



October 2003

### NETA members at the Nationals

Despite the fact that only two events were held east of the Mississippi in 2003, NETA members put on a strong showing in the AMA/NATC National trials series and brought three class wins back to New England. With four class wins under his belt, Kevin Moran sewed up the Sportsman title in Rhode Island. He rode in the tougher Expert/Sportsman class at the Wyoming round and finished 14<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, but a big crash put him out of Sunday's event.

Ryan Botessi made the long trip to the Washington and Oregon rounds on the West Coast worthwhile back in May with a fine third place finish in the Sportsman class along with two fourths and a fifth. Ryan missed the Rhode Island round but still managed to finish sixth in the class.

Mike Leonard won the Senior 30 class title and was one of the few NETA riders to ride at the final round at Donner Ranch in California. Mike rode with the support classes on Saturday and watched the Championship riders in action on Sunday along with over 4000 spectators.

Wayne Galvin was sixth in the Senior 45 class. Dan Allen finished fifth in the competitive High School class, and fellow NETA Youth Team rider Ron Commo III finished ninth. Louise Forsley was an impressive fourth in the Women's class—her first year of national competition.

Jack Heminway won the Senior 70 class title once again. Jack plays down his efforts and points out the lack of competition in the class. We think that anybody riding at the national level aged over 70 deserves a trophy, and we applaud Jack's riding skills. (Jack has recently become a Gas-Gas dealer.)

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### 2004 Calendar – Plan Ahead

Jareth Johnson is trying to get NETA clubs and riders talking to each other in an attempt to coordinate the 2004 trials calendar before the December banquet. The goal is to avoid a repeat of the 2003

calendar where we had two events prior to the middle of July followed by nine events in thirteen weekends. Email Jareth at rrtc7@earthlink.net or call him at (603)767-8502, if you would like to pen-

cil in a few dates in his tentative calendar or request blackout dates. The most recent version of the calendar is posted on the Rock and Roll Trials Club web site at www.rrtc-nh.com.

### Meriden workers list

After the September 7 event in Meriden a list of workers for the event was not posted for the official 30-minute period at the end of the day. According to Clerk of the Course Steve Nichols, most of the workers at a Meriden event are not NETA members, and the NETA members that he recorded for working that

day were Steve Nichols, Bob Kennedy, George Eddy, and Justin Krause.

The intent of posting the workers list is to allow protest of the names on the list. Anyone who wishes to protest the work credit for anyone on this list can do so, and the work credit will be revoked. The

protest period for this ends October 15, at which time these work credits are official. Trialsmasters are reminded that they must post the worker list along with the results. A protest can be filed with Dan Williams at dan.williams@newenglandtrials.org; (781) 938 9298.

## Jap Zaps

After an enforced layoff of more than a year because of medical problems Ron Commo Jr. has been back in action in NETA's expert class. Ron started riding again at Berwick in July and showed that he has lost none of his skills by promptly winning.

"I still have to be careful not to hit anything with my legs," explained Ron. "I haven't been riding at the Nationals, but I feel comfortable riding NETA events. I focus on Ronnie at the Nationals these days anyway. My goal is to be still riding in three years and to win the NETA Expert title when I'm 40 years old."

The competition has been exciting in NETA's Expert class championship this year. Don Sweet leads the standings with two rounds remaining with 206 points; Brian Nagengast is second with 142 points. Ron is playing catch up in fourth place with 98 points. Don beat Ron in North Kingston a few weeks ago prompting one observer at the award ceremony to question if he was being transported back to 1985. Both riders finished the event with seven marks dropped, but Don picked up the win with most cleans—35 to 33.

Dan Allen has dominated the Advanced class this year and is expected to move into the Expert class in 2004. Ron Commo III will decide over the winter if he will follow Dan into the Expert class.

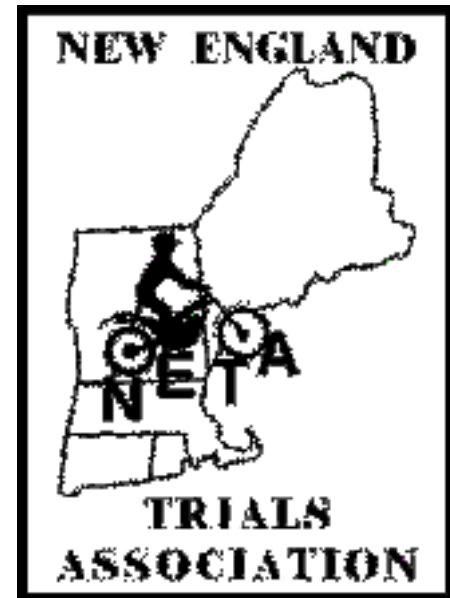
After three years as PR guy, three as scorekeeper, and two as President, Dan Williams has decided to step down from his responsibilities with NETA.

"I think I've done my civil duty," says Dan. "I heard a few people are interested in running. I think it is great that so many are interested in serving. Hopefully the trend of growing the organization will continue. We have the tools, we just gotta use them." If you are interested in running you should contact Leo O'Shea at [leo.oshea@newenglandtrials.org](mailto:leo.oshea@newenglandtrials.org) or (508) 832 5217. The new President will be elected at the November 29 NETA Annual Meeting, Banquet and Awards Ceremony. We all owe Dan a big vote of thanks for all the work he has done in the last eight years.

After forming the Rhode Island Trials Club 13 years ago, Bill Mathewson has decided to step down as President. Ronnie Mathewson will also step down from her position as club Treasurer.

"The National this year took too much time away from my business building hot rods," said Bill, "and it's time to give somebody else the chance to run the club. The rumor that I'm quitting trials is not true. I've ordered a 2004 Montesa and should be getting it soon. I'll be at a few events next year."

NETA Treasurer Leo O'Shea and Bonnie Walckner were married at 11am on Saturday, July 26th. The wedding was held outdoors under beautiful sunshine at the Auburn Sportsman Club in Massachusetts. NETA members wish them all the best for the future



## 2003 NETA Event Schedule

October 5	Adler's Gravel Pit	Chepachet, RI	Rhode Island Trials Club
October 26	Stantack Road	Meriden, CT	Meriden Motorcycle Club
November 29	Yokens Conf Center (Annual NETA banquet)	Portsmouth, NH	Rock and Roll Trials Club

# THE FIRST ANNUAL 2-DAY GREEN MOUNTAIN PLONKERS TRIALS EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

By Rick Fecteau

For those who weren't at the August event in Vermont, you missed a great weekend. The weather was perfect with clear blue skies and temperatures in the high 70s. The turn out was great with over 50 riders signing up on both days. The loop was short, but challenging. Everyone seemed to have a blast with many praising the smoothness with which the event was run. The finale of each day was the awarding of trophies garnished with a bottle of Vermont Maple Syrup from Carmen Brook Maple Farm ([www.CBMapleFarm.com](http://www.CBMapleFarm.com)). For riders who were hungry after a long day in the saddle; home made corn chowder, fresh picked corn on the cob, and maple flavored cotton candy were made available to all, courtesy of the Fortin's.

Thank you to all participants, including our fellow Canadian riders, for taking on the call of our challenge. But of course thank you very much to all of our volunteer checkers and event coordinators for making our first event such a huge success. A very special thanks to our land hosts Daniel and Karen Fortin. Without their generous donation of allowing us to use their property this event would not have been possible. Lastly, thanks to Paul and Sonya Royce for orchestrating the whole weekend of activities. It was a spectacular event that will be hard to duplicate next year.

For those who missed it.....well there's always next year!



**Side note:** We are in need of photos taken during the event. If you have any could you please e-mail copies to [info@greenmountainplonkers.org](mailto:info@greenmountainplonkers.org).

Thanks

Rick Fecteau

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## Rider profile

### Bill McCormick

This month's rider profile features Bill McCormick who has dominated the Senior B class for the last few years. Bill grew up in Warwick, Rhode Island where he lives today with his wife Patty.

His first exposure to trials came from helping out the Rhody Rovers with the first US World Round in 1975. He had ridden some scrambles with a Honda



Riding his Yamaha TY350 in the Washington County Fair, circa 1986.

CL305, but watching some club members practice at the Stepping Stone Ranch convinced him to enter his SL175 in his first trial at Meriden. Bill worked as a checker at the World Round, and replaced his SL175 with an Ossa Plonker. He tried a Honda TL250 the following year but a long-term affinity for Yamahas began in 1977 when he bought a TY250.

"I wish I still had it now," remembers Bill. "I loved it. I had it for years, and finally replaced it in 1985 when Yamaha came out with the TY350. NETA was really booming back then. It wasn't unusual to have 100 Novice riders at an event. I think the events were harder relative to the bikes we have today. I rode for almost ten years before I scored a clean loop. Riding was more bullish back then-keep on the gas and hang on to the bars. There's more finesse today."

Bill won the Senior class for nine straight years in the 1980s, but family commitments forced him to drop out of the sport in 1990. He returned in 2000 with a '98

Scorpa and promptly won the Senior B class once again. He bought a new Scorpa in 2001 and continued his winning streak. Bill was injured while setting up the Rhody Rovers event in Chepachet in 2002 and missed a few events during the year. This year he has been as strong as ever and has won x of x events.

"The Senior B class is very competitive," said Bill. "I lost one point at Arundel and ended up sixth!"



On the TY350 again. This shot was taken in Vermont in the late 1980s.

First Name	Last Name	Class	Aug 17 SCO	Aug 17 POS	Aug 24 SCO	Aug 24 POS	Aug 30 SCO	Aug 30 POS	Aug 31 SCO	Aug 31 POS	Aug 31 SCO	Aug 31 POS	SEP 7 SCO	SEP 7 POS	SEP 14 SCO	SEP 14 POS	SEP 21 SCO	SEP 21 POS	TOTAL POINTS
DANIEL	ALLEN	A	13	1	3	1	39	1	18	2	48	2	0	1					200
WAYNE	GALVIN	A			16	5	45	3	18	3	50	3	8	3	12	1			170
KEITH D.	DUMAINE	A	32	6	11	3	40	2	15	1	44	1	7	2					166
MIKE	LEONARD	A	31	5	19	6	68	6	30	4	75.5	6			31	6			116
WILLIAM B.	ROSS	A	49	9			104	9	67	7	116	10	35	4	54	9			78
SCOTT	STRIBY	A	33	7					41	6	86	8			33	7			68
JOE	ANTONELLI	A	29	3	22	7					71	5			26	5			66
CHARLES	HASKELL	A	26	2	25	8								44	8			66	
JASON	THIBODEAU	A	29	4	10	2					61	4			24	4			60
RON	COMMO III	A	59	11			74	7			99	9			21	2			46
LOUISE	FORSLEY	A	52	10	15	4	76	8	32	5	82	7							46
STEPHEN	FORSLEY	A	36	8	25	9	67	5			DNF	DNF							40
CAROLINE	ALLEN	B	21	3	2	2	2	2	22	4	9	2	0	1					152
ERIK	CARLSON	B	20	1			6	5	21	3	8	1	0	2	0	1			144
TYLER	MERRIHEW	B	22	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	20	6							126
NICHOLAS	COMMO	B	26	7			5	4	17	2	20	4			2	5			106
CAROLINE	ALTMAN	B					4	3	34	6			3	3					76
ZACHARY	ALLARD-HUESTIS	B	DNF	DNF	22	4	21	6	34	6	20	5	8	4					66
DANA	KIRKWOOD	B			16	3					13	3							58
DON	SWEET	E	28	3	13	2	49	2	28	1	53	2	6	1	7	1			206
BRIAN	NAGENGAST	E	21	2	9	1					59.5	3	10	2	12	3			142
MICHAEL	MERRIHEW	E	87	7			136	4	100	3	155	8	62	3	58	4			102
RON	COMMO JR	E	14	1			19	1			33	1			7	2			98
VERN	MERRIHEW III	E	78	5	86	3					147	6			65	6			82
STEVEN	DECUBELLIS	E	75	4															78
RYAN	BOTTESI	E							101	4	136	5			71	7			68
PAUL	ROYCE	E	136	9					106	5	154	7	81	4	63	5			66
DARREN	LANE	E							74	4									52
MAX	PARKES	E	83	6			113	3	86	2									44
ALBERT	PARENTE	E																	42
KEVIN	MORAN	E	97	8															38
RANDY	MCCANN	I	41	2	8	1	32	1	48	3	82	3	25	3	13	2			206
JAMES	HINMAN	I	35	1	13	2			39	1	60	1	5	1	13	1			200
LOUIS	GAGLIANO	I	52	4	30	6	77	4	44	2	94	6	39	4	18	3			170
DAVID	ALLEN	I	41	3	14	3	52	2	56	4	61	2	10	2					156
BRAD	WILLIAMS	I			18	4	65	3			112	7			53	5			78
CRAIG	ROBBINS	I	61	5	20	5					93	4			26	4			72
CHARLIE	IVES	I																	40
TONY	IACOVONE	I			31	7					93	5							38
DANIEL	PULLING	I					91	5	97	5									24
RICK	PECTEAU	N	12	2	1	1			13	1	34	1			3	1			194
CRAIG A	BUONANNI SR	N					28	4	24	2	58	4							104
SHANE	MERRIHEW	N					13	1	46	5	85	7			7	3			104
WILLIAM J.	JESSOP JR	N	48	10	14	5					88	8	13	4					84
WILLIAM	ALTMAN	N					24	2	32	4			7	1					76
ROBERT	CAVALERI	N									52	2			6	2			70
JOHN	KASPER	N	31	3										23	6				66
NICK	BRISTOL	N	33	4	7	2					59	5			20	4			64
RYAN	DUKSA	N	34	5	20	7	46	6	64	7	77	6			25	8			62
MATT	ADLER	N	7	1							58	3							56
DONALD L.	MCCABE	N	42	8			27	3	58	6									48
CHIP	HASKELL	N																	44
BRYAN	KENNEDY	N			13	4							7	2					44
JON	CONE	N	35	6			40	5			95	9							34
CLIFFORD	FIELD	N	47	9	27	8			71	8	111	10			22	5			34
MICHAEL D.	GREEN	N	39	7	32	9									34	9			28
JEREMIAH	NORCROSS	N			89	10	88	7			138	11	61	5	70	11			22

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JARETH	JOHNSON	SA	15	1			14	1	19	1	29	1	4	1	11	3	168
JOE	MURRAY SR	SA	25	4			30	3	29	3	50	2	16	3	20	5	164
STEVEN G.	CHRISTENSEN	SA	34	6	11	3	41	4	50	4	64	3	14	2	10	1	154
ALAN P.	GASBARRO	SA	23	3	11	2	64	7	63	6	70	4	43	4	18	4	154
FRED	EICH	SA	18	2	5	1	25	2	27	2					24	6	120
BUTCH	IVES	SA					51	5	60	5					10	2	82
STEPHEN	NICHOLS	SA															54
CARL C	SWANSON	SA															42
JONATHON	TUCKER	SA	32	5			55	6									38
BILL	MCCORMICK	SB	9	8	1	6	2	1	9	2	35	4	7	9	12	7	156
PETER	MCGUIRK	SB			1	7	15	7	14	3	25	2	0	1	0	2	150
JOHN	CHERESKO	SB	6	4	0	4	9	4	21	6	37	5	0	2	3	6	110
JONATHAN P.	THOMAS	SB	16	12	0	3	8	2	19	4			3	6			110
GEORGE	TRUESDALE	SB	1	1					8	1	25	1			2	4	106
RICHARD	BOUCHARD	SB	8	7	1	5	10	5	38	8	DNF	DNF	1	3	12	8	102
JOHN	BEAUPRE	SB	4	2							32	3			1	3	90
STEVE	TOUGIAS	SB	9	9	1	8					39	6			0	1	70
JEFF	LUNDGREN	SB	22	14	0	1							2	5			48
VERN	MERRIHEW JR	SB	7	5	8	10									22	10	44
WILLIAM	BONNEAU	SB	29	16	12		14	6	48	9	DNF	DNF					32
BILL	MATHEWSON	SB															32
LEO	O'SHEA	SB	14	10	4	9					68	7	5	8			32
DANIEL	BRISTOL	SB	7	6													30
THOMAS	CARLSON	SB					19	8	36	7			2	4	28	12	28
KEVIN	MONAHAN	SB					9	3	20	5							28
CLIFF	READ	SB	5	3													26
JOHN	RODIS	SB	20	13	0	2							3	7			26
ROBERT	WRIGHT	SB			26								16	10			18
ROBERT	OLSON JR	SB													2	5	16
RONALD A	CARACOGLIA	SB	36	17													10
DANIEL C	WILLIAMS	SB	14	11									DNF	DNF			0
DREW	EWALD	TS	62	1			79	1			119	2			52	2	114
KENNETH	ROCKS	TS									96	1			46	1	80
RAYMOND	SEAMANS	TS											133	1			20
PETER R.	LOMBARDO	TS															18
DANNY	AYOTTE	TS															0
STEVEN K.	BURIAN	TS															0
WALTER R	LASSY	TS															0
KELLY	DUKSA	W	136	1	75	1			105	1	DNF	DNF			98	1	60
JANIS	NOTE	W															20

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## **The Rock and Roll Trials Club presents:**

The NETA Annual Meeting, Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

Saturday, November 29, 2003

Yokens Conference Center-Resturant and Comfort Inn

1390 Lafayette Road (Route 1) Portsmouth, N.H. 03801

Yokens or Comfort Inn: 1(800)552-8484

### **Itinerary:**

12:00 Noon; Dealers and Vendors set up

1:00 PM; Social hour; coffee, hors d'oeuvres

2:00 PM; NETA Meeting

6:00 PM; Cocktails and coffee

7:00 PM; Feast

8:00 PM; Awards

### **Banquet Entrees (children too):**

Choice of one: Baked stuffed boneless chicken breast, roast beef, or chicken nuggets.

Entrees include: Garden salad with dressing, hot rolls and butter, beverage, potato, vegetable, and apple pan dowdy.

Cost is \$25.00 per entree; Children under 13; \$15.00 each

DEALERS: \$100 per space (aprox 100 square feet).

Dealers are encouraged to donate equal value in leiu of cash for raffle.

All items donated will be raffled.

**Payment must be received by NOVEMBER FIRST.**

### **DIRECTIONS :**

From Boston area: I-95 North to Exit 5; Turn Right at traffic circle onto Route 1 Bypass South; go 2 miles, Yokens is on Right.

From Maine: Take I-95 South to Exit 4; stay to right and take immediate exit; go halfway around traffic circle to Route 1 Bypass South; 2 miles, Yokens on Right.

From the West: Take Route 4 to Spaulding Turnpike/Route 16 South; at Fork bear Left to Traffic Circle; Follow Route 1 Bypass South 2 miles; Yokens on Right.

Landmark: You can see the 'N.H. State Liquor Store' from I-95 at Traffic Circle.

MISC: Gas, Gen. Store, Fast Food, Dunkin Donuts and Groceries: Walking Distance.

RUN MALL: 3 miles North of Yokens (NO SALES TAX!!!).

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PORTSMOUTH (Strawberry Banke): 2 miles.

**Still have questions?**

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## The Wyoming Nationals, by Dan Allen

Hey all, I suppose this will be the last national report for this year by me so enjoy. First off, not to deter anyone from going, but this is one very long ride! It takes a couple of days driving, but probably 5 hours to fly. Anyways so this place looked promising because after driving in the middle of the flattest place on earth, a giant canyon forms out of the earth. We parked and got a very shady spot and all the factory people were there. On Thursday I was practicing with the Forsley's, the Williams sisters and their dad, and another rider from England, Maria Conway. So we were trying sections Mr. Williams was building when Maria Conway started to try and get up this ten-foot wall on the hillside and finally made by revving her Beta to about full throttle. I decided to try it and I blasted up there only to hit a bump on top and go straight up in the air and Steve grabbed the bike, but it landed and the tire hooked up again and pitched me into the scrub bush. Then the bike landed on me hurting my hip and shoulder.

On Saturday the event started as usual except for the nice amount of painkillers I took and we started in the streams. Well sections one through three were on the big dry rocks on the hillside and then we went down into the streams and mud. Section four became very nasty at the end when the mud puddle turned into a mud pit up to your foot pegs. Then we went on to the top of the canyon hills for some 35-degree angle rocks and climbs and I came to next challenge.

Section eleven built on top of bedrock with a nice floating bunch of mud on top with that long slippery grass. You turned, blasted up a hill came back down and made a difficult left-hander to jump over a bank and out. This was by far the most slippery section yet, no traction could be found later in the day. Section twelve was another steep rock climb with a hornet's nest at the bottom for some more fun. Fourteen was a nice little sandy section that was near impossible to climb the sandy hill at the end.

Fifteen was a manmade section that was rather easy because you just went through a concrete square, made some turns and did a tricky double step with a gap in-between them. Well the day pretty much ended the way it started with my best finish yet of third.

Two I awoke and stiff sore, but surprisingly there was no pain in my hip or shoulder. This didn't help my riding that day which would end up being another third, but Ron Commo III was a mere three or four points off.

Three was probably one of my favorites because it was all mud and about getting traction with long sweeping turns and a nice abrupt climb at the end at which could get you a little air. We then moved on to a section with a nasty little drop off turn, which made a few people land over the bars followed by a tight winding climb up the river and on to section five. In this one you had to drop into some axel deep water and then traverse over some bowling ball rock piles and turn

around and jump out to the finish. Then we had a couple more streams followed by a few dry rock climbs and back to eleven we go. Seeing the giant mud and grass pit again wasn't fun, but the section was surprisingly easy.

The next one was a difficult slick rock climb with some turns thrown in. I had wild rides every time like almost hitting trees holding balance with my leg stuck out above my head and having the bike just jerk around a lot. Zeros every time though which is amazing. Then we skipped a few because of champ sections and on to the manmade fifteen. This section was very fun on Sunday where we still went through the square and then we did this teepee piece of concrete. That part was the most fun and at the end we had to turn tighter for are lovable double step that was stumping many all day long.

A lot of NETA members showed up including the Commo family, the Forsley family, Mike Leonard, Kevin Moran, Jack Hemingway, Carl Swanson, Jeff Salois, Hub Brennen, and myself and my family. Unfortunately Mike had food poisoning and later Kevin crashed and received a concussion or a nasty bump on the head. On a better note Kevin wrapped up the Sportsman championship so he rode Expert Sportsman for fun and did okay. Now we have learned he is going out to California to live with Andy Johnson, and I wish him luck out there. Louise rode well and got top five finishes in the Women's class in a tough group. So that about wraps it up for this season, I recently found out I got fifth overall in the High School class.



Third place at a National felt pretty good!

**The NETA Annual Meeting, Banquet and Awards Ceremony.  
Banquet & Dealer registration form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Entree: Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ qty x \$25.00, Roast Beef: \_\_\_\_\_ qty x \$25.00

Children: \_\_\_\_\_ qty x \$20.00, Dealers: \$100.00; Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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