



## November 2019 Newsletter

### 2019

Congratulation to the newly elected Executive Board Members for 2020. Kevin Hargett, Claire Petrie, Aaron Bissell, Matt Wilkins, Shonda Rivera and Blair Richardson on being re-elected to the previous positions and newly elected Danny Martin (President), Mike Worrall (Race Director) and Blair Richardson (adding Co-Race Director to his title). Looking forward to another great year.

The date and location has been for the Reno OTHG year end banquet. It will be on January 25, 2020 at Pinocchio's located on Vista Blvd in Sparks. It will be \$20 per person and will be a good time with great people, good food and some cool swag.

Our OTHG monthly meeting are held on the first Tuesday of every month at Pizza Plus located at Prater and McCarren. Pizza is served at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. See you then.

### 2019 BMX Series-Part 2

RD. 7 WMX @ Winnemucca

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

RD. 8 GRMX @ Carlin

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

RD. 9 OTHG @ Fernley

October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

RD. 10 WMX @ Fernley

October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

RD. 11 WMX @ Winnemucca

November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

RD. 12 OTHG @ Fernley

November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>



### 2019 Board

President: Sedanna Losey

V.P.: Kevin Hargett

Treasurer: Claire Petrie

Secretary: Aaron Bissell

Race Dir.: Danny Martin

Co Race Dir.: Matt Wilkins

Tate Morehead

Statistician: Shonda Rivera

Web Mast.: Blair Richardson

### 2019 Reno OTHG Top 20 Unofficial

1. Claire Petrie
2. Troy Decker
3. Scott Stillmock
4. Aaron Bissell
5. Keith Mansfield
6. Patricia Holland
7. Tom Molloy
8. Sedanna Losey
9. Jason Rubero
10. Allen Blanco
11. Mike Worrall
12. Kevin Hargett
13. Anthony Fagundes
14. Blair Richardson
15. Bob Woebbeking
16. Coby Madewell
17. George Forbes
18. Mark Lane
19. Chad Olsen
20. Shami Potratz



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## Valley National @ DT1-Saturday

It was a great weekend to be racing. For many of the Reno Members who went to DT1, it was the first time. Track was fun. On Saturday proved to be difficult for some as they were not used to those types of ruts. Corners pretty much had an inside rut and a outside berm with a couple lines coming out. The Reno Chapter made the most of the weekend.

First up was Reno Member Allen Blanco and Aaron Bissell in the 45+ INT class in race 3. Allen went 5-5 for a 5<sup>th</sup> OA on the day and Aaron went 6-3 for 4<sup>th</sup> OA.



Race 5 had Women's Int, Claire Petrie and Women's Beginner Pat Holland. Claire went 3-2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> OA and Pat went 3-3 for 3<sup>rd</sup> OA.



Race 8 saw 38+ Master Scott Stillmock 3-2 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> OA on the day. Lap Time for the weekend:

<https://speedhive.mylaps.com/Events/1743646>



Race 10 had 38+ Novice, Jason Rubero finish 4-5 for 5<sup>th</sup> OA and had 52+ Novice Troy Decker 5-4 for 4<sup>th</sup> OA on the day.



Race 11 had 58+ Novice Keith Mansfield finish 4-3 for 3<sup>rd</sup> OA and 65+ Novice Tom Mollory finish 5-5 for 5<sup>th</sup> OA for the day.



Reno members all in all had a good day. Most were involved in battles all day. With a few championships all but wrapped up, a couple just went out and finished the race.



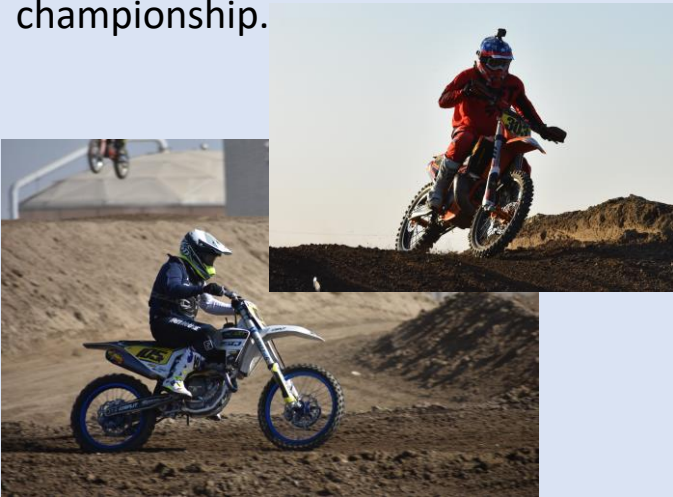


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# Valley National @ DT1-Sunday

After another night of Taco's and raffle, Sunday came around. The track was prepped a little different and the track ended up being much better on Sunday. Many of the corners had multiple lines which made for some good racing. With the race order being reversed, First up 58+ Novice of Keith Mansfield and 65+ Novice Tom Molloy. Keith going in the last day of racing made things difficult for himself by getting a flat tire in the first moto finishing 12<sup>th</sup> but bounced back to 3<sup>rd</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> on the day and a 4<sup>th</sup> OA for the weekend securing the 58+ Novice class championship. Tom rode consistent going 5-5 (5 OA) and 5<sup>th</sup> for the weekend wrapping up his championship.



Race 2 had 38+ Novice Jason Rubero get good starts but ended up falling back to finish 5-9 for 8<sup>th</sup> OA, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> OA for the weekend. 52+ Novice Troy Decker, despite the odor in the area, finish 9-5 for 7<sup>th</sup> on the day and 6<sup>th</sup> OA for the weekend but still took home the 52+ Novice Championship.

Race 4, 38+ Master Scott

Stillmock went 2-2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> OA and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> for the weekend and clinching the 38+ Master Championship.

Race 7 saw both Womens Int Claire Petrie and Womens Beginner Pat Holland better their scores. Claire to 2-2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> on the day and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> OA for the weekend and Pat also went 2-2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> OA and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the weekend. Pat also finished the season with the Women's Beginner Championship.



Race 9 which had possibly the most excitement and more on the line for the top contenders. 45+ Int Allen Blanco decided to call it a weekend and did not start both motos, Aaron Bissell rode on to a 4-4 finishes. The excitement was that all he had to do was finish in front of last years champion on the last moto and he would get 2<sup>nd</sup> OA in the series but a last lap pass caused the 2 to tie in points and would see Aaron getting 3<sup>rd</sup> OA in the championship.







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## BBMX Rd 12 - Fernley

The final round of the Battle Born Motocross Series was November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The great weather brought everyone to the track. There were 200 riders for practice on Saturday and 344 entries on Sunday. The track was on the shorter side but with day light savings the past week. The club was under the gun to finish prior to the sun setting behind the mountains. The track held moisture very well and only required watering between motos 1 and 2 which the track crew also did a little touch up. Thank you to everyone who helped out this year and looking forward to an even better 2020 racing year.





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# The SANDBOX

From the Editor,

I felt inspired to write this after reading a post on the Reno OTHG forum page that was posted about “Why I should join a racing club?” I changed some of the wording as it was really written about joining a club that puts on desert races, but the message was inspiring. I have been a part of 2 racing clubs in the time that I have been racing. The first was a club in Lovelock that held 2-4 motocross events, a MRANN desert race and the occasional GP race all in a calendar year. I remember it was a small club and there was a lot to do before the weekend race. Most of it required missing a day or two of work and was hard work but the sacrifice that was made by the hand full of individuals made it well worth putting on a great race. The second club being OTHG. This club is much bigger (membership wise) than the last. So, to those who come out on the days before the weekends race (Thursday and Friday) to get the track ready and stay late on Sunday to clean up, THANK YOU for all the hard work and dedication you have given to allow the masses to come out to ride a groomed track on Saturday and race on Sunday.

The Reno chapter is unique from the other 4 OTHG chapters as the Reno chapter promotes races (prepping facility) for everyone in the area and have a different sanctioning body, as the other chapters act as the sanctioning body and will pay a facility to prep the track for their event. Believe me when I say there is a lot to holding a race: find track builders, rent equipment, groom track, clean the gates out, install the starting gates, layout the parking lot, picking up trash, and cleaning up tumble weeds. The CLUB also arraigns, (and pays for), the Porta-Potties, the Paramedics, the trophies, ensuring there are adequate flaggers and I could go on, but you get the picture. At the end of the weekend, a complete clean up on Sunday after the last race is over and after everyone is on there way home. There is a small group still there picking up trash, putting the gates away in the storage container.

Does it sound like a lot of work? It is, but it’s also a lot of fun, and can be very rewarding. It’s a real good feeling when a completely exhausted, a staggering racer looks at you, smiles like a kid on Christmas, and tells you what a great race/track layout you just put on. Wait till the next bench racing session, and all you hear are about are the daring deeds done on YOUR last racetrack. Wait till you see a bunch of racers out there on YOUR COURSE, and how proud that everyone is over what they can do (of course you know those racers are going to be waxing your ass soon).

So back to “why join a club?” Other than the comments mentioned in the above, here are some more. The club is like a second family. They look out for you and take care of you when you need it. Whether it is as simple as needing some extra gas, a bolt or tear offs or needing on the worse end it making sure you are cared for in case you get injured racing and making sure your vehicle and bike make it to a safe place as you are taking an ambulance to town (thank you Kevin-2017, Layne-2018). They are there to cheer you on and motivate you to keep pushing forward. There is a total of 5 OTHG chapters, each of which hosts a “National” were all 5 chapters race each other. This is the first year I have raced all 5 and I can tell you it is a blast and highly recommend it. My second family is even bigger because of it. At the end of the 5 races, National Champions are crowned, and you can have bragging rights for the next year and run a red plate, if you want. Once a month, (the first Tuesday of the month) we all get together for pizza and wings (free to paid club members) and bench racing and talk about the next race coming up. This year the Reno Chapter had 3 ride days (2 @ Fernley and 1 @ E-Street in Marysville) for its members and their immediate family (all free to it members). Then at the end of the year, the club host an end of the year banquet to had out awards to the top 20 that that year, great food, some bench racing over the past year and a bunch of free swag that is handed out. Who doesn’t like free stuff?

So, what are the requirement? Must be over the age of 30 and be enthusiastic and motivated about riding dirt bikes or racing motocross. You don’t need to be a racer. You just need the passion for the sport. At the end of the post, it was written: “Better the Sport; Participate. Join a club and help us all help each other. We got this passed on to us, let’s try and pass it on too”.

I don’t think I could find any better words. So, what is stopping you. Join

“In Dirt We Trust” Aaron Bissell 124R

