

Axton August 18, 2019

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The 2019 Axton trials weekend started on Friday with 8 riders leaving at 2:00 pm for a 135 mile street ride up to the Blue Ridge parkway and back mostly on back roads. We had 3 KTMs, a Honda, a Suzuki, a Ducati, a BMW, and a 1964 Harley....and everyone kept up. Roads included route 40, route 8, Blue Ridge parkway, shooting creek road, route 57, Henry Road, and others with the obligatory stop at Tuggles Gap for rest and refreshments. More folks arrived on Saturday and activities included playing, practicing, setting up camp, swimming, checking out the sections, hanging out and a cookout inside...it was too hot to eat out.

Sunday was hot and dry with great traction in the woods. The trials started at 11:00am with 37 adult riders and several youth riders. Jim Ellis worked very hard and set up 7 youth sections to be ridden both frontwards and backwards and David Webster was the trialsmaster and laid out 9 tough...and sometimes long...sections. We had 2 gullies, 6 rock sections, and one up and down out of a road bed. Most classes went the planned 3 loops, but a couple decided that 2 loops were called for due to the heat.

Chris Buzzelli and wife, Abigail provided trophies, which were CVOTC water bottles with a micro fiber towel...also with CVOTC logos for the top 3 in each class and all participants received a CVOTC towel....which David Webster called a crying towel.

A good turnout of riders and spectators, which included Gary Bailey, former motocross star and teacher made for an action packed day. Event though it was very hot, most seemed to have a fun day.

Here are the results...

Novice

1. Leslie Matheson 16
 2. Brennan Shepard 32
- Will Salter dnf
Bill Jarrett dnf

Intermediate

1. Paul Troiani 20
2. Sam Fisher 57
3. Dallas Stephenson 83

Sportsman

1. Tim Henion 9
2. Bob O'Sullivan 30
3. Mike Mazak 39
4. Stuart Bishop 45 w 7 cleans
5. John French 45 w 6 cleans

6. Mark Redbone 57
7. John Hendricks Sr 65
8. Jason Kinsey 85

Advanced

1. Chris Buzzelli 21
2. Joe Palrang 25
3. Steve Billman 26
4. Alan Hensley 41
5. David Lawson 51
6. Joshua Hendricks 55
7. Jon Quell 65

Expert

1. David Webster 60
2. Jeff Hensley 65

Vintage- Int.

1. Jim Ellis 21
 2. Scott Porter 24
- Thad Laughlin dnf
Michael Friesen dnf

Vintage- spts.

1. Rick Schill 10
- Gary Heyer dnf

Exhibition...pointless

Mark Barnett
Gerald Mullins
Justin Garner
Sarah P....sorry, I couldn't figure your last name
Bill Boulch
Ed Beehler
Tim Cone

To the youth riders....sorry, your names were never recorded.