

STEVE LEIVAN

Missouri Off-Road Racing Icon...

With a professional career spanning nearly 30 years, Steve Leivan is a Missouri boy turned motorcycle racing legend. He has amassed **28 regional overall championships**, won **9 amateur National titles**, earned a ranking in the World Enduro Championship (38th in 2007), finished on the podium in 16 of 19 Endurocross rounds (Vet class 2008-10), brought home a silver medal at the International Six Days Enduro in New Zealand (2006), finished the Red Bull Last Man Standing (2005), earned top five and podium finishes in National Hare Scrambles, National Enduro, OMA National, and WORCS competition, finished the famous Blackwater 100, and was selected as one of the top 100 off-road riders by Dirt Bike Magazine.



Born March 31, 1971 in Rolla, Missouri, Steven Patrick Leivan has been riding a dirt bike practically since he could walk. For his third birthday, he received a 1969 Indian 50 (which he still has) and his first competition was soon after. He's never looked back.



Steve competed in the Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship (MHSC) from its inception in 1983 until 2009. Beginning in the junior class and moving his way up to the premier AA class, his ambition knew no boundaries. In 1992, he claimed his first MHSC Championship. From 1994-2009, he went on a mind-blowing streak to take 16 more MHSC Championships. Season after season, riders would line up to take their aim at dethroning Leivan. His strong work ethic, desire to be the best, and his never quit attitude made him the "King of Off-Road" racing in Missouri. He remained disciplined in his training, he was laser focused both on and off the bike, striving to remain at the top of his game. Steve's long career has proven that he is the best at his sport in the state of Missouri - odds are few that MHSC will ever know a champion of his caliber again. To win **17 MHSC Overall Championship** titles in 18 years, takes a huge amount of sacrifice that few are capable of. In his 20+ years of racing MHSC, he has been voted as their *Sportsman of the Year over a dozen times*, which shows the admiration that his peers have for

him, but more importantly it emphasizes how he treats others. He has been a role model to many and a hero as well. The chances that anyone will be able to surpass his records in Missouri racing are miniscule. And he didn't stop there.

Leivan has traveled all over the US competing in events that have propelled his career to an unbelievable level. He won the **250A National Hare Scrambles Championship** in 1991, and spent the next 4 years in the top ten of the Pro class of the NHS, finishing fifth in 1994. Steve has won the Missouri Governor's Cup at the Flat River Gran Prix multiple times, as well as being the winningest rider of the River Front Gran Prix. Steve has won **8 Black Jack Enduro Circuit titles**, and has been inducted into the **Black Jack Enduro Circuit Hall of Fame**. He has won **3 Texas Off Road Organization (TORO) Championships**; the



most any one rider has won so far. He has also won **4 OMA National class titles, 3 National Enduro class titles,** and is the only rider to win both a MORE & MHSC event in a single season at the age of 40.

While being a champion has allowed him to influence many riders and racers along the way, one of his best qualities is that he is a normal guy. He is very approachable and works very hard to represent the sport and his supporters. Anytime that he can help a fellow racer with advice, encouragement, or by loaning them a part to get them through a race, he will do it. Regardless of the event, he gives each of them his maximum effort in his

drive to be near the front of the pack and always strives to make it to the checkered flag.

Depending on the event and the location, his race reports often end up in various magazines and on many different websites (in addition to his site www.steveleivan.com.) He has had the opportunity to write race stories for Dirt Bike and Trail Rider magazines. Silkolene Lubricants used him in their 2008 advertisements that were published in Racer X and Dirt Rider magazines.

OTHER ADVENTURES... Steve has competed in a countless number of events all across the United States and beyond. The following are some of the standouts of his career.

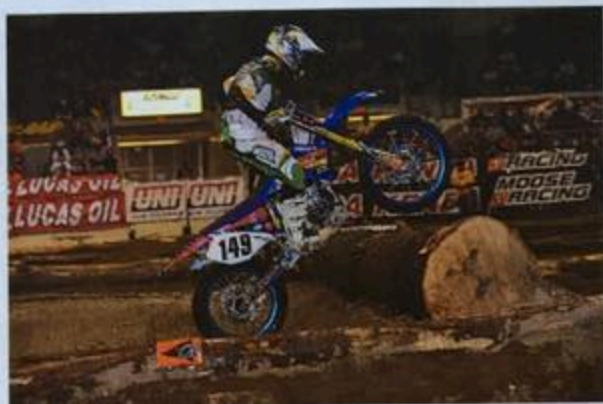
RED BULL LAST MAN STANDING – In 2005, a unique, invite-only event made its' debut in North Texas. The 40-mile course was filled with hard-core elements that would push the riders and their machines to the brink. The format was four laps with the first two laps run during the day, and the second two laps at night and in reverse. Of the 87 invited riders, over half did not finish the second lap, leaving only 18 riders for the night loops. In the end, only 14 riders would finish, Steve was 12th. It was a huge accomplishment for him, showing that he had the skill, endurance, and mental toughness to make it through the challenging course. Truly one of the hardest motorcycle competitions ever held on US soil, Steve's performance at LMS gained him even more fans and if they didn't know already, they soon found out that his name is Leivan (La-Van), he's the Missouri Champ, and he won't give up. This same year he clinched his 13th MHSC Championship and his 100th MHSC event win, a record that few in the sport can mirror.



INTERNATIONAL SIX DAYS ENDURO (ISDE) – The oldest off-road motorcycle event (dating back to 1913) is much like the Olympic Games. It's hosted every year in varying locations around the world, and riders must qualify to represent their country. The ISDE pushes the rider & their machine to their absolute limits. In 2006, the event took place in Lake Taupo, New Zealand and Steve made the decision that this was the ISDE he wanted to attend. After qualifying for Team USA, doing a lot of fundraising and planning, the adventure began. Steve competed for six days straight putting in an average of 150-200 miles per day and he was required to do all of his own maintenance. Through downpours, course

deterioration, and re-routing, it quickly became one of the all time toughest ISDE events ever. He persevered and was able to make it to the checkered flag on day 6. After all the ups and downs of the 2006 ISDE, Steve brought home a silver medal. It was a trip that he will never forget and yet another item to add to his growing list of accomplishments.

ENDUROCROSS – One of the most spectator friendly ways to view what Steve is capable of doing on a motorcycle would be to attend an Endurocross event. Here, tracks are designed with off-road elements such as logs, water features and tractor tires, but are held inside of a stadium. Steve competed in the National Endurocross series during 2008-2010. The events were held in locations including Las Vegas, Denver, Indianapolis, and even Guthrie, Oklahoma. It was during this time that he became a contributing reporter for Trail Rider magazine covering every event from a racer's perspective. Steve won 5 main events in the Vet class beating some of the best in the US.



THE OFF-ROAD CUP – Created in 2011, the purpose of this event is to determine which racing series in America can put together the fastest, toughest, most consistent 3-rider team. The race is 9 hours long and has changed locations multiple times over the years, including stops in Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma. Steve Leivan is the ONLY rider to be on the winning team every year since this event began, Team MORE representing the MORE series. This event gives Steve and his teammates a unique opportunity to join together as partners instead of as each other's normal competition. It's a fun event that

sees riders from nearly a dozen states, with approximately 350 riders in attendance. The Off-Road Cup has drawn in dozens & dozens of Missouri riders, and is gaining an even larger following because of Steve.

In addition to racing, Steve formed a new Missouri series that began in 2011. Hosting seven, two-day events located in Missouri and running from May through November, his goal is to provide a family friendly atmosphere where racing is fun, competitive, and open to all ages & skill levels. His experience in racing many different events, put on by many different promoters, who do things many different ways, has given him a clear vision of what he believes the riders want and deserve. He is doing all that through the formation of MORE (Midwest Off Road Events – www.racemore.net). A typical MORE event attracts riders from all over the state of Missouri, as well as Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. MORE averages 200 riders per event and has quickly become the premier off-road racing series in the state. Through MORE, Steve is able to introduce people to off-road racing in Missouri, something that he is extremely proud of.

Steve currently resides in Golden City, Missouri. He still competes in the National Enduro series and is set to earn yet another championship this year in the +40A class. His current sponsors are: KTM North America, Bullet Proof Designs, Checkpoint Off-Road, Clockwork, DP Brakes, Dunlop, EKS Brand, Enduro Engineering, FLY, Freedom Cycles, G2, HBD Motografx, NGK, Pivot Works, ProudSis, Renthal, Spectro Oils & Vertex.

STEVE LEIVAN is a Missouri born athlete that has amassed more off-road racing championships than anyone in the state is likely to ever match. He continues to represent Missouri and gives back to the sport he loves so much by promoting events throughout the "Show Me" state.

