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### July Birthdays

7/28 Bret

If I missed you  
let me know!

## From the Prez

I'm Back! That's what I told Dan during the Nevada Ride as it was my first ride since that killer Family Enduro at Clear Creek. I'm looking forward to our upcoming summer Ride of the Months as they are a change of pace from the usual enduro or cross country races. July 8<sup>th</sup>: OTHG MX at E-Street, August 12<sup>th</sup>: Knobby Class PDMC only TT at Lodi, and September 22<sup>nd</sup> (tentative): our annual Sac Raceway MX against the Dirt Diggers. What else is new? Cliff has taken up motocross in his quest for 1x with Jim. He's closed the gap to almost 25 points at mid-season.

## On the LAO Front (by Curt)

Jim Piatt and I, representing the Polka Dots MC had an appointment and met with the El Dorado NF Trail Designation Team on Wednesday 6/28. We spent about two hours with them, most of which were dedicated to the issue of seasonal closures. All of the "Alternative Plans" proposed by the forest service include full seasonal closures of unpaved roads and trails during the late fall, winter, and early spring months. We pushed for temporary wet weather closures like those in effect at the Georgetown/Rock Creek area. Their response in a nutshell was that seasonal closures are the only option on the table to comply with the mandate given them to have a policy for "wet weather closures". The only undetermined factor at this time is the open and close dates. We made it quite clear that to us seasonal closures are not acceptable.

We also discussed the possibility of using "Event Only Trails" for permitted events. We were informed that this is outside the scope of the trail designation process, and it would need to be handled through the specific district office where the permit would be issued. Basically it will be a discretionary call on the part of the district rangers. I also brought up several specific roads and trails in the Elkins Flat area that are tagged to be closed by the trail designation process and asked that they consider keeping them open, and even reopening a couple that they have already closed. Only time will tell if any of our efforts are successful.

## Meeting Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, 8:00 pm at Coco's Restaurant at Greenback and Sunrise. (Bench Racing to begin at 7:30pm)

January 3rd	February 7th	March 7th	April 4th
May 2nd	June 6th	July: June 27	August 8th
September 5th	October 3rd	November 7th	December 5th

## July Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
July 8	OTHG Motocross <b>RIDE OF THE MONTH</b>	E-Street

## 2006 1x Standings As of 6/30/2006

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Name</u>
302	12x Jim
276	31x Cliff
205	2x Dave
145	16x Ryan
141	20x Bruce
132	15x Curt
100	13x Steve
95	27x Ernie
94	25x Jim A
84	10x Bret
74	60x Vern
71	11x Bill
68	14x Billy Jack
58	42x Wayne
54	6x Mark
40	8x Dwayne
38	58x Dan
32	21x Dave
30	18x Rod
28	54x Bob
23	5x Ken
18	23x Larry
14	37x Chuck
8	17x Doug
5	26x Ken

July 8	Lodi Short Track	Lodi Cycle Bowl
July 14	KB Motocross	Sacramento Raceway
July 15	Lodi Short Track	Lodi Cycle Bowl
July 15	OTHG Motocross	San Jose
July 22	Lodi Short Track	Lodi Cycle Bowl
July 28	KB Motocross	Sacramento Raceway
July 29	OTHG Motocross	Club Moto - Livermore

## June Ride Report

The first weekend of June kicked off with the Ride of the Month actually in the month and on the weekend it was voted on so there was no controversy for Dave to lose sleep about. The Fools Gold Enduro brought out 6 club members with Curt and Jim bringing home the gold (or particle board in the case of the plaques given out). Curt was happy considering it was his first real enduro after getting his feet wet in a bunch of Family Enduros and learning the art of timekeeping. Jim, on the other hand, got a little more than his feet wet based on the nice photo sequence on CERA's website. Good thing that KTM has the button, huh Jim? Good rides to Cliff, Ryan, Bob and Bruce too as all finished (Bruce has an excuse) without houring out or taking the plunge with Jim at the crossing.

Next up to be reported on was an Over the Hill Gang Motocross at E Street on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Cliff and 5x Ken, both still in evaluation status with the gang, went out to show the motoheads how we off-roaders shred the berms. Cliff had been practicing and it paid off as he went 2-1 in the motos for 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the +45 Beginner class. Ken didn't have it so easy in the +38 Novice but closed the gap on Jim gaining a few valuable 1x points. With July's ROM back at E-Street these guys should have the track dialed.

Wrapping up June was our annual 2-Day Nevada ride from Middlegate to Austin and back. Gloria wouldn't let Ron guide and be in charge this year so Bill Fain stepped up and organized and was the chairman (Ron still got to be the official trail boss but don't let Gloria know). We had a total of 15 brave riders that included 9 Polka Dots and 6 friends started out of Middlegate this year. Besides Ron and Bill, we had Jim P, Wayne, Steve, Dan, Bret, Curt and future Probate John Manning representing the club. Jim and Dan sported the helmet cams and they actually worked this year! The uncut video looks great and we can't wait for Dan to perform his editing and commenting magic, just watch out for his acid rock sound effects. The ride itself still amazes me after this third year of the variety of terrain and water in Nevada. The first sand was took its toll on John as it has on others in years past and the next one got me again taking my masterlink in the process. Jim rescued me and we caught up to the group at first gas. Next on the casualty list was Dan with a rear flat about 20 miles from the lunch stop. Jim and I help with the tube change and we were all back on our way. We missed the correct turnoff but made it to lunch somewhat late. Lucky for us Jim has some map reading skills or we might still be somewhere between Middlegate and Vegas. Everyone made it to Austin by 5:30 even with a flat for Curt and we enjoyed another great cowboy dinner of all you could eat tri-tip, potato salad and beans at the International Restaurant. We had a new 20 mile section to start off the ride back on Sunday then a relaxing road section to the creek trail and on to lunch. Some more new sand wash with an uphill waterfall section then back to the trucks at Middlegate. No breakdowns, injuries or significantly lost riders on Sunday (except maybe sweeper Steve) and we all made it back in one piece. Another great adventure in the books. Bill and Steve are planning a 2-Day fall ride this year in new territory north of Highway 50 this time. Thanks guys!!! No room for pictures this issue, check them out on the website.