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NETA Observer

The newsletter of the New England Trials Association

Cooler days are perfect for riding trials! I hope you all are enjoying your bikes and I look forward to seeing everyone later this month! September 24th RITC is holding the next NETA trials event!

There is still plenty of time to secure a year end award! NETA places out to tenth place in each class at the year end awards banquet held in January! Getting an award requires showing up to compete and completing one work day. For this year there is only one competitor in the Vintage class and no one has yet to compete in the Women's class.

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If you haven't yet, check out Abigail Buzzelli's 10X12 challenge. It's a great motivator to get out on your bike and practice more. As a bonus, if you complete a month's challenge of riding 10 days, you'll get some awesome stickers mailed to you! You might even get your picture shared in On The Pegs. For more information check out the website.

<https://10x12challenge.com/>

Fall is a great time to ride. There are many local opportunities and even more if you're willing to travel. The Trials Training Center in Tennessee will be holding their Southeastern Trials Riders Association (STRA) Fall Championship Series on October 14th-15th. Competing in the [Fall 58K](#) requires a [STRA](#) and AMA membership.

On Saturday September 16th the Green Mountain Plonkers will host their Armstrong Trial in Fletcher, Vermont. It is a self checked event.

Miller Ranch Trials, will be hosting their fall event on October 15th in Corning, New York. The event Starts at noon and an AMA membership is NOT required! The entry fee is only \$20 and lunch and awards follow the event.



Some of the NY clubs like the Empire Vintage Trials, Tryals Shop, and Miller Ranch Trials put on Gate Trials where you try to get as many points as possible. This scoring system offers a very different perspective when riding an event due to rider choices. Each section has several gates and each one has a point value depending on the difficulty of the particular gate. A small log may be one point and a large log may be worth three points. Riders get to choose how they ride the section and what gates they are comfortable going through. However, there are variations in how each of these Gate Trials are scored. The major difference lies in whether or not a dab makes you lose all your points for the section-or not.



In both of these gate scoring systems, as a rider goes through the gates they gain points. One scoring system (EVT & Tryals Shop) says if a rider dabs, they need to subtract their dabs from the points they have earned in the section. Another scoring system (Miller Ranch Trials) says that if they dab just once, they lose all their points for that section. Both systems have the exciting element of choice.... "should I try that obstacle or not?" "Will I lose some -or all- of my points earned?" In both scoring systems riders can choose to go through only the gates they know they can clean or they can challenge themselves and try to gain more points. The rider risks potentially needing to subtract points for dabs, or possibly getting no points at all for that section. Gate trials events are something different worth giving a shot!

If vintage Trials is your thing be sure to check out Empire Vintage Trials in New York! Their next event is September 24th in Dalton, New York. They'll host their final event for the year on October 22nd in Apalachin, New York. The events are gate trials and they offer five different classes for vintage bikes: **Prehistoric**- 1971 and older, **Historic**- 1972 through 1977, **Classic**- 1978 through 1987 (twin shock and drum brake), **Modern**- 1991 and older (monoshock and/or disc brake), and **Exhibition**- A class for water cooled trials bikes.

Tryals Shop is having their fall events Columbus Day Weekend Sunday Oct. 8th and Veterans Day weekend Sunday Nov 12th. They do gate style scoring too. If you'd like a full list of the remaining trials events for 2023 check out the Northeast Regional Trials Calendar.

<https://teamup.com/kshhp6i1f68hyd7xbs>

Below you'll find a message from Mike at Tryals Shop. They've got new tent and RV camping sites. Along with riding lessons, they are now offering DIY bike repair and maintenance lessons! If you love trials, it's a place worth checking out!

For next month's newsletter I'd like to feature different trials bike brands and local trials businesses. If you own a trials business and would like to be included, feel free to e-mail me. I'd also love to help advertise bikes for sale, if you're selling a bike, send me the info!

Sincerely,
Kayla Lovejoy (NATA VP/Scorekeeper)



Looking for a Trials-Centered Vacation???

(or Special Day Trip).....???

....that the **Whole** Family Can Enjoy???

COME TO THE FINGER LAKES!

with its Many Activities! (and TRIALS!)

Hello NETA and thank you for including me (Mike Komer) and the Tryals Shop in your newsletter. I know a lot of you from years of riding together in many competitions (in many states!) and also as customers too (thank you!). I will be heading into my 50th year of work and play in the motorcycle industry this year and I thank my lucky stars every single day for the turn that took me to Trials. It wasn't too long after high school I got hurt riding Motocross. I had to stay off the Motocross bikes but the motorcycle shop I was working at had Montesa Trial bikes and later Yamaha Trial bikes. The owner let me take one and ride it, although I didn't really know what to do with it except wheelies. Soon a friend pointed me towards a Trial event and I went and signed up in the Novice Class. After I was done, I watched the Experts and was completely blown away by the skill they had, so I decided to try it for a while. I was hooked. I never went back to MX as I liked Trial too much and I was really happy the events were far more riding time than just 3 short Moto's! I wanted to Ride, Ride, Ride and in Trials I could, and I did. As much as I possibly could (and I still do). The rest is 'history' as they say. My love affair with every aspect of Trials led me to not only competing- but to owning the Tryals Shop, supporting World Rounds as Mech and Minder for several top riders, Team Captain for US TDN, and traveling across the US and Europe in many capacities for Trial. To say it's been a blast with all the great people and experiences- is an understatement. Nowadays I'm not traveling but rather dedicating ALL my energies into making the Tryals Shop and the property here a 'One Stop Shop' so that folks can Ride Ride Ride too! I've worked hard to make sure they can find everything they need to do so. I want to help others fall in love with RIDING too, and pass on the passion. So now, these days at the Tryals Shop- you can do it all.



At Tryals Shop You Can:

*Purchase a new bike (specializing in Beta) or purchase a new-to-you bike. We take bikes on consignment and sell and ship used bikes (of all brands) across the US.

* Learn how to ride (!) – We give Lessons right here on our purpose-built course. We have a variety of terrain options (for all skill levels) that are designed to focus on specific techniques.

*Attend an Event or come ride for practice, training, and fun. We have 6 Events per year (on Holiday Weekends) as well as Season's Riding Passes and Day Passes

*Spend some vacation time here while riding the groomed, ever-marked, ever-improving 10 Section course. Tent and RV Camping has been newly added.

*Have your bike repaired or serviced. We do all aspects of Trials Bike repair and maintenance.

*Learn "How to" with lessons for DIY Bike repair and maintenance- newly added.

*Call for Tech help over the phone (always available since day 1)

*Shop Online with us, or in the fully Stocked Retail Shop right here.

Well, I think that covers it. Instead of growing bigger I like to say we've grown fuller, more well-rounded, and we've connected the dots to cover all aspects of what you need to Ride, Ride, Ride- and enjoy it. So these days when you look around the Tryals Shop... you can truly see what good can come out of a young man's Motocross injury! Thanks again NETA for including us in your newsletter and we hope to see you-and help you- enjoy Trials. Keep your Feet Up!
-Mike

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