

SURVIVED OUR FIRST BAJA TEST!!

Team MS/David Bailey/Pro-Tec (264x) completed the Baja 250 last weekend, the first step in our goal of completing the 500. It proved to be a good idea to use the 250 as a precursor to the 500 to familiarize us with the logistics of racing in Baja. We learned that racing in Mexico is a whole different ballgame. The ordeal was a very exciting 5 days for our team which consisted of my two sons Dana and Cody and I. The three of us drove the couple hundred miles down to Ensenada on Wednesday pulling our toybox with our race XR650R and CRF250X pre-runner. We completed our pre-running on Thursday; on Friday we signed in, went through Tech and rested. On Saturday we raced, the boys covered the majority of the distance, I cruised to the finish. We enjoyed all the finishing activities provided by Tecate Beer and then collapsed in bed. Our primary racing goal was to finish, our secondary goal was to finish in the top 10 in our class. We finished 22nd, a little disappointing. Our time was off by about an hour because of air filter problems in a silt bed and shock problems because of a hard get-off by my oldest son Dana. All in all it was a fun, exciting endeavor, we enjoyed some beautiful scenery, a chance to mingle with the locals and some of the best riding imaginable. We endured the border crossing and arrived home on Sunday.

What made our first racing experience in Mexico a whole bunch easier was the help of Voss Motorsports. The Voss Team invited us to stay in their main pit area which was a parking lot that they had rented for the weekend near the start. They also drove Dana out to the middle of nowhere so he could pre-run. The owner, Rich Voss, escorted all of us on our pre-running and provided directions and helpful tips along the way. Thanks to Denise (Rich's wife) for breakfast and the unstoppable hospitality. Thanks, Voss Motorsports (They finished 1st-Pro Truck)

A huge thanks also goes out to Mike Baker and Pro-Tec Racing in Murrieta, California. The well known race shop provided the tuning and suspension set up for our 650. Thanks, Mike.

Beyond all the racing excitement our plan was to help create awareness for MS and David Bailey. We'll continue to ride and fly the TEAM MS RACING banner. Whatever we can do to help get people to your website and educate them about MS. Thank you David Bailey for your riding instructions and tremendous inspiration, let me know when your ready for a bike ride.

The Baja 500 is June 1-3. Our next goal! Well keep you posted.

Tom, Dana, Cody Madlem