

OCC Team Tackles Maunakea 200

By Steve Quinn

Outrigger took third place at this year's Maunakea 200 Enduro motorcycle race. on the Memorial Day weekend. OCC motorcycle team participants were Walter Guild, Brant Ackerman, Doss Tannehill, John Beaumont, Steve Quinn and Mike Haxton, who travelled



Walter Guild

to Hilo for two days of rugged endurance riding around Mauna Kea and through the Hilo forests. None of the participants knew the trails they were going to be riding, which made the race very exciting and difficult. The overall performance by OCC riders was the best ever and the prospects of future success looks even better with the "Young Lions" on the horizon.

This year's participants began training last October. On almost any Saturday, the Club team would meet at Kenny's Coffee House in Kalihi at 7 a.m. and head for the hills for a day of fun in the dirt and mud. Before Mauna Kea, most had competed in the Mililani "Hare and Hound" and were entered in the Kahuku four-hour enduro. By Memorial Day they were ready for the big one.

The race course took some 70 riders around the back side of Mauna Kea on Saturday morning, then down into the rough lava before a lunch break at the Girl Scout Camp off the Saddle Road at about the 7,000-foot level. Then the course went back around the top, through the clouds, and dropped down into the Hilo outskirts, covering 117



Above: Celebrating the end of the race, from left, John Beaumont, Al Serafin, Steve Quinn, Walter Guild, Dos Tannahill, Bobby Bright, Brant Ackerman, and Mike Haxton.

Right: Steve Quinn

miles in about six hours.

Good equipment preparation and rider condition kept the OCC team in the money most of the first day, with the exception of Beaumont, who got a flat.

On the second day, all riders did pretty well except for a tree section. Quinn found himself having some trouble running into and trying to get his bike over trees in some pretty tight trails before making it to the lunch stop.

"Scrappy" Tannehill led the support group of Steph Ackerman, Kelly Hutchinson, Yvonne Balagtas, Colleen Keane and Nanea Tannehill. They hiked through the rough trails to meet the men at lunch with a cooler full of ice tea. Thank you, girls! Jimmy Pflueger also provided back-up support and experience. Mahalo for all the help.

Walter Guild took second in the Open Class, and Brant Ackerman took second in the 175cc Class.

This year's riders wish to thank the Club members for their support. Anticipating the continuation of the Mauna Kea 200, the Outrigger can expect more and more impressive results from its younger, aggressive riders as they gain experience.



In Memoriam

Harry L. Denison

Deceased: May 9, 1983

Regular Member: 28 Years

Carl A. Farden

Deceased: June 10, 1983

Regular Member: 34 Years

Hamilton Garland

Deceased: April 2, 1983

Non-Resident Member: 3 Months

Edgar S. Tudor

Deceased: June 6, 1983

Regular Member: 5 Years