



Team MS debut is shorted by thieves.

Team MS set off early on a Sunday morning for Jennings Florida to contest the first round of the AHRMA national Classic Motorcycle racing series.

Monday:

Kevin Mast and I arrived in Jennings after what can only be described as a white knuckle drive down from Wisconsin, (The trailer did not always want to remain behind the truck like a good trailer should.) We hit Florida just in time to see around four hours of sunshine. This would be the last sunshine we would see for the remainder of the week. The track at Jennings is designed for motorcycle use and the track was being used by a group who had more enthusiasm than talent. In the time we start to unload the trailer we witnessed six crashes and one med-flight. Very Scary!!



Tuesday:

Woke up early to get my first day actually riding the Triumph, (keep in mind that this motorcycle has not run in twenty nine years.) To my surprise it was raining. I would get used to this as the week progressed. Most people wonder how they will ride in the rain, by the end of the week I wondered how I would ride in the dry. The Track had a class running that day and we

alternated sharing the track. It was wonderful; I would go out ride until something broke. I would bring it in and Kevin would fix it just in time for me to go back out and have something else break. This was fun.

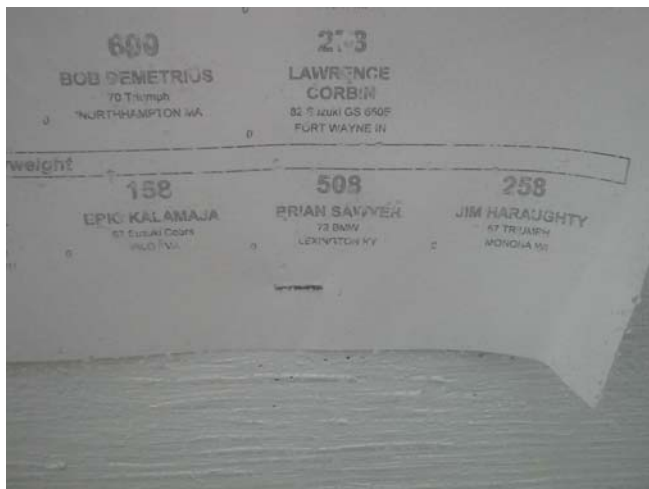


Some fun Huh!!!

The class that was running had six riders and two of them crashed out before 2pm. I am starting to get a little nervous.

Thursday:

The first race day was a very eye opening day. Went out for my practice but was turned around as the group that was on the track before my time had an issue with a bike dropping gas all the way around the track for a couple of laps. If that was not bad enough in the same group another rider was leaking oil. Both of these substances do not promote staying upright. Alas no practice before the race. I was slated for the sixth race of the day.



It's starting to sink in.

The race did not start as well as I had hoped. My bike was having so many issues with the clutch, that when it was time to start my bike decided that it was time to stop. You need to keep in mind that the kick started had to be removed to be compliant with race regulations. As I was signaling Kevin to help out with a push start I had the best view of the racers rolling away. What a way to start. I got going fairly quickly and started about a half a lap down. This was both good and bad. I was out of the race which is bad but I neither gained nor lost ground to the leader which is good. It means that with a proper start I should be very competitive.



Note the Trek water bottle oil catch tank.
By the way I am #258

Friday:

Black Friday, I got up early to get my entry papers in order for the racing that day. Kevin had gotten our clutch issues under control and I was looking forward to race that was a little closer than I had the previous day. I ventured out for practice and was happy with how the bike was running. Came in to the trailer meet Kevin and went to the mandatory riders meeting. My race was not scheduled until after lunch. That is when I realized my keys and wallet were missing. Kevin and I searched for hours to find them in the trailer but with no luck. I went to the tower to ask that they make an

announcement in the pits to see if anybody had found my wallet and keys. As I was waiting to speak with someone another racer came in and his wallet was missing, then another and another. It was fast becoming apparent that we had been ripped off. That was the end of Bike Week for Team MS. With my wallet went all the cards and money and keys we needed to get to Daytona for the next two races later that week. I spent the rest of the day trying to convince a locksmith to drive down from Georgia to make a key for us.

Overall not the best end to the first outing for Team MS. But not bad either. We handed out information about MS and worked to represent our sponsors as well as we could. With the people we meet and those that chose to hang around our trailer I think that people will be looking for us at our next stop in Graton MI.



Did you know that it is sunny and warm in Florida!



