

Hey Guys,

Been a while and I was hoping to have attended some more races than what I have but with the economy being down and the uncertainty of where GM was headed (my dad works for GM) has kept me at home a bit more than I had planned.

Springfield was good but could have went better. I struggle for some reason at the TT in Springfield BAD. I've only made the night program twice there in 6 years? I don't know what it is cuz I like the track, and I have a blast riding it, I just never have the laptimes I guess. I'm always close, a few years ago I was 51st and i was 52nd there this time. Missing it by half of a tenth. I had fun though and I liked the new track layout more than I thought I would. My YZ 450 was running a little goofy though so the motor is apart and we're trying to find some more power and to get the hesitation out of it. We've got a new intake cam and a new piston for it. Trying to get a few more ponies out of her before Peoria this weekend.

The Mile at Springfield was good. I rode Ron Wood's BMW with a GS800 motor in it. It was super fast, but the track was pretty slick and rougher than usual so we struggled a bit. We qualified 25th and the first non Harley Davidson. We even gave up a practice session after a chain broke at the end of the back straightaway and smacked me in the back, leaving me with a 3" bruise on my butt! After it went through my leathers and barely missed my back protector! We ended up missing the main by 1 and got 4th in a little dash they ran. Our laptimes got better as the day went on and with a few small things I think that bmw can run up front.

The mile was different this year. Alot of people were riding like idiots and I don't think it's going to serve them well for much of the series. I understand everybody wants to do well but it's not the place to flirt with disaster. These guys were thinking no farther ahead than the corner they were in, and at Springfield the only thing that matters is the finish line. Hopefully these rookies will figure this out and keep alot of guys from getting hurt.

Rob Pearson got badly hurt at the Mile. I guess the guy in front of him hesitated going into turn 3. Rob got into the back of them half high-sided off them, enough to get the bike out of shape but not put Rob on the ground. He ended up running into the airfence still on the bike. Rob and his Snedeker Racing / Knight Racing XR 750 both ended up in the chain link fence. Aside from hitting the airfence, the chain link fence was probably the next best thing Rob could have hit as it at least had some give. He ended up with a bruised brain and a busted blood vessel and in his eye. He is out for the year as another head injury would cause major trauma.

Which leads me to my next bit of info... I will be taking over pilot duties of his Snedeker Racing / Knight Racing XR 750's for the year. They have 3 brand new J&M framed Xr's with Greg Crow built motors. Ben is a great mechanic and I'm looking forward to having my first fully 100% dedicated race tuner since 06. I'm really excited about it and I wish there was more than 7 twins races left on the year!

Look for me to now be hitting alot of those hot shoes I wasn't going to be able to make before, and one never knows where i'll show up with my own XR 750 to try and get sideways for a day.

Oh yea, don't forget to follow me on twitter! [www.twitter.com/murrdizzle](http://www.twitter.com/murrdizzle)

Thanks for everything

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