

Local Adventure Riders take on the Baja 1000



Have you ever heard of the Baja 1000? Did you know it has been running for 40 years? How about the fact that it is the worlds longest non-stop point to point race! 24 hours a day for two days through some of the toughest terrain on the planet.

This is a world-class event for all types of off road vehicles. Over 200,000 spectators turn out to watch this incredible event. There are Trophy Trucks with the biggest names in the business with multimillion-dollar budgets all the way down to privateer motorcycle and quads teams on a shoestring budget (that's us this year) you might see on any given day riding at Reider Pits or Walker Valley RV parks or in our secret training grounds in Eastern Washington.

It takes place in late November ever year and hundreds of trucks, buggies, quads and motorcycles with their support teams' head to Ensenada, Baja, Mexico to enter and take on the challenge of the Tecate SCORE Baja 1000. Most feel a win is if a team finishes the race, over half of the entrants never make it to the finish.

The Baja peninsula is almost 1000 miles long to the southern tip and for 40 years racers have once a year tried the skills and tested their endurance to complete the race.

There is no 911 come and get me calls in Baja. These teams are in very remote sections and have to be totally dependants on themselves to survive. Mechanical breakdowns are common, injuries always. Each vehicle has a GPS transponder for tracking and location assistance in the event of an accident. They have radios and satellite phones and communication is always a very big challenge.

This year a group of local guys formed a team **Snortn' Boar Racing** to do just that. The team includes:

Dean Agee, Dean Selph, Danno Jerrett, Russel Mosher and Marc Springer and Ace Nilson. Now this is not some big dollar mega sponsored team, it is group guys that love motorcycles that live and work in your community! From the age of 19 all the way up to 51 that's me. 5 riders and 1 alternate rider who will transport one motorcycle a 2007 CRF 450 X Honda over a 1000-mile race in a predetermined amount of time.

There is no grand prize of huge money or commercial endorsements. Just the feeling of total accomplishment and of course bragging rights around the local bike shops!

A few weeks ago during the Lighthouse celebration in Mukilteo we did a photo shoot down at the beach with our race bikes and team members along with two very cute models to make us look good! Maybe some of you saw us or stopped and talked with us!

We are only one month away from departing and we still need to raise a fair amount of money to make this happen. We have produced some very nice T-shirts and sweatshirts that we have been selling and want to let you know they are available.

We are asking for donations from our friends in the community to help this happen. The goal is to complete the race for 2008 the 41st running and then the following year, select a group of young people to train and support for their own race efforts for 2009.

We believe with the right attitude and training anyone can do this. Why, you might ask.

Well it's simple; we want to make a difference in the lives of our youth. We want to do something to help them learn how to achieve their goals and reach for the stars! We want to help them see that with hard work and dedication to common goal, that teamwork and self-discipline will bring them to things they never thought possible.

Isn't this the American dream? Shouldn't we all do something to help teach our children how to be successful through competition and hard work, commitment and sacrifice? Yes we should and this is our plan to do just that.

With the help of all of you reading this and the people you know that you talk about this to we will make it to Baja, once we have made it and completed this race

we will be able to go to next step! Helping our kids become productive adults, keeping them away from drugs and focused on clear and demanding challenges! Yes this is what they need and we all know this. We want to teach them how it's done!

So you too can be factor, you can help us help them. Please!

Our team web pages can be accessed at www.snortnboarracing.com

We hope you will take a few minutes to look at these pages and see what we are up to! Meet all the riders and support teams. Learn about the race and it's history. You will be able to donate money or purchase shirts, sweatshirts and other awesome equipment through our web site stores. Any net profits from this years race will be donated to Rider Down foundation an organization that has been developed to help riders and their families who have been involved in Motorcycle accidents who need assistance.

We will start all over again on November 24th 2008 preparing for the 2009 race.

We still need volunteers. Photographers and support teams so if you have any interest and think this something you might want to consider becoming involved in please contact;

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Thank you for all your support.

Marc Springer

Rider of Record 2008 Tecate SCORE Baja 1000