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Hollister Hills Off-Road Association Six-Hour Endurance 2009
Hollister Hills Upper Ranch

Team Chris Kane Racing Tops Six-Hour Endurance

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The Hollister Hills Off-Road Association held its annual six-hour endurance race on June 20 at Hollister Hills' upper ranch. The weather was a perfect, breezy 85 degrees, keeping the riders cool. The course stretched through six miles of rock quarries, single-track oak trails and rutted-out fire roads. Four miles into the course there was a 50-foot vertical hillclimb, followed by a 3-foot-deep mudhole, which on the first lap was a big surprise for most riders.



At the start, Team Canepa got the holeshot and took the lead, and they kept it for the first hour. Chris Kane Racing, captained by **Kane Silverberg (112, above)**, took the lead and held it for the remainder of the day, taking the overall win with 22 laps, as well as the Senior Expert win. Six seconds behind Silverberg came the second-place team, headed by Nick Thom, who made incredible time in the impound area, changing riders and bikes.

Senior Ironman-class rider **Kevin Yarnell (898, above)** completed 22 grueling laps on his KTM for the class win. Every lap, as he roared through the GP motocross section/home check of the course, Yarnell looked as smooth as he had on the first lap. At race's end, he appeared to have enough energy for at least 10 more laps! Following Yarnell was Mark Rodas, who completed 20 laps, showing enough stamina to hold off Richard Ramsey, who finished one minute behind Rodas for a well-deserved third-place showing.

In the Junior Ironman class (for riders 35 and under), the winner was Sean Jones, with 21 laps and four minutes ahead of second-place rider Richard Rotenberg. One lap down, in third place, was Brian Southwood, the local favorite volunteer patrol rider.

In the Sportsman Expert class, Mike Brumit led his team riders Robert Brumit and Tyler Brumit to a well-



deserved first-place class win and third overall. This race was so close that after six hours, second-placed Team Fouts only trailed by 34 seconds. Team Jensen grabbed third place.

The Senior Sportsman winners were Mike Fallon's team, who completed 21 laps. Team Robert Rael finished two minutes behind Team Fallon. Team Allan Yturralde took third with 20 laps.

In the Junior Sportsman class, the team of Chaz Rowe not only won their class with 22 laps but came in sixth overall. This novice team put the pressure on the experts! Second went to Team Wilcox. Tanner Autry Team rode into third.

The Family Team win went to David Wright's team, with 21 laps. David's son Shane made an impressive return from injuries sustained earlier in the year. Second place went to Team Rock Oil riders Nick Di Napoli, Paul Broughton and Chad Broughton, with 20 laps. Eleven seconds behind them came the team of Brad Rosbach, Michael Brumit and Jakob McCoid. These two teams exchanged positions throughout the entire six hours.

Kudos to the only Women's team - headed up by **Andrea Knipe (139, right)** - which raced against all of the classes dominated by men! This team did a fantastic job, completing 16 laps. The team included Andrea Knipe, Shannon Toline, Jocelin Snow, and Julie Werney. They are always welcome back next year.

For more information, go to www.HHORA.org.



Results

IRONMAN: 1. Team Jones; 2. Team Rotenberg; 3. Team Southwood; 4. Team Killgore; 5. Team Thompson.

SR IRONMAN: 1. Team Yarnell; 2. Team Rodas; 3. Team Ramsay; 4. Team Sommer; 5. Team Chavez.

WMN: 1. Team Knipe.

JR SPTSMN: 1. Team Rowe; 2. Team Wilcox; 3. Team Autry; 4. Team Thors on; 5. Team Hopf.

SR SPTSMN: 1. Team Fallon; 2. Team Rael; 3. Team Yturralde; 4. Team Jacobson; 5. Team BenJay.

SPTSMN EX: 1. Team Brumit; 2. Team Fouts; 3. Team Jensen; 4. Team Lubuerto; 5. Team Canepa.

SR EX: 1. Team Chris Kane; 2. Team Thom; 3. Team Eilert; 4. Team Murry.

FAMILY: 1. Team Wright; 2. Team Di Napoli; 3. Team Rosbach; 4. Team Rutherford; 5. Team Spore.