

“The Event” by Tim Cone.

The fun event held in Ormond Beach was a great way to get the FTA season rolling off to an easy start. The riders that made the trip in spite of gas prices were treated to 10 awesome sections including logs, concrete, coquina rock ledges, and even a car in section 10 for advance and experts. Most of the terrain was natural but some of the obstacles came from the site being a skateboard park back in the 70s named Tomoka Moonforest. We have been riding there for years but this year a friend of ours purchased the property making it possible for us to hold an event there.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the event in spite of the short loop. We made most of the lines a little on the easy side so everyone could have a good time without being pushed beyond their limits (with the exception of some of the advanced & expert lines). A fun event is a good way to start the season in that riders can get used to competing again or try out a new class without any pressure or points involved. Some riders took advantage of the location and let their families spend the day at the beach while they rode and others set a good example for the rest of us and carpooled (truckpooled?). This makes for good conversation on the ride home.

This was also a good opportunity for the club to try out the peer scoring system again, I remember this being done in fun events in the past and the Carolina Virginia Observed Trials Club has been doing this for years. This is done by riding in small groups (by class) and everyone in the group scoring, cards are exchanged or rotated with other riders so no rider records their own score. This system enables all riders to ride every event and coach each other along.

A lot of work went in to preparing the site and setting up the sections and loop for this event and we hope everyone enjoyed the trial. If the club wants to have another event here (fun or championship) we will be glad to host it. Special thanks to Troy Brown and Karl Davis for their efforts.