

Ruff E Nuff Enduro by Ken Schuck

The 2010 Ruff- E- Nuff Enduro, held in the gnarly terrain of Pearson, Wisconsin lived up to its name as even the top A riders found themselves slamming their way thru the rocks, gaining route points in the tight, rocky terrain. Combine the tough terrain and unusual high temps (92 by events end) and call this a *true* enduro.

A quick look at the route sheet by the riders had them questioning the length (just over 40 ground miles). However, the folks at signup always flash a smile and assure the riders that they will have had their fill of trail by day's end. A true statement for sure given the challenging terrain. This year's event would be a start/restart format, similar to what the national enduro series is using. This format takes some of the old school feel from an enduro, but it does allow new riders to have fun and be competitive in the event by allowing them to just ride and not worry about time keeping. Using this format there are a series of check in's and check out's, creating a "section" These are almost like a mini harescramble. The faster you go from point A to point B the lower your score (IE less route points). The rider with the least amount of points at days end is the winner. Each point equates to a minute in the real world, riders scores represent the amount of time they were late when compared to traveling at the speed spec'd by the promoter. The speed for the section is assigned so that no rider can meet that speed, thus riders gain points.

District 16 enduro referee and 2009 Enduro Champion took top honors at the 2010 Ruff E Nuff Enduro dropping 32 route points, besting Matt Harringtons 34 and IL Kiel Muellers 39. Apparently, Speedy would like to repeat as champ in 2010. Pete also rode the Hare Scrambles on Saturday finishing 3rd in the AA class, but noted that he would have liked a "reset" at the one hour mark so he could catch his breath. Looking a bit tired after two days of riding Speedy Pete relayed "Man this place always takes the riders and breaks them down. It is hard not to have fun here though, but you have to approach the event differently due to all the rocks. Riding head to head with 8x National Enduro Champ Dick Burleson was fun and to come out on top against him is always a good thing, Dang that guy still goes fast!" I rode this weekend with a broken rib sustained at the national enduro in MO the week before, so to get out of here with a win is a special deal!" Pete went onto thank TEAM P&G OFFROAD, MOOSE RACING, DP Brakes, Pirelli Tires, 4MX, Petrie Motorsports, Paynes Cycle Center, MP POWERSPORTS, Smith Optics

The enduro course and the hare scrambles course overlapped for a short section. Unfortunately, some riders missed the arrow marking a turn and missed a portion of the enduro course. This caused several riders to "burn" or arrive early to the check out of section #3, giving them many more route points than anticipated wreaking havoc on their days overall finish. An always smiling, 250-Open B rider Curt Shomberg and 200A rider John Strangfeld both fell victim to this hiccup as Curt rode the section but lost positions and John did not ride it and burned the out check badly. This set them both back in their overall scores. Curt commented "Dang, I did not miss the arrow and rode the whole trail, but in the end the rider with that finished ahead of me did not and

thus did not lose as many route points because of this error. What can you do, it was still a great day of riding!"

The 2010 Ruff E Nuff almost did not happen. Many of the Madison Motorcycle Club members have put in between 20 to 40 years of working on enduros and decided to sit this year out to focus on other club promoted events. The events rescue came in the form of long time enduro riders Steven Kaczmarowski, his dad Rick. These two along with a huge contingent of family and friends allowed the event to happen this year. No words can describe the dedication this group has to the sport, and the smiles on their faces all weekend helped to cement the fact that the off-road community is a great group of people. This group is credited with making the event happen along with help from the MMC crew the weekend of the event. I think all participants were treated to a great weekend riding in the woods of the north.

Rider numbers for 2010 were about half the number for 2009 for both the Hare Scrambles and the Enduro. Certainly the fact that the event was not sanctioned until early 2010, well after the 2010 schedule was published did not help the overall turnout. Clubs need the support from the riders if we are to continue to have enduros in the State of Wisconsin. So we hope to see you in 2011.



Speedy Pete OA Winner