

## Double Trouble

### YOU'RE IN TROUBLE . . .

1) When you switch to "reserve" and find you're already *on* reserve. 2) When you're trying to make up time on a good road and find a police car in front of you. 3) When you get an 18-inch tube in a box marked "21 inch." 4) When your kill button shorts out. 5) When you discover that the battery for your new scroll-timer costs nine dollars. 6) When you find your new used van has a two-inch trailer ball. 7) When you plug in your trailer at sundown and its wiring harness lights up like a toaster. 8) When your quick-release straps quick release as you hit a pothole. 9) When you open your cooler and find that the beer you've packed in ice is submerged in warm water. 10) When a policeman tells you your trailer turn signals disagree with your van's turn signals. 11) When you break the porcelain off your spark plug. 12) When the bike pins your leg to the ground and the gas cap comes off. 13) When the bike pins your leg to the ground in 18 inches of water. 14) When you pull a handgrip off while crossing a railroad trestle. 15) When you're crossing a railroad trestle and see a train coming. 16) When you give 30 points to your dad—and he beats you. 17) When you drop your front wheel over a log and bend the tail of the fender up against the frame. 18) When you get stung seven bucks for a vinyl tank-top scorecard holder. 19) When you hit a horrible bump and the seat comes off and passes you. 20) When your front wheel gets jammed solid by a half-dozen willow shoots at 20 miles an hour. 21) When you scoop up a bee between your helmet and your ear. 22) When you're dropping the float bowl and burn your throttle hand on the exhaust pipe. 23) When you shear the splines on your kick-start pedal. 24) When you get up at four in the morning, load the van, and drive 100 miles before you realize the event is NEXT week. 25) When you open the oil drain plug on your new used motorcycle and a dozen bearing balls come out with the oil. 26) When you ride over your head and your foot slips off the peg. 27) When you try to let some air out of a tire and the valve sticks open. 28) When you change a plug as fast as you can and realize you've put the old one back in. 29) When you call long distance for enduro information and the number listed on the entry form has been changed to unlisted. 30) When you try to park a van towing a trailer in a McDonald's parking lot. 31) When you're so tired you can't remember which side of the motorcycle the



kickstarter is on. 32) When the rider in front of you goes down while you're looking back over your shoulder. 33) When the chain breaks and you discover you're carrying the wrong size master links. 34) When you get skunked out of a trophy by a fellow riding your old motorcycle. 35) When you lose your scorecard. 36) When it takes you six hours to finish a four-hour enduro. 37) When it takes you six hours to finish a four-hour enduro and no one is around to jump-start your van, whose lights were on all day. 38) When you ride enduros for 17 years and never win a trophy.

### YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE . . .

1) When you switch to "reserve" and the valve pulls out of the bottom of the tank. 2) When you're trying to make up time on a good road and find a police car *behind* you. 3) When you find an 18-inch tube in a box marked "21 inch" after you've sliced the old tube into rubber bands. 4) When your kill button *won't* short out. 5) When you discover the nine-dollar battery in your new scroll-timer lasts 35 minutes. 6) When you find the two-inch trailer ball on your new used van is *welded* on. 7) When you plug in your trailer and the *van's* wiring harness lights up like a toaster. 8) When your quick-release straps won't release at all. 9) When you open your cooler and find five pounds of ice and a one-page "thank you" note. 10) When the policeman notices your trailer registration expired last July. 11) When you begin to realize you've broken the plug porcelain with your knee. 12) When the bike pins your leg to the ground, the gas cap comes off, and the engine is running wide open. 13) When the bike pins your leg to the ground in 18 inches of water that's flowing 20 miles an hour. 14) When you pull *both* handgrips off crossing a railroad trestle. 15) When you're crossing

a railroad trestle and *don't* see the train coming. 16) When you give 30 points to your sister and *she* beats you. 17) When you drop your front wheel over a log, bend the tail of the fender up against the frame and don't know about it until after the next turn. 18) When you spill fuel on your seven-dollar tank-top scorecard holder and it shrivels up like a piece of fried bacon. 19) When you hit a horrible bump, the seat comes off, and it doesn't pass you. 20) When you rip a half-dozen willow shoots out of your front wheel and one of them is the speedometer cable. 21) When you scoop up a bee between your helmet and your ear and *think* about it. 22) When you're dropping the float bowl and burn your throttle hand and you're holding the screws between your lips. 23) When you shear the splines on your kickstarter in the middle of a swamp. 24) When you get up at four in the morning, load the van and drive 100 miles before you realize the event was *last* week. 25) When you open the oil drain plug on your new used motorcycle and *nothing* comes out. 26) When you ride over your head and begin to *enjoy* it. 27) When you're trying to let air out of a tire and you're pushing on a rim lock. 28) When you tighten a plug 240 half-turns and it's getting *looser* all the time. 29) When you call long distance for information and a six-year-old girl answers the phone. 30) When you try to get a van towing a trailer out of a McDonald's lot. 31) When you're so tired you don't *care* which side of the motorcycle the kickstarter is on because you don't have enough strength to kick it over anyhow. 32) When you go down and the rider *behind* you is looking over his shoulder. 33) When the chain breaks and you can't find it. 34) When you get skunked out of a trophy by a fellow who is riding your old motorcycle and still owes you \$75. 35) When your scorecard is so bad you throw it away. 36) When it takes you six hours to finish a four-hour enduro and you've got such a late number no one is around to hear your war story. 37) When the only one around to help jump-start your van is Mel Downs, who wants \$5 front money for a 10-second crank. 38) When you ride enduros 17 years, win one trophy, and knock the windshield out as you put it in the car.

And you're in REALLY BIG trouble if you think I made these all up—I still have the bill for the windshield if you want to see it.

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