

# TRAILS AND TALES

*The Newsletter of the Lincoln Country Trail Riders*



## Thanks to All for a Great Year

Greg Harris AKA Mudcat

After reading the first edition of the LCTR Trails and Tales, I thought, "Hmmm, maybe I should have put a little blurb in there." So now it is time for the second edition, and I get a second chance.

I pondered a few different topics and finally settled on how PROUD I am to be associated with you great people.

I've always thought we had a great bunch of members here. Members that would go out of their way to help another. Members that would be there if one ever needed anything. Members who think of others less fortunate.

When we started to do the Mudding for Mallory event at the Redbird Rally, all of these qualities stood out not only to me, but also to those at the rally, and to Mallory's family.

When I was originally approached about doing this fundraiser by a friend of the Wheeler family, I was sure we could do something great. I brought the project up to the directors, and they all thought it would be great. Then, when I brought it up to the general membership at the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting, there was overwhelming support. Tee volunteered for the committee and took the ball and ran with it. There were several other members and volunteers that stepped up as well.

When we eventually got to have the event in October, WOW what a day!! We had a good turnout with great participation.

The competition was tough and the mud was deep, with 70 generous mud hungry riders competing in the 4 mud bog classes. Only 2 riders made it the whole way: Brandon Long on a King Quad running 28" Mudzillas, and WildJim on the dual-tired Brute Force raised nearly \$200 by himself. The prize crew was still giving out prizes well after the bog was over.

When all was said and done, LCTR raised \$2485.05 for a very strong little girl with Leukemia. We gave the entire amount to the family to use as they saw fit. They

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were sincerely thankful and very surprised at the amount we had raised.

When we first started planning, I thought that maybe we would raise \$1000. Well, we did that and more...much more.

We did have lots of help though from local companies, dealers, and even individuals, as well as some internet companies. Lots of hard work went into this project, and it showed all the way through from start to finish, even with the outside opposition.

I am proud to be associated with such a great bunch of guys and gals! While LCTR isn't the biggest ATV club out there, WE ARE THE BEST!! We really aren't interested in having the most inactive members. We want the best active members, and we do have that.

On another topic, our good friend JohnD has safely returned from his tour in Iraq. He is home with his family in Georgia. When the chance comes to ride with him go. He is one wild guy that has one heck of a reputation to live up to.

Welcome back home JohnD.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## Mudding for Mallory Results

LCTR would like to thank everyone that came out and participated in the mud bog event at the Redbird Rally to help us raise a total of \$2485.05 for Mallory and her family.

There were 4 categories of competition in the event, and of the 70 participants, only 2 were able to get through the entire length of the pit.

Winners in the 2 wheel drive division were: First place: Scott Bradstock of Corydon; Second place: Ryan Martin of Newburgh; and Third place: Joel Harris of Loogootee.

Small Bore 500cc and Under winners were: First place: Derek McGraw of Princeton; Second place: Travis Lashbrook of Princeton; and Third place: Patrick Talley of Fort Branch.



*LCTR members getting ready to measure the next run.*

In the Big Bore 501cc and Over competition, Brandon Long of Indianapolis came in First, with Chris Weikert of Jasper placing Second, and Marvin Nail of Martinsville coming in Third.

The Women's division winners are as follows: Sindy Harris of Gentryville placed First. Erica Roach of Loogootee placed Second, and Teena Smith of Bloomfield finished in Third place.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this great cause.

## ATV Nation to ride in Harlan County in June of 2006

ATV Nation will be having their annual ride in Harlan County, KY in June of 2006. This group picks a different location each year for its members to gather from all over the country and enjoy the great outdoors by riding their ATVs.

Several LCTR members have been on a few of these rides, and some of us are hoping to make it again this year. The event is planned for June 24-25, 2006. Please check out our website [www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com](http://www.lincolncountrytrailriders.com) , ATV Nation's website [www.atvnation.com](http://www.atvnation.com) or the Harlan County Ridge Runner's site at [www.kyoutdoors.com](http://www.kyoutdoors.com) for more information. Hope to see you there!!!!

Did you know that LCTR sweatshirts and t-shirts are now available? Just click on our website, and contact Cub or Cubette for more information about how you can get yours!!!



*Taken Memorial Day weekend, 2005 in Harlan County, Kentucky.*

## Time to Renew your LCTR Membership

Your current LCTR membership will expire on January 31, 2006. The 2006 dues are \$20.00 per family, with the requirement that all family members live in the same household.

Renewing your membership will entitle you to discounts at our supporting dealers, special member only rides on private property, and access to a new member's only section of the website. It will also entitle you to be able to hold an officer or director seat, or sit on a committee, the ability to nominate and vote for officers and directors, and to vote on issues regarding the direction of the club. If payment is received before January 27, 2006, whether a renewal or a new membership, you will receive a new LCTR T-shirt.

You can send your check to the following address:  
 LINCOLN COUNTRY TRAIL RIDERS  
 PO BOX 1  
 TENNYSON, IN 47637



*Pay before 1-27-06 and you will receive a free t-shirt. The shirts will be available for pick up at the End of the Year party on February 4, 2006 at Yellow Banks in Selvin, IN.*

Make sure the check is made out to Lincoln Country Trail Riders, or just LCTR. For your convenience, check the back page for a quick and easy form to send in with your payment.

PayPal is also available. If using the PayPal system, please make sure that you put the info in the comments so that we will know who you are. PayPal account is: [treasurer@lincolncountrytrailriders.com](mailto:treasurer@lincolncountrytrailriders.com)

## Meet Tim Titzer, New Board of Directors Member

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My name is Tim Titzer, and I am proud to be a member of this fine group.

If you can't tell by the screen name, I am the proud father of twins, Kacey and Ryan, and yes, they were born in 1999. I have been married for 8 wonderful years to my wonderful wife, Christine. She is the person who sent my life back into a positive direction.

I started out riding motorcycles, and then moved to my first atv, a 1979 Honda 90. After surviving that machine, I went back to motorcycles for a while, until I inherited my first ATV

from my father, a 1990 Honda FourTrax. I still drive it today. I also have a 1989 Blaster that I rebuilt from the ground up.

I found LCTR from a flyer that was up at my local cycle shop, and I have loved being a member ever since. I have met a lot of great people here, and plan on being a member for a long time to come.

Thanks for letting me part of this wonderful group!

## End of the year party to be held at yellowbanks in Selvin.

LCTR will be having their annual end of the year party on February 4, 2006. It will be held at Yellow Banks Recreation in Selvin, IN. This is the same place that the party was held last year.

It will get started around 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to join in the fun. Just bring a covered dish and something to drink. Mudcat will be cooking the meat. There are electrical hookups for crock pots, but there is no stove or oven to reheat items.

There will be Karaoke provided by Dirtrider, and video games available to entertain the kids. All are welcome to come on down and enjoy the fun.

Blondy will once again be our hostess for this event. Please help her out by logging onto the forums, and clicking the banner at the top to access the "party" topic. She would like to know how many will be in your group, and what type of dish you will be bringing.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

## *Clean up day at Spurgeon/Interlake*

Between 40 and 45 LCTR members and friends showed up at the Spurgeon/Interlake area on September 10, 2005 to participate in a clean up day sponsored by the DNR and to show our support for local riding areas.

Bowhunter managed to get us a dumpster to fill, and we did our best to fill it up.

Following a meeting held by the DNR, we had a morning of cleaning up the area, and a great afternoon of riding one of

our favorite places.

Please stay tuned to our forums for the next scheduled clean up day.

Remember....if you come to clean in the morning, you can ride afterwards.

Helmets and Indiana registration are required to ride at the Spurgeon/Interlake area on clean up days.

The area known as Spurgeon, or Interlake in Southern Indiana is closed at this time to riding. Please do not disregard the closing of this land by the DNR at this time. Hopefully, it will be opened again soon for us to enjoy.

## Why do I Race?

By: Craig C guest columnist

First of all, what is racing? Some think it's something for people with a lot of money, who are in great shape, and have one of those 15K sport quads.

Racing is actually a competition.. competing to see who is faster, smarter, braver, or even a little more crazy.

Some people think that racing or competing is dumb, a waste of time and money, and it is just not for them.

If you sit and think about it though, everyone "competes" with each other, whether it is seeing who can go the furthest through that waist deep mud pit, who has the best looking quad, or who can tell the biggest tale at the campsite.

Competition isn't just for racers. Most do it for different reasons, and most don't even know why they compete. Perhaps it is just human nature to be competitive.

Why do I race? I race for fun. I enjoy the speed; I enjoy pushing myself, and seeing just how brave I really am. I love the adrenaline rush. Racing is my drug of choice. Racing is what makes me happy.

It's probably the same reason that people go deer hunting, or bowling, or even plays cards. I think people compete against each other, because when they are done, win or lose, they can still feel good about themselves; yet wonder if they could have done better.

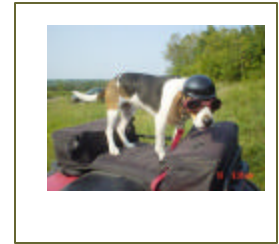
I know I do it. In my first GNCC race at Loretta Lynn's, I know I could have done better. It's hard to remember everything in a 2 hour

race, but I sure remember the things that I screwed up. I vowed to never let those mistakes happen again, because I want to do better. After all, it's a race, a competition. We all want to do better than the other guy.

I guess that is why you will sink that quad into a bottomless pit of mud. I guess that's why you take that 400cc machine, and trade it in for a 500cc machine, and then trade it in for a 700cc machine...and so on.

Competition. Win or lose.

That's why I like to race.



Meet Buddy, our LCTR Mascot

*"It's time like this when you find out who your friends are. Sometimes even those that you think are your friends are no where to be found, and then you have perfect strangers, like your group, who do something like this for someone that you don't even know. You have no idea what this means to our family. Thank you so very much."*

*Quote from Robin Wheeler*

*10-8-05*

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Please visit our website under the General Forums, and then click on Dealer Info, to find out what kind of deals these businesses have offered LCTR Card Carrying Members!!!!

Thanks you Guys!!!!

Membership form for new and renewing members. Please fill out this form, and mail with your check to the address above!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Screen Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Family members to be listed on card (must be in the same household)**

**If you pay before January 27, 2006, you will receive a free LCTR T-Shirt.**

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_