

1980

SIXTH
Annual

BLACKWATER

**100
Grand Prix**

Alpine Festival, Davis, WV

This program dedicated to:

**Town of Davis Residents
Blackwater riders and their families
Davis Volunteer Fire Department
Emergency Squad No. 2
and the
many, many volunteer helpers.**

As we prepare for our sixth Annual Blackwater 100, I am reminded of the fear and trepidation with which we embarked upon our first 100 race six years ago. Fortunately, most of those concerns which included concerns of crowd and traffic control and other problems that one might expect with the influx of so many people into the small Town of Davis, have proven to be unfounded to the degree that the event is now one which we look forward to each year.

The success of the Blackwater 100 is in no small measure due to the excellent cooperation that is evident with the participants, spectators, and residents of the Town of Davis and surrounding areas.

Murray G. Dearborn, President
Tucker County Alpine Festival Association



Blackwater 100 Events Schedule

June 14th	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<i>WKKW radio broadcast with Golden Grass-Blue Grass.</i>
	5 p.m.	<i>Pre-Race Parade</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Cake Walk</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Bingo</i>
	9 p.m. - 11 p.m.	<i>Street Dance with Holly Garber</i>
June 15th	1 p.m.	<i>Start of the Blackwater 100</i>
	1:15 p.m.	<i>Firemen's Bar-be-cue — All Day</i>

Director— Dave Coombs

Referee— Randy Simmons

Announcer— Larry Maiers

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Lou Fletcher, Linda Mansberger, Dave Saville, Don Goss, Bill Frehs.



There are many alternate routes one may use on the Blackwater course, and all are just as easy as the other.



People of Davis are very patriotic.



Many hours are spent in preparing "Home Cooked Meals" for the racers coming to Davis.

...On 'Announcing' at Blackwater!

About 3 years ago, I attended the Blackwater 100 and swore up and down I'd never return. But, here I am. I guess P. T. Barnum was right when he said, "A sucker is born every minute," or did Dave Coombs say that?

Regardless, I'm here and any minute I expect the sky to open up and dump somewhere in the vicinity of 50 gallons of water into my motorhome. Coombs will come through the door covered with mud and slime and deposit his frame on the couch my wife has just finished cleaning. I'd bet even money — No, I'll give odds — that the holding tank will be overflowing before the race even starts and my wife will not begin to understand why she has to use the ladies room at the gas station.

Sound familiar? . . . then you've been there before.

It's been 3 years, but I remember vividly the reasons I swore I'd never come back. — Reason number one is that it always rains at Blackwater and turns the course into a 20 mile quagmire. Reason number two is that if it doesn't rain, the course is still a 20 mile quagmire. Coombs says not to worry . . . it's not going to rain, but in case it does he'll loan me a rain suit to take care of reason number one and that I shouldn't worry about reason number two because I won't be riding . . . he's got a point there — somewhere.

I remember Coombs saying 3 years ago, "Come on — the riders meeting is about to start and I need your help." We climbed a rickety ladder to the top of an old school bus and Dave handed me a microphone and said, "Talk for a few minutes, I'm not quite ready."

Of course the sound system didn't work. So, I'm going Test . . . Test . . . Test . . . Can you hear me? — Test and some guy down below plugs it in. 100 volts of West Virginia's finest electricity shot up the cord, thru the mike, down my arm, into my leg and ended up in the puddle I was standing in on top of the metal bus.

So, reasons 3 thru 6 have to do with attempts made to electrocute me and the use of non-union electricians.

Coombs says . . . "not to worry," it's not going to rain, but in case it does he'll have the sound system out of the weather and an umbrella ready. Also, he's got a Harley rider that, for a six pack — will hold the mike.

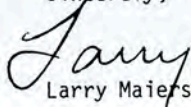
What happened was this. I had just finished announcing a Moto Cross for Dave and we were relaxing over a keg of Rolling Rock. I'm not sure how much of the keg had been consumed but all of a sudden Dave started to talk about the elaborate sound system being erected for Blackwater and the hordes of TV and radio stations that were covering the event. It was my opportunity — he said, to break into the big time. He rambled on about speakers on every pole on every street in town, an officials' platform with red, white and blue bunting draped over it, a remote microphone to handle TV interviews and I don't recall what else. Naturally, I bit.

Turned out there were no TV or radio people. The sound system was a pickup truck with a C. B. and an auxiliary speaker mounted under the hood. Dave said that time got away from him but, — wait till next year. I said, "there won't be a next year" . . . and there wasn't, but here I am again!

If it's not already raining, it will any minute. If there is actually a sound system, it's guaranteed to break just before the race starts. I just know I was conned again, but this time I really don't care. You see, there's a forfeiture clause in my contract; if Dave doesn't deliver, I empty my holding tank into the back seat of his car.

GOOD LUCK!

Sincerely,


Larry Maier



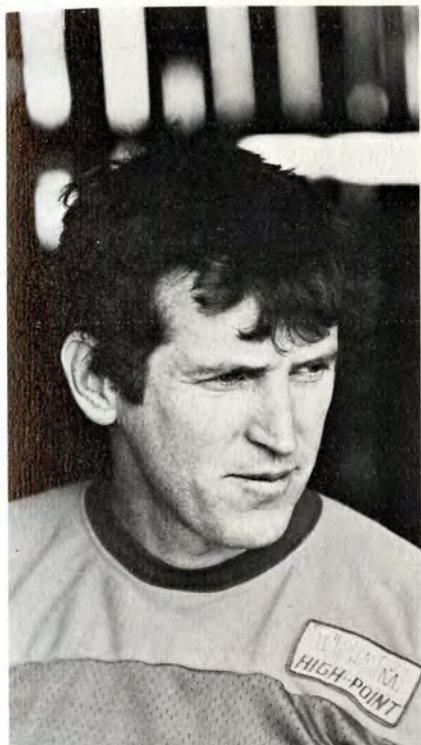
"THE LONGEST WALK" . . . (It never rains at Davis, WV the day after Blackwater).



. . . lining-up is one of the highlights of Blackwater.



. . . if you are lucky, you can relax playing pool and having a brew before the start.



TO THE RIDERS . . .

I have spent many hours this year designing a course that is free of mud, water and rocks! I have built bridges across all the streams, found alternate routes around the swamps and with a twenty pound sledge, smashed any stone larger than a golf ball. All of the trees on the down-hill have been wrapped with mattresses and 'no passing' signs have been strategically placed from the top to the bottom. All of the first aid stations have been well stocked with Coors Beer, and Play Boy Bunnies will be at each check point to give mouth to mouth resuscitation when needed. I have also been made president of the Liars Club of America.

Dave Coombs



"Yes, I actually competed in the Blackwater, once! . . . and I thought the course was rather dry."



Sometimes I'd like to wash my hands and feet of the whole affair.



Dave Coombs, the night before Blackwater . . . "just wait till they try to get through those swamps this year."



What goes through those minds . . . waiting for the start.



Tom Harris bought a new 390 Husky for this years race — sucker!



Ernie Rhorbachers' ribs have healed, fixed his broken Husky and will be on the starting line this year.



Randy Mansberger and John Ayers discuss last years race on the starting line.



MIKE ROSSO of Team Suzuki

Mike Rosso, 28, is the senior member of TEAM SUZUKI. His experience and talent helped propel the popular rider to the finest 2-day Qualifying season of his career in 1979. Winner of four 2-day gold medals, Rosso traveled to the International Six Day Trials (ISDT) in West Germany as the top American 175cc rider.

Mikes major dissapointment is his unsuccessful attempts at winning the Blackwater 100 Gran Prix.

Rosso pulls double duty as both rider and research and developoment mechanic for TEAN SUZUKI, and is equally competent in both areas of his sport. He captured class honors seven times on the National Enduro Circuit with one third place overall finish in 1978.

In 2-day action in '78, Mike scored gold medals in all four events and earned an ISDT gold medal in Sweden as well. "Mike is a superb rider," says TEAM SUZUKI Enduro Manager John Morgan. "He definitely has the ability to challenge the Europeans for the overall ISDT World Championship in 1980."

AMA National Hare Scrambles

SUNDAY, JULY 20th

MARION COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

Rivesville, West Virginia

Take I-79 to Westover Exit, and W. Va. Route 19 South just 11 miles.

CLASSES:

0-100cc	Senior	(35-44 yrs.)
101-125cc	Super Senior	(45 yrs & up)
126-200cc	Special Class	(0cc-Open for AMA Professional
201-250cc		Motocross Riders, ISDT Riders,
251-Open		and "A" Endro Riders. This class will
		start prior to all other classes.)

INFORMATION: Dave Coombs, Rt 7, Box 459, Morgantown, WV 26505
Phone: 304 / 296-4157

This is where it all begins



Dan Krivosky (Clarksburg) comes out of the coal mines once a year to ride the Blackwater.



Jeff Barley should definitely be a threat to take the overall this year.

Blackwater 100 Registered Riders

(At the time of this publication)

	Name	Home Town	Class
1.	Nicholson, Joseph	Lilly, PA	open
2.	Nicholson, John	Lilly, PA	250
3.	Jevon, Thomas	Pittsburgh, PA	250
4.	Kokowski, Gilbert B.	Pittsburgh, PA	250
5.	Morrison, Marlin E.	Harrisville, PA	125
6.	McCrory, Robert	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
7.	Nernberg, Maurice A. Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
8.	Cuppett, Jay K	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
9.	O'Brien, Richard P.	Toronto, OH	250
10.	Duerksen, R.L., MD	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
11.	Schuster, Charles G.	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
12.	Cattrell, Jeff	Toronto, OH	250
13.	Baughner, David W.	Cochran, PA	125
14.	Lepley, Dick	Conneaut Lake, PA	senior
15.	Hensley, Fred Sr.	Chagrin Falls, OH	senior
16.	Cunningham	Painesville, OH	senior
17.	Lombardi, Pat Jr.	Bethel Park, PA	senior
18.	Weaver, Tom	Milford, OH	open
19.	Huegel, Charles	Venus, PA	125
20.	Peace, Bradley	Punxsutawney, PA	125
21.	Elder, Jr.	Valencia, PA	senior
22.	Elder, Randy	Valencia, PA	250
23.	Smith, David L.	Pittsburgh, PA	250
24.	Stalder, Nelson C	Woodsfield, OH	250
25.	Tricket, Jeff	Mt. Lake Park, MD	250
26.	Simpson, Ben R. Jr.	DuBois, PA	open
27.	Digiaco, Anthony J.	Sagertown, PA	senior
28.	Hicks, Tom	Mitchellville, MD	open
29.	Walter, Frank N.	Milford, OH	open
30.	Huges, J. Steven	Brentwood, MD	open
31.	Harris, Kenneth	Adelphi, MD	open
32.	Binger, Samuel A.	Murrysville, PA	250
33.	Kibuk, Nicholas J.	Ford City, PA	175
34.	Veronesi, Peter	Seminol, PA	250
35.	Seibert, Jim	Allison Park, PA	open
36.	Davis, Daniel S. Jr.	Emerson, OH	senior
37.	Papenfuss, Strven R.	Mt. Lebanon, PA	open
38.	Neilson, Patrick J. II	Portage, PA	open
39.	Jeffries, Harry	Verona, PA	super senior
40.	Swartz, Jim	Cortland, OH	open



Ralph Scumaci drew No. 382 last year, he'd like to draw higher this year because of all the exciting incidents he saw last year in the first lap.



Linda Harris (Morgantown) is a true Blackwater competitor — she trains hard for this event, and will probably pass you at least once.

I have decided to ride it every year as a penance for all of the excesses I have committed over the winter. My body and my bike have always received enough punishment to dissolve any and all guilt feelings, no matter how great the excesses. Enjoy the friendship very much so. Mrs. Dumas has allowed us the use of her driveway. Her neighbor has allowed us the use of his hose for cleanups and cool offs. Nice people! On line thought - I have to go to the bathroom! I wish I hadn't eaten that hot-dog! Look at that tootsie in the cut-offs and halter! I have to go the bathroom! I do a lot of mental push-ups and sit-ups and a lot of mental running. Physically I cover my bike with mud once a week and carry it twenty miles. (Usually in the rain for realism.) In 1976, after an all day rain, I was sitting with my dead bike in the strip mines, watching darkness fall and the mists begin to rise and I couldn't hear a sound anywhere. Comparison - the Spanish Inquisition, Washington crossing the Delaware, parts of the movie "African Queen". Downhill - I have an inordinate fear that someday we will have to up it. Swamps - what swamps? Loose soil maybe! But swamps? You're kidding! I hope you realize I'm kidding. I have thoroughly enjoyed the race every year in spite of some bad luck, especially the start. I wouldn't miss it. **Bob McCrory, 5 years.**

REGISTERED RIDERS

	Name	Home Town	Class
41.	Damianos, Darrell	Monroeville, PA	open
42.	Capone, Kenneth L.	Verona, PA	175
43.	Nassif, James A.	Bethel Park, PA	senior
44.	Reider, Davis	Niles, OH	open
45.	Jolliff, Gary P.	Farimont, WV	open
46.	Strandquest, Charles E. Jr.	Johnstown, PA	250
47.	Newman, Barry	Monroeville, PA	175
48.	Meade, Wayne	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
49.	Bartlette, Dane	Shinnston, WV	open
50.	Gusemar, Charles	Morgantown, WV	175
51.	Hicks, Bruce	Newton Hamilton, PA	250
52.	Patterson, Alan R.	Pittsburgh, PA	open
53.	Patterson, Alan R. II	Pittsburgh, PA	super senior
54.	Ray, Kenneth	North Huntingdon, PA	open
55.	Myers, Dan	Canton, OH	open
56.	Schwartz, Jack	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
57.	Clouds, Jack O.	Beaver Falls, PA	senior
58.	Geisler, David L.	Batavia, OH	open
59.	Warner, Monty	Dayton, OH	senior
60.	Warner, Gregory	Dayton, OH	125
61.	Mason, Ray	Marietta, OH	250
62.	Weissert, John J.	Glenshaw, PA	open
63.	Chuppa, Al	Cleveland, OH	open
64.	Simoni, Craig	Pittsburgh, PA	250
65.	Turner, Amos I., III	Morgantown, WV	250
66.	Zang, Victor	Pittsburgh, PA	super senior
67.	Gasper, John	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
68.	Loeffler, Richard A.	Weirton, WV	super senior
69.	Dilger, Tom	Milford, OH	open
70.	Marty, Brent	Woodsfield, OH	250
71.	Cable, James L.	E. Rochester, PA	senior
72.	Henning, Howard L.	Edinboro, PA	175
73.	MacIntyre, Bruce	McMurray, PA	250
74.	Eisengart, Robert G., Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA	open
75.	Tomasiak, James D.	Warren, OH	senior
76.	Strouse, Marty	Reynoldsville, PA	250
77.	Drescher, Earl L. Jr.	Hyattsville, MD	175
78.	Stark, Forrest	Confluence, PA	125
79.	Marchetti, Jack	Pittsburgh, PA	super senior
80.	Pownell, Albert	Niles, OH	125
81.	Price, Richard D.	Massillon, OH	senior
82.	Harris, Chuck	Lothian, MD	250

There is nothing like it anywhere else. There was a consistent good turnout each year. On line thought - I can't wait to get out of the exhaust fumes. I work out physically a few weeks before but I spend most of my time preparing the bike. Hairiest - going out of control while descending the long downhill section. It's unique in distance but similar to hare scrambles in Pennsylvania. There would be more aid stations in the swamps in case of breakdowns. I think that some of the sections are too fast and dangerous. The course should be tighter through the woods so the speeds can be kept down.
Charles E. Strandquest, Jr., 4 years.



SAMMY BOSNIC (Weirton) was No. 1 in motocross last year, but after riding the Blackwater in '79, retired his MX jersey and has been training to win this race.

It's a nice enjoyable weekend and, a dandy of a race - I look forward to it all year. I received a trophy the first year and anymore I ride just to watch the idiots and see the sights. No thought, just follow the crowd. No - too old to train. Last year I made it right to the top of the hill where the creek comes under the bridge when my bike dies. We went end over and down the bank. I was getting up when I heard a little boy say "That was the best one yet Dad". Would compare race to a giant trail ride. The downhill isn't really that bad. The worst problem is that whenever you put a foot down, some goof runs over it. **Brent Marty, 5 years.**

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	Name	Home Town	Class
83.	McMillan, Ed	Lothian, MD	open
84.	Florence, Richard B.	Troy, VA	super senior
85.	Florence, Bruce	Troy, VA	175
86.	Rosso, Joe	McKeesport, PA	125
87.	Jones, Gwyne	Sewickley, PA	senior
88.	Swartz, Jim Sr.	Cortland, OH	senior
89.	Horn, David	Verona, PA	250
90.	Hemphill, Jeff	N. Kensington, PA	open
91.	Crowballs, Herb	Urichsville, OH	open
92.	Huggins, Donnie D.	New Martinsville, WV	senior
93.	Hepner, David H.	Bulger, PA	250
94.	Foose, Harry E. Jr.	Wheeling, WV	250
95.	Rosso, Mark A	McKeesport, PA	250
96.	Kitko, Ray	Glen Easton, WV	250
97.	Maxson, Neil L.	Glen Easton, WV	175
98.	Lengyel, Nicholas M.	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
99.	Loomis, John A.	Crooksville, OH	250
100.	Kelley, Max E.	Pittsburgh, PA	super senior
101.	Powell, A. Blair	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
102.	Kairis, Richard J., Sr.	Aliquippa, PA	senior
103.	Kairis, Richard J., Jr.	Aliquippa, PA	250
104.	Minnick, John	Milford, OH	250
105.	Schultheis, Gerald A.	Monroeville, PA	super senior
106.	Rohrbough, Allen	Mt. Lake Park, MD	250
107.	Parsley, Joseph E.	Mt. Clare, WV	open
108.	McIntosh, Daniel J.	New Cumberland, WV	175
109.	Hudson, Mark	Woodsfield, OH	open
110.	Maxim, Rick	Reynoldsville, PA	250
111.	Thompson, Robert E., Jr.	Oakhill, WV	open
112.	Smith, Marshall J. II	Newark, Del.	250
113.	Massey, Jerry P.	Victor, WV	senior
114.	Fogiato, Domenick J.	Morgan, PA	250
115.	Minteer, Gary	Wampum, PA	125
116.	Reynolds, R. Edward	McKeesport, PA	open
117.	Nagy, Mark Anthony	McKeesport, PA	open
118.	Musser, Stephen	Monongahela, PA	250
119.	Grogg, Danny	Shinnston, WV	250
120.	Lee, Johnny	Bridgeport, WV	senior
121.	Wolfer, Don	Marathon, OH	open
122.	Workman, Randy	Batavia, OH	open
123.	Greene, Kevin E.	Owensville, OH	open
124.	Rohrbaugh, David	Bayard, WV	250



ALAN BRUTTO (Big Al) has a winning record of two second place finishes, a fourth place and an eighth place at Blackwater — Al gives his trophies to charity.

The Blackwater 100 was the hardest, most grueling, dirtiest, muddiest, most fun race I ever encountered. All great folks in Davis! On line thought - just anxious to get going. Run motocross and trail ride whenever possible. Going out on the last lap shortly before the check points were closed and being the only one "out there". Nothing else compares to it. Comments on the swamps and downhill censored. The Blackwater 100 makes a wonderful family weekend, we enjoy it very much. **Nicholas J. Kibuk, 1 year.**

The race was fun. Will I make it to the bogs in one piece? Hairest—the downhill on the first lap. The downhill should be widened because of so many bikes at the beginning it is dangerous. When it's wet, someone could get run over. **F. Barry Newman, 1 year.**

Return to humble myself. The hills and swamps of Blackwater have punished me and my bike but I always leave with a feeling of accomplishment. The residents are very friendly and helpful. Thought - hope I don't have to go to the bathroom before the race starts, I jog to get in shape for the race. Going over the handle bars at one of the swamp mudholes was my hairiest experience. Would compare race to 3 days of Snowshoe condensed into 5 hours. The swamps are fun until you get stuck. I live the Blue Grass on Saturday night. **Gwynne Jones, 1 year.**



FRANK GALLO has won the Blackwater twice and plans to go for three this year. Frank rides for Husquavarna U.S.A. and Hi-Point Products. He's Mr. Nice Guy off the trail, but will transform into the 'Incredible Hulk' when the rope lifts to start.

I returned for the challenge, maybe this year I'll finish. "Hairest" - I was lost in bog land! Had a good time, no hassles. Thought-what time is it going to rain? Hairest - Stuck in the mud and loosing traction on the pavement! Would compare race to a bad dream. Have no comment on the downhill or swamps. **Mark Rosso, 2 years.**

I got a trophy last year. On line thought -the fumes are absolutely awful. I wish I did train for the race. "Hairest" - crossing a 6 foot wide creek on a 2" by 4" with bikes buried to the seat on each side taking other routes and falling off. In eight years of riding I'd compare it to the rocks of Appalachians, to the sand of Jersey with bogs in between. Keep the pedal to the metal through the swamps. Make sure both brakes work well on the downhill. I hope the race lasts as long as the Alpine Festival for years to come.

Marshal J. Smith, 11, 5 years.

There is always a challenge in finishing and the coarse is good. I had been expecting something difficult and it is! Take it easy and don't get hurt. I got a little carried away in an open section and came about one foot away from a six foot deep trench. It is a completely different ride and always a lot of fun. I would like to see some better restrictions on bikes.

Sam Mento, 3 years.

Returned - Annually recurring attacks of temporary insanity. Harsh, cold, clammy, exhausting reality. Pit with Mrs. Dumas. I wonder if there is a gas stop before I get to the starting line. I meditate and clear my mind of all prerace distractions by repeating one word over and over - "Miller, Miller Miller". I exercise by lifting 16oz Millers from any convenient flat surface to my face repeatedly alternating with my left hand and right hand and sometimes with both. Sunk tank deep in the swamp on a dead bike, I saw buzzards circling overhead in the fading light. Would compare Blackwater to a wet Baja. I think the swamp was created as a result of an involuntary reflex action by novice riders who made it through the downhill for the first time. We went back after last years race for a fun ride. A dozen of us spent the entire day in the swamps, two of us made it back without running out of gas and retrieved the others. I don't expect dust will be any problem this year.

Charles G. Schuster, 6 years.

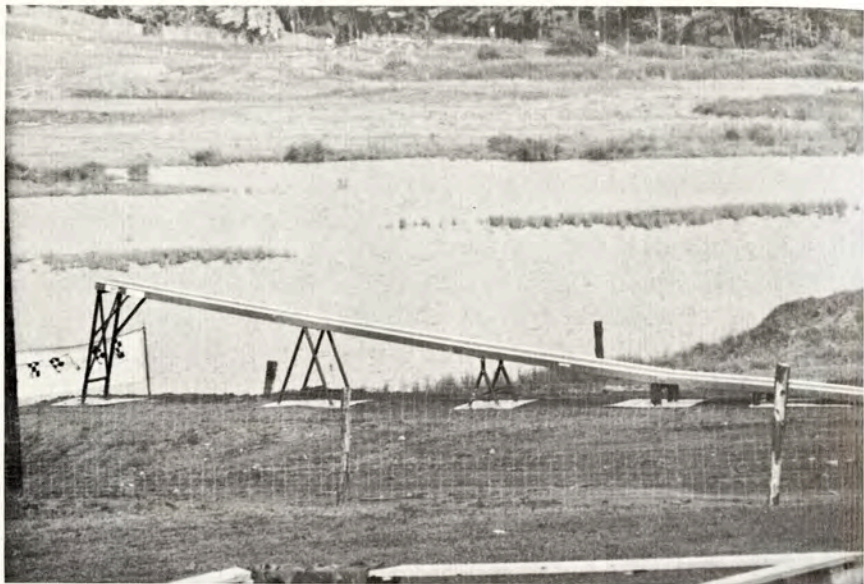


LEAVING TOWN

Returned because I had a lot of fun especially when it rained. I expected a good race, if it wasn't good I would not have returned. Thoughts - run the race, have fun, try to stay in one piece, finish the race and WIN. I ride as much as possible. I always pick a nice cool "wet" day for the best practice. Hairiest - driving my van to Davis. Swamps and downhill - GREAT! Patrick J. Neilson II, 5 years.

REGISTERED RIDERS

	Name	Home Town	Class
167.	Huth, Frederick W.	Marionville, PA	250
168.	Ditcher, Steve III	Uhrichsville, OH	open
169.	Weaver, Rick	Weirton, WV	open
170.	Hall, David J.	Belle Vernon, PA	open
171.	Tyree, John D.	Pittsburgh, PA	senior
172.	Bradshaw	Force, PA	250
173.	Neel, Gary	Lakewood, OH	open
174.	Basnett, Dennis	Barrackville, WV	senior
175.	Basil, William B.	Beverly, WV	125
176.	Hartsell, Brian	Morgantown, WV	175
177.	Hartsell, Bill	Morgantown, WV	senior
178.	Oakes, Charles	Hamilton, OH	senior
179.	Segee, Wesley A.	Lancaster, SC	senior
180.	Stetz, Brian	Pittsburgh, PA	250
181.	Waddell, Donald L.	Triadelphia, WV	open
182.	Davis, Joe	W. Alexandria, PA	open
183.	Sutton, Thomas M.	Pittsburgh, PA	175
184.	Coll, Dan	Pittsburgh, PA	open
185.	Bayer, Robert N.	Sharpsville, PA	250
186.	Unger, Bryan K.	Berkeley Springs, WV	open
187.	Hall, Jeffrey K.	Belle Vernon, PA	250
188.	Madsen, Jay A.	Millington, NJ	open
189.	Thompson, Ed	Tarentum, PA	250
190.	Poster, Don	Fairmont, WV	250
191.	Himmelrick, Gerald L.	Weirton, WV	senior
192.	Kuntz, Dallas	Reynoldsville, PA	250
193.	Mortfeld, Bill	College Park, MD	250
194.	Ridenour, Ken	Essex, MD	250
195.	Unger, Mark R	Berkeley Springs, WV	open
196.	Firetto, Alan	Bradford Woods, PA	250
197.	Firetto, John	Bradford Woods, PA	175
198.	Firetto, Michael	Bradford Woods, PA	250
199.	Bodnovich, Jeremy	Bedford, OH	open
200.	Long, Michael	Brecksville, OH	250
201.	Suhayda, Tom	Pittsburgh, PA	open
202.	Schultz, Walter C.	Woodridge, VA	open
203.	Airesman, Charles D. Jr.	Cumberland, MD	175
204.	Brill, Donald	Pittsburgh, PA	open
205.	Dean, Dan	Bedford Heights, OH	250
206.	Shupe, Jim	Garfield, OH	250
207.	Vanevl, Tom	Garfield, OH	open
208.	Molnar, Jeff	Lakewood, OH	250



This year we do have an alternate route for some of the more hazardous crossings.

“Love it”. Thoughts on line - rain and the then the downhill on the first lap. Hairest - the ledge on the downhill on the first lap. Comments of the swamps and downhill - “go get em”. Keep up the good work!

Jeff Tricket, 3 years.



REGISTERED RIDERS

Name	Home Town	Class
209. Kosicki, Bob	Garfield Heights, OH	250
210. Peabody, R. F.	Bedford, OH	250
211. Mormile, Bob	Bedford, OH	open
212. Dumer, L. P.	Cleveland, OH	open
213. Hawkins, Mike	Maple Heights, OH	open
214. Kreyuik, Jack	Baden, PA	250
215. Biddle, Keith	Baden, PA	250
216. Neswald, Burton	Fairmont, WV	senior
217. Maley, Warren R.	Pittsburgh, PA	open
218. Holden, Greg	Clarksburg, WV	open
219. Wilkes, Mark A.	Vienna, WV	175
220. Reid, Terry	Clarksburg, WV	open
221. Colburn, Edward R.	Medina, OH	open
222. Suter, David C.	Keyser, WV	125
223. Yowaiski, Stan	Richmond, VA	senior
224. Sarver, Dennis A.	Wexford, PA	open
225. Wichman, Carl J. Jr.	Mars, PA	open
226. Scheuring, Tom	Glenshaw, PA	250
227. Poli, Frank	Warren, OH	250
228. Richards, Herman	Flemington, NJ	175
229. Ongham, Mike	St. George, WV	175
230. Duckworth, Randy	Parkersburg, WV	175
231. Pillar, Miles S.	Dover, OH	open
232. Hay, David	Berlin, PA	250
233. Mansberger, Randy B.	Morgantown, WV	open
234. Swiger, Jeff	Shinnston, WV	open
235. Schrock, Joel	Stow, OH	open
236. Cyran, Steve	Portage, PA	250
237. Thompson, Robert B.	Morgantown, WV	senior
238. Fox, Rodney L.	Mt. Clare, WV	175
239. Roach, Gary A.	Belpre, OH	125
240. Leppelmeier, Herb F.	Chesterland, OH	super senior
241. Esenwein, Richard	Columbiana, OH	175
242. Sapos, Terry L.	Weirton, WV	175
243. Fortney, Lewis James	Elkins, WV	175
244. Kirk, Wayne A.	Adena, OH	open
245. Koehler, Mark	Adena, OH	open
246. Bendoit, Rich	West Mifflin, PA	250
247. Heben, Martin	Sharon, PA	open
248. Koon, Mark	Shinnston, WV	open
249. Gricewich, Mark	Bridgeport, WV	125
250. Fedorko, Steve Jr.	Portage, PA	250



Riders with hillclimbing experience do well at Blackwater.

I like the Canaan Valley, the course, riding and mud, the challenge. Blackwater is the only race I enter and hope to finish some year. I expected somewhat of a rough course, but not this rough. There is something there for everyone. I pit where I can camp near the registration area and have found people in Davis very friendly. Hope I can make the downhill O.K., I am on an emotional high when we start pushing into groups of 5. The hail storm in '79 with lightning, or losing my seat in the '77, or the down hill. I compare it to a cavalry charge! An amphibious assault? It is hard to find many things to compare it to. That mud takes a long time to wear off your feet. I can't see how anyone can gas it down the hill. I return to trail ride, ski, camp, do nature photography, visit falls and Dolly Sods. I always enjoy the riders meeting. Blackwater is undescrivable. It must be experienced.

David L. Smith, 4 years.

REGISTERED RIDERS

Name	Home Town	Class
251. Greene, Richard	Owensville, OH	open
252. McClellon, Craig	Mt. Lebanon, PA	250
253. Oyerace, Dan	Wilmerding, PA	open
254. Urmson, Darwin L. Jr.	Brookerville, PA	250
255. Weichsel, Jack A.	Sherron, PA	175
256. Holbert, Mike	Mt. Morris, PA	250
257. Potts, Ron	Oakdale, PA	open
258. Gunselman, James P.	Ephrata, PA	open
259. Smith, Calvin	Lancaster, PA	250
260. McMillian, T. Craig	Beaver Falls, PA	open
261. Martin, Craig	Beaver Falls, PA	250
262. Wagner, Tim P.	Glenshaw, PA	open
263. Coffey, Gary I.	College Park, MD	250
264. Niggemyer, Mark S.	Tinkmont, WV	175
265. Leombruno, Jim	Elkins, WV	250
266. Steinman, Bill	Weirton, WV	open
267. Sowards, Jim	Jeromesville, OH	125
268. Bigley, Don	Carnegie, PA	250
269. Dashofy, Eugene	Cannonsburg, PA	senior
270. Williams, David D.	Cannonsburg, PA	senior
271. Holbert, Steven R.	Mt. Morris, PA	175
272. Holbert, David A.	Mt. Morris, PA	175
273. Sekely, Rick	Salem, OH	250
274. Dowa, Rick	Salem, OH	open
275. Powelson, Jon	Akron, OH	175
276. Bosnic, Sammy	Weirton, WV	250
277. McCourt, B.	Morgantown, WV	175
278. Kellogg, Kenny	Clarion, PA	175
279. Moore, William	McDonald, PA	senior
280. Sitaril, Ed	Cecil, PA	senior
281. Battaglia, Ralph	Cecil, PA	250
282. Quimby, Allen	New Castle, PA	open
283. Tabbellion, Jerry	Masillon, OH	open
284. Patterson, Bill	Morgantown, WV	250
285. Wagner, Rich	Pittsburgh, PA	250
286. Richardson, Warren	Fairmont, WV	250
287. Koldress, Low	Caroline, WV	open
288. Beveridge, Jamie	Idamay, WV	open
289. Marsh, Gregory	Idamay, WV	open
290. Simmons, Larry	Kingmont, WV	175
291. Wishart, Robert	Morgantown, WV	250
292. Waugh, Jack	Logan, OH	125



Why bike manufacturers like Blackwater.

Name	Home Town	Class
293. Jim Hockman	Cheshire, OH	125
294. Frank Gallo	Lisbon, OH	open
295. Jerry Mathews	Cumberland, OH	250
296. Jim Sisler	Terra Alta, WV	open
297. Jeff Gooding	Bluefield, WV	125
298. Jeff Corda	Parkersburg, WV	250
299. Marty Johnson	Parkersburg, WV	250
300. Joe Hestick	Shinnston, WV	250
301. Rusty Straley	Clarksburg, WV	175
302. Scott Boubier	Clarksburg, WV	open
303. Bobby Moore	Denver, NC	open
304. Eddy Stallard	Willington, OH	175
305. Chuck Niederriter	Marbel, PA	open
306. Paul Curry	Butler, PA	250
307. Regis Ferrere	Forestville, PA	250
308. Peter Staehling	Baltimore, MD	open
309. Robert McGee	Fairmont, WV	250
310. Warren Lilly	Morgantown, WV	open
311. Richard Long	Norfolk, VA	175
312. Jeff Powelsen	Cuyahaga Falls, OH	250
313. Alan Anthony Brutto	Morgantown, WV	250
314. Linda Mansberger	Morgantown, WV	250
315. Tom James	Orchard Park, NY	250
316. John Ayers	Rochester, PA	open



Many riders come back to Davis to compete in the Annual A.A.U. Foot Race to be held later in the summer.

Returned - most enjoyable. The best and most demanding course. Swamps - downhill very good. **R.L. Duerksen, M.D , 3 years.**

I did not end up pushing the bike or in the hospital. Thought—that this might hurt! Realizing that my Honda wouldn't go 15 mph. Cannot compare the Blackwater to anything - love it. Keep the swamps and downhill, there're neat! Return to tour on some of the prettiest roads in the area. Best off road experience I've ever had. My goal is to complete two laps before dark!
Richard R. Peabody, 1 year.



...PLEASE ! @ + * / = † ... get up !



Some waterproofing is necessary for Blackwater!

I have a great time each year. I expect to fly high each year and I do. It's a feeling I don't experience often. The first race I just wanted to place. I got 4th. The next two years I wanted 1st and got them. Thoughts—to get the race started so I could start having fun and pray that I don't get hurt. "Hairest", when 3 bikes went down in front of me on the downhill and I had to ride over top of them. There is nothing to compare it to, it has some of everything and a whole lot of mud. The swamps and down hill are the two greatest parts of the course. It is a great course. I just hope I can keep racing it and winning. **Michael L. Simpson, 3 years.**



... is this man washing his bike ?



The proper technique of manipulating the swamp-boggs — Oh ?

Loved it! Good time - loved the mud! Davis residents are friendly. Senior citizen said "park in my flower bed but please don't block my view". On line thought - how long will we have to wait. Enjoy riding in same event as pro riders. Scott Pearson loved the Blackwater, he says, until while crossing the river, he had to give right of way to a small boat. Vern Jeffries was knocked off his bike in river crossing and while under water was run over. Hasn't been right since. Watch out for your beer when Bud Hancock comes riding by, he will grab it and away he goes. If you see Dave Horn coming thru the pits flag him down. He was so excited 2 years ago he blew thru the pits, got back out on the course and ran out of gas. **Harry F. Jeffries, 5 years.**

I had a great time. The course is great. The people are terrific, it's a great party. I hope I make it down the "downhill" without breaking anything (levers, cables, legs). I got stuck in the swamp. When I rocked my bike it fell on me, trapping me under the back wheel. I finally pulled myself out by twisting and turning and panic. Comparison - the Aligator Enduro, it's been wet every year. I could do without the swamps and downhill. My husband and I have a terrific time each year. The riders are great and so are the towns people. It's not only the race but the party too. I was stuck out there the 1st time I rode and everyone was fantastic about looking for me.

Linda Wyatt, 3 years.

I love the country. After a dismal first run I set a goal of 4 laps which I've made the last two years. This year I'm goin for 5. Great friendship in Davis. On line thought - the usual "gut wrenching" let's get this thing started. Negotiating the infamous "downhill" in a rainstorm with no brakes. Each Blackwater I ride can only be compared with other Blackwaters I've ridden, nothing else is comparable. The swamps are sadistic at times, not a real test of riding skill. The downhill is great. Have spent many years vacationing at Blackwater and Canaan State Parks. My father in-law, who is from Coketon, introduced me to the area. Just keep up the good work. **Dick Lepley, 3 years.**

Fun - fun! Train for 2 months by running and working out. All most getting run over and hitting a tree head on. More uphill - love the swamps! Hope the race continues. **Amos T. Turner, III, 1 year.**

Return because of the open terrain riding upon. I ride hare scrambles all year long and the Blackwater is a different approach. Think about trying to finish Blackwater without getting hurt. "Hairest" - first lap on first downhill. Nothing to compare with, Blackwater is one of a kind. Let the swamps and downhill remain, **Al Chuppa, 2 years.**

I ride for the fun of it and mud. Thought - what if I get stuck in the swamp? Train by MX racing. "Hairest" - I went down in the swamp last year. Each year our van club goes to Blackwater several times. **Mark Hudson, 2 years.**



I don't know whether to fill it up or wash it down.



Ronnie Ruff - "The agony of defeat" . . . this was after the down-hill.



Hospitality and moonshining may be found anywhere in these mountains.



Why do they call this man 'Dirty Harry'?

Have returned due to being badgered by friends who need someone to carry spark plugs for them. Race it fairly fast. I like to ride fast. Wish it didn't rain so much. We have found the residents very co-operative. Several years ago three 4-wheelers pulled us out after retrieving drowned bikes. On line thoughts - calm anticipation, terror strikes when you cross the creek in town. Think maybe gardening is a better hobby. Decided riding a bicycle for training is too dangerous. 'Hairest' - the rock field after the start. Several years ago had two cracked ribs on first lap, did finish race. Would compare to a ride in a rich uncles limosine thru a park (our roads have potholes - we live in Pennsylvania). Love the swamp and downhill. Wish downhill were farther along in race. Have stayed at Blackwater Lodge and Canaan Valley. Have made family weekend out of it and every one enjoys it. Like parade before race.
Randy Hall, 3 years.



It's a bird . . . it's a plane . . . it's 'Super Duck'?!?!?

1975
BLACKWATER 100

1st Overall, Kevin LaVoie

OPEN CLASS — 87

Gregory S. David
Michael W. Bash
Donald E. Eaken
John C. Mattern
Jerry S. Tickle

250cc CLASS — 131

Rod Bush
Jack L. Horinek
John Wagner
William L. Arnold, Jr.
Gary Younkins

175cc CLASS — 75

Danny Young
Mike Rosso
Max Markowitz
Alan Brutto
Randy Mansberger

125cc CLASS — 53

Leslie A. Grable
Jeff Corra
Sam Lovell
Joe Parsons
Jeff Wittebort

SENIOR CLASS — 33

Philip W. Patterson
James R. Peterman, Sr.
W. L. Hoffer
Jacob G. Bemisderfer
Harry J. Jeffries

100cc CLASS — 11

Roger Walsworth
Fred P. Brown
Jody DiBenedetto
Richard Welch
David L. Martin

POWDER PUFF — 4

Debbie E. Wilkins
Catherine Littleton

1976
BLACKWATER 100

1st Overall, Kevin LaVoie

OPEN CLASS

Joseph Lojak
Jessie L. Queen
Joe Perkins
Terry L. Reid
John C. Mattern

250cc CLASS

Rod Bush
David C. Standish
Terrance M. O'Toole
Ronald M. Bohn
Earl Law

175cc CLASS

Thomas Penton
John United
Richard M. Riddle
Fredrick W. Huth
Fred A. Soltow, Jr.

125cc CLASS

Dan Krivosky
Dane P. Leimbach
Dan Lees
Stanley Lojak
Rod Wells

SENIOR CLASS

John R. Bardonner
Terry D. Evans
Marvin R. Radcliff
Dale L. Burton
Larry Berg

SUPER SENIORS

John Penton
James R. Peterman, Sr.
Harry J. Jeffries
Bill Hartley
Bert Wittebort

100cc CLASS

Ted Leimbach
William D. Farmer
Amos H. Zuck, Jr.
John Castriota
Mark Wilkes

POWDER PUFF

Vickie Yates
Kathleen S. Chapman

1977
BLACKWATER 100

1st Overall, Frank Gallo

PRO-CLASS — 19

Phillip Andrews
Ronald Lojak
Dennis J. Cheran
Ronald Bohn
Rod Bush

**Amateur
Overall — John Farra**

OPEN CLASS — 70

Gary Jolliff
David L. Bartlett
John Swoager
Robert Acors
Joe E. Kulin

250cc CLASS — 94

Tim Hopey
Frederick Huth
Bradley K. Kokowski
John C. Boylen, Jr.
John C. Schurko

175cc CLASS — 43

Edward W. Lojak
Worth W. Carswell
David R. Kennet
Ernest S. Romine
Paul K. Rice

125cc CLASS — 26

Rod Wells
Alan A. Brutto
Larry D. Stephan
Davis J. Newman
Michael L. Simpson

1978
BLACKWATER 100

SENIOR CLASS — 72

Dick Nalle
Skip Ferrell
Jay K. Cuppett
Richard C. Lewis
William L. Arnold

SUPER SENIORS — 33

James R. Peterman, Sr.
Donald R. Harless
Jacob G. Bemisderfer, Jr.
Harold Wilkes
Harry J. Jeffries, Jr.

100cc CLASS — 10

Marty Strouse
Monty Warner
Charles Huegel
Mark A. Wilkes
Charles D. Airesshan, Jr.

POWDER PUFF — 5

Vickie Yates
Mary Lou Dawson
Linda Mansberger
Judith Esposito

DOUBLES — Team

Alan Dennis and
Carol Causer
Samuel A. Binger and
Ronald Tominello

1st Overall, Kevin LaVoie

OPEN CLASS — 102

Ronald Lojak
Joseph Lojak
Stanley Lojak
Glenn Carardi
Joel Andrews

250cc CLASS — 101

Edward Lojak
Ted Leimbach
Paul D. Park
Carl Altier III
Leonard Kaczor

175cc CLASS — 45

Jim Kalleker
John McKinley
Bob Shillinger
Mark Hough
Leonard Delcorso

125cc CLASS — 26

Michael Simpson
Alan Brutto
Pete Morchaid
Gary Minter
Larry Etheredge

100cc CLASS — 7

Monty Warner
James Giddings
Marty Strouse
Marlin Morrison
Brian Kerr

SENIOR CLASS — 81

John Boylen
Gregory Larson
John Bardonner
William Moroz
Richard Basinger

SUPER SENIORS — 36

Elwood Smith
Johnny Lee
James Peterman, Sr.
Charles Oakes
Richard Loeffler

POWDER PUFF — 3

Marilyn Madsen
Linda Mansberger

1979
BLACKWATER 100

1st Overall, Mark Hyde

OPEN CLASS — 92

Joseph Lojak
Stanley Lojak
Prtie Gambs
Ben Simpson, Jr.
James R. Schorr

250cc CLASS — 99

Ken Painter
Tom Harris
Bradley Peace
Tom Meyers
David W. Saville

175cc CLASS — 47

Jim B. Kalleker
Sammy Bosnic
Daniel Grogg
Thomas E. Weaver
Jay duVon

125cc CLASS — 27

Michael L. Simpson
David R. Kenney
Cary A. Koach
John A. Loomis
Donald A. Zinz

100cc CLASS — 7

James M. Giddings
Monty Warner
Steve Haehn
Linda Wyatt
Robert D. Leedy

SENIOR CLASS — 82

Dan Myers
William D. Farmer, Jr.
Gregory L. Larson
John C. Boylen, Jr.
James M. Girvin, Jr.

SUPER SENIORS — 33

Johnny Lee
Jay K. Cuppett
John R. Bardonner
John S. Fischer
Marvin R. Radcliff

MEMORIES, MEMORIES, MEMORIES . . . do I have memories

First, we discussed the possibility of such a race with the Clergy of the Churches in the Town of Davis, then the Mayor and Town Council, then the Prosecuting Attorney and finally with the West Virginia Department of Public Safety (State Police, Parsons). Then we had a private showing of the film "Never on a Sunday" to get some idea of what we were doing. There were many reservations as to our ability to pull such a race off and of course everyone expected no hitches! There were few hitches but several situations which needed improvement. Few problems have presented themselves without solutions. Each year there seems to be something that we didn't think about or plan for.

The riders of the first year and the hospitality of the Davis's residents are responsible for the success of the Blackwater 100. Each year following, the riders have been more helpful as have the residents of Davis. Better than a years preparation goes into each race. It should be "old shoe" by now, but as the date approaches, I feel tremendous tension and pressure. I worry about rider injuries, about lost riders, about riders families, about residents who may have medical problems, about members of our medical and search teams, about the conditions of the courses . . . you name it and I worry about it.

The expression of the riders faces while in the starting line stay with me for weeks, one cannot help but wonder if they really know what is ahead of them. Being with the in-town judges is another experience. Nearly, all riders after the first two laps are or seem to be dazed. Covered with mud and weeds, they hardly seem real. But those senior riders just keep coming through and coming through and coming through. And when the initial scoring is completed, trophies awarded, all riders accounted for, location of lost bikes noted, everyone who has worked so hard during the day appear to fade away and collapse.

Anita Bartm
Alpine Festival
Secretary



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