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NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

May was a great month, Trials Riders headed to New York for the Stateline Motorcycle Club event held by Max Parkes. The weather was perfect and the sections were challenging! There was a great turnout of 62 riders!

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The sportsman sections were very technical with lots of small rocks and tight turns. Max created sections that gave Sportsman A riders many different line choices. My training from the RITC practice day was put to good use! It was all about picking the best lines and knowing where your tires were throughout the section. Thankfully the zap technique we practiced at the RITC practice day was not necessary, I still need some work on that! Overall the Sportsman A line didn't have too many large obstacles. There were a few large rocks but most of them could be rolled up and didn't require a lot of formal technique.

It was a great event for me. I won the Sportsman A class with a respectable score of 27. Blake Laney, my competition for the year, came in second. He had beaten me at Meriden. The differences in

our riding abilities should make us great competition for each other this year. He has the skills for larger obstacles and I've really gotten good at making tight turns. We each have our strengths and it will be interesting to see how they come into play throughout this riding season.

Coming up quickly on June 11th is the Springfield Motorcycle Club event held in Brimfield, Massachusetts. Many people have been working hard to put together a great event! It was one of my favorites last year and I look forward to riding there again! Awards for this year's event will be medals like the ones given out last year. If you have any questions or would like to help work the event you can reach out to Jason Tibideau or Leo O'Shea, they are the trials masters for the event.

Later this month on June 25th is the Rock and Roll Trials Club event in Berwick, Maine. The last NETA event in Berwick was in 2018. If you're looking for a reason to come visit Maine, this is it! Club members have been working to put together sections and get everything ready for the event. Camping is allowed in the field Saturday night, but no open fires will be permitted. Hope to see you there!



With the NATC Nationals coming to Rhode Island Trials Club in July, many riders, volunteers, and spectators are planning their trip to Rhode Island. Whether you plan to stay for just the event or make it part of a bigger vacation, Rhode Island is a great place. It may be a small state at only 1,214 square miles, but it has nearly 400 miles of shoreline, no wonder it's called the "Ocean State"! Don't let its small size fool you, Rhode Island has a lot to offer!

Rhode Island was founded in 1636. The first circus in the United States was held in Newport, RI in 1774. Rhode Island is also home of the oldest operating tavern in the United States, The White Horse Tavern was built in 1673, it has been serving guests for over 350 years! To trials riders, Rhode Island is best known for its amazing events. Rhode Island Trials Club is New England's largest trials club and was founded in 1994. Over the years they've held NETA events, National Championship events, and even FIM World Championship Trials events!

With the NATC Nationals coming up, many people will be traveling to Rhode Island in July. If you're looking for a nice place to stay, Oak Embers Campground is a top choice for many Rhode Island Trials Club visitors. It's located conveniently close to the event and has many tent and RV sites. They do fill up quickly so book your site soon!

If you don't mind traveling a little further Whispering Pines Campground is another great option! They have tent and RV sites as well as cabins. Whispering Pines Campground offers many family activities and is having a Christmas in July weekend July 28th-29th. They offer plenty of things to keep the whole family entertained. There is a rec center and arcade. They also have horse shoes, mini golf, bocce ball, corn hole, basketball and more!

If you prefer a more quiet place to spend your weekend, Hickory Ridge Family Campground might be the place. It's in a beautiful wooded area and has a 2 acre spring fed pond perfect for fishing, kayaking, and canoeing. Best of all it's only a short drive from the Rhode Island Trials Club.

If you're looking for something to do while in Rhode Island there are plenty of great attractions! The Tomaquag Museum in Exeter is one of the oldest tribal museums in the country! The museum is dedicated to educating people about indigenous history, culture, and arts. They are open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

If you love animals you'll want to check out the Roger Williams Park Zoo. It's just over half an hour from RITC, but is worth the visit! Since 1872 the zoo has been educating people on wildlife. Located on 40 acres of woodlands, they have over 160 species of animals! At the zoo you'll see well known creatures like cheetahs and elephants, and even more exotic creatures like the Binturong. If you plan to visit the zoo in July they will also have the Dinosaurs Among Us attraction open, which offers guests the chance to get up close to nearly 60 life-size animatronic and interactive dinosaurs.

If you're looking for places to eat, there are many nice restaurants in the area! I don't have any personal experience with any food places in the area, but after looking at reviews, pictures, and menus online, Dan's Place is at the top of my list! Their menu is extensive and they offer many gluten free options. They offer pizza, burgers, grinders, pasta dishes, ribs and more! With well over 150 items on their menu, you are sure to find something you like!

If you're overwhelmed by all the options, Back 40 might be the place to go! They've got classics like Chicken Parm and Burgers, as well as some unusual twists like Parmesan Truffle Fries. Although their menu isn't huge, they've got some great options. People online have said that the waitresses are friendly and fantastic!

The homestead restaurant has been around for over 29 years! It's a nice rustic looking place with an extensive menu. They have appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, and sandwiches. They also offer chicken, pork, steak, and seafood. There is sure to be something for everyone! Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday.

With NATC Nationals quickly approaching you'll want to get your campsite reservations made soon! Nationals are sure to be the event to attend in Rhode Island this summer. Whether you're just going for the event or making a whole vacation out of your time in Rhode Island, there are plenty of things to do. Below you'll find a list of campsites, activities, and places to eat! Enjoy your visit and I hope to see you at the nationals!

Respectfully,

Kayla Lovejoy (NETA VP/Scorekeeper)

Campgrounds



Oak Embers Campground

Location: 19 Escoheag Hill Rd, West Greenwich, RI 02817

Contact: (401) 397-4042

Rates: Tent sites start @ \$40 per night and RV sites start @ \$55 per night

Distance from RITC: .6 miles approximately 1 minute

Website: <https://oakembers.wordpress.com/>



Whispering Pines Campground

Location: 41 Saw Mill Road, Hope Valley RI

Contact: (401) 539-7011

Rates: weekend rates start @ \$65 per night and Cabin rates start @ \$175 per night.

Distance from RITC: 5.2 miles approximately 11 minutes

Website: <http://whisperingpinescamping.com/>



Hickory Ridge Family Campground

Location: 584 Victory Hwy, Coventry, RI 02827

Contact: (401) 397-7474

Rates: \$65 per night

Distance from RITC: 5.2 miles approximately 11 minutes

Website: <https://hickoryridgeri.com/>

Attractions



Tomaquag Museum

Location: 390A Summit Rd. Exeter, RI 02822

Rates: Adults: \$6, Elders: \$5, Children: \$3

Hours: Wednesdays 10-5 and Saturdays 10-2

Distance from RITC: 7.4 miles approximately 11 minutes

Website: <https://www.tomaquagmuseum.org/>



Roger Williams Park Zoo

Location: 1000 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI

Rates: Adults: \$20.95, Seniors: \$16.95, Children: \$14.95

Hours: Daily 9-4

Distance from RITC: 28.9 miles approximately 33 minutes

Website: <https://www.tomaquagmuseum.org/>

Food



Dan's Place

Location: 880 Victory Hwy, West Greenwich, RI 02817

Offerings: lunch and dinner, Hours vary Wednesday-Sunday

Distance from RITC: 8.7 miles approximately 12 minutes

Website: <https://www.danspizzaplace.com/>



Back 40

Location: 20 S County Trail, North Kingstown, RI

Offerings: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner 7 days a week, hours vary

Distance from RITC: 14.6 miles approximately 19 minutes

Website: back40ri.com



Homestead Restaurant

Location: 750 South County Trail, Exeter, Rhode Island

Offerings: lunch and dinner, 11:30am-10pm Tuesday-Sunday

Distance from RITC: 17.1 miles approximately 25 minutes

Website: <https://homesteadexeter.com/>