

BANQUET & AWARDS DINNER

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SERA Awards Banquet and Dinner

Introduction and Welcome Ron Burks, 1975 Chairman Dinner Introduction of SERA Clubs and Members 1975 Chairman

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Presentation of 1976 SERA Council Chairman & Steward Chairman



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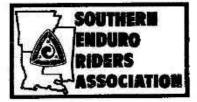
District 19

SOUTHERN ENDURO RIDERS ASSOCIATION

1975

TOP TWENTY-FIVE

1.	Alan R. McDuff		129 points
2.	Ronald Burks		127 points
3.	Kenny Cochran		121
4.	Kip Fabre		101
5.	Bohhy Regan		101
6.	Larry Bond	(High Point B Rider)	90
7.	Kevin Taylor	(High Point Junior Rider)	90
8.	Bill Nida		84
9.	Randy Wells		76
10.	John Burgard		74
11.	Jack Easterling		73
12.	Gary Jones		72
13.	Ronald Hendry		68
14.	Larry Woolluiser		67
15.	Clark Easterling		66
16.	Ellis Johnson		65
17.	Bill Price		63
18.	Gregg King		55
19.	Boh Wood		44
20.	Timmy Brouillette		43
21.	Billy Kennedy		41
22.	Joe Robichaux		33
23.	Troy Fleming		31
24.	K.R. Harrell	(High Point Senior)	30
25.	Janet Strangi	(High Point Powderpuff)	26



ALAN RAE McDUFF FIRST OVERALL WINNER

Alan lives in Arabi, La., with his wife Suzanne. At 27 years old, Alan has been riding motorcycles for the past 12 years and has been competing in enduros for the last 6 years. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Business Education. A National Expert Rider, Alan is recognized Nationally as one of the best riders in the United States. Alan earned his "A" Class status in September 1972 by winning the Pelican National Championship Enduro, and has continued to improve his riding style by winning the 1975 Capitol City National Enduro in Tallahassee, Florida, last October. He has 2 Silver Medals that he earned by riding in International Two-Day Competition throughout the last 2 years. We are all very proud of Alan in the Southern Enduro Riders Association, and we want to let him know that we are all pulling for him next year when he goes into the National Enduro Circuit to let the rest of the country know that we have it all together down here. Alan, in addition to all the rest, has 5 Overall wins to his credit in District 19 competition giving him the Overall Number One position in the Southern Enduro Riders Association for 1975. Good luck, Alan, from all of us.

RONALD T. BURKS SECOND OVERALL WINNER

Ronnie lives in Picayune, Mississippi, is 29 years old, and is a bachelor. He has been riding motorcycles for 6 years and has been riding enduros the entire time. He has his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Southern Mississisppi and will receive his Master of Science Degree from the same University in May, 1976. He has been a school teacher for the past 6 years and hopes that he can continue to teach in the future. Ronnie earned his "A" Class rank in 1973 after placing in the top 10 riders at the Stone Mountain National Enduro that year. He, like Alan, boasts Overall wins in the SERA Championship Circuit for 1975, which earned him the Number 2 spot in District 19. Also a National Expert Rider, Ronnie has placed reasonably high is several National events in the past 2 years. He won 2nd Overall honors at the Pelican National Enduro in 1972(2nd behind Alan McDuff....neat, huh?); 3rd Overall honors at the Cotton Boll National Enduro, in Amarillo, Texas, in 1974; 4th Overall honors in the sticky Piney Woods National Enduro, Baton Rouge, La.; 7th Overall at the Black Hills Classic National Enduro, Minnesota; and 2nd Overall, behind Skip Olsen, at the Talledega National Enduro, in 1975. Ronnie will also hit the National Circuit in 1976 and hopes to place Nationally.

KENNETH COCHRAN THIRD OVERALL WINNER

Kenneth is our 1975 Cinderella story. He started the season out with a bang....bang went his shoulder on the ground while cow-trailing near Shreveport, La. one Sunday afternoon. This, of course, made his riding very difficult with a shoulder in a sling, so Ken sat on the sidelines watching everybody else add up those ever so important SERA points. This went on for the first 4 or 5 events of the season. Not to be discouraged, Ken decided that if he had only 6 events left to run after his shoulder healed he would just have to do it up good at those events....and he did just that. Using his only 6 events left, Ken did his thing and did it very well. Kenneth Cochran cinched his 3rd OVERALL district position by picking up 2nd OVERALL at the Trailblazers event in Little Rock, Ark., and a neat OVERALL win at the Trailmasters event. It took 6 straight top 5 finishes and he did it with ease. Ken earned his "A" card by placing very well at several National events. In 1974, he came within 1 point of cinching HI POINT 'B' rider at the Foothills Classic National in Minnesota. In 1975, he returned to the Foothills Classic to show the Yankees where it was by picking up the 125cc A Class 2nd place slot. With a little bit of luck and a bunch of understanding from his wife Kaye and his two children, Klynt and Katie, Kenneth Cochran will be one of the best riders in this district next year and one of the better riders in the nation on the National Circuit. Kenneth, we might add, is a teacher also and a coach. He has his Bachelor of Science and is presently working on his Master's at Northwestern Univ.

KIP FABRE FOURTH OVERALL WINNER

No information available from Kip

ROBERT REGAN FIFTH OVERALL WINNER

Bobby Regan and his wife Loretta live in Wiggins, Mississippi, and are participating members of the Masterlinks M/C. He is 31 years old, and has served in the U.S. Army for 2 years following his graduation from Southern Mississippi with a B.S. Degree and his Master's. While only riding motorcycles for nearly 4 years, Bobby has developed an enviable style and success that others wish they could match. To earn his 5th Overall for 1975, he has had to do very well at most every event and not be afraid to do what is necessary to get those points. Some of his successful events are as follows: Nashville-Little Harpeth National..2nd in his Class; Tallahassee-Capitol City National..1st in the "A" Class..175 cc.; and many other SERA events throughout the season.

LARRY BOND SIXTH OVERALL WINNER AND HIGH POINT "B" RIDER

Larry and his wife Carolyn live in Wiggins, Mississippi, with their two kids, and have lived there for the 13 years since their marriage. Larry is being honored this year not only for his Overall performance for the year but also for his position of HIGH POINT "B" RIDER for District 19. Larry has been riding motorcycles for 4 years and has been riding enduros for 3 of those years. He is undecided about his future in motorcycling and cannot say what he would like to accomplish over the next year in the District. He does, though, boast some very impressive wins in the classes during 1975. Some of those are listed in the following: Red Stick Enduro-2nd in Class; Ridgerunners-2nd in class; Bayou Bikers-1st and 2nd at their events; Crash & Burn M/C-2 firsts in class; plus many others honors throughout the year. Larry will advance to "A" rider tonight and will ride in the expert classes from now on. Good luck, Larry, let's see you do again next year and be the trem-endous help with matters in the Assn. that you have been in the past. We can all thank Larry for his efforts in getting and completing our SERA award jackets that are being presented to the winners.

KEVIN TAYLOR SEVENTH OVERALL WINNER AND HIGH POINT JUNIOR RIDER

Kevin is not married, lives in Wiggins, and attends Stone High School when he is not riding enduros. I suppose a fellow has to do something to occupy his mind between enduros..right? Kevin amazed us all with his riding in 1975 and has the honor of being the only JUNIOR RIDER we know to advance to "A" rider without ever knowing what it was like to ride in the Novice classes. Kevin boasts a 7th Overall for the series in 1975 with a tremendous number of class wins and an amazing list of top ten finishes. He picked up an impressive 2nd place class win in Mapleville, Alabama, for the Gobbler Getter National Enduro there in 1974 competing against stiff competition. Kevin has been riding motorcycles for about 5 years and has been competing in enduros for only 3. He wants to compete in as many National Events as he possibly can in the next few years and would like to sponsored. So, pay attention dealers, he needs a ride...and Stone High does not have a motorcycle team. Congradulations, Kevin, and good luck in your adventures where ever they take you. Oh, by the way, the other riders want you be nice to them next year when you buzz past them on the trails.

BILL NIDA EIGHTH OVERALL WINNER

Bill and his wife Carol live and work in Wiggins, also, and are also members of a motorcycle club there called the Chainbreakers. Bill attended Tulane University, in New Orleans, and has been riding motorcycles only 2½ years. He earned his "A" card last year by placing extremely well in local as well as several National events. He boasts a 4th OVERALL at the Gobbler Getter National Championship Enduro in November, 1974, as well as 1st in his class. He has a long string of strong finishes in the SERA series this year with three 2nd Overall finishes along with the others. Bill is an Expert Class rider and has been for the major part of the year so his wins were somewhat difficult to achieve compared to last year. Congradulations to you, Bill, from all of us and we hope that you continue to be a major influence in the affairs of the District. We know that you want to be recognized as a good rider Nationally and we all believe that you will do just that. A 8th Overall in our District is an excellent indication that you can do it if you want to do it.

RANDY WELLS NINTH OVERALL WINNER

Randy Wells is one of the finest young enduro riders in our Association. If has consistently placed high in the enduros that he entered in 1975. Randy lives in Picayune, Mississippi, is single, and works in a motorcycle shop where he has learned the in's and out's of motorcycling. He has a Junior College education and hopes very much to be able to ride several National events for 1976. The neat part about Randy is the fact that he has only been riding motorcycles for 1½ years. He is 22 years old and is presently the 9th Overall rider in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. His Overall win at the last points event of the SERA season, Wiggins (the Masterlinks Enduro), put him in the money and also in the "A" Class forever. Congrads to you, Randy, and we hope that you continue to enjoy motorcycling. Randy is a member of the Trailmasters M/C and works to present those events each year.

JOHN BURGARD TENTH OVERALL WINNER

Johnny lives in Biloxi, Mississippi, loves to ride motorcycles, and does just that as much as he possibly can. Johnny and his wife Lois are the type of people who support every event that they possibly can and are an asset to our Association. He boasts of many impressive wins within the 1975 circuit in the district and will be in there pitching again next year with all the rest of us. Johnny earned his "A" card several years ago after several good rides in the National circuit and hopes to be able to ride as many Nationals in 1976 as he can. Johnny's 10th Overall ride for 1975 is really no indication of his ability to ride motorcycles. He, like the rest of the riders, has had a few problems with mud and water and injuries and was unable to get in the winners circle as much as he would have liked to. We will be looking forward to 1976 like Johnny, and we will be looking for Johnny in the Top Five for the season.

JACK EASTERLING ELEVENTH OVERALL WINNER

Jack Easterling is 31 years old, an "A" rider, and a graduate of Nashville Auto Diesel College, Nashville, Tenn. He lives in Wiggins, Mississippi (like most of the other riders it seems) and is an owner of a Diesel Repair service there. He and his wife Mary Frances and two children enjoy motorcycling and hope to be able to continue to be a part of the sport. He boasts of his wins throughout the District and enjoys the 11th Overall position for 1975. Among his finishes in the 1975 are the following: Best Overall at the North Mississippi Enduro in March; 2nd in Class at Crash & Burn in June and 1st in Class in September; and 3rd in his Class at the Tallahassee National, in October. Jack wants very much to be able to ride the Nationals for 1976 and be able to place and be recognized Nationally.

GARY JONES TWELFTH OVERALL WINNER

Gary lives in Slidell, Louisiana, along with his wife Kay, and his daughter Brandy. He is 32 years old and has been riding motorcycles for nearly 6 years. Gary began riding motorcycles like many of us as a Sunday afternoon hobby and he has(again like most of us) gotten a little more serious. Gary is one of the best riders in our District but has had a little trouble with injuries over the past year. With a little bit of luck and no more injuries, Gary will be one of the ones to beat in 1976. He has the ability and the desire to win that makes him a very tough man to beat. Gary gained his "A" class status in 1974 after several very successful rides in the AMA National Enduro Circuit that year. His 12th Overall position is impressive to begin with...until you realize that he has only rode in 3 or 4 events for the entire year due to those injuries we mentioned. He has no immediate plans in his riding accept to do as well as he possibly can locally and maybe get in a few Nationals next year.

RONALD HENDRY THIRTEENTH OVERALL WINNER

Ronnie lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is 28 years old, and has been riding motorcycles for 13 years. He has been riding enduros for only 3 years of the 13. He is a member of the Bayou Bikers M/C, from Baton Rouge and is a driving force for that organization as a SERA sponsor of enduro events. He and his wife Sherry are a very common (and welcomed) sight at almost every enduro in the district. It would not be too exagerated to say that if there is an enduro in District 19, Ron and Sherry will be there....and Ron will most likely be in the winners circle. Among his accomplishments in enduros are as follows: 1st in his class at Chipola...Port Gibson.. Enon...Wiggins....Crash & Burn, plus others. Ron has his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Mississippi State University where he graduated in 1971. As far as his desires for his future in motorcycling, Ron is not nearly as selfish as the rest of us when we talk about what we want to do....Ron says that he wants the District to be recognized Nationally as producing some of the finest riders in the United States, and he wants everybody to know that we(District 19) have contributed to the betterment of our sport of motorcycling. Well, Ron, we are trying and we will, with the help of others like yourself, contribute to the sport in many ways.

LARRY WOOLHISER, JR FOURTEENTH OVERALL WINNER

Larry Woolhiser is 17 years old. He is a Junior Class rider. He is 14th Overall for the season. If these statistics are not impressive, listen to these: 1st in his class-3 times; 2nd in his class-6 times, and only I 3rd place trophy. Larry is one of two Junior riders in District 19 that will advance to "A" rider for 1976. We believe that this maybe some sort of record but AMA does not keep up with the ages of their Expert Riders so we have no way of knowing. Larry attends high school in Baton Rouge and has been riding enduros for only 2½ years. He wishes to ride as many SERA events as possible next year and if he can do it, ride a few Biggies on the National Circuit. He, too, wants to help the sport of motorcycling in any way that he can....Bravo! Larry, and let's see an encore from last year's ride. We wish you the very best of luck for 1976.

CLARK EASTERLING FIFTEENTH OVERALL WINNER

Clark Easterling may be one of our finest young riders from District 19. He is 18 years old, single, and lives in Wiggins, Mississippi. He is presently attending Gulf Coast Junior College and hopes to continue his education between motorcycle events. Clark has been riding enduros for nearly 3 years now and has shown an impressive ability to ride and be very successful. Clark has some very impressive statistics to show for a year's work and one of them is his finish rate in enduros. Of the past 25 events that he has entered, he has finished 23!!! Among his better finishes are the following: Trailmasters events-1st & 2nd; Ridgerunners events- 1st & 2nd; Bayou Bikers- 3rd & 4th; Crash & Burn events- 2nd, 2nd, & 6th; Red Stick event- 4th; and many other successful rides. Good luck, Clark, and we will see you in the TOP FIVE in 1976.

ELLIS JOHNSON SIXTEENTH OVERALL WINNER

Ellis Johnson lives in Baton Rouge with his wife Terry, and their 3 children. Ellis is 32 years old and is a graduate of Southeastern University. He has been riding enduros for about 2 years and has been very happy with his riding as well as his success in this year's circuit. Ellis is an active member of the Bayou Bikers M/C of Baton Rouge, and is a major force in their events each year. Ellis boasts a long list of wins in his classes and hopes to be at all the events for 1976. Placing 16th Overall in the final count in SERA deserves a fine compliment and we all hope to see you do even better next year. Oh, by the way, Ellis, congrads on your advancement to "A" class for 1976.

BILL PRICE SEVENTEENTH OVERALL WINNER

Bill Price is one of those riders that we all need to watch for 1976. He has a very nice list of OVERALL wins for this past season but the wins were mostly on the events that were not his points paying events...tough break. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, with a Bachelors Degree in Management, Bill lives in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, is single, and loves to wear overalls to enduros. Bill earned his "A" class card with a HIGH POINT "B" rider win at Little Harpeth National Enduro in Nashville this year. He says that he has little ambition in the National scene but rather would like to do as well as he possibly can in the district events for 1976. He enjoys riding his motorcycle and enjoys coming to events and listening to everybody lie about how fast they were going when they crashed. Some of the Overall wins for Bill this year were: Masterlinks, Ridgerunners, and Crash & Burn events. Good luck to you too Bill, and we hope to see you at all the events next year.

GREGG KING EIGHTEENTH OVERALL WINNER

Gregg and his wife Jo Ann live in Wiggins, Mississippi, and are members of the recently formed Chainbreakers M/C. They have 2 children and are very happy with motorcycling as a hobby. Gregg was an Army man for a few years and was a Drill Instructor while in the Army for nearly 18 months. He has been riding motorcycles for about 3 years and enjoys them beyond description. He says that he enjoys going to the events with his wife about as much as he enjoys riding.....isn't that sweet....! Several of his better rides are listed here and as you will see, he will be a factor in the 1976 list of winners. He placed 4th in his class at the Talladega National Enduro; 3rd at the Tallahassee National event; and very high in most of the SERA events that he entered. Good luck to you and Jo Ann next year, Gregg, and we hope that you satisfy your self with your riding and be as successful as you want to be.

BOB WOOD NINETEENTH OVERALL WINNER

Bob and Georgia Wood live in New Orleans with their son and are members of the New Orleans Enduro Association, one of SERA's sponsor clubs. Bobby has been riding motorcycles for 21 years but has only been riding enduros for 6 months. The 6 months was the time he rode our events before he busted his leg. Among his honorable mentions in the racing business, Bob was the 1963 Louisiana State TT Champion in the 250 cc class; He was the 1964 District 19 TT Champion-250 class; and he placed well enough in his first 6 months of riding to maintain his 19th Overall position even after breaking his leg on June 14th, 1975. Of his few rides early this year, he placed the following: 2nd Open 'B' at Masterlinks; 1st Open 'B' at Red Stick; 1st Open 'B' at Ridgerunners; and 2nd Open 'B' at the Bayou Bikers event. Bobby and Georgia will be our Chairman and Points Steward for the Southern Enduro Riders Association for 1976 and we all hope that they will contribute to the cause as well as we know they will for 1976.

TIMMY BROUILLETTE TWENTIETH OVERALL WINNER

Timmy is 21 years old, single, and lives in Baton Rouge, La. He has been riding motorcycles for 3 years and has been attending and competing in enduros for only 2 years. Timmy says that he will be getting married in April, of 1976.....suppose that blows the April enduros for Timmy. We're just kidding, Tim, we hope that you are as happy as you want to be in your new marriage and we hope that your Honeymoon doesn't interfere with your riding(Ha-Ha). Among Timmy's riding accomplishments for 1976 are the following: 2nd & 3rd at Bayou Bikers; 1st & 5th at Port Gibson(ridgerunners); 2nd at the Pelican Event; 3rd at Little Rock(Trailblazers); 4th at NOEA; 2nd & 3rd at Crash & Burn; and several others; See you in 1976 on the Circuit, Timmy, and we hope that you do as well as you want to do in your riding.

KENNETH R. HARRELL HIGH POINT SENIOR RIDER

Earning the HIGH POINT SENIOR rider for 1975 is Mr. Kenneth Harrell. Ken is 46 years old, married, and has 4 children. Ken and his wife Peggy live in Zachary, Louisiana. He has been riding motorcycles for 8 years and has been riding enduros for 2 of those years. Among his class wins in the SERA circuit are as follows: 2 - firsts at the Bayou Bikers enduros; 2nd at the Masterlinks events; 3rd at the Red Stick event; 1st and 2nd at the 2 Lucky Hollow enduro(Ridgerunners); and several others. Thank you, Ken, for your support of the Association in it's first year...we hope that we can improve as much in the years to come as we have in the past.

JANET STRANGI HIGH POINT POWDERPUFF RIDER

Our HIGH POINT POWDERPUFF rider for 1976 is Janet Strangi. She is single and lives in Wiggins, Miss. She is a member of the Masterlinks M/C from Wiggins. Janet has been most impressive with her riding over the past year and has proven her worth in the Association through her continued support of all the events no matter how far away they may be. Janet could be seen at Shreveport as well as Little Rock supporting her SERA clubs just as though they were only a few miles from her home. Thank you, Janet , for your support of our clubs and we hope that we see you at the events in 1976 as much as we did in 1975.