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FIRST TIME RACER

6-Year-Old Competes In Hare Scrambles By Heather Wilson

Many of us started riding when we were young, but in most cases that was a long time ago. As we guide others getting started in the sport, it's helpful to gather some fresh perspective about what it means to race for the first time.

We caught up with 6-year-old AMA member Jackson Adams and his dad, Mike, to learn more about Jackson's first time racing.

On Jan. 16, Jackson had his first race at the season opener of the AMA West Hare Scramble Regional Championship Series. The race was hosted by the Polka Dot MC in Prairie City, Calif. He competed in the C-50, ages 4-6, class.

Parent's Perspective

Mike says his son essentially learned to walk by riding a bicycle.

"He sure does love riding," Mike says. "It's in everything he draws and everything he thinks about. It's also a great tool for school and behavior."

Mike says he raced years ago and got Jackson into riding motorcycles when he was 2 years old.

"I wasn't surprised when he wanted to race," he says. "But I was nervous."

In Jackson's Words

Jackson took a few minutes to tell us about his experience.

AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST: Why did you want to race?

JACKSON ADAMS Because my other buddies were racing and I wanted to race too, so I could get trophies. I was riding good on my trials bike, so I thought I'd do good in mud.

AM: What were you feeling on the starting line?

JA: I felt like I was going to get 20th place. I was waiting for all the fast kids to go, but then I just started going.

AM: What was the scariest part?

JA: When there was this really pointy hill... When I looked down, it looked like a cliff.

AM: What is your favorite piece of riding gear?

JA: My chest protector that is connected to my neck brace, it's like new technology or something.

AM: What would you tell other kids about racing?

JA: I would say I had fun racing. You should try it, too.

About Jackson

Age: 6

Hometown: San Carlos, Calif.

Disciplines Raced: Hare Scrambles

Bike: 2009 KTM 50cc Junior

AMA Member Tested

SLACKER DIGITAL SAG SCALE

Info: www.motool.co/product-p/slacker.htm

MSRP: \$139.99



By Luke Seigler

Checking the suspension sag on a dirt bike can be an awkward and time-consuming process,

especially without assistance.

To ease the process, particularly for individuals working alone, Motool has created a tool that makes it simple to do yourself.

Motool's Slacker Digital Sag Scale requires two AAA batteries. It includes easy-to-follow instructions, with a comprehensive overview that describes every feature.

One end of the measuring device mounts to the bike's axle with a strong, built-in magnet. The other hooks into a universal mounting bracket that attaches to the number plate or back fender.

Calibrating, or zeroing in, the device is simple and done with the push of a button. This allows quick and accurate measurements.

The digital display is bright and easy to read with a built-in backlight on the device and the remote display.

The remote display mounts to the handlebars, allowing you to read your sag measurement. The display does have to attach to the device itself using an auxiliary cable, which can possibly snag while you are getting on your bike.

The Slacker is an innovative device that allows you to check your bike's suspension sag quickly and accurately.

