

TORO – Texas Offroad Racing Organization

Round 4 – Tate Ranch – Crafton, Texas

Cooksey Cooks Taft!

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The Tate Ranch in Crafton, Texas was the site of TORO Round 4. Owner/promoter Mark Tate put in extra effort to make the track more technical than in years past adding several miles of new trail to the ride. Mr. Tate also provided additional funds to the pro purse as a thank you for coming out the weekend prior to Christmas to support his race. Participants were very appreciative of his hard work and added bonus.

The +45A class is the site of a battle being waged between Plano Honda rider Andrew Cooksey and Doug Taft. Cooksey, a member of the TSCEC enduro circuit Hall of Fame, has come out of retirement to enjoy racing again with his son and to compete for a Championship of his own. Doug Taft, owner of Greenville Suzuki, is making it difficult for him.

Cooksey said, "Trey Jorski who is a pro MXer from the '70s, Doug and I had a great race going! We exchanged leads several times during the first couple laps. In the past I was able to put a bit of time on Doug - not this one!"

Taft said, "I broke my kickstarter off at the start, but the bike fired and I played catch up. I was able to keep it running the entire race so it wasn't too big a deal. I'm looking forward to the next round!"

The two battled a little less than a minute apart for five solid laps. Taft had to pit, Cooksey did not. When Cooksey came screaming down the last straight to the finish, he had a 58 second gap on Taft for the win!

In Pro action, Clay Hoenshell took the holeshot with Robert Lambert, and Caleb Ramsay on him. Honda KTM West/Devol/Gaerne rider Robert Lambert said, "I got by Hoenshell pretty quick and led through the end of lap two until I got a front flat. I stayed close to Hoenshell the rest of the race until he ran out of gas on the last lap and I was able to take the lead and hold off Leivan for the win!"

SCR Yamaha/Answer/Dunlop backed Leivan commented, "Just past the halfway point of the final lap, Hoenshell ran out of gas and I moved into second. Lambert held it together and I never got close enough to make anything happen. He ended up getting me by two seconds!"

In other racing; SMS Racing's Christopher Storrie won the Mini C class for the first time this season moving him to third place in the standings. Gainesville Powersports supported Danny Cooksey, Andrew Cooksey's son, took his first win and is leading the Mini B class. Cutter Holloway moved into first overall in the +30C class with his first win in that class. Joshua Woessner in the 200C class, Devon Coetzer, 250B, and Rick Dinwiddie, +45C class all documented their first win of the season moving them to second overall in their respective classes.

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AA: 1. Robert Lambert (HON); 2. Steve Leivan (YAM); 3. Clay Hoenshell (KAW); 4. Clint Carr (YAM); 5. David Widmer (HON)

Open A: 1. Tref Hodge; 2. Jamie Lamance; 3. Justin Bonner; 4. Jeff Womack; 5. Brian Montgomery

Open B: 1. Christian Vowell; 2. Chris Scott; 3. James Hill; 4. Don Whitten; 5. Scott McCunn

Open C: 1. Matt Longinotti; 2. Mark Tate; 3. Nick Donald; 4. Matt Davis; 5. Marshall Buck

250 A: 1. Bert Reynolds 2. Jeremy Ahlman; 3. Clint McBride; 4. Aaron Ramsey; 5. Craig Smith

250 B: 1. Devon Coetzer; 2. Dj McMillon; 3. Eric Gifford; 4. Joel Griffith; 5. Cooper Bailey

250 C: 1. Will Dinwiddie; 2. Rob Dewey; 3. Kevin Kuykendall; 4. Garrett Bollom; 5. Bryan Cotton

200 A: 1. Danny Greene; 2. Todd Martin; 3. Tyler Schexnaider; 4. Nathan Rodgers; 5. Brian Gifford

200 B: 1. Cameron Ishmael; 2. Logan Price; 3. Matt Sparks; 4. Jeremy Johnson; 5. Archie Taliaferro

200 C: 1. Joshua Woessner; 2. Justin Mckinley; 3. Michael Bohrer; 4. Tyler Ruckdeschen; 5. Daniel Boswell

+30 A: 1. Brent Sellers; 2. Scott Bailey; 3. Johnny Cox; 4. Craig Allen; 5. Will Pattison

+30 B: 1. Robert Gravley; 2. Johnny Hayes; 3. Jason Fitts; 4. Fred Robeson; 5. Allan McDonald

+30 C: 1. Cutter Holloway; 2. Bubba Reeves; 3. Keir Coughlin; 4. T.I. Sadler; 5. Scott Dawson

+38 A: 1. Kenny Vowell; 2. Dan Mckinley; 3. Randy Green; 4. Bobby Southard; 5. Randy Wallace

+38 B: 1. Carl Dobson; 2. Kevin Ruckdeschell; 3. Russell Clark; 4. Mark Coetzer; 5. Danny McDonald

+38 C: 1. Randy Hancock; 2. Chuck Wiedenhoefer; 3. George Gross; 4. Rance Walker; 5. Scot Martin

+45 A: 1. Andrew Cooksey; 2. Doug Taft; 3. Trey Jorski; 4. Tom Johnson; 5. Ricky Miles

+45 B: 1. Bill Cason; 2. Rick Brightwell; 3. Mark Ashlock; 4. Kenneth Brown; 5. Tim Pritchard

+45 C: 1. Rick Dinwiddie; 2. Michael Snoddy; 3. Greg Blackman; 4. Nelson Newton; 5. David Bickel

+50 A: 1. Ruben Martin; 2. Larry Hunter; 3. Archie Taliaferro

+50 B: 1. Charlie Robinson; 2. Brad Miller; 3. Ron Beck; 4. Frank Leivan; 5. Bill Burney

+50 C: 1. Jimmy Stovall; 2. Rusty Johns; 3. Gerry E. Rains; 4. Ron Meyer; 5. Greg Minnick

+60: 1. Bill Fleming ; 2. Hazen Smith; 3. Dwight Leatherwood; 4. Jerry Boren; 5. Jay Gentry

Ladies A: 1. Sherri Stephens; 2. Jessica Callahan; 3. Cathy Estes; 4. Heidi Possin; 5. Laura Rafael

Ladies B: 1. Candice McMillon; 2. Felicia Corbin; 3. Mo Monaghan; 4. Patty Vowell; 5. Stephanie Lambert

Ladies C: 1. Shannon Markham; 2. Jackie Barrington; 3. Michelle Fitts; 4. Melanie Klander; 5. Kala Sellers

Mini A: 1. Garrett Bollom; 2. Clay Herriage; 3. Justin Dunn

Mini B: 1. Danny Cooksey; 2. Branden Richards; 3. David L. Groff, Jr.; 4. Noah Eaton; 5. Andrew Dierdorf

Mini C: 1. Christopher Storrie; 2. Cheyenne Harmon; 3. Ian Bailey; 4. Phillip Geho; 5. Kenny Brown

Pee Wee 50 A: 1. Macie Arrington; 2. Mason Bowland; 3. Gaston Johnson; 4. Shelby Peterson

Pee Wee 50 B: 1. Tyler Scrogum; 2. Nick Burnett; 3. Matthew Aldridge; 4. Eric Lucas

Pee Wee 50 C: 1. Parker Campbell; 2. Logan Hughes; 3. Alex Isakson; 4. Trenton Thompson; 5. Ben Otto

Pee Wee 65 A: 1. Troy Sanford; 2. Michael Rickman; 3. Jd Reed; 4. Syth Rodriguez; 5. Austin Harris

Pee Wee 65 B: 1. Tyler Chidester; 2. Dalton Green; 3. Michael Giboney; 4. Blake Matthews; 5. Hudson Blacketer

Pee Wee 65 C: 1. Blake Parker; 2. Casey Karr; 3. Hannah Otto; 4. Leah Gravley; 5. Tanner Knight

Jr. Beginner: 1. Jacob Bailey; 2. Steven Lucas; 3. Joel Juvrud; 4. Colton Hansen; 5. Garrett Thompson