

NETA Observer

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A Note from the Prez:

The Annual meeting and Banquet is about 3 1/2 months away.

This year the Annual Meeting and Banquet will be in NOVEMBER on the 20th mark your calendar. Same place and same time, Invites will follow soon.

Rule changes etc:

The Board asks that you send your change or proposal into the Board no later than October 24th, this will give us a chance to look them over and to check the Rulebook to see if the change is already in place. This worked very well last year. If you can't seem to get it to us before the Meeting then PLEASE have it in writing at the meeting so we can introduce it the way you want it. This way there will be nothing missed in the wording of your change.

Regards,

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2010 Schedule

Date	Location	Club	Event Type
Sept 4th & 5th	Highgate, VT	Green Mtn Plonkers	NETA Points
Sept 25th	Exeter, RI	RITC	Vintage
Sept 26th	Exeter, RI	RITC	NETA Points
October 3rd	Exeter, RI	RITC	NETA Points
October 9th & 10th	Northville, NY	CATRA	NETA Points
November 7th	Meriden, CT	Meriden M/C	NETA Points

5th Annual New England Vintage Trials Championship Presented by the RITC September 25th 11:00 am Start

The location in Exeter marks the site of the first-ever round of the World Trials Championship in 1975, and much of the same terrain will be used for this year's event. There will be three classes for riders of different ability (expert, intermediate, and novice), and the difficulty of the sections will match the rider's skill level. There will also be separate sections that will cater to vintage sidecars and for beginner riders. Riders will tackle 8 sections and make 3 laps of the course. Riders of modern machines are also invited to participate if they want to sharpen their riding skills and enjoy the challenging sections. Spectacular trophies for this year - made by Professional Cabinet maker Gordon Brennan. \$30 entry fee, which includes a raffle at the end of the event and a great looking T-shirt! AMA Membership is required. A NETA event will follow on Sunday September 26th.



2010 East Coast Youth National
Trials Training Center, Sequatchie, TN
By: Austin Gray

I had an awesome time at the 2010 East Coast Youth National in Tennessee. First of all, we didn't go straight to Tennessee. We left early and spent some time in Atlanta, Georgia. First we went to the Georgia Aquarium; the world's biggest. Then we went to the Coca-Cola factory, which was also a lot of fun. The most exciting was Six Flags over Georgia.

After several, very hot, fun-filled days in Atlanta, we drove to the Trials Training Center in Tennessee for a few days of practice prior to the competition. Fortunately, the 100 degree heat wave broke just as we arrived with temps dropping to the high 80's with low humidity and no rain for the duration of our stay. The first day of practicing I injured



my arm. While riding up a steep hill the bike looped out, the bike and I rolled down the hill and I ended up with the skid plate by my face and the rear tire spinning against my forearm. I was very fortunate that I just lost a patch of the top layer of skin on my forearm. My dad bandaged it up great so I could practice the next day and compete the following three. On the second day of practice, my Dad and I tagged along with Chase Harker's class.

Chase is a very talented rider and teacher. Chase taught us the proper technique for hill climbs, Zaps and Jap Zaps. Next, there was the competition.

This year I moved up to the B class (for 12 & 13yr olds) and rode the 1-Line, which is the Championship line for this class. The competition was a lot of fun overall with most of the sections being very challenging. The 1-line was significantly more difficult than 2-line I rode last year. For example, on the first day of the competition I smashed all the toes on my left foot in section 4. This section had a rocky approach to an angled undercut rock that required a precise zap. The section was practically impossible without a 3 or a 5. All of the other sections, though still difficult, were fun and doable. In the end, I managed to get first place all three days and win the Championship class. Of course this wouldn't have been possible without the support of my family and friends from NETA. It was nice to see the McCann's and McKenna's there this year, as well as many of the other riders that I became friends with last year. I really had a blast at this year's East Coast Youth National in TN and can't wait till next year's event.



Scores from the Last Event

7/11 Exeter, RI

Champ:

1. Gary Bourque, 26
2. Daniel Allen, 50
3. David Aldo Jr, 63

Expert:

1. Steven Decubellis, 65.5
2. Darren Lane, 90
3. Peter Blake Jr, 93
4. Michael Leonard, 95

Advanced:

1. Wayne Galvin, 17
2. Keith Dumaine, 23
3. Kyle Blake Jr, 34
4. James Mason, 125

Senior Advanced:

1. Charles Zayat, 62
2. Joe Murray, 73

Intermediate:

1. Abram Lefebvre, 48
2. John Donovan, 59
3. Chris Casadei, 70
4. Joe Belliveau, 80
5. Greg Formichelli, 86

Senior A:

1. Jason Thibodeau, 1
2. David Aldo Sr, 31
3. Roger Durno, 33
4. Trebor Heminway, 44
5. Steve Tougias, 45

Sportsman:

1. Robert Gifun, 41
2. Craig Tyer, 63
3. Brian Pirro, 97
4. Adam Ouellette, 121

Novice:

1. Ken Muckenhoupt, 24
2. Jeremy Barrett, 40

Senior B:

1. Bill McCormick, 31
2. Peter Blake Sr, 31
3. Alan Gasbarro, 32
4. Peter McGuirk, 39
5. Tim MacLeod, 42

Senior C:

1. Dick Bouchard, 8
2. Ron Caracoglia, 16
3. Philippe Cordina, 32

Vintage:

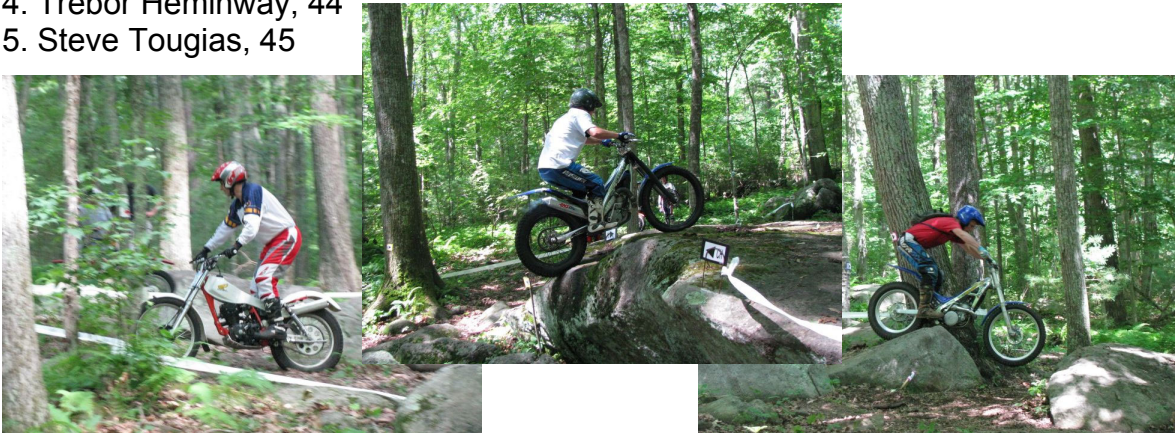
1. Steven Christensen, 26
2. Robert Bendix, 57

Rookie:

1. Ian Durno, 47

Youth A:

1. Alex MacConnell, 11
2. Jon Jessup, 23



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