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Christini's Enduro Debut

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Ron Lucas, of Christini All Wheel Drive Motorcycles, and the entire Christini off-road team, showed up for the opening round of the AMA National Enduro Series in Gilmer, Texas, February 4, where the two-wheel-drive machine would make its National Enduro debut.

"We have two young, up-and-coming riders, Ben Smith and Joe Giordano, who are going to ride the National Enduro

Series," Lucas said. "They are both riding CRF250Rs [fitted with the all-wheel-drive system]. We will also be at select GNCC events and some National Hare Scrambles and some local East Coast enduros."

After thorough testing, the Honda-based Christini motorcycles are heading to the showroom floors.

"The bikes are now going into production



and they are available to the public," Lucas said. "The first models will be released the first week of March, and we are taking orders, and we are also working on a dealer network."

Lucas talked a little about how the all-wheel-drive system worked. "The Christini has a double countershaft sprocket and a

Joe Giordano rode the Honda-powered all-wheel-drive Christini motorcycle to a third-place finish in the Open A class at the Gilmer National Enduro in Texas.

chain that runs up underneath the gas tank to a gearbox, and the gearbox has a drive-shaft that runs up into the steering head. In the steering head, we have gears that turn gears inside the lower triple clamp, which in turn, turn the two driveshafts, which go down to the drop-outs in the forks. It is a fully mechanical system that only takes away one-tenth of the horsepower on the dyno and weighs just 15 pounds. It is very simple to work on and can be adjusted and maintained by anyone.

"What we are offering is a frame kit for the Honda," he said. "You take your existing Honda, buy our frame kit, and we do a core on the frame and the forks, and we send you a new frame and forks. So you use your motor and wheels. We are also currently prototyping a KTM."

Giordano finished third in the Open A class.

For more information about the Christini All Wheel Drive Motorcycles, visit www.christini.com.

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