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CMA Enduro Series: Corduroy Enduro

Lachapelle makes his point

By Warren Thaxter

This was a very special weekend for Allan Lachapelle as he guided his Kawasaki KX250 to first overall in the Sept. 23-24 Corduroy Enduro with a score of 11 points over the two days. This was one point better than KTM mounted Matt Spigelmyer of Furnace PA, a perennial competitor and past overall winner of the prestigious Corduroy Log.

Although Spigelmyer had a one-point better ride on Sunday than Lachapelle an early check on the first day cost him the event.

Third went to Toronto's Glen Buchanan on a Yamaha with a total score of 13 points.

American Hans Neff of Stafford Sp., CT was an uncontested fourth with a score of 14 points riding a KTM. Fifth went to Rob "Clipper Boy" McGlashan of Courtice, ON on the top placing Honda four-stroke with a score of 17 points. McGlashan also burned a check on Saturday. Sixth overall and first non-Master rider was Al Jonkers of Brockville, ON, also



Allan Lachapelle edged Matt Spigelmyer by a single point for the prestigious Corduroy Log

on a Honda four-stroke, with an identical 17 points but a special test slower than McGlashan.

Dave Moerham was next in seventh with a total of 18 points. Moerham was Honda mounted and hails from Aylmer, ON.

Craig Kennedy of Port Stanley, ON, on a Yamaha, finished eighth with a score of 20 including an early on Saturday. Next, with an identical score of 20 but losing by virtue of a slower special test, was Denis Libersan of St. Lazare, QC, riding a KTM 200.

Rounding out the top 10 was Filip Svoboda of St. Lambert, QC riding a Yamaha WR400 and scoring 23 points.

A number of special awards are presented each year at the Cord, one of which is the White Memorial Trophy for the best Canadian Junior (novice). This was awarded to Denis Aumais of Kingsley Falls, QC, riding a Honda and carding a score of 13 points.

The Bert Irwin award is also a memorial trophy and is presented to the youngest Canadian finisher each year. The recipient this year was Karl Klapow of Wilberforce, ON riding a Suzuki DR350S.

Having fun

This young man was noticed at the special test wringing out his socks, expressing how much fun he was having and wondering about his father, who was running his gas with a can strapped to the back of a Gold Wing. We will likely see more of Karl Klapow at future Corduroys.

The Lloyd Howell Memorial (Can-Am Challenge) is presented to the top three Americans or, in this year's

case, top three Canadians, namely Lachapelle, Buchanan and McGlashan.

The weather, as so often happens, played a part on this 48th running of the Corduroy with a day of rain on the Thursday before and an all-night downpour on the Friday night. This no doubt had an effect on the entries as only 85 riders left the start line on Saturday morning.

The weather cleared, however, and by the key time of 12:00 p.m. on Saturday the only moisture the riders had to contend with was that which came from below as competitors, in an attempt to stay on time, splashed right through the center of the million or so mud holes found in the Five Point trail system.

One of the Expert/Master tough sections, the River Trail, was cut from the route on Saturday, leaving riders with over an hour to kill before returning to the start area and a new timed special test at the rear of Caygeon Lanes.

The layover helped at least one rider, Moerham, who had broken the lower axle pinch boss Ohlin front forks. He used

the time to switch back to a stock front end.

The timed special test at the end of day one was also a part of the course and was used a total of four times. When this writer rode it after the riders had departed on Sunday morning I decided it was the ugliest piece of real estate I had seen since Wales in '83 - narrow (40" at best), rock infested, diagonal roots everywhere, mud, continuous 90-degree turns between trees and a steep, toaster sized, rock laced uphill near the end. It was great stuff for a special test-but more than one rider was heard to complain about it being used four times.

The special test on the second day was in the usual area at Sedgwick's Farm, just preceding the Miserable Lake Expert trail.

Neff, the 1999 NETRA Enduro champion and current NETRA point leader, posted the lowest special test score for the weekend, 10'19.

Larry Bastedo and the Steel City Riders should be acknowledged and thanked for making the Corduroy Enduro happen once again. Putting on a two-day Enduro year after year in a hard-to-reach area of the country is a tremendous undertaking.

This may mark the end of an era, though, as Bastedo has announced he will not chair the event again. It is unknown at this time just who will attempt to fill his shoes next year in the chairperson's role.

Warren's Quiz

As I expected I had a lot of calls from former Can-Am riders concerning who it was that earned a gold medal on a Can Am motorcycle at 6-Day competition.



The answer is Bob Fisher, who won Canada's only Gold Medal at the 1973 ISDT in the Birkshires in Massachusetts.

Vern Lucki of Bowmanville, ON got the answer on the second try and will receive an *Inside Motorcycles* hat very soon. This month's quiz is really neat and I did not know the answer. Even Blair Sharpless did not know this one.

What brands of motorcycles were being ridden in the closing scenes of On Any Sunday with Steve McQueen, Mert Lawwell and Malcolm Smith (shown in picture)? The answer, by the way, came straight from Malcolm himself and I will not accept answers from anyone who was present at the 'Not Just Any Sunday MSR' trail ride in Calabogie, ON.

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Results

Masters

1. Allan Lachapelle, Bolton Center, QC (Kawasaki), 11 pts.; 2. Matt Spigelmyer, Furnace, PA (KTM), 12; 3. Glen Buchanan, Toronto, ON (Yamaha) 13

Expert Four Stroke

1. Al Jonker, Brockville, ON (Honda) 17; 2. Filip Svoboda, St. Lambert, QC (Yamaha) 23; 3. Peter Keif, Springville, NY (Honda) 25

Expert 300

1. Phil Whetstone, Guelph, ON (Honda) 29; 2. Ross Lennox, Hillsburgh, ON (Kawasaki) 35; 3. Gilles De Pont, Oka, QC (Kawasaki) 40

Expert Open/Other

1. Denis Libersan, St-Lazare, QC (KTM), 21; 2. Dan Nicoloff, Orchard Park, NY, (KTM), 31; 3. Lorenz Calcagno, Guelph, ON (Suzuki), 36

Veteran

1. Kelly Goreski, Port Perry, ON (KTM), 11; 2. Daniel StPierre, Montreal, QC (ATK), 15; 3. Mike Blanken, Dundas, ON (Suzuki) 15

Super Veteran

1. Steve Wilson, Niagara Falls, ON

(Kawasaki) 14; 2. Rick Day, Georgetown, ON (Suzuki) 18; 3. Rich Smith, PA (Husqvarna) 33

Intermediate 300

1. Andrew Campbell, Kitchener, ON (Yamaha) 22; 2. Doug Post, Caledon, ON (KTM) 33; 3. Eric Bock, Courtice, ON (Kawasaki) 38

Immediate Open/other

1. Daniel Lemay, Chatham, QC (Kawasaki) 19; 2. Dan Clark, Bayfield, ON (Honda) 23; 3. Steve Matthews, Athens, ON (KTM) 26

Novice (Junior) 300

1. Steve Lister, Peterborough, ON (Kawasaki) 17; 2. M. Taillon, Lac D'Escorces, QC (Kawasaki) 20; 3. Lee Hill, Orangeville, ON (KTM) 21

Novice Open/other

1. Denis Aumais, Kingsley Falls, QC (Honda) 13; 2. Karl Klapow, Wilberforce, ON (Suzuki) 25; 3. Mark Barber, Ivry Sur le Lac, QC (Suzuki) 33

Ladies

1. Annie Girard, Montreal, QC (KTM) 73; 2. Meg Thorborn, Guelph, ON (Suzuki) 83