

Aonia Pass MX, Washington, GA
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The treat of severe weather, an event in a rival series near by, and an upcoming National in the Southeast Region the following weekend meant entries were light for the fourth round of the Southeast Regional Championships. The Atlanta Motorcycle Club laid out an interesting track, and a recent GNCC event had removed the erosion control bumps that tend to throw up the rear wheel.

Light rain began to fall during sign-up and when practice started at 9:00 a.m. it had become a steady downpour, that made the track quite tricky in the corners. The low entry meant riders had a full hour of practice rather than just a few laps, and when it finished at 10:00 a.m. so did the rain. Fortunately, it held off for the rest of the day and racing was completed before the threatened “thunderstorms, hail, and possible tornados” arrived. Sadly, short track and TT fell victim to the weather and the national event has been rescheduled for November 6th.

A first-time rider at Aonia was Doug Kadrovich, who made the long journey from Pensacola, Florida to contest Post-Vintage 50+ Expert. Doug took full advantage of the fast natural terrain track and put in some impressive lap times. He had a real battle with Steve Shelton, the lead changing at every corner until the motocross gremlins sucked the life blood out of Doug’s Suzuki leaving him, naturally enough, to push the bike back to the pits from the furthest part of the course. Doug also took a first in Gran Prix 500.

Jonathon Moore and B.J. Huff finished one and two in Post-Vintage 200 Novice, and BJ’s sister, Catherine, took the honours in the women’s race. Usually a flat tracker, George Wood, Jr. tried his luck at motocross overcoming mechanical difficulties to clinch the Open Age Intermediate class, while Beno Rodi grabbed Historic 200.

In the vintage classes, Ray Weiss picked up a brace of awards for wins in 100 cc Novice and Sportsman 250 Novice, First-time competitor Deric Sauls enjoyed success in 100 cc intermediate. Closely followed by Johnny Lee Adams, Alabama’s Mike Adams put in a good race aboard a 400 cc Maico to take first place in Vintage 60+ Intermediate, Johnny finishing a close second. Charlie Goman, Mark Siebert, Bob Houden, Kenneth Thomas, and Beno Rodi all won their respective classes, collecting points to take into the next round at DNA Motorsports Park in Saluda, SC on June 12th.

A full schedule of regional events can be found on the Southeast Region’s website at www.ahrmase.com. Michael Taylor can be reached at vmxe40@yahoo.com.