

FLORIDA TRIALS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Next Event

Round 3 of the FTA Championship series will be held at Promise Ranch near Webster, Florida. It will be hosted by Cahills. If you need directions please e-mail me or call your club's director.

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 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

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FTA ROUND TWO

Mark Waller and his club did an excellent job of putting on the 2nd event of the championship series at Croom. The eight challenging sections got plenty of points out of all of our riders and a

loop that felt like we were really doing some riding.

Michael VanHoten barely edged out Tom Rose by 3 points in beginner and Cathy Priest proved that her round one win in Novice wasn't a fluke by repeating her performance with an 8 point lead over 2nd place Brian Jones Jr. Phil D'Agati is keeping his comeback alive with a very close 3rd followed by a tie for 4th between Ryan Davis and Peter Epperson.

In the intermediate class Clark Myers took the win, narrowly edging out a determined Jeff Janecek. These guys have really raised the bar in this class! David Matheu squeaked by Charles Story by one point for 3rd and an enthusiastic Kevin Flannigan rounded out the class.

Jeff Myers took the overall in Sportsman away from Jerry Colson in a tie breaker and it was good to see Bill Nutting return to competition with a respectable 3rd place finish after a medical leave. Sportsman A is one of the most interesting classes this season with almost every rider in the class having the potential to win any given event. Donny Smith took top honors this day with an amazing 11 point score, Brian Jones was close behind in 2nd and Barry Florin just got by Jack Hutson by 1 point for 3rd. Tim Cone won the advanced class over an up and coming Karl Davis Jr. with Don Kozlowski and John Farrish tied for 3rd.

Chuck Walker Smoked Em in the expert class with a 25 point lead over 2nd

place Bob Micket on his Beta. Mark Waller finished an honest 3rd showing them his smooth riding style.

It's good to see so much enthusiasm at an event, particularly from the new and returning old riders. Some of these riders travel a long way to compete and we hope to see even more riders at the Promise Ranch to try out some new trials terrain at the next event.

STRA 58K

Some FTA riders made the annual trek up to the Trials Training Center in Sequatchi, Tennessee to compete in the 13th annual 58K Trials. The weather was perfect, sections were fun, and the loops were very demanding. About 80 riders competed on four loops totaling 32 sections each day.

On Saturday Chris Florin finished 2nd to local resident Bruce LeRiche in the Pro Class, Matt Cullum and Karl Davis finished 3rd and 8th in a tough expert field, Tim Cone and Karl Davis, Jr. finished 4th and 10th in a talented group of Advanced riders. Brooks Duncun upset the STRA championship contenders by winning Sportsman while Jeff Myers and Jerry Colson finished 9th and 11th. Clark Myers was the spoiler in Intermediate, taking the win and Brooks and Ryan Davis took 4th and 5th in Novice.

Sunday saw an even tougher loop (I only cleaned the loop twice!) and one section was so difficult that the best score of the day was three points in it. Chris won the Pro Class by a mile, Karl and Matt finished 7th and 8th in Expert, Tim, Karl Jr. and Brooks Duncan finished 5th, 16th and 14th in Advanced. Jerry Colson had a good day finishing 6th in

Sportsman, Ryan and Brooks Davis finished 4th and 5th in Novice.

All of the STRA are a lot of fun and an excellent opportunity for us to ride some exciting terrain and compete against some top notch riders on their four loop events.

Gadson, Alabama is the next event and last round of their season and is a fun place to ride. For more info go to WWW.SETRIALSRIDERS.ORG.

2005/2006 FTA Championship Preliminary Results

Beginner	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Wrk
Burnette, Tyler	30								30	0
Rose, Tom		25							25	0
VanHoten, Michael	25	30							55	0
Novice	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Wrk
Croteau, Ed	25								25	0
D'Agati, Philip	18	21							39	0
Davis, Brooks		15							15	0
Davis, Ryan 13-0		18							18	0
Epperson, Peter	21	16							37	0
Jones, Brian Jr.*		25							25	0
Priest, Cathy	30	30							60	1
Starnes, Tom	16	14							30	2
Intermediate	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Wrk
Flannigan, Kevin	13	16							29	0
Golden, Chip	15								15	1
Golden, Darren	16								16	1
Janecek, Jeff	18	25							43	1
Jones, Brian Jr.*	14								14	0
Matheu, David		21							21	0
Myers, Clark	25	30							55	1
Storey, Charles	21	18							39	0
Vennel, Bob	30								30	0
Sportsman	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Wrk
Brown, Troy	15								15	1
Catogni, Bill	25	15							40	1
Colson, Jerry	21	25							46	1
Duncan, Brooks	30								30	0
Lykins, Lonnie	16	16							32	0
Myers, Jeff	18	30							48	1
Nutting, Bill		21							21	1
Rodriguez, Eloy		14							14	1
Sheffield, Bill	dnf	18							18	0
Smith, Larry	14								14	0
Sportsman A	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Wrk
Berry, Jim	25	16							41	0
Brown, Troy		14							14	1
Duncan, Brooks		15							15	1
Florin, Barry	16	21							37	1
Hutson, Jack	21	18							39	0
Jones, Brian Jr.	30	25							55	0
Smith, Donny	18	30							48	0
Advanced	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Wrk
Cone, Tim	30	30							60	1
Davis, Karl Jr.	18	25							43	1
Farish, John	21	18							39	0
Kozlowski, Dan	25	21							46	0
Expert	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Wrk

Cullum, Matt	21	16							37	0
Davis, Karl	15	18							33	1
Jenkins, Doc	16	15							31	0
Micket, Bob	25	25							50	0
Walker, Chuck	30	30							60	0
Waller, Mark	18	21							39	1

dnf=did not finish; exh=exhibition; Rd=round; Wrk=number of events worked;

Total=total points for the 7 best rides; * = Rode more than 1 class.

1st=30, 2nd=25, 3rd=21, 4th=18, 5th=16, 6-20=1pt less, 21-29=.1 pt less, 30-39=.01 pt less.

All non members will be dropped and the remaining riders will be moved up at each event.

All non qualifying riders will be dropped after round 8 and the remaining riders will be moved up.

Riders may only qualify for one class and must work at least two events.

Jack Hutson is the official Championship Points keeper—notify him of any errors or concerns.

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