

Ninth Penton to win Corduroy

COBOCONK, Ont. — Many of Canada's International Six Days Trial competitors rode the Corduroy International Trial Sept. 8-9 which was won by Tom Penton.

The Cord, Canada's premiere enduro, is held annually by the British Empire Motor Club at Gold Rock Lodge and patterned after the ISDT.

Penton, a member of the famous Ohio enduro family, won the premier award for best overall standings. He also won the expert 125-cc class.

In 1970 his brother Jeff, won the event. In 1971 another brother, Jack, won and his father, John, has been first overall in six Cords.

Canada's ISDT Can-Am riders: Bob Fisher, Eril Nielsen, Ronnie Matthews, Jeff Smith and Bill Sharpless rode the Cord in preparation for the Berkshire event.

Fisher placed first in the expert 300-cc class and third overall on a 175-cc Can-Am. Ronnie Matthews was fifth overall and Jeff Smith seventh.

Dave Hulse of New York on a 125-cc Monark, who won the Cord last year, missed a check point.

An abandoned railway track which could be run at about 60-mph led to a section where a bridge had been removed.

Someone removed the warning signs and a rider had the unfortunate experience of flying 14 feet to the other side of a ravine.

"We've had incidents in the past years where signs were removed but no one ever did anything that could cause a rider to be killed," Dave Daniel, a Cord organizer said.

He said due to the death this summer of one of the Cord's founders, Les North, and because of lack of volunteer help, there might not be an event next year.

RESULTS

Premier award - Tom Penton, Ohio, (pen) zero points lost.

Best other class - Bob Fisher, Que. (Can-Am) zero points lost.

White Trophy for the best Canadian junior - Blaine Smith, Huntsville, Ont. (Can-Am). Hard Luck Trophy - Jean Sheppard, who suffered a broken leg. Trade team trophy - Penton: Tom Penton, Bill Uhl, Idaho and Carl Cranke, California. Powderpuff Trophy - Kathy Wiener, Maryland, (Hon).

Veteran class: 1 - Bob Old, Virginia, (Hus); 2 - Don Albertson, Don Mills, Ont. (Hod); 3 - Emil Cocce, N.J. (Yam).

Expert 125-cc class: 1 - Tom Penton, Ohio, (Pen); 2 - Bil Uhl, Idaho, (Pen); 3 - Ronnie Matthews, Que. (Can-Am).

Senior 125-cc: 1 - Guy Stanford, Islington, Ont. (125); 2 - John Quinn, Oakville, Ont. (Hod); 3 - Jeff Gerber, Ohio, (Pen).

Junior 125-cc class: 1 - Ed Kikauka, Burlington, Ont. (Can-Am); 2 - Paul Prentice, Minden, Ont. (Can-Am); 3 - Bob Lewis, Pickering, Ont. (Can-Am).

Expert 300-cc class: 1 - Bob Fisher, Que. (Can-Am); 2 - Carl Cranke, Calif. (Pen); 3 - Mike Robinson, Mich. (Hon).

Senior 300-cc class: - Tom Krehbiel, Vermont, (Pen); 2 - Lloyd

Heacock, Pickering, Ont. (Yam); 3 - Terry Fewell, Indiana (Hus).

Junior 300-cc class: 1 - Blaine Smith, Huntsville, Ont. (Can-Am); 2 - Roger Mahoney, Peterborough, Ont. (Bul); 3 - Jim Hamilton, Willowdale, Ont. (Yam).

Expert over-300-cc class: 1 - Ed Tingley, Mich. (Yam); 2 - Bob Smith, Maryland (Yam); 3 - John Greenrose, Kentucky (Tri).

Senior over-300-cc class: 1 - Osmo Laine, St. Catharines, Ont (Yam); 2 - Peter Beelen, Pickering, Ont. (Yam); 3 - Tim Shimer, Ohio (Hus).

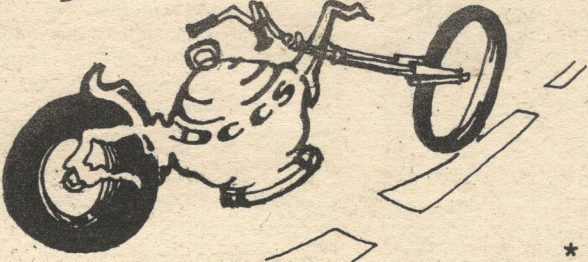
Junior over-300-cc class: 1 - M.R. Harrison, Peterborough, Ont. (Bul); 2 - Ron Thorp, Que. (Bul); 3 - Randy Hodgson, Toronto (Hus).

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AMA state of finances 'serious'

WESTERVILLE, Ohio - The American Motorcycle Association is in serious financial condition, a special auditor's report has shown.

The auditor was called in by the AMA after Russell E. March was fired as executive director Aug. 1 because he owned stock in a company providing services to the AMA.

The auditor's report blamed the poor financial status of the AMA on "lack of attention to income and imprudent expansion of programs."

Ed Youngblood, who has been named acting executive director, announced that an austerity program will be implemented to return the AMA to a sound financial footing.

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