

Madison Heights June 12, 2016

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The third event at Madison Heights, VA was completed successfully. Thanks to one and all who showed up. Unlike the previous weekends when wetness level was high and temperatures were low, this day saw low wetness and high temperatures which affected everyone. Great traction and even greater heat fatigue resulted. No one completed four loops of 8 sections.

17 riders showed up. One Expert and two Advanced riders completed 3 loops. 6 Sportsman riders completed 22 sections. 6 riders rode the pointless class.

The timeless quest for the perfect level of line difficulty was still not achieved this weekend however. A couple of riders thought the lines too difficult while others thought the difficulty level was appropriate. Gate trials where each rider selects the obstacles they ride may be the future solution to this timeless problem.

The pointless class was a mixture of psychologists, intellectuals, engineers, philosophers, soil/rock/flora/fauna experts, psychiatrists, and genuine Renaissance men.... but no whiners..... but maybe a bulls**t artist or two.... a completely different kind of peer pressure than that which exists in the other classes. Material Science, geology, topography, the Laws of Physics, History, motorcycle design and evolution, the shortcomings of humanity, Human Nature, and Mother Nature were among the topics of discussion. Even the subject of trials riding came up once or twice. The class aggregate trials score may have been lower than the class aggregate IQ.... But since we didn't keep scorecards, we will never know for sure.

Many thanks to Pate Keen, Gary Heyer, and Mark Barnett for their expert assistance on line selection for the sportsman, advanced, and expert classes.

Results:

Expert

David Webster – 60

Advanced

Joe Palrang – 38

Steve Billman – 52

Sportsman

Gary Heyer – 29

Berndie Lunsford – 46

Stu Bishop – 67

Ray Kline – 71

Brian Merritt – 75

David Lawson – 83