

## 2010 STIMILON MOTOCROSS CHALLENGE

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**G**orillas, pit bikes, rain, vikings, mud, bands, beer, babes ... where do we begin? July 10, 2010, marked the return of the annual pilgrimage to MX 338, home of the Southwick National in Massachusetts, for the Stimilon Motocross Challenge, a weekend where almost anything is possible. Nearly 600 entries (including riders from as far away as Texas) came out to race, party, and just have a good time. As the Stimilon Code of Honor reads: If you act like an adult, take responsibility for your actions, and respect those around you, you can pretty much do anything you want.

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And there was plenty to do. Buckchillyradio.com opened up Friday night with a bang as they unveiled their pit area to showcase a purpose built Pit Bike "endurocross" called the WTF Pit Bike Challenge. Vitamin Water followed with the Pit Party Challenge, a free contest to showcase your pit area. The traditional Saturday morning wake-up call came at 6:00, when Iron Maiden's "Number of the Beast" blared through Red Bull's MXT speaker system loud enough to wake up Connecticut.

Saturday was the actual race. The Keeping It Real class (two-stroke open) led off with the day's opening moto. Not even a lap into the race, however, Mother



Nature threw down her own form of sponsorship with four inches of rain in an hour. The racers rallied on and raced until the promoters took a two-hour break to regroom and reset.

The main events, where the best of the best competed for a \$5,000 purse, had all the big names: Dowd, Decotis, Marshall, Lamb, Ainsworth, Morrison, Brooks, Hall, Desrochers, and more. But the story was all about the battle between young gun Jimmy Decotis and old junkyard dog John Dowd. Dowdy was able to win both mains, taking home the lion's share of the winnings.

Once the main events concluded it was time to party, and you can't go wrong with three metal bands,

an outside bar, and an unannounced costume party. Gorillas, vikings, rabbit heads, afros, body paint, Mexican wrestlers—you name it, they were there!

The Stimilon rule is that generators must be cut by 4:00 a.m., so people crawled back in their holes in the wee hours to rest up for Sunday Hangover Ride Day, which featured a perfectly watered track. More than a hundred riders enjoyed themselves during a private ride day on the national track—not a bad end to the weekend at all.

For results, photos, and videos from the event, visit [www.stimilon.com](http://www.stimilon.com). ■

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