

24 HOURS

A day was lost somewhere between the start & the finish

By the DIRT BIKE Staff

Rules for the first annual 24-hour World Championship Off-Road Endurance event were straightforward. Each team could have as many riders as they wanted, had to log at least 20 track hours and run across the finish line. Eight teams broke the former National record of 866 miles. The overall bike winners went 1080 miles on the ten-mile loop. High winds created dust and directional difficulties that made the supreme Plaster City, West AMA District 38 terrain (near San Diego, California) rather demanding.

The winning team of Phil Means, Himey Means, Jeff Fahy, Paul Doebereiner and Bill Harris rode a Honda XR600. Phil Means earned true ironman awards by riding 800 of those miles. The quintet thanked American Ready Mix, Raceway Honda, Answer Products, Circle Industries, Bob Thompson and Means Enterprises and said, "We used 70 gallons of gas. We had a light problem that cost us ten minutes. Phil would ride six or seven laps and then rest for a few. The team of Rob Nolin, Chris Cook, Robert Wagner, Robert Prayther, John Galea, Mike Ruhstorfer, Chuck Salmond and David Roys on an XR600 had the lead for most of the event but lost it when the swingarm bolt and then the shock bolt broke. They kept putting fresh riders on but we hung tough. The wind kept us on the ground!"

Congratulations to the new World Champions!

125 World Championship Team bike. ▶

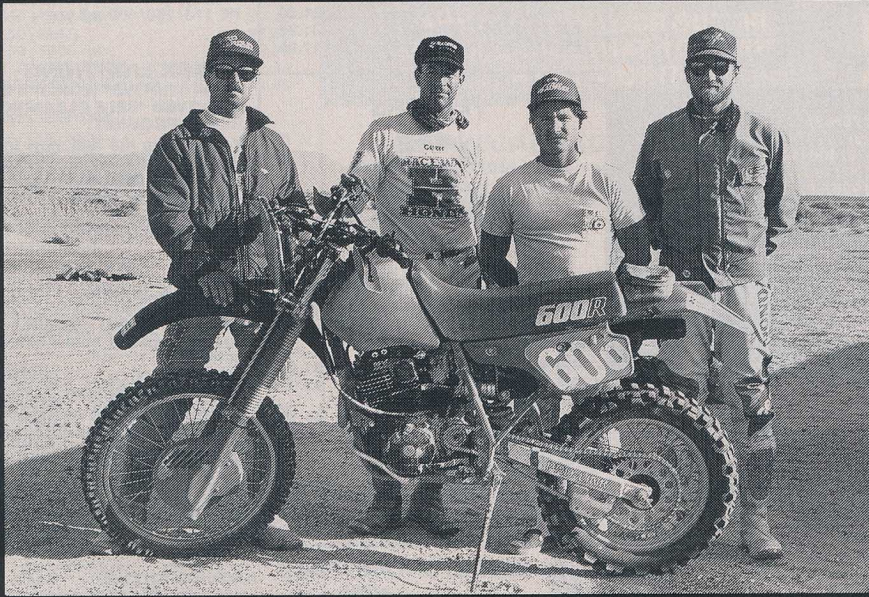
RESULTS:	
24-HOUR ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
TEAM	MILES
First Four-Stroke/First Overall: Phil Means, Himey Means, Jeff Fahy, Paul Doebereiner, Bill Harris (Hon XR600)	1080
Second Four-Stroke/Second Overall: Rob Nolin, Chris Cook, Robert Wagner, Robert Prayther, John Galea, Mike Ruhstorfer, Chuck Salmond, David Roys (Hon XR600)	1050
First Open/Third Overall: Larry Ornes, Vince Skandunas, Gary Royer, Mitch Thompson and Ross Gregory (Hon CR500)	1050
First 250/Eighth Overall: Bob Risner, Tim Belew, Dewey Belew, John Stead, Eric Wright, Danny Westmoreland, Mort Maynard, Craig Riens and Tom Peter (Yam YZ250)	840
First 125/Sixth Overall: Bob Bell, Jim Greene, Tony Darr, Robbie Pippin and Mike Clancy (Yam YZ125)	940



First Open bike.



First 250.



World Champions Jeff Fahy, Bill Harris, Phil Means and Paul Doebereiner stand behind their winning Honda XR600.



◀ Don't let this happen again. Fuller, Douthitt, Niemela, Patterson and Stratton squeaked by to capture the overall ahead of all the bikes.

