

Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

April 2006

A note from the (new) Prez:

After five years off I am happy to have been elected president again. This is a great honor; I thank you.

The organization has come a long way forward in the past several years, and I want to thank Dan and Jareth for the great job they each did during their tenure as president. They both are dedicated to the growth of the New England Trials Association.

The NETA as a result of every member's efforts is the premier trials riding organization in the North East if not the country. I will do my best to continue to grow the organization and to follow the traditions of the NETA.

Last year the Youth classes were introduced. I think this has had a positive effect on New England trials and will become more important as time goes on. At the banquet the Youth rules were revised to reflect some of the things we learned last year. One of my goals for this year is for the Youth classes to grow and to develop into self-sustaining classes. To make these classes support themselves we need to continue to develop the program and involve more of the parents.

The Rhode Island Trials Club will be hosting a weekend of Nationals this year. If you can help out I am sure that the RITC will be happy for any help they can get with this event.

When I was looking back to see when I was last President I found newsletters where I was talking about the level of difficulty in the Novice sections. That is a topic you will hear from me again, maybe more often than you want; but I think it is very important to keep the Novice difficulty level at a level where new riders are encouraged to ride our events.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or just want to talk about trials. My phone number is 508-832-5217, email is leo@newenglandtrials.org or leoshea@charter.net — Leo

Kids Trials School

Jack Heminway, Tim Thorp, and John Beaupre will be holding a Trials Riding class on Sunday, April 23rd for kids from age 5 to age 10.

For information, contact:

Tim or Lisa Thorp at 401 405 0402 or John Beaupre at 508 869 0583 or Jack Heminway at 603 895 3785.

Vintage Trials Series

The Rock and Roll Trials Club and the Rhode Island Trials Club are both offering vintage trials events the day before their NETA events in June and September Both clubs have de-

cidated to join forces to present a 2006 New England Vintage Trials Series, with the hope that it will become a regular part of the local trials scene. Dennis Ouellette will be trialsmaster in Salisbury NH and Dave Allen will be trialsmaster in Exeter, RI. The Exeter event will include many of the sections that were used in the 1975 World Championship round that was held at the same site. The RITC plans to promote the event and will try to attract riders from along the East Coast.

We hope that the new series will attract some new riders into the sport and become a gateway into NETA.

To keep the events financially viable both clubs will be offering a line for modern support riders who want to have some fun and get some practice before the NETA event on Sunday. The vintage sections will use three lines, equivalent to NETA Intermediate, Novice, and Beginner classes. The Beginner line will also be suitable for sidecars. In the spirit of vintage trials, the no-stop rule will be enforced. Both events will be looking for NETA members to help as checkers. You can view the vintage rules on the RITC web site at:

www.ritrialsclub.com/vintagerules.htm

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Saturday, June 10: Vintage Trials with modern support class

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Sunday, June 11: NETA/AMA sanctioned observed trials

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2006 NETA Schedule (NETA events are in bold and start at 11am. See www.newenglandtrials.org for directions.)

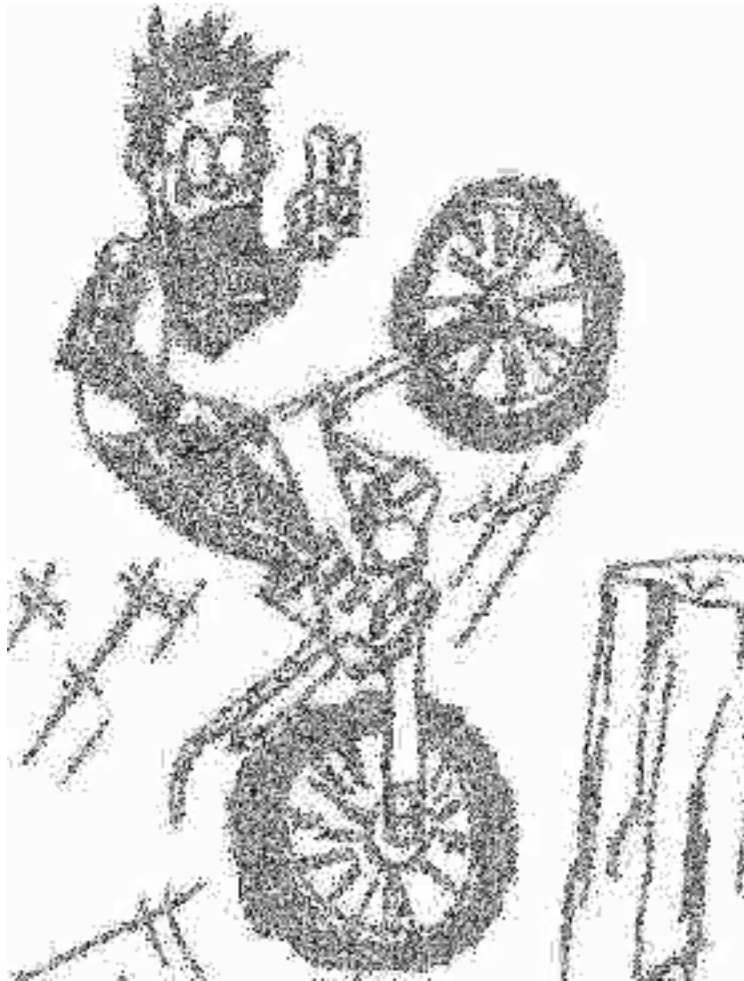
Date	Club	Location and Trialsmaster
April 30	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT. Robert Cavaleri , (203) 876-1941
May 7	Rhode Island Trials Club	Smith Berry Farm, North Kingston ,RI. Bill Jessop, (401) 792-3812
May 19-21	Youth, AMA National, and FIM World Round	Trials Training Center, Sequatchie, TN
June 10	Rock And Roll Trials Club Vintage Trial	Salisbury, NH Dennis Ouellette, (207) 698 3753
June 11	Rock And Roll Trials Club	Salisbury, NH Jareth Johnson, (207) 604 2323
July 1-3	Youth Nationals	Trials Training Center, Sequatchie, TN
July 28	AHRMA Vintage Trial Mid-Ohio	Lexington, OH
August 6	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT Steve Nichols, (203) 245-1304
August 13	King Philip Trail Riders	Foxboro, MA Abe Lefebvre; (401)726-9854
August 26-27	Rhode Island Trials Club	NATC/AMA National Event: Smith Berry Farm, North Kingston, RI
September 2-3	Green Mountain Plonkers	Highgate, VT Rick Fecteau (802)872-5897
September 16	Rhode Island Trials Club Vintage Trial (9am) and Stepping Stone Challenge (1pm)	Exeter, RI Dave Allen, (508)285-6074
September 17	Rhode Island Trials Club	Exeter, RI Dave Allen, (508)285-6074
October 7-8	Capital Area Trial Riders	Northville, NY Peter Lacagnina, (518)393-3521
October 22	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT George Eddy, (203)237-2377

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We would like cover part of the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter with money raised from advertising. We would really like to encourage season-long business card sized ads. The following are the advertising rates: A season of business card ads is \$50. (4-5 issues) A season of half-page ads is \$200. A season of full-page ads is \$500. A one-off business card ad is \$20. A one-off half page is \$50. A one-off full page is \$100. Support the dealers that support NETA.

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New England Trials Association 2006 RULEBOOK

The NATC-AMA rulebook will be used as a supplement to the NETA book.

The NETA Board of Directors will be the final authority for all NETA sanctioned events. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to eliminate any section considered inappropriate by a majority vote of the Board. All protests and problems should be brought to the attention of the sponsoring club's referee first. If the sponsoring club's referee cannot resolve the problem or protest, it shall then be brought to the attention of the NETA Board of Directors for resolution.

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I. Eligibility:

- A. Any person who (in the opinion of the organizers) has a reasonably prepared trials motorcycle may enter an NETA sanctioned trials competition to compete for the sponsoring club's awards. Any person entering an NETA event must be a member of the New England Trials Association and a member of the American Motorcyclist Association. In the Youth classes a reasonably prepared non-trials type motorcycle shall be allowed.
- B. All classes are eligible for NETA annual awards except Youth and Beginner classes. To be eligible for an annual award, a rider must:
1. Work at (and not compete in) a minimum of one NETA sanctioned event per season.
 - a) Riders who are working an event for credit are to be listed on the official results posted for the event. Worker listings are considered part of the official scoring for the event and are final 30 minutes after posting of the final results.
 - b) A rider will be considered as having competed in an event if the rider's front axle enters the start gates of any section after receiving scorecards for that event.
 2. Have an active NETA membership.
 3. Have an active AMA membership.
 4. Submit a letter to the NETA Scorekeeper stating intention to ride for championship points and to work a NETA sanctioned trial. This letter must be filed before the event for which the rider wishes to receive points.
- C. All riders, regardless of whether they're participating in the accumulation of year-end championship points or not, must have a plate on the front of their motorcycle conforming to the following rules:
1. Name and rider class must be displayed in minimum ½" tall letters.
 2. Riders may display their previous year's finishing position if in the top 10 for their class. If a rider did not earn a position in the top 10, or if they are riding in a new class, then their NETA membership number must be used.
 3. A letter indicating which line should be ridden must be displayed after the riding number.
 4. Riding number and line designator must be displayed in minimum 2" tall alphanumeric characters. Name and rider class must be displayed in minimum ½" tall alphanumeric characters. The colors and font chosen for the plate information should be of contrasting colors and provide sufficient readability, from an observer positioned anywhere within the section, for section officials to determine which line is to be ridden.
- D. A ten-point penalty may be assessed to any competitor who does not display a proper number plate for the event in question.
- E. Riders changing classes must conform to number plate rules for the class they are riding. Failure to comply with this requirement for any event after a class change will result in a 10-point penalty for the event in question.
- F. NETA will provide 'one-day pass/guest riders' with a form of temporary identification for that day's event. 'One-day pass/guest riders' are subject to the same 10-point penalty, if temporary identification provided is not displayed.
- G. A rider may not ride more than one machine nor compete in more than one class at any one event.
- H. A particular motorcycle may not be ridden by more than one rider at any one event, except with permission of the Clerk of the Course in Beginner class.
- I. Tires: Only trials type tires are permitted for use in any regular NETA classes except as noted. No studs, spikes or chains may be used in any class. Non-trials type tires may be used for Youth classes if they meet the following criteria:
1. Rider must be under 13 years of age.
 2. All 4 Stroke bikes must be under 105 cubic centimeters displacement.
 3. All 2 Stroke bikes must be under 71 cubic centimeters displacement.
 4. Must not be prohibited by land use rules.
- J. Mufflers: All riders' motorcycles must be muffled effectively. The Board of Directors and/or the Clerk of the Course may disqualify any noisy motorcycle.
- K. Pit racing is prohibited. It is strongly recommended that event organizers discourage pit riding. Pit racing is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and subject to rule D.11 under scoring. Event organizers shall post the pit area and other areas where appropriate with a 5 MPH speed limit signs. Organizers may assess a 5-point speed limit penalty before, during, or after the event.
- L. It is the riders' responsibility to provide and wear suitable riding garments. Any suitable material or configuration consistent with motorcycle competition is permitted. Long sleeve jerseys are recommended, 3-inch minimum short sleeves are OK. All configurations are subject to scrutiny by the Clerk of Course/Referee.

M. Helmets: Helmets are required, and must be worn on the head of all riders while riding any motorcycle at the event site, at all NETA sanctioned events. This includes but is not limited to practicing before and/or after the event. A motorcycle helmet is the only type acceptable.

N. All children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at sign up and they both must sign the Minor Liability Release. Parent or guardian is responsible to supervise the minor to insure his/her safety and the safety of others at any time while at the event site.

II. Competition Classes: All classes are Mandatory and must be included at all NETA Sanctioned events unless noted otherwise in this rulebook.

A. A letter of intent must be filed with the NETA Scorekeeper before any year-end championship points will be awarded in any class.

B. Riders may ride any class as exhibition without filing an amended letter of intent with no year-end points awarded or lost.

C. A Rider competing for NETA year end championship points is permitted to change classes, if eligible in accordance with the following:

1. A new letter of intent must be signed and submitted to the NETA Scorekeeper no later than the day of the class change, prior to competing.

2. The new letter of intent will render the previous class letter of intent null and void

3. The class in which the latest letter of intent was submitted will be the only one eligible for points towards the year-end championship. Any other class the rider competed in will be considered exhibition only with no year end points.

D. EXPERT CLASS: This is a self-promoting class from Advanced class as long as Advanced class requirements have been met.

1. Open to Advanced class riders that have completed a minimum of three NETA events in advanced class.

2. Expert riders will ride the "A" line in Expert sections to increase difficulty.

E. ADVANCED CLASS: This is a self-promoting class from Intermediate.

1. Rider may elect to remain in Advanced indefinitely.

2. Advanced riders will ride the "B" line in Expert sections to decrease difficulty.

F. INTERMEDIATE CLASS: This is a self-promoting class for any rider who has accrued at least 40 points in Novice class.

1. Rider may elect to remain in Intermediate indefinitely.

2. Intermediate riders will ride the "A" line in Novice sections to increase difficulty.

G. NOVICE CLASS: For any rider.

1. When a rider earns 40 points, he may choose to graduate to Intermediate class.

2. Rider may elect to remain in Novice indefinitely.

3. Novice Class riders will ride the "B" line in Novice sections to decrease difficulty.

H. SENIOR ADVANCED CLASS:

1. Must be over 40 years of age.

2. Senior Advanced Class riders will ride the "B" line in Expert sections to decrease difficulty.

I. SENIOR A CLASS:

1. Must be over 40 years of age.

2. Senior A Class riders will ride the "A" line in Novice sections to increase difficulty.

J. SENIOR B CLASS:

1. Must be over 40 years of age.

2. Senior B Class riders will ride the "B" line in Novice sections to decrease difficulty.

K. VINTAGE CLASS:

1. Limited to trials machines using two rear shock absorbers, air-cooled engines and drum brakes (front and rear).

2. Vintage riders will ride the "B" line in Novice sections to decrease difficulty.

L. WOMEN'S CLASS:

1. Women's Class riders will ride the "B" line in Novice sections to decrease difficulty.

M. JUNIOR CLASS: This is a class for rider's age fourteen and under.

1. May ride Novice sections at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

2. Shall be limited to a maximum of 3 loops.

3. Splits are allowed to ease the difficulty of the section.

4. A "C" line may be used to designate an easier line for Junior riders in the Novice sections.

5. Separate Junior sections may be used at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

N. BEGINNER CLASS: This is an optional class with no age requirement or forced graduation to Novice class.

1. May ride Novice sections at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

2. Will ride the 'C' line when using Novice sections.

3. Splits are allowed to ease the difficulty of the sections.

4. Separate beginner sections may be used at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

5. Youth riders with an appropriate skill level may ride the beginner sections. Youth riders in the beginner sections will ride the same line as the Beginner riders and will be awarded medallions. Youth riders riding in the beginner class shall have a skill level equivalent to Youth line 2.

Youth Classes should be held at every NETA event. If some or all of the Youth Classes will not be held the event organizer shall advertise that the Youth Classes will not be held so that riders may plan accordingly.

All Youth Classes shall be run in specially designated sections that are very easy in an open and "flat" area. The "Loop" for this class should be separate from the adult classes. The motorcycles used in this class are not suitable for more difficult terrain.

The event Trialsmaster should designate a Youth Trials master to setup and assist the Youth riders. The duties of the Youth Trialsmaster may include section setup and coordinating and checking the Youth riders throughout the Youth event.

Youth Classes shall start one (1) hour earlier than the adult classes. Youth riders riding in the Beginner and Junior classes will start at the time designated by the Trialsmaster, generally at the same time as the adult classes.

Youth Classes shall be split into different groups based on their ability, the line they will ride will identify each different group. The Youth Trialsmaster will designate the line to be ridden on the day of the event.

Below is a description of Youth Class 3 and 4 line:

Youth Line 3

This line will be more difficult than the Youth Line 4 but should continue with the theme of open turns and very small or no obstacles.

The Youth Trialsmaster for the event will determine the riders who will ride this line.

Youth Line 4

This line will be the easiest line designed so that small non trials type motorcycles with very young and possibly inexperienced riders will be able to negotiate the section. It is recommended that any rides 8 years old or younger ride their first event in this class.

The Youth Trialsmaster for the event will determine the riders who will ride this line.

III. The Trials Course:

A. Each section must be marked so the intended class lines are clear and unambiguous.

1. Sections must be marked by RED flags or, RED or WHITE tape on the RIGHT and BLUE flags or, BLUE or WHITE tape on the LEFT.

2. Class splits must be marked with flags or tape of any color other than red or blue. (Yellow or orange are recommended) All flags will be a minimum of 3" x 5". All tape will be a minimum of ½" width.

3. Class splits must be clearly marked with letters to indicate difficulty i.e. A, B, C. The more difficult line is to be marked with the higher letter in alphabetic order of precedence: i.e. "A" indicates the harder line; "B" indicates the easier line. In the Youth Sections, splits should be marked "4" and "3" with the "4" line the easiest. Youth riders riding in the Beginner sections will ride the same line as the Beginners riders.

4. All section markers must be clearly visible for the duration of the event. Section markers shall not be obscured by dirt, debris or foliage.

5. The beginning of all sections must be marked with two flags showing the word "START" with the section number and class displayed. The end of all sections must be marked with two flags showing the word "FINISH" or "END".

6. When marked by flags, out of bounds shall be determined by one bike length or 6 feet at the discretion of the individual checker with consistency in the checker's decision.

7. Arching between flags is permitted; however, a rider shall not ride at right angles between the flags or cross their own path.

8. The minimum section width at handlebar height shall be four feet (much wider sections are recommended to permit multiple lines for the riders).

9. Ribbon should be 4 to 12 inches off the ground where ever possible.

10. Ribbon should be attached to solid stationary objects i.e. tree, stake, large rock. And not too easily movable objects i.e. dead trees or limbs, small stones, twigs, etc.

B. Sections must be such that all types of motorcycles (subject to eligibility rule I, A.) can successfully complete. There must be no impossible turns, ascents or descents.

1. The Youth sections for Youth Lines 4 and 3 shall be exceptionally easy, Objects as small as 3 inches high will be challenging for Youth riders in these sections. Turns should be very wide, a five-foot radius is considered sharp by some small bikes.

C. A member of the sponsoring club should ride all sections to be sure that the section is in compliance with Rule III, B. That member may not subsequently ride in the event.

D. During competition, all sections shall be ridden in strict numerical sequence, the last section shall be followed by the first section, i.e.

Loop: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 or loop: 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-1

1. Riding sections out of sequence, i.e. 1-1 2-2 or 3-2-1 is considered cutting the course and subject to a 25 point penalty under rule III, M.

2. If a section is skipped, and the rider rides a subsequent section designated for his class the rider will receive a ten-point penalty for each section missed.

E. The rider may choose to start at the section of his choice, or as designated by the clerk of the course.

F. Riders in Novice, Senior A, Senior B, Vintage, Women's and Intermediate classes shall ride in sections designated as NOVICE. Riders in Expert, Senior Advanced and Advanced classes shall ride sections designated as EXPERT.

G. It is recommended that Senior Class and the Vintage Class ride one less loop than Novice class. If the loop trail is extremely difficult, the number of loops should be reduced by two at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

- H. Riders in all classes must ride the section splits designated for their class. Riders are not permitted to ride parts of another class's lines.
- I. Riders may walk through the sections at the discretion of the checker. After the event has started, no changes may be made in any section.
- J. Sections may be closed during the event if, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course and/or the NETA Board of Directors, they are deemed inappropriate for competition. Sections closed during the event will not be included in the final event scores.
- K. There shall be at least 8 separate Expert sections and 7 separate Novice sections at any given event.
- L. At the beginning of the event:
1. All riders shall attend the rider's meeting.
 2. All classes are allowed on the course prior to the event, to view the sections.
 3. The Clerk of the Course must designate the official time and clock at the beginning of each event. The NETA 'atomic clock' should be used as the official clock.
- M. There will be no riding backwards or using shortcuts on the course. The Clerk of the Course and/or the NETA Board of Directors may, at their discretion, assess a 25-point misconduct penalty to any competitor found riding backwards or cutting the course.
- N. When a rider has completed his rides, he shall not continue to ride in any section until after the checker has completed scoring all other riders.
- O. There shall be neither event workers nor spectators riding the sections while the event is in progress.
- P. It is recommended that adequate spacing shall be allowed between the sections to avoid congestion.
- Q. Scottish type trials will be accepted for annual points. It is recommended that:
- a) Total distance to be more than 20 miles.
 - b) Total number of sections shall be more than 10.
 - c) Average speed required is not more than 18 m.p.h.
- R. Three-Minute rule: The Three-Minute rule is an optional rule to be used at an event, at the discretion of the clerk of the course. If the clerk of the course decides to enforce the Three-Minute rule, it shall apply to all sections for all classes for that event.
1. A rider shall have three minutes to complete a section.
 2. The checker will signal the start of the ride and a two-minute warning. The checker will also signal the three-minute mark.
 3. At the three-minute mark, the rider's front axle should be out of the section.
 4. If the rider fails to complete the section within three minutes, he shall receive a score of 5.

IV. Scoring:

- A. Scorecards:
1. All clubs must use punches.
 2. Riders are responsible for the readability of their card. If the scorekeeper cannot read the card, the rider will be disqualified, i.e., wet cards.
 3. A Section Checker at each section must score each rider. A rider who fails to ride or have their card punched in one or more sections shall be assessed, by the scorekeeper, a penalty of 10 points per section missed.
 4. It is recommended that the rider write their score on the scorecard before the card is turned in to the scorekeeper.
 5. Each rider shall turn their scorecard in to the scoring officials at the end of each loop or as soon as possible after the card is filled.
- B. A rider shall be considered to be "in the section" when the front axle of the riders motorcycle crosses the line between the start flags and the rider shall be considered to be "out" when the front axle crosses the line between the end flags. A rider may only pass through the start flags once, if a rider passes through the start flags more than once the rider will receive 5 points for the section.
- C. A standard scoring system will be used, with points awarded as follows:
1. Zero points shall be awarded:
 - a) When no part of the rider's body or motorcycle other than the tires, skid plate or foot pegs touch the terrain to aid balance while the rider is "in the section".
 2. One point shall be awarded:
 - a) For one dab or touch with any part of the body or any part of the motorcycle other than the tires, skid plate or foot pegs against any surface not part of the motorcycle used to maintain balance or forward motion while the rider is "in the section".
 3. Two points shall be awarded:
 - a) For two dabs or touches accumulated as above or for two dabs or touches at the same time while the rider is "in the section".
 4. Three points shall be awarded:
 - a) Accumulated as above, for any number of touches greater than two while the rider is "in the section".
 - b) For a "sliding" dab where the rider gains support from a continuous linear contact with one or more points on their body while the rider is "in the section".
 5. Five points shall be awarded:
 - a) For failure to complete section.
 - b) If the rider does not have both hands on the handlebars when footing, while the motorcycle is stopped while the rider is "in the section".
 - c) If the engine stops, when footing or any part of the machine with the exception of the tires touches the ground while the rider is "in the section", without forward motion.
 - d) If the handlebar of the motorcycle touches the ground while the rider is "in the section".
 - e) For any backward motion of the motorcycle while the rider is "in the section".
 - f) When the rider or motorcycle breaks, or permanently displaces tapes or boundary markings of the section while the rider is "in the section". Touching a tape or marker is not a failure. The rider or machine must make direct contact with the marker.
 - g) When either wheel of the motorcycle travels outside the boundaries of the section between entering the start flags and exiting the finish flags. The wheel must be clearly outside the section boundary. If the wheel is on the section boundary i.e.

on top of a tape or flag the wheel is still considered in the section. (For sections marked with flags the actual boundary is at the checkers discretion but is generally one motorcycle length outside a line drawn between the two nearest flags of the same color. Riders must ask the checker what the checker considers the section boundary BEFORE they ride.)

h) When the motorcycle does a complete loop, crossing both its own tracks, with both wheels "in the section".

i) When requested by the rider without riding the section and as part of the proper section sequence.

j) NOTE: There is no possible combination to generate a four-point loss. Scoring for one ride can only be 0, 1, 2, 3 or 5.

D. TIME LIMIT: All events will have a time limit set and announced at the rider's meeting. A penalty of ½ point per minute will be added to the rider's score after the time limit up to a thirty-minute grace period. Riders finishing after the grace period will be disqualified. For example, a rider finishing twenty-three minutes into the grace period would have 11.5 points added to their score.

E. A rider's final score for an event will be the sum of the scores for all rides + accrued time penalties + misconduct points.

F. In the event of a tie score with no points lost, a tiebreaker test will be used. In the event of a tie score where points have been lost, the rider with the most clean rides prevails. In the event there is still a tie, the rider who has completed the most individual rides with the loss of one point, etc., shall be the winner. In the event of identical scores a "ride off" will be used to settle the tie.

G. A rider may not protest another rider's score in a section. Checkers must score solely on direct observation.

H. Any competitor found self-modifying the score on their scorecard or using any means to knowingly falsify their score, will be disqualified.

I. All results will be final 30 minutes after they are posted.

J. Final standing for the year will be based on all of that season's events except three. Final standings will be made official at the NETA Annual Business Meeting by majority vote.

K. Any checker or official may assess a 25-point penalty to a rider for unsportsmanlike conduct. Abusive language will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct any time during the event. Severe or chronic unsportsmanlike conduct will, at the discretion of the NETA Board of Directors and/or the Clerk of the Course result in disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct does not need to be directed at a checker to result in the rider's disqualification.

L. If a rider is severely distracted or spectators or other riders in the section block his/her line, he/she may claim a balk. At the discretion of the section observer, a re-ride of the section may be permitted, but the re-ride will be the one counted.

M. YOUTH CLASSES: Special rules apply to the Youth classes.

1. Scoring of Youth Class Lines 3 and 4 should be very lenient. Riders may roll backwards without penalty. Minders may be in the section and gently assist riders without penalty.

N. Recommended awards to be given at each event are as follows:

Expert 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Advanced 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Intermediate 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Novice 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Senior Advanced 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Senior A 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Senior B 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

Women 1st, 2nd

Vintage 1st, 2nd

Junior 1st, 2nd

Beginner 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

All Youth riders should receive finisher medallions.

O. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDERS, THE EVENT WORKERS AND PROMOTERS TO READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THESE RULES.

P. It is the responsibility of The Clerk of the Course to administer penalty points or disqualification as described under any section within these rules as needed.

Q. All problems/protests should first be addressed to the Clerk of the Course of the event in question. If not resolved, problems may be brought to the NETA board of directors. Any board member of the NETA may administer penalty points or disqualification of any rider, if the Clerk of the Course fails to do so, as described in these rules, and may disqualify from the final standings, any event not run in accordance with these rules.

R. IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NETA TO ENFORCE THESE RULES.

V. Final Standings/Ties:

A. In the event of tied scores in any class, the rider having the greater number of first places, second places, etc., shall be the winner. The scores used shall not be from the total of a rider's scores, but from those used to determine his original position, e.g., all but three events for the season.

B. If still tied, next go to all events ridden by both riders together; count total points lost at each event. The rider having the lowest score when all events are counted is the winner of the tie. The event at which each rider worked does not count for either rider.

C. Points for final standings shall be awarded as follows: Class places for all classes:

1 st place 20 points	2 nd place 18 points	3 rd place 16 points	4 th place 14 points
5 th place 12 points	6 th place 10 points	7 th place 8 points	8 th place 6 points
9 th place 4 points	10 th place 2 points		

VI. Fees and Dues:

A. Any event fees should be included with the NETA Sanction.

B. NETA membership:

- 1 Renewal -- \$30.00.
- 2 First time member -- \$10.00 (for anyone who has not been a member for 3 years).
- 3 Mailing list only -- \$5.00.
- 4 One day NETA pass -- \$5.00.

C. NETA event fees:

- 1 Event sanction -- \$50.00 Club fee (per event).
- 2 Loop cards -- 25 cents per rider (if purchased from NETA).
- 3 Rider entry fee -- \$20.00 per rider per event; Beginner and Youth: \$10.00 per rider per event.
- 4 Includes -- \$1.00 per rider for NATC championship fund.
 - a. This may be donated to top NETA riders contesting in the NATC/AMA national series. Based on recommendations by the NETA officers, the distribution will be decided by membership vote at the succeeding year's annual meeting.

D. AMA fees:

- a) Event sanction -- \$75.00 for 1-day event, \$112 for 2-day event.
- b) Surcharge for late sanction -- \$25.00.
- c) Liability Insurance: a) All NETA sanctioned events are required to carry liability insurance.
- d) The cost of insurance thru October 2006 is \$125.00. This is subject to change. For current information contact the AMA directly.
- e) It is recommended that clubs buy more insurance than the minimum. \$1,000,000 is the minimum required liability insurance for 2006.
- f) Camping and Practice insurance is available from the AMA.

VII. Event Site:

A. All spectators, competitors, event workers and anyone on or near an operating motorcycle over the age of 18 must sign an Adult Liability Release.

B. All spectators, competitors, event workers and anyone on or near an operating motorcycle under the age of 18 must sign a Minor Liability Release along with their adult guardian.

C. Toilet facilities must be provided at all NETA sanctioned events. A \$250 fine may be assessed for non-compliance, payable to the NETA.

D. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring club to obtain landowner permission and required permits.

E. It is suggested that organizers provide separate entrance and exits from the pits to minimize two-way traffic.

F. For Beginner Kids, Pee Wee and Junior classes it is suggested organizers maintain reasonable loop difficulty for beginning riders and/or riders on small motorcycles.

VIII. Event Schedule and Rule Changes:

A. Rule Changes:

1. Changes and additions to the NETA rulebook are determined at the annual meeting held after the final event of the season.
2. Changes are approved by a majority vote of those members in attendance.
3. The NETA board of directors may make changes to the NETA rulebook without membership approval where necessary to ensure the safety of competitors, workers and spectators.

B. Event schedules:

1. Event schedules for the following year are set at the annual meeting held after the final event of the season.
2. The next Annual meeting date and location shall be set at the Annual meeting.
3. All requests for event sanctions must contain the name of the "Clerk of the Course", location of event, contact information, date of event, directions to event, start time, fees (Spectator, Gate, Land Use, etc.) and any other pertinent information that must be conveyed to the membership. For example, "no camping", "no knobby tires", "no pets", "junior class".
4. Additional events may be added to the schedule with a 60 day notice with the approval of the Board.

Underground Machine LLC

Pre-Season Tire Sale

	Dunlop D803	Michelin X-11
2.75x21 Front	\$65.00	\$80.00
4.00x18 Rear	\$100.00	\$125.00

Limited quantities at these prices, good until May 7th, mounting \$10 for one or \$15 for a pair

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Call or email to reserve a spot
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NETA Riders at the Nationals

Holbrook, Arizona

Round 1, April 1, 2006.

Womens Expert: 1. Louise Forsley 21.

High School: 3. Danny Allen 24.

Womens: 3. Caroline Altman 117.

Junior: 6. William Altman 55; 8. David Aldo 64.

Senior 35: 3. Mike Leonard 39.5.

Senior 40: 4. Keith Dumaine 27.

Senior 50: 12. David Aldo 82.5.

Senior 70: 2. Jack Heminway 138.

Round 2, April 2, 2006.

Womens Expert: 1. Louise Forsley 33.

High School: 1. Danny Allen 22.

Womens: 3. Caroline Altman 126.

Junior: 3 William Altman 25; 8. David Aldo 84.

Senior 35: 3. Mike Leonard 26.

Senior 40: 5. Keith Dumaine 18.

Senior 50: 10. David Aldo 66.

Senior 70: Jack Heminway DNF.

Tishomingo, OK

Round 3, April 8, 2006

Women's Expert: 1. Louise Forsley 36.

High School: 1. Danny Allen 13.

Senior 35: 2. Mike Leonard 17.

Senior 45: 14. Robert Doyle 129.

Senior 50: 11. Kerry Coon 116.

Round 4, April 9, 2006

Women's Expert: 2. Louise Forsley 34.

High School: 2. Danny Allen 14.

Senior 35: 3. Mike Leonard 24.

2006 NETA Season

“Start your engines”

The April 30 event at Meriden kicks off the 2006 NETA season. The Meriden Motorcycle Club's facilities are 15-miles south of Hartford off I-91. Look for signs from Exit 20 (Country Club Road).

The Rhode Island Trials Club has an event scheduled for the following weekend, May 7. The event will be held at Smith Berry Farm on Shermantown Road in North Kingston. Shermantown Road is off Route 4, a quarter-mile south of the Route 138 exit to Jamestown. This is the same location that will be used for the National that the club is hosting in August.

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