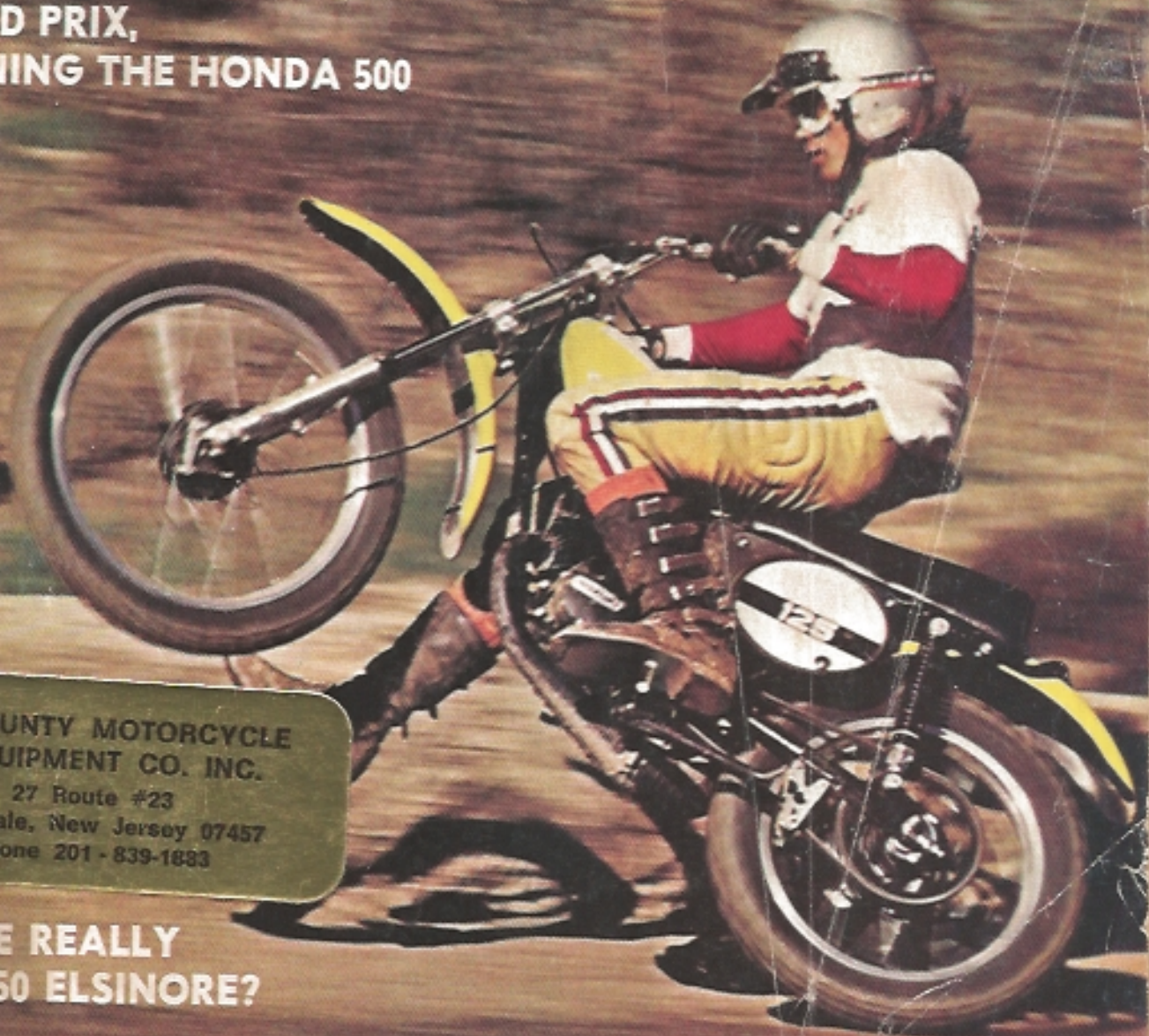


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POWDER PUFF POWER

BY KASEY ROGERS

So many really good letters pour in each month I decided to start a Letter of the Month department and kick it off with a great one from—guess what—A GUY! Not only that,

a CAPTAIN. And DAVID is his name. Dear Kasey:

Allow me to start with something I have had on my mind for some time. I love you and your bike ain't bad

either.

(WOW! YOU KNOW ANY GUY THAT STARTS HIS LETTER LIKE THAT IS GONNA SEE PRINT. HOWEVER, I wanted to share the rest of



Number 4, Janice Kline, shown here streaking to a number 3 win at Hoptown, will be a leading contender in both motocross and Grand Prix events at the July 6th and 7th Powder Puff Nationals.

Juana Madrid shares a bag of goodies with sponsor Lou Revell. Revell's Two Stroke is building her a hot one for the Nationals.

Sue Hall bombs the Santa Clara River at Indian Dunes. It's going to be one of the water crossings at the Powder Puff National Grand Prix.



Here's Denise again. Still tinkering. Won't somebody pu-LEEZ help her get it all together.



his letter with you because I think you'll really dig on it.)

Okay, with that load off my mind, I want to give you some current info on the Puff action. I recently rode with 464 bikes in the Daniel Boone 100 mile enduro held last month in Princeton, Kentucky. About 30 miles down the course, I crested a little knoll only to gaze up at one of the steepest 50 foot mounds of shale that I have ever seen, much less tried to ride over. With about a ten foot lead-in run, and a quick prayer, I dropped my bike into first and started up the hill. About 100 feet from the

top, the bike started to come see me. Two seconds later I went tumbling to the bottom. My bod was okay but my pride was not at any kind of all-time high. As I lay at the bottom of the hill, a sweet young thing wearing a lavender T-shirt and jeans, riding a CR 125 crested the little knoll, took a quick glance up at the almost vertical hill, selected the right gear and gased on, right up and over the top like Malcolm Smith. Well, if I'd had some matches and more gas, I would have burned my bike, route sheet, and score card on the spot.

At the awards ceremony she won

1st in Powder Puff and took a monster trophy. I was too shy and she was too good looking for me to ask her for her name or else I would have provided it here.

To be downright honest and fess-up, this was the first time I ever saw a gal ride as good as she did. Also, I must admit that I will never again poo-poo the rider next to me when I roll up to the starting line at the next enduro and it turns out to be Sally or Mary somebody. When the flag drops, it will be Puff-Puff and away.

Sincerely yours,
Captain David Nee
Fort Knox, Ky.

Dear David:

Are you married??? Cuz every Powder Puff who read your letter just fell in love with you. Me, too.

Love,
Kasey

**JOYCE SOYKA—OOPS!
STANWORTH—AND JUANA MADRID
BOTH BACK ON THE TRACK**

The announcement of the First Annual Powder Puff Nationals next July 6th and 7th has really brought all the girl racers out of the tullies. Rich Stanworth has even consented to support new bride Joyce Soyka's efforts on the track again, which isn't going to make many Powder Puffs all that happy. Especially since Joyce just got sponsored on one of those fine new 125 Can-Am Bombardiers out of Canada. Joyce won Hometown 3 years ago on her trusty little blue Rickman (tuned by Rich). The one that sent every other Powder Puff running to her nearest Rickman dealer for one of the same. Including me. That was the year the Powder Puff class looked like a Rickman commercial, even though they did miss a shift or two. Or three. Or—Oh, well. The bike did handle.

But now, with that strong little Can-Am under her and Rich's blessings and tuning, look out again.

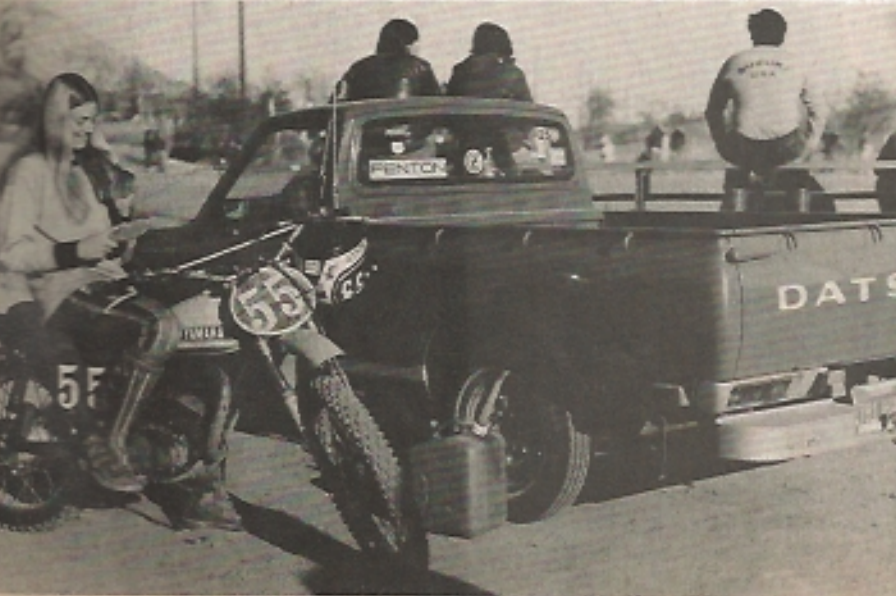
Another smoker to watch for is Juana Madrid. Last summer Juana's folks set her down for a spell after her brother was badly hurt on the Shadow Glen course at the Dunes, but Lou Revell of Revell's Two-Stroke lured her back to racing with some very hot little 125s. (Her folks finally relented.) Juana will be riding for Revell's at the Powder Puff Nationals. She rode a Revell bike at Hometown, started way back and worked her way all the way up to the lead, passing Janene Pennington Turton on one of the rough uphill. And that ain't all that easy. Janene passed her back but fell in the mud-hole and Juana went streaking by again.

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Kelly Bartlett's fast, too. Here, she leads Janice Kline into the first corner at Indian Dunes. Kelly's a hard one to get around when she has the lead. She took two motos this Sunday, to Janice's one, giving her the overall win.

Pretty too. Kelly Bartlett brushes the tangles from her hair after her moto and smiles the smile of victory.



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POWDER PUFF

(Text continued from page 13)

Juana was riding so hard she crashed, putting her out of the race and Janene took the win.

Yep, it's gonna be some race, the Nationals.

HEY, THERE!

Speaking of that Can-Am, I got to ride Gary Jones' Grand Prix factory works bike the other day and what a bike it is. You can sort of put it around like a trials bike if you want to, never bogging or dying, then twist the throttle and hang on for dear life. Man, that thing comes on. I was too chicken to take it on the motocross course 'cuz Gary was leaving that Sunday for some big race, and I could just see me bringing him back a pile of nuts and bolts and a fractured me.

However, I did take the Can-Am stocker out, and while it is heavier than Jones' Grand Prix model, it was more of the good stuff. It was almost like a trialer at low speeds, but came on smooth, fast and hard and never missed a shift. The bars seemed a bit straighter and wider than I was used to, but that seemed to get it around corners with the greatest of ease.

I'm still in love with my little Elsinore, but you all know true love never runs smoothly and I have found it to be a lot peakier than I first thought. You gotta keep those revs UP! Not so, the Can-Am. It's like a security blanket until you want the power, then, all you have to do is twist.

Like, for instance, at the AMA Qualifier at Bay Mare, Gary Jones came in 2nd on his 125 Can-Am in the 250 class. Not bad, you say. Not bad is right. Especially since fewer than one third of the bikes finished that day due to a track knee-deep in slippery, gummy, California adobe mud. The kind that'll pull the Full Bores right off your feet. But that's another story.

Maybe I'm fickle, but I'm going to give that Can-Am another good look. Not as slim and light as the Elsinore, but you can't load it up, it's got the speed, and it handles. Check it out if you're in the market for a new bike AND if you can find one in your neighborhood.

HALL HAULS

Sue Hall is another pretty Puffer out every week practicing for the Powder Puff Nationals. She's brought her Penton to a number of Grand Prix wins and is doing OK at motocross.

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As the air began to return, a puzzled look crossed the faces of some of the guys and they slowly backed off. Finally one blushed and said "You're a girl, aren't you?"

"How'd you guess?" grinned Sue, got back on her bike and sped away. The fellows just stood shaking their heads as they watched her dust disappear.

MORE COMPETITION

Janice Kline, who finished third Powder Puff at Hopetown, is fortunate in having the full support of her entire family in her racing activities. So does her brother. Twelve-year-old Bobby won first place in the 100 class at Hopetown on his little Steens. And I don't mean against minis. I mean full size 100s and full size riders. Bobby has really gotten fast this past year and so has Janice. I've seen her place first in the 125 Juniors. Anyway, the family usually vacations the July 4th week-end out of state, but as soon as her Dad heard about the Powder Puff Nationals, he started changing their vacation plans. Janice will be there. Will you?

POWDER PUFF NATIONALS NEXT JULY

In case you haven't heard all the details yet, the First Annual Powder Puff Nationals are going to be held July 6th and 7th at Indian Dunes. Racers, Powder Puffs only, will be competing from all across the nation. Saturday will be sign-up, tech inspection and moto-cross. Sunday will be moto-cross run-offs and a Grand Prix in the afternoon. We'll have a Moto-cross National Champion, a Grand Prix National Champion and the Overall Grand National Champion.

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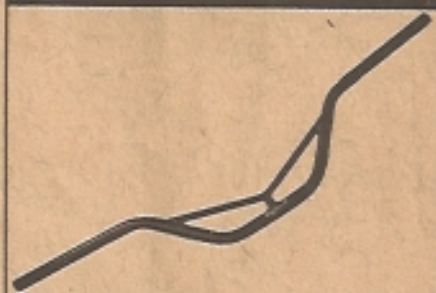
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