

## **Rural Retreat June 3, 2018**

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From Rick Schill:

This past Sunday was the inaugural CVOTC event at the Rural Retreat venue hosted by Trialsmaster David Lawson. The 600-acre working farm owned by David's sister is a perfect trials site with its camping meadow, rocky mountain streams and serious inclines.

I think it is fair to say that David knocked it out of the park from every perspective... "with a little help from his friends" and family. David said, "I would just like to thank Eric Sheets, Keith Jazorski, Bob O'Sullivan, and Stuart Bishop for all their hard work, Ed Beehler for all his support, and a big thanks to Rick Schill and Greg Hales for coming up a day early to help with the final details. I am so impressed with all the people in this club. It's nice to be around people who love trials, and care more about self-improvement, helping the people they ride with, and the progression of the sport than they do the number on their score card. I am really proud to be a member of the CVOTC." Amen to that brother!

It was a good turnout of 34 riders considering the many hours most had to spend on the road and then get up Monday and go to work. Several riders from STRA joined us; this has got to be a good venue for a future joint meet.

The weather was a nice break from the rain we've been getting lately as it held off the entire day with temperatures in the low 80's, low humidity and lots of deep wood shade to keep everyone cool.

The spectator friendly venue drew a large crowd of enthusiastic people. Perched upon folding chairs, mountain bikes, serious dirt bikes, packed into UTVs or hiking out on the trails, we had a bunch of spectators doing it up right. A Ducati club that just happened to be meeting in the area over the weekend even stopped by to watch. Hopefully we have some future trials riders coming from those folks.

There were 8 sections and 3 loops, at about 3 miles, making for a full day of trials riding. Novice, Intermediate and Sportsman lines were just about right, and every section was cleaned by someone at least once. Not so for the Expert and Advanced lines, by far the toughest lines these riders have seen for a while and some sections refused to be cleaned by anyone even if they were having a good day. Traction was just fine, except for cow pies on the loop and coyote scat on the log in section 7. In the end scores were close and tie breakers based on "cleans"

were required. I think it is safe to say that everyone left a more experienced rider and probably learned something about the limitations of man and machine. For the new riders, and spectators thinking about trials, I hope they're encouraged by the tough but pretty day of riding trials in Rural Retreat. For everyone else, this is why we're addicted to the sport; it doesn't get much better!

<b>Expert</b>	
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DAVID WEBSTER	40
JEFF HENSLEY	70

<b>Advanced</b>	
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STEVE BILLMAN	36
KEITH JAZORSKI	42
JOE PALRANG	61 (6 cleans)
ALAN HENSLEY	61 (4 cleans)
ROBBIE HAWKINS	68
BOB O'SULLIVAN	82
ERIC SHEETS (EXH)	66
DAVID LAWSON (EXH)	75
ED ROMNEY (DNF)	

<b>Sportsman</b>	
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JOHN FRENCH	25
MIKE DALMASO	34
JOHN HENDRICKS	41
DAVE CARVER	42
JOSHUA HENDRICKS	49 (10 cleans)
STUART BISHOP	49 (7 cleans)
ED BEEHLER (DNF)	

<b>Intermediate</b>	
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JIM CAREY	32
LANE HOLLAR	34
BRIAN HALSEY	35
JASON KINSEY	39
JEROMY WILLIAMSON	44
TOMMY THOMLINSON	59
ROLAND KING	60
JUSTIN GARNER	108

<b>Vintage (A&amp;B)</b>	
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GREG HALES (A)	22
RICK SCHILL (B)	33
TERRY OTTINGER (B)	34
SCOTT PORTER (B)	55

<b>Novice</b>	
DARRIS SMITH	17
SAMMY ROMNEY	35
JAMES SMITH	43
WILL SALTER	48