

TORO – Texas Off-road Racing Organization
Round 4 – Prairie Creek – Pittsburg, Texas
Home Field Advantage for Crouch!
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Prairie Creek, a private ranch owned by the Crouch family in Pittsburg, Texas, played host to Texas Off-road Racing Organization's fourth round of action. It was TORO's first trip to this property and the Crouch's rolled out the red carpet with holeshot t-shirts, awards for all the pee-wee racers, and national pro Justin Williamson on hand to spend time with the kids, sign autographs, give riding tips and answer questions. The program is called "Justin and Friends" and the kids loved EVERY minute of it.

The course was a challenging seven miles with a little of everything to please all. The ground was very dry for this time of year and after a few practice sessions it began to loosen up in areas to create some deep sand corners and straights, sections where whoops developed and exposed roots to add to the difficulty. There were hard-packed flowing segments through the woods with elevation changes to make it interesting, an over/under bridge and a portion of motocross to air it out a bit.

Then there was the horizontal tree. A huge downed tree as part of the course would prove a bit of an advantage if one could master it. If one didn't want to step up to the challenge, they were met with a longer alternate to navigate back to the merge in the trail.

In AA action Matt Crouch cruised to victory on his home turf.

"Jody Crawford took the holeshot, but I was able to get by him within the first two miles," said Yamaha, MSR, and ScottUSA-sponsored Matt Crouch. "All I did from then on is work on checking out and not making any mistakes." Crouch finished about a minute-forty ahead of the field.

Third place went to SMS Racing, Moose, ScottUSA-sponsored Joe McClellan who said, "I had about a sixth place start and had a hard time seeing through all the dust at first. Bryan Vaughan, Jody Crawford and I battled back and forth for a couple laps. I was able to get around Vaughan when he pitted and Crawford when he went down. I could see Caleb Ramsay ahead and I thought I would catch him, but I just didn't have enough left on the last lap to get around him for second."

The +30 Woman's C class saw Bethany Young take her first victory of the season, while Lily Otto got her first win in the Ladies C class. Kala Sellers was back on top in the Ladies B class as was Lauren Powell in Ladies A action.

In Pee Wee action on Saturday Jake Hensley and Justin Bailey had their best finishes of the season in the 65cc C class with second and third place, respectively. Jordan Buckaloo had his top finish so far in the 65cc B class with a second and in 50cc B action Ben Otto and Nathan Wood are all tied up at the halfway mark.

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RESULTS - RACE 504

AA: 1. Matt Crouch (YAM); 2. Caleb Ramsay (Gas Gas); 3. Joe McClellan (KTM); 4. Jody Crawford (YAM); 5. Bryan Vaughan

Open A: 1. Cooper Bailey; 2. Cecil Parker; 3. Cody Beck; 4. David Lucas Jr.; 5. Kelly Braddock

Open B: 1. Richard English; 2. Cutter Holloway; 3. Joshua Conrad; 4. Brandon Belcher

Open C: 1. Hagen Robertson; 2. Andrew Delatorre; 3. Jake Johnson; 4. Jason Carr; 5. Randy Loewen, Jr.

250 A: 1. Beau Otto; 2. Nathan Rodgers; 3. Cameron Ishmael; 4. Devon Coetzer; 5. Aaron Ramsay

250 B: 1. Luke Humphries; 2. Garrett Bollom; 3. Jason Harmon; 4. Will Dinwiddie; 5. Brandon Brand

250 C: 1. Carl Hudgins; 2. Heath Lebrand; 3. Chuck Watkins; 4. Kole Dewoody; 5. Ryan Kasparek

200 A: 1. Rickey Mosley; 2. Tyler Schexnailder; 3. Matt Sparks; 4. Archie Taliaferro
200 B: 1. Michael Bohrer; 2. Danny Cooksey
200 C: 1. Tyler Ruckdeschell; 2. Anthony DiMauro; 3. Joseph Evans; 4. Griffin Gardner; 5. Zach Piland
+30 A: 1. Tracy Anders; 2. Johnny Cox; 3. Jeremy Ipps; 4. TJ Tarver
+30 B: 1. Drop Dead Fred Roberson; 2. TL Sadler; 3. Kevin Lowrimore; 4. Shawn Goolsby; 5. James A. Hill
+30 C: 1. Brennan Barnwell; 2. Kevin Klander; 3. Dempsey Addy; 4. Hank Griffin; 5. Kenny Murphy
+35 A: 1. Sean Needum
+35 B: 1. Scott McCarns; 2. Kelly Schreiber; 3. Kevin Ruckdeschell; 4. Bill Wright; 5. Jason Miller
+35 C: 1. Paul Brooks; 2. Eric Kancir; 3. Jessica Juvrud; 4. Mike Hughes; 5. Grady Simmons
+40 A: 1. Ray Jennings; 2. Randy Green; 3. Ricky Thompson
+40 B: 1. Russell Clark; 2. Steve Turner; 3. Danny McDonald; 4. George Gross; 5. Mark Coetzer
+40 C: 1. Terry Poe; 2. Rance Walker; 3. Mark South; 4. Stan Dooly; 5. Donald Hudgins
+45 A: 1. Glen Boyett; 2. Doug Taft; 3. Billy Dasinger
+45 B: 1. Bill McGovern; 2. Brent Jones; 3. Brad Burnie; 4. Scott Armel; 5. Rick Brightwell
+45 C: 1. Kip Carroll; 2. David Bickel; 3. Allen Rhoden; 4. David Weeks; 5. Randy Norrell
+50 A: 1. Bill Cason; 2. Larry Hunter; 3. Ruben Martin; 4. Sam Baker; 5. Bud Hutchison
+50 B: 1. Charlie Robinson; 2. Brad Miller; 3. Gene Ficker; 4. Larry Smallwood; 5. Ron Beck
+50 C: 1. John Cambis; 2. Danny Robbins; 3. Max Brand; 4. Gerry Rains; 5. Ted Ramsay
+60: 1. Hazen Smith; 2. Dwight Leatherwood; 3. Jay Gentry
Ladies A: 1. Lauren Powell; 2. Sherri Stephens; 3. Ashley Crouch; 4. Ginny King
Ladies B: 1. Kala Sellers; 2. Cathy White; 3. Shannon Kancir; 4. Felicia Corbin; 5. Jennifer Webb
Ladies C: 1. Lily Otto; 2. Amber Terry; 3. Melanie Klander; 4. Hannah Otto; 5. Emily Dickens
Ladies +30 C: 1. Bethany Young; 2. Connie Green; 3. Sherry Beck; 4. Tammy Jo Hansen; 5. Melody Dooly
Mini A: 1. Jeffrey Harris
Mini B: 1. Cheyenne Harmon; 2. Chris Storrie; 3. Andrew Dierdorf; 4. Max Weaver; 5. Mikel Green
Mini C: 1. Michael Giboney; 2. Cross Kirchmieier; 3. Joseph Sutherland; 4. Brady Dickens; 5. Brandon Beck
Pee Wee 50 A: 1. Mason Bowland; 2. Nick Burnett; 3. Wyatt Sadler; 4. Cole Neal
Pee Wee 50 B: 1. Nathan Wood; 2. Ben Otto; 3. Austin McKinney; 4. Parker Campbell; 5. Dylan Steiniger
Pee Wee 50 C: 1. Trenton Thompson; 2. Tanner McDonald; 3. Steven Lucas; 4. Colton Hansen; 5. Michael Roch
Pee Wee 65 A: 1. JD Reed
Pee Wee 65 B: 1. Blake Matthews; 2. Jordan Buckaloo; 3. Blake Parker; 4. Ryan McKinney; 5. Walker Richard
Pee Wee 65 C: 1. Dillon Green; 2. Jake Hensley; 3. Justin Bailey; 4. Nicholas DiMauro; 5. Daniel Piland
Jr. Beginner: 1. Nathan Klander; 2. Alexis Matthews; 3. Avery Dunlap