

NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

April 2011

A Note from the Board:

Hi everyone, we hope everyone had a good and safe winter.

Our season will start soon, so let's get your Letter of Intent into Steve, this would help a lot. As you know it can be hectic at the first event. If you are going to the RITC school, then you can sign up then. Please print a copy of the letter and have it ready to go. Thanks.

There are 8 events on the calendar, which means only one (1) work event and (1) throw away per our rules for this year. Remember, the cutoff date for adding an event is April 15th.

So let's get our bikes and gear ready to go for another fun filled season. Good Luck to all.

Regards,
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2011 Schedule (so far)

Date	Location	Club	Event Type
April 10th	Exeter, RI	RITC	School for beginner/intermediate
April 17th	Wrentham, MA	King Philip	NETA Points
May 15th	Meriden, CT	Meriden M/C	NETA Points
May 22nd	Brimfield, MA	Springfield M/C	NETA Points
June 5th	Exeter, RI	RITC	NETA Points
September 11th	Exeter, RI	RITC	NETA Points
October 8th & 9th	Northville, NY	CATRA	NETA Points
October 30th	Meriden, CT	Meriden M/C	NETA Points
January 28 th , 2012	Auburn, MA	Auburn Elks Club	Annual Meeting/Banquet

Ten Trials Tips & Tricks:

1. **Wet boots** – Stuff them with newspaper and they will be much dryer the next day. You will be amazed at how much water gets absorbed by the paper. (This is an old European rider trick.)
2. **Broken levers** – Wrap Teflon tape around the bar under the perch clamp. You can tighten down the clamp and the lever will stay put unless you really crash hard.
3. **Tie down strap pulls out of keeper** – This can be really frustrating as it's almost impossible to rethread the strap back in. An easy way to do this is to use a piece of duct tape and make a tab on the end of the strap. You can now easily thread the strap into the keeper.
4. **Modifying grips for bar ends** – Use Renthal Road Racing grips. They have a hole already cut on the end. They come in soft, med, and hard and are the exactly the same compound and size as the trials grips.
5. **Bar ends fall out** – Use silicon gasket maker and coat the insert prior to installing.
6. **Grip glue** – Not needed. You can safety wire the grips in 2 or 3 places. Use stainless steel wire and a safety wire twister.
7. **Bead breaker** – Harbor Freight has an \$19.95 motorcycle tire bead breaker that will do the job.
8. **Seating tire beads** – Store new rear tires with a tube installed. This keeps the sidewall out and makes for easy seating. Warm tires seat easier than cold ones.
9. **Inflating tires** – Make an inflator out of an air gun modified with a 1/4" fitting on the tip. Use 10' of 1/4" urethane tubing and attach to the barbed fitting. Remove the valve core and slip the tube over the tire stem. This allows maximum volume of air to go into the tire. Use dish soap on the bead and keep your distance once the bead begins to seat.
10. **Contaminated brake pads** – Drag the brakes until the disk is almost red then immediately douse the disk and caliper with a garden hose. You should feel a noticeable improvement.

Trials Across the Pond

Q&A with David Chick, member of the Taunton Motor Club in the UK



How did your club get started?

The Taunton Motor Club was founded in 1910. Catered then for cars and bikes. There are archive photos of gatherings of the members in the Town Centre prior to event - up to 100 members in the picture!

The Club was active before WW2 and immediately afterwards with Observation Trials and Scrambles and Car Trials events too. The Club ran National Permit Trials and Scrambles in the 50's. We had many solid silver Trophies to award winners with - some

donated by the British Motorcycle manufactures - like the Famous James Cup.

In 1960 the Car side split off into the Taunton Motor Club and The bikes formed Taunton Motor Cycle Club. The split was as result of a 'falling out' between the Cars side and the Bike side. As usual it was over 'Money' !!! - the Bike side was making it with gate paying racing and the Car lads were spending it and not contributing to the pot.

How many members do you have? What is the age range? Any women riders?

We have about 120 members. I joined the Club in 1963 (I'm 69 this year) Hell - get me some entry forms quickly! Ages range from 14 to 75 years. There are only 3 ladies regularly competing in this area in the closed ground events.

What classes do you have at events?

We have classes for Experts, Clubman Experts, Clubman, Novices, Over 50 yrs old, 'pre '65 machines, Twinshock bikes, Youth A, B, and C.

How many events do you generally have per year?

We have about 9 events a year. Some small events - up to 50 riders and one large event - 160 entries, always oversubscribed.

How many loops do you typically ride at events? What is the length of the course, typically?

The small events are run on a 3 lap circuit (up to 3 miles long with 10 sections per lap) on closed ground and all off the road. We have dual routes (easy and hard) for the various classes of bike and rider and for 'pre 1965 manufactured machines. I ride a 500cc Ariel HT at the moment. The big event we run is on a large single lap of 65 miles with 25 sections, and most of the route off the road in forestry and unsurfaced tracks in an area near here called Exmoor National Park.

We charge £26 to enter the 65 mile event which takes about 7 hours of continuous riding. There are classes for trail bikes and trials bikes. We usually have a few ladies enter this event.



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SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2011

LOCATED AT

WRENTHAM DEVELOPMENT CENTER
NORTH STREET WRENTHAM, MA

11 AM - 3 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

\$5.00 PARKING DONATION

SPECTATORS FREE

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DIRECTIONS

From Rt 495 take exit 15 Route 1A. Go north on Rt 1A through Wrentham Center. Stay on 1A an additional 3 ½ miles to a left on North Street go ¼ mile Trials is on the right. for map go to <http://www.kingphiltrailriders.com/>

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