

MID-AMERICA TRIALS TEAM

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Clean Deer Vs. Clean Section



Well, I think most of the club was busy cleaning deer while we were out cleaning sections. I hope everyone got their deer! You could tell it was deer season by the number of riders that didn't show up or showed up in camo without their bikes. We also got a visit from a hunting dog that came over to check us out at section 8, probably from the adjoining property.

Jim Jeter and Kelly Echterling did a great job on the sections. Kelly gets my vote for the Longest Section Of The Year award on section 5 in the back bowl of the quarry. The start of it dropped riders down into the bowl and then traveled the entire circumference of the bowl. Riders had to navigate logs, super slick mud, rocks, and then make it up a nasty hill before exiting right next to where they entered. The club would have needed to order more tape if he had marked off the whole section!

Section 7 seemed to be the worst section of the day, or at least the most frustrating. Imagine a mixture of mud, logs, loose rocks, slick rocks, moss, and leaves. Now put that on off camber sections, uphill and tight turns; that sums up section 7. A lot of riders, including myself, took points even before making it all the way in the section.

RJ easily cleaned up the Novice class on his sneaky electric trials bike. It's no surprise though, I did see him practicing riding through a huge water puddle before the Trials.

The Amateur class was a bitter fight to the end with only 6 points separating the competitors. Bob Sanderson was set up for the victory going into the last section of the day, unfortunately he

crashed and broke his handle bars and lost the first spot to Steve Smith.

I think newcomer Matt Tustison has a new respect for trials riding since Old Man Bridges and the guys whooped up on him. He's one of the fastest guys I know on a go faster and I've been trying to get him to slow down for years. I think he is serious about riding Trials because the next weekend we were at his property scoping out where we could fit the trials stadium in between the harescramble course! After some work we may even be able to have an event there.

Kelly dominated the Intermediate class because he had so much practice while he was setting up the trials! Just kidding, we all know the truth, he's just a good rider. Scott showed up midway through the first loop and I believe was trying to ride in the Intermediate class on his mom's tricked out yellow GasGas. However, the bike was having nothing to do with it and showed it's disapproval by disassembling it's own carburetor.

I'm not sure how many times I asked who was Trials Master while walking the expert line in the sections. I wanted to make sure I kicked the right person in the shin later: they were hard. Luckily, I rode the best I ever have due to all the traction I was getting with my flat tire and came out with a first place finish (and a last place finish).

There probably has been a lot of work done on bikes since this Trials. I'm not sure the Masters even finished the Trials. First, Scott's bike is undergoing repairs so he was out of the Master class. Marc "Crash" Carpenter was out with a bruised liver and kidney after a brutal attack by a gang of soccer balls the previous weekend and then went over

Event Results

Novice

Place	Name	L1	L2	L3	Total
1	RJ	15	15	9	39

Amateur

Place	Name	L1	L2	L3	Total
1	Steve Smith	22	29	20	71
2	Bob Sanderson	24	27	22	73
3	Jim Bridges	27	22	25	74
4	Matt Tustison	27	24	26	77

Intermediate

Place	Name	L1	L2	L3	Total
1	Kelly Echterling	11	8	7	26
2	Carl Hopkins	18	21	10	49
3	Mike Carpenter	20	18	24	62

Expert

Place	Name	L1	L2	L3	Total
1	Matt Hopkins	15	22	15	52

Master

Place	Name	L1	L2	L3	Total
1	Bruce Carver	8	5	0	13
2	Jason Carpenter	14	1	0	15

the bars 4 times (I think I heard) in Wichita. This guy is so tough that during his latest monthly scheduled visit to the hospital he found out he had a broken back from some other previous injury and didn't even know it.

So for this trials we were left with Bruce and Jason, and I bet they wish they would have went hunting. In section 2 Jason's front wheel washed out when a rock rolled away as he hit it and he was saved as he landed softly on a pile of brush. Then in section 4 he was attacked by another piece of brush which caused him to get a 5. At some point during his second loop he broke off his clutch lever. Luckily for him, Bruce followed suite and broke his handle bars off!

So in summary, the trials was great for the riders but not so good for bikes. The damage report is as follows: 1 chain off sprocket, 1 flat tire, 2 broken handle bars, 1 carburetor, and 1 clutch lever.

15th annual Postage Stamp Trials

Don't forget the 15th annual Postage Stamp Trials on January 1st, 2009 with a start time of 1pm. The reason for the event is to raise money for mailing our club newsline and to get you all out of the house. Admission for all riders is (1) book of twenty, new \$0.42 stamps or \$10.00. Friends and family, as always, are free. The event will be held on the sprawling estate of Russ Amos and Jane Drury in Shawnee, Kansas. There will be Coffee, hot dogs, chili, and all the fixings to have a really good time. Please **BYOB!**

The address is 7018 Bell Rd near I435 and Midland Dr. If you get lost, call 913-962-0159. Also check the schedule section of the website for a map. Please check the weather, or call, before coming but we usually hold it regardless unless you can't get up the hill. Please try to car pool because parking can be a problem. Oh and in case I forgot to say it is **BYOB!** This event is always a lot of fun.



Next Event...

The next Trials event will be held in Trenton December 21st with a 11am start time. Trials Masters are everyone: this is a show up, setup and ride event. All the sections from November will still be up to ride backwards or modify.

2008 X-Mas Party

When:

Saturday, December 13th
6:00pm - ????

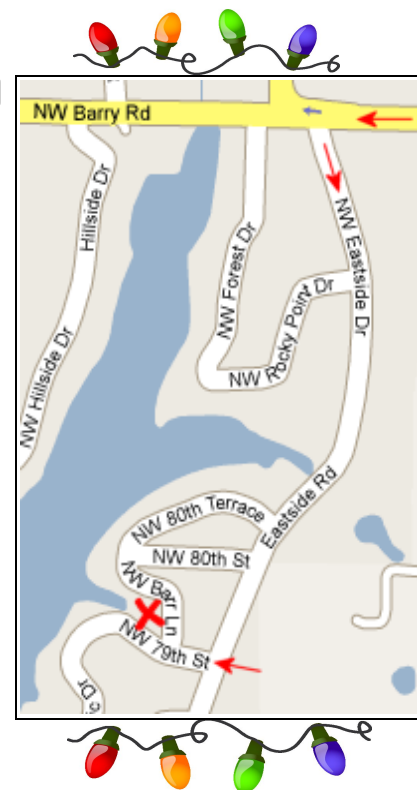
Where:

The Hopkins.
7908 NW Barr Ln
(816) 741-5436

From I-29 & Barry Road:

Head West on Barry Rd.
Turn Left on Eastside Dr.
Right on 79th St.
Right on Barr Ln.
First house on the Left.

Why: Another excuse to eat, drink eggnog, play pool, shuffle board, sing Karaoke, be merry, and pay tribute to George Carlin.



Bike seeking rider...enjoys frolicking in the rocks, taking long mud baths...

If anybody needs to add or remove anything from this list just email me at madmatt@matt-trials.com with a description/update.

OSSA's - One real nice, low use Explorer which is an MAR trials bike with a slightly bigger tank - \$900. And one Genuine MAR (Mick Andrews Replica) that shows more wear, but is still a complete bike - \$700. pics at www.dotGeorge.com/ossa George - Omaha - (402)510-9378

2004 GasGas 280 Pro - Red, One Owner, in real good condition. Tires are fair. Extra accessories. \$2800. Call Mark at 660-772-3194

1989 Beta TR34C. Rarely ridden. Runs great and READY TO RIDE! 2,000 OBO

1990 Beta Zero Rarely ridden. Runs great. In very very good original condition. The first trials bike with an aluminum frame. \$2400 OBO Phil 801-791-0868

1998 GasGas 270 TXT, Red, Excellent Condition, Novice rider and used very little. Tulsa, OK. Roger 918-637-0120

2002 GasGas 280 Blue - Broken Arrow, OK VGC, Runs great, tires good, \$2,700. Call Chris on cell 918-640-9244

2007 1/2 Sherco 2.9 Cabestany Replica Limited Edition - \$5595.00

Bought brand new in August 2007; There were only a couple of these imported into the US last year. Has all the 2008 improvements (ignition mapping, fully adjustable rear shock on it) plus a special cylinder head and keihin carburetor. Outstanding condition, runs strong, well maintained, ready to ride, comes with the original plastic that was never rode on; oil was changed every one or two rides, air filter changed every ride; brand new Dunlop tires, new chain; comes with some extra spare parts too. Great shipping rates available and free crating. Call 304-532-7982

If anyone is interested or knows of anybody interested I have become bike poor. I'm planning on buying a new 09' and need to sell 3 of the following 4 bikes.

2008 GasGas 280 Pro, ridden 9 months. \$4900 OBO

2006 GasGas Pro, purchased March 07', good condition. \$3600 OBO

2004 GasGas Raga, only 60 hours max, very nice bike. \$3500 firm

2004 GasGas 300 Pro, good condition. \$2500 OBO

John Hensley 417-399-1050 (Boliver, MO)

Have pictures, stories, for sale, or announcements for the website or Newsline? Email me at madmatt@matt-trials.com