

FLORIDA TRIALS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Next Event

Round 2 of the FTA Championship series will be held at Croom's Motorcycle Park, located in Brooksville, Florida on 10-16-05 and will be hosted by West Coast. For those who have not yet renewed their sticker at the park entrance, don't forget to bring your MSO or you title. AMA new or renewal membership fee is \$39.00. Rider fee is \$15.00, youth 16 and under is \$5.00 and FTA membership is \$20.00 single \$30.00 family.

Remaining Schedule

Round 2 – October 16, 2005 – Croom – West Coast
Round 3 – November 20, 2005 – Promise Ranch – Cahills
Round 4 – December 11, 2005 – Promise Ranch – FUBAR
Round 5 – January 8, 2006 – Hard Rock – Central Florida
Round 6 – February 5, 2006 – Hard Rock – West Coast
Fun in the Sun Two-Day – March 4-5, 2006 – Hard Rock – All Clubs
Round 7 – April 2, 2006 – Promise Ranch – Cahills
Round 8 – May 6, 2006 – Promise Ranch – FUBAR
Fun Trials/Awards Banquet – May 21 – Crooms – All Clubs

Reminder: There's free advertising for Trials related items. Send in your ads.

“The Event” as seen by Tim Cone.

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Officer's Corner

TRIALS DES NATIONS – USA WINS GOLD

They had a job to do and we couldn't have asked for, or even expected a better performance from the team that was selected by the US to represent us at the TDN, which consisted of Chris Florin, Geoff Aaren, Cody Webb, and Keith Wineland. They accomplished their goal by bringing home the "Gold" from Sestriere, Italy on the 25th of September 2005! Chris said he has never been so nervous at a competition but somehow managed to change all his nervous energy into a positive flow and rode superbly. His teammates were telling him to just keep doing whatever he was doing because he had found his niche by being in superb form from the "git go". Several observers commented to Chris that he was the only rider who had cleaned their section all day. There were 18 sections to ride twice in very steep, mountainous, and slippery terrain, but the US took the lead, right away and stayed there, finishing with a remarkable 69 points, ahead of Australia who had 164 points, followed by Norway with 168 points. Incidentally, they tied for third place with Switzerland who also had 168 points, but Norway beat them out of a podium finish by having the most cleans. So the nearest competitor was almost 100 points away from the US. There were 13 teams who competed in the "International" Class and 9 teams who competed in the "World" Class. Undoubtedly, this victory will move the US to the World level next year, especially if the same riders are chosen for the team.

AMA stated "The finish was the best ever by an American squad and avenged last year's narrow defeat, after being

penalized for arriving late at the finish". More news can be found in AMA's website under "amadirectlink.com/news.asp".

In the World dimension, the Spaniards who were favored to win (33 points) came from behind to beat the British (45 points) with Japan (55 points) completing the podium. Their nearest competitor was Italy with 119 points, with 9th place going to Ireland who finished the event with 416 points – quite a spread. This spread was duplicated in the International class as well as it ranged from 69 points to 435 (points).

What makes these riders care so much about doing their best? Its undoubtedly one of the true characters of any great athlete combined with a pride for their country! Guys and gals – you did us proud!!

For those of you who are interested, the US team also won the 2005 Motocross of Nations in Ernee, France on the same day, making it two American victories in International competition on the same weekend.

STRA 2-DAY MODERN TRIALS

If you're ready to escape the heat and humidity for a few days, you might want to consider heading for the Trials Training Center, located in Sequatchie, Tennessee, on 22-23 October 2005, guaranteed to be fun for all with exceptional weather (hopefully). Just take cold weather gear and rain coats and you are almost guaranteed to have wonderful ridding conditions.

FTA Results for Round 1 9/18/2005

Place Rider Name Points

Beginner

1 Burnette, Tyler 7
2 VanHoten, Michael 64

Novice

1 Priest, Cathy 0
2 Croteau, Ed 10
3 Epperson, Peter 11
4 D'Agati, Philip 12
5 Starnes, Tom 63

Intermediate

1 Vennel, Bob 14
2 Myers, Clark 15
3 Storey, Charles 20
4 Janecek, Jeff 29
5 Golden, Darren 35
6 Golden, Chip (first point) 35
7 Jones, Brian Jr. 61
8 Flannigan, Kevin 67

Sportsman

1 Duncan, Brooks 15
2 Catogni, Bill 11-0 26
3 Colson, Jerry 8-0 26

4 Myers, Jeff 29
5 Lykins, Lonnie 31
6 Brown, Troy 39
7 Smith, Larry 72
8 Sheffield, Bill dnf

Sportsman A

1 Jones, Brian Jr. 10
2 Berry, Jim 28
3 Hutson, Jack 35
4 Smith, Donny 42
5 Florin, Barry 43

Advanced

1 Cone, Tim 26
2 Kozlowski, Dan 37
3 Farish, John 49
4 Davis, Karl Jr. 70

Expert

1 Walker, Chuck 21
2 Micket, Bob 35
3 Cullum, Matt 43
4 Waller, Mark 45
5 Jenkins, Doc 46
6 Davis, Karl 49

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