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*4<sup>th</sup> Annual Event: The Off-Road Cup ~ D-Day Adventure Park*

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D-Day Adventure Park in Wyandotte, OK is home to the world's largest paintball competition, and on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, it became home to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Off-Road Cup event. Racers representing 19 different racing series and traveling from 11 different states experienced this year's unique 9-hour team race to determine the best race series in America.

Early Saturday morning, racers lined up for the start of what would be an exciting day of competition. Brendan Clark (KTM) of Team Honda of Tulsa, representing the Oklahoma Hare Scramble Championship Series, nailed the dead-engine start to take the holeshot in the Pro class. Tony Joiner (YAM) of Team NEPG soon put his team in the lead with Team MORE (Midwest Off Road Events) rider Zach Ingram (YAM) close behind in second.

Spectators enjoyed the tight battle between NEPG and MORE with the lead swapping back and forth a few times throughout the first hour of the race until Team MORE rider Drew Higgins (KTM) was able to make the pass and settle into the top spot. During lap eight and around the two-and-a-half hour mark, Joiner experienced mechanical problems. Team NEPG's Kole Henslee (KTM), Caleb Haynes (KTM), and Joiner pounded out twenty-seven laps but it wasn't enough to catch back up and make a bid for the win.

The MORE team came out on top by completing twenty-eight laps in their 9 hours, 7 minutes and 47 seconds of consistent racing. Steve Leivan (KTM), Ingram and Higgins were happy to get the MORE logo on the perpetual trophy for the fourth consecutive year. Team NEPG finished second and the final podium position in the Pro class went to the Team Honda of Tulsa trio of Brendan Clark, Hudson Taylor (KTM) and Logan Adams (KTM) with twenty-six laps. Also completing twenty-six laps and finishing fourth was Team MHSC (Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship Series) consisting of Brian Blauvelt (YAM), Jase Martin (KTM) and Conner O'Brien (KTM). Team MORE was able to enjoy a \$1,500 award, Team NEPG \$1,000, Team Honda of Tulsa \$500, and Team MHSC \$250.

The Overall Ironman honors went to Clayton Clark (KTM) representing the TORCS series with an impressive 24 laps. Ryan O'neal (SUZ) representing the MORE series finished in second with 23 laps. Rounding out the podium and the final winner of a piece of the purse was Trevor Mulhern (KTM) representing the AHSCS series with 22 laps.

In special tribute to MORE's "Ironman Mike", Michael Stanfield, his son Jim Stanfield presented gift certificates from Freedom Cycles to the top 4 in the Ironman +50 class, as well as to Cameron Matteson who finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the Ironman class at just 14 years of age.

The many different series represented in this year's event were: AMA District 16, AMA District 17, Arkansas Hare Scramble Championship Series, Black Jack Enduro Circuit, Forward Motion Hare Scrambles Championship, Hillbilly Grand Prix, Iowa Enduro Rider's Association, Land Run Motorsports Events, Louisiana Cross-Country, Midwest Off Road Events, Missouri Hare Scramble Championship Series, Motorhead Events, National Enduro Series, Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association, Oklahoma Hare Scrambles Championship Series, Soggy Bottom Motocross Park, Texas

Off-Road Championship Series, Texas Offroad Racing Organization, and Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit.

Midwest Off Road Events LLC (promoters of this event) would like to sincerely thank everyone for participating and also Dewayne at D-Day Adventure Park for allowing the event on his amazing property.

### **Class Winners:**

Pro: MORE (Team MORE) Steve Leivan, Zach Ingram, Drew Higgins

A: AMA D17 (Agri-1 Land Services) Daniel Janus, Jeff Kaylor, Ryan Duff

A+35: MORE (Team Entertainer Racing) Todd Corwin, Shannon Kenworthy, Rick Matteson

B: HBGP (Burn the Freakin' Dirt Up) Casey Petzoldt, Hayes Henderson, Logan Pierce

B+35: FMHSC (Heavy D's Exhaust Repair) Michael Everhart, Bryce Hartman, Darin Hartman

C: AHSCS (AHSCS #1) James King, Blake Waller, Scotty King

C+35: MORE (Juggernaut) Kevin Frakes, Chad Larimer, Rob Appleberry

+50: MORE (Marionville Powersports AARP) Rusty Reynaud, Steve Underwood, Dwayne Miekley

Family: LACC (Van Way Family I) Braeden Van Way, Logan Van Way, Sullivan Van Way

Junior: MORE (KC Kidz) Jesse Clark, Justin Clark, Luke Paris

Ladies: MORE (Two-Wheel Chicks) Carley LeRette, Taylor Bonecutter, Chrissy Immekus

Ironman: TORCS (Rednek Racing) Clayton Clark

Ironman +35: AHSCS (Crowl Racing) Zac Crowl

Ironwoman: TORO (Panda88) Maranda Koffman

Ironman +50: BJEC (Webski Racing) Paul Weber

*About the Annual Event: The purpose of The Off-Road Cup is to determine the best race series in America. Local, regional, and national level series are invited to send teams made up of three riders each. Classes for all skill levels are offered from pro to amateur, along with a family class, ironman/ironwoman, etc. The location of this event will change from year to year but will be kept in the central part of the country in order to minimize travel time for either coast. This year's event was made possible by title sponsor MotoEuropa – KTM of St. Louis, FLY, Silkolene, HBD Motografx, DP Brakes, Vertex, Freedom Cycles and Midwest Off Road Events.*