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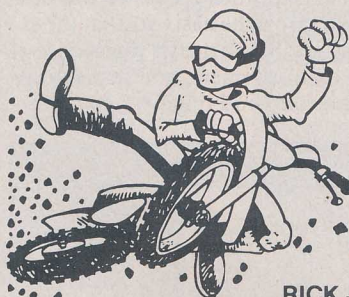
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Terry Cunningham delights in the fact that some of his toughest competition dreads Ohio's difficult terrain. ►

Ohioan Terry Cunningham has earned more National enduro titles (four) than anyone presently racing the Nationals. Only the legendary Dick Bursleson, also from Ohio, has more titles. Is Ohio some sort of cosmic focal point for woods-conquering power? When *Dirt Bike* questioned Cunningham on the unique properties of Ohio terrain, he put it in far more down-to-earth terms. "One thing you can say about riding here is that everybody dreads it. When we get rain for three weeks straight like we've just had, the riding here gets tougher than anywhere else. Ask most of the guys on the National circuit where they'd least want to ride and they'll probably say, 'Ohio.' I always thought it was great."

Don't be shocked. There's plenty of riding in Ohio that's within the capabilities of non-National-caliber enduroists. It's nice to know the impossible stuff is there, though.

### STATE REQUIREMENTS

You'll need to prepare your machine to meet Ohio's off-road riding laws to legally experience the challenges of the state's terrain. Machines must be registered, have lighting equipment, brakes and a muffler. A spark arrester is required for riding on state lands unless signs indicate otherwise but, as in every state, it is required for riding on national forest lands.

Off-road riders must hold a motor vehicle operator's license (it need not be a motorcycle license) or must be supervised by a licensed driver. Children under age 12 are not allowed to ride on state lands.

To be street-legal, machines must have a headlight, a taillight, a horn, turn signals, brakes on both wheels and at least one rear-view mirror. Motorcycles must be street-legal to operate on national forest roads.

Riders who take to the street or roads must hold a motorcycle operator's license and wear a helmet.

### THE TELEPHONE: A RIDING ACCESSORY

Don't forget to phone ahead when planning a riding excursion. Ask about seasonal or foul weather closures, entrance fees and the type and amount of riding you'll find. Some of the most useful information on riding near your home can come from riding clubs in your area. Clubs often have ride spots exclusive to their membership. One club we should all join is the American Motorcyclist Association ([614] 891-2425). The AMA looks out for our interests in government matters as well as performing their many competition sanctioning duties.

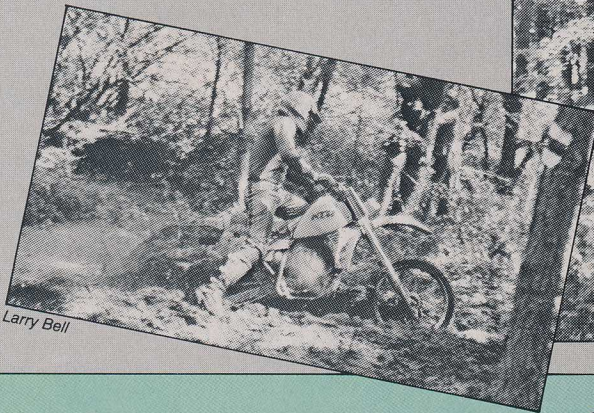
# OHIO

## Cunningham Country

By the Staff of DIRT BIKE



Larry Bell



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**Ohio trail riders and enduroists are a hardy lot. If the extreme weather permits riding they've got to face deep snotty ruts, dense woods or wheel-swallowing mud.**

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## WHERE I USED TO RIDE IN OHIO

By Rick Sieman

• Being an old Ohio boy, I started riding dirt bikes (or street bikes with knobby tires that we called dirt bikes) in the mid-'60s. Your choice of places to ride was very limited, as motocross had not yet caught on in a big way. If you wanted to race, you had to strap on a steel shoe and go skidding around a deformed circle with a bunch of lunatics who could not turn right. A few enduros were held, as well as a handful of hare scrambles,

but if you just wanted to go riding somewhere, you headed for the strip mines.

These "garden spots" were the leftovers from an era when coal mining was done by simply gouging huge chunks out of the earth and then leaving the holes to be battered by the elements. The only redeeming value was that these were—and still are—great places to ride. Oh, sure, you had to watch it, because the ground would occasionally crumble away due to pockets of water eroding

from underneath the edges.

I suspect that riding in the strip mines was illegal, but no one could ever say that we were damaging the land. There are strip mines still around in Ohio, especially in the northern area and in spots near the Pennsylvania line. A friend of mine told me about one strip mine near the Youngstown area that is just great, and the guard lets him and his friends ride there all day for a five-dollar bill. Some things never change. □