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NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

April was a busy month for NETA members. On April 16th RITC hosted the annual RITC Practice Day. The annual practice day has been hosted by Gary and Lee Bourque who plan and organize the event each year. A lot of work goes into setting up on Friday and Saturday. This year Dave Scarbro, Ron Corporon, Pete Fedors, John Thomas, Bill Bonneau, and Jo Antinelli all showed up to lend a helping hand and get everything ready for Sunday.

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The Practice Day was a chance for NETA Members to learn new skills from some amazing riders. There was a great turnout with around 40 riders! There were six instructors, Mike Bryant, Gary Borque, Tim Thorp, Bo Mostowy, Keith Dumaine, and Dan Allen. Joe Antinelli even worked with a few youth riders. Riders were broken into different groups and given an instructor. Then all the groups headed out into the woods to work on skills.

I had the privilege of being in Mike Brant's group. It was great getting to learn from the 2022 NETA Champion. The group I was in had a mix of Sportsman B and A riders. Mike really focused on picking the best lines and being aware of where the bike's tires were when riding a section. We also worked on crossing a log using a zap technique.

Gary Borque's group worked on some intense obstacles; big rocks, suspended logs, slippery walls etc. They also focused on line choice, and section walking.



Pizza was served for lunch and everyone enjoyed seeing each other and talking about trials. After lunch we headed back into the woods and got to practice riding sections. Mike demonstrated the best way to ride through the section and often showed how multiple lines could be used to each rider's advantage. Some riders preferred lines that had tighter turns but set them up for a smaller obstacle and some preferred easier turns that set them up for larger obstacles. Mike gave each rider one on one instruction while they rode the sections.

The RITC practice day was a lot of fun and I learned a lot. I really challenged myself with new things. From what I heard, everyone had a great time and got a lot from the RITC practice day. I look forward to next year and express my gratitude to all those who worked hard to make it happen!

On April 30th NETA members headed to the Meriden Motorcycle Club in Connecticut for the first



event of the year! Despite the prediction for rain, there was a great turnout of 56 riders!

At 11 am everyone rushed out to the sections. Chris Antezzo set up eight challenging sections for the Sportsman riders and Bob Poetzsch set up nine expert sections. Due to the rain, sections were changed to make them a little easier, but with all the mud and rain, they were still a challenge! Thankfully the heavy rain held off until around 2:30.

Many riders moved up a class this year! Gabe Kliza and Beau Allen both moved up to Advanced. Shane Merrihew moved up to Intermediate and Ken Turner moved up to SR Intermediate. Several other riders also moved up a class. This year I rode the Sportsman A class for the first time! It was a challenge and I have a lot to learn! I look forward to practicing larger logs and rocks.

Overall it was a great event! Bob and Chris put a lot of work into setting up some tough sections. Everyone seemed to enjoy the challenge! We are trials riders after all.

Upcoming Events

This month there is the Stateline Motorcycle Club event on May 14th! If you think Meriden is a tough event, then the SLMC event will be a breath of fresh air. The novice sections are typically a little less challenging than the ones at Meriden Motorcycle Club. This event is usually perfect for Sportsman C riders who are just getting into trials. The loop trail is usually a bit easier and shorter than the loop trail in Meriden. Come out and enjoy the beautiful woods of New York!

If you're looking to treat Mom after the event, since it is Mother's Day, consider checking out The '6 House Pub in Williamstown, NY. They're open 5-9:30 PM every day of the week. The restaurant is a historic old barn built in 1896. It's sure to be a wonderfully unique dining experience with its old fashioned interior and elegant looking meals. I've personally never been, but after seeing their great reviews online, I might have to check it out.

Next Month's Newsletter

With the NATC National Trials Event coming to Rhode Island in June, I plan to feature Rhode Island in the next newsletter. There will be information on places to stay, local attractions, and places to dine. Until then, enjoy the spring weather and get out and ride!

Respectfully,

Kayla Lovejoy (NETA VP/Scorekeeper)

2023 Event Schedule

Date	Club	Trials Masters	Contact #
4/16	RITC Practice Day Exeter, RI	Gary Bourque	(401) 480-9604
4/30	MMC NETA Trial Middletown, CT	Bob Poetzsch Chris Antezzo	(860) 906-7672 (203) 671-2099
5/14	SLMC NETA Trial Petersburgh, NY	Max Parkes	(518) 605-2476
6/11	SMC NETA Trial Brimfield, MA	Jason Tibideau	(413) 335-5151
6/25	RRTC NETA Trial Berwick, ME	Jareth Johnson	(207)-604-2323
9/24	RITC NETA Trial Exeter, RI	Coach Swanson Jeff Salois	(401) 821-7077 (401) 480-1768
10/7-8	CATRA NETA Trial (2 days) Northville, NY	Tyler Krupa	(518) 852-6062
10/15	MMC NETA Trial Middletown, CT	John Cheresko Stuart Hall	(860) 803-5796 (203) 980-2504



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