

Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

Jack Heminway 2006 Youth Trials School

May 2006

On Sunday, April 23, 2006, from 10 am to 5 pm, Tim and Lisa Thorp hosted the first Jack Heminway 2006 Youth Trials School at their home in Cumberland, RI. The school was dedicated to Jack for being the primary force behind establishing a youth class and for suggesting a youth school.

In attendance at the school were eight New England youngsters:

Austin Gray, 8	Dominic Parente, 6
Jacob Scharf, 8	Lexi Scharf, 12
Lindsay Nichols, 7	Max Beaupre, 6
Monica Nichols, 12	Robbie Thorp, 8

Torrin Thorp, 2 going on 5

According to Max, "It was the best day of my life!" The day was divided into learning sessions, practice sessions and fun activities.

Students learned about bike safety, protective clothing, body position, turning, braking, wheelies and roll-ups. Jack handed out prizes to each child for asking smart questions and answering tough questions.

A fun atmosphere was provided with balloons, a pizza and a chocolate "trials" cake. Each child received a participation trophy and was involved in the school photo as well.

Most importantly they had fun learning, practicing and trying things they couldn't imagine doing. In the afternoon was a 1.5 hour guided "big trail ride" in which each rider conquered the impossible: getting over a 15 inch log that blocked the trail, crossing a 6 inch deep and 30 foot wide stream, and reaching the top of a long uphill that looked like Mount Everest to them.

Their smiles, increased confidence and personal achievements were our indications that the day was a success.



Warm Regards,
Tim and Lisa Thorp

Danny Allen in fine form at Smith's Berry Farm, May 7. Danny has won the Expert class at both NETA events this year.

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Results from Round 1 of the New England Trials Association Regional Championship.
Meriden Motorcycle Club, Meriden, Connecticut.
April 30, 2006

Expert: 1. Daniel Allen 28; 2. Louise Forsley 36; 3. Albert Parente 46; 4. Keith Dumaine 54; 5. Charlie Ives 82; 6. Robin Farmer 93.

Advanced: 1. Max Parks 8; 2. William Altman 13; 3. Ryder Schnaithmann 22; 4. Ryan Bottesi 23; 5. Michael Merrihew 29; 6. Kevin Moran 31; 7. Randy McCann 31; 8. Mike Leonard 37; 9. John Altman 40; 10. Stephen Forsley 40; 11. Scott Striby 43; 12. Bill Ross 44; 13. Jeffrey Salois 45; 14. Wayne Galvin 49; 15. Louis Gagliano 53; 16. David Aldo Jr. 54; 17. Tony Cipolla 70.

Intermediate: 1. Abram Lefebvre 19; 2. Rick Fecteau 27; 3. Caroline Altman 31; 4. Daniel Pulling 35; 5. Scott Greer 39; 6. Brad Williams 41; 7. Caroline Allen 43; 8. Donald McCabe 54; 9. Ronald Arms 54; 10. Luis Colom 55; 11. James Mason 90; 12. Charles Gray 96.

Novice: 1. Craig Buonanni 18; 2. Doug Claar 25; 3. Erik Carlson 31; 4. Thomas Hall 33; 5. William J. Jessop Jr. 40; 6. Shawn Phelps 42; 7. Amanda Ives 45; 8. Spencer Carey 52; 9. Mike Lamontagne 61; 10. Chris Crooks 80; 11. Steve Freeman 146.

Senior Advanced: 1. John Gallant 15; 2. Vern Merrihew III 21; 3. John Beaupre 28; 4. Joe Antonelli 31; 5. David Aldo Sr. 38; 6. Dave Allen 43.

Senior A: 1. Joe Murray 14; 2. Peter Lacagnina 15; 3. Butch Ives 21; 4. Steve Tougias 26; 5. Hub Brennan 28; 6. Carl Swanson 30; 7. Bob Doyle 40; 8. Mike Felano 48; 9. Pierre Turcotte 49; 10. Kerry Coon 53; 11. Robert Kwalek 59; 12. Mike Sciocchetti 59; 13. Ray Constantino 73.

Senior B: 1. Steven Christensen 5; 2. George Truesdale 6; 3. Bill McCormick 6; 4. John Rodis 10; 5. Manuel Papworth 12; 6. Mark Lundgren 14; 7. Brad Higgins 15; 8. John Cobb 16; 9. Richard Bouchard 18; 10. Mark Freeman 20; 11. Vern Merrihew Jr. 20; 12. Tom Butland 23; 13. Ron Delgado 28; 14. William Bonneau 28; 15. Leo F. O'Shea 29; 16. Dennis Moran 29; 17. Justin Krause 29; 18. Alan Carey 30; 19. Dennis Ouellette 33; 20. Yves Dorceus 54; 21. Ron Caracoglia 54; 22. Sam Singer 101; 23. Brian Plouffe 104.

Junior: Tyler Merrihew 28.

Beginner: 1. Peter Blake Sr. 0; 2. David Samuelman Jr. 4; 3. Michael Samuelman Jr. 7; 4. Robert Thorp 9; 5. Kyle Blake 11; 6. Peter Blake Jr. 16; 7. Lily Altman 28.

Youth 8/9: 1. Austin Gary 19.

Pee Wee: 1. Lindsay Nichols 1; 2. Max Beaupre 2; 3. Brandon Barlow 22; 4. Tyler Pandolfo 28.

Round 2, New England Trials Association 2006 Regional Championship
Smith Berry Farm, North Kingston, Rhode Island
Rhode Island Trials Club

May 7, 2006

Expert: 1. Daniel Allen 10; 2. Louise Forsley 13; 3. Albert Parente 14; 4. Darren Lane 19; 5. Steven Decubellis 30; 6. Robin Farmer 52.

Advanced: 1. Jason Phillips 12; 2. Ryder Schnaithmann 19; 3. Kevin Moran 20; 4. Max Parks 24; 5. Mike Leonard 32; 6. Frank Richard 32; 7. William Altman 34; 8. Wayne Galvin 36; 9. Scott Striby 47; 10. Randy McCann 58; 11. Ryan Bottesi 59; 12. David Aldo Jr. 59; 13. Michael Merrihew 64; 14. Stephen Forsley 69; 15. John Altman 73; 16. Bill Ross 77; 17. Robert Cavaleri 77; 18. Tony Cipolla 79; 19. Louis Gagliano 83.

Intermediate: 1. Abram Lefebvre 13; 2. Mike Caracoglia 21; 3. Rick Fecteau 25; 4. Caroline Allen 29; 5. Caroline Altman 30; 6. Donald McCabe 53; 7. James Mason 61; 8. Luis Colom 70; 9. Charles Gray 95.

Novice: 1. Craig Buonanni 19; 2. Doug Claar 20; 3. Shawn Phelps 39; 4. Jeff Gott 39; 5. Mike Green 44; 6. Spencer Carey 47; 7. Mark Leipert 52; 8. James Mario 114; 9. Ethan Cobb 118; 10. Steve Singer 121.

Senior Advanced: 1. Vern Merrihew III 26; 2. John Gallant 34; 3. Joe Antonelli 38; 4. David Aldo Sr. 55; 5. Jack Tierney 65; 6. Dave Allen 68.

Senior A: 1. Jason Thibodeau 2; 2. Joe Murray 4; 3. Hub Brennan 11; 4. Steve Tougias 13; 5. Peter Lacagnina 15; 6. John DiMeo 18; 7. Mike Reed 19; 8. Bob Doyle 35; 9. Alan Gasbarro 43; 10. Mike Felano 51; 11. Mike Sciocchetti 51; 12. Robert Kwalek 53; 13. Jack Heminway 73; 14. Ray Constantino 93.

Senior B: 1. Steven Christensen 2; 2. George Truesdale 3; 3. John Rodis 6; 4. John Cheresko 6; 5. John Cobb 8; 6. Bill McCormick 13; 7. George Eddy 15; 8. Dan Williams 16; 9. Manuel Papworth 17; 10. Tom Butland 18; 11. Ron Delgado 20; 12. Richard Bouchard 22; 13. Dennis Ouellette 23; 14. Justin Krause 24; 15. Jeff Lundgren 24; 16. Dennis Moran 28; 17. Alan Carey 29; 18. Mark Lundgren 31; 19. Vern Merrihew Jr. 43; 20. Ron Caracoglia 54.

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2006 NETA Schedule (NETA events are in bold and start at 11am. See www.newenglandtrials.org for directions.)

Date	Club	Location and Trialsmaster
May 19-21	Youth, AMA National, and FIM World Round	Trials Training Center, Sequatchie, TN
June 10	Rock And Roll Trials Club Vintage Trial (11am)	Salisbury, NH Dennis Ouellette, (207) 698 3753
June 11	Rock And Roll Trials Club	Salisbury, NH Jareth Johnson, (207) 604 2323
July 1-3	Youth Nationals	Trials Training Center, Sequatchie, TN
July 28	AHRMA Vintage Trial Mid-Ohio	Lexington, OH
August 6	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT Steve Nichols, (203) 245-1304
August 13	King Philip Trail Riders	Foxboro, MA Abe Lefebvre; (401)726-9854
August 26-27	Rhode Island Trials Club	NATC/AMA National Event: Smith Berry Farm, North Kingston, RI
September 2-3	Green Mountain Plonkers	Highgate, VT Rick Fecteau (802)872-5897
September 16	Rhode Island Trials Club Vintage Trial (9am) and Stepping Stone Challenge (1pm)	Exeter, RI Dave Allen, (508)285-6074
September 17	Rhode Island Trials Club	Exeter, RI Dave Allen, (508)285-6074
October 7-8	Capital Area Trial Riders	Northville, NY Peter Lacagnina, (518)393-3521
October 22	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT George Eddy, (203)237-2377

FREE T-SHIRTS – CHECKERS NEEDED



The **Green Mountain Plonkers** is looking to give away a free Club T-Shirt to anyone who signs up to check 1 or both days of our 2 day NETA event on Sept 2 and 3. The only catch is you need to notify us before August 1st.

Contact Rick Fecteau at: info@greenmountainplonkers.org and don't forget to tell me you shirt size. Thank you in advance.

Note from the President

The first two events were a great success. Wow, over 90 riders at each event and little or no long lines. It takes a lot of effort for the Clerk of the Course to set the level of difficulty in the sections at a level where they are challenging and interesting while allowing the newer riders to enjoy their day of riding. Well done to the Clerks and everyone who worked on these events in the Meriden Motorcycle Club and the Rhode Island Trials Club.

For the next few weeks we will take some time off so our members can attend the nationals and the World Round in Tennessee. I know many of you are planning on helping out with checking and or riding the national. This will be a great event to attend and I am sure the organizer are very happy to have some of the best checkers in trials assisting with their event.

Speaking of checkers I will be coordinating the checkers for the nationals in Rhode Island in August. Sometime near the end of this month or early June you will be receiving a letter requesting your assistance as a checker for the RI nationals. Please reply as soon as possible so that I can get my list of checkers settled by early July.

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Lime Rock Park Opportunity

By Tim Thorp

Last winter, the Trials Training Center contacted me to let me know that the Lime Rock Park, that is best known for hosting GT race car events, was interested in hosting a National or preferably a World Round trials events if we, the trials community, wanted to work with them to make it a reality. Due to a town ordinance, Lime Rock Park has not been able to offer racing on Sundays. This in turn has created an opportunity for Lime Rock Park to offer their facility to the trials community as an exception to racing.

Some of key points about Lime Rock Park for the NETA to consider are:

- It is located near a scenic highway.
- There is large road bike community (thousands) a few hours away that could serve as a source of spectators and be a "road trip" for them.
- Use of their facilities that includes camping, bathrooms, site transportation vehicles, store, and pad-dock.
- 300+ acres of mountainside land with trails.
- Paid insurance.
- Marketing department to help with promotions.
- Heavy equipment and willingness to have man-made and natural sections to appeal to a wider audience.

Opportunities like this are RARE! Lime Rock Park is located in the northwest corner of Connecticut. Their website is www.limerock.com.

So why am I telling you all this? If this is of interest to the NETA, one or more people need to take a leadership role to make it happen. Perhaps a new club needs to be formed in that area to develop the trails and a local pool of riders. Or, maybe the NETA needs to team up with District 1 to make this work. I don't know the answer. I am the messenger for this opportunity and I am not stepping up to lead it. From here, I am leaving it up to the NETA officials or members, to contact me if there is interest. If I don't hear from anyone, I will inform Lime Rock Park that we don't have the resources to make it happen.

Regards,
Tim Thorp





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We would like cover part of the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter with money raised from advertising. We would really like to encourage season-long business card sized ads. The following are the advertising rates: A season of business card ads is \$50. (4-5 issues) A season of half-page ads is \$200. A season of full-page ads is \$500. A one-off business card ad is \$20. A one-off half page is \$50. A one-off full page is \$100. Support the dealers that support NETA.

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MEMBERSHIP COLUMN (Auntie Judy)

The first Competitor's Licenses issue for the 2006 season went out on April 11th. The eighty-two forms received, from both renewing and new members by that date, were collected at the Annual Meeting and via the mail. Out of that number, 70 were adults, 12 were minors. Here are some, perhaps, interesting facts concerning those riders:

Although membership dropped during the 2005 season, thirteen new members have already joined NETA for 2006. The breakdown by state is as follows: 2=RI; 6=CT; 2=MA; 1=NY; 1=NJ; 0=ME; 0=VT; 1=NH.

New for 2006, I included a section on the application form for new members to request "local" club information. My thinking was that this would funnel new riders into local clubs, assisting both the riders and the local clubs. The up side was that many of the new members did request info about the club nearest them. The down side was that my request for contact names or a list of officers from each of the clubs at the Annual Meeting went unheeded (two years in a row). So, I referred these "newbies" to the Trialsmasters listed on the event schedule list. (My apologies to Rob Cavaleri and Dave Allen. I did, however, mention that you are both lovely, helpful, well-connected fellows!).

After much discussion at the Annual Meeting regarding riders' classes and suggestions of a seemingly dreaded 'mandatory promotion' system within those classes, the following Intent to Change Class requests were made (voluntarily):

Youth (Pee-Wee) to Beginner = 1

Beginner to Novice = 1

Vintage to Sr. B = 1

Novice to Intermediate = 3

Senior A to Senior B = 1

Senior B to Senior A = 3

Senior A to Senior Advanced = 1

Intermediate to Senior A = 1

Intermediate to Senior Advanced = 1

Intermediate to Advanced = 1

That's fourteen riders finding their niche without a nudge!

All new and renewing members will enjoy the NETA sticker (with the chromium orange background) that they will receive with their membership. Thanks to Fred Eichs, they were here in time to send out with the Competition Licenses. Great job, Fred!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Auntie Judy would like to thank, in advance, her lovely (unpaid) assistant France Delgado for helping bundle 5,000 loop cards. Yes, that's a true "trials widow" for you. If you haven't met France, she's the nice lady who assisted me last season at many of the events. For some reason, she thought it was a good idea to learn all the different aspects of my job as Membership Chair. I did think I was going to lose her after two days of scorekeeping in New York, but, that's not a Membership function and she truly is a good and faithful backup Gal Friday (maybe I can get her to learn all the secretarial jobs this season and I can go back to checking).

ROCK AND ROLL TRIALS CLUB NEWS (Auntie Judy- Sec./Mbrshp/Treasurer)

RRTC is proud to announce that it is now an official AMA Charter club. (In lieu of congratulatory gifts, please send monetary contributions to the NETA Youth Nationals team % Dave Allen).

RRTC is still looking for volunteers to work our June 10 & 11 events. Please contact Jareth Johnson if you can help.

RRTC Trials Weekend June 10 and 11

The Rock N' Roll Trials Club is pre-paring a weekend of trials June 10 and 11.

The weekend starts with a vintage event on Saturday June 10 that starts at 11am. Vintage rules are available from:
www.trialsclub.com/vintagerules.htm

The vintage event will include a modern support line for riders that want some fun and practice.

Sunday June 11 features the third round of the NETA regional championship with the usual start time of 11am.

This is a new location for trials, and it promises to offer a challenging weekend for all competitors.

Directions:

To Woody World, Salisbury, New Hampshire

From **I-93 in New Hampshire**, take **Exit 17**, Mile Marker 44.5, Towards **Boscawen/Route 4 West**. At the end of the ramp, take a right onto Rte 4 West.

In about 4 miles, bear left onto Route 4 West.

In about 6 miles, at blinking yellow light, turn **left onto Rte 127 South**, Towards Webster.

In about 1.3 miles, after going down a hill, Rte 127 will turn sharp left; **Go straight ahead onto Warner Road**. This road will be paved for a while then turn to dirt.

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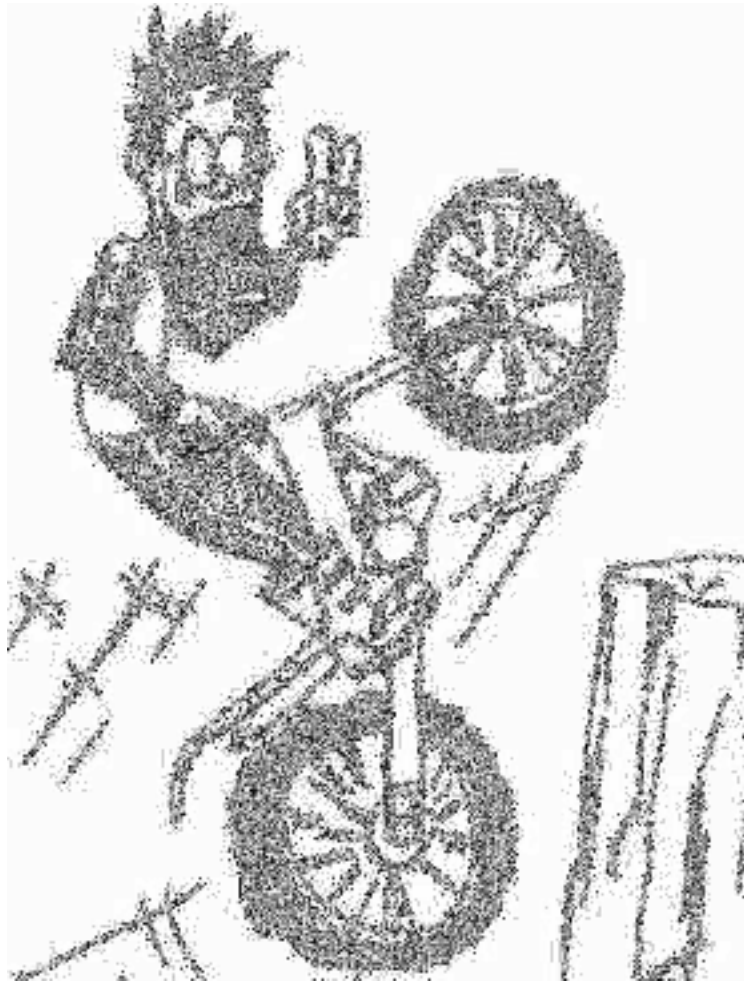
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Riding Schools

By Tim Thorp

Are you interested in attending a trials school? If you are, you need to let me know! Having coordinated 8 schools over the years, I am proposing the following format. These suggested formats are not cast in stone—Rather, I devised them based on what has and has not worked and I am open to suggestions.

YOUTH/BEGINNER AWARENESS

SCHOOL: Designed for current, or prospective, Youth riders. Trials or non-trials bike permitted. Fun theme. 1 day on a weekend. Learning limited to basics. Limited to 10 riders. Includes a Participation trophy, team photo, lunch party, and other fun stuff. Price estimate: \$25-40/rider. Price varies depending costs and the number signing up. Taught by me (or anyone else I can recruit to do it) and taught at my house in Cumberland, RI, or another suitable and approved location. Parent attendance and liability waiver required.

FOUNDATIONS SCHOOL: Designed for Novice through Intermediate riders (possibly Beginners about ready

to move up to Novice). 1 day on a weekend. Standard learning plan based on what is needed to excel in these classes. Limited to 8-10 riders. Price estimate: \$30-50/rider. Price varies depending on costs and the number signing up. Taught by me (and anyone I can recruit to help me) and taught at my house in Cumberland, RI, or another suitable and approved location. Liability waiver required.

CORE SKILLS SCHOOL: Designed for Novice through Intermediate riders. 1 day on a weekend (most likely Saturday so the class can be coordinated with an Expanded Skills School). In depth coverage of what is needed to excel in these classes according the instructor. Limited to 8-10 riders. Taught by National Expert/Pro level riders. Price varies due to flight and instructor costs and the number signing up. Price estimate: \$75-\$125/rider. School location: Exeter, RI, or Smith's Berry Farm, RI, if approved by RITC (or any other suitable and approved location). Liability waiver required.

EXPANDED SKILLS SCHOOL: Designed for Advanced through Expert riders. 1 day on a weekend (most likely Sunday so the class can be coordinated with the Core Skills School). In depth coverage of what is needed to excel in these classes (larger more complex sections). Limited to 4-6 riders to permit more coaching and practice time. Taught by National Expert/Pro level riders. Costs vary widely due to flight and instructor costs. Price estimate: \$200-\$250/rider. Location: Exeter or Smith's Berry Farm, if approved by RITC (or any other suitable and approved location). Liability waiver required.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ONE OR MORE OF THESE SCHOOLS, YOU NEED TO LET ME KNOW. Tim Thorp, 401 405-0402, or Neta160@hotmail.com. Email is best!

Best Regards,
Tim

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