

# NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

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A Note from the Board:

Last event coming up at MMC November 7th.  
Don't forget " STARTS " an hour early.

Banquet November 20th is coming fast.

Please remember all members are welcome at the Meeting. Members and guests are invited to the banquet following the meeting.

If you want the meal at the Banquet please send your \$\$ to Ron, we will need a meal count by November 1st. This will give the Elks Club time to get ready. Thanks. If you deleted your email with the Banquet info in it, go to the NETA web and you can make a copy from there.

Please remember the Board's request:

We would like all proposals into us by November 13th. This will give us time to check the proposal against the Rulebook and helps move the meeting along. Many times a new proposal has been in our rulebook, but worded a little different.

Thanks for your cooperation.  
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### 2010 Schedule

Date	Location	Club	Event Type
November 7th	Meriden, CT	Meriden M/C	NETA Points
November 20th	Auburn, MA	NETA	Meeting/Banquet

Notice from the Vice President/Scorekeeper:

Due to the short period of time between the last event and the awards banquet, please take the time now to check the standings posted on the website. Please be sure that your individual scores and work dates have been posted correctly. Remember, you must have worked 2 events and filed a letter of intent to be eligible for year end points and awards. Year-end results will be based on your best 8 event scores. If you think there was an error in your score for an event please email me at [george.truesdale@newenglandtrials.org](mailto:george.truesdale@newenglandtrials.org) and I'll check it on the results sheet for the event in question. If you think that a work date was not credited, you must contact the trials master at the event you worked at and have him contact me. The final date for all changes to the year-end standings will be Wednesday 11/10/10. I will have the 11/07 results posted by Monday 11/08 and final year-end standings posted on Thursday 11/11.

Thanks,  
George

## Q&A with Jack Heminway

### How did you get started riding trials?



I began motorcycle riding in the mid 60s copping rides on my neighbors Honda 90. It did not take long for me to of my want a bike own and I graduated first to a Kawasaki 100 and then to a Montesa 250 King Scorpion while Trebor, my 8 year old son, took over the Kawasaki 100, then went to a Hodaka Super Rat that he got for Christmas. Some time later, at Trebor's urging, we both took up Motocross, he first on the Hodaka, later on a CZ 250 like mine. Unexpectedly, in 1975 our lives changed abruptly when Raytheon relocated my Job from Massachusetts to White Sands Missile Test Range in New Mexico where my team and I worked night shift. Trebor and I lived there for one unforgettable summer practicing MX with Jack

Atkins, a National Class rider, every weekday and racing nearly every weekend.

Following 3 years in the Southwest, my job was relocated to South California. I rode MX there for a short time but tiring of the bumps, bruises, and finally broken ribs, I decided to hang it up. One Sunday, in 1979, I happened to spectate at a US National Championship Trial nearby my home in Laguna Beach. I was immediately enthralled by Trials and bought my first Trials bike, a new 1979, Bultaco Sherpa T. With the help of my friend and neighbor, Art Webster, then current Senior National Trials Champion, I learned Trials riding. In 1983, I beat out Art to win my first of several US Senior National Championships.

One of my best memories during my early years in Trials was taking a Trials class taught by Bernie Schreiber. Bernie was an excellent teacher and it was great fun to watch his demonstrations of technique. From 1983 until 1999, I rode in every National Trial I possibly could within the limitations of my job, vacation time and my marriage.

The highlight of my Trials journey has to be riding and finishing the 1986 Scottish Trial with a 3rd class award. This became a dream when I first got the notion in early 1985. I worked hard in 1985 and early 86 to improve my physical conditioning and Trials technique. I received a lot of help and support including tools, spare parts, clothing including a Gortex Jacket from Yamaha USA and words of encouragement from my family and two best buddies Bill Thompson and Bill DeGaris.

### What made you decide to start Jack's Cycles?

In 1999, I retired from my job in Aerospace Engineering in California and relocated to New Hampshire to be closer to my two children Kate and Trebor and my grandson, Ryan. I joined NETA and began riding in the local, New England events. I soon noticed a lack of Gas Gas and Sherco technical/parts support in Northeastern New England. I contacted Dale Malasek, the USA Gas Gas importer and Ryan Young, the USA Sherco/Scorpa importer and became a dealer in these brands. I really enjoyed serving and working with customers throughout New England and made many good friends doing so. I soon became # 2 US, Gas Gas dealer based on number of bikes sold. I

always tried to employ a philosophy expressed to me by Ryan Young: That is: "The customer is always right even when I think he is wrong".

### **What motivated you to promote youth trials?**

In 1994, during my tenure in California Trials, Bill Markham, the ATA Club President broached the idea of starting Youth Trials for Pee Wees. Following a year of discussion and planning, the idea became realty and soon, there were youth riders traveling to S. California from as far away as Phoenix, AZ and San Francisco to ride the S. California Trials events. By the time I left California and relocated in New England in 1999, there were usually 30 to 40 happy, smiling Youths competing at each Southern California Trial. Wanting to do the same for New England, I preached Bill's Youth Trials concept and after some resistance finally got youth Trials accepted at the 2002 NETA meeting. For several years, I carried most of the Youth load consisting of section building, escorting the kids, scoring, etc. At each Trial there was always a good turnout of helpers like Moms, Pops, Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, etc to carry much of the load. I owe a lot to Pam McCann, one of my most dependable workers. In 1995, Pam took over Youth Trials completely and told me to "Go ride. You worked long enough". Thank you Pam.

### **Do you have any other hobbies besides trials?**

I enjoy Trail riding and riding Turkey Runs on my Gas Gas EC300, 2-stroke Enduro bike. A riding friend once asked me if I had "Two Stroke" tattooed on my butt and why did I not like 4-stroke bikes? I replied that I'll buy a 4-stroke bike when I find one light enough that I can pick it up when I fall down.

This year, I did finally buy a 4-stroke bike. With a lot of support and help from Ron Delgado, I bought a 620 Ducati Monster, bright red of course. It is a great sport bike. One frigid cold day earlier this month, Ron and I rode the Kancamagus Highway on our Ducati's. I am still trying to thaw out my hands. I should have listened when Ron told me to buy some winter gloves.

### **Why have you decided to retire and sell Jack's Cycles?**

Even though Jack's Cycles is more like a hobby than a job, it ties me down somewhat. I 'm moving on in years and want to do some traveling like a big swing through the US to visit friends I made through Trials and through working in Aerospace. Fortunately, I found the right guy, Stuart Preston, to take over Jack's Cycles. I have known Stu for nearly 10 years during which time he became one of my best friends. Stu is friendly, honest, an expert mechanic and excellent Trials rider. He will do a great job serving people, fixing bikes, teaching riding, always joking and helping people. And Trebor will be there as Web Master to help people draft ads for their used bikes, offer council on bike problems and to help Stu where needed. Through Stu and Trebor, Jack's Cycles will live on.



## 2010 Trial des Nations

By Caroline Allen

This year's Trial des Nations was held in Myslenice, Poland on September 11th and 12th. Team U.S.A. for this year consisted of Cody Webb, Patrick Smage, and Keith Wineland for the men and Sarah Duke and myself for the women. My dad and I landed in Krakow, Poland on Thursday afternoon. We ended up being on the same flight to Krakow as some of the other team members, which was nice because we were all staying at the same hotel so we could follow each other there. We were still likely to get lost as we didn't have a GPS and the street signs lacked a North, South, East, or West. However, it turned out that the Webb's have an old friend, named Pitor, who lives in Poland close to the site of the TdN. Pitor is a vintage trials enthusiast and, after living in California for 15 years, he became fluent in English so he was our translator and tour guide for the trip.

Pitor led the way to our hotel, where we dropped off our bags, then went into downtown Myslenice for lunch. We ate in a neat, little cafe that was in the basement of an old building and the ceiling was arched and made of stone. For my first taste of Polish food, I had pierogies, which were like dumplings with potato and cheese inside, and they were really good! Next, we made our way to the trials site to set up the tents for our pit area. The brand new 2011 Gas Gas bikes that Sarah and I would ride were already there waiting for us. After signing up and going through tech inspection, we went back to eat dinner in the restaurant that was conveniently located inside the hotel and to get some much-needed sleep.



Soon it was Friday and Sarah and I were ready to ride in the Women's World Round. It was good practice because the sections were the same or very similar to the sections of the Women's TdN, which would take place on Saturday. Sarah and I started right after each other and decided to ride together in order to find good lines in the sections for Saturday's TdN. We were off and rode the loop down the streets and up into the nearby mountains. The

terrain consisted of muddy hills and riverbeds. Apparently there was a rule change, which we were not aware of, that on Thursday the riders could go walk all of the sections, but on Friday and Saturday they could only look at the sections from outside the ribbon. It took me most of the first loop to get used to the new bike so I rode better on my second loop even though it was getting more slippery because of the rain. Sarah and I placed 26th and 27th respectively.

Saturday finally rolled around and it was time to ride the Women's TdN. Sarah and I really looked like a team with our matching helmets and gear. When it was our turn to start, we rode up on the stage, posed for pictures, and set off on the loop. The sections were even more muddy and slippery than on Friday. The conditions made it hard to find a rhythm, as we never knew when our front wheel would wash out on a downhill turn or



when we would lose traction going up a hill. One section in a riverbed was pretty do-able on Friday so I decided to ride it without watching other riders go through it first. That was a mistake! When I tried to cross the river, I must have found a deep spot because all of a sudden my bike was underwater. It must have been at least three feet deep! After our minders flipped my bike upside down to get the water out of the engine and air box, I was on my way again. The last section was a stadium section of about a dozen boulders on a soccer field next to the pit area. There were bleachers full of spectators watching the section so it was really cool to ride in front of a crowd. At last, we finished and ended up in 8th place out of 10 teams. We were at a disadvantage as most teams had three riders while we only had two, but we rode the best we could and had fun doing it!

On Saturday night, Pitor took a bunch of us into Krakow to a place called Market Square, which is a shopping plaza that is closed to traffic and has cobblestone streets and old stone buildings. We ate dinner at one of Pitor's favorite restaurants and got some gelato, ice cream, for dessert. We walked around and were awed by the beautiful architecture of the buildings there. It was a great way to end our trip as my dad and I would fly home in the morning. We would have liked to have stayed and watched the men's TdN on Sunday, in which the U.S. men finish 4th, but I had to get back to college. It was still a great experience and a lot of fun! It was a tremendous honor to represent the United States. I would like to say *dziękuję*, thank you, to everyone in NETA for your support!

## Results from the Last Events

### 9/26 Exeter, RI

#### Champ:

1. Gary Bourque, 41
2. Daniel Allen, 54
3. David Aldo Jr., 80
4. Louise Forsley, 80

#### Expert:

1. Steven Decubellis, 18
2. Michael Leonard, 64

#### Advanced:

1. Kyle Blake Jr., 26
2. Wayne Galvin, 32
3. Caroline Allen, 45

#### Senior Advanced:

1. David Naismith, 113

#### Intermediate:

1. Abram Lefebvre, 13
2. Manny Papworth, 19
3. John Donovan, 27
4. Greg Formichelli, 55

#### Senior A:

1. Jason Thibodeau, 3
2. David Aldo Sr, 16
3. Steve Tougas, 26
4. Trebor Heminway, 27
5. David Allen, 34

#### Sportsman:

1. Craig Tyer, 16
2. Ron Arms, 18
3. Bo Mostowy, 21

#### Senior B:

1. Fred Midgely III, 2
2. Peter Blake Sr., 3
3. John Cheresko, 4
4. Tom Butland, 6
5. Pete McGuirk, 10

#### Novice:

1. Ben Muckenhoupt, 15
2. David Jutrus, 50
3. Jeffrey Light, 54

#### Senior C:

1. Dick Bouchard, 9
2. Bill Westall, 16
3. Ron Caracoglia, 24
4. Philippe Cordina, 25

#### Vintage:

1. Steven Christensen, 4

#### Junior:

1. Ian Durno, 55



## 10/3 Exeter, RI

### Champ:

1. Daniel Allen, 48
2. Gary Bourque, 52
3. David Aldo Jr., 65
4. Louise Forsley, 78

### Expert:

1. Steven Decubellis, 89
2. Michael Leonard, 125
3. Peter Blake Jr., 129

### Advanced:

1. Wayne Galvin, 30
2. Kyle Blake, 62
3. Randy McCann, 91
4. Louis Gagliano, 98

### Intermediate:

1. Ian Leeming, 11
2. Austin Gray, 17
3. Manny Papworth, 24
4. Abram Lefebvre, 39
5. Mike Caracoglia, 40

### Senior A:

1. Jason Thibodeau, 8
2. Steve Tougias, 25

3. Hub Brennan, 32
4. Charles Gray, 33

### Sportsman:

1. Bo Mostowy, 51
2. Michael Green, 96

### Senior B:

1. Carl Swanson, 14
2. John Cheresko, 20
3. Peter Blake Sr., 22
4. Pete McGuirk, 26
5. Tom Butland, 45

### Novice:

1. David Jutrus, 25

### Senior C:

1. George Truesdale, 4

### Vintage:

1. Bob Bendix, 37
2. Steven Christensen, 38
3. Bill Bonneau, 58

### Rookie:

1. Joey McKenna, 15
2. Noah McCann, 23
3. Kallie McCann, 41



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