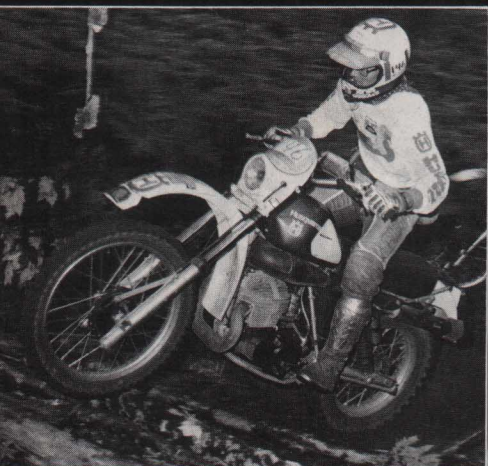




Johnny Martin showed up on a new Quad-Link Can-Am and rode it to a second overall.



Terry Cunningham held his Auto wide open all day, and took the overall win for his trouble. Note bash bar on clutchless left handlebar.



Husky's Mark "Possum" Hyde found the clock catching up to him in the second half of the run, but held on for a fifth overall.



First in the 200cc AA Class was another Suzuki, this time piloted by John Fero.



Alan Randt posted a 13-point score, good enough for the 250cc A Class win and 12th overall.



Jack Penton thrashed through the jack pines for a third overall.

JACK PINE NATIONAL ENDURO

MICHIGAN MAULER

Sand, sweat, and saplings at Cunningham's Cowbell

By Tom Kolnowski

The Jack Pine. The prestigious Eastern enduro where the woods never seem to end, with a history as rich and old as the sport of enduro itself. Recent Grand Champions include Bill Catron in 1978, Bob Popiel in 1979, Darryl Kuenzer in 1980, and Jeff Fredette in 1981. Held among the Michigan woods near the village of Moorestown, the annual event never fails to attract a large contingent of the nation's best riders.

The 1982 edition of the Jack Pine was also Round 9 in the National Enduro series, which consists of 12 events. Team Husky's Terry Cunningham, the series points leader, went on a blitz that saw him lose only four points along the route to Grand Champion honors. Terry rode a 430 Automatic, box-stock except for a boost bottle that gave the Auto better throttle response.

Can-Am's John Martin clocked in with a score of six points to lock up the second overall position. Aboard a new, pristine

white Quad-Link 250 single-shocker, Martin said, "It has 12 inches in the rear, but settles quite a bit. It really works well."

Kawasaki's Jackie Penton and Fritz Kadlec forged to the third and fourth overall spots, with Penton losing six and Kadlec losing eight points along the route. Both riders were aboard KX250 MXers outfitted for enduro competition; the bikes appeared to function very well in a tight-woods-type situation.

This was the 56th running of the Jack Pine, with a 200-mile string of virgin trail, open, fast woods, and fire roads comprising the majority of the event. Terry Cunningham described how the course had to be attacked. "The thing today was that you had to charge. You'd go and go and pretty soon you would be 30 seconds late. Then there were sections where you had to out-and-out go for it! Overall, it was a pretty nice event," said Cunningham.

The Cunningham version of "going for it" is basically getting totally unplugged in

the tight woods, which is what he does best. Better yet is the chance to do it while rain pours down, which is exactly what happened in this year's Jack Pine. Cunningham's wet-weather riding skills are second to none.

All of the AA riders were mostly pleased with the run. It was a true National-caliber event, unlike some of the other events in this year's series.

Michigan rider Rick Scharphorn bested all of the "A" riders with a score of 12 points on his Husky 250, placing him ninth overall. The next closest "A" rider was Alan Randt, also on a Husky 250XC, who lost 13 points. The best "B" rider score was turned in by Lynn Lohman, who accomplished the task on yet another Husky. Lohman lost 28 points.

Team Husky's Mark Hyde and Mike Melton filled the fifth and sixth overall spots. Hyde found he had to really hustle toward the end of the event, where the terrain tightened and the late points piled up. "I had my 430 on the main jet on the way into the last gas. I found the big yellow Husky truck, filled up, then got down on the tank and hauled it down the fire roads to the next woods section," said Hyde.

John Fero and Jeff Fredette went 1-2 in the 200cc AA Class on their semi-support Suzuki PE175s. "We've gone pretty much back to stock in the engine department, after we tried to get too much power out of them. Now they work well enough and we have reliability," said Fredette.

With the next National in Iowa, everyone gets a chance to regroup and set their sights on winning again, or trying to beat the Cunningham express. All in all, this was a very successful event in the National series. □



Jeff Fredette has been riding a PE175 this year, on a semisupport deal from Suzuki. He came in second 200ccAA, 19th overall.

JACK PINE NATIONAL ENDURO OVERALL RESULTS—August 22, 1982

1. Terry Cunningham (4:05)	Hus
2. John Martin (6:16)	C-A
3. Jack Penton (6:23)	Kaw
4. Fritz Kadlec (8:03)	Kaw
5. Mark Hyde (8:14)	Hus
6. Mike Melton (9:04)	Hus
7. Drew Smith (11:29)	Kaw
8. Darryl Kuenzer (11:38)	KTM
9. Rick Scharphorn (12:06)	Hus
10. Ron Ribolzi (12:19)	Hus
11. John Fero (12)	Suz
12. Alan Randt (13)	Hus
13. Mark Burley (13)	Yam
14. Wally Wilson	Hus
15. Dave Bertram (14)	Hus
16. Jeff Hunt (14)	Yam
17. Steve Hess (15)	C-A
18. Kevin Hines (15)	Hus
19. Jeff Fredette (16)	Suz
20. Ken Brown (17)	Kaw