



Newsletter for 2019

It's a New Season!



Hello NITRO riders. I hope you're ready for a great 2019 season. If you haven't already, go check out the NITRO's website for the new event schedule. We have a total of fifteen events to ride this year. Get to the gym, practice and let's go riding.

Good news, Travis Ward from Megatrax is hosting District 17's first event of the year on March 24. This is the indoor event with all the interesting and unique obstacles and sections to break the ice for the new year. Speaking of ice, we won't have to worry about inclement weather, Travis has us covered, literally. As you know, this event gets better every year.

Jeff's Place in Oregon, will be a WOTA/NITRO combined event on May 4th and 5th. Show up to see if your skills match up with our fellow trials riders from Cheese Land. As always, this event has A+ terrain, pits and sections. Let's hope for a good turnout like last year.

More good news, Tom Bledsoe has graciously invited us to ride our NITRO event this year on Saturday, May 18. In years past this has always been a fun event. For that Sunday, finish the weekend off at Peoria Motor Cycle club for a one-day event.

President of NITRO, Ralph Littlefield, Oregon, IL.



State Championship

At Variety Riders M/C for double points. Sept. 22



Congratulation to all the winners at the 2018 District 17 Awards Banquet. Ottawa, IL.

New Season Preparation

Preparation for the upcoming season can really make a difference for you and the staff during signup and the start of the first section.

Check your AMA card for the expiration date. If it's time for renewal, head to the AMA site and get a jump on sign up. If you are bringing someone new to ride at the event, have them join before the event as well. AMA renewal: <http://www.amajoin.com/WIOBTR>

Renew your District 17 card: This card expires on December 31st for all riders. Remember, everyone competing for points must have a district card to ride. You can use this card to ride in District 16, but you won't be competing for points. District 17 renewal: <http://www.amadistrict17.com/registration/form.php>

Renew minor release for the younger riders. The paper work needs both parents or guardian's signatures. They have an annual release or a one day only release. Releases can be found on District 17's website: <https://www.amadistrict17.com/services/application%20base.html>

Review the new and old regulations: Trials rules have changed, and this is a good opportunity for a refresh. *** [One regulation that will be enforced for 2019 is mandatory Tether / Lanyard Kill Switches must be in use.](#) ***

NITRO will have some on hand for purchase. See examples shown below.

AMA rule book:

<http://www.amadistrict17.com/services/d-17webrulebook.htm>

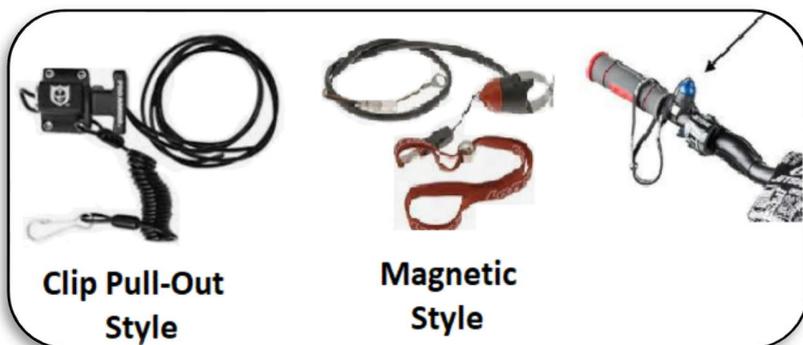
District 17 trials rules amended:

http://www.nitrotrials.com/Nitro/AMA_D17_%26_NATC_rules.html

Watch AMA Risk Management Videos:

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Story/risk-management-videos>

Perform trials bike maintenance: Check tires, brakes, fluid levels, loose bolts, grease chassis and control functions. Install handlebar-mounted wrist tether-type kill switch device. See the column to the right for how-to installation of the kill switch.



Kill Switch Installation Instructions

1. Remove gas tank.
2. Follow wire routing of existing kill switch.
3. Disconnect wire lead from coil positive side. Disconnect ground wire from frame. Tip: take a picture before disassembly for your reference later.
4. Remove kill switch off handle bars.
5. Install new tether kill switch on bars. Make sure the switch doesn't interfere with rider's body when leaning forward on the bike.
6. Route wires through and connect like the stock kill switch. One wire to the ground and one wire to the (+) positive side of the coil.
7. Check wires for kinks and pinch points with frame or other components.
8. Install fuel tank.
9. Insert tether clip or magnet and start your engine.
10. Pull lanyard off away from the bars to test that engine kills as expected.

Mandatory Tether / Lanyard Kill Switches for 2019 season



Checker and Rider Teams Needed May 31 – June 2

Come support the nationals with NITRO. We are looking to form a six-man checker and rider team for the Minnesota Nationals Friday night, May 31 through Sunday, June 2. The first three NITRO squad members would check on Saturday and work together in the same section. The other three squad members would ride the Nationals that day. On Sunday, the teams would switch rolls and the first squad would ride while the second squad would check.

This could be an awesome experience, riding a cool event and watching Pat Smage with the rest of the pros battle it out while NITRO checks. Friday night, May 31st, Upper Midwest Trials Association (UMTA) will train all the checkers as needed. Here is a nice how-to video on checking events put on by NATC: <https://youtu.be/IPeZ9H-OdWc>

To join us for checking just sign up on-line: <https://umta.org/national>

Let Warren Lange know that you're signed up. He will notify UMTA people and they will put us all on the same section for checking. Email: warrenlange@yahoo.com

There is dry camping and RV spots available at the grounds. Hotels and off-site camping are close by, as needed.



Ryan Young and Pat Smage

Event Setup

As always, NITRO and the other clubs would appreciate your participation with section building, clearing debris and loop configuration. This kind of assistance makes our events that much better. We encourage you to bring the family, trials bikes, loppers, chain saws and string trimmer. You get some practice in, learn the lay of land. Club members get some valuable understanding on how an event is put on and the efforts that goes into trials. Three to four weeks before the event, we will issue a call of duty.



Northwest Cycle: Beta, TRS, Sherco Dealer

LittleField Siding: Siding & Sherco Dealer

Payne Cycle Center: Beta, Sherco, Gas Gas, Montesa and Sherco Dealer

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