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2010 IDAHO CITY 100 – US NATIONAL 2-DAY ISDE QUALIFIER

Three members of CGRT traveled to Idaho City, Idaho this past weekend to compete in the Boise Ridge Riders premier event of the season. This being the 26th running of the Idaho City 100, this year's course was 120 miles of pure Enduro single track held mostly on private land arranged by the club. The event is very well respected amongst the U.S. competitors with the 300 rider entry limit being filled in just three days!

The 2-day event is used to qualify the U.S. ISDE team which this year will be held in Mexico, and also allows you regular off-road racing enthusiasts a chance to test their skills in an event structured according to the International Six Day Enduro (ISDE) and Enduro World Championship (EWC) format.

CGRT used the event to help with preparation for our very own Canadian Enduro Championship (CEC) scheduled to begin in July. With only a month remaining for preparation, this event was an excellent opportunity to help fine tune our set-ups.

Shane Cuthbertson returned to racing after a six month hiatus not only test his riding skills but also a few of his newly reconstructed body parts. Obviously, as a Canadian he was not trying to qualify for the US team, and therefore entered the AA class which runs the same time schedule as the Letter of Intent (LOI) competitors and is scored accordingly in the overall rankings. Cuthbertson surprised even himself with 1st place finishes both days and 9th overall for the weekend! "I was really just focused on testing my bike set-up, physical preparation, and getting back into the game, so coming away with a win both days was a nice bonus! I have been here in 2005 and 2006 and did not even come close to what I accomplished this weekend, so this is a nice way to start the season."

Jay McGregor and Nick Riewe, both ISDE veterans were also entered and performed better than they expected against the mighty American riders. Jay rode the 30+ A class and carded 6th and 4th place finishes even after being penalized with some major route points. "I lost my time card on Day 01 so I was at the mercy of the other riders on my minute, but then they both had issues and I ended up burning a few checks. Then on Day 02, a spectator over-fueled the berg and soaked the air filter so bad with gas that the bike would not run! I lost 7 minutes trying to get going which was frustrating... Overall though, the event was stellar and I had a blast!" Nick Riewe still struggling with an injury sustained in a practice accident, showed true grit by finishing Day 01, 6th overall in the 40+ A class, however made a wise decision to sit out Day 02 after feeling the ill effects of what 200 km's can do to a body!

Next up for CGRT is the Corner Grass Hare Scramble scheduled for June 26/27th in Compeer, Alberta.

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