

Arbor Day Enduro – April 26, 2008
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The second round of the Family Enduro Series was held in Kalkaska, MI and was part of the Trout Festival in Northern Michigan. 164 participants braved the cold temperatures to ride the 26mile loop.

The rain on Friday provided perfect conditions for the event and helped to extinguish the brush fire in Grayling that nearly cancelled the event (nearly 1,100 acres were destroyed).

Most of the trail used the public ORV system, but a couple of enduro sections kept the riding interesting. A special "thank you" goes to our partners at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for making this event possible.

The event used a later key time to allow for travel and a more relaxed sign up process. The enduro school/riders meeting was well attended and there were over 20 people who had never ridden this type of an event.

Once on the trail, the riders were challenged by the Kalkaska sand, logs, the enduro sections, and couple of hill climbs (but no mud). The younger riders (8 years old and younger) only completed one loop, but the others were scored for two (52 total miles). The checks were in different locations to add to the enduro experience.

The Warner family did very well and zeroed the course. Jesse had the best score of the junior riders (less than 16 years old) and his dad Jan had the best senior score. It may be time for them to graduate from the Family Enduro Series.

When the participants were done riding they were treated to hot dogs and potato chips compliments of our corporate sponsors – Iott Seed Farms, Marsh Welding, and Precision Craft Construction. Jeff Magowan is working on the menu for the Mini Moose in June. They also had the opportunity to view action photos taken by Stineback Photography. Bill and his staff were located at three different locations along the route and were able to deliver professional prints within minutes. Craig Scott, D14 Enduro rider representative, handled the Moose Racing door prizes and the 50/50 drawing (\$210 went to the winner). The MotoTally scoring was completed as the money was handed out and the trophy presentation followed.

Based on the number of smiles at the end of the day, this event was a successful one. Thanks to everyone who helped out with layout, sign up, check crews, scoring and the sweep crew.

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