

NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

2004 Schedule changes

April 2004

A few changes have been made to the 2004 schedule since the banquet back in December.

- The May 2 event in Arundel, Maine organized by the Seacoast Trials Club has been cancelled because of land-use issues.
- The May 23 event in Chepachet, Rhode Island organized by the Rhody Rovers has been cancelled because the land has been sold for development.
- The July 11 event in Dedham, Maine organized by the Blood Mountain Trials Club has been expanded to a two-day event—Saturday July 10 and Sunday July 11. Mark Holyoke is the trialsmaster for the Saturday event.
- The August 8 event in Foxboro, Mass organized by the King Phillip Trial Riders has been added to the schedule.

RITC Fun Trial April 18

Bill Jessup and the Rhode Island Trials Club will once again be giving us a chance to shake off those winter cobwebs with a Fun Trial at Smith's Berry Farm, 320 Shermantown Road, North Kingston on Sunday April 18.

Sign-up starts at 8:00 am, and the event starts at 11:00 am. Entry fee is a \$20 donation. This event is not NETA sanctioned. Bill promises an easy loop for beginners. For more information, you can reach Bill at (401) 792 3812 or email him at scorpal22@yahoo.com.

Directions are available on the NETA web site at www.newenglandtrials.org.

NHIS Preview

John Rodis is organizing a USCRA vintage trial at New Hampshire International Speedway on May 23 in conjunction with the combined vintage car/bike race weekend at the speedway. John's event includes Modern Support classes as well as Vintage Classes; however, the event is not NETA sanctioned. Modern support lines include Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.

The speedway is on Route 106 in Loudon, New Hampshire, northeast of Concord. John invites you to "Come and see the trials site for the August 1st NETA event! Great sections, fun ride for all classes."

For more info: www.race-uscra.com

For New Hampshire International Speedway: www.nhis.com

(The June 12 USCRA vintage weekend at Gunstock, New Hampshire, which included a vintage trial, has been cancelled.)

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New England Youth Trials Team, update from Dave Allen

Could the next Bernie Schrieber be here in New England? We may never know it. The only way the US could produce another World Champion would be to get kids involved in trials at an early age. This means supporting youth classes at local NETA events and also the Youth National.

The 2004 Youth National and U.S. Women's Open are scheduled for July 2, 3, and 4 of this year at the Trials Training Center, 30 minutes west of Chattanooga, TN. New England had a great showing last year with 11 kids competing against kids from all over the country. Our New England team took first place to boot!

This event is open to kids between the ages of 6 to 14 (age as of January 1st of this year). There are different lines (difficulty levels) for the age groups. Beginners of any age groups may ride the line most fitting to their ability, but to compete for the Championship, they must ride the line designated for their age class.

This year the TTC (Trials Training Center) is opening a trials camp on June 28th plus a scheduled Bicycle Trials Camp with Ot Pi of Spain July 4-11th. Check out <http://www.trialstrainingcenter.com> for updates.

If your kids have potential, or you know of kids with an interest in trials, by all means come on down. The kids have a blast! They will be kept busy all week. Top riders are there to help with workshops and demonstrations and some of the best trials terrain in the country. It is a fun time for the whole family, ask anybody who went last year!

NETA members have donated and helped to make this trek possible. In addition Ronny Como and I plan to do some fund raising and raffles between now and then. Any donations would be appreciated. I have room in my trailer for additional bikes if you have other travel arrangements. Call me with any questions 508-285-6074 or email me at trialsriders@hotmail.com.

Extracted from the TTC web site: Summer Camp and Youth Nationals + U.S. Women's Open June 28 - July 4. The Youth Nationals and U.S. Women's Open will be July 2-4, 2004, and we'll also be planning a trials camp (especially for kids but open to all) during the week of June 28 - July 1. The camp will have lots of riding and instruction, swimming, and outings to nearby attractions. Look for more details soon!

Ot Pi Bicycle Camp and NATS National Bike Trial July 4-11

The 2nd annual summer bicycle trials camp with World Champ Ot Pi of Spain will be held during the week of July 4-10, followed by a national championship Bicycle Trial on July 11.

The inaugural event last summer was a smash hit, so Ot has agreed to come again! A unique opportunity for bicycle enthusiasts to learn from the many times world champ! Maybe he'll jump his bike off the house again.

Testing the new Junior Class

Jack Heminway and a small group including Dave Allen, Paul Royce, Dan Williams, and Jareth Johnson are working on a possible plan to implement Kids Trials at some of the 2004 NETA events. Trials for kids from 6- to 14-years old is rapidly taking hold across the USA and is recognized as the only way US riders can achieve parity with European trials riders.

At this time, we are asking Trialsmasters of the NETA clubs to consider adding the **Junior class** to future events. Our initial thinking is to make this idea easy to implement by making use of existing sections including the beginner sections and Novice B lines.

Dave Allen will introduce the new Junior class at his RITC event at Stepping Stone Ranch on June 27. Juniors will ride the Novice B line, but will only ride three loops.

If this works out well, we hope to add more Junior classes next year. Trialsmasters or interested parents should contact Jack if you have questions or comments. He can be reached at jackheminway@comcast.net or at 603 895 3785.

2004 NETA Schedule

Date	Club	Location
April 3,4	NATC National	Trials Training Center, Tennessee
April 18	Fun Trial, Rhode Island Trials Club	North Kingston, RI
May 7	Seacoast Trials Club	Arundel, Maine Cancelled
May 16	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT
May 23	Rhody Rovers	Chepachet, RI Cancelled
May 23	USCRA Vintage Trial with Modern Support	NHIS, Loudon, NH
May 29, 30	NATC National	Cotopaxi, Colorado
June 5, 6	US World Round	Duluth, Minnesota
June 27	Rhode Island Trials Club	Exeter, RI
July 2, 3, 4	Youth Nationals, Women's Open	Trials Training Center, Tennessee
July 10, 11	Blood Mountain Trials	Dedham, ME Two-day event
July 17 (Friday)	AHRMA Mid-Ohio Vintage Trials	Lexington, Ohio
August 1	Rock And Roll Trials Club	NHIS, Loudon, NH
August 8	King Philip Trail Riders	Foxboro, MA
August 14,15'	NATC National	Donner, CA
August 22	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT
August 28, 29	NATC National	Enon, Ohio
September 4, 5	NATC National	Highgate, VT
September 19	Rhode Island Trials Club	Exeter, RI
October 3	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT
October 10	Capital Area Trial Riders, District 3	Northville, NY

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NETA Reminders

- You must wear a helmet when riding on the day of the event. That means during the event, when riding over to registration, when practicing, and when trying out your buddy's new bike.
- New AMA, NATC, and NETA rules require you to wear a long-sleeved shirt while competing.
- Insurance regulations require you to carry a fire extinguisher in your vehicle in the pit area.

Don't forget that the AMA trials rules are supplemental to NETA's rules. You should be familiar with the AMA's rules as well as the NETA rule book.

The NETA logo has been redesigned for the 21st century thanks to President, Jareth Johnson and to Fred Eich. We will have stickers for sale with the new logo at the first event in Meriden. Price is \$2.00.

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