

## CYPRESS CREEK

ATVCCS Round 3  
Plain Dealing, LA  
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Arrived at Cypress Creek Thursday to make the final adjustments to the 6.5-mile racetrack. Alligator creek and Alligator slough were two of the issues that needed to be dealt with. We decided to place bags of cement in the ruts exiting Alligator creek and marked several different lines through Alligator slough. The weekend before this race we pulled out the saw's and cut some new lines inside several corners so that riders could avoid some water holes left over from previous rains. Everything was looking good Friday, but Saturday morning greeted us with rain. Fortunately the rain Saturday only lasted a few hours and by the time we started the PeeWee race it had ended. This cross-country track includes a 1.2-mile long MX track that is very fun to ride. The rest of the track has some very tight wood sections and some transfer sections down two track roads. All in all this is a very good cross-country track.

Gayle had to attend a class in Dallas for work and left me to fend for myself on Saturday. Lucky for me, and lucky for the racers, there was help with scoring by the way of **Crystal Perry** and **Jessie Gustine**. They both did a great job, thanks. The PeeWee racers got to race on the MX track, which made for some very rapid heart rates for both riders and parents. Some of the tabletop jumps are very large hills for the little one's to go up. The PeeWee 6 class had **Waylan Dunn** scoring his first win in ATVCCS. He just started racing last year at the young age of 3 ½. Second place went to **Hayden Solarczyk**. The PeeWee 8 class included 5



*(Waylan and Hayden)*

riders all gunning for their shot at the tabletop. **Gage Smith** and **Tyler McShane** got off to a quick start and *(Waylan Dunn)* looked to be the one's to beat in this race. But about half way into the first lap, McShane landed hard off a jump and broke something in the front-end. It took his slow pitcrew 5 laps before they could get McShane back into the race. Just kidding Patrick (McShanes father and pit crew), you did great to just to get him back into the race at all. Meanwhile, **Kaiden Hall** was holding down the second spot but **Trey Carrell** was on the move. Carrell was running fourth place for the first three laps and moved into third on lap four. But he was not done there and on lap five he overtook Hall for second place. **Melanie Dunn** started the race in third and moved into second on the third lap but the lost two positions on the next lap and ended up finishing the race in fourth. So to recap, the winner was Smith, followed by Carrell,



*(Waylan Dunn)*



*(Trey Carrell)*

Hall, Dunn, and McShane. The PeeWee 10 class had only one rider and she was flying around the track. This would be Kennedi Oxner. The rest of the day included the Unclassified race and a second open practice session.

At 6am it seemed like everything might be ok as far as rain goes, but one minute later the rain began to fall and didn't stop until the final checkered flag fell for this event. The B Program was first to line up and race in the rain. At this time the entire 6.5-mile track was still being raced. After one lap Alligator creek was getting deeper and Alligator slough was getting rutted out. Oh, I think I forgot to mention riders had to cross another creek before they exited Alligator slough. That creek crossing had Cypress Knees sprouting up all over the place. As the bottlenecks developed spectators started routing riders to the edge of a county road at the Alligator Creek crossing. This was not a good situation so I changed the track routing for the next race program. A West Texas rider new to our series showed everyone how to race in the mud in the B Program. **Donny Hall** blasted off and never looked back scoring his first victory in the Open Amateur Class and his first B Program overall. Hall's competition was 9 minutes behind by the end of the final lap. **Nicholas Kristek** took the win in the 4-Stroke Am class and **John Scott** in the 35+ Am class. **Billy Werner** took his Can-Am 4x4 to a convincing victory in the Utility class. All I can say is this should have been a real hoot of a race for the UTE class. Can you say MUD RUN.

When the A Program lined up to race the rain had been falling for almost 6 hours. To make the race happen we had to cut the track down to 5.2 miles which took out both creek crossing and the slough. I didn't think the MX track would be that bad but man you should have seen the rider's struggle just to make it to the tops of the jumps. Saturday riders were airing it out on the jumps, and Sunday they were doing good just make it over them. **Garrett Oliver** started off with a wheelie the length of the starting line in the Pro Class start. Was that a 1000cc engine in that 250 EX? In the Open Class **Josh Hahne** and **Kyle Porter** were putting on a show. The two riders changed



*(Kyle and Josh)*

positions several times on the MX track for the entire race. On the last lap Hahne had the win in the bag when they hit the MX track for the last time but he stalled the engine after going through a large water hole. He kicked and kicked and kicked but the bike would not fire. Porter came up on Hahne and pulled over and kicked on Hahne's bike a few times but he too could not get it started. These two guys are good friends, but guys this is a race isn't it. True it was a race and to top it off they are both in the same class.

What a class act that was by **Kyle Porter**, you make us all proud to know we have such an individual racing in ATVCCS. Hahne did get his machine to re-start and he finished second behind Porter. Since conditions out on the track kept getting worst we decided to cut the race down to one hour. **Brad Dunn** took his KTM to the victory in the 35 + class and **Conner Sebesta** took the win in the Junior class. **Marty Stone** made for the second KTM to take first place by winning the Open Int class and the A Program

Overall. **Shelton Bowman** finished second in the Open Int class followed by **Matthew Harmon**. Oh yea Shelton, thanks for pulling me out when I got my truck stuck after the race. I guess its not often you get to roost the series president and not get in trouble for doing it. Thanks to everyone that stuck it out during the weather and the mud. Remember last year when it was dusty? See everyone at the next race on April 20.



*(Cynde Stewart, Lady 30+ Class)*