

## CORDUROY ENDURO

by Ron Jackson



Rudi Marczy, best first time Canadian.



Clare Mathies and Walt Wilson, sidecar heroes.  
Photos by the Jacksons

We hope that all who took part in this year's Corduroy enjoyed the weekend. Our congratulations to the winners; the trophies they received were hard earned. This year's results reflect greatly improved performance on the part of Canadian riders. Perhaps next year we will have a Canadian winner for the first time since 1956.

The radio and television coverage of the run by the CBC was a boost for the Corduroy and motorcycling generally. In a week or two we hope to have a 35 minute tape recording of the radio broadcast. Let us know if you would like to play it at a club meeting.

For 1965, the organizers are considering switching dates for the Corduroy to Thanksgiving weekend, October 9 and 10. This would give Canadian riders a holiday Monday to return home and/or recuperate. We would also hope to attract more American riders by not running so close to the Jack Pine and the 150 mile National at Cayuta. Early October is also the season for cool nights, fall colours and partridge hunting. If you have an opinion on the proposed change drop us a line at 14 Del Rio Drive, Toronto 15, within the next few weeks.

The British Empire Motor Club wishes to thank the following for their generosity in donating trophies for the event.

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Trophy for best score by a Canadian in his first Corduroy

We also wish to thank the genial proprietor of Gold Rock Lodge, Les North, his wife and staff for the excellent way in which arrangements at the lodge were handled. Thanks also to Bill Hastings for the PA and films, to the Tom Cats MC for special effects, and to the other checkers.

Layout Crew: Dave Jackson, Basil Jackson, Don Charters, Ron Jackson, Ted Buck.

Grand Champion — John Penton, Lorain, Ohio; 276 BMW, 24 points. Awards: BEMC Corduroy Log, CMA Brash Trophy.

Best Opposite Class — Norm Smith, Brecksville, Ohio; 500 Triumph, 40 points. Award: Clare Heard Trophy.

Lightweight Champions—Expert: Bill Sharpless, Toronto; 200 Triumph, 28 points. Novice: Wesley Pierce, Port Colborne; 250 Jawa, 55 points.

Heavyweight Champions — Expert: Jerry Van der Eyken, Oakville; 500 BSA, 56 points. Novice: John Mileham, Georgetown; 500 Triumph, 77 points.

Sidecar Champions—C. Mathies - W. Wilson, Campbellville; 600 Matchless, 127 points.

Best Score by a Canadian Riding His First Corduroy—Rudi Marcz, Welland; 500 Triumph, 129 points.

Winning Team—The Wrecking Team: N. Smith, S. Scirpo, A. Garratt; 856.5 miles, 196 points. Award: Gold Rock Team Trophy.

## A SEVEN DAY WEEKEND

by Don Haddow

Once again enduro enthusiasts flock to this summer resort area to try their mettle in a variety of ways at the Corduroy Enduro. This is an event where everyone can take part including the riders. Aside from taking the chance of riding head-on into a bear or tom-cat or possibly getting lost in the bush for a few days, one can be a checker at one of many check points.

Now this requires quite a lot of skill and one must choose carefully the personnel to man these positions. Tests are usually given to determine if a person has the right qualities for the job.

Firstly a person must be able to dress

himself and talk coherently. The steam and water test is quite enjoyable aside from a few scorched lungs, and most people pass this one. More difficult tests such as telling the time, counting and looking at maps leaves only hardy intellectuals to venture into the woods and spy on competitive riders.

Such a group are the Tomcats, consisting of motorcyclists and ex-motorcyclists (ex means exhibitionists) who help control the proceedings at the event. Sporting a stately limousine, Tomcats can be seen almost anywhere in Haliburton on Cord run weekend helping the riders on their way, preferably the wrong way.

Unfortunately their limousine came in contact with Les North's car wash (Shadow Lake) and may now be converted into a fish hatchery.

It's a very friendly event, the Cord Run, it brings together the same old faces (and a few young faces) to talk about the year's enduro feats. The boys from the States tell us it's a class A event, which is a real feather in the organizers' hat, as there is a lot of enduro riding done south of the border. We need more local riders supporting this event. Perhaps if more clubs in Ontario organized enduros it would create more interest. It doesn't necessarily have to be hard on rider and machine and is a lot of fun to lay out, if you have a little spare time and keen people.

These were just a few observations by an onlooker who thinks the Cord Run is a great event. Why not waterproof your bike and come on up next year?



A typical Tomcat checkpoint.





Bill Sharpless, second overall and Lightweight Champ.

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### NOTICE

The Alberta Centre Banquet  
will be held in Calgary, November 14.

Contact: C. Marshall,  
50 Atlanta Cresc., Calgary.

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### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

November 22 at River Valley Park,  
Toronto, west side of #27 highway,  
3.4 miles north of #7 Highway.

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