

## ***STEVE LEIVAN ~ 2014 Race Report***

**Event:** Round 9 National Enduro - Union, SC - August 31

**Bike:** KTM 250 XC

**Result:** 1st +40 "A"

Dad and I made the 16 hour long and hot trip to the Little Brown Jug event in South Carolina over the Labor Day weekend for the National Enduro round. We had never been to this event before and despite the sweltering heat, it was a top notch race.

Some sections were a little bit dusty, but considering it was still August, it was pretty dang good. The sections were "back to normal" and longer than the round in Colorado, so that was a nice change.

I was fortunate to be the quickest guy on my row this time so I had no dust to contend with until I would catch the slower riders in front of me. Overall, I felt like I rode pretty calculated and smooth and I kept the mistakes to a minimum. There were a couple of the tests that weren't that awesome, but for the most part, the sections were good and I really liked the faster ones (although I was stronger in the more technical ones).

It was a close battle throughout the day and after four (of six) sections, I was trailing by seven seconds. Despite not feeling great in the rocky fifth test, I set the quickest time and took over the lead by 20 seconds. The last section was old GNCC stuff with some really tight areas and I had a good run through there to finish off the day with a minute and a half gap over second place.

My result pushed me back into the class points lead despite having to count a zero (0) since I had to miss some rounds earlier in the year due to scheduling conflicts. We have one race left in Indiana on September 14 and then the NEPG series will be complete. Six more tests.....

Results: 1. LEIVAN (KTM); 2. Haynes (KTM); 3. McCall (KTM)

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