

Madison Heights June 24,, 2018

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Master Trialsmaster David Webster took up the gauntlet from the justifiably weary Ed Beehler to put on a fantastic event at Madison Heights last weekend. David, Ed, et al went to mad heights to ensure a fun, rideable event at a challenging site for all classes and skill levels, including much new trail and section clearing. Then, Murphy laughed, and squelched some of—but not all!—their good intentions with rain showers late Saturday afternoon, and even Sunday during the trial. Breezy ride-through section five turned into an impassible, tire-loading slog for all but a select few like Alan Hensley.

Pop quiz: how many points for a single helmet dab? Answer: FIVE! Ask me how I know.

It's a credit to David's skill and dedication to Sunday morning section revisions, that it was still a fun trial. David even risked multiple lightning strikes with frustrated cursing and fist-shaking at the heavens. Despite the slick conditions, Trialsmaster Fellow Pate Keen emeritus cruised around on his Polaris Pope-mobile with nary a dab, helmet or otherwise. Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Joanne and Ed Beehler, who not only provide us with a National caliber site, but also take better care of us than anyone with drinks/snacks and perhaps more crucially, a sparkling Port-O-John. Also, thanks to David and Ed's army of core landscape engineers, Jim Ellis and Al Jones, who helped clear and prep loop and sections prior to the event.

Raindrops effectively bomb bugs into the mud. There was no dust.

25 riders paid. Three loops/nine sections. Several classes opted for 2 loops plus some sections when it rained. Thanks to Greg Hales for the medals and Joanne for all the hand lettering, all participants got well-earned medals for their perseverance.

Novice

1. John Francis37

Intermediate

1. Tim Henion 21
2. Jeremy Williamson 42
3. The Real Jim Carey80

Vintage A (Sportsman line)

1. Greg Hales20

Vintage B (Intermediate line)

1. Rick Schill15
2. Gary Heyer16
3. Jim Ellis40

Sportsman

1. John Hendricks39
2. Josh Hendricks45 (8 cleans)
3. Jonathan Towne45 (6 cleans)
4. John French49
5. Joe Walters DNF

Advanced

1. Steve Billman42
2. Alan Hensley44
3. Joe Palrang45

Expert

1. David Webster33
2. Jeff Hensley44

Exhibition

Mark Barnette
Ed Beehler
Tommy Francis
Mike Friesen
Dave Friesen
Gerald Mullins
Dallas Stevenson