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From The Presidents Desk

“Finally, Spring is Here”
by Rick Lukasik

Saturday was a beautiful day of riding with plenty of sunshine. On Saturday night we received plenty of rain and the track was a little muddy for Sunday's ride. Everyone had a terrific time and a great weekend. It felt good to kick the bike over and hear that beautiful exhaust note again. It reminded me of was how long it has been since I last rode. That set the stage on how I was going to take it easy and work the rust off slowly. It never surprises me on how many people either don't follow this approach or have to re-learn it after falling or having a close call. Please be careful as you come back up to speed. Remember that you must wear full gear when riding. That includes, helmet, goggles, long sleeve shirt and pants, boots and gloves. So please help me out and dress for your own safety. For the fans of hot dogs, including chili and/or cheese too, during most Sunday rides there will be a person selling them with chips,

candies and drink. The idea of having a warm hot dog verses cold sandwich sure sounds delicious to me!

Our next big yearly event will take place on the last Saturday April 26th. Christmas in April is here again and time for our SMDR family to stand up and help those less fortunate. Please show your support by helping out a local neighbor. If you would like to sign up and lend a hand please send Jim an e-mail, found on our website, with your name and phone number. Or you can join us at our next club meeting on 9 April, at the SMEC building in White Plans, MD., and sign up there. You may also sign up for your yearly workday too. Please watch our website and we will keep everyone informed about Christmas in April. Our next ride at Budds Creek is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th (always check the ride line for the latest information about status). Remember, you can not enjoy a SMDR ride

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Activities Schedule for April

April 9- SMDR Meeting at Smeco Building

SMDR members Only

April 26-Christmas in April Project, please sign up at the April meeting or sign up on our web site

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

April 27-Budds Creek MX track,

April 9, 2008 SMDR Meeting at Budds Creek



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until you have signed up for your work day. We have posted a list of workdays on our website showing open dates you can sign up for. Please send Jim an e-mail with your pick or you will have to sign up at the gate before you will be allowed to ride. You are always encouraged to work more than one workday as many other do. I thank you in advance for taking the time to sign up to fulfill your workday.

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 9, 2008
2. May 14, 2008
3. June 11, 2008

Monthly Meeting Minutes February 2008 By Ray Rands

Our Monthly meeting was cancelled on February 13th, 2008 at the SMECO building in White Plains, MD. Due to SMECO

Training conflicts.

Monthly Meeting Minutes March 2008 By Ray Rands

Our Monthly meeting was held on March 12th, 2008 at the SMECO building in White Plains, MD. At 7:00 pm Rich Pettit opens, First SMDR ride of the season, March 15 & 16th, two day ride 9 am - 4 pm ride times, Sign-up for workday prior to riding. Review of the riding rules: gear, jumping, ride times (beginners, 125 and up, 125 and up) NO GUEST RIDERS. Rich Discuss how we will be collecting for privateer fund at gate. Its Voluntary but please help support this great effort. Ray reviews renewals to date. Membership cards will be given out after you sign up for your work day. Karen - funding update.

Rich speaks about Jennie's (George's mother-in-law) mother (Jean Noel) passing away last week. SMDR sent flowers and we will be making a donation to the nursing home that cared for her so well.

Rich Reviews ride schedule. Mention's the change in April's ride. The 26th is now Christmas in April. National, Gold Series and Mountaineer workday drawing was held. Meeting Closed

2008 Membership Applications

The Renewal Process is Closed:

Your membership cards will be sent out after the Primary member signs up for the obligated workday (Please contact Jim Furlong work day coordinator) to put your name on the list.

Open workdays are: Mountaineer 4/19, Budds 7/11, 7/13, 8/3

If you still need to renew you may bring your application to the monthly meeting April 9th and present it to the board with a reason for being late.

(Special note to all Primary members, Primary members must sign up for their annually workday before anyone in their family can ride at Budds Creek)

Thanks is not Enough From Kenny Warren

To everyone involved,

I have to get out a BIG heart felt thank you. It was very very nice to get a Budds National shirt. There is not enough words that can express the feeling of thanks. The shirt resembles the desire of love for motocross that has been a part of my life for many years. Since I cant be a part of it, getting the shirt has more meaning than you really know. Specially since the injury and having to be away from the things I love...



I still don't know who, or members that the shirt came from. But, THANK YOU !

I hope to be with the organization for a long time. Being a part of the rides / work and enjoy good times ahead.

April 2008 - AMA Government Relations

US Transportation Secretary Mary Peters is urging Congress to allow states to divert federal money now used for motorcycle training and awareness to instead promote the use of motorcycle helmets. Peters sent letters to House and Senate leaders in February asking for the change. The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), and many others, expressed concern that diverting federal motorcycle safety funds to promote helmet use could harm rider training courses and motorcycle awareness programs that are already under funded in many states.

AMA also expressed concern that Peters' proposal could contradict sections of transportation bills passed in 1998 and 2005 that ban the use of federal motorcycle safety funds to lobby state legislatures in favor of mandatory helmet laws and could effectively reverse those bans.

The AMA strongly advocates the voluntary use of helmets by adults, along with other appropriate safety gear, and does not oppose laws requiring helmet use by

minors. But the Association believes adults should be allowed to make their own decisions about when to wear a helmet.

Virginia House bill 460, introduced by Del. Donald Merricks (R-Danville), would restrict riders between the ages of 12 and 16 to dirt-bikes that don't exceed 90cc displacement. Youngsters under 12 would be restricted to machines displacing 70cc or less. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Transportation. More information is available in the Rapid Response Center on www.AMADirectLink.com.

West Virginia House Bill 2834, sponsored by Del. Kenneth Tucker (D-Moundsville), would permit motorcycle helmet choice for adults who have a motorcycle license or endorsement for at least two years. The legislation would also increase the motorcycle safety and education committee to eight members.

Special Track rates for SMDR members By Richard Pettit

I have some info on track special rates for SMDR members. Tomahawk www.tomahawkmx.com, 304-229-6682 is offering special rates of \$25.00 per day for SMDR members (just show card) they are open 7 days a week. They also need flaggers to help with their races just contact above phone number. This is not part of SMDR work day but can get any member track time.

Second track Mountaineer Raceway www.mountaineerraceway.com , 540-

664-5514 (Karia)

They are offering special rates to SMDR members \$20.00 per day (just show card) they are also open 7 days a week. They need flaggers for their races also . They would like to have SMDR flaggers for 4-26 4-27 and 6-28 6-29 again these are not SMDR work days.

These are the tracks willing to offer these special rates to us. SMDR flagger are in high demand because of our reputation as flaggers.

Christmas in April Project April 26

What is Christmas in April?

Christmas in April Charles County is the volunteer organization started in 1990 that, in partnership with the community, rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners, elderly and disabled, so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence. After months of planning and preparation, Christmas in April culminates in a National Rebuilding Day on the last Saturday in April. Last year over 800 volunteers of all ages, faiths and walks of life come together to help neighbors in the American barn raising tradition.

Last year 20 homes were rehabilitated by over 800 volunteers. Most homes were repaired in a one-day blitz, while some were done in two or more consecutive weekends. Skilled

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trades people joined with other volunteers to paint, clean, weatherize, carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work. Average cost per house is \$1,163 for a total cost of \$23,264. This figure represents 63% of our annual expenses. This year our goal is to complete 25 homes. .

How can we help, more than you can guess! Volunteers paint, caulk, clean and remove trash, make repairs, do carpentry work, plumbing, electrical work and roofing. A team of thirty to forty volunteers can transform a worn-down house into a comfortable home that benefits our entire community.

Please sign up!!!!

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