

The Harrison High School was the location of round # 4 of the Family Enduro Series. A wonderful facility that provided paved parking, indoor sign up/photography display and trophy presentation if the weather did not cooperate. All of the riders followed the rule of no "pit riding". Thank you to the 150 participants.

Mother nature provided adequate dust control on Friday and Saturday morning. In fact a "mud pit" was created on the trail and provided Stineback Photography with a prime location for action photos. Most of the logs were removed, but the exposed tree roots dampened by the overnight rains did provide some excitement along the course.

The Buzzards MC did a good job of creating a challenging trail and provided many of the riders with their first opportunity to use the restart format. There were a number of questions during the riders meeting and Jamie Lipovski was able to respond. The club is fortunate to have a number of landowners in Harrison that allow the use of the private property for this event. The loop was 14 miles long and included two timed section with a break/pause in between.

Colleen Austin was very helpful with the scoring of the event. Thanks to Colleen and the MotoTalley software, everyone was headed home before 5:00 (only an hour after the last rider finished their ride).

The club provided three overall champions – one for the short course (one lap) – Alex Good, one for the long course (two laps) and less than 16 years old – Max Lamee and one for the older group who completed two laps – Dave Hammel. Good idea!

The Muddobbers MC hosted the next Family Enduro event at Matthews, IN. The river and covered bridge provided a scenic staging area. The weather did not cooperate and we learned where the club created their name. All of the 160 participants were dobbing their way through the muddy trail. 91 people were riding for points and trophies. Unfortunately, only 16 were able to finish without "houring out".

The club had a family enduro last Fall. They wanted to have the event in Summer this year as the younger riders would not be in school. Some of their trails were not available due to the crops in the fields and the first three miles after the overnight rain was a difficult section of muddy trails and some hills. One frequent participant in FES has

declared this year – The Year of Mud – as most of our events have been wet.

The club planned a full weekend of events for the participants. The Family Enduro was followed by dinner and live entertainment. The dual sport/trail ride was on Sunday morning and the trails were wet, but it was a great ride.

A father/daughter entrant traveled from Florida to ride in the Buddy class in the family enduro. George and Annabelle Barnes read about our Family Enduro Series in a magazine article on the Baby Buzzard (Harrison) from last year. They made the trip to Michigan to ride the Arbor Day event, but it was not discovered until after the event. Annabelle placed second in the Buddy class in Matthews and her smile was a mile long. After receiving her award she assisted with the trophy presentation and pulled the winning ticket in the 50/50 drawing.

We are planning a 50/50 drawing at each event with the proceeds going to the Family Enduro Series and improving the program. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact Mike Maurer.

Please do not forget that the Family Enduro and Dist. 14 Enduro Series are sponsoring a motorcycle raffle. The tickets cost \$20. The winner will get to choose between a Honda or KTM 250 Four Stroke. The bike is being provided by Linwood Cycle Sales. We need to sell 300 tickets or the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Maurer or Tom Dunn.