

The Loop spring of 2018

Here we are about to start the riding season. Before you get out there here are a few things to think about.

D-4 trials is Central New York State Observed Trials headquarters. Organizers of 5 World Round Competitions and over 20 NATC national events. 2018 marks the 42nd year of providing a series of AMA sanctioned Observed Trials competition.

Through the years the trials committee has strived to provide a competition where a rider can be among fellow like-minded riders in a controlled environment. The long-term idea of this is to provide a family friendly competition series.

In 2017 the D-4 trials committee had 75 committee members but, only 16 completed their works for a year end placing / trophy.

The idea to become a committee member should not be about a discount to ride or to vote but, should be about fair competition against like minded riders in a controlled environment with an impartial observer.

2018 D-4 competition series will be 7 events, with 1 throw away, (usually your worst ride or the event you could not make) and 1 required work credit. In order to be ranked for the year end this is mandatory. In an effort to increase ridership, that is to draw more riders to compete in all events and to encourage riders to work, we are reducing the numbers of events for the 2018 season. Additionally, the work requirements have been reduced to only 1. If we do not get riders to work we may further reduce events in future years. Please do your part and help the club by working an event this season.

To be a member in good standing for 2018 you will need to work / observe an event or, complete enough work on the event ahead of time that the organizer will be willing to give you a work credit. This credit is required to finish the year for competition placement. Ranking in the class that you rode the most and a year end trophy. Bragging rights are there for a year to see how you can ride in a controlled environment.

I would like to see everyone sign up to work an event when you commit to be a committee member.

In 2017 we tried a different marking system that closely follows the NATC current marking system. This way of marking is used to make it easier to tell where you are to ride in the section, along with getting you ready to ride a national if you might want to.

In 2018 we will strive to provide a series where riders of all skill levels can safely ride and be with friends, while in a family/competition environment.

The family aspect of this riding season will be stressed this year.

One recreational event will be held on Saturday May 19, 2018 at Rich Freer's event site in Alma NY. The idea is to have a fun ride during the day and some family fun time in the evening. Camping is encouraged.

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