

# ACES RACE REPORT

**BLACK BEAR ENDURO  
CHILLICOTHE ENDURO RIDERS  
ACES ROUND 1  
RAY, OHIO  
MARCH 27, 2011  
"JENKS BAGS A BEAR"**



Black bears were not the only creatures to come out of a long winter's hibernation as 128 die hard enduro riders ignored the weatherman's forecast of 2-3 inches of new snow for the opening round of the ACES season. Fortunately, the only thing worse than Ohio weather is Ohio weather forecasters and the superb course that was laid out by the CERA club was only outshined by the sun.

As is the case with the first event of the year, rider expectations were high as everyone sized up the competition. Would Gaitten defend his title, or might Jenks have the fuel (GasGas that is) to put his name on the rotating trophy one more time? Then again, old stalwarts like Rodney Judson have been revitalized by new rides (Beta) and the Green brothers are rumored to be putting a full effort into the ACES championship. Speculation ran throughout the B classes too as John Yerkey and others make their move

to A, leaving the door open for Cody Meeks, newcomer Ryan Kemper or a host of others. These questions would all begin to be sorted out as the first rider left the line at 10:01.

Riders jumped right into the first section, finding near perfect trail conditions. Chillicothe soil lacks much of the clay that is found at other ACES events, being laced with small rocks that offer excellent drainage instead. It was here the battle for B supremacy began between Meeks (KTM) and Kemper (KTM) who were up front on rows 7 and 8 respectively. Kemper must have found enduros to his liking as he went 5 to Meeks' 6 at the first check. In the A ranks, Gaitten (KTM), Jenks and Judson turned 3's with four others only 1 minute back, including 250A rider Brian Melik (Yam).

It was Jenks' turn to apply the pressure in the second section, as he was the only rider to turn a 1 (1:58), with Jeff Melik (GG) coming up on the short end of the flip of the E check and was merely 2 seconds back at 2:00. Mark McGrath (KTM) made a costly mistake by burning the in check, which he knew would come back to haunt him in the stacked 250A class. It was in this section that Meeks would regain control of the B class, going 4:53 with Kemper suffering McGrath's fate and hitting the check at a 5:00 flat.

As the day unfolded, both Jenks and Meeks matched their competitors point for point and nearly second for second, rendering the remaining E-checks insignificant. Jenks would end the day at 11 with Gaitten at 12. The two B riders would finish their day tied at 20, but the damage had been done and Meeks would prevail.

Other classes also saw some intense competition, with several of the trophy positions coming

down to the E-checks. Brian Melik moved on to take the Overall A honors edging Adam Giddings (KTM) of the Open A class, leaving Mark McGrath to nip Carey Eberts (KTM) in the 250 A class on the emergencies as both riders dropped 20. In the Vet A class, John Yerkey (KTM) picked up where he left off in the B ranks, taking the class win over Marty Kehlmeier. Marty was a top contender in the off road arena a few years ago and could make the A class battle very interesting. If either falters, there will be a host of riders ready to pounce as only 4 points separated the first 6 positions in Vet A. Karl Fahringer (KTM) not only won the Super Senior A class (7 riders separated by 5 points), but was the recipient of a \$50 gift certificate compliments of Point View Cycles. At day's end 113 riders finished the event with broad smiles. The Overall winners from each rank walked away with awesome wood carved bears while the others received a plaque and perhaps some swag from our series sponsors.

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## RESULTS: Black Bear Enduro - Chillicothe Enduro Riders - ACES Round 1

AA:	1. R. Jenks (GG)	2. J. Gaitten (KTM)	3. T. Green (KTM)	4. R. Judson (Beta)
200A:	1. N. Bidwell (KTM)	2. C. Coffmon (KTM)	3. J. Smith (GG)	4. M. Jolly (Hsq)
250 A:	1. B. Melik (Yam)	2. M. McGrath (KTM)	3. C. Eberts (KTM)	4. P. Patterson (KTM)
Op. A:	1. A. Giddings (KTM)	2. J. Grimm (Hon)	3. B. Rickard (KTM)	4. B. Sovak (Yam)
Vet A:	1. J. Yerkey (KTM)	2. M. Kehlmeier (KTM)	3. M. Hatten (Kaw)	4. W. Perdue (KTM)
Sr. A:	1. T. Ghearing (KTM)	2. M. Vancise (Yam)	3. J. Johnson (Hsq)	4. R. Mcneel (Yam)
SS A:	1. K. Fahringer(KTM)	2. M. Lederle(KTM)	3. R. Nichols(KTM)	4. R. Miller (KTM)
200B:	1. C. Meeks (KTM)	2. J. Walburn (KTM)	3. R. Shifflett (KTM)	4. W. Brown (KTM)
250 B:	1. R. Kemper (KTM)	2. B. Geyer (KTM)	3. B. Riley (Yam)	4. M. Tong (Kaw)
Op. B:	1. G. Smith (KTM)	2. D. Foureman (KTM)	3. D. Patterson (Hsq)	4. E. Steele (KTM)
Vet B:	1. J. Estep(KTM)	2. J. Curtiss (KTM)	3. M. Petroc (KTM)	4. K. Kruer (KTM)
Sr. B:	1. J. Miller (Yam)	2. K. Hoyle (KAW)	3. D. Kisur (ATK)	4. R. Miller (KTM)
SS B:	1. V. Brachna (KTM)	2. M. Branham (Hon)	3. R. Valdman (KTM)	4. K. Kisur (Hsq)
Mstr:	1. M. Popp (KTM)	2. R. Havenar (Hsq)	3. L. Mullins(Hon)	4. N. Bowe (Kaw)
SB C:	1. V. Petrella (KTM)	2. J. McManis (Kaw)	3. A. Clark (KTM)	
Op. C	1. C. Freeze (KTM)	2. J. Shellhaus (Suz)		

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