



Tractoring through Potosi's frosty muck. (Brian D. Palermo photo)

*Count 'em; 3525 Miles, On Time*

# KING RICHARD

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## '74 NATIONAL ENDURO PICTORIAL



If you do everything right, you come in on time at each check, rush to the finish, pop a wheelie, spin a doughnut, and get 30 points. Double points for two-dayers or events with more than 300 miles. Then the AMA tallies up your ten best rides. This man's ten best included nine outright wins. His name is Dick Burlison. His nickname is King Richard. It fits. (Brian D. Palormo)



Also practice mud riding. This is the Kaw Valley National. The Kansas state police came this year and pulled vehicle safety checks before the final checkpoint. Even the club's gas truck got stopped: "illegal gasoline transportation" or something like that. Jim Fortune of Webster City, Iowa (Iowa?), won with three points ahead of Gary Kelderman. (Dick Ainsworth, courtesy of *Checkered Flag News*)



The Little Harpeth, held in the middle of August and Tennessee; Wayne Danbert checks the time. Dick Burlison and Ron Bohn were tied going in. Bohn won when Dick left a check too early and lost ten points. (Brian D. Palormo)



The enduro season stretches from March to December and from New England to California. Win one and be an A rider; win some more and be a regional champ, like Bob Fielding, New England's Grand Champion. Meanwhile, practice jumping logs like Bob is doing in Connecticut. (Bob Arnold, courtesy of *The New England Trail Rider*)



King Richard again; this time at the John Zink in Oklahoma. He clinched his title of National Enduro Champion with the win. The event is held on the John Zink Ranch — hence the name. Tom Penton was three points off in second place. (Jack B. Harwood)

Mud was a Harpeth feature, despite the heat of the season, when a downpour started 30 minutes after the event did. Still, 129 finished — out of 600 entered. (Brian D. Palermo)



You can work up a sweat, but usually you can find a way to cool off. During the Pachaug . . . (Bob Arnold) . . .



Another National winner — Dan Young, checking in during the Twin States run in Kentucky. Dan won the Black Coal and the Alabama Gobbler Getter Nationals this year. (Brian D. Palermo)





During the Kaw Valley . . . (Dick Ainsworth)



. . . During the Twin States . . . (Brian D. Palormo)



. . . During the Black Coal . . . (Brian D. Palormo)



. . . During the Little Harpeth . . . (Brian D. Palormo)



... During the John Zink ... (Jack B. Harwood)



... Or even the Green Horn — though it's tougher in the California desert. (John Ulrich)



Tom Penton won the Cayuta in New York this year, just one of the four times either a Penton or a Penton won overall. (Brian D. Palormo)



If the name Burleson sounds familiar, it might be because you're remembering how well he did in the last four ISDTs, or it could even be that you recall that he was top American in the Trans-AMA in 1970. He was also National Number One in motocross that year. Now you know how he gets that King Richard title. (Jack B. Harwood)



Check out some of the stuff you have to ride on to become National Enduro Champion: bald hills ... (Brian D. Palormo)

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... Desert ... (John Ulrich)



... Mud ... (Brian D. Palormo)



... Logs ... (Bob Arnold)



... Snow-covered mud if you went to Potosi ... (Brian D. Palormo)

# THE NATIONALS



... Rocks ... (Brian D. Palormo)



... Ice ... (Brian D. Palormo)



... Even pavement. (Jack B. Harwood)

Curley Fern 100 Mile; Whiting, NJ; March 31  
Ron Bohn Husqvarna 968

Red Garter 125 Mile; Montrose, CA; April 13  
Jay Tullis Honda 994

Fallen Timbers 100 Mile; Toledo, OH; April 21  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 987

Polka Dots MC 125 Mile; Sacramento, CA; April 21  
Cosby Chestnut Husqvarna 996

Burr Oak 150 Mile; Shelby, IN; May 5  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 988

Black Hills 100 Mile; Olympia, WA; May 12  
Mike Hannon Bultaco 999

Green Horn 500 Mile; Pasadena, CA; May 25 & 26  
Nate Sciacqua Yamaha 991

Little Burr 200 Mile; Lake Hope, OH; May 26  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 991

Lonesome Pine 150 Mile; Bristol, VA; June 9  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 983

Porcupine 150 Mile; Bath, MI; June 16  
John Grader Can-AM 958

Foothills Classic 100 Mile; Backus, MN; June 23  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 995

Little Harpeth 100 Mile; Nashville, TN; August 11  
Ron Bohn Husqvarna 977

Jack Pine 400 Mile; Lansing, MI; September 7 & 8  
Jim Fortune Husqvarna 976

Kaw Valley 100 Mile; Lawrence, KS; September 15  
Jim Fortune Husqvarna 980

Cayuta 150 Mile; Alpine, NY; September 22  
Tom Penton Penton 968

Black Coal 125 Mile; Evansville, IN; October 6  
Dan Young Penton 978

Pachaug 100 Mile; Central Village, CN; October 13  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 974

Cotton Boll 125 Mile; Amarillo, TX; October 27  
Jack Penton Penton 974

Checkpoint MC 125 Mile; Whittier, CA; November 3  
Mike Adams Honda 989

Twin States 125 Mile; Cadiz, KY; November 10  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 990

John Zink 125 Mile; Tulsa, OK; November 17  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 986

Gobbler Getter 125 Mile; Maplesville, AL;  
November 24  
Dan Young Penton 998

Hillbilly 125 Mile; Potosi, MO; December 1  
Dick Burleson Husqvarna 976