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District 15 Harescramble News

The 2007 D-15 H/S racing season has ended and we are working on plans for next year. Please see the final point standings. Riders who finished in positions colored in green have earned jackets for their racing efforts. Jackets will be distributed at the D-15 banquet on Feb. 9 at Celebrations Hall in Indianapolis. Riders finishing in the top 3 of their class at the state race (Mitchell 8/5/2007) will also receive an award at the banquet. **IF YOU WON A JACKET PLEASE RESPOND AND LET ME KNOW WHAT SIZE YOU WEAR.** (contact me at 765-720-7429 or brtmotorsports@yahoo.com) Sizes available are youth small thru youth extra large, and adult small thru adult 2XL. Banquet tickets can be purchased using the order form found on the D-15 website, and may also be available in your December issue of CycleUSA. Congratulations to all award winners!

If you are a D-15, 2007 H/S class champion please email a photo suitable for posting on the D-15 website, preferably a picture without your helmet so we can show the world who you are. I will try to get these posted in the Harescramble section.

2008 Rider Advancements: B riders who have an average of 21.00 or higher and meet D-15 advancement requirements are advanced to the A class, effective 2008. (Those being advanced have averages shown in orange) Please remember, all 2007, C class riders in D-15 Harescramble are automatically advanced to B in 2008...we only allow 1 season as a C rider...it's a beginner class. Former mini racers entering the adult classes for the first time in 2008 are also B riders because they have previous H/S racing experience in the youth events....they can not be considered beginners.

I am retiring as points keeper but continue as H/S referee. Stoney Lonesome member, Dave Dunnuck has been duped into taking over the points keeping chores next year. Dave has the skills needed to improve the speed and accuracy of our points reporting. He is very computer savvy and will be a great help to those clubs and promoters that are interested in submitting results electronically. My poor computer skills are holding us back in this effort and we can't go wrong with a points keeper who has the nickname: Digital Dave!

The 2008 season is taking shape. I don't want to publish anything yet as a few things are still being finalized but I can tell you we have 24 races scheduled for bikes, 12 for Quads and it's possible others may be added. This is what we have to date: Stoney (5 races), Plymouth (4), Mitchell (3), HTR (2), IXCR (3 that pay bike points, 5 that pay quad points), Muddobers (1), RidersMC (1), Pleasure Riders (1), Saddleback (1), Dutch Sport (1), Log Road (1), MoochMC (1), The 2008 state race for bikes will be held by the RidersMC at Ligonier, Ind. and IXCR will host the quad state race at Madison, Ind,

We are back at Cayuga after a 1 year absence and back at Dutch Sport after a 2-3 year absence. MoochMC may be a new name to some but others may remember their involvement with D-15 H/S racing in 2003. They are better known as the guys behind the Mooch Mayhem family trailride formerly held at Valley Branch retreat in Nashville, Ind.

IXCR is a new promoter to D-15 racing. They have a multi race series planned with select rounds being D-15 points paying events. I believe they include Quads at all events. Check their website at www.IXCR.com to learn more about them.

We recently noticed the AMA website shows Lynnville, Ind as the site of round 4 of the National H/S series on June 29th but I'm not sure if it will be listed as a D-15 points paying event. I need to read the rulebook to see how national points are awarded at the District level and I also need to contact the promoting club.

The AMA has approved a large number of rule changes for 2008. A complete list of the 2008 AMA rulebook changes can be viewed on their website, check the rulebooks section, 2008 off road rule changes.

On the local level, District 15 clubs voted to add "Supermini" as a points paying class in the Harescramble division starting in 2008. (D-15, H/S class structure 19.1) One of the new 2008 AMA rule changes revised the "definition" of a motorcycle increasing the minimum wheelbase from 51" to 53". This change made the addition of a Supermini class possible in our youth race. There should now be 3 starting rows in our youth event, Row 1: Supermini, Row 2: 85cc, Row 3: 65cc. Eligibility for the new Supermini class shall be determined by the age, engine and wheel size limits for class 15 machines as described by the 2008 AMA rulebook, youth rules section. Eligibility for the 85cc and 65cc classes are unchanged.

D-15 also revised/ removed some language regarding rider advancement in an attempt to clean up contradictions within our rulebook.

The following D-15 general rule will be removed:

16.19 E: "After a rider reaches 40 years old, the **District** cannot automatically advance rider without rider consent.

The following D-15 Harescramble rule will be removed as it is viewed as no longer relevant to D-15 H/S racing:

19.2 -- **Scorecard Alteration**: Any rider that alters their scorecard will be disqualified from that event and is subject to suspension from District **15** and AMA.

The following D-15 Harescramble rule will be modified to read:

19.6 -- **Rider Advancement**: All riders will be advanced from the "B" to "A" using the following

I have only attempted to summarize the 2008 D-15 rulebook changes that affect H/S racing. Additional D-15 rule changes exist for the MX, Hillclimb and Enduro divisions.

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D-15 H/S referee

