

# QUICK BITS

Fall Newsletter |

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## Awards Banquet Results

### *Best Event*

Fall Hayden Lake

Wilson Creek

### *Sportsman of the Year*

Bruce Christensen

Mike Johnson

Todd Stanley

Ray Best

### *Most Improved Rider*

Todd Stanley

### *Best Crash*

Ray Best

### *2015 INTA Officers*

Keith Rutledge- President

Russ Midkiff- Vice President

Jack Cosgrove- Secretary

Hue Damm- Treasurer

## End of Season Summary

### Newman Lake, WA August

After an extremely hot July, Newman lake was a welcome relief with cooler temperatures and water obstacles. Newman Lake is a nice place to ride with mixture wet and dry obstacles, you never know what to expect. Mike put in some new sections that were creative and challenging. I look forward riding there in 2015. Who knows what Mike will cook up.....stay tuned!

### Ryan Young School



We hosted a 2 day Ryan Young School this past August 30th & 31st at Newman Lake, WA. 14 riders were treated to great weather and the outstanding hospitality of Mike and Clare. The best way I could describe it is, think of a bed and breakfast except outdoors, complete with a hot shower and fresh hot coffee in the morning. The accommodations and camaraderie were first class.

The school started out with introductions and a brief history of the type of riding each of us have done in the past. Next, Ryan covered bike preparation and setup.



### Ryan Young's Sherco 3

Ryan Young made available after class a 2014 3.0 Sherco for \$1500 off of list price. Bart Bowne of Boise, ID took advantage of the deal. I got to ride with Bart a couple of years ago at a PNTA event at Connell, WA. and I look forward to riding with Bart again in the coming year.

Ryan Young will offer a similar opportunity for the 2015 Ryan Young School. If you are interested in a really good deal on a very slightly used 2015 Sherco, then stay tuned.....

He covered this extremely well. After we prepped and setup our bikes per Ryan's suggestion, he rode each of our bikes if for anything, to take away any remaining excuses we had. He did hops and flip turns on everyone's bike making recommendations if needed.

We were now ready to go riding . We started with the basics. Ryan covered turns for almost 2 hours. Because the class size was limited to 15 riders, Ryan was able to give each rider individual attention. If you have one of Ryan's training videos, it's like having the video giving you instant feedback what you are doing wrong or what you were doing extremely well. We ended the 2 day class doing splatters (if you felt up to it. At no time during the school was anybody encouraged or enticed to do anything that was beyond their ability). The school was for 2 days, 8 hrs a day. It sounds like a lot but I was amazed how fast the time flew and how much ground Ryan covered.

Everyone I talked after class was very glad they took the time to attend. I was very glad I attended and look forward practicing what I learned. With that, I'm excited to announce, Ryan will be back in 2015! We will have the same format, 2 days, 15 riders. The tentative cost is \$270. The date will be September 5-6, 2015 at Newman



Ryan Young checking out our bikes prior to starting class



Ryan and Adriana Young

Lake, WA. Watch the INTA web site for the sign up sheet. just like this year, because of the 15 rider limit, a \$100 deposit with your completed signup form will be required to hold your position. Once the class is full, I will continue to take names in case we have somebody who can't make the class.



Louis Blandy practicing what he learned

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## Hayden Lake

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September saw us at Hayden Lake. Over the the years, Bruce Christensen has made a reputation for himself as someone who can put together, very technical trials. You will never leave one of Bruce's trials saying to yourself, I wish the the sections were harder. This year's fall trials was no exception. The sections were spot on and the loop trail was exceptional. While it was longer than we are typically used to, it reminded me of some of the riding I did growing up in western New York.

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## Wilson Creek, October 11&12

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As an INTA club event, this is the first time at Wilson Creek, WA. home of Bohnet Motorcycle Park. The owner, Todd Bohnet, an avid vintage motocrosser, desert racer and trials rider has been very successful putting on vintage motocross, vintage trials and hare scrambles. His events are very well attended and well organized. I expected nothing different for an INTA event.

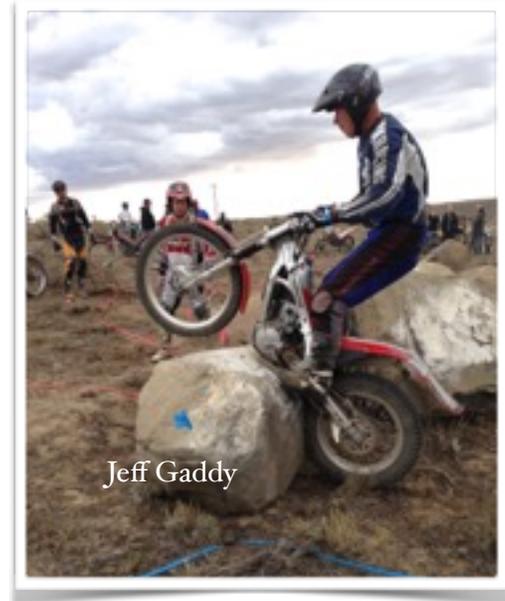
Todd started working on this event way back in June. For those of you who have never been to Wilson Creek or for that matter, Bohnet Motorcycle Park, your probably asking yourself, what kind of obstacles exist for trials riding? If you're like Todd, the lack of natural terrain we find appealing to trials is no obstacle (pun intended). You just bring in loads of really big rocks, capitalize on a nasty wind storm for some logs, grab your track hoe and go to work. Also, visit your local Les Schwab tire store and haul away some tires off of some really big equipment. The result? Some of the most innovative and challenging sections I have ever seen. Todd went over the top to put on an outstanding 2 day event.

The weather Saturday was overcast and very windy, which had some of us moving our vehicles to act wind breaks for our tents. This made watching the afternoon riders a bit challenging. This didn't stop Louis Blandy, our newest expert rider from putting together an excellent ride. It's been very rewarding, watching him rapidly hone his skills as a rider the last couple of years. He is an outstanding rider and I'm very excited to see how far he can go.

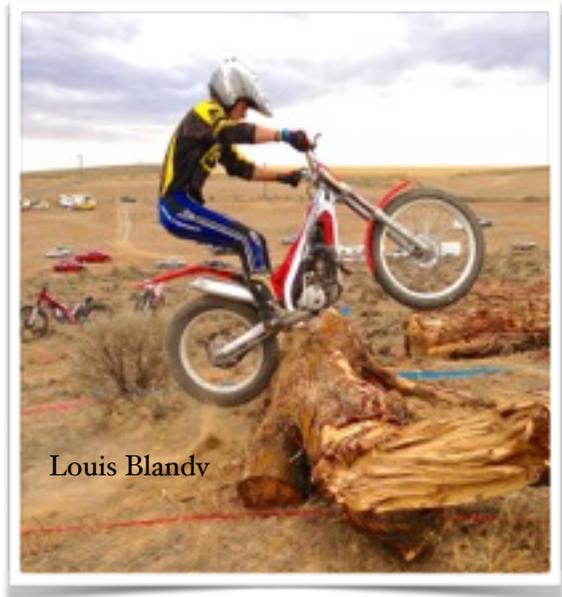
Sunday was picture perfect with temperatures in the sixties, sunny skies and very little wind.

I had the opportunity to ride the Intermediate class with Delbert Gumm, Ray Best, Bruce Christensen and Mike Hartman. Combined age of our class, 285 years! But hey, who's counting? We had a blast! Delbert was able to put in a clean loop. Good job Delbert! This was Mike's first time riding intermediate after a successful year in the amateur class. He finished a solid 2nd behind Delbert Gumm. Bruce Christensen finished 3rd.

Overall, rider turnout was low. However, for a first time event that's to be expected. I doubt anybody will want to miss this event in the future.



Jeff Gaddy



Louis Blandy

Todd was also gracious enough to show me his collection of vintage Husqvarna motorcycles, one of which was a replica of Kent Howerton's bike he rode in the Mid 70's. Very impressive! Thanks Todd, for the stroll down memory lane.

For 2015, Todd is making available, his shop to use as a banquet hall for our year end awards banquet. So, we will end or 2015 season Oct. 17th, hold our awards banquet and then have a dabber day Sunday, October 18th. I'm already looking forward to it!

## Annual Awards Banquet & Business Meeting

We held our annual awards banquet again at the Timber Creek Buffet & Grill. We had 25 riders and some spouses and significant others. It was a good night of recapping the year's events and results, voting/reaffirming officers for 2015, voting for the Sportsman of the year, most improved rider, best event and the best crash.

All of the 2014 officers were retained for the 2015 season. I would like to mention, Jack Cosgrove volunteered to step in as secretary last year. He has done an outstanding job in this roll and I look forward to working with him in 2015. Hue Damm has been the club treasurer for as long as I've been in the club. She is very shrewd and good steward of the club's resources. Russ Midkiff will continue to hold the vice-president roll. As most of you know, Russ is an authorized Ossa dealer and starting in 2015, will also be handling AJP motorcycles.

Finally, 2014 was my first year as president of INTA. You have allowed me to remain president for 2015. It's a position I don't take lightly. My job as I see it (since there isn't a job description), is to promote the club and help grow the membership. How do we do that? For 2015, we have 11 events scheduled, we have for the second time in as many years, a Ryan Young 2 day School and new for 2015, I'm promoting fun rides where we have 8 scheduled riding time at a to be determined time and pace. The fun rides are geared to people we either know or are vaguely acquainted with who own trials bikes but never come to any trials competitions (the reasons vary from lack of experience or a perceived lack of experience that keep them from competing). My goal is to give new riders enough interest and ability to try trials competition and hopefully retain them for the long haul. As we all know, to become good at trials riding, it takes time and commitment to practice and want to get better. To help new comer grow through the initial start up, I thought it would be good to have available, an unorganized fun ride (Unorganized from the standpoint of non competitive and free). I live in an area that has trails and obstacles that would make a nice place to take someone new to the sport and just have fun and make new friends. If anybody has done anything like this, I welcome any and all comments.

Merry Christmas and only 84 days till Connell!

Keep your feet up!

Keith Rutledge

## 2015 Tentative Schedule

During our awards banquet/business meeting, we came up with a 2015 tentative schedule. I will be firming up dates in the next couple of weeks. But for now this is what it's shaping up to look like:

Date	Location	Event	Marshal(s)
March 15, 2015	Connell, WA	INTA Round #1	Jack Cosgrove Tyler Cosgrove
March 28 & 29, 2015	Connell, WA	PNTA Rounds 1 & 2	Delbert Gumm, ? Jack Cosgrove , Russ Midkiff
April 12, 2015	Cheney, WA	INTA Round #2	Ray Best Dan Kautzman
April 26, 2015	Redman's Ranch Palouse, WA	INTA Round #3	Layne Davis
May 31, 2015	Hayden Lake, ID	INTA Round #4	Bruce Christensen
June 28, 2015	Chararoy, WA	INTA Round #5 El Trial De Spokane	Jeff Gaddy Brad Ensminger
July 11 & 12 ,2015	Newport, WA	INTA Rounds #6 & 7	Keith Rutledge Louis Blandy
July 26	Newman Lake, WA	INTA Round #8	Mike Johnson
September 13, 2015	Otis Orchards, WA	INTA Round #9	Steve Blackwell
September 20, 2015	Hayden Lake, ID	INTA Round #10	Bruce Christensen
October, 17 2015	Wilson Creek, WA	INTA Round #11 Year End Banquet	Todd Bohnet
October, 18 2015	Wilson Creek, WA	Dabber Day	Todd Bohnet