern Maryland Dirt Rider club members to help the privateers. We wish Ben and Gavin much success for the rest of the 2007 season and hope that our award helps in a small way to help them achieve their goals. We will be cheering for you so good luck and ride fast and safe! May the privateer spirit live on!

## Nuts & Bolts Forum

By Rich Pettit

First I would like to give a few tips on crash prevention. Start by taking your clutch, front brake and throttle housings off and wrapping Teflon tape a few wraps around your handle bar were the clutch, front brake and throttle housings mount to the bars. Check when installing the clutch and front brake clamps, making sure the up arrow or dot are at the top. When tightening the clamps, tighten the upper bolt first but do not over tighten. This will let the clamp(s) spin on the bars if you crash instead of breaking the perch or lever.

Second, you should wire

the grips to the bars; using 18 ga. stainless wire and using a pair of pliers or wire wrap pliers. Twist until the wire is tight around the grips. Cut off excess and push into the soft grip compound so you won't catch the end with you gloves, this will stop the grips from pulling off in wet and muddy rides.

Third, if you are going to leave your bike sitting for more than a few weeks, you should drain the carburetor float bowl; most have a drain screw on the side of the bowl. If you are not sure how to drain the carburetor, just shut off the fuel petcock and start the engine and run until the engine shuts off. I have had to repair several bikes this year for no starts or no idling because of failure in doing this.

Fourth, please check your owner's manual for maintenance tips and procedures. I have personally seen rear hubs destroyed because rear sprocket bolts loosened up, chains so loose that you can take them off by hand, air filters so dirty the bike will barley run. Please check your bikes/atvs before each ride; your manual has easy to follow instructions on the correct way to do them. If you don't have a manual to go by, they sell Clymer manuals that have all of the procedures. Some will just stop the bike/atv from running if not followed but others can cause serious injuries if not checked and repaired correctly, so follow your manuals and if you have any questions ask someone, there are many riders at every ride that can and will help out.

Ride safe and keep the rubber side down.

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