

Team Tortuga

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Fryska Wins Anderson

Fresh off a Cycle Disciples cycling trip from Bloomington to Maine, Adam Fryska utilized the fitness he gained to overcome sweltering heat in the Saturday RR, a torrential downpour in the Saturday TT and a monsoon wind/rain combo to win the Sunday crit and in the process, claim the GC in the Category 4 Anderson Stage Race. Adam gave many thanks to his teammates who were instrumental in helping him earn the big V.

Ren Jay Shei joined Adam on the Disciples trip. Ren Jay said both he and Adam enjoyed the camaraderie of the group, meeting many new people, and seeing so much of the country they'd otherwise not have seen. Routes traversed quiet country roads through quaint rural areas, rolling green vistas and small towns for most of the journey. Some busy state roads and highways were traveled out of necessity.

The group stayed in YMCA's and churches along the route. "Everyone we met was extremely friendly and helpful," said Ren Jay, adding that the trip made him realize there are still people with compassion in our jaded society. Ren Jay liked the trip so much that he took a second tour that began in Oregon and meandered back to Bloomington over six weeks of 100+ mile days.

Chris Kroll led the Masters contingent, placing 3rd overall and 2nd in the time trial. Bob Brooks placed 5th overall.

ABR District Road Race

Mike Brauner broke away from the Masters field with one other rider and finished 2nd in the revised, tougher Battleground, Indiana Road Race Course. After two more riders slipped away from the group, Bob Brooks brought the field home for 5th.

St. Crispian Road Race

Coined St. Crispian after the epic poem about battle from Shakespeare's Henry VIII, this course was nothing short of monumental. Fifty-two miles of rolling, hilly, forested roads through and around the Hoosier National Forest delighted those who participated. The heat of the day punctuated the epic nature of the course. Tortugans fared well in home territory, with Kansei Umeno garnering a 6th place in the Category 4 race while Bob Brooks finished 4th and Sean Bauer 6th in the Masters event.

USCF District Crit

Perished

Scott Parrish decided to join the Masters Crew for the District Crit in Terre Haute and sadly wound up ending his season early as a result of a crash. Things went from bad to worse when Mike Brauner went down in the same crash. Although Scott suffered a mild shoulder separation, Brauner incurred a severe separation and underwent surgery the next day. Both riders were forced to miss the remainder of the season.

Despite the tragedy, Tortuga managed to balance the scales when Sean Bauer blasted down the finish

straight to claim the Category 3 championship. In the brutal Masters race, which saw two-thirds of the field drop out, including Illinois' top gun, Brooks and Kroll remained in the hunt with the select 8 who finished. Kroll set up the final sprint with a two-lap turn of the screw up front, catapulting Brooks to a 5th place and the 2nd place Indiana rider.

Midwest Championship

Kroll led the Masters contingent through the most brutal weekend in

Hoosier racing history, finishing 5th in Saturday's MMSF RR and 2nd in Category, 3rd overall in the afternoon Forest TT. Kroll ended the weekend in 5th place overall. Sean Bauer finished 2nd after a near race-long break away in Sunday's North Shore/South Shore Road Race.

Matt Kubal led the Category 3 squad by placing 3rd overall. Adam Fryska acquitted himself well after upgrading to Category 3, placing 9th overall.

If anyone has photos they'd like to share, please pass them along to Chris Kroll and he'll load them onto the team web site. The final races of the season will be re-capped in another newsletter to be posted in another week or so. My apologies for the long delay in providing these reports.