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Protecting your right to ride!

We have plenty of legal things happening lately, so we've detailed just a few of them in this Newsletter. Since this is an election year, we all need to get off our fannies and get involved – and be sure to VOTE! Don't forget you can get last-minute info updates on our website and message board. Keep the dry side up and the dirty side down!

C,ya on the trails! Ride on, Tom Niemela, Editor

Oregon's statewide off-road sanctioning organization

Need your help for the OMRA to continue fighting to protect your right to ride! Please donate to our Legislative Fund!

Through your kind donations, the OMRA has been focusing your legislative donation money towards protecting your right to ride. We have had successes across the state of Oregon, plus made great efforts and stances against the environmental extremists on a national level (which also affects us here in Oregon). Our attorney has also worked in conjunction with Blue Ribbon Coalition, AMA and NMA on important issues. We also work with the 4WD, snowmobile and other multi-use folks. This is also an election year, so we need to be heard. We must not be complacent and let the environmental-extremist minority force their biased ways upon the majority and close us out.

We are now getting dangerously low on our Legislative Account and need your help to continue fighting those that would have our sport become extinct! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to get the membership form, select Legislative Donation and include an amount that you can afford to help further this cause. Any amount will help keep our attorney fighting for our cause, plus help cover costs for us to participate in land-use meetings and other riding issues throughout the Northwest. We currently have issues in Millican Valley, Tillamook Forest, Southern Oregon and Mt. Hood National Forest (to name just a few) and the list gets longer. We've also got upcoming concerns with BLM and USFS that we must stay on top of. The future belongs to those that participate, and to participate, we need your donations.



More Closures Are Planned!
DON'T BE LOCKED OUT

We realize that many of you are not able to attend meetings or take the time to explain our issues to those in government offices (heck, we barely have time to do this as OMRA Officers!), but this is a fight, and we plan on continuing "the good fight". Some people don't hesitate spending big dollars on tires, gear, camping or fuel costs, but they balk at donating for a TRUE cause to keep our riding areas open now, and for our kids. To continue fighting for our rights, we need EVERYONE to help and not allow apathy to reign.

If you can't help physically by attending meetings, then please help monetarily by donating to the OMRA Legislative Fund.

Thank you in advance and a big 'Thanks!' to those who have already donated! -The OMRA

OMRA announces the addition of ATVs to organization

8/5/04 - After last night's monthly meeting, it was voted unanimously to add ATVs as another 'segment' of the OMRA. This was after extensive and exhaustive debate. Many months of input from members was discussed (from email, phone calls, word of mouth, and the message board) and the corresponding pros and cons. After the discussion, it was decided that there is more positive to this move, than negative. Also, to satisfy concerns by some of you:

- **This DOES NOT mean** that all single-track trails will suddenly be built to quad width - far from it! The governmental landowners would like to see that, but we believe there are places for dirtbike-only trails.
- This DOES NOT mean that a large consortium of quad riders could suddenly show up at a meeting and take over the OMRA! We are modifying rules to make sure OMRA Officers are people that have a history of volunteering in OHVs.
- This DOES NOT mean that events will be required to offer an ATV class. This decision is entirely up to the promoter/club. It is also up to the promoter/club as to if/when ATVs can race on the same course or not.
- This DOES NOT mean that we will change the name! It is still, and will remain, "Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association".

What this DOES mean is:

- The addition of ATVs is no different than the addition of dualsport, or trailriding - just another segment. If a hillclimbing group approached us for a series, we would consider it just the same.
- All dues from paying ATV members will go to the OMRA general fund - just like everyone else.
- We could use their addition to the organization for legal issues. This will surely help when talking to senators, landowners, etc., since power by numbers is where it's at.
- Perhaps we will get motivated ATVers to help show up to land-use meetings. Participation by the current majority is minimal at best (usually the same, usual people that care about the future of our sport) and perhaps the addition of ATVers will spawn participation to make up for the non-participating majority.
- We need to become ONE voice as "motorized recreation" and no longer an US-AND-THEM scenario. Power by numbers.
- ATVers can now have their own points series, not unlike GP, XC and dualsport, which we currently have. This is scheduled to start in 2005.
- If ATVers (as a group of members) become more than the motorcyclists and want to form their own separate organization, then they are welcome to form their own

sister organization, therefore branching from the main OMRA.

With that, we are planning on moving forward with this. Members should truly look at this as just another motorized-recreation user helping the good cause. If you think anything other than that, then you are wrong. We plan on having one additional officer being the key funnel to the OMRA from an energetic and motivated group of ATVers (who are pretty excited about all this!). These ATVers bring many special skills to the table too, that could really help out the OMRA for bigger and better things.

Please get beyond any biases between two and four wheels and welcome them. As individual groups, we are nothing. As one larger group, we can be heard. **-The OMRA Officers**



I Be The Referee

By Ellis Cookman,
OMRA Referee

Too Many rules! I

sometimes think about rules too much. We have so many of them; they can get in our way. Unfortunately we still need them. Last year we updated the GP rules. This

year we are updating our cross-country and ISDE rules. Our plan is to have them ready by the calendar meeting so the OMRA members can vote on the changes. That's one more reason for you to be there.

Other rules that we need to know about are the ones our government keeps making about "OUR" public land. We at OMRA do not like what is going on, so we want to let you know and hopefully we "ALL" can go to the government's meetings and slow them down.

This is only a short over view and I want to keep it simple. We know that there is State Forest Land, National Forest Land and other public land. I will just say public land. There are lots of agencies that manage the land, so I will just say "Government". The Government is telling us that they only want to maintain the trails by using equipment. They are telling us that it's not cost effective to do it by hand. The tool of choice is called a Sweco (trail machine). It is the width of a quad and one person can operate it. That means if we do not stop them we will only have quad width trails to ride on. Next they are telling us that if the trail is too hard to convert over to quad width, then they will close the trail. I keep hoping that more of us will rise up and let our voices be heard. It will take a lot of us.

Speaking of us, I rode the Tillamook 100. It was one of the best courses I have ridden in the Tillamook forest. The Trailsmen Club did a great job once again putting this race on. They went out of their way to give us narrow motorcycle trails. You know the ones, just like the good old days. It was no walk in the park for them to get the government to sign off with all the rules that come with putting on an event. If you want to know about rules that they have to comply with, just ask one of them. You will get an ear full. It just keeps getting harder and harder to put on an event. What does that have to do with US? There were not many of "US" that turned out to ride it. We need to go to as many events as possible. As I was racing along I kept thinking of the riders in California that have to compete with 1000 others' dust and slower riders on the trails. (I know I'm one of them. At least I pull over) At the Tillamook 100 I rode in a bubble. As a racer it was perfect. All the fast guys were in front of me and all I had to do was concentrate on the trails. As an OMRA member I felt sad that we did not have 200 riders supporting this race. I



keep thinking I'm riding a secret race and if the word got out riders would come from other states to share in the fun. HHHmmm... sounds like a job for our marketing directors. It's not fun to go to meetings and hear bad news. It is fun to go to a race and be seen. We need numbers to balance out the opposition.

Here is a rule you need to remember when you go out to ride. You cannot give anyone a ride on your bike unless you have buddy pegs. Your buddy better have on a helmet as well. The "government" likes to send out officers so they can write out tickets. Remember, knowing the rules will keep you from getting a ticket and that means one less tax you have to pay. Knowledge is power so learn all you can. The good old days of just going out to "OUR PUBLIC LAND" is over. We can still have a good time when we come prepared. Know the rules!

There are still some races left so get out and ride them. The fall Classic will be in Heppner this year, which means we get to see some new country. Make it an overnighter and just hang out with the good people that make our sport what it is. We also get an ISDE out of Jacksonville - another great club (MRA) with excellent trails to ride on. As a referee, I see rules and know that we need to follow them, but I also know that some rules the government is telling us to play by, need to be changed. If you need encouragement, just look at our American Flag. Freedom don't come cheap. Thanks to our fathers, we are still free and we are still in the fight. Ride on brothers - and Sisters too!



OMRA Interview: Will HisleBeard

By Tom Niemela

(Here's a quick, few minutes with this issue's rider, MRA's own Will HisleBeard)

[In Will's words] From the beginning, my involvement with the Motorcycle Riders Association has been focused on building a base level of respect for OHV recreation (and recreationists!) with the agencies that administer our public lands in Southern Oregon. I represent multiple-use recreation on the Siskiyou National Forest RAC (Resource Allocation Committee), and am the Chair of the Jackson Creek Watershed Association. We've tried to keep our focus on how far we've come, not how far we have to go. We've fought the excessive centralization that comes with getting larger, and stayed responsive to opportunities and issues. The club worked to keep its' members in charge of what they love and have a talent for. Over the years the MRA has grown considerably, and has been blessed with having some very smart and hard-working folks with a real vision for where this club should concentrate its' efforts. Most notable was becoming a landowner in the area the club wanted to manage for multiple-use. It has been, and still is, a pleasure and an honor to work with such high-caliber folks.



Q: Will, how long have you been riding motorbikes and what was/is your favorite one?

A: I've been riding since I was twelve years old when my parents won a Honda Mini-Trail 50 at the grocery store in Phoenix, Oregon. A whole new world opened up for me! My first racing bike, a 1973 Honda CR-125 Elsinore, is absolutely the bike I still remember most fondly. My divorced mom and my big

sister saved up the money to buy me that bike for my 16th Christmas, and it was worth every penny for all the enjoyment the family got out of me racing it with my friends at regional MX courses like the MRA's old Kirtland Road motocross track. I am thankful for those great times, and wish every kid could experience them!

Q: How many years have you been with MRA and what do you do/have done for them?

A: I've been an active MRA member since the go-go eighties, and always wanted to use my education to improve the effectiveness of the MRA's accomplishment of its' goals and mission. Eventually I got an opportunity to create some effective, well designed organizational and promotional materials, facilitate improved events, and to represent and promote the MRA with the media and other clubs. Fun and awesome! Fast forward and no longer President, I am the Club Information Officer and the Presidency is in our Event Chair David Lexows' more than capable hands. Currently I am working to help the City of Jacksonville be more comfortable with our offer to purchase their municipal forestlands in the Johns Peak/Timber Mountain area. An amazing amount of effort is required to get past the hateful "Damn Dirt Bikers" bias that our detractors love to cultivate, which may be part of why good times or bad the MRA has accomplished some cool things. Margaret Thatcher once said that she didn't mind waiting (patiently for political outcomes), as long as she got what she wanted. Like sharks, our core group has just never stopped moving, and we have momentum because of it!

The contributions I am personally most proud of are: The clubs' logo and professional stationary & decals, which help our members make a good first impression with their contacts.

Convincing the club to require membership of participants in club events. We went from an approximately 75 member organization scrapping for respect from local land management agencies, to a 500 member family recreational omnibudsman for our regions OHV enthusiasts. Same work, but better cooperation!

With all those new members coming on board I developed a new 1600 entry database for club use that tracked all pertinent information on members, non-members needing or requesting specific information or event mailings, OHV dealers and other northwest clubs, and event sponsors. Guess I didn't see THAT one coming...

Upgraded the club newsletter to a quarterly covering regional hot issues, OHV education, land & legal updates, and sponsor recognition advertisements.

Q: What is your greatest achievement in motorcycling?

A: I'm helping to ensure a legacy of healthy, well managed, and stable OHV recreation in perpetuity for friends and strangers alike in a place I've always loved.

Q: What are some of the big issues facing OHVs in Southern Oregon?

A: Public land managers who take a hands-off approach to our recreation, which leaves us users to find ways to keep our areas from remaining a no-mans land. OHV Systems with unreasonably short riding seasons, that are closed during our peak late-fall and spring to early-summer riding seasons.

Q: What is your favorite type of riding and what other hobbies do you have?

A: I'm too fat & old for it, but motocross on a natural track is STILL my favorite. Sigh. Now I love to explore new places and trail ride with my buds. Other hobbies are photography (guess what I most like to take pictures of...), riding my Jet Ski, bench racing with friends, and enjoying my dogs/cat/turkeys/chickens/ducks/you get the picture!

Q: What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you in while riding?

A: How about having a bee fly up my shorts at 60 miles an hour on my street bike? Or the time I was racing and lost my grip, so I stuffed it in my mouth and finished my race with what looked like a stogy hanging out of my face (and the photographer took my picture?), or riding off of a twenty foot cliff at a gravel pit? Or going bike camping with my buddies the night it was sixteen below zero (our pants were frozen sooOOoo solid that we laid them IN the fire to warm them up the next morning and they didn't even get scorched) Only dirt biking can supply this kind of entertainment!

Q: If I was to look in your car/home stereo, what music CD/tapes would I see?

A: Alan Parsons Project, AD/Kerry Livgren/Kansas, Queen, Steve Miller, 38 Special, Carpenters, Glad, Doobies, Eagles...

Q: Ok, you just won the lottery and are rolling in the cash - what's the first thing you'd do?

A: You mean other than purchase that new bike I crave??? Next!

Q: And finally, what's the worst thing you've ever found in your gearbag and what's the worst thing you've ever dropped in the toilet?

A: The worst thing I've ever found in my gear bag was water that had sat sealed all toasty and warm in it since the last warm rain unbeknownst to me. Can you say Petri dish? The worst thing I ever dropped in a toilet was a bladder stone... I now have a short list of appealing baby names, and a profound respect for women in childbirth!

Q: Anything else you want to say?

A: Helping to organize the OMRA was one of the smartest things the MRA ever did. Thanks for an awesome statewide event schedule and for fighting the good fight.



Allocation Update

Hummer Helps Grants available form Tread Lightly!

Last October, Tread Lightly! received a \$100,000 endowment from HUMMER to signify the launch of HUMMER Helps. The endowment is administered as a grant giving initiative to select outdoor enthusiast clubs who are Tread Lightly! members and have pinpointed recreational areas in need. The HUMMER Helps program was created to recognize HUMMER owners who have utilized their vehicle's capability for acts of humanity, and to

sustain the lands where outdoor enthusiasts enjoy off-highway activities. Currently, they have rewarded two grants. For questions regarding submitting grant proposals or assessment criteria contact: grants@treadlightly.org.

YOUR ATV FUNDS UPDATE

There have been a few extensions requested. Huckleberry Flats out of Oakridge has asked and received two extensions. One is for a Trail Expansion and is delayed due to Environmental Assessment and fire suppression activities. Extended to 12/31/04. The other extension is for operations and maintenance due to weather and will be extended to 7/31/04.

Tillamook State Forest ATV Trails Materials. Extension due to delay in purchase of items, many events. Extended to 8/31/04

Sand Lake Day use Parking was extended to 12/31/04 and is delayed due to Federal highway project issues.

We have been allocated \$4.5 million dollars this biennium for grants and \$1,775 million of acquisitions. To date we have obligated \$4,234,054.21 dollars. This leaves a balance of \$269,201.79 in grant funds and \$1,755 million in acquisition dollars. Of the amount obligated, OPRD has encumbered \$870,759.69. Due to many projects ending this month, we anticipate encumbering a lot of funds in the next 90 days. These figures do not take into consideration any carryovers that have occurred from 2001--03 biennium obligations that OPRD encumbered in the 2004-05 fiscal years. These usually occur when a project submits billings late. The De-obligated of grant dollars will occur during the next six months as well. This could allow for additional funds being obligated at the September meeting or the January meeting.

Total permit sales from 7/03 to 5/3d1/04 is currently 61,665. The next ATV -AAC meeting will be held September 17, 2004 in Enterprise. (Article was taken from OPRD ATV quarterly report.)

Oregon OHV Recreation Summit, August 21, Bend, OR

(Folks, this is a big deal and I urge a representative or two from each club attend this meeting. Make sure you and your organization is involved with this state summit! Blue Ribbon Coalition will also be there. Contact me if you have any questions. -Tom)

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YOU ARE INVITED

Your organization is invited to send a representative to an invitation only Recreation Access Forum on August 21, 2004. At this meeting, we will meet and strategize with recreationists from all over the state about the issue that impacts us all---access to public lands. Each year the pressure increases and acre-by-acre we lose our right to venture onto our public lands. If we are

going to stop this trend, we must unite and act now. We cannot afford to put this off any longer!

It is crucial that all recreational groups have a seat at the table as we discuss the current political climate, current access issues and possible solutions. Topics may include new Wilderness, "emergency" road and trail closures, Endangered Species Act, wildfire restoration, and many more. United we stand, divided we fall.

Details:

Location: Papa's Pizza, 20265 Meyer Dr., Bend, Oregon (behind Taco Bell and next to Fred Meyer on Hwy 97)

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P. M. (Lunch will be provided)

Since this is an invitation only event, it is necessary for you to RSVP, we need to have a list of all those who plan to attend by August 17, 2004. Please call 541-344-8245 (Eugene) or 541-382-8319(Bend) with the name of your organization and the individual(s) who will be attending. If you have any questions or need assistance with planning, please call either number.

Thank you and we hope to see you on August 21. Don't let this opportunity pass you by--our future use of public lands is at stake.

This meeting is not sponsored by any public agency.

See you on August 21,

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Don Amador (Brdon@sharetrails.org)

A CALL TO QUILLS! An alternative to closures

By Del Albright

(Note: Author Del Albright is a longtime OHV and land access activist who is currently a BlueRibbon Coalition Ambassador and the State Environmental Affairs Coordinator for the California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs as well as being involved in many other similar groups. Del wants to get as many OHV folks fired up as possible!)

No more Mr. Nice Guy. I've had it! Our recreation is in serous jeopardy; I don't care what you ride. Whether a dirt bike, buggy, 4wd, ATV, PWC, sled, or wake skates behind a boat, WE are in trouble.

I am writing this as me, Del. I am not claiming to represent any group or organization that I work for, represent or am a member of. This is from my guts telling me we had better change the way we're doing business, or we're gonna lose our motors. I am getting firmer and stauncher in my positions on land use and access. But we need an army of people getting in the game so our voice can be heard.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Now I'm not playing Chicken Little here, either. The sky is not falling. But from my experience around the continent, the atmosphere is sure shaky. Tune in here and

see what I think we need to do before it's just any further down the road, too late.

To make a long, bring tears to your eyes, story short, this is the gist of the problem:

1. Our image is so tainted we're an easy target for bad press and closures due to the few yahoos and dip-wads out there.
2. We deserve some of the bad press - we are not policing our own.
3. By not showing up and speaking out as much as our opponents, we are the vast minority, under dog, get stepped on groups.
4. We are a HUGE army waiting for the call to help manage our public lands, but we're not there in mass.
5. We wait until the gate is up before we ask for help or get involved.

Now with that in mind, I have some fixes. If you've read this far, I am HOPEFUL that you will do more than read. ACT. Act now. Get your friends to act. Do not take my gut instinct, based on 22 years in this business, lightly.

IN SIMPLE TERMS

Stand up and quit rolling over! Get aggressive and assertive about your recreation. Here's how In simple terms:

FIRST: Let's clean up our web sites and bulletin boards where some people think they can talk like inmates and make us look like idiots. Clean them up now. Change the rules of posts if you're a moderator. Get rid of the idiot behavior and let's start showing some responsibility towards shaping our image. If you're posting to BBS's, then post like an adult. Get a private list somewhere if you need to launch out; but not where our opponents can see you.

SECOND: if you're not a member of EVERYTHING you can afford to be, then you're not in the game all the way. JOIN every local, state, and regional organization you can. And JOIN BlueRibbon Coalition. It is through membership that we build strength and find money to fight the battles. THIRD: Be an advocate for your sport. Include others. Do ride a longs. Get political. Do not think you can let someone else do it for you. Get some training. Get some help. Do whatever it takes, but do it now, before YOUR gate goes up. Get a Trail Patrol or Neighborhood watch started on your trails. Advocate for responsible use; dump the dip-wads.

FOURTH: Set the example in everything you do in your sport. Ride responsibly. Camp responsibly. Drink responsibly. Behave like EVERYONE in the world is watching and evaluating your actions. Have fun, yes. But realize we are threatened like never before. I've never seen so many closures and potential closures on the horizon. I've been at this a long time. Please take heed and act now.

FIFTH: Pick up your pen. That's why I called this article a "Call To Quills" (pens). Pick it up and write a letter. I don't even care to whom you send it. Just start to write. Tell your Congressman how you feel about multiple uses of public lands. Tell your Commissioner/Board of Supervisors how you feel about

your right to ride responsibly. Tell somebody something. Get your voice out there. Be heard. Be in the game. Tell them you're tired of rolling over and compromising. Tell them you want no net loss of public land riding opportunities. Tell them no more unreasonable compromise that means loss for us.

WORK WITH THE FOLKS WHO WORK WITH US

We are not well represented when the letters are counted at the end of the day. We have to change that, or just give up the effort. I for one am not ready to roll over or give up any more. I'm in there with teeth barred now.

On the other hand, continue to work with the great land managers who ARE working with us, trying to help us, and seem like they have a balanced approach to their job. Even if you don't get your way every time, do support those land managers who you know are trying and fair.

Support those good politicians who believe in giving us a chance to recreate on public lands. And in both cases, where there are bad land managers, or bad politicians, put them in the dip-wad category and work to get them dumped!

Do it now. Do something. Please do not sit by and wait. We can't wait. Emergency closures should be reserved for when management fails.

So, if you're not in the game, then chances are, management will fail. Pick up that quill. -Del (*Visit my web site for more help: www.delalbright.com*)



N.O.R.A. News

We are rescheduling the Chapped Chimp / Kidz Kross Kountry / Monkey Butt Hare Scrambles and it will be relocated at the Sunflower ORV Park near Heppner, Oregon. The Chapped Chimp Poker Run / Kidz Kross Kountry will be on Saturday October 23rd, 2004 - The Poker Run will be open for Quad/ATV's to participate. The Kidz Kross Kountry will be for our future fast guyz & girlz and it will be just for fun and is a non-points Event. The Monkey Butt Hare Scrambles will be on Sunday, October 24th, 2004. This will be a weekend of fun and excitement for everyone and as usual lots of prizes and gifts. If you are interested in helping with the Event for worker points and a BBQ dinner on us please contact Marty Clough at: (503) 649-8709 or E-Mail: cloughman1@juno.com



NW Tour & Trail News

We finished the biggest Black Dog National Dualsport yet this year and it was a huge success, but not without drama from the U.S.F.S. They would not let us use any trails this year, claiming that last year's course was different than the map we submitted. They didn't tell us this info until one month before THIS year's event. Bogus. With that we are amassing a huge push to promote OHV use in the Mt. Hood N.F., plus stop Senator Wyden's proposal to double the existing wilderness. Sure could use your help with letters on this! Go to our message board at: www.blackdogdualsport.com to read the gory details!

This year's Rat Dog Dualsport will basically be an enduro for the A riders and the usual fun puttsy for the B and C riders in the Tillamook State Forest - something for everyone. Lobos will be hosting their Horny Wolf Dualsport

the next day in the same area, so think of this as a 2-day event! If you've never experienced a dualsport ride, throw a license plate on your bike and show up!



G.I. JOE'S SEIZE THE WEEKEND
THE SPORTS & AUTO STORE

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20 stores in the Northwest!



Sprockets, Spokes, Springs and Jokes

- **New Club!** We have a new club in Joseph, Oregon, called the **Wallowa Valley Trailriders Association** – welcome aboard, folks!
- The **Tillamook State Forest OHV Meetings** are the **last Monday of each month** and we need more people to show up! The meetings are 7PM, McMenamins Grand Lodge-Forest Grove, OR. Let us know if you have land-use meetings in your area and we'll post them.
- **OMRA Officer openings:** This year the President and Vice President positions become available. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please contact us. An interest in off-roading and volunteering is a prerequisite.
- It's updated! **The OMRA's website is updated to a Unix server and we have a new, improved message board for you all.** Be sure to go login and check it out!



Mystery Photo! Who is this man? [Answer

on last page] This man has attended more ISDEs (and medaled) than any other American. This photo was back in the 70's and now he is known more for his green-colored bike.



Old Dirtbiker Joke

An 80-year-old man went to the doctor for a check-up and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a dirt biker and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight on Sundays and out sliding around corners, "shootin" sand washes and riding up and down the steepest, gnarliest hills I can find at the crack of dawn."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?" The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 99 years old and, in fact, he went riding with me this Sunday, and that's why he's still alive... he's a dirt biker."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 117 years old."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went dirt bikin' with you this Sunday too?"

The old timer said, "No... Grandpa couldn't go this week because he got married."

The Doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Good Lord!!! Why would a 117-year-old guy want to get married?"

The old timer said, "Who said he wanted to?"

Schedule of OMRA events for 2004

| | DATE | EVENT | ORGANIZER |
|----|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Jan 1 | Hangover Scrambles | JCTRA |
| | Jan 7 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| | Feb 4 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| ☺ | Feb 7 | OMRA Awards Banquet | OMRA |
| | Mar 3 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| GP | Mar 13 | 4-Hour Team Race (Eddieville) | OTBG |
| GP | Mar 27-28 | WORCS GP | OTBG |
| PR | Apr 4 | First Chance Poker Run | Trailsmen |
| | Apr 7 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| GP | Apr 17 | 4-Hour Team Race (Starvation Ridge) | OTBG |
| XC | Apr 17-18 | Timber Mtn. Hare Scrambles | MRA |
| PR | Apr 18 | Mt. Scott Poker Run | Mt. Scott |
| PR | Apr 24 | Joker Poker Run | COMAC |
| XC | Apr 25 | China Hat ISDE | Lobos |
| DS | Ends Aug 20 | Oregon Challenge Dualsport | Oregon_DSR |
| GP | May 1 | Starvation Ridge GP | OTBG |
| XC | May 2 | Starvation Ridge XC | OTBG |
| PR | May 2 | May Day Poker Run | MRA |
| PR | May 2 | Silver Dollar Poker Run | Trailsmen |
| | May 5 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| PR | May 15 | Reload/Lobos Poker Run | Reload/Lobos |
| XC | May 16 | Reload/Lobos Race | Reload/Lobos |
| DS | May 16 | Simple Simon Dualsport | Mt. Scott |
| GP | May 22 | Kiss My Grips GP | NORA |
| XC | May 23 | Festered Fanny Scrambles | NORA |
| XC | May 29-30 | Funky Chicken National XC | ETRA |
| | Jun 2 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| PR | Jun 5-6 | Teepee Run Poker Run | Mt. Scott |
| GP | Jun 6 | European GP | OTBG |
| DS | Jun 12 | Reload/Lobos Dualsport | Reload/Lobos |
| GP | Jun 12-13 | WORCS GP | WORCS |
| PR | Jun 13 | Summer Fun Poker Run | Trailsmen |
| GP | Jun 19 | 4-Hour, Dusk-to-Dark Team Race | OTBG |
| PR | Jun 20 | Lobos Poker Run | Lobos |
| XC | Jun 27 | Devils Head ISDE | Mt. Scott |
| | Jul 7 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| DS | Jul 10-11 | Black Dog National Dualsport | NWT&T |
| XC | July 18 | Tillamook 100 | Trailsmen |
| | July 18 | Oregon/Washington 500 Road Run | Beaverton Honda |
| PR | Jul 25 | Mike Stewart Poker Run | Mt. Scott |
| PR | Aug 1 | Lobos Poker Run | Lobos |
| | Aug 1 | [Washougal National MX] | |
| | Aug 4 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| | Aug 14-15 | Kid's Field Day | Trailsmen |
| | Aug 15 | Mt. Scott Road Run | Mt. Scott |
| | Aug 21 | Road Run | COMAC |
| | Sep 1 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| GP | Sep 12 | European GP | OTBG |
| PR | Sep 12 | Last Chance Poker Run | Trailsmen |
| DS | Sep 18 | Rat Dog Dualsport | NWT&T |
| DS | Sep 19 | Horny Wolf Dualsport | Lobos |
| PR | Sep 19 | Rock 'N' Roll Poker Run | JCTRA |
| GP | Sep 19 | Dick Jagow Memorial GP | Mt. Scott |
| DS | Sep 25 | Prospect 100 Dualsport | MRA |
| GP | Sep 26 | Starvation Ridge GP | OTBG |
| | Oct 6 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| | Oct 16 | Old Timer's Banquet | Beaverton Honda |
| DS | Oct 16 | COMAC Dualsport | COMAC |
| XC | Oct 17 | Fall Classic XC | Lobos |
| GP | Oct 23 | Kiss My Grips GP | NORA |

[Be sure to check the OMRA website for the latest and current schedule changes]

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| XC | Oct 24 | Monkey Butt XC | NORA |
| | Oct 30-31 | 24-Hour Team Race | OTBG |
| PR | Oct 31 | Ghost & Goblin Poker Run | MRA |
| ☺ | Nov 6 | OMRA Annual Calendar Meeting | OMRA |
| | Nov 7 | AMA District 28 Sanction Meeting | AMA |
| XC | Nov 7 | MRA ISDE Race | MRA |
| GP | Nov 14 | European GP | OTBG |
| | Nov 19-20 | WORCS GP (Boise, ID) | WORCS |
| | Dec 1 | Monthly OMRA Meeting | OMRA |
| | Jan 1, 2005 | Hangover Scrambles | JCTRA |

XC=Cross-Country points
GP=Grand Prix points DS=Dual Sport points
PR=Poker Run TBA=To Be Announced

There will be one throw out event for each 8 events in a series to qualify for series trophy, riders must participate in 50% of that series events. Points will be tallied for OMRA members with a current competition card at the time of the event. **CAUTION!** These events could change, so contact the club before the event! Monthly meetings of the OMRA are held at 7pm the first Wednesday of each month (except November) at Denny's Restaurant in Progress/Tigard, OR [(503)646-7724]. The OMRA also attempts to scan and post all event fliers onto the website.

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