

Thrills in the Hills 2009 Event.....  
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Thrills in the hills annual District 11 fundraiser hosted this year at Fast Traxx Motoplex in Nelsonville, Ohio was a very wet weekend. With record rainfall and severe weather for at least a week prior to the events. It's safe to say the entire Motoplex including Motocross, Supercross and Grand Prix tracks were saturated.

So with a show must go on attitude Norm Bickley, Jeremy Tedrow, Mitch Miller and the District 11 president Jim Barnhart all put on their mud boots, grabbed some shovels and went to work. Working through the night to prepare the track for the weekends events.

The 2009 schedule included a Saturday Grand Prix , Saturday Night Supercross, and a Sunday Buckeye Series Motocross, we had a full weekend planned. While the 50cc and youth quad class numbers were down due to the weather, numbers in the remaining sessions were not bad considering. The SX went well and with around 160 riders not a bad turnout. With the always entertaining duo of Adam McGill and Walker Fowler battling on the SX track on their most awesome pit bikes it was quite possibly the best race of the night. With those two around you never know what to expect. And no expected the foot race that followed on the SX track between the two GNCC Pros.

We want to give thanks to everyone who volunteered including Mitzi Barnes and Jim Barnhart who were present all weekend. Also numerous Harescramble and Grand Prix riders donated their time working in the very chilly air Saturday night. Among those braving the weather were Mitch Miller, Ryan Lane, Dusty Miller, Micah Long, JR Brown, Cory Ringer and many more off road riders. Special Thanks goes to Sibyl Hunter ( HS Chairperson) who worked day and night selling nearly every one of the 09 thrills tees and almost every sponsor this year. Working tirelessly the entire weekend she truly cares about the District 11 fundraiser and the riders who this money will benefit.

The riders along with District officers really need to understand how much work it takes and time goes into planning and executing a successful fundraising weekend. Huge thanks also to Norm Bickley and the entire Fast Traxx Staff for putting so much into and ensuring that the riders all had a good time, things ran on time and in an orderly fashion.

2009 Thrills in the Hills sponsors include Burger King, Dynamic Promotions, InTown Body Shop, MJ USA, Digital Extremes, Athens Motorcycle Club, Oaks Machine Shop, Buckeye Dual Sporters, Cherry's Tire Center, Athens Sport Cycles, FCR Suspension, The Motorcycle Shop, and Westerman Companies. Please be sure to support these businesses that support our riders.

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