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NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

October was a great month. CATRA held their two day event on the perfect weekend for fall foliage! Friday night many people showed up to camp out. Saturday morning riders woke up to rain but the event went on. Forty-two riders braved the rain to compete.

The required number of loops was decreased by one for everyone. If riders normally did four loops, they only had to do three. If a rider normally had to do three loops, they only had to do two loops. As the day went on the loop trail and sections grew more and more difficult due to all the rain. One portion of the trail turned into a flowing river and by the second loop puddles could not be trusted!

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There were many bike issues throughout the weekend and trials riders once again showed me why I love the trials community so much. As bike issues occurred we all worked together to help one another. At one point Glen Loper's air box got filled with water and his bike would not start. Jeremy Krupa took a side-by-side out to get Glen's bike and bring it back to the pits. Paul Salois's fuel cap broke, but with some parts from a local ACE Hardware he

was able to do a quick fix. Sunday morning Ron Corporon went around and lent out new TRS air filters to those who needed them. It was great seeing everyone helping one another.



Sunday the weather improved and the sun even came out later in the day. A few additional riders came out to compete. Adam Bugbee competed in his very first trials event!



The loop trail was a little shorter than Saturday and many of the puddles had drained well. The sections on Sunday were challenging and riders were required to do the normal number of loops. Section two had a challenging root in the Sportsman A line. Many riders struggled with it. Tyler and Jeremy seem to like putting undercut roots in the Sportsman A line. Several sections had tricky roots, if you plan to ride the Sportsman A line next year at CATRA, practice undercut roots!

On October 15th Meriden Motorcycle Club hosted the final NETA event of the year! Due to 2023 being Meriden's 100th anniversary, some special commemorative awards were made. John Cheresko set up the Sportsman sections and Stuart Hall set up the Expert sections. The Sportsman loop was short and the sections were on the easier side. The consensus from many riders was that the expert sections were more challenging than usual. Despite the challenging conditions some riders really seemed to thrive! The weather was perfect and the event had a nice turnout with sixty five riders total! There were many familiar faces and even some new riders!

For me the sportsman sections were just right. I went out for an inspection loop early and right away I saw a few things I might struggle with. Section two had a rocky double step obstacle right at the beginning. It was something I thought I would really struggle with, but once I rode it, it went much better than expected.



Section three proved to be the most challenging for me. There was a hill with an obstacle at the top and the short approach didn't give riders much space to set up and prepare for the hill. I got a three on my first three loops, but I remained determined to clean it! A few Sportsman A riders had managed to. The checkers said Billy Blythe was one of the first riders to clean the section. By my fourth loop I had it figured out!

One section I managed to clean the first two loops, but it was mostly by luck. My third loop I messed up and got a three. By my fourth loop I decided to take things slower and watch someone else ride the section. Frank Wadleton rode a completely different line and cleaned the section. I decided to use the same line and managed to clean it again. Frank's line made the section ride much smoother!

I rode this event a little differently than usual. I was one of the first riders to go through section one and

it set me up to avoid waiting in lines. I was able to get through the sections quickly and completed my final loop at 1:27. There is something to be said for waiting too though. Sometimes you can watch other riders go through a section and you'll see a line you hadn't thought of. Line selection is so important and by watching others you can learn a lot.

With the season coming to an end we are busy getting everything ready for the 2023 annual awards banquet. More information will be e-mailed to everyone some time soon.

Respectfully,
Kayla Lovejoy (NETA VP/Scorekeeper)

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