

## ***STEVE LEIVAN ~ 2014 Race Report(s)***

**Event:** Round 5 OMA Nationals - Buffalo Run - Sturgis, SD - July 27

**Bike:** KTM 250 XC

**Result:** 4th Place Pro 1

The OMA round in Sturgis featured a two moto format with each moto running an hour and fifteen minutes. The purse was huge (\$12,500) and I'm still a bit baffled as to why every Pro off-road rider that pays his own way, wasn't in attendance. As far as the course goes, it was pretty short and pretty dusty but it had a great mix of technical stuff and high speed sections.

I fought the dust in moto one and struggled to find a flow until I was a few laps in. By then, I had moved into fifth position and I rode there till the end of the moto. After an hour break and some time to eat, drink, and spin wrenches, I was back on the line for moto two. I ran in fifth position until lap four when I got the pitboard that Bonnuer was having bike trouble and I was up to fourth. That spot was worth another \$500 and that was inspiration to push a bit harder. My 5-4 result gave me 4th on the day and a nice payday.

Results: 1. Robert (KTM); 2. Whibley (Yam); 3. Jarrett (KTM); 4. LEIVAN (KTM); 5. Bonnuer (KTM)

The next weekend I put together a riding camp about an hour from home. The turnout was pretty good and I was able to see improvements in every rider - and the stopwatch did too! Overall, it was a good time and I am already being asked when the next camp will be.

**Event:** Round 8 National Enduro - Grand Junction, CO - August 10

**Bike:** KTM 250 XC

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

After leaving the riding camp and driving to Michigan to pick up a new van, we spent two days at home moving stuff from one van to another, then heading West for Colorado. After a long and winding road to the brushy parking area, we were met with dry and rocky conditions (again). Having two riders on my row faster than me meant that I would have plenty of dust to contend with.

I felt the course was extremely sketchy and I rode conservative and took very few chances. It wasn't until the final section of the day that I felt like I had clean air and could safely ride hard. Somehow I was still able to take a pretty dominating class win, setting the quickest time in three of the six sections. Regardless of the result, I was far from pumped with the race and I was happy to be done with it and going home safe.

Results: 1. LEIVAN (KTM); 2. Day (KTM); 3. Fenwick (KTM)

I got home on Monday night and headed out Tuesday morning to prepare round six of our MORE series. We didn't catch any breaks with getting some rain, but we still pulled off a great event and had 239 entries.

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