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Race Ohio MX began with a small group of us (Scott Plessinger, John Walters and Rick Landis) seeing the increasing number of riders wanting to ride and or race in southern Ohio.

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The most important aspect of our racing vision is to get riders in and out in a timely manner on race days. We decided to bring back the Buckeye Series in 2017. We have lofty goals involving a Spring Series for 2018 as well.

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PUSHETA CREEK MX PARK JOINS THE 2020 BUCKEYE SERIES

WAPAKONETA, Ohio—The new year brings with it a new track to the Buckeye Series. Pusheta Creek MX Park, in Wapakoneta, Ohio, will host the opening round of the 2020 race season.

The addition of Pusheta Creek MX to the series has generated a lot of excitement in the Ohio motocross community. "Riders have been asking us for several years when we are going to hold races," says track owner, Scott Wagner. "Quite a few of our riders that don't usually race have said they plan to sign up for the chance to race Pusheta Creek. Others have even excitedly responded with 'Finally!' after we announced our first race date."

While riders have been eager for Pusheta Creek MX to hold races, Wagner has been working diligently to prepare the facility for such an event. "It's been quite a few years in the making,"

says Wagner. "We needed to wait for some of our land to be out of contract so we could increase parking, we moved into a new office, upgrades and additional equipment were needed, and some other pretty big projects."

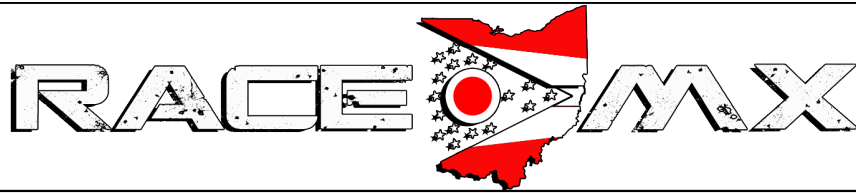
Although this is the first year they will host races, Pusheta Creek joins the Buckeye Series with many years of motocross experience. It all started when Wagner began racing himself. He built himself a small track so he could practice. As friends started to ride with him and the track itself grew in size, he decided to open to the public. Pusheta Creek MX Park is now headed into it's 18th season.

Pusheta Creek MX Park is a family oriented facility located just outside of Wapakoneta with easy access to both State Route 33 and I-75. With a short drive into Wapakoneta, you will find several hotel and restaurant options.

The track itself is designed for all skill levels while still offering a challenge for advanced riders. There is also a kids' track which is open to small bikes and beginners on open practice dates.

"We have been working hard to expand and are really excited for this opportunity," said Wagner. Join Pusheta Creek MX Park for their inaugural race as round one of the 2020 Buckeye Series on May 2nd and 3rd.





Buckeye Series

2020 Tracks

The 2020 Buckeye Series starts May 2 and 3rd at Pusheta Creek in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Things you need to know:

Park Rules / Membership Rules:

1. Members must be 18 years of age and sign a liability waiver! (Anyone under 18 must have a legal guardian sign for them!) Membership is required to ride!
2. Riders must wear a Helmet and goggles and appropriate safety gear in good, safe condition (long pants and boots!)
3. No one is permitted to consume drugs or alcohol prior to or during the activities at Pusheta Creek MX Park.
4. Members are responsible for any spectators that accompany them.
5. Members must be signed in and paid up before riding.
6. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
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8. No fishing or swimming without prior permission, and no harassing or destroying wildlife.
9. NO weapons allowed, and pets must be on a leash and stay in your parking area during park hours.
10. No riding over your own abilities or riding double.
11. No destructive behavior or destroying jumps, grass parking area or driveway will be tolerated.
12. No trespassing on neighbors property and stay out of fields.
13. Any member or guest of member entering in-field, spectator area, or viewing tower is responsible for his or her own safety.
14. Pusheta Creek MX Park does not carry any insurance; members and guests are required to provide their own insurance.
15. Pusheta Creek MX Park Inc., its associates and employees are not to be held liable for any personal injury, theft, personal property damage, or death.
16. Pusheta Creek MX Park reserves the right to

revoke membership for not obeying the rules without refund.

17. Camping for members and guests is free on open weekends (Gate does not open until 7pm Friday evening and you must be out Sunday night at time of closing.)
18. Be courteous to others, watch out for young children, and please keep the park clean and put trash in provided barrels.
19. Anyone entering the park enters at his or her own Risk!

MX Rules:

1. Riders must wear a Helmet and goggles and appropriate riding gear (long pants and boots) and are subject to a random safety inspection.
2. Speed limit of 15 MPH on driveway and NO riding faster than 1st gear idle while off of the track.
3. PRE-RIDE TRACK BEFORE RIDING AT FULL SPEED!
4. NO riding over your own abilities or riding double.
5. NO destructive behavior or destroying jumps, grass, parking area, or driveway will be tolerated.
6. NO trespassing on any neighbors property and stay out of fields.
7. Any member or guest of member entering in-field, spectator area, or viewing tower are responsible for their own safety.
8. NO utility quads, golf carts, or other utility vehicles allowed on MX track!
9. Kids Track is for young riders only!
10. NO bikes smaller than 65cc or quads smaller than 90cc allowed on big track without special permission or unless running timed sessions!

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Ferrandis and Craig tangle in the 250 SX at Anaheim *Dirty racing? Or just over aggressive?*

ANAHEIM, CA—A wild and crazy, 250 SX race played out in Anaheim Saturday night. Dylan Ferrandis took the checkered flag, but not without some controversy.

The 250 main was being dominated by 16 year old rookie, Jett Lawrence, who was having a wild ride before he crashed in the final two laps, putting Dylan Ferrandis in the lead.



16 year old Jett Lawrence, Geico Honda factory rider, doing a endo on the final laps of the 250 Main at Anaheim.

A couple of laps prior to the Lawrence crash, Dylan Ferrandis took out Christian Craig, Lawrence's teammate, to take over second place. Ferrandis almost did the exact same to Lawrence just a lap later, causing Lawrence's rear to kick sideways, but Lawrence was able to hold on to it.

This brings me to the crash of Ferrandis and Craig. In a social media post from Ferrandis, he states, *"Unfortunately I had this racing incident with Christian Craig that make both of us crash during the main event. I want to apologize to him and I hope he's not injured, definitely not the way I wanted to pass him."*

Really! While attempting to pass Jett, you did the exact same thing! Only Jett was able to hang on. You were still able to make the pass and later on take the win.

This is not the only time Dylan Ferrandis

has had some issues on the track while trying to pass other riders.

In November 2019, Ferrandis took out Justin Hill in Paris SX to take the lead. (Video is on youtube)

There he did the same to Hill, but also threw an elbow as well.

In another youtube video, Ferrandis is shown kicking another rider just to gain first place.

Is this just an aggressive move? Not hardly. This is someone who has only one thing on his mind, and that is winning at all costs, regardless of the harm it may cause to riders and their equipment.

I'm not a big fan of anyone who boos after an event, however, in this case, I even booed him while he gave his interview after the race, along with the 40K fans at Anaheim.

Craig said after the race, *"I can only control what I'm doing on the bike. What happened last night was out of my control. I take pride in being a good role model for this sport so I won't say anymore. I'm focused and looking forward to next weekend. Thank you to my team and all the fans. The support is real and I'm thankful"*

Craig also posted on social media that the punishment Ferrandis received from the AMA was not enough. He later removed the post.

Race fans took to social media after the race. It was not pretty. Dylan is now the Monster





Dyan Ferrandis' smile was short lived when 40,000 + upset Anaheim fans let the booo's rain down on him. Photo by: Octopi



Energy 250 SX villain.

Ferrandis received a 12-month suspension and a \$3,000 fine for the incident. The fine was suspended, unless there are further incidents like this. Reaction from Supercross fans has largely condemned the Frenchman's collision with Craig, and Ferrandis is suffering some serious hate on his social media at the moment.

One can see why Christian Craig would be upset about the punishment.

Jett Lawrence also took to social media after the race thanking his fans for the support. *"No words, really guys! I'll never settle for second and will always leave everything out on the track. Lucky to only have a broken collarbone. We will get it all sorted tomorrow and get back to the races ASAP."*



Christian Craig's bike after the crash.



450 SX Main at Anaheim, CA.

Eli Tomac took his first win of 2020 and sits just five points out of the points lead with 14 rounds still left to run.



3 of 17 races complete. 3 different winners to start the 2020 season!

ANAHEIM, CA.— Round three of the Monster Energy Supercross Series is in the books. Eli Tomac got his first win of the season after getting a very poor start in the main.

Tomac, who was fast all day even on the most technical track of the season, started the race in tenth place. Last week's winner, Ken Roczen, jumped out to the early lead. Hometown favorite, Aaron Plessinger, had his best start of the year at third place.

Tomac went to work, and started chewing up the pack moving into second behind Roczen. Tomac reeled in Roczen and went on to get his first win of the 2020 season.

"Today was the day we worked for all off-season. Things were just clicking all day, we qualified second coming into the night, and in the first heat race we were able to get out front early and just kind of set the tone for the rest of the night," said Tomac.

"In the main, I didn't get the best jump off the gate, but I was able to find some good passing lanes and remained aggressive in the opening laps. The two sets of whoops and dragon back were so mentally and physically demanding, I believe that is where I was able to separate myself from the rest of the pack. All in all, I can't thank my team enough, the whole Monster Energy Kawasaki crew for all the hard work this past week, it definitely paid off tonight. I am looking forward to Glendale next weekend and to race a Triple Crown. My first 450SX win came in Phoenix and the high-intensity Triple Crown format really suits my racing style."

After the race, Aaron Plessinger gave this

account of his night - "Yeah, tonight was tough. I got off to a really good start in the Main and kind of froze up. It was a gnarly track. The whoops were really gnarly, a lot of moisture in the track. I'm going to put my head down and keep on focusing on getting better – take the positives and work on the negatives. We'll be back next week in Phoenix, so I just need to get another start like that and keep it up front."

450 results:

POS.	#	RIDER	INTERVAL
1	3	Eli Tomac	24 Laps
2	94	Ken Roczen	+01.979
3	1	Cooper Webb	+03.186
4	16	Zach Osborne	+10.628
5	21	Jason Anderson	+14.443
6	9	Adam Cianciarulo	+20.138
7	10	Justin Brayton	+21.967
8	27	Malcolm Stewart	+26.799
9	51	Justin Barcia	+30.249
10	15	Dean Wilson	+38.400
11	64	Vince Friese	+40.869
12	46	Justin Hill	+43.377
13	37	Martin Davalos	+47.514
14	4	Blake Baggett	+50.210
15	7	Aaron Plessinger	23 Laps
16	19	Justin Bogle	+02.814
17	34	Tyler Bowers	+08.268
18	22	Chad Reed	+13.498
19	49	Chris Blose	+15.482
20	71	Ryan Breece	+21.505
21	61	Alex Ray	+39.221
22	50	Benny Bloss	9 Laps



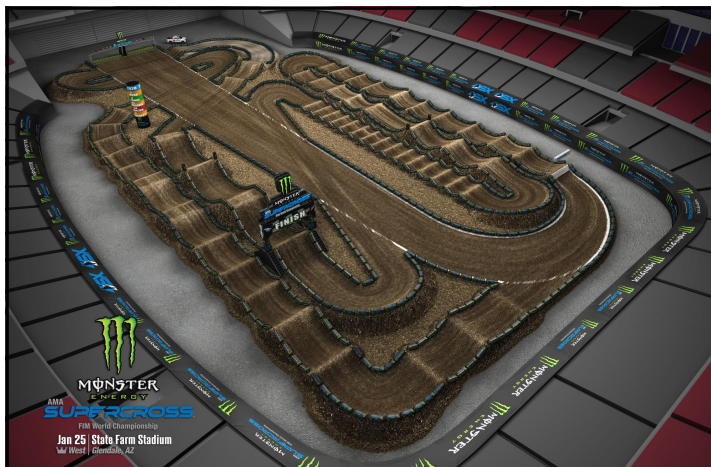


AP7 celebrates his birthday with a top 10 finish at Glendale

GENDALE, Az.—Aaron Plessinger celebrated his birthday and a top ten finish in the first Triple Crown Race of the year at State Farm Stadium in Glendale Arizona on Saturday.

During his first round of qualifying, Aaron seemed to struggle a little. His best lap time was 1:05.070, well off the leaders, leaving him at 18th. His second round was much better, where he cut off two seconds from his previous attempt at the three main events.

AP's best lap during the second attempt was a 1:03.582, 2.249 off the leader. Adam Cianciarulo, who recorded the fastest lap at 1:01.333. AP was able to secure himself a 15th place and avoid going into the LCQ.



In the first 450 main, Aaron didn't get a very good start but ended up in 7th on the hole shot. AP quickly fell back into 12th position, 4.5 seconds behind the leader, Ken Roczen.

At the end of the first main event, AP found himself sitting in 10th place on the final lap before surrendering that position to Davalos. AP finished in 11th.

In the second of three main events, AP came out of the gate clean and was moving toward the front into the first corner. Another rider,



AP narrowly avoids the first corner crash between Justin Bogle and Zach Osborne during the first main event.

Justin Bogle, who got tangled up with Zach Osborne, went down right in front of AP. Aaron had to go to the outside, causing him to lose positions.

The red flag came out, causing a complete re-start of the second main. Justin Bogle had to be carted off by the Alpine Star Medical Crew. Zack Osborne, who went down off the track during the mishap, was able to ride back onto the track.

AP finished 9th in the second main and was feeling pretty good about it. He explained that he was having a rough time with the whoops. *"In the first main I was buried about 12th and made my way up to seventh or eighth I believe. Then in the second half I kind of fell apart. I got sketchy in the whoops once and that was it. I struggled in the second half. I came out in the second one and got a really good start and the whoops got me again. I was fast everywhere but the whoops"*.

In the final main, AP looked very good. He was able to get another great start off the gate and rode hard.

"In the third main I got another good start and put myself in a good position, which helped me out. I went 11-9-8 for ninth overall. The last

main was the best I rode for sure. I stayed straight in the whoops and got them down pretty good almost every lap. I kept [Justin] Brayton behind me! It was a good night. I'm progressing and it's my second top-ten of the year so hopefully we can keep getting them and pull into the top five".

When RacerX asked about the track, Aaron had this to say: "It was definitely a fast track, wide open, the fastest track by far this year. Phoenix gets hard like concrete like a lot of the practice tracks do. The whoops break down differently though and it gets tough. You just have to rise to the occasion, it's just man shit. It's gnarly out there. [Laughs] You have to make decisions quick and be on your best game. The track was wild. Wide open, hard, and the roost didn't feel too good. I think it was good track overall."

Next weekend the race is in Oakland. It has been known to be a track that gets broken down and rutted up. This is AP's kind of track. When asked about it, AP stated "We actually worked on soft stuff this week actually. I guess it was kind of the wrong week to work on it with Phoenix. [Laughs] We got a fat set of whoops and we were just hitting 'em over and over again. We'll be ready for the soft stuff and we'll keep working on getting good starts and putting myself in good positions. I think that'll do me some good."



"The whoops break down differently though and it gets tough. You just have to rise to the occasion, it's just man shit. It's gnarly out there. [Laughs]" - Aaron Plessinger

Having the longest straight from the gate (143 yards), AP was asked what gear he was able to get to before the turn.

"I was in fourth! [Laughs] I was just wide

open in fourth gear. Shifted twice, leaned back, and said, "Jesus take the wheel." [Laughs] I didn't get the best jumps but I just held it on and held it around that corner and managed to get the step on every time, which helped me a lot."



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- Information obtained for this article is from RacerX online.

Pl	Rider	Finish	Bike
1	Ken Roczen	1 - 1 - 1	Honda CRF450R
2	Eli Tomac	2 - 2 - 3	Kawasaki KX450
3	Jason Anderson	5 - 3 - 2	Husqvarna FC450
4	Cooper Webb	8 - 5 - 4	KTM 450SX-F
5	Justin Barcia	6 - 8 - 7	Yamaha YZ450F
6	Justin Brayton	7 - 7 - 9	Honda CRF450R
7	Malcolm Stewart	4 - 14 - 6	Honda CRF450R
8	Adam Cianciarulo	3 - 6 - 17	Kawasaki KX450
9	Aaron Plessinger	11 - 9 - 8	Yamaha YZ450F
10	Blake Baggett	12 - 4 - 14	KTM 450SX-F
11	Martin Davalos	10 - 16 - 5	KTM 450SX-F
12	Justin Hill	9 - 13 - 10	Honda CRF450R
13	Dean Wilson	16 - 10 - 11	Husqvarna FC450
14	Vince Frieze	13 - 12 - 12	Honda CRF450R
15	Tyler Bowers	15 - 15 - 13	Kawasaki KX450
16	Zach Osborne	22 - 11 - 18	Husqvarna FC450
17	Ryan Breece	19 - 18 - 15	Suzuki RMZ450
18	Chris Blose	17 - 17 - 19	Honda CRF450R
19	Alex Ray	20 - 20 - 16	Kawasaki KX450
20	Chad Reed	18 - 19 - 20	Honda CRF450R
21	Justin Bogle	14 - 22 - 22	KTM 450SX-F
22	Jerry Robin	21 - 21 - 21	Honda CRF450R





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Hometown Pro Rider Aaron Plessinger

2020 Oakland Supercross Results, RingCentral Coliseum, Oakland

1. Eli Tomac (Kawasaki)
2. Cooper Webb (KTM)
3. Ken Roczen (Honda)
4. Adam Cianciarulo (Kawasaki)
5. Jason Anderson (Husqvarna)
6. Justin Barcia (Yamaha)
7. Dean Wilson (Husqvarna)
8. Justin Hill (Honda)
9. Blake Baggett (KTM)
10. Malcolm Stewart (Honda)
11. Zach Osborne (Husqvarna)
- 12. Aaron Plessinger (Yamaha)**
13. Justin Brayton (Honda)
14. Vince Friese (Honda)
15. Martin Davalos (KTM)
16. Tyler Bowers (Kawasaki)
17. Kyle Chisholm (Yamaha)
18. Alex Ray (Kawasaki)
19. Kyle Cunningham (Suzuki)
20. Cade Autenrieth (Honda)
21. Ryan Breece (Suzuki)
22. Josh Cartwright (Kawasaki)

2020 San Diego

AP had a great race, and even though he crashed while running third, he was pretty happy about the way things went. Afterward he told us they made some changes during the week and even switched up the practice venue and really worked hard on trying new things.

“That’s the speed I’m used to running at the practice tracks and it felt good to be up there,” Plessinger said. “I felt where I belong. I felt so comfortable. I don’t know how it looked but I felt like I was riding smooth. I was breathing, I was flowing, and that’s where I want to be every weekend. It was unreal. The bike changed, I felt like a stinkbug last weekend. Last week I was just so confused until Wednesday, but after that I left the track knowing I was going to do good this weekend. It’s a great feeling.”

Racer X: You fell. That sucks. But back on it. Looking good. Riding well. Catching Coop. An overall positive night.

Aaron Plessinger: Yeah, definitely. It was a great night, other than the fall. Who knows what would have happened if I didn’t fall? Great start. I might have got the holeshot, I don’t know. Adam took me high and then Coop got me. After that, I was right there with them. It was a good race. That’s the speed I’m used to running at the practice tracks. It felt good to be up there. It felt like that’s where I belong.

Racer X: You weren’t pushing. You weren’t out of your control or anything or your range.

Yeah. I felt so comfortable. I don’t know how it looked, but I felt like I was riding smooth. I was breathing. I was flowing. That’s where I want to be every weekend and I’m going to work towards it.

Racer X: Is it just the start? A couple weeks ago you got one, in Oakland. That didn’t go well.

We’ve been working on the bike. Sergio [Avanto], KYB guys, Ross Maeda came out this week and helped.



Plessinger has recorded finishes of 12-10-15-9-12-10 through the first six rounds. He currently sits 12th in points. **Align Media**

Racer X: Ross came out? Big guns.

Yeah. Bringing out the after burners. He came out and we went to work. Went to State Fair and got away from Yamaha. The flat goat trails wasn’t working for us, so we got away from that. Went to State Fair and just put in the work, put in the long days, long two days. We ran through so much stuff. It was such a positive. It showed tonight. It was unreal. The bike changed. I felt really, really stink bugged last

weekend. I was just confused. I was literally confused because I was feeling one thing. The guys were saying it looked this way. Last week I was just so confused until Wednesday. After Wednesday I left the track knowing that I was going to do good this weekend.

Cool feeling, right?

It's a great feeling. I went back to the house and I was in a good mood all week. Even yesterday went really good, press day. I just knew it was going to be a good weekend. Other than the crash, it was an awesome main.

If we can start seeing you up in the mix it will be an even better class. Nice work.

Thank you.

Can you talk about those whoops a little bit and compare? Were they much different in the main than they were in the afternoon, or were they about the same?

Yeah, they were a little bit different. They definitely got some lines down the middle. They were really, really tough. I started jumping them around the end, but they were the more tougher whoops this year I think, being that it was a little slick and it was just tough.



"[When I fell] It was a sense of 'Oh, no. Dang it,' and then, 'Get up. Hurry. Get up. Go. You got to still race.' It was a little bit of both. It took me a few laps to get back going, but after I found my groove I started riding pretty good. I think I would have rode a lot, lot better if I didn't go down. So who knows? Next week." - Aaron Plessinger *Align Media*

Most of you guys looked like you were handling better by the time the night show rolled around. I was just wondering because you got them figured out or if they had been any different. Is that even an accurate thing to say, that you were doing them better?

Yeah. I was definitely doing them better. All day long I was progressing in them. The main, they were kind of a little bit more laid down, and then obviously the middle line got worked in. After a couple laps they were broken down pretty bad and that's when I started jumping them. I think in the beginning of the main we started hitting them a lot better than we did all day.

Like Steve said, you went down, but even with that, good night. What was going on in your mind when you went down? Was it a sense of, "Oh, no?" Or, "I'm going to get back up and get those guys?"

It was a sense of "Oh, no. Dang it," and then, "Get up. Hurry. Get up. Go. You got to still race." It was a little bit of both. It took me a few laps to get back going, but after I found my groove I started riding pretty good. I think I would have rode a lot, lot better if I didn't go down. So who knows? Next week.

With a night like tonight, what does that do for you moving forward?

Just sets a principle for me. I know I can do it now. I know I can get good starts. I know I can run up front. It's just go back, do my motos, get to ride the bike actually without really changing much because it felt great tonight. Just ride, flow, and have a good time.

2020 San Diego 450SX Main Event Results

- 1 Cooper Webb
- 2 Adam Cianciarulo
- 3 Blake Baggett
- 4 Eli Tomac
- 5 Justin Barcia
- 6 Ken Roczen
- 7 Justin Brayton
- 8 Malcolm Stewart
- 9 Justin Hill
- 10 Aaron Plessinger**
- 11 Zach Osborne
- 12 Martin Davalos
- 13 Dean Wilson
- 14 Jason Anderson
- 15 Vince Friese
- 16 Tyler Bowers
- 17 Benny Bloss
- 18 Kyle Chisholm
- 19 Alex Ray
- 20 Jason Clermont
- 21 Chad Reed
- 22 Ryan Breece

450SX Points Standings

1.	Ken Roczen	130
2.	Eli Tomac	129
3.	Cooper Webb	121
4.	Justin Barcia	116
5.	Adam Cianciarulo	113
6.	Jason Anderson	105
7.	Blake Baggett	90
8.	Malcolm Stewart	90
9.	Justin Brayton	89
10.	Justin Hill	75
11.	Zach Osborne	75
12.	Aaron Plessinger	70

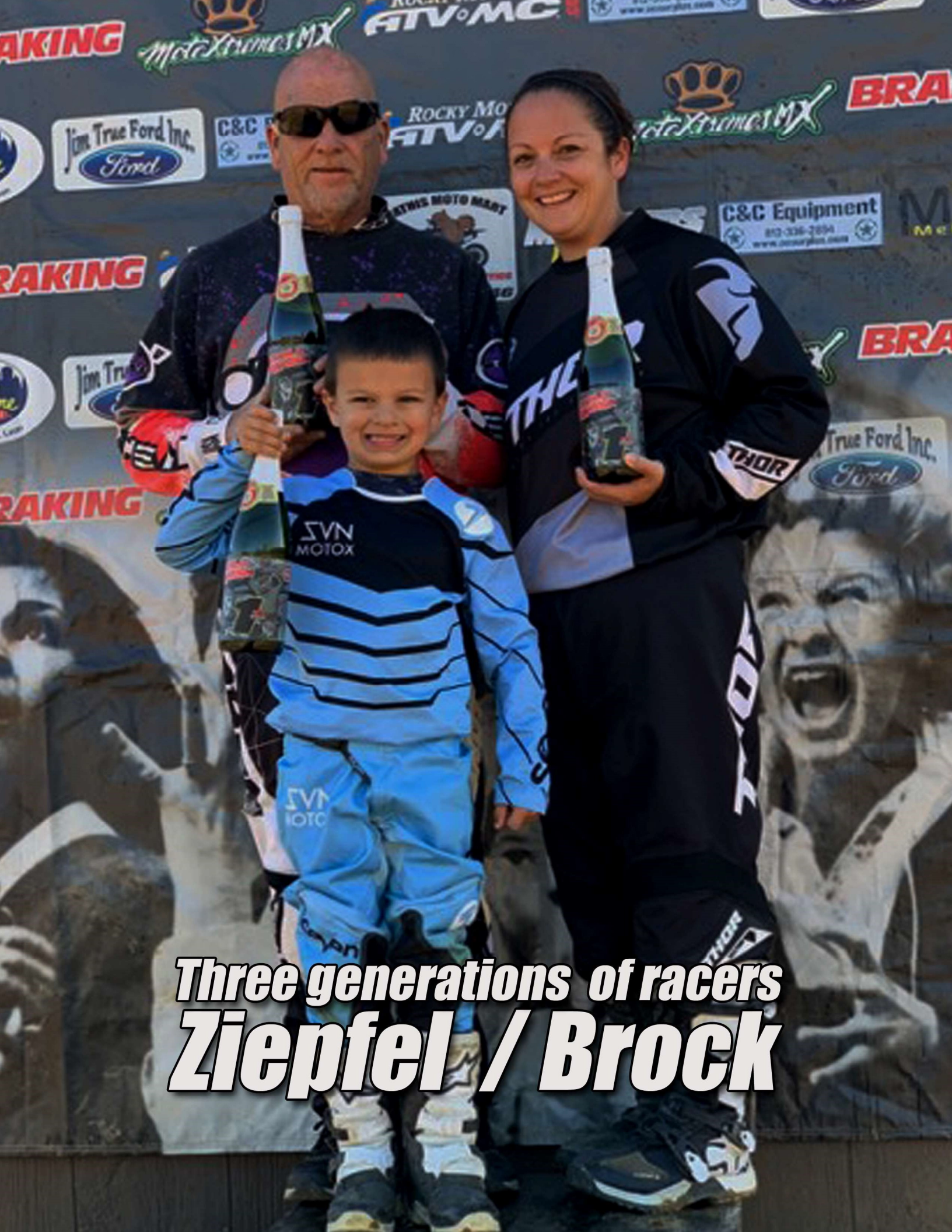
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Three Generations Of Family, Grandfather, Daughter, Grandson

Mark Ziepfel, his daughter Brittany and her son Zander



In 2017, Mark Ziepfel made the decision after 20+ years to discontinue his stock car racing days and return to his childhood love of motocross.

At the age of 54, Mark Ziepfel made this decision so he would have something fun to do with his daughter, Brittany

Brock, and his grandson, Zander Brock.

Brittany Brock grew up racing motocross and competing until the age of 10, when she made the choice to focus on softball. Motocross has always been a passion of Brittany's, as she continued to ride quads and dirtbikes throughout her life.

In 2018, at the age of 5, Zander Brock discovered his love of motocross. Zander began to push his mother, Brittany, into returning to the racing scene. He saw how much she enjoyed racing and wanted to her to get back into what her lifelong passion has been.

In 2018, Brittany acquired her first dirt bike in more than 19 years and began to race again on a small scale. This Father-Daughter team competed in family enduro events, as well as a few non-AMA sanctioned motocross races.

On a few occasions, all three generations

were able to take home 1st place on the same day.

Continuing into 2019, Mark Ziepfel and grandson Zander Brock competed in the Buckeye Series, while mom Brittany sat on the sidelines. After 2 years of being a spectator, Brittany Brock has made the choice to join the Buckeye Series events in 2020.

"As a family, we have the opportunity to make memories that many other families will never be given. Not only am I blessed with the ability to race alongside my father and my son, but we have met many other wonderful people at the track that we now also consider family. This is what is wonderful about motocross, the family environment," stated Brittany in a recent interview.



In 2020, Mark Ziepfel will be competing in the 45+ and 50+ classes. Brittany Brock will be competing in the Women's class and Zander Brock will be competing in the 50cc Jr and 50cc Open classes. Be on the lookout for three generation of racers this upcoming season!





OHIO riders invade Alabama



A complete story by Lonnie Stinson will be coming next month about this moving tribute to a fallen friend, Walker Brightwell. The following is a little history about Monster Mountain MX.

Monster Mountain MX Park is one of the nation's premiere motocross destinations. The 200 acre facility features one of the most scenic and popular motocross tracks in America. The 1.31 miles "outdoor national" caliber track features dramatic elevation changes, excellent soil, and a variety of obstacles from "Barnett Boule-

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THE TRAIN STOP



BY: LONNIE STINSON (L-TRAIN)



Samantha Laderer

Thank you for taking a few minutes out of your day to be a part of this new magazine.

How did you spend your time today?

I work part-time at a motorcycle shop in Columbus, called Independent Motorsports. It's on High Street, just inside the city. I prefer the country and am not a city girl at all! We just got a new puppy, a border collie, and she is 14 weeks old. She usually stays outside with our goats! The plan is that the puppy will herd the goats – maybe we will bring the goats to a race this season!

How old are you?

I am 28 years old.

How long have you been racing and what was your first dirt bike?

I grew up in Lead South Dakota, right outside of Sturgis. I have been racing for 9 years! My first bike was a 2001 Yamaha TTR 125. Because I was tall, I needed to get something bigger. I moved on to a YZ 125, which is what I ride now. My parents did not ride dirt bikes, and were more into street bikes. I basically grew up on the back of my dad's Harley. When I was 10 years old, I went to the County Fair and saw a really cute boy on a dirt bike and told my dad I have to impress him! My dad said you can't ride a dirt bike until you can kickstart my shovelhead. I was about 5'6' – 90 pounds but I got the bike started on my second kick! My mom bought me the bike! My first race was in October 2011 at Staples MotorCity Raceway, Minnesota.

What year is your bike?

I got it in 2012, but it's a 2008. I love the bike and will take it to my grave! It's the first bike I ever bought for myself!

What is your number and why do you ride it?

I ride number 16. I have always had 16. Back in Minnesota, you have to file and apply for your number and if its available it's yours. Unfortunately, someone

already had my first choice of 14 (my birthday is January 4), so 16 was my second choice and it was available, and I have been riding it ever since. Turns out my good friend, who helped me a lot back in Wisconsin, was also 16 so it added to me continuing to run the number 16.

What was your favorite race?

It was 2017 in Cambridge, which was a sand track. I was the first moto after the intermission, only this time they did not run an intermission and I missed the gate drop. I jumped on the track and fought really hard to catch-up. Unfortunately, a couple of girls went down and if I had been on the gate with the other girls, I likely would have been in the accident. God was looking out for me – it was really one of the most fun races ever. I fought really hard!

Who is in your race day moto crew?

Usually it's me, Megan, Brian and my boyfriend, John. When he is able, he also brings his daughter.

Does your boyfriend John ride?

He watched me a couple of times and he rode a little when he was younger. He races cars and bikes and he did a couple of moto races. He likely won't race much next year. Hopefully, we can get his daughter racing soon!

What do you like better supercross and motocross and why?

I follow Supercross a lot more – mostly because it is Saturday night in the wintertime. When I worked for the AMA and I had credentials, it was cool to go down and talk to the racers and hang out. In 2018 – San Diego, I first went into the tunnel – it was just breathtaking! It was the coolest! You see the big names and just see them hanging out. It was incredible!

What do you do in the offseason to get ready for the upcoming season?

I work out at home 5 days a week. I have high expectations of myself and hold myself accountable. I also

make sure that I am eating properly. I take a lot of walks with my dog and strive to be continuously active, which helps with both my physical and mental health. I feel it's important to also focus on your mental health – I listen to a lot of podcasts and read. I know if I am not there mentally, I can't give 100% to riding.

What is your favorite race event of the year?

I would say going back to Minnesota and watching at Millville or Minnesota Supercross. It is just great to be back home and be around people who knew me from



my photography and journalism days. I worked for the district for a long time and knew a lot of people. When I go back and feel the welcome, it's great. I get a real appreciation of the impact that I had on people and that just means a lot to me.

As a woman racer, do you ever crossover and race other than women's classes?

No, I usually do not. I have done it a few times, it's very competitive.

Is there a lady you typically race that you would consider to be a friendly rival?

Yes, that is definitely Megan! I have done some races outside of the District that I did not have as much fun! When Megan is on the line I am like "let's go" – let's see who is faster this weekend!

Looking back is there anything that you would do differently?

I wish that I would have done some paid training when I was younger! It seems now that I spend a lot of time correcting bad behaviors such as looking down when I ride ...

What can we expect out of Samantha, in 2020?

Well, I will be motocross racing less than most years. I put a lot of pressure on myself and can't be mad at myself and not have fun. I'll definitely race and do the triple crown, but I am going to give drag racing motorcycles a try. My boyfriend does drag racing and I think it's really cool. I got a street bike in September – it's fast and I like it! When I get older, I want to be able to tell a cool story about the things I tried and re-

late to more people. I attempted something new and this is the experience that I had doing it!

Who is your favorite racer?

Marissa Polencheck. She is from Wisconsin and I raced with her back in Minnesota. We are classic friends who go without seeing each other for months and when I do chat with her – it's like we never skipped a beat. She is really positive and motivating! She just graduated from the Air Force. We are the gypsie sisters! We meet up whenever and wherever we can regardless of city or state!

Do you have any pre-race superstitions?

Well, I used to. I used to have to chew gum while I raced. It would help me focus. I stopped doing it, because my helmet is now a bit tighter and I'd bite my cheeks if I tried to chew gum with the helmet on!

What is your favorite local track?

I really liked Windy Ridge. Walker did an excellent job at building a track for all riders! It challenged everyone from little riders to A riders.

What is the furthest you traveled to go to a race?

I lived in North Dakota and I drove to South Dakota to go to an indoor race. I was going with friends to help pick out a wedding dress and it so happened there was a race in the local area! Hmmm?!! The drive was about 10-11 hours!

Have you ever left gear at home?

Yes! I left my pants and jersey! A friend let me borrow his pants and he was quite a bigger than me – but I made it work!

What friends ... sponsors ... would you like to give a shout out to?

My personal work ethic ... Leatt Protective Gear, EVS, Evolution Nutrition, my family and friends back in Minnesota and I'd also like to thank 100% Goggle and definitely my boyfriend John.





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July 18/19 OXCR hare scramble

August 8/9 **Buckeye series**
Midwest shootout

August 29 muddy princess

September 12/13 Triple challenge
GP Saturday sx Saturday night!
Buckeye series Sunday

Oct 3/4 **Buckeye series**



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