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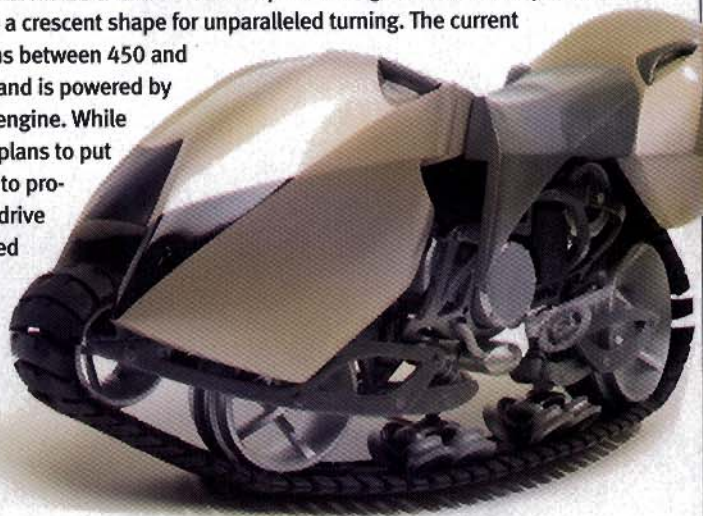
THUNDER VALLEY GOES BIG ON SPECTATING!

The Thunder Valley AMA Motocross National in Lakewood, Colorado, featured a new spectator-friendly addition: three massive live-action TV screens for the fans! Set in view of the main spectator hill, the immense JumboTrons featured live coverage of the races as they took place, ensuring that no one missed any action. The on-site broadcast was outstanding, and the overall buzz among fans was roaring. Let's hope this innovation arrives at other tracks in the future, because motocross sure makes for one heck of a show!



THE HYANIDE ALL-TERRAIN MOTORCYCLE

Dubbed Hyanide for its resemblance to a crouching hyena, this is a seriously radical concept bike. Designed by German engineers Oliver Keller and Tilmann Schlotz for the 2006 Michelin Challenge, the concept is a personal ATV that can tackle any terrain; sand, mud or snow can't stop it. Designed to run on a plastic, Kevlar and rubber flexible track and achieve speeds up to 85 mph, the vehicle is steered by both hands and feet. This unique steering method actually twists the machine into a crescent shape for unparalleled turning. The current design weighs between 450 and 650 pounds and is powered by a 500cc ATV engine. While there are no plans to put the design into production, the drive system caused quite a commotion in the auto industry.



KIDS' ELECTRIC TRIALS BIKE!

A great new way for kids to learn the riding ropes is on the quality-built electric trials bike by OSET. We tested two of them and were impressed. They weigh less than 60 pounds each with smooth power and are nearly silent! They are great for young riders. Read the full test in the new issue of *Mini Rider* (www.minirider.com for subscriptions) or go to www.osetbikes.com for more info.

TEAM USA WINS HILLCLIMB WORLD TROPHY IN FRANCE

Twenty-year-old Jason Smith pocketed \$12,000 for the individual win at the 2006 Hillclimb World Trophy event in Decazeville, France. He was one of only four riders who made it over the nasty 550-foot stretch that the French call *Montée Impossible*. His winning run was 21.4 seconds, which was 4.1 seconds faster than runner-up Stephane Pierrel of France. Smith was joined on the U.S. team by Travis Whitlock, Dave Watson and brothers Robie and Bret Peterson, whose combined scores were good enough for the overall team win. At the event, there were some crazy contraptions on the purpose-built hillclimb bikes. One bike sported a retro-fit front-wheel-drive system made from a chain saw. Some guys will build anything!

