

# ECEA 2005

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**VALLEY & COUNTRY / KTM SPORT MOTORCYCLES** #1  
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 Richard Lafferty \$2,000.00  
 Two Thousand DOLLARS  
 2005 ECEA ENDURO CHAMP. CONGRATS!

ECEA top three enduro winners Rich (and Ryder) Lafferty, Mike Bradway and Dale Sweigart accept their awards.

## The Banquet, 2006

We saw something this year at the ECEA banquet that we haven't seen at a banquet in many years—empty tables. Not necessarily because people didn't turn out for the event; there were 550 ECEA members and their families seated for dinner that night. No, it was because for the first time ever we actually booked into a place that was too large for our group. Hard to believe but true.

The venue this year was the Valley Forge Convention Center in the town of the same name, right where the Schuylkill Expressway meets the PA Turnpike. There are two hotels hooked to the Convention Center, the Radisson and the Scanticon, and the floor space of the center can be 108,000 square feet, if you want it. I'm sure you can't have it all unless you have really deep pockets, and we didn't need it anyhow. As it was, it was a difficult task to find the venue once there because the space allotted to the ECEA was two floors below the lobby of the Scanticon hotel. If you came from the lobby of the Radisson it was a half-mile walk through a maze of hallways to get to the stairs down to the site, plus there were at least three other events going on at the time, maybe more. We went from being too big for the places we'd contracted in the past, to being swallowed up by the area's major convention center. But that's okay, it gave us room to breathe for a change.

Displays were set up Saturday afternoon in a huge

room at the bottom of the aforementioned stairs, and a fair number of people came early to check out the new bikes and other vendors present. Plus, there's also the attraction that here's a non-threatening venue, out of the weather, to socialize, for once. The only downside was that it was 60 degrees outside, and anybody with any sense was out riding until nearly dark on that Saturday.

The festivities began at shortly after four o'clock in the afternoon in the main room, when Brian Hartem took the microphone and started work on the task of handing out all the awards to ECEA's Youth Hare Scrambles Series winners. And there were a lot of them, too; 128 class awards and a handful of special awards. Kudos have to go to Brian and his crew, because they handled the distribution of plaques, trophies and contingency awards like a well-oiled machine. The kids hare scrambles group also gets a round of applause for having two beautiful, well-dressed trophy girls again this year, Tara McGaha and Courtney Gift, but so far none of

the winners has been brave enough to take a kiss from either of them. Maybe it's better that way! Also, junior cheerleader Torie Whitney waved her pom poms all night, to the delight of the crowd.

Special awards included Tanner "Wildman" Thomas receiving a special award for winning four championships so far. The Fastest Girl award went to Kelsey Hartem, who just missed winning her class this year. Andrew "Mojo" Delong was the Youth overall winner, and Robbie Civiletti was the Peevee overall winner; and both of the overall winners also received cool embroidered jackets.

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### 2005 ECEA Enduro

#### Overall

1. Rich Lafferty	391
2. Michael Bradway	329
3. Dale Sweigart	233

#### AA

1. Fred Hoess	227
2. John Burgard Jr.	180
3. Brian Carden	164
4. Mike Sigety	149
5. James Aiello	130
6. Robert Mohn	103
7. Doug Allen II	88
8. Adam Garofano	83
9. Mike McHale	83
10. Wally Palmer	78

#### A 125

1. Charles Ciaurelli	325
2. David Nash	136

#### A 200

1. Ed Hamilton	324
2. Tom Kiritsis	280
3. Steven Kries	276
4. M. Dean Spencer	244
5. Ron DeCaro	241
6. Josh Yanchocik	231
7. Ronald Callahan Jr.	140
8. Matt Biedka	104
9. George Romeo Jr.	82
10. Doug Allen Sr.	74

#### A 250

1. Bob Solomon	372
2. Chase Compton	316
3. Michael Melniczuk	297
4. Dan Stoppi Jr.	289
5. Rob Trout	228
6. Ben Smith	204

#### A 300

7. Mark Schleeweis	178
8. David Scheumeister	104
9. Gabe Goodman	88
10. Karl Willis	86

#### A Open

1. Pat Emmons	369
2. Jay Dean	309
3. David Barnes	197
4. Troy McNomee	193
5. Ken Yankowski Jr.	151
6. Michael Crum	136
7. James Landvater	93
8. John Neffert Jr.	89
9. Wayne Scott Berry	83
10. Rick Stapleford	79

#### A Four Stroke

1. David Glenn	323
2. Brian Glenn	307
3. James Morris	282