



June/July 2010

23 brave souls made the annual trek to the west to join Hans and I for the June round of MWTA action. Brave because the weatherman was calling for rain and lots of it. By golly he wasn't just blowing smoke either and he even threw in some wind for good measure. Alma is world famous for deep dirt ravines and log and hillside combinations. Neither of those mixes well with rain and after 14 years of rain free June trials our number appeared to be up.

Surprisingly enough competitors were greeted with 6 sections of large granite outcroppings, a large boulder field and a variety of volcanic lava fields. Then it was off on a high speed run up to near the South Dakota border where 2 more sections of sandy, yuca, and rocky hillsides awaited. OK so maybe there was something in Art's pancakes and the first 6 sections were mostly an expulsion of HWY 136 cement from Alma so cleverly arranged that even the large field of pros didn't realize that they weren't riding on natural terrain.

Anyhow the action started out Sat. nite with a feast by chef Art. Then it was off to the Barn for the Shaun Zornes and Jake Gardner bicycle demo. These guys can definitely kick it on their bikes. When they get their skills transferred to motorcycles Mr Smage had better look out.

Sunday morning greeted us with a 1/2 inch more of rain (after 2 and a half Friday nite) and pancakes from Art light enough to float a Aprilia. Then it was time to get serious. The 3 sections in the yard were under the trees and got worse as the day progressed with more mud being drug onto the rocks. The rest of the sections were out in the open and were in total primo condition with a little sunshine and a breeze. The master class saw a return of Blake Binder after a 3 year break. Welcome back Blake. Jeremy F. set the pace followed by T. Spillman with Blake, Tyler Curnes, and my self fighting over third. I was just staging an attack on first place when I managed to get a 15 in section 5. Loup 2 saw Jeremy setting the pace again and Blake starting to find some of his old form despite sweating bullets. Or was that buckets. Loup 3 brought an unusual oops by Jeremy while Tyrel turned it up a notch with numerous cleans to post a better loup score. It was too little too late as Jeremy breezed to an easy win. I graciously backed it off as to not embarrass the kids at my own trials

Expert class saw Mick lead the way over Shaun and Aaron. Tight and technical was the order of the day and their scores reflected that.

Intermediate had the Wildman leading Jake home. Don't look back Art, he's gaining on you everyday. Sr Intermediat had Dave Zornes looking good with the old mister smooth, Jeff Spillman looking a little rusty.

Sr. Am. brought Allen Muirhead and Rob Farber fighting tooth and nail down to the last section with Rob squeaking in by a point. Al has been sidelined with a hip replacement and looked happy to be back in action. Amatuer was also tight as Josh barely bested Brady Binder by 3 points. Dan Haubrich parked his trusty TY350 for a Gas Gas and jumped into the amateurs. It must of been a good fit as he landed squarely in mid pack.

In Novice action Noah Smith soloed in for a win over his dad who was riding exhibition along with some creative novice lines.

All in all I thought it went great and a big thanks to Art and everyone else who contributed to the food. Thanks to Jeremy, Tyrel and Hans for the time and sweat in the name of fun. See you in July.

Jesse Wessels

After a few weeks of dry weather, mother-nature realized it's time for another trials event and a couple of rainy days popped back into the forecast. Luckily all that was left when Jim rang the bell were deep muddy puddles throughout the quarry. It turned out to be a beautiful day and the early start really did beat the heat. In the masters class Steve Clark took the honors with Jeremy Farber and Jesse Wessels ridding in with second and third. Experts had a tight battle for second Jim Westcott and Mick Hutchison came to the log jam in section nine tied at 48 points each. After each adding a point to their respective scores it would come done to a tie beak. Since both riders finished with 6 cleans it came down to Jim having 7 one point sections and Mick having only 5. Jeremy finished in first place with a mere 39 points while Sean and Aaron completed the day with 79 and 86 points. Sr. Intermediate had a solo ride by Jim Haulbrich our July Trials master. Thanks for a fun trials Jim. Intermediate had the largest turnout with nine. Dave Zornes rode to victory with 29 points followed by Art and his 33 points and Terry's 54 point day. Sr. Amateur had only 2 of the 4 finish as Bruce Cratty and Larry Findley took first and second places. The heat was

on in the Amateur class with Tyler Buckbee ready to reclaim his position at the top of the heap. With only 20 points Tyler was the victor over Joshes 42. Kirby Karwal decided it was high time the rest of the Amateur riders took notice that he is moving up the score board quickly only 7 points behind Josh Medleys second place score.

There will be a quarry clean-up day on Saturday, July 24 please come out and lend a hand. Help is needed clearing trails and cutting back overgrown trees along the road. Bring out your knippers, chain saw, and weed wackers.

We need more help with section clean-up. Please help pick-up the sections after the events a little help from everyone takes a lot of burden off of a few. Just one more quick reminder that a steering committee meeting will take place before the September trials.

Please keep in mind that we would love to hear from riders of all classes. So send your comments and any photos to bsmith@southeast.edu.

June 2010 Results

Masters

Jeremy Farber 24 points

Tyrel Spillman 55 points

Blake Binder 65 points

Tyler Curnes 77 points

Jesse Wessels 87 points

Expert

Mick Hutcheson 35 points

Sean Zornes 65 points

Aaron Regan 84 points

Intermediate

Art Gardner 39 points

Terry Kuebler 58 points

Jake Gardner 52 points

Hans Wessels 76 points

Senior Intermediate

Dave Zornes 19 points

Jeff Spillman 33 points

Terry Curnes 39 points

Mark Hadeen 55points

Novice

Noah Smith 47 points

Barry Smith Exhibition

Senior Amateur

Rob Farber	7 points
Al Muirhead	8 points

Amateur

Josh Medley	13 points
Brady Binder	16 points
Steve Hayes	43 points
Russ Nowoting	46 points
Dan Haubrich	23 points

July 2010 Results**Masters**

Steve Clark	27 points
Jeremy Farber	49 points
Jesse Wessels	104 points

Ben Manning	68 points
Jake Gardner	69 points
Ryan Haffey	77 points

Expert

Jeremy Cox	39 points
Jim Westcott	49 points (6 cleans)
Mick Hutcheson	49 points (6 cleans)

Jeremy Englehart	93 points
Roger Bicknell	104 points

Senior Intermediate

Sean Zornes	79 points
Aaron Regan	86 points

Jeff Spillmam	33 points
Terry Curnes	39 points
Mark Hadeen	55points

Intermediate

Dave Zornes	29 points
Art Gardner	33 points
Terry Kuebler	54 points
Barry Smith	61 points

Bruce Cratty	10 points
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Senior Amateur

Larry Findley	20 points
Al Muirhead	DNF

George Vanek DNF

Amateur

Tyler Buckbee 20 points

Josh Medley 42 points

Kirby Karwal 49 points

Steve Hayes 83 points

Russ Nowoting DNF