

# NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

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A note from the Prez:

Hi everyone, hope you all had a safe and happy holiday!

The trials season will be here before we know it. There are 7 events on the schedule right now but should be another one coming. Remember after April 15th no events can be added to the schedule, per our new rule. So lets get the gear cleaned up the bike serviced and make plans to ride. The new schedule, release forms and rulebook are on the web, take a look. Good luck.

Regards,  
Bill

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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
June 5th	Exeter, RI	RITC	NETA Points
September 11th	Exeter, RI	RITC	NETA Points
October 8th & 9th	Northville, NY	CATRA	NETA Points

#### April 10th School, Hosted by RITC in Exeter, RI

Contact: Bill McCormick (401-732-2246 or email on NETA website) for a spot, limited to 40 riders.

Start time: 8:30 AM till 3:30 PM

Open to New riders, Youth and anyone that rides the NOVICE sections. (ONLY)

A MUST HAVE: "Trials bike", Helmet, riding or rugged work boots. A pair of gloves would help.

\$10.00 donation, bring a lunch and drinks.

School will cover basic riding skills:

Off camber, up & down rocks, hills, over logs, rocks, and much more including bike set-up.

After lunch, there will be sections to ride and you will be shown how to pick lines.

So get your spot quick, come and have fun!

#### Announcement from Louise Forsley

For those who weren't at the banquet for my public speaking debut here's the scoop. Sherco has given me a warm welcome back with a lot of team support that includes use of their trials exhibition show trailer. I am busily working on contacts in the South and Western parts of the US where I will be training and working with the show trailer. I am planning on coming back to New England for spring and summer to present shows in this area. My promo package is almost complete and I would love your support in spreading the word. My promo videos are on youtube. I also have a new adventure with KTM as a sponsored rider. I plan to compete in all of the trials nationals and some of the enduro nationals as well. Here's my contact information: cell #401-626-1613 email: [lforsley49@hotmail.com](mailto:lforsley49@hotmail.com) and also on Facebook.

## Q&A with Louise Forsley



1. How did you get started riding trials?

Like most women in trials, it was all my Dad's doing. He started riding in '99 and in '01, and when I was big enough, I tried his Scorpa 250. I rode it in the fun event at the Smith Berry Farm and was hooked after that.

2. What do you like most about trials?

I think trials is a beautiful sport, when done correctly. Watching top-level riders like Bou, Cabestany, and Pat Smage brings tears to my eyes. It takes a lot of hardwork and practice to get to be a good trials rider, which is all part of the fun. Achieving new techniques, balancing better, and moving up to harder classes is a great feeling. I like that there is always room for improvement. It's great exercise also!

3. What are your plans for this year?

This year I am focusing on doing trials shows. I would also like to do more enduro racing and try endurocross. Since I am sponsored by KTM this year I have the means to do this racing so I would like to make the most of it. I will ride the NATC series and go to the TdN as well. I will try to do as many NETA events, schedule permitting. But my main goal is to have FUN through this awesome motorcycle adventure!

4. Do you have any other hobbies besides trials?

I really like anything with wheels... all types of motorcycling, bicycling, and unicycling. I am becoming more social with age lol... and have been enjoying hanging out with friends. I guess traveling is a hobby also since I really enjoy it and try to go as much as possible now. Funny because I used to hate it... that must be changing with age also.



5. Do you have any advice for young, up-and-coming riders?

Keep it FUN, with a goal in mind! Doing things for cross training is really helpful too, like bicycle trials or dirt bike riding. Doing a variety of things can help keep it fresh.

## **Changes for 2011 from the NETA Annual Meeting**

- A motion was made to make loop arrows indicating the next section number mandatory. It was decided to make this a suggestion, not a rule.
- A motion was made to mark gate signs with yellow ribbons if obstructed at rear or sides. It was decided to make this a suggestion, not a rule.
- Several suggestions to improve visibility of gates were made and will be added to Trialsmaster's guide.
- A motion was made that anyone riding exhibition will not receive event/year end points or awards. Motion passed.
- A motion was made not to add any new events after April 15th. Motion passed.
- A motion was made to change the current 2 mandatory work day rule. Motion passed. The requirement will now be 1 work day for 8 (or less) events in a season and 2 work days for 9 events (or more) to be eligible for year end points.
- A motion was made to move the annual meeting to January. Motion passed. Establishing a date will continue to be left up to the NETA President.
- A motion was made to re-establish a "best event" award. Motion passed. Establishing the best mechanism was left up to the discretion of the NETA board.

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