



Volunteer Rider Newsletter

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Club News

- **Recent Work Days**
 - No major group work days recently due to summer heat.
- **Family Fun Day (Springlake Trials Training Center)** – On July 23rd Steve Staabs hosted the club members and their families at his farm for a day of riding, swimming, and eating. In addition to showing off his riding skills, Mr. Staabs demonstrated a high degree of proficiency on the low-dive, showing off with classic moves including the front flip, the back flip, and the ever popular Swan Dive (aka Belly Flop)!
- **Kenda TKO (Tennessee Knockout) – “an American Extreme Enduro”** – this weekend (August 20th-21st) at the Trials Training Center in Sequatchie, TN. A number of our own Volunteer Riders will be competing in this event, and a few more will be there to support them. More information about this event can be found at: <http://tennesseeknockoutenduro.com/>
- **Sportsmen Group Rides** – If you prefer a more relaxed pace with more frequent breaks, then keep an eye out for rides tagged as “Sportsmen Group”.
- **Vol Riders Stickers!!** – Think we still have some of the Vol Rider stickers available to bling your bike out! Stop by the meeting this week and pick up a set for your bike or truck!! They come in sets of 2 stickers each, \$10 a set.
- **Windrock/Coal Creek permits** – Everyone, please be sure to purchase your annual permit for Windrock. They are starting get a bit tougher on enforcement of permits and even checking at the Brown’s parking lot. Don’t want the club sending out bad vibes by having a member get caught without one. See notes at end of newsletter for purchase info. **UPDATE:** One of our members said that a park ranger asked that we print a copy of our pass and leave it in our vehicle window when parking at Brown’s so that they can do a drive-by check.

Words from the VP

TALKIN' DIRT!

Great Fun, Great friends

The alarm jolted me awake at 5:56 AM same as it always does; only problem was it was Saturday, the one day I get to sleep in, like say 7:00, or 7:30.... I tried to figure out what day it was and why the alarm went off. Then I remembered it was the day of our rescheduled Father's Day ride at Royal Blue and President Teague declared that we would meet at 8:00 to beat the heat. Not a fan of setting the alarm to go riding. I guess I would not make much of a fisherman. You guessed it, never been fishing, boat goes to slow.

Got my stuff loaded and on the road on schedule and would have been right on time except I decided to detour up to Jacksboro for one of those healthy sausage biscuits to carry in my pack for when I got hungry later on the trail. Would have been a good idea except I ate it on the way (still had Snickers back up). When I arrived President Teague, Weiner Wednesday Steve and Matt (are you going to eat that) Roth were already there. Matt Roth??? If Matt was already there, I must be really late!!! I checked my cell phone watch and according to it, I was only about ten minutes late. Matt must have heard something about another round of Daylight Savings time, and he advanced his clock ahead an hour.

Steve had texted several more guys about coming, David Rowland replied that he was on his way, but running late. He finally made it, and by this time we were approaching our normal start time, and all I could think about was that rude alarm clock. David really appreciated us waiting on him, and declared that lunch was on him.

We took off. Trails were really good and we had a good group that allowed us to keep rolling. We just kept riding except when we were not sure where we were, and that's when we took turns pretending we were Bob Howard declaring, "The trail goes that way". And they did go that way, but they also went a couple of other ways. We never really got lost, and I decided that as long we kept finding fun trails and we all had gas, we were going the right way.

We had started off at a leisurely pace. I did not get the memo, but at one point Father Steve decide to up the pace, taking off each time with a hand full of throttle and saving the knobs on his front tire.

Kind of weird, but sometimes when I get on a dirt bike I feel awkward and like I am about to fall, and other times I get in a groove. After my second Snickers break (Awhh, I eat health food during the week; When I ride, I need nutrition right away, can't wait until next month.) David took off and I set out in chase and we

stayed hooked up for about three miles of fast flowy trail. It was a great feeling, being one with the bike and I felt like I was riding it, making it go exactly where I wanted it, instead of just hanging on. It is times like these that I get to imagine how the good riders feel all the time, controlling their machines at high speed with confidence, a skill I can only wish I had.

We put in 33 miles, and I must say the trails for the most part were really good, between TWRA maintenance and Side X Sides big tires hard packing the clay, the conditions were not like we usually get around here.

After some great riding, we decided on the Mexican Restaurant, even though that "other place" close to the giant cross boasted live entertainment.... After deciphering some confusing Spanglish, we got huge plates of some hard to identify cuisine that was pretty tasty. Still not sure about the appetizer, which consisted of four dark green but almost black wrinkly things that had a slimy, slippery sheen to them. I decided to be polite and not eat one since there were five of us, and I did not want anyone else to not get one... Some others decided to be polite also, as Matt ate two of them, and one was left on the plate.

This is what it is all about, having fun with our bikes on the trails, and spending time with great friends on and off of the trails!

See you on the trails, and maybe a Mexican restaurant,
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Upcoming Events/Club Rides:

- **Monthly Club Meeting** - Meeting this Thursday August 18th at Time Warp Tea room, 7:30 pm.
- **Kenda TKO (Tennessee Knock Out)** – August 20th-21st at the Trials Training Center in Sequatchie, TN.

New Members/Visitors

None last month.

Permit Info

For TWRA managed land - Now known as the North Cumberland Wildlife management Area. (WMA) (Royal Blue/Sundquist/Brimstone sections) This includes what we have known for years as Royal Blue, and what use to be the lower half of Brimstone. \$61 Annual Resident OHV Permit, **OR** you can get a type 01 hunting/fishing license (\$28) **and** a \$17 Type 093 WMA small game permit (for a total of \$45). You can get it at any Walmart.

Coal Creek / Windrock – Annual permits are \$88 and MUST be purchase at the Windrock General Store at the main entrance in Oliver Springs. Daily permits are \$17 and can also be purchased at the General store, at the Shell Station in Oliver Springs, or Ginger's on Hwy 116. Ginger's is on the left (coming from Briceville) just before you get to the intersection of 330.

Classifieds

Nothing this week.

2016 Club Points

Club points standings for July 2016 (this will be updated by next month... sec has been a little busy with work).

Last Name	First Name	Totals
Collins	Jason	1300
Teague	Preston	1300
Teffeteller	Craig	1100
Braun	Jeremy	1000
Goins	Allen	1000
Klepper	Patrick	1000
Pugh	Gary	900
Fitzgerald	Sean	800
Roth	Matt	800
Smeltzer	Alan	800
Thomas	Greg	800
Cox	Justin	700
Hutcheson	Richard	700
James	Kerry	700
Kelley	Roger	700
Kimmitt	Brian	700
Teffeteller	Tristan	700
Cox	Scott	600
Farmer	David	600
Mynatt	Jeff	600