

Axton August 23, 2020

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From Rusty Lacy:

SANDY RIVER TRYALS AXTON, VA. AUGUST 23, 2020

The weekend started out with a rained out street ride on Friday afternoon. Thankfully no one showed up to ride. Saturday morning was dry with Jim Carey showing up at 7:30 am thinking it was a two day event. Finding that it was not, he took a street ride but never found the Blue Ridge Parkway. A few more folks came during the day and stayed to play, practice and swim in the pool. We had 9-10 for dinner under the picnic shelter...outside with proper social distancing.

Sunday morning came with 38 riders coming in to sign up for the Sandy River Tryals. The Friday rain wasn't enough to ruin our creek sections and pretty much dried up for great traction in the 9 sections with only a few minorly slick areas.

The 5 classes turned into 6 rider groups as there were too many intermediates to all run together. The first 2 sections were brand new to Axton.....hillsides with rocks and logs discovered in an overlooked area last winter. Sections 3 and 4 were old oldies but goodies gullies from years past. Sections 5, 6 and 7 were in and out of the creek...old areas but run a bit different. Section 8 was a steep hillside from years past. It was suggested that if we run it in the future, we need to leave a tow rope there to be used to get errant riders back up the hill. Section 9 was almost back at the pits... the upper part of the Axton Grand Canyon...run backwards from last year.

A highlight of Sunday was a visit from former trialsmaster and competitor Pate Keen. At 87, he rode his 4 wheeler to watch the different classes attempts at each section.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the sections and the rather long loop, but the event was over by 4:00 pm. And trophies made by Joe Palrang were handed out to a small but enthusiastic crowd. Many thanks to Joe for the trophies.

Also many thanks to trialsmaster, David Webster who laid out and marked the sections, only to not be able to come up for the event.....we missed you, David. And thanks to Jim Ellis for the work done on our 3 great youth sections, which were enjoyed by 2 of our CVOTC members grand children and a few adult members as well. And thanks to those who came out on work days to help clean the sections out for the event.

RESULTS

EXPERT

Karl Davis Sr. 47

Maddie Hoover DNF

ADVANCED

Tim Cone 8
Joe Palrang 15
Greg Hales 25
Ed Romney 35
Kevin Bobal 53
Mike Mazak 66

SPORTSMAN

Stuart Bishop 24
Joshua Hendricks 25
John Hendricks Sr 28
Mark Lightning Weppler 59

VINTAGE SPORTSMAN

Jim Ellis 28
Rick Schill 30
Gary Heyer 44

INTERMEDIATE

Kenny Gwyn 12
Frank Wolff 13
Kevin Hobbs 18
Ellis Daw 21
Michael Friesen 25
Bryce Lunsford 25
Jim Carey 25
Darris Smith 26
Colby Wilson 28
Billy Wilson 31
Leslie Matheson 47
Kim Brown 54
Mark Kandy Redbond DNF

VINTAGE INTERMEDIATE

Berndie Lunsford 28
Scott Porter 50

NOVICE

Christian CJ Alva 11
Sammy Romney 21
Will Salter 33

EXHIBITION

Ed Beehler

Brian Roach
Mark Barnette