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Withlacoochee DualSport Riders

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High On A Mountain Top In The

### Shenendoah 500 DSR, Virginia



# LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL DUAL SPORT RIDE

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13,  
1998

By Roy Craft  
WDSRC#0071

Well, as the old joke goes - I have good news and bad news.

## THE GOOD NEWS

- A chance to ride trails open only to foot traffic the other 51 weeks of the year
- A little over 100 miles each day 80% + non-paved or trail
- A maximum of 250 bikes on the ride
- Friday night catfish dinner included in the entry fee
- A \$9.95 All-U-Can-Eat buffet Saturday night at the Ken Oak Lodge
- Cool morning temperature (felt like mid-60's!!)
- 4 out of the 5 bikes in our group had no mechanical or rider problems
- Meeting a bunch of other nice dual sport riders, 10 or more from Florida (19 states represented)
- Found out about another dual sport ride! This is a dual sport RIDE FOR KIDS on October 18 starting from the Tiger, GA elementary school (look up in the far northeast corner of GA). Entry is free but a donation is expected (guideline = \$15 per bike). Sponsored by GARTRA.

## THE BAD NEWS

- DUST - no rain there since early August

- 1 out of the 5 bikes in our group puked an engine - but not until the last 10 miles on Sunday
- Man, it's a long way from Melbourne, FL to Cadiz, KY (over 900 miles)
- DUST
- Didn't have a WDSRC jersey to wear

The Land-Between-the-Lakes (LBL) DualSport ride has its roots that go back 12 years - before there were Dual Sport rides. The LBL was first sanctioned as an AMA "National Trail Ride" an allowed all types of bikes - most of them NOT street legal. When the LBL became part of the National Dual Sport Series, it conformed to the street-legal format - much to the dismay of those who had ridden CR/KX/YZ/RM machines in the earlier years.

LBL is a 50 mile by 8 mile piece of land on the Tenn and Kentucky border between the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers and is owned by Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) - the quasi-governmental power company in the area. All residents were run off the land and its purpose now is totally recreational. Hunting, fishing, camping, hiking - and once a year Dual Sport riding! The Ken-Tuck Trail Riders have a deal with the park rangers that lets the bikes on the hiking trails once a year. All those bikes help open up the trails, brushing back overhanging limbs and knocking down high grass on the trails. The Dual Sporters have a heck of a ride and the hikers get groomed trails - such a deal.

The event kicks off with a catfish dinner on Friday evening, giving everyone a chance to chat with those other riders whom we have not seen for a year. Contingency gifts were also passed out on Friday night, clearing the rest of the weekend for riding.

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There had been no rain in the area for over a month so the dirt roads and bare dirt trails were DUSTY. More than 3 bikes in your group and it became impossible! Some of the trails were so far back in the woods that you could see your headlight flashing off the trees even in the middle of a cloudless day! More than half of the trail was pretty overgrown and dust was not a problem in those areas, at least not for Roy Craft and Steve Vaughn who took off with the lead group and stopped only for a splash of gas. Bob Wiseman, Alex Vaughn, and Really Nolan (part of our Florida mob) were slowed by Really's flat front tire and subsequent tire changing exercise (how many tubes?).

The ride started EARLY on both days - 7am! Maybe to beat the heat and dust of the afternoon or maybe just to see how many of the riders could roll out of bed that early in the morning. Attendance at the Sunday riders meeting was considerably below that of Saturday morning!

Bottom Line - great trails but too much dust. You just can't control Mother Nature. When you catch the right weekend at LBL it is perfect.

Maybe next year.

*Roy Craft is a WDSRCer and lives in the Brevard County area.*

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## Fall Foliage Ride Tiger Georgia

*October 18, 1998  
by Allen Williams #0100*

Last Friday, Art Dumais and I bolted northward for the GARTA Annual Fall Foliage Sport Ride in Tiger, Georgia. The event was on Sunday, which gave us a full day on Saturday to do some exploring on our own. Based out of the Two Wheels Only camp in Suches, Ga., we found a generous supply of good mountain biking. The Forest Service roads led to numerous ORV trails that would climb the 3000' peaks and usually circle back down (some of the trails were dead ends, too).

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A great off-road trail/info map of the Chattahoochee National Forest is available from Info-Maps at (706)747-1489. But, even without the map, you could find your way around...if you don't mind occasionally ending up having gone the opposite way from which you intended.

On Sunday morning, in the crisp 50 degree temperature, about 50 dual sport riders gathered at the Tiger Elementary School parking lot to get the directions for the 118.5 mile ride. The leaves had only started turning colors so the primary color was still green. But heck, even if they didn't even have trees, we would still have gone for the ride!

Technical sections were mostly at the end of the day. Included in that was a deep water crossing (Art, be sure to get those boots that come up to your hips, next time!), an avalanche of Georgia boulders that made you slip and slide up the incline, Georgia clay ruts that ran so deep that you could barely see over the top of one if you ended up in it, and, of course, some newbies, like myself, that add to the difficulty for the riders streaking around us in the tight gravel turns.

There were some "stop and smell the roses" areas, too. One in particular was a wide creek crossing, fairly shallow, through

the well-rounded stones that offered a spot to take your helmet off and just listen to the running water (cut the engine, too, please). About in the middle of the crossing was a high area that many of us parked our bikes, sat on some logs and watched some trout fisherman doing their thing in the shallow waters surrounding us.

Oh, by the way, throughout the day, we encountered rocks, boulders, clay, water, mud, grass, gravel, dirt, BUT, there was no sand...enuf said!

Riding with the Georgia Trail Riders is something that you should experience at least once or twice a year. Let's keep trying to get a group of the WDSRC to participate on an annual basis. And as for as the North Georgia trail rides go...you can count me in on the next one!



# WDSRC News!

**Hunting Season** is upon us once again, and as our thoughts are with riding through the wilds we love, our head should be telling us to **STAY OUT OF THE WOODS UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1**. Just a little safety reminder!

**Devil's Creek '99:** There was an exploratory scouting expedition to find new and exciting things for this years Creek. As it currently stands, we're looking at about 140 miles, of which 100-- will be dirt! This is all subject to change depending on the weather conditions and how deep the water gets in the swamp! No promises! we're also exploring a neat little BBQ place for the lunch stop at the 74 mile marker. Once again, no promises. Just letting you know that we're working on giving ya'll something different (hopefully) and keep on improving "The Creek" to be the Best DSR the state has to offer. Robert will be getting a request off to the Division of Forestry for a Permit for Sunday, August 1, 1999. Is there anyone interested in having a ride Saturday on paved and dirt roads in the area (NOT the forest). Would be a good, easy, casual ride in the country. Good for the better half or for just a day out. There are some nice roads around. We'll need a rough count of those interested due to having to purchase insurance and an additional day for renting the shelter. We could even put together a group ride to Dade City MX and watch the races Saturday night.

**A Second DSR:** Many of you have asked about putting on a second DSR. We're tapped out in the Withlacoochee, with Forestry discouraging us from using the Croom Tract due to already heavy use, and the pressure is on the Richloom Tract with CFTR putting on a 2-day enduro ( not sure how that will effect our ride yet) and our event. That leaves finding another tract of forest. Is anyone interested in riding the Osceola NF in Lake City?

**Legalize Your Off-Roader:** Ranger Rick has provided us with a step-by-step guide for legalizing your off-road bike and getting it dualsport ready. Just contact WDSRC and we can forward a copy to you if you are in need of making that Z-50 a heavy dualsporter it has the potential to be

**SWAMPFOX DSR:** The new DS season is upon us and the SwampFox in the Francis Marion NF outside of Charleston SC is waiting. Though it hasn't been verified at this time, contact the Family Riders @ 803/553-3473 for more information. Last year it was sunny, and cold, with a very wet course. Fun, fun ride on a Saturday preceding the Swampfox Enduro.

**The HOOCH!** Everyones favorite DSR! Ron westergren with GARTRA has informed us that the flyers and entries will be out after the beginning of the year. **DO NOT WAIT TO ENTER!** Rumor has it that last year it filled up in 30 days! Snooze and lose on a really fun ride through some beautiful country. Don't forget to mention that you're a WDSRC member on your entry.

Last but not Least: **WDSRC RIDING SHIRTS!** Will be white 100% preshrunk cotton, with the WDSRC tree logo on one side and a WDSRC graphic on the other along with the "WDSRC" on the sleeves. Use the handy order form below. **WE NEED TO ORDER A MINIMUM OF 30, AND GET THE COMPLETE ORDER TO THE SHIRT SHOP BY NOVEMBER 27, SO IF YOU WANT ONE, ORDER IT NOW!**

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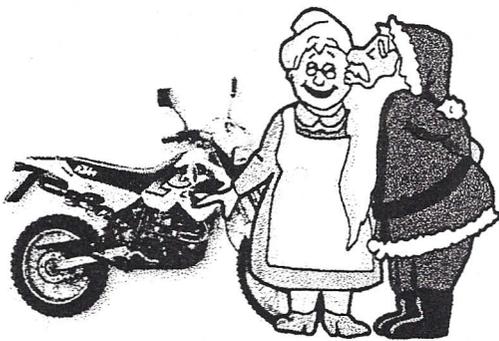
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*Merry Christmas*

## **Important Land Use Notice!**

### ***From The Blue Ribbon Coalition***

Attention all trail bike and ATV activists. The Forest Service is in the process of revising it's most important management guidance document, the strategic plan. It is holding a series of meetings all around the country in order to solicit public comment that will help mold this direction.

Unfortunately, the press release outlining the meetings was not received by the general trail riding public until after the first meetings had already begun. Somehow, this was not the case for the green community, who was out at the first meeting in force. While this is disconcerting, it is also an indication of how important it is for the riding public to get involved.

A copy of the press release follows. Some of you who have been copied on this message have access to riders or motorcycling business leaders who are interested in this issue and who reside near one of the cities where meetings will be held. I'd appreciate you re-copying those individuals. If you are able to attend one of the meetings, please do so and be prepared to contribute to it. If you do attend, please let me (Eric Lundquist) know your impressions and whether you have any specific comments you would like AMA to include in our official comments to the Forest Service in this matter.

AMA will be attending the Washington, DC meeting.

USDA Forest Service News Release  
Contact: National Media Desk 202-205-1134  
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## Shenendoah 500 DSR

October 3&4, 1998

By William Girard WDSRC#0072

The Shenendoah 500, held at Natural Chimneys State Park in Virginia on 10/3/98 was a little chilly 45 degrees at 700AM.

What a nice place to ride. The route sheet was a little troublesome because the reset was always to the next higher 20 mile increment, for enduro odometers it worked for dual sports they had to go to 0 and remove the first numbers to be correct. Day 1 had a lot of nice woods roads with very little BT but a lot of major dust. Even Mark Hyde was there with the Suzuki Truck for support and Jan had to use his services and have the gear shift lever oriented back to it's original position after

the Ledge Monster grabbed her and pulled her over the edge of the road. OUCH!!

My only complaint was the Lunch break came at about the 120 mile mark at 230PM in the afternoon. to long to lunch. But overall great ride. First day ground miles 158. Jan & Linda made the ride with only minor/major bruising.

Day 2 Brought a little warmer weather with lots of fog after the rain during the night. Still needed lots of laundry to keep the wetness from the fog and the chilly conditions out. No dust today. Ground miles for day 2 was 115.

See more pictures of Bill & Jan & Vaughn & Linda's Big Virginia Adventure on The WDSRC website:

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**FOREST SERVICE WANTS PUBLIC  
OPINIONS ABOUT FUTURE  
MANAGEMENT**

Washington, DC (Oct. 19, 1998) -- A series of national public meetings, starting Tuesday in Los Angeles, will kick off the US Forest Service's development of the Forest Service Strategic Plan (year 2000). The Forest Service will be using public meetings, e-mail, letters, surveys and faxes to gain public insights about how future Agency programs should be managed.

"We are committed to seeking public input before we develop our National Strategy," US Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck said today. "Knowing and understanding the expectations of the American public for Forest Service programs in the 21st century is critical to determining the most appropriate long-term goals and objectives for Forest Service programs."

The Government Performance and Results Act requires Federal agencies to

"...solicit, and consider the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in" the development of strategic plans. The Forest Service is holding public meetings, asking for written comments, and conducting a public survey in early 1999.

Dombeck urges the public to provide input by attending one of several meetings or provide it to the Agency in writing. The Agency will be accepting written comments by mail, fax, and e-mail. Forest Service representatives will be at the meetings to answer questions.

"This first round of public input, supplemented by survey results and other information, will provide the foundation for a draft strategic plan," Dombeck said. "Once the draft strategic plan has been developed, it will be available for public review and comment."

The public meetings are as follows:

Oct. 20, Los Angeles, Calif., contact: Mike Srago, (415) 705-2855;

Oct. 27, Seattle, Wash., contact: Dick Phillips, (503) 808-2281;

Nov. 4, Washington, DC, contact: Rod Kuhn, (202) 205-1033;

Nov. 10, Atlanta, Ga., contact: Bob Wilhelm, (404) 347-7076;

Nov. 18, Chicago, Ill., contact: John Dwyer, (847) 866-9311;

Dec. 1, Albuquerque, NM, contact: Parks Hillyard (505) 842-3202;

Dec. 3, Denver, Colo., contact: Pam Skeels, (303) 275-5152.

Written comments are should be sent to:

USDA Forest Service-SPRA  
Attn: Kathryn P. Maloney  
P.O. Box 96090  
Washington, DC 20090-6090

Comments may also be e-mailed (written comments preferred) at [resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us](mailto:resources.program/wo@fs.fed.us) or faxed to Kathryn P. Maloney at (202) 205-1546. For additional information, call (202) 205-1235, or visit Forest Service web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/pl/rpa>.

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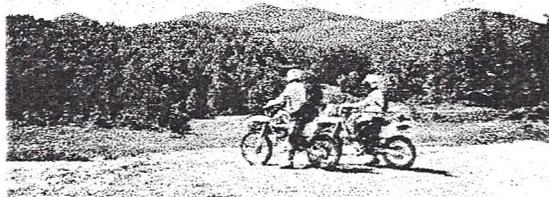
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Tentative Schedule, Subject To Change, Call before You Haul!

January 16, 1999 "SwampFox" Charleston, SC, Family Riders 803/553-3473  
March 3, 1999 "Alligator" Daytona Beach, FL DDR 904/253-3162  
June, 1999 "The Hooch" Suches, GA GARTRA 404/690-2936  
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