

FLORIDA TRIALS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Next Event

Round 5 – January 8, 2006 will be at Hard Rock and hosted by Central Florida. Directions are at the following web site. <http://dirtcycles.com/hardrock.htm> If you don't have access to a computer and need directions please 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.

For sale – 2005 Scorpa – ridden in 3 trials only – great condition - \$4,250 Also 2000 Suzuki Esteen 4 door car – 33,000 miles - +35 miles per gallon – auto and air \$4,250. Both available in mid Feb. 2006 - Call English Dave 321-727-9836

Remaining Schedule

- *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

Next Event – 8 January 2006
Officers Corner by Jean Florin

The next event will be this coming Sunday at Hard Rock Cycle Park in Ocala. The rider's meeting will be held at 10:45, with the event starting at 11:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your AMA cards, and make sure you stop at the gate to sign the release. The place has changed quite a bit since we were last there but we still have plenty of sections to challenge everyone. For those who are lacking a work credit and would like to come out on Saturday to help set up a few more sections and mark the loop, please let Barry know so he can have some idea of who is coming to help him, plus he can give your names to Glenn and Donna Knox so you don't have to pay the gate fee when you come in. Just remember, workers are still required to sign the release so make sure you stop at the gate first. Barry will be parked in the back section – take the first road to your right after the motocross track and then bear left past the house trailer and go straight through the gate, and then go all the way back until you can drive no further. You should have no problem finding "Big Blue and the Black Helmet Trailer". Barry will have his cell phone with him (321-615-0586), so call him if you need to talk to him. Hope to see all of you on Sunday.

Happy New Year to 2006

All of the Officers and Club Directors wish everyone a Happy New Year and certainly hope you brought in the New Year with those you love and care about. We had a giant bon fire and celebrated it with our family and friends. Barry had

cut down 5 dead pine trees, thanks to Hurricane Jeanne, and piled them up so high that my first thought was the entire town of Grant is going to be able to see this great light on the horizon and wonder what it is! I didn't mention it to Barry, but I was wondering if we would get a friendly visit from our fire department (thankfully that did not happen). About 8:00 pm I looked out the window and noticed Barry had started the fire, told everyone they could go on out and start enjoying it while I putted around the kitchen doing those womanly chores of putting away the perishable food, stacking the dishwasher, and placing more food on the counter. When I walked out 10 minutes later, there was no flame at all coming from the fire. After everyone tried lighting palm fronds and blowing on the sparks to get the fire restarted, we realized this was not going to work and all our efforts were to no avail, but we had fun trying. Being the genius that he is, Barry went in the garage and came out with the leaf blower and within 2 minutes he had the fire blazing! It was so funny because we had to keep moving our benches back because the flames were so hot and then once things started dying down, we kept moving them closer to the fire to keep warm. It was a beautiful night; there was no wind so the sparks were going straight up – just beautiful to watch, we didn't have to worry about the smoke blowing in our faces, the stars were shining so brightly, and I was thinking we could not have planned it any better. We all shared the fire until about 11:50 and headed inside to open the Champaign and watch the big ball drop in New York, of course counting the seconds off with all of them until we toasted in the New Year with Champaign, hugs and kisses! The next day the guys went trials riding and later Barry and I went for a nice ride on his

Warrior with Bruce and Susan, his brother and wife, and Barry and Carol Procter. It was a great way to start the New Year off and I hope all of you had just as great a time!

Fun in the Sun

Don't forget our two-day is quickly approaching and there is still a lot of work to be done. We need the Club Directors to organize their work parties and pick out the sections they would like to observe during the event, so this would be a good weekend to start scoping the area out for your perfect locations. We need everyone's help to make this year's event a success. And just in case you are wondering, if it rains like it did last year, the event still goes on! And don't forget we will need servers for the 10 sections, which will be considered a work credit for those of you who have not earned your two credits for year-end qualification.

NATC Meeting 28-30 October 2005

For a summarization of the NATC meeting that was held in Denver, Colorado, please visit the following website: http://www.natctrials.org/documents/2005_Mtg_a.pdf. For those of you who do not have access to a computer, rule changes are highlighted below:

- Section markings will follow that of the world round, with P (Professional), E (Expert), and S (Support) lines designated with pairs of arrows indicating a "gate". You may not cross a gate in either direction for a class other

than your own. Riders will need to review these rules when they are finalized, but they will be consistent with the FIM rules as used in the World Round.

- High School class (age 10-17 as of 1 January 2006) will ride the ES (Expert Support) line.
- Junior class (age 10-15 as of 1 January 2006) is created and will ride the Support line.
- Women's ES class is new and will ride ES line. Women's Support class remains the same.
- SR30 class is eliminated; Sportsman class remains open to anyone of any age.
- Minders are only allowed inside the section while their rider is attempting the section, and must wear a helmet at that time.
- Pre-entry fees raised to \$60 per rider per day, \$25 minder; late entry stays the same at \$100 rider, \$50 minder per day.
- At the World Round in Tennessee, the Expert riders will ride the "Youth" World Round line and the Prose will ride the same line as the World Round competitors.
- Pros count best 7 (of 8) rides. All other classes count best 5 rides (5/7 for S and ES; 5/8 for E).
- Club shares per rider per day were increased.
- The 2006 members of the NATC Hall of Fame are: Rogerl Ansel, Fred Belair, Lane Leavitt, Bill Mathewson and Dave Seeley.

The schedule is as follows:

- Rounds 1 & 2: April 1st and 2nd, Holbrook, Arizona

- Rounds 3 & 4: April 8th and 9th, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
- Round 5: May 19th (Support and ES classes only), May 20th (Pro and Expert), Sequatchie, Tennessee
- Round 5: May 21st (Pro and Expert), Sequatchie, Tennessee
- Rounds 7 & 8: August 26th and 27th, Montour Falls, New York
- U.S. World Round: May 20th and 21st, Sequatchie, Tennessee
- Youth Nationals: July 1st thru 3rd, Sequatchie, Tennessee
- Western Youth Nationals: July 28th thru 30th, Bear Valle, California (location tentative)
- Ute Cup: August 19th and 20th.

The biggest challenge NATC was faced with this year was the fact that not many clubs offered to host events. They are encouraging national riders to lobby within their clubs to host a national so that next year they don't have a similar problem.

Ted Gansberger has been appointed as the Trial des Nationals team manager. Plans are to announce the team much earlier in 2006 than in the past. Stay tuned to the NATC website (www.natctrials.org) for news about that and other US TdN team information.

Chris's Journeys

Unfortunately while Chris was competing for the US at the TdN in Italy this year, Bruce LeRiche took two first place finishes during STRA's modern rounds, which put Chris at a total disadvantage for winning the championship this year. Bruce also worked a vintage round which

awarded him the points of an extra 1st place finish so that put Bruce with 7 wins versus Chris's 6. These two have been so competitive this year; it would have been nice to see who would have taken the championship on a fair playing field. Hopefully STRA will not make this mistake in the future if they are truly interested in the "best of the best" competing against each other. As far as Chris is concerned, he says nothing compares to winning the Gold for our country and although disappointed with the outcome of the STRA championship, he wishes Bruce the best and looks forward to another competitive year competing against each other, whether at the Nationals or at regular STRA events.

American Motorcyclist Association

AMA has been tasked with taking AMA Sports competition (which includes Trials), to the next level and in order to accomplish this, they realize they need to provide new levels of service to their key customers – event organizers and racers. AMA has announced that the first phase of a comprehensive revamp of how they provide their services is complete. I should be receiving a copy of their free software soon and will look at it to see how it will benefit the FTA. The core of the new strategy is a new system to streamline the process of collecting and reporting national advancement points in key classes. It consists of a software program to run on a promoter's computer that will provide an easy data-collection point for race results, and an easy way to send them to the AMA's national headquarters electronically. In the short term, the software will lay the groundwork for a centrally administered

points database for all points-paying competition classes, available through the AMA website. Although I don't really see this how this will apply to us, they state it will make it easier for promoters to track their customers and for racers to know where they stand. Future phases of the project will involve a full-on race-management software program to help us run on-line pre-registration, streamline our at-the-track issues and make it easier for us to return paperwork to the AMA and get our results posted on-line. Now this is something I am definitely interested in as it takes me several hours to complete all the information, make the copies needed for them and our files, and stick it all in the mail. Anything to get away from "snail mail" perks my interest! I will keep you advised.

AMA Membership and Renewals

As of 1 January 2006, new members who join the AMA on-line and pay with a credit card will then be able to immediately print a temporary AMA membership card that will show their name, permanent AMA number, and the date of the expiration of their temporary card. This card will be valid for 6 weeks from the issue date, which will give AMA the time needed to deliver the permanent card and other new member data. Depending on the type of printer you have available, the card can be printed in either black and white or color. The color version has a black background and white lettering, with the exception of the work "Temp" which is Blue. The stripes are red, the AMA logo is the standard red, white and blue. The "back" of the card will also be printed, and contain release language, a space for the

member's signature, and information about AMA benefits. The card can then be cut out from the sheet of paper and folded so that it has both a front and a back. After 1 January 2006, all event organizers will accept the new temporary card, the same as a standard AMA membership card. Making it easier to join or renew on-line should reduce the number of new members joining at the events, which will reduce the workload on organizers and promoters. It may be time to start seriously thinking about purchasing a laptop and a printer for the FTA, but will wait to see what comes about with the new software mentioned above.

4	Berry, Jim	60
5	Duncan, Brooks	70
6	Smith, Donny	dnf
Advanced		
1	Cone, Tim	45
2	Davis, Karl Jr.	62
3	Farish, John	80
Expert		
1	Walker, Chuck	45
2	Waller, Marc	90
3	Micket, Bob 1-0	93
4	Cullum, Matt 0-0	93
5	Jenkins, Doc	94
6	Davis, Karl	100

FTA Results for Round 4 12/11/2005

<u>Place</u>	<u>Rider Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Beginner		
1	Burnette, Tyler	2
2	VanHoten, Mike	20
3	Rose, Tom	61
Novice		
1	D'Agati, Philip	33
2	Davis, Ryan	37
3	Jatco, Chad	41
4	Cullum, Isaiah	50
5	Starnes, Tom	dnf
Intermediate		
1	Myers, Clark	26
2	Janecek, Jeff	35
3	Golden, Chip	50
4	Silas, Lee	57
5	Golden, Darren	73
6	Delmain, Kevin	dnf
7	Priest, Cathy	dnf
Sportsman		
1	Colson, Jerry	60
2	Radford, Dave	71
3	Myers, Jeff 6-0	74
4	Cullum Dudley 1-0	74
5	Nutting, Bill	77
6	Catogni, Bill	113
7	Smith, Larry	dnf
Sportsman A		
1	Hutson, Jack	47
2	Brown, Troy	48
3	Florin, Barry	55

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