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August Birthdays

Vern 60x

Gone Kayaking...

If you were looking for the July newsletter let us know when you find it, everyone has been too busy goofing off, kayaking or contemplating their navel to write one...

Little Polecat Enduro

Several Dots made the trek to the Stanislaus Forest for the Little Pole Enduro. After a dusty night of "road camping" the Dots were in fine form for the start. Some missed the riders meeting which proved to be pivotal as there was a controversy with a remove section for a bald eagle spotting and a changed reset after the 8th check.

Frank Leonardi crashed and was out before the first check, we hope the injured shoulder did not ruin his vacation which was to start after the race. Cliff and Curt put in good rides, but Curt is still smarting from the decision to change the 8th check to an observation check. Read all about on the D36 board, it easily past last year's 49er in controversy. Everyone agreed that the area has some great single track!

Middlegate to Austin Ride

Bill Fain hosted another great Nevada ride. I heard the trails were great again this year, and everyone loved the Prime Rib Saturday night. Everyone got back in one piece with stories to tell, hopefully there will be some and pictures at the August meeting.

Sierra Ride

Curt hosted a ride out of Strawberry, pictures are on the website. At least some of these trails are slated to be closed in the new forest plan so if you want to ride them you had better make this fall (See below).

LAO Matters

El Dorado National Forest Route Designation

The draft has been released and stakeholder input meetings were held in July. Curt attended the Placerville and Folsom meetings. There were and estimated 250 people at the Folsom meeting and the one in the bay area drew 350 people. Curt is working on his letter and would like the club to submit one as well. If you do not submit comments you are effectively locked out further input to the process.

The meetings have mostly been unproductive, the Forest Service is mainly staying on message that they are "following the process" and that the input

2007 1x Standings

As of May 31

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Name</u>
219	31x Cliff
187	29x Frank
157	15x Curt
145	20x Dave
145	25x Jim
102	22x Bruce
78	10x Bret
73	16x Ryan
64	14x Bill
60	42x Wayne
57	13x Steve
53	27x Ernie
53	21x Hayden
49	17x Chris
48	11x Bill
40	51x John
36	1x Jim
25	26x Ken
18	2x Dave
5	55x Sean

provide can only make suggestions on specific trails. They do not want to discuss the larger issue of forest closures and the exclusion of what they are calling illegal user created routes.

Everyone should at a minimum submit a comment by at least email, Curt will provide some sample passages for club members.

2007 Meeting Schedule

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

January 2 nd	February 6 th	March 6 th	April 3 rd
May 1 st	June 5 th	June 19 th (July)	August 7 th
September 4 th	October 2 nd	November 6 th	December 4 th

August Events

Date	Event	Location
8/3-4	CVR - Dirt Track, ST	Newman, CA
8/10	KB Motocross	Sacramento Raceway
8/12	Open Traction, TT	Salinas, CA
8/24	KB Motocross	Sacramento Raceway
8/25	Lodi Short Track	Lodi, CA

June / July

Here's a summary of our rider's finishes this month and the best photos from our pit crews. Cliff retained 1x lead this month as yet another of his challengers, Frank, fell victim to an to his 1x voodoo magic.

Little PoleCat Enduro May 5-6
Curt Backhaus, 9th/20 C Senior
Cliff Gormley, 5th/6, B Senior

Bruce Hendrickson, 11th/11, C SSr.
Frank Leonardi, DNF, B Vet



Bret congratulates Cliff on making it to Donner Summit on a pocket bike



Frank enjoying a few rocks with his Strawberry salad