



BENCH RACING

Overall: Nick Fahringer



Nick Fahringer (HSB), said he has made it to select ACES enduros as his schedule allows over the years. "The last time I was able to contend the whole series was before the inception of the ACES, when it was the District 11 Enduro Series, which I won in 2005. I then moved over to race the National Enduro Championship Series," said Fahringer.

"My favorite part of the Enduro was just getting back to my roots- racing a southern Ohio enduro. I was happy to see most sections having check in and outs. Most of the trail was fresh single track that was fun and at times a bit of a challenge."

Fahringer said that the trail layout was good. "Being a new Enduro, it was impressive the amount of fresh trail that was used. Hopefully next year's event utilizes even more trail."

Even though the conditions were dusty due to the drought, He said, "Leading my minute allowed me to avoid most of the dust, however the dry soil blew out in many corners making the trail more slippery in spots."

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Overall A: Marty Kehlmeier



Marty Kehlmeier (KTM), took his third Overall A win of the season. He said it was a good race. "It was a little nostalgic for me. Growing up with that as my home club, so to say. Even though the trail was not what we rode as kids, we did ride down Route 595."

He said that his friend, Eric Sauer, was there too and he has not raced in 15 years. "It was as close to the old days as it gets," said Kehlmeier.

"My day ended up good but started out rocky," he commented. "I had some rear brake problems in the first section. I knew that the first point dropping section being the longest one was going to really count. All day long I felt like I was a click off. After talking to other guys I wasn't the only one it seemed." But he commented that the trail was "awesome!"

"I know that this is my third Overall A this year, but I have no room to spare. Mark McGrath is right behind me by only four points in the Vet A class. I have to keep on working hard if I want to win this year," Kehlmeier said.

The HVMC crew did a great job. "I realize how much work goes into an enduro, and I as a rider, really appreciate it!"

Kehlmeier would like to thank Eric and his family Teri, Emily, and Evan for coming up and making it a great weekend.

Overall B: Vinnie Petrella



Overall B winner, Vinnie Petrella (KTM), said the enduro was a blast! "I was so excited going into this round after winning Overall B before."

Petrella said that he raced a motocross prior to the enduro and blew the crank out of his bike, so he ended up buying another KTM 250xc for the race.

Overall B was not the only thing that Petrella would tell his family and friends about the race. He had quite the story to tell regarding the first section.

"There was a decent size log, laying across the trail. I was in second gear, and I brought the front end up to wheelie over it. My back wheel hit the tree before my front wheel was back on earth," said Petrella. "My legs were shot completely straight up in the air. I was totally extended out, doing a perfect handstand on the bars. The bike stopped and I kept going. I landed so hard on my back, that I popped my camel-back, just like a water balloon. All of the water leaked out all over my lower section."

He went on to say, "I hit my head so hard that when I stood up, I fell over backwards. I had to take a second to regain my thoughts. I actually suffered a severely sprained wrist from this. Thankfully the first section wasn't timed!" (Continued on bottom of next column)

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Todd Ghearing (KTM) rips through the trail in a section of the Jake-Tom Enduro.

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VIEW POINT with Nathan Bidwell

Five-year ACES rider, Nathan Bidwell said that his favorite aspect of the enduro was "riding all of the new trail, and having the anticipation of wondering what was up around the next corner."

"The trail layout of the enduro was spectacular," commented Bidwell. "It had just enough flowing trail with switch backs and fast sections. I think what I enjoyed the most were the tight sections! Those were an added bonus. I feel like I'm more of a technical rider."

Bidwell enjoyed the tight sections because he said, "...you don't really see much new, never ridden, tight sections where you really have to wiggle your way through!"

Bidwell was really impressed by Hocking Valley Motorcycle Club stepping up to the plate to host an enduro after so many years. He thought it was great that a club "organized a great race when the series is in need of another race. It's a lot of hard work going through all the steps of an enduro, and it's good to see that clubs are still willing to make the effort."

"As far as the race goes, the course was great!" he said.

Petrella would like to thank Point View Cycles for providing him with all the machines he needs to perform and all the help keeping them running, Mark Best, and his stepdad, Chuck Freeze. He would also like to thank his mom, friends, and family for their prayers and support, and the Lord for keeping him safe.