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Bunn Skidplate Trial 2019

It was decided at our yearly meeting that in 2019 the CVOTC would make a conscious effort to create interest in youth Trials. Land owner Jim Ellis has made it his mission this year to make sure several events have youth Trials if the property is a good fit for youngsters on smaller bikes. Ideally, a level area that is close to parking is perfect for kids and their parents to enjoy a day of safe Trials riding.

Jim's land in Bunn N.C. is a perfect setting for Youth Trials, and for the Skidplate event, Jim set up six Youth sections that our future Trialers could play on all day. Four girls and two boys spent many an hour riding those sections and with the help of their parents doing the scoring, were able to hold their own separate competition to end out the day.

Besides the six youth riders, 35 paying customers tried their best to keep their feet up while navigating off cambers, slippery logs, uphill turns and a mud crossing. Nine sections and 3 loops made for 27 attempts at a clean. Organizers believe an event is successful when the winner of each class has total points that equals the total number of sections (27). For the lower classes, it's best to err on the side of easier.

In the case of the Novice class, the sections were too easy. Nathan Henderson, who drove all the way from Wilmington promised he would move up to Intermediate after only putting his foot down twice the whole day.

Kevin Hobbs took the win in Intermediate, with Rusty Lacy and Mark Redbond just a few points back. It was nice to see Berndie Lunsford back in action riding his trusty older Fantic in Vintage "I".

Taking first place in Sportsman was Gary Heyer on his Montesa/Honda. This was a showdown of experience vs talent as the much older Gary beat much younger Chris Buzzelli on his new Vertigo and Josh Hendricks on a TRS.

Also getting a new old bike was our president Rick Schill, who rode his recent purchase, an older Yamaha 250 in the Vintage "S" class. Even though his bike is twin shocked and drum braked he still rode so well he would have taken 2nd in Sportsman.

"First time for everything" rider Kevin Bobal surprised the Advanced class with his first Win! He got a new GAS GAS 300 the week before this event and had lots of confidence in his new steed. Second place went to Alan Hensley and his new bike, a four stroke Beta that looks as good as it sounds. With all the new Trials riders in North Carolina and all the new Trials motorcycles, our beloved sport is looking good!

The Expert class again had Justin Huffman trying his motorcycle skill and lack of Trials technique up against a very solid Jeff Hensley. Jeff has a lengthy motorcycle racing background, and has been perfecting his Trials technique for some years now. No wonder he is our #1 expert rider.

Missing this event is Advanced rider and our Skidplate designer Joe Palrang, who wanted to travel to visit his mother. He hand crafted all the small one-of-a-kind trophies and wrote all the artwork!

Several riders had to leave early or had mechanical issues. Others signed up for Exhibition to ride the sections they felt comfortable with. Steve Billman arrived, but had to leave early for the hospital as a missed kick start, punched the kick-starter into his leg.

Thanks to Jim Ellis for the use of his land and to Leslie Matheson, who worked sign-up.

Hope to see you all at our next CVOTC event!

Youth

Paxton Walter	13
Savannah Garner	16
John Francis	23
Charlotte Garner	27
Hannah Jeziorski	
Gwen Kinsey	

Novice

Nathan Henderson	2
David Snapp	4
Will Salter	5

Intermediate

Kevin Hobbs	9
Rusty Lacy	11
Mark Redbond	13
Jeremy Williamson	20
Jim Carey	25
Conner Yuckel	33
Bill Boalch	38
Frank Wolff	46
Ellis Daw	
Michael Friesen	
Greg Pennington	

Vintage I

Berndie Lunsford	36
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Sportsman

Gary Heyer	23
Chris Buzzelli	29
Josh Hendricks	32
John Hendricks	46
Will Walter	64
Ed Beehler	
Joe Walters	

Vintage S

Rick Schill	31
Jim Ellis	98

Advanced

Kevin Bobal	36
Alan Hensley	46
David Lawson	49

Expert

Jeff Hensley	29
Justin Huffman	116

Exhibition

Brian Smith	
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Gerald Mullins
Dallas Stevens
Keith Jeziorski
Mike Mazak