

# Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

December 2005

## NETA Annual Banquet

The NETA annual banquet, awards and business meeting will be hosted once again by the Rock and Roll Trials Club. The banquet will be held at Newicks Seafood restaurant, 431 Dover Point Road, Dover, NH on Saturday January 14, 2006.

Meeting starts at 1:00 PM and awards will END at 9:00PM.

There will be a \$5 admission to cover our expenses, NO PRE-REGISTRATION!

And then you can order anything directly off the menu. Prices range from \$5 to \$25 and food includes fish, lobster, steak, burgers, pasta and more.

Go to [www.newicks.com](http://www.newicks.com) to see a menu. Call them at (603)742-3205.

Contact R&RTC at [rrtc7@earthlink.net](mailto:rrtc7@earthlink.net) with any questions.

### Directions:

Drive up the river from Portsmouth on the waterfront in Dover Point. From I-95 North or South, take Exit 4 to Newington/Dover (Spaulding Turnpike, Routes 4 & 16).

Travel approx. 6 miles and take Exit 6W (Route 4 West - Dover Point). Continue on Route 4 West for 1/2 mile and take a left at the traffic light right before the bridge (to Boston Harbor Road).

Newick's is on the right, just 3/4 of a mile.

## NETA Newsletter Ads

We would like to encourage dealers to place season-long business-card sized ads in next year's NETA newsletter. The cost is only \$50, and it's a great way to reach a target audience. The newsletter goes out four

or five times each year. The cost for an ad is \$50 for the year. Contact Mike Green or talk to a board member at the banquet in January.

## NETA President

Don't forget that we are still looking for candidates for NETA President in 2006. The position will be voted on at the annual meeting in January. Enthusiasm is the only prerequisite. If you're interested, contact one of the NETA board members listed on the front of the newsletter.

## 2006 Schedule

Clubs and trialsmasters should send tentative dates for 2006 events to NETA President Jareth Johnson along with a second backup date. Jareth will post the tentative schedule on the Got Balance web page, and we can try to put the season together before the annual meeting. Last year it was a big help to have the outline for the schedule done before the banquet. You can contact Jareth at [rrtc7@earthlink.net](mailto:rrtc7@earthlink.net) or at (603) 767 8502. The web page showing the tentative schedule is at [www.got-bal.com](http://www.got-bal.com).

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Dan Williams found this photo of NETA's own Louise Forsley at the 2005 Trial des Nations in Sestriere, Italy. Louise was the top US rider in 12th place.

## Northville, NY Capital Area Trail Riders

**Saturday October 8, 2005**

**Expert:** 1. Don Sweet 59; 2. Terry Anselmo 70.5; 3. Tim Thorp 71. 4. Yvan Paul Belanger 77; 5. Mike Komer 80; 6. C Bradon 102.5; 7. Daniel Allen 115; 8. Keith Dumaine 134; 9. Louise Forsley 138.

**Advanced:** 1. Wayne Galvin 44; 2. Mike Leonard 59; 3. Randy McCann 69; 4. Hugo Piche 70; 5. William Altman 71; 6. Ryan Bottesi 74; 7. Louis Gagliano 87; 8. John Altman 96.

**Intermediate:** 1. David Aldo 53; 2. Mike Caracoglia 59; 3. Donald McCabe 73; 4. Abram Lefebvre 74; 5. D. Pulling 86.

**Novice:** 1. Ronald Arms 17; 2. Dave Morengic 17; 3. Caroline Altman 18; 4. James Mason 33; 5. Thomas Hall 37; 6. Caroline Allen 52; 7. Jonathan Nadeau 61.

**Senior Advanced:** 1. S. Muthler 47; 2. J. Lemmon 69; 3. Dave Allen 81.

**Senior A:** 1. Bill Reilly 49; 2. Ned Daily 50; 3. Carl Swanson 50; 2. Alan P. Gasbarro 57; 3. Mike Scioschetti 68.

**Senior B:** 1. Bill McCormick 13; 2. George Truesdale 14; 3. John Cheresko 22; 4. Pete McGuirk 23; 5. Richard Bouchard 30; 6. Bob Doyle 33; 7. William Bonneau 35; 8. Ron Delgado 38; 9. Kerry Coon 41; 10. Dennis Ouellette 41; 11. Leo F. O'Shea 60.

**Pee Wee:** 1. Robbie Thorp 5.

## Northville, NY Capital Area Trail Riders

**Sunday October 9, 2005**

**Expert:** 1. Tim Thorp 29; 2. Yvan Paul Belanger 47; 3. Terry Anselmo 49; 4. Don Sweet 50; 5. Daniel Allen 80; 6. Keith Dumaine 106.

**Advanced:** 1. Mike Leonard 32; 2. Wayne Galvin 33; 3. Max Parks 35; 4. Randy McCann 48; 5. William Altman 50; 6. Ryan Bottesi 61; 7. John Altman 80; 8. Louis Gagliano 81.

**Intermediate:** 1. James Schnaithmn 13; 2. David Aldo 14; 3. David Aldo Jr. 35; 4. Abram Lefebvre 48; 5. Donald McCabe 51.

**Novice:** 1. Caroline Altman 20; 2. Ronald Arms 20; 3. Caroline Allen 35; 4. James Mason 36; 5. Thomas Hall 42; 6. Spencer Carey 50; 7. Erik Carlson 52; 8. Jonathan Nadeau 74.

**Senior Advanced:** 1. S. Muthler 21; 2. Jon Antonelli 38; . Dave Allen 68.

**Senior A:** 1. Ward Ogden 12; John Beaupre 15; 3. J Sharer 15; 4. Ned Daily 22; 5. J. Turcotte 27; 6. B. Sharer 38; 7. Carl Swanson 38; 8. Bill Reilly 41; 9. John Hoffman 52; 10. Alan P. Gasbarro 61.

**Senior B:** 1. Bill McCormick 14; 2. John Cheresko 17; 3. Richard Bouchard 20; 4. George Truesdale 21; 5. Pete McGuirk 25; 6. Thomas Carlson 29; 7. George Eddy 31; 8. Leo F. O'Shea 34; 9. William Bonneau 34; 10. Kevin Hansen 44; 11. Justin Krause 45 12. Alan Carey 47.

**Vintage:** 1. Steven G. Christensen 7.

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## Meriden, CT Meriden Motorcycle Club

### October 16, 2005

**Expert:** 1. Don Sweet 25; 2. Daniel Allen 34; 3. Tim Thorp 73.

**Advanced:** 1; Mike Leonard 43; 2. Wayne Galvin 53; 3. Ryan Bottesi 58; 4. William Altman 64; 5. Randy McCann 68; 6. Jeffrey Salois 70; 7. Robert Cavaleri 76; 8. John Altman 83; 9. Scott Striby 87; 10. Louis Gagliano 94; 11. William B. Ross 103.

**Intermediate** 1. James Schnaithmn 27; 2. Mike Caracoglia 40; 3. Donald McCabe 69; 4. David Aldo Jr. 80.

**Novice:** 1. Doug Claar 29.5; 2. Ronald Arms 34; 3. James Mason 36; 4. Caroline Allen 40.5; 5. Jason Brooks 56; 6. Erik Carlson 64.

**Senior Advanced** 1. Joe Antonelli 39; 2. Vern Merrihew 40; 3. Dave Allen 96.

**Senior A:** 1. Stephen France 32.5; 2. Ned Daily 35; 3. Jason Thibodeau 39; 4. Steve Tougias 41; 5. Jareth Johnson 44; 6. Peter Lacagnina 53; 7. George Malarczak 62.5; 8. Alan P. Gasbarro 70; 9. Leon Kotecki 84.5; 10. Mike Felano 111.5.

**Senior B:** 1. Bill McCormick 11; 2. John Cheresko 13.5; 3. Pete McGuirk 23; 4. William Bonneau 23; 5. Bob Doyle 28; 6. Richard Bouchard 30; 7. Mike Weswick 39; 10. Ron Delgado 39; 11. Kerry Coon 56; 12. Richard Thibeault 58; 13. Thomas Carlson 60; 14. Leo F. O'Shea 62; 15. Ron Caracoglia 101.5.

**Vintage:** 1. Steve Christensen 16; 2. Drew Ewald 100.

**PeeWee:** 1. Robbie Thorpe 1; 2. Lindsay Nichols 3; 3. Jeremy Claar 5; 4. Max Beaupré 7.

### 2005 NETA Final Standings

Compiled by NETA Scorekeeper John Beaupre

**Expert:** 1. Don Sweet 134; 2. Tim Thorp 130; 3. Daniel Allen 126; 4. Keith Dumaine 118; 5. Albert Parente 60; 6. Steven Decubellis 12.

**Advanced:** 1. Wayne Galvin 138; 2. Mike Leonard 134; 3. William Altman 104; 4. Randy McCann 104; 5. Charlie Ives 92; 6. John Altman 76; 7. Louis Gagliano 68; 8. Michael Merrihew 36; 9. William B. Ross 36; 10. Robert Cavaleri 34.

**Intermediate:** 1. James Schnaithmn 132; 2. David Aldo 132; 3. Mike Caracoglia 108; 4. Abram Lefebvre 106; 5. David Aldo Jr. 94; 6. Donald McCabe 92; 7. Rick Fecteau 54; 8. Scott Bentley 22.

**Novice:** 1. Caroline Altman 136; 2. Ronald Arms 130; 3. Caroline Allen 124; 4. James Mason 102; 5. Thomas Hall 80; 6. William J. Jessop Jr. 58; 7. Erik Carlson 56; 8. Tyler Merrihew 38; 9. Zachary Folsom 22.

**Senior Advanced:** 1. Joe Antonelli 136; 2. Dave Allen 116; 3. Vern Merrihew 112; 4. Hub Brennan 30; 5. John Galant 20; 6. Fred Decubellis 18; 7. Jason Thibodeau 14.

**Senior A:** 1. John Beaupre 136; 2. Carl Swanson 118; 3. Joe Murray Sr. 110; 4. Alan P. Gasbarro 108; 5. Butch Ives 68; 6. Jareth Johnson 36; 7. Fred Eich 32; 8. Mike Scioschetti 24; 8. Peter Lacagnina 18; 9. Kenneth Rocks 16; 10. Mike Felano 14.

**Senior B:** 1. Bill McCormick 130; 2. George Truesdale 130; 3. John Cheresko 126; 4. Pete McGuirk 104; 5. Richard Bouchard 92; 6. Bob Doyle 68; 7. William Bonneau 62; 8. Jonathan Thomas 60; 9. Vern Merrihew Jr. 48; 10. George Eddy 44.

**Vintage:** 1. Steven Christensen 140; 2. Drew Ewald 90.

**Women:** 1. Amanda Ives 80.

**Beginner:** 1. Lily Altman 104.

**Pee Wee:** 1. Robbie Thorpe 178; 2. Jeremy Claar 88; 3. Lindsay Nichols 86; 4. Matt Decosta 68; 5. I Lemmon 18; 6. Max Beaupre 14.

## Presidential Update:

By Jareth Johnson

So, it seems hard to believe that the last event has come and gone, but that doesn't mean you should forget about NETA until spring! The annual meeting is only a month away, and it will be here quicker than you think. It always seems to happen that way.

Now is the time to think about what you like or don't like about New England trials. What would you like to see changed or stay the same? Want some new rules? Want to eliminate some rules? Who do you want for President in 2006? Secretary? Treasurer, VP, Publicity, Newsletter, Scorekeeper and webmaster? Do you want to raise or lower fees? What event will your club promote next year? And how many new bikes can I sell you? Think about it. Write it down and send it to me, or bring it to the annual meeting. This is the only time you get to make a change in the way NETA does things. Don't sit at home and complain about how you don't like something we've done in the past year. Bring it to the meeting. It's how you get to be a real integral part of the structure. The Officers don't make or change the rules. Only a majority vote by YOU, the NETA membership, can it, or will it change.

Be sure to check the final scores closely and let me know as soon as possible of any discrepancies you may find. I don't want to be updating the scores the day before the annual meeting like last year.

The last two years I put together a 'tentative' schedule which really helped the schedule-making process. That might be the best thing I've done for the annual meeting. So, please send me your proposed event dates and I'll make another schedule. If you could include the trialsmaster and a phone number it would be helpful. Maybe this will be the year that we finally get an even balance of events throughout the season.

So, I hope to see each and every one of you on January 14, 2006. The annual meeting, banquet and awards ceremony will be at Newicks Seafood restaurant again. So come eat, drink, see the new bikes, cast your votes, and be merry. We need you to make it work, so come show your support!

I'd like to thank all those, at least those that I can remember, for their hard work.

First, I'd like to thank John Beaupre who has done a fabulous job with the scores this year and has been a great help for me reminding me that the glass is half full not half empty. He has shown us all that a computer score -system actually can work.

Next up is Judy Oulette who has organized the paperwork like she was going to an IRS audit. She has done a superb job and has gone way beyond the call of duty. She has shown up to help with sign-up/registration and then, as if that wasn't enough, gone out and checked a section at many events!

Mike Green has produced a newsletter that rates right up there with the Boston Globe and the New York Times. We've seen some great reports, interviews, stories, editorials, and historical information. And it has been printed in an excellent and professional format. If this keeps up, we will have to start distributing them nationwide and soon it'll replace the Trials Competition rag!

Leo O'Shea, despite his injury, has managed our financial affairs and kept the Association in the black for yet another year. If only the US government could take some pointers from him!

The NETA website looks better than ever, thanks to Dan Williams. And he has simplified it so that virtually all internet formats can handle it. As a webmaster myself, I can really appreciate the long and tedious hours it takes to make, modify and keep a website running. I have to schedule at least a whole day for myself every time I need to update my website. I can't even imagine all the hours Dan has put into it.

I'd also like to thank our Vice-President, who was that? Oh yeah, Mike Merihew, for being there for moral support and encouragement. That's a tough job too. Not many would be able to handle a job like that.

Send your comments, ideas, suggestions, rule changes, event dates and whatever else you may want to put on the table at the annual meeting to: Jareth Johnson;

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or snail mail to: 10 Boothby Lane,  
Saco, Maine 04072-9616

or call me at (603)767-8502.

See you in January!

Sincerely,

Jareth Johnson

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## Meriden Report

By Jareth Johnson

Meriden, CT. October 16, 2005

After more than a week of non-stop rain and on the heels of two hurricanes, it was very surprising to find the sun shining on sixteen excellent, challenging, and not too difficult sections. The loop avoided all the usual nasty mud holes and steep dangerous up and downhills. And it was pleasingly short.

Those of us who have ridden the loop before know all too well how deep and treacherous the muck can get. And the hills can be as slippery and rough as a mountain of junk cars covered with banana peels. Mother nature must have smiled down on us that day because it was unusually sunny and mild, not too hot or too cold, perfect riding weather. And, as if it to show us it had been just for us, it started to get cloudy and cold at the end of the day. The event went smoothly along with typical competition problems that were easily resolved.

In the morning I checked out the sections and was concerned about one Novice line. I brought it to George's attention, who quickly checked it out.

By the time I got there again, the Novices were rolling through it without a hitch.

In the Expert class Don Sweet had a protest when Tim Thorp missed section eight. He was awarded ten bonus points for that little mistake. As it turns out, he wasn't having a great day and the points didn't effect his final standing. In the end Don Sweet won, which means he'll be the New England Champion for yet another year. Like the saying goes: "When you're hot, you're hot", how many years is that? More than I've been riding trials, I think. Tim, only 4 points behind Don, came in second for the year. (Does this fit in with the rule that states "no rider may contest another riders score"? Too late now.)

In the Novice class, the girls are kicking butt. Caroline Allen received a '5' when the checker assisted her in a section, without her consent. She was therefore given a re-ride and received a well earned '3.' It was a very difficult section up a rocky slippery stream bed and '3' was a common score. The next loop earned her a big smile with just two points! Looks like she gets third for the year.

Caroline Altman wins the Novice class and Ron Arms settles for second spot between the girls.

The PeeWees had a little big class with four riders, proving once again that there are no age limits to ride Observed Trials! Little squirts under seven years old being led around by an old geezer over seven decades old. That must be some kind of record or something. I'll have to call Guinness and see if there's a category in the book for that! I don't think we can ever thank Jack Heminway nearly enough for all the work he's done getting the kids classes started, making the sections and working with the kids all year. Next time you see Jack, be sure to give him an 'attaboy'. I'm told that if you get a thousand 'attaboy's you get a free Sherco. Keep count Jack. We'll get you on a good bike (big smirk).

Let us not forget to thank those who make it all happen. After all, it's the sweat of the event workers that keep the gears of the observed trials machine well oiled. The sections were well thought out and tested the abilities of riders at all levels. Many thanks to George Eddy and all the workers at the Meriden Motorcycle Club for another great event.

Jareth Johnson, NETA President, Correspondent extraordinaire.

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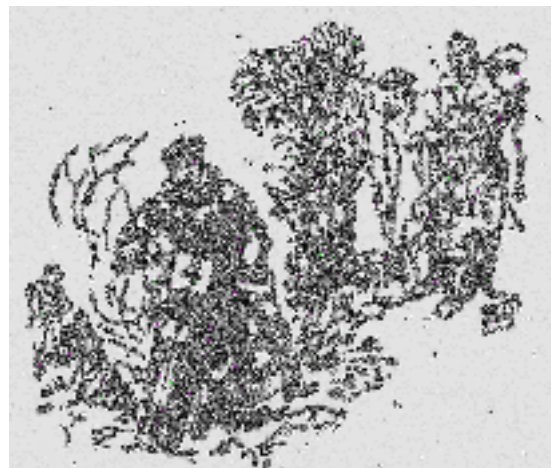
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