

# FLORIDA TRIALS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## Next Event

Round 6 – February 5, 2006 – will be at **Hard Rock** and hosted by West Coast. 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 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  
**--Changed Dates--**  
\***Round 8 – May 7, 2006 – Promise Ranch – FUBAR**  
\*\***Awards Banquet – June 4 – Ormond Beach – All Clubs**

## **FTA ROUND 5 AT HARD ROCK OCALA**

A cold forecast was not enough to keep the 47 riders from making the trip to

Ocala for round 5, some from as far away as south Florida. Riders competed on 10 excellent sections (6 totally new areas) set up with a lot of thought and hard work by Barry Florin and the entire Central Florida Club. The weather warmed up fast as the day went on and made a perfect day of riding.

Mike Van Hoten won beginner with only 20 points over Tyler Burnette and Tom Rose. Chad Jatko rode his Bultaco to a close win over Ryan Davis and Phil D'Agati with only 1 point separating first from third. New comer Jeff Kulp finished an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> only 2 points behind.

Intermediate was not only the largest class of the day but also had the lowest score of the day posted by Jeff Janecek on his Gas Gas. Tony Ham made a rare appearance posting only 6 points for the day finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Clark Meyers and Colorado's own Gary Owens tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy Priest rounded out the top 5 and new rider John Scales finished an impressive 6<sup>th</sup>.

English Dave Radford put it to the Sportsman class on his Scorpa. Dave is an old school rider and had his bike modified for a left foot rear brake. Jeff Meyers finished a close 2<sup>nd</sup> on his Beta and Jerry Colson was only 1 point behind in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Brian Jones came all the way up from West Palm to take the Sportsman A first place trophy home. Donny Smith won the tie breaker for 2<sup>nd</sup> place over

Brooks Dunkan with Jim Berry only one point behind. Tim Cone rode his new Montesa 4 stroke to win the Advanced class over Karl Davis Jr.

Chuck Walker scored 37 points winning expert and an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish for Marc Waller. As long as Chuck is riding; whoever gets 2<sup>nd</sup> place is kind of like the winner! Karl Davis Sr. was 7 points behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Chris Florin rode an exhibition round with only 16 points.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Hardrock again on Feb. 06 for Round 6 put on by Marc Waller and the West Coast Club.

### **Officer's Corner**

Next Event – Round 6 will be held at Hard Rock Cycle Park in Ocala, with the rider's meeting at 10:45 and the event starting at 11:00. Please arrive on time so we can make sure we split and start the groups appropriately.

It is extremely important that riders make arrangements with their group ahead of time so nobody gets separated from one another. I heard this happened to one of our youngest riders who was found at Section 10 all by himself. This caused me major heartburn when I heard this, plus it scared the “you- know-what” out of me. Considering the terrain at Hard Rock, this could have turned into quite a disaster, and I'm sure none of us wants to see any of our youngsters get injured or lost. We all need to take responsibility for our children who are competing – unless you think this is a great way to get rid of your competition! After all, it becomes a very humbling experience

when the youngsters start to out-ride the adults, but just remember, this is where our Champions get their beginning. I am trying to make light of a very serious situation, so please don't take me the wrong way. We realize we are still trying to work out some of the bugs in our new scoring/observing system this year, so if anyone encounters a problem, please bring it to our attention so we can help assist in the matter.

Tyler Burnette

Some of you may not be aware that Tyler had to be taken to the Emergency Room to have 7 sutures put in his leg after trying to load his bike on the trailer all by himself. He didn't quite make it. But thanks to Rose Owens who is a Paramedic, she was able to take care of his wound long enough for him to make it to the Hospital. He was very brave the entire time Rose was doctoring him up and Bob called the other night to let us know that Tyler is doing just fine. As all kids who are in school, one of his first thoughts was that he might be able to stay home from school a day, or two, or even three. We will have to ask him how it went when we see him at the next event.

### **World Round at TTC**

If you are planning to attend the World Round/National at the Trials Training Center (TTC) on 19-21 May 2006, and you are going to need a hotel, you might want to make your arrangements soon as rooms are going fast and some hotels only have smoking rooms available. Another hint – you may get a better price on a room if you book your arrangements on line. I was told this by one of the hotel clerks. Also, if you are planning to ride the National, make sure your entry form and fee is postmarked 30 days

before the event. The fee has been raised to \$60 per rider, the minder fee is still \$25 and the late fee or sign-up at the event will be \$100 per rider, \$50 per minder at any National.

### Chris's Journeys

Chris will be heading to North Carolina, to bring home his new bike. No – it's not a trials bike but a street bike. On his way home, he has been invited to stay with the Ibsen's in Georgia for a few days of practice – but this will be on his trials bike. Chris is really looking forward to this as it is going to give him and Chad Kimbrell their first opportunity of working together, as Chad will be minding for Chris this year at the Nationals.

### FTA Results for Round 5 1/8/2006

<u>Place</u>	<u>Rider Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
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#### Beginner

1	Van Hoten, Mike	20
2	Burnette, Tyler	25
3	Rose, Tom	36

#### Novice

1	Jatko, Chad	16
2	Davis, Ryan 21-0	17
3	D'Agati, Phil 17-0	17
4	Kulp, Jeff	19
5	Davis, Brooks	21
6	Miller, Paul	22
7	Jones, Jr., Brian	26
8	Epperson, Peter	28
9	May, Jack	80
10	Starnes, Tom	dnf

#### Intermediate

1	Janecek, Jeff	5
2	Ham, Tony	6
3	Clark, Myers 5-1	12
4	Owens, Gary 4-1	12
5	Priest, Kathy	30
6	Scales, John	38
7	Golden, Chip	41
8	Golden, Darin	51
9	Ward, Bruce	81
10	Delmain, Kevin	83

11	Flannigan, Kevin	84
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#### Sportsman

1	Radford, Dave	26
2	Myers, Jeff	29
3	Colson, Jerry	30
4	Sheffield, Bill	56
5	Rodriguez, Eloy	73
6	Lykins, Lonnie	74
7	Catogni, Bill	95
8	Smith, Larry	dnf

#### Sportsman A

1	Jones, Brian	24
2	Smith, Donny 16-0	24
3	Duncan, Brooks 12-0	24
4	Berry, Jim	25
5	Florin, Barry	41
6	Brown, Troy	51

#### Advanced

1	Cone, Tim	33
2	Davis, Jr., Karl	48

#### Expert

1	Walker, Chuck	37
2	Waller, Marc	58
3	Davis, Karl	65
4	Cullum, Matt 7-0	75
5	Micket, Bob 1-0	75
6	Jenkins, Doc	76
Exh	Florin, Chris	16

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