

Observer

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NETA Annual Banquet, Awards and Business Meeting.

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NETA will be printing 8"x11" event posters for the 2005 and distributing them to New England dealers.

The new NETA logo decals were a big hit. NETA members will automatically receive a free logo when they renew their membership.

No new NETA events be added to the schedule after April First.

NETA will no longer handle AMA sanctions. Trialsmasters are responsible for sanction fees, late fees, insurance and all reports required by AMA.

NETA will help any club that needs to get an AMA Charter in order to file their own sanction request. NETA can sanction an event if needed but only on rare special occasions.

Members voted to adopt the new AMA/NATC shirt rule less the name printed on it: "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 official starter and Trialsmaster."

The Vintage Twin Shock Class will ride one less loop.

It was agreed that the Trialsmasters/Clerk of Course/Event Referee are responsible for enforcing the rules at their event. NETA officers should only need to help decide unresolved disputes and problems that the Trialsmasters can't handle themselves, or if the Trialsmasters do not enforce the rules as required. It was further stated that the NETA has the right to withdraw the sanction and not count any points for any event that was not run in accordance with the NETA rules. These items are already covered in the rulebook; this is simply a clarification of the rule.

It was decided that it is not against the rules to charge additional gate fees at an event, and no rule changes were required. It was suggested that any additional fees be notified at the time of sanction request so that everyone knows what any given even will cost to enter, spectate, camp, or ride.

The position of Vice President/Scorekeeper was split into separate positions. Mike Merrihew is the new Vice President. John Beaupre is the new scorekeeper. Judy Oulette is the new Secretary. Othe rpositions were unchanged from 2004.

Next year's banquet will be held at Newick's Seafood Restaurant in Dover, NH on January 14, 2006.

NETA donated \$775 from the Rider's Fund to the New England Youth Trials Team.

2005 NETA Rulebook Enclosed

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Jack Heminway describes his proposal for a new NETA Youth Series during the business meeting.

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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 ad that Jack Heminway has run all year is a perfect example. 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.

Let Battle Commence

The 2005 NETA season kicks off with a two-day event at Smith's Berry Farm on Shermantown Road in North Kingston, RI. The event is being will take place on April 30 and May 1 and is being organized by the Rhode Island Trials Club. Bill Jessop and Dennis Fontaine are the Clerks of the Course.

Camping is allowed at Smith's Berry Farm, and there will be a caterer on site for the two days of the event.

The RITC is looking for checkers and welcomes riders who are willing to work one day and ride the other. If you can help out, contact Bill Jessop at (401) 792 3812 or email him at scor-pal22@yahoo.com.

Banquet supporters

The following dealers and individuals provided raffle prizes for the banquet. Ron Commo - C & G Sales, Jareth Johnson - Got Balance, the Allen family, Maineac Trials, Judy Oulette - Crow's Garden, the Senior Center.



Jareth and Leo did a fine job of running the NETA annual business meeting.



New NETA Secretary Judy Ouellette ran the raffle like a well-oiled machine with help from Tyler Merrihew.



Amanda Ives receives the 2004 Beginner's trophy from Jareth Johnson.



John Rodis showed off his immaculately restored 1965 Model 10 and 1973 Model 92 Bultacos. John will continue to coordinate the USCRA Vintage Trials program in 2005.

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New NETA Youth Trials Program

Jack Heminway gave a presentation at the NETA Awards banquet on a new NETA Youth Trials program. The members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the new Youth Trials program, and it will be incorporated into NETA events during the 2005 season. The aim of Youth Trials is to provide a venue for young children to ride at NETA events with an emphasis on fun. We hope to introduce children and families to the sport of trials and generate a new pool of riders for the future of trials in New England. Similar programs are running very successfully in California and Tennessee. We expect that the parents of the children will help at the events and work as checkers. The entry fee will be \$10 and NETA and AMA membership is required. Every child will get a medallion at the end of the event, and there will be no year-long series points. Children that are skilled enough will still be able to move up into the Novice class.

NETRA has a very strong Pee Wee series and regularly attracts 75 riders to their events. See www.netrapeewees.org for more information.

Kids classes are mandatory classes at NETA events, except the Pee Wee class may be dropped if land-use regulations prohibit the use of knobby tires. Trialsmasters should notify the NETA when requesting a sanction if they cannot have knobbies at their event. Non-trials type tires may be used for Pee Wee and Kids classes if the rider is under 13 and riding either a four-stroke under 105cc or a two-stroke under 71cc.

NETA will offer three Youth Trials classes:

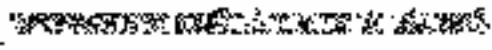
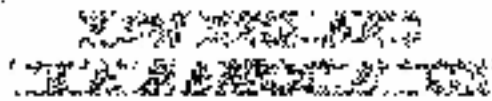
Pee Wee: This class is for riders under 8-years old. Sections will be very easy and set up in a separate loop about the size of a football field. The sections could be around the parking area or in a separate field. Sections will be very easy, stressing safe fun, not technical difficulty.

Checking will be very lenient, and parents can follow their riders through the sections. Children are expected to ride bikes like the Suzuki PW50.

Kids 8/9: This class is for 8- and 9-year old riders. Riders will ride the beginner's loop and ride five or six sections over four loops. Children are expected, but not required, to ride 50cc trials bikes.

Kids 10/12: This class is for 10-, 11-, and 12-year old riders. Riders will ride the beginner's loop with splits that are harder than the Kids 8/9 class. Children are expected, but not required, to ride any sized trials bike.





New England Trials Association

2005 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.

2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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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. In the Pee Wee and Kids classes a reasonably prepared non-trials type motorcycle shall be allowed.

B. All classes are eligible for NETA annual awards except Pee Wee, Kids, Junior 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 Pee Wee and Kids 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 unsportsman like conduct and subject to rule D.11 under scoring.

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. 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. Will ride the 'C' line when using Beginner sections.

4. Splits allowed to ease the difficulty of the section.
5. Separate beginner sections may be used at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

N. PEE WEE CLASS:

1. Must be under 8 years of age.
2. For safety, it is recommended that there be a separate loop and/or riding area that does not intersect the adult loop.
3. Will ride the 'PW' line when using Beginner sections.
4. May ride Beginner sections at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
5. If using Beginner sections, splits should be used to ease the difficulty of the section.
6. Should ride 3 or 4 sections, 3 or 4 loops, Total of 12 sections.

O. KIDS 8/9 CLASS:

1. Must be 8 or 9 years of age.
2. Ride the 'B' line when using Beginner sections.
3. May ride Beginner sections at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
4. Should ride 5 or 6 sections, 4 loops.

P. KIDS 10/12 CLASS:

1. Must be 10 to 12 years of age.
2. Ride the 'A' line when using Beginner sections.
3. May ride Beginner sections at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
4. Splits allowed to increase difficulty.
5. Should ride 6 sections, 4 to 6 loops.

Q. JUNIOR CLASS: This is an optional class for riders age fourteen and under.

1. May ride Novice sections at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
2. Splits are allowed to ease the difficulty of the section.
3. Will ride the 'C' line when using Novice sections.
4. Will ride the 'C' line when using Beginner sections.
5. Separate Junior sections may be used at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

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 1/2" 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 Kids/Beginners and Pee Wee Sections, Splits should be marked 'A', 'B', 'C' or 'PW', 'A' being the hardest and 'PW' being the easiest.
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.
 - a) Arching between flags is permitted; however, a rider shall not ride at right angles between the flags or cross their own path.
7. The minimum section width at handlebar height shall be four feet (much wider sections are recommended to permit multiple lines for the riders).

8. Ribbon should be 4 to 12 inches off the ground where ever possible
 9. Ribbon should be attached to solid stationary objects i.e. tree, stake, large rock. And not to 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 Kids and Pee Wee lines should be exceptionally easy, Objects as small as 3 inches high will be challenging for Pee Wees. 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.
- Ø 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:
1. Total distance to be more than 20 miles.
 2. Total number of sections shall be more than 10.
 3. 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.

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.

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".
 - 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".
 - 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 both wheels of the motorcycle cross their own path while the rider is "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 1/2 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 unsportsman-like conduct. Abusive language will be considered unsportsman-like conduct any time during the event. Severe or chronic unsportsman-like conduct will, at the discretion of the NETA Board of Directors and/or the Clerk of the Course result in disqualification. Unsportsman-like conduct does not need to be directed at a checker to result in the rider's disqualification.
- L. YOUTH CLASSES: Special rules apply to the Pee Wee, Kids 8/9 and Kids 10/12 classes.
1. Scoring of Pee Wee Class should be very lenient. Riders may roll backwards without penalty. Minders may be in the section and gently assist riders without penalty.
- M. Recommended awards to be given at each event are as follows:
- Ø Expert 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 - Ø Advanced 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 - Ø Intermediate 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 - Ø Novice 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 - Ø Senior Advanced 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - Ø Senior A 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 - Ø Senior B 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 - Ø Women 1st, 2nd
 - Ø Vintage 1st, 2nd
 - Ø Beginner 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 - Ø All Pee Wees, Kids 8/9 and Kids 10/12 should receive finisher medallions.
- N. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDERS, THE EVENT WORKERS AND PROMOTERS TO READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THESE RULES.
- O. 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.
- P. 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.
- Q. 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:
- Ø 1st place 20 points
 - Ø 2nd place 18 points

Ø	3rd place	16 points
Ø	4th place	14 points
Ø	5th place	12 points
Ø	6th place	10 points
Ø	7th place	8 points
Ø	8th place	6 points
Ø	9th place	4 points
Ø	10th 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, Kids and Pee Wee: \$10.00 per rider per event.
 - a) Includes -- \$1.00 per rider for NATC championship fund.

Ø 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:
1. Event sanction -- \$75.00 for 1-day event, \$112 for 2-day event.
 2. Surcharge for late sanction -- \$25.00.
 3. Liability Insurance:
 - a) All NETA sanctioned events are required to carry liability insurance.
 - b) The cost of insurance for 2004 (for sponsoring clubs without AMA charter) is \$117.00. This is subject to change. For current information contact the NETA Secretary.
 - c) It is recommended that clubs buy more insurance than the minimum. \$1,000,000 is the minimum required liability insurance for 2005.
 - d) 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.
 - a) The next Annual meeting date and location shall be set at the Annual meeting.
2. 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".
3. Additional events may be added to the schedule until APRIL FIRST. No schedule changes shall be made after April 1st

2005 NETA Schedule (NETA events are in bold)

Date	Club	Location
April 1	NETA Schedule Deadline	
April 23-24	Ray Peters Trials School Rhode Island Trials Club	Exeter, RI
April 30-May 1	Rhode Island Trials Club	Smith's Berry Farm, North Kingston RI
May 22	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT
June 11	USCRA Vintage Trial	Berwick, Me
June 12	Rock And Roll Trials Club	Berwick, ME
June 19	Seacoast Trials Club	TBA
July 2-4	Youth Nationals	Jasper, TN
July 15	AHRMA Vintage Trial Mid-Ohio	Lexington, OH
July 30-31	NATC National	Highgate, VT
August 6-7	NATC National	Alma, NY
August 14	King Philip Trail Riders	Foxboro, MA
August 28	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT
September 3	Blood Mountain Trials Club	Dedham, CT
September 4	John Gallant	Lee, Me
September 18	Rhode Island Trials Club	Exeter, RI
September 25	Stepping Stone Challenge Rhode Island Trials Club	Exeter, RI
October 8-9	Capital Area Trial Riders, District 3	Northville, NY
October 16	Meriden Motorcycle Club	Meriden, CT

Ray Peters' Trials School

The Rhode Island Trials Club is hosting two-day trials school taught by Ray Peters. Ray is a veteran of the top ten US riders with 18 years of riding experience, including 13 straight as a member of the US top ten. Ray was High School champ in 1990 and was second in the nation in 1997. He was previously an instructor at the Trials Training Center.

The RITC school is targeted toward Novice through Expert level riders and will involve explanations and demonstrations of techniques, section strategy, practice sessions, and Ray's coaching advice.

Bike Setup, Basic Maintenance

Body Position, Balance, Braking, Saving, Weighting

Basic Turning, Wheelies, Nose Turns, Floaters

Front and Rear Wheel Hops, Dual Wheel Hops, Combination Hops

Bunny Hop, Bridging, Flip turn

Double-Blip, Roll-up, Zap, Splatter (all with and without pressure)

Drop offs, Hills, Off Cambers, Mud, Sand, Wet/Dry Conditions

Where: Escoheag Hill Road, Exeter, RI.

Park in Cabin area. No overnight parking.

See NETA website for directions: www.newenglandtrials.org.

When: Saturday and Sunday, April 23-24, 2005, 9 am to 4 pm. Held

"Rain or Shine".

Food: Bring your own food and drinks. Alcohol not permitted.

Cost: \$150 total for both days per student/rider. Cost is nonrefundable.

Cost must be paid in advance and received by Saturday, April 2nd, in order to discuss the status at the Club meet April 3rd.

Who: 2005 Novice through Expert AMA/NETA members. No Pee Wee, Youth and Beginner level riders please.

Registration: First come first serve. School limited to 15 riders.

Contact: Tim Thorp at 401 405-0402 to reserve your spot, then mail cash or check (payable to RITC) to below address:

Tim Thorp, 25 Pristine Drive, Cumberland, RI 02864

Rules: No camping. No spectators. Everyone must sign a liability waiver.

Questions: Tim Thorp, 401 405-0402 Home, NETA160@hotmail.com

Stop press: *The Ray Peters school is filling up fast, and the RITC may hold a second school in May. Call Tim Thorp for more information.*

New England Youth Team

NETA, clubs, and individuals raise money all year long to help offset expenses for parents who take their children to the Youth Nationals. Call Dave Allen at 508 285 6074 for details.

All New England kids are invited to participate at the Youth Nationals in Tennessee in July. This includes kids who don't yet have competitive riding skills and want to ride the easy line (a line that is easier than the line their age class should ride). They would not be eligible for points.

The kids have over a week of fun at the TTC. They do a fantastic job teaching the basics and some of last year's NETA Beginners will be riding the NETA Nov

ice sections thanks to the skills they learned. Ask anybody who attended last year... it is a blast for everybody!

More information is available from:

www.trialstrainingcenter.com

Dates:

June 26 - July 1

Summer Family Trials Camp (signup online soon)

July 2-4

AMA/NATC Youth Trials National Championships and U.S. Women's Open (pre-entry online soon)

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2004 NETA Expert Champion

Ron Commo Jr. won the 2004 NETA Expert Championship. The championship has been won by three riders in the last 30 years—Ron, Don Sweet, and Geoff Aaron.

Bikes for sale

(Free classifieds for NETA members)

For Sale: 1996 enclosed bike Carmate 5x12 trailer. Ramp door, sidedoor, electric brakes, cabinets, two removable bike shoes, 3500 watt generator, and a deep cycle battery that runs interior lights, and exterior flood lights. Asking \$2,400. Call Craig Robbins at 508-248-0157 or email sherco47@verizon.net

Wanted: Looking for used trials bikes and small 50s (not Vintage). Bill Dame, 267 North Street, Shelburne, NH 0358.

For Sale: 2002 Scorpa SY250. Excellent condition, some extras. Needs nothing but a rider. Asking \$3300. Call 401-647-2935 or email scottie_b205@yahoo.com.

NETA Trophies

Jareth has the following trophies from the banquet:

David Samuelman; Sen. Adv. 5th

Drew Ewald; Vintage 3rd

Jon Thomas; Sen B. 4th

Patrick Howard; Novice 6th

Cliff Field; Novice 5th

Brian Nagengast; Expert 5th

Alfred LaJoice; Beg. 9th

Ben Howard; Beg. 8th

Jason Phillips; Adv. 9th

Jason Thibodeau; Adv. 6th

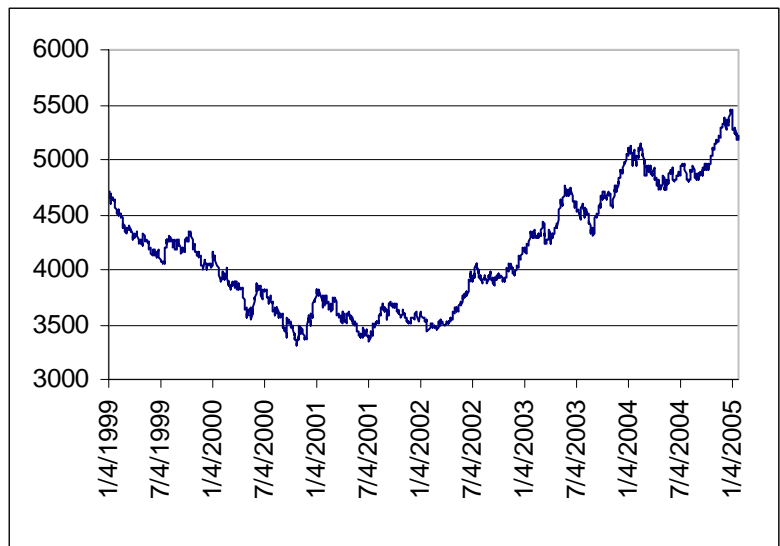
Dan Bristol; Sen. A. 10th

If you want them mailed, send Jareth your address, If you want them at an event, let him know. Call him at (603) 67 8502.

Jareth won't bring them to every event. You must let him know if you want him to bring them to an event.

Sticker Shock—the fall of the Dollar versus the Euro.

The price of a new trials bike has been steadily rising for many years, but the cost of the new 2005 models has given sticker shock to some potential customers. Most of the price rise can be traced back to the falling Dollar versus the Euro. Assume that the manufacturers need to charge 4000 Euros to earn some decent profit. The following chart shows the number of dollars required to earn 4000 Euros. The start starts from the introduction of the Euro in January of 1999. (Source: European Central Bank.)



NETA believes that getting kids involved in trials is good for the long-term health of our sport:





Trophy time at the NETA Banquet.

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