

Art Mitchell Memorial Enduro
 Chillicothe Enduro Riders Assoc.
 ACES Round 1
 Chillicothe, Ohio
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BENCH RACING

Overall: Josh Gaitten



Josh Gaitten (KTM), said that he was glad to be back racing. Gaitten was also the 2010 and 2011 ACES series champion.

"I just got a bike three weeks before the event," commented Gaitten. "I had been sitting on the couch for four months prior to that. I was a little concerned about where my fitness and speed was going to be coming into today."

He said once he got going, he felt good. "I had a blast riding with Ryan Slopko during his first enduro."



(above) Scott Allen, a Michigan native, travelled down for the first ACES race of the 2012 season. photo by Steve Wheeler

(right) Mark Thomas raced through the creek at the Art Mitchell Memorial Enduro. photo by Debbie Wilson

Overall A: Marty Kehlmeier



Marty Kehlmeier (KTM), is a second year competitor in the ACES series. Kehlmeier commented that the race was, "Good but tough."

His favorite section was the AA section because he said, "The trail had good rhythm."

Kehlmeier also said that Travis Green and himself battled in the section that they expected to get checked out of but didn't.

Kelmeier was very appreciative of the people who work to put the races for the series together. He said, "I would like to thank the ACES series for doing great work."



Overall B: Ryan Slopko



Overall B winner, Ryan Slopko (YAM), said the hardest part of being a first-time enduro rider was "not knowing how to keep time, so I just followed Josh's [Gaitten] lead."

"It was different than what I am used to, but it was really fun," Slopko commented. "I am looking forward to the next enduro."



(above) Members of the Chillicothe Enduro Riders Association worked a check at the end of the final section. photo by Debbie Wilson

(left) Zach Klamfoth pushed hard in the creek and it resulted in a third place overall finish. photo by Debbie Wilson