



Hoot Owl News

Hoot Owl Scramblers
Motorcycle Club

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News and Dues

We've said it 3 times now—**DUES have been reinstated** for the Hoot Owl Scramblers. If you want to remain a member in good standing, your \$25 dues (\$50 for families) are due by this next meeting—June 2, 2006 which will be held at back at Kenny's at 7:30. Our membership rolls will be purged after this meeting.

Also note that **the points system is back in place** and 100 points are needed to maintain membership: 5 points for attending a meeting, 15 points for work parties, 50 points for working one of our races, and 100 points if you find and prepare a place to hold an event.

At the last meeting, held at the Townsman Club, officers were elected: Ken Law, President, Paul Detannan-court, Vice President, Bill Robinson, Treasurer, and Jim and Martha Sherman, secretary. Many thanks to them for being willing to serve our club. As you know, being an officer is not simply at-

Hoot Owl Races

The Rattlesnake Run Hare Scramble scheduled for August 13th has been cancelled. At the May meeting we entertained the idea of working with the Nutmeg Scramblers to put on a replacement race at Richardson's Farm that weekend. Those present were in favor of doing the extra work, but since then, the Nutmeg Scramblers have decided that they aren't able to get the manpower to help. With the Barnes' Way race only two weeks later, it has been

tending the meetings—these folks do a lot behind the scenes to make the Hoot Owls one of the best clubs out there.

Most of you probably know that Kenny broke his collarbone at CATRA. While his enthusiasm hasn't been dampened, his ability to pull off work parties and races with his brute strength is no longer an option. He is going to be out of commission for a good portion of the summer. His shoes are hard to fill, but we are capable of doing it! It just means that all of us have to be willing to come out to meetings, work parties and events and represent the Hoot Owls!

Attend the next meeting on June 2 to see how you can help—the more the merrier!



decided to pass on this. We don't want to spread ourselves too thin, and our priority is to the Barnes' Way races, and a lot of work needs to be done there.

NOTE: There are 2 work parties for Barnes' Way: June 16-17 and August 5-6. All club members should attend one of these parties to earn points and to help get the land ready for our race weekend. Bring tools, lunch and a positive attitude!

Dates to Remember

June 2—Meeting at Kenny's

6/17-6/18 Barnes Way Work Party

8/5-8/6 Barnes Way Work Party

The Hoot Owl webpage has been updated. Check it out at www.hootowlmc.com.

This can be a valuable communication tool, as can the new NETRA website. Make sure you check both, especially prior to races—any changes and cancellations will be posted on NETRA at www.netra.org.

If you want to have areas to ride, it is important to lobby your state representatives! Send them a letter or visit them when they are in town for office hours, but make sure you make your voice heard in support of maintaining riding areas for dirt bikers! Our "opponents" talk to them all the time!



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Other News

- 1) The Sound Testing at CATRA was successful and wasn't a hardship as anticipated. Most bikes seemed to pass the first time, and the lines that everyone feared didn't materialize. Because of the weather, the sound testing was waived at Union on Mother's Day, but expect that it will be conducted at other events.
- 2) Hoot Owl racers are doing well as the season gets into full swing. Don't forget to wear your jerseys so that you can be recognized! (Although with the mud at Union, even a Hoot jersey didn't guarantee that—spectators couldn't see the Hoot Owl!!)
- 3) We have a number of new members—please make sure to introduce yourself and make them welcome. Also, please be respectful at our meetings—several of these new folks are youngsters and they (and their parents) might be offended by some of the language that has been used in the past. If we are pushing this sport as a family activity, we must be careful of this.
- 4) Palazzi's have again offered their land as a race site for next year—but we should always be on the lookout for new riding locations! Let Kenny know if you have any possibilities.
- 5) Attend our meetings! We need you and attendance is down.

We're on the web
at
www.hootomc.com
Check us out!

