

## 2006 World Round Info

Although official paperwork has not been finalized, tentative plans are set for the 2006 USGP of the FIM Trial World Championship to be held at the Trials Training Center in Sequatchie, TN on May 20/21, 2006. Pending approval of details at the NATC meeting in October, the event will combine the USGP with the AMA/NATC National Championship Series.

The format for this extraordinary event is planned such that the support classes (including ES) for the national will ride a one-day championship event on Friday, May 19. This ride will be the Tennessee "Scottish Cup Trial" and is tentatively planned to include two loops of 18 sections each. The long and entertaining (epic, even!) loop around the TTC property is planned with a split start and very straightforward sections so that the event can accommodate a large rider turnout with a minimum of waiting at the sections. Only a few sections will contain splits for the ES class. So if you missed riding the Ute Cup in 05, this is your chance to ride the Tennessee version!

Saturday and Sunday is planned as the USGP of the FIM World Championship and as two rounds of the AMA/NATC National Championship Series for the Expert and Pro classes. The National level Expert and Pro classes will ride splits within the World Championship sections corresponding to the Youth and Junior World Championships, respectively.

Specific details have not been finalized, but the TTC is working with the importers to organize some training opportunities with international trials stars during the few days after the event (and maybe before?). These opportunities will be described in more detail as plans become finalized. But certainly there will be an opportunity to pick up a minder bike at the event and then immediately put it to good use!

Although the details are not official as of this writing, the location and format for this event has been discussed and tentatively agreed with officials of the FIM, the AMA, and the leadership of the NATC. Inspection for homologation of the facility by FIM is planned for December.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, and there are plans for a vender expo during the event, complete with demonstrations, info about trials riding and clubs around the country, and demo rides for newbies, sponsored by the U.S. Motorcycle Trials Association.

The event organizers and the U.S. Motorcycle Trials Association wish to encourage all trials enthusiasts and clubs throughout North America to support America's USGP, our one chance to host the most talented motorcycle riders in the world as well as trials fans from around the world. Clubs from North America are encouraged to volunteer to take responsibility for and to man one or more of the 15 sections of the World Round for the weekend and to wear your club shirts and display banners. You'll get in free and also have the best view in the house for the best riding in the world!

For more info, watch the TTC website ([www.trialstrainingcenter.com](http://www.trialstrainingcenter.com)). To sign up to volunteer or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact Catherine at 423-942-8688. Note that the TTC RV sites will be fully utilized for the paddock area, and on-site camping will be for primitive camping or self-contained units only. The TTC cabins will be reserved for worker bees.

- Dan Brown