

The Full Throttle

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“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

Classic Cornerstone Kids

If it was not a record number of entrants for the kids races of SECCA, it was pretty doggone close to it. Nearly 50 youngsters, including 15 young ladies, took to the challenge of the day awaiting them in Gardendale at the ever so popular Cornerstone Ranch. The first race of the day consisted of the 50cc classes, the Preteens and the Ponytails. Grant McCoy and Mason

Daniel led at the halfway point but the Alexander boys, Kyle and Walker had been gaining on them each lap and they both made the passes on lap 3.

At the end of the white flag lap, 21 seconds separated the top 4 riders. By the end of the final lap, Kyle Alexander took the checkered flag followed by Walker, Grant, and Mason. Exactly one minute separated them at the finish. Rounding out the top 10, with all of the top 10 completing 4 laps, were

Caleb Lantrip, Benton Gregg, Treyhton Anderson, Preston Bates, Mason Greve and Jase Calloway. All of the top 10 were in the preteen class except for the overall winner, Kyle Alexander, 2nd overall Walker Alexander and 6th overall Benton Gregg who were in the 50cc open class. Ensign Payne made it two in a row as he led at the end of each lap in the Tadpole class followed closely by Pearce Yeargan and Trace Payne. Halie Baldwin and Ana Passmore finished 1-2 in the Ponytails division. Hannah Baldwin, who didn't compete, will be out for a while with an injury and we are praying for a speedy recovery. Congratulations to all the kiddos who participated here at the awesome ranch.... A complete listing or results is on the SECCA web page.



Kyle Alexander showing why he is donning that #1 plate from the previous championship series. He and Walker are each forces to contend with each and every race. They are a tough one-two punch for the competition...

The 50cc open guys are keyed in on the flag. Some of the most exciting kids to watch and hang out with after they are finished. Love to hear the smack talk they can come up with.....



Without a doubt, SECCA has the most exciting kids to compete. L to R, Pearce Yeargan, Ensign Payne, Trace Payne.. The future of racing is now.

Photos by Tina Smith



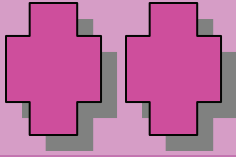
C250 class - 1st—Dallas Prescott
2nd - Justin Crane
3rd - Jay Campbell
4th - Julie Ousley

“Think Pink”

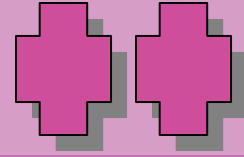
Julie Ousley and Rudy Ferguson start C250 class - Ousley would finish 2nd in moto 1 and 6th in moto 2 for a 4th place on the day. Ousley and Justin Crane in the top right - Crane finished 2nd on the day in C250. The Smith brothers show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Start of XC1 - Needs no explanation....Gas It.



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**Cornerstone Ranch
Time for a little Dust
“Pray a Little Harder”**



The following reports were provided by a few of the contenders at the ranch on October 12. They have the best bird's eye view of things and give very good descriptions of the day's event. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the “Pink Race” in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Cory Shapielak - Course was awesome. Lots of new single track, got beat out pretty quick with lots of rocks and roots exposed. And of course spectator hill was more of a challenge than usual. Other than getting hurt it was a good day .

Justin Crane - 2nd place C250 - It was a great course there was a lot of dust though; we went up spectator hill and a few new ones where you have to be careful going down hill, then off camber me and Jay Campbell missed a turn and ran half the kids course along with 11 others. I end up getting 2nd though , Jay got 3rd. There were a few pros there - Russel Bobbit was there, he won.

Ethan Greve - 3rd Place - Junior Class :The weather at Cornerstone that morning was nice, but by the time the first moto started it was getting hot and dusty. At the start,the dust got so thick you could not see anything if you were behind another guy. The first lap was the best because the roots were not showing in the tight pine sections and the hills were not torn up too much yet. The tight pine section was not very dusty but you couldn't go fast because it was so winding. After the tight pines there were some fast wider trails that let you pick up some speed, until you got to my favorite part, the creek section. You went for about a mile down this creek crossing back and forth through the creek. It did get a little bit muddy there in the second moto but nothing horrible. That section was fun because it was pretty fast and you could make passes easily if you looked for the line. It was also a good place to cool off. Then came my least favorite part, the hills. Being on a 2 stroke, sand and hills are not good for the bike. These hills were steep, sandy, and rutted. Lots of people were crashing, especially during the second moto when everyone was tired, and it was hard to find a way around them. The final hill was not as hard as people had said it would be. In my opinion, some other hills farther back in the woods that were harder than that one. This track just sucked the life out of many riders, even me. During the second moto almost everybody except Russell Bobbitt slowed down. I ended up going 2 & 6 for a 3 place in my class. Overall it was a good day and I was glad I didn't break my bike or myself!

Ali Washington -I always look forward to racing and riding out at Cornerstone. Red always makes a spectacular course. Not to mention the terrain is where I am accustomed to riding on with the gnarly hill climbs, drop offs and tight woods sections. The course was fine except for the dust. I didn't have a good day due to a crash the 1st lap 1st moto, and a great hole shot 2nd moto only to suffer from muscle cramps & I got off course seeking a better line in the creek section. Since I just moved up to B class this season from C, I am having to dig in deep every race to be competitive with my class. I find myself cramping and being more fatigued now from riding C class because the moment I bobble or back off a good pace I have someone on my tail.

THANKSGIVING 2013
Responses to the question
"What are you most thankful for?"

Julie Ousley - I would have to say first off I am most thankful for my faith in God that has been instilled in me! Then I am thankful for my parents and my brothers who are my biggest fans in anything and everything I do! Their love cannot be put into words! And finally I'm thankful for my friends and family in the race community! I have never felt such love and care from so many awesome people who just so happen to share the same passion as myself! I have so much to be thankful for!

Mike Magee - What am I thankful for? Wow, where does one start? I am beyond thankful that God has blessed me beyond what I deserve. I am so thankful he has blessed me with family, great life, good health, and some of the best friends I have ever met. The SECCA family is so special to me and each Saturday providing me a Church to attend. The only Church I have felt comfortable to regally attend. Each Saturday, I am there, to be with my friends, my buds, and God.

Tyler Cofield - There are so many things I am thankful for that I am not sure where to start. To keep it relevant to what we do, I am most and so very thankful for my wonderful girlfriend Brittany and all of my family and friends and to be able to come together and do what we all love with our SECCA family a couple of times a month.

Chase Peeler - I am most thankful for my family. I have a wonderful wife and a beautiful little girl named Mary Claire. They mean the world to me.

Trace Payne - I am thankful for my Momma, Daddy, Sister, Lunchtime with my family and my motorcycle.

Eddie Scott - 1 : God's grace thru his son Jesus Christ 2: my family 3: this great country I wake up in each and every day 4:the men and women in our military "mainly the marines" 5: my health insurance 6: all my friends 7: I'm a boss ! 8: The south "mainly Mississippi" 9 : my moms predictions that I would never make 30 was wrong 10: its a toss up between Yamaha and Chevrolet

Russ Harper - I am so very thankful to have such a loving family. A wife and son who support me in everything I do. I am also thankful for the great group of people that I race with. I have raced with a few different groups, but the SECCA group aren't just friends, they are family. I am thankful for the brotherhood and fellowship we all have.

Halli Melton - I am thankful for my parents who always encouraged me to do my best, my bike savvy husband who teaches me everything he knows, our Westie Kenna, our house, my job, health, my in-laws who love me as their own, my newborn niece, Presley, and of course my two stinking brothers who will always be my babies.

Jamie Marsh - November is usually the month where each of us reflects back on what he or she is thankful for. Given this question my first instinct is to be selfish for all the material things I have been blessed with. Items such as a great job, home and my amazing beautiful wife all seem to be the first things that pop into my mind. But, as I start to really think about the depth of the question I soon realize that there is one underlining item in my life that has opened the doors to being greatly blessed. So answering the question to what I am thankful for can simply be said "Be Humble". Being humble doesn't open the door for magic blessings to rain upon us. But, what it does do is open our eyes to how truly blessed we really are. In today's world we sometimes tend to forget to count our blessings. We tend to overlook the simple things in life such as; a hug from a friend a simple text telling someone you love them or the heartfelt smile of a beautiful child. If we open our hearts up to becoming more humble, all the daily worldly items we thought we have been blessed with end up becoming just things. Being humble we start to see all the good things in our lives that truly are thankful for and makes all the unexpected things seem not so bad.

The Red Zone

Most people are familiar with the U2 song "Still haven't found what I'm looking for". It's both a beautiful yet haunting song.

I think most people are still in search of satisfaction & just can't seem to find what they're looking for. People go from one relationship to another, job to job, hobby to hobby, bar to bar, drug to drug, from church to church, etc.... In search of fulfillment & satisfaction.

In John 4 Jesus is at a well when a Samaritan woman came to draw water.

Samaritans were outcasts and looked down upon by the Jews. This particular woman had also been married 5 times & was currently shacking up with number 6. She obviously wasn't good with relationships.

Jesus offers her living water, that she may never thirst again. He was referring to an internal thirst. She had been looking to satisfy her thirst through a relationship with men but through much failure just "still hasn't found what she was looking for". That day at the well her thirst was quenched. She finally found what she had been looking for & it was a relationship with Jesus.

Are you thirsty? Have you found what you're looking for? Look no further, look to Jesus.

For those of you who did not know, Mike Magee has a son in the Armed Forces and he came home from Guam for the weekend. Layne is a Radio Tech attached to the USS Key West at the Navy Submarine Base in Guam. He chose to come down and race the Ridge while here and spend the day with his dad. Layne Magee is 21 years old and is recently engaged to his sweetie that he has been courting since Jr. High School. Mike said he taught Layne to ride a bike when he was 8 years old but he focused on motocross. Thank you so much for your service to our country and may God bless you Layne.



**Layne
Magee**

No Ghosts and Goblins For SECCA Kids Just Grippin and Gassin It at the Ridge

Saturday morning October 26 was not near as cold as we had all anticipated and it was just right for a great day of racing in Springville. The starting line for all the kids races was a bit different than the usual location by the motocross track. The first classes had a course that was about a mile and a half long and they raced hard for 20 minutes. They had a trail that consisted of one hill that some of the youngsters said they had to “get off and push it up” all by themselves. Kinda reminded me of the song, “What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger”...This is great training for these soon to be guys who will be giving the adults a run for their money. At the end of 5 laps only 31 seconds separated the top 3 overall, Kyle Alexander, Walker Alexander and Ian Bouwens. Pearce Yeargan grabbed the holeshot in the Tadpole division and he and Ensign Payne came through the course battling til Payne made the pass and crossed the checkered flag first. Trace Payne finished 3rd in the class. Halie Baldwin had the Ponytail class all to herself as her sister, Hannah is still recovering from surgery.

Gregg Gains Ground in Points Lead Ethan Wins by 00:59

Ethan Gregg has come a long way this season and is racing at his best ever thus far. He has only been beaten once this season and that was by one of his hometown friends, Austin Anz. The Ridge course for these lads and ladies was about 3.5 miles long and had one gnarly hill that the kids handled like pros. Rounding out the top 5 in the Youth class - and I want to add that there were 15 on the front row - are Riley Kilpatrick, Jon McAnnally, Trey Grimes and Jaron Craddock. There was some great battles going on at the Ridge and thankfully nobody was injured amongst the kids. Halli Melton - I’ve nicknamed her “Holeshot Halli” -once again claimed the front spot going into the woods and never relinquished the lead. Kallie Donovan didn’t have the best start but she fought through the dust and worked her way to a great 2nd place finish less than a minute behind Melton. Fairly newcomer Brandi Peters rode consistent and placed herself in the 3rd place spot on the podium. We missed Jessica, Marlena, and Candice on the line hope that they will all be back “gassin it” soon.



Front row of the Youth Class - not necessarily in order - Zane Williams, Juddson Raia, Ethan Gregg, Riley Kilpatrick, Jon McAnnally, Trey Grimes, Jaron Craddock, Carter Bouwens, Dawson Horn, Chase Bowlin, Austin Anz, Hunter Hughes, Garrett Murph, Oliver Lovelady, and Jake Thorington. The best group of young men to compete. Congratulations to all who participated.



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Nicholas Rolls at the Rocky Ridge Reigning Champion Gets the “W” “A Tale of Two Motos”

If you are a spectator of this sport and you don't enjoy watching the competition and battles that The Nicholas and Ousley Families provide, there's something wrong with you...

The ground was rumbling in moto one as Cliff and Steve III came thru midway thru lap one on those monster 4 strokes. And Daddy Steve wasn't too far of their pace early in the day. Baby brother Neal gave them all they wanted too as he had an awesome day going 4-2 on the day for the final spot on the podium. The checkers at the end of moto 1 had Cliff crossing 41 seconds ahead of Lil Steve. Daddy Steve was next in line 2.02 minutes later. Lance Hoover had a great ride also blasting thru the dust claiming 4th overall by going 5-3 on the day. Cliff finished the 2nd moto in 4th after suffering a flat tire - pitted to tie it together with zip ties - and finished the moto. Jason Coffman finally got healed up enough and released from the doctors so that he could join in for a “trail ride” as he called it before the race. His trail riding led him to a 5th place overall finish on the day. Rounding out the top ten were David Melton, Micah Seale, Michael Grizzle, Brian McCall and Red Alexander. This observer officially gave Micah Seale the “Wildman” award for the day. Seale didn't like the berms that were already in place at the Area 51 track and decided to make some new ones of his own. He also jumped one of the jumps in the woods going so fast that he landed himself in the bushes. Never lost speed though, just kept digging and pushing for the win. And a win he got - XC 2 class winner followed by Brian McCall and David Howard. There were 26 entries in the D Open class with only 10 of them choosing to start moto 2. Trent Teal, Bryant Baker, and Marcellus Brown claimed the top 3 spots with Brown winning moto 2. The Super Senior class top three winners each did 3 laps each moto. Steve Roberts, Bob Pullman and Phil Whisenant were rolling thru the dust and sand to claim these positions. Not sure who all was involved, but lap one of moto 2 was very high risk for crashes in the Area 51 section. I looked up and saw a body flying in one direction and a bike in the other in the middle set of jumps. Walked over, and bike number 81 and 413 were picking themselves up after the unknown flying rider had clipped one of them in the air and sent them to the ground. All three motored on to continue in the race. For a complete list of results, check out the SECCA web page.



And they say the spooks only come out at night.....LOL



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