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Yesterday was the first CVOTC event of 2018 and the trialsmasters, Mark Barnette and Gary Heyer, had a surprise for the 28 riders that traveled to Lawrenceville, VA to join in the fun....Mark and Gary had decided to have a gate trials, where the highest score wins....After some discussion, it was decided that the event could count toward the year end standings if everyone competed within their usual classes.

So, the sections were laid out with multiple gates. Easy ones gave you 1 or 2 points, with higher points awarded for the harder gates.....up to 5 points for some. You could play it safe and get 5 to 7 points for your ride, or you could risk it all and get 12 to 15 points if you were successful. But once you put your foot down, you erased all previous points in that section and, of course, a failure.....a 5.....gave you a 0 for that section.

This was actually a good format for the first event of the year. Some of us were coming off a long winter with little or no practice, so it enabled each rider to ride at his level of comfort.

The weather turned out perfect...a little cool in the morning with temps warming to around 60 at the end of the day. The traction was also near perfect....the only mud was in the creek sections.

We had 8 sections with 3 loops. That proved enough for just about everyone. There were creeks, hillsides and log sections. Most sections stayed consistent throughout the day.

We had a visit from the land owner, Phil Simpson, who we had not seen in years. Also, it was great to have Bob O'Sullivan back with us competing after his bout with cancer. We had a few new or renewed faces joining us...even one rider from Oklahoma...it was great to see everyone having fun at Lawrenceville.

Here are the results:

Expert

- 1 Jeff Hensley 361
- 2 David Webster 348
- 3 Garry Hoover 326

Advanced

- 1 Steve Billman 277
 - 2 Joe Palrang 245
 - 3 Allan Hensley 187
 - 4 Mark Barnette 185
 - 5 Kevin Bobal 147
 - 6 Bob O'Sullivan 121
 - 7 David Lawson 106
- Michael Cramsey Dnf

Sportsman

- 1 Rick Schill 174
 - 2 Gary Heyer 146
 - 3 Rusty Lacy 141 Sorry Jim Ellis, when the cards were double checked, a mistake was found.
 - 4 Jim Ellis 134
 - 5 John Hendricks Sr 133
 - 6 Ed Beehler 127
 - 7 Joshua Hendricks 116
- John French Dnf

Intermediate

- 1 Joe Walters 120
 - 2 Kevin Hobbs 102
 - 3 Scott Porter 101
 - 4 Jeromy Williamson 96
 - 5 Jim Carey 89
 - 6 Allen Jones 64
- Michael Friesen Dnf
Dallas Stephenson Dnf
Gerald Mullins No card turned in.....novice.