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After a 2 year breather from John Henry Days special events, 2008 I was asked back to the shop to take another swing at producing a community driven event that was zesty but fun...



After sorting through all the crazy stuff in my head I threw out the idea of a dual stunt course head to head style, 150' of ridiculous fun that riders of intermediate to advanced riding ability could race.



In JH tradition all entrance fees were donated to the NSMBA (who donated the wood whoops) and of course the booth was managed by some top brass!



With the help from Owen in the Hoots office we designed a sick course that incorporated wood whoops step ups, ladder bridges, teeter totters and of course skinny rides. As event time got close at hand things fell together and fell apart as they always do and we found ourselves missing a key feature (empty beer kegs ride) and a official start!



With some quick thinking the 'horrible FUGLY tire ride' was invented which really tested riders ability to the max!



The Pipeline bike club donated their official World Cup Start Gate and the North Shore BMX club donated their call box and BOOM! We were racing head to head with crashing sounds and flashing lights!



The course went like this:

Random Start gate
Wood whoops
Step up to picnic table to ladder bridge down
Horrible uncomfortable tire ride
Teeter totter ride
Extend-a skinny over water

The course features were the same just staggered and sized differently for Amateur and Expert categories which provided some great entertainment for the community. Practice allowed Am's to race against the Experts and everyone had a good time figuring out gate starts.



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After the Am's and Experts raced it out a industry race was next up which included teams from NSMB, Norco, Specialized, ESC, John Henry, Ogio and Marzocchi. The object was to have 3 racers on each team race thru the course and then pick up special items and ride them around a course heading back to tag the next rider thru. Things got out of hand as they always do when you put a bunch of 2 wheeled hooligans together in a semi structured event ☐



Considering the timeline and the budget, this contest ranks super high on the success pole as it really brought the fun back into a riding event, show cased the talent pool of riders and came off naturally with little stress.



Am Winner



Pro Winner



Team Hooligan Winner

John Henry has already booked Hoots to run the same type of contest next year! Success tastes sweet! Hoots!

For some more sweet shots, here is some photos from the event courtesy of Mark Teasdale.

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