

Sumter Dirt Bike Week - Jan 23rd thru Jan 31st

2010 Sumter National Enduro

Sumter, SC

The National Enduro series will again start the 2010 season at Sumter SC on January 31st. Last years race was a complete sell-out at 600 riders 3 weeks before the race so it is suggested to get your entries is ASAP. The entry and flyer will be up within a few days at our website – www.sermaclub.com . Inquiries or questions can be sent to sermaclubprez@yahoo.com. We will again cap the race at 600 riders. Keep checking the website for updates as some of the info below may change.

Here is some information concerning this year's race:

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- SERMA will promote our **SETRA/AMA sanctioned Burnt Gin Hare Scramble the weekend before (Jan 24th) the Enduro if you want to get some practice in.** Scoring will be electronic. The course for the HS will use trail similar to the Enduro, only a few more open sections for speed.
- **Free primitive camping on the SERMA grounds from Jan 22 until Feb 1.** We will utilize the additional field for the Enduro parking but not the HS. Racers staying over during the week will need to be on the SERMA premises. Water is available at the SERMA club house. We will have the Pro Row Area marked off after the HS on Sunday, if you are in that area and plan to camp for the week, it's OK. We will ask that you move your RV by Thursday before the Enduro. Port-a-Potties will be on site all week. Propane, gas, groceries, restaurants etc are all in close proximity to the track. Full Camper hook ups are also available at a few local campgrounds.
- There will be SERMA Club members on site throughout the Sumter Dirt Bike Week to assist you with riding plans, directions, etc. Sumter also has several Dirt-oriented motorcycle shops in the area.
- Many have heard that we have had a lot of logging in the area and that is true. So all that means is that we will have a lot of new trail. We are working with the local Forestry Administrators and we will have plenty of new trail and challenges for you including some areas that have never been used before. It's going to be another great race.
- No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed to be consumed on SC Forestry owned property, this is a Sate Law. This law does not apply to the SERMA property, but if you are on or near the race course itself, consider that SC State Forestry Property and you will get a ticket when caught consuming Alcoholic Beverages.
- If you wish to ride with another riders, make sure ALL of the entries are sent in together. Like last year, all entries are set up by the post mark date on your envelope. Earliest entry, earliest row. If you are a rider that wants to ride with your Pro buddy, send your entry in with him. And have him go ahead and send in his entry even though he has a guaranteed spot. The only person guaranteed a spot on that Row is the Pro rider so his row will likely be filled in the normal entry sequence if his entry is not sent in soon. We have had problems with this before, too many riders wanting to ride with a Pro and by the time the Pro send his entry in (if they do), and it's too late. 9 riders per Row doesn't work and the next row is full. My suggestion is to get that entry is

ASAP. Riders sending in with more than 5 Entries in the envelope asking to be put on consecutive rows will be placed at the earliest spot possible to accommodate you. For example, if you send in for 15 riders to ride together, the rows will be set at the earliest place we have 3 full rows. While this sounds elementary, believe me it's not. And don't call stating you are about to send your entry in, it's December 31, and want to be in the top 25 rows. It's not going to happen.

- Pro Riders entries will be held for spots 21A thru 50A. Pro Riders after the Top 30 will be added to ROW 50 and up as needed as riding position F.
- We will use cut-offs under NEPG guidelines for the B, C and some specialty classes. For the AA & A riders we are working on a "special test" that will include a hillside section that has not been in use for nearly 20 years. Major elevation changes and basically an old school Enduro trail.
- A Route Sheet will not be posted until after the NEPG committee has pre-ridden the course and approved the sheet. I would not expect a Route Sheet to show up on the SERMA website until late Friday or possibly Saturday before the race. We will have copies of the Approved Route Sheet available at the Sign Up area.
- Watch for the release of Row Information in mid-December. If you do not see your name, contact me at sermaclubprez@yahoo.com. I would not wait until a week before the race to contact us about an entry you thought was sent in around November but is not posted. We are not trying to be difficult about this, but satisfying over 700 entry requests last year taught us this is not an easy job. We want everybody to race on the Row they want to be on; unfortunately we can't all be on Row 19.
- No headlights or taillights required for the Enduro or HS.
- There will be an inspection at the Enduro for spark arrestors. We will be using a ¼ inch probe (insert joke here) about 18 inches long to check the sparky. This is a requirement to use the Forest we are racing in. Regardless of what you think, we will be checking the sparky's at the line. No Sparky – No race. We do not want anyone to get disappointed, but if you **Do Not have a Spark Arrestor, you will not race. Please tell all your buddies.**
- Pro Row parking – will have a Pro Row parking laid out for all the Pro Riders that are Pre-Entered. If you have an overly large rig and need special parking, let us know. Each Pro parking spot will be placed by your Row #, so if you come in late for some reason, your parking space will be marked and should not be taken, however, we are not going to have someone standing by in the parking lot directing traffic. We will come ask someone in the wrong spot to move though.
- A **Coppersmith Suspension Clinic** will be held during the week between the races. More info later.
- A **Shane Watts Riding School** was in the works for the week between the races. Now that Shane has received some serious injuries we will have to wait before any announcement can be made. If you want to attend his school at the Sumter race, drop him a get well note at dirtwise@shanewatts.com and encourage him to do the school if he is able. Shane has committed to us that if he is healthy there will be a school.
- Vendor's Row – if you have a product/products or services you would like to offer the racers please contact us so we can discuss that opportunity.
- We are working with several groups to bring some entertainment to the race such as a Rock Climbing Wall and Paint Ball set up. More later.
- We will have the **5th Annual Sumter Pit Bike Classic** for Saturday night before the Enduro. We will have a dedicated Announcer and PA system this year for that race. We will release the classes and format later but expect it to be similar to last year's race. Any questions can be

emailed to me at the SERMACLUBPREZ email above. We will have an expanded DRZ/KLX 125 Playbike class this year.

- **Kids Bicycle Races** – we will have 2-3 Kids Bicycle Races between the heats for the Pit Bike Race so all the kids 10 and under need to bring your bikes. More details later.
- We are also looking at having a **Motorcycle and ATV sand drag race or a Mechanics Race** (with a rear wheel change) on the Saturday before both races. Starting lights and all, and your ET will be electronic. More on this later.
- A detailed Spectator map will be released on our website within a few days of the race and copies will be available at the race. We will not release it earlier due to the “competitiveness” of some riders.
- **Anyone caught on the trail before the race will be disqualified.** If the Forestry Rangers catch someone they will get a ticket. These trails are not for public use and are only in use during the races.
- We are working with the Concessions vendors to bring some new items to the track. We may have some “elephant ears” and such. More later.
- We are working with Mark Hyde and KTM to bring back the **Saturday night FREE Spaghetti Dinner**. This will also include the Auction that got so many of you great deals last year. Other vendors are also bringing auction items too. All proceeds go to the Wedgefield Volunteer Fire Department that helps with the EMS and Rescue operations here for the safety of our riders and guests.
- There are several public golf courses in the area should you want to play during the week between our races. Local riders may want to participate in the 2nd Annual Sumter Enduro Riders Charity Golf Tournament to be held later in February. Details will be available at our races.
- If anyone from the Media would like more info concerning this event or if you would consider covering the event for your outlet, please contact me at the above email. We also have Media Information Packages prepared to send out at your request. We will also tailor a plan for your coverage of the event with advance notice. A personal guide to the Media on Race Day is also planned.
- Any rider wanting to earn SETRA Work points for the Sumter events will need to send me an email to get your request in. We will not allow anyone to work the HS and ride the Enduro as some of your work may be in the Enduro trail area. Get your request in early as we will assign required work dates and availability is limited.

For practice between or before the races we have several riding areas near the facility. Make sure to call before you drive.

- **Manchester OHV** – located within 5 miles of the club facility, 21 miles of open trail with an old sand MX track. You will need a SC Forestry pass to ride, and they will check. A 1-day pass is \$5 and a yearly pass is \$25. The pass can be purchased ahead of time at:

<http://www.state.sc.us/forest/permit.htm>

You can print the permit after payment online.

A trail map and more info is available here: <http://www.state.sc.us/forest/motor.htm>

- **Palmetto Motorsports Complex** is about 1 hour from the SERMA club near Columbia SC.

<http://www.palmettomotorsportscomplex.com/>

- **Carolina Adventure World** is also about 1 hour away to the North, off I-77. Mostly ATV trails but it does have some single track. <http://www.carolinaadventureworld.com/>

- **TNT Motorsports** is located near Carolina Adventure World and is a little more dedicated to

the motorcycle rider. <http://www.tntmotorsportsinc.com/> , They are offering a special rate if you bring proof of entry at Sumter.

• **Battery Park Off Road** is located about 1.5 hours away to the East.

<http://www.batteryparkoffroad.com/>

Here's a list of local Sumter Motels if you want to make reservations:

Candlewood Suites --803-469-4000 2541 Broad St. beside Logan's, newest building

Country Inn & Suites -- 803-469-6666 2491 Broad St. behind Applebee's and IHOP

Hampton Inn & Suites -- 803-469-2230 1370 Broad St. near Walmart

Holiday Inn Express & Suites -- 803-469-4444 2490 Broad St. next to Outback

Quality Inn -- 803-469-9001 2390 Broad St. across from Golden Corral

Comfort Suites -- 803-469-0200 2500 Broad St. across from Logan's

Sleep Inn -- 803-469-7881 2510 Broad St. across from Logan's

We are also working with several sponsors for the Enduro. If you would like to become a sponsor of any SERMA event, from the Kids Bicycle Race to the Enduro itself, please inquire at sermaclubprez@yahoo.com

That's about it for the info side as of now. As we make changes or have updated info it will be added to our website and posted under this thread.

Hope to see you soon,

Jim Fairey

SERMA President