



## Quarterly Competition Newsletter

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### From the President

I want to thank all the people who set an event & volunteered to TM this season. With 14 total events, NMTA could not have had such a fun-filled year without everyone's much appreciated hard work!

As the year comes to an end, many of us will find ourselves reflecting on the years past and looking with excitement into next season. When we do, I would encourage each of us to consider why we love NMTA, and why we are continually drawn back to this sport and wonderful club. Yeah—the rocks here are some of the best, but for me, and so many others, it's much more than that; it's our community. It's our NMTA family! When we come out to ride, we really do so much more; we watch kids grow up, old friends reunite, and new friendships blossom.

We all know the TMs set the tone to the event, and no event seems to be more fun than the events TMs enjoyed setting. We were reminded of this at our October event at Haystack in Roswell earlier this year, where family and friends truly worked as a team. Taking turns and sharing the workload, the group went above and beyond to set and run an outstanding event!



As we move into the next year; I'm encouraging us all to keep this in mind when we each take our turn, volunteering to be Trials Master. When you sign up to be a TM, consider signing up as a group to host the weekend as a team. Use the opportunity to ride with someone new and teach them what you know or spend some extra time with your already favorite riding buddies.

NMTA is one of the strongest and most enjoyable clubs around, and it's all because of our strong history and the notable volunteers who have helped form this club, run this club, and carry on with traditions. Signing up to host an event and be a TM is much more than just setting sections; it's the continuation of tradition, it's the NMTA Family!

## From the Editor

I know everyone will agree the Glorieta Trials was DOPE. Matt, Mario, Curtis and Jess, hats off to you all a wonderful job in setting up a brand-new venue. Speaking of the new venue, the terrain was over the top and the trails were very challenging. Honestly, I can't believe a bicycle rider takes their bike down some of those chutes, I was challenged on my trials bike, I thought it was a big boy loop at a national. The Glorieta management team was so appreciative of our event and thanks to all our club members for showing what NMTA is all about **Family , Fun and a Good time**. **Good news is we've been asked back**... way to go Jess....

## NMTA Board Updates and Announcements

**Your current Board Members:** President – Jessica Webb Secretary – Curtis Kohl Treasurer – Mario Maes Permit Coordinator – J.B. Brown Upper Clerk – Bill Hanson Lower Clerk – Wendell Ellis

The NMTA Board works together throughout the season to plan for future events, address club member concerns & make sure we can all keep riding! Every few months the board meets in person. A major topic of discussion at the last board meeting was the **Annual Baquet and Awards**.

At the October meeting the **Annual Baquet** was discussed, and it was agreed that we have been lucky at the last two March events to host the Awards outdoors. With this in mind, we are exploring the use of an indoor event area where we can bring in our own food etc... Stay tuned we will keep you updated as we look at venues, talk to NMTA members, & finalize a plan!

## NMTA 2023 Trials Season

Keep an eye on the Website for the upcoming 2023 schedule to be posted..... In addition to events there will be three trials schools planned for the 2023 season, they will be included in this year's event schedule. Plan on attending one to brush up on basics, learn a new trick or two and the good news is they are **ZERO** cost....to participate. Keep an eye out for sign ups and more will be discussed at the Annual banquet.

NMTA website - [www.nmta.weebly.com](http://www.nmta.weebly.com) to get your up-to-date NMTA information.

If you have ideas or items that you would like share, please send us an email to [newmexicotrials@gmail.com](mailto:newmexicotrials@gmail.com) . The board wants to hear from you!

## Riding Tips & Tricks

**Walking a section:** One of the most basic skills sets a trials rider must have. Just like golf trials is all about where you start will determine where you finish. So here are some bullet points to help you develop a routine , habits etc to properly approach walking a section.

1. First approach a section determine the start and the end points.
2. Next walk the section looking for your "Class" gates and make note of the obstacles and boundaries
3. From the start break the section down into parts. I like to keep it simple giving a section THREE sub sections.

## Riding Tips & Tricks Continued

4. Within each subsection memorize the gates, boundary tape, landscape make up (loose rocks, sand, mud, roots, logs, leaves etc....) Test the dirt, rocks, sand etc. so you have a feeling of the ground through your feet and soon to be on your bike. Make sure to pick the line where your tires will roll and align them with obstacles the bike and you will encounter. **Hint – sometimes trying to ride around an obstacle is not always the easy way.** I always look for two things,
  1. Most direct line
  2. Where are my tires going to roll. Don't hesitate to spend extra time in a subsection where the most challenging part of the section is.
  5. After you've picked a line from the end gates walk the entire section backwards stopping every few feet. Look at your line as if you're riding the bike, where are the tires going to roll. Many times I find my selected line has to be altered or modified. **Hint – don't always be the 1<sup>st</sup> to try the section...**

## Moto Trials Opportunities 2023 Trials Season

Lets talk a little bit about 2023 trials season. NMTA board is working on the 2023 schedule, but first the NATC and Next Gen Youth events had be set, NMTA attended the 2022/2023 NATC meetings and the NATC schedule is set and ready to go. Get your calendars out , mark the dates there should be some great events at over the top sites.

NMTA Schedule - To be released soon. Added to this year schedule will be three trials training school that will be N/C to NMTA club members. Come out and brush up on the basics and improve your skills for 2023. Look for these dates when the schedule is released.

### **Eastern Rounds for NATC**

Rounds 1 & 2 Webster, Florida - March 25,26 2023

Rounds 3 & 4 Exeter, Rhode Island July 29 ,30 2023

### **Western Rounds for NATC**

Rounds 1 & 2 Canon City Colorado May 27,28 2023

Round 3 & 4 Tillamook ,Oregon June 3 & 4 2023

**Next Gen Youth Trials** : for the moms and dads with kiddo's that are interested in improving and competing with other Kids around the country there are two events coming for 2023.

Eastern Tennessee @ Trials Training Center June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Western Round: June 16,17 & 18<sup>th</sup> in Arizona. TBD on site location.

To all, good luck finishing out the 2022 trials Season, looking forward to seeing everyone at the last event in December and finally KEEP those FEET UP... In closing a shout out to our riders and vendors supporting all of us in our riding with bikes, gear, accessories, and oil products. Stop by and visit with Carl @ Moto Works USA or Ricardo @ Abad Trials or Dee & David @ D Squared Trials.