

## **Las Vegas Trials, Sept. 8-9**

Steve and I went up to scout it out with a half dozen Elsens. Alan Witters was kind enough to invite us to his humble abode and also toured us around until we were whipped. It is way cool! Nice access, nice camping, nice scenery, nice landowner, what more could you ask? It seems like I am forgetting something. Oh yea, nice riding too! So here is our opinion:

### **Access**

It takes a little over two hours to get there from Albuquerque or half an hour from Sipapu. Most of it is on the interstate with a bit of two lane and a little dirt road. The dirt road is good. We had my Subby over 85 with the trailer on part of it. I don't see any problem turns for the big rigs. They say it gets snotty when it rains. It rained while we were coming out but we didn't have any problems (other than my trailers lack of fenders resulting in some very dirty bikes). The shoulders are soft in spots but the road looks ok. I would say that it works out about like LakeFork as far as access for big rigs.

### **Camping**

There is a nice big grassy meadow with plenty of level spots. There will be a gate added for us. Campfires are approved as long as we are careful. We would like to have one fire pit in the middle to have a bit of socializing. The meadow is ringed with sparse trees for an aesthetically pleasing yet practical setup. There are some good gullies and small rocks around the camp to make for good junior sections. We are authorized to come in early in the week and stay Sunday night.

### **Riding**

The riding is awesome. The hard part is going to picking the stuff not to use. There is enough content to have a trials there every month. It has a good combination of rolly rocks, big rocks, dirt walls, and even sand. All of this is on hillsides for some nice off-cambers and is connected by a series of rough roads so access is good for all classes. Spark arrestors are required.

### **Date**

The trials is on the 8'th and 9'th of September which is a weekend later than normal and the weekend after Labor Day, so don't get confused.

### **Special Events**

We are considering a full spectrum of special events. Nothing is firm yet but we have some ideas going. We will have a potluck and possibly some adult beverages that come in a 15.5 gallon package. Buddy trials is almost a given, but we are also considering an early bird trials for Friday with some goofy rules.

### **Hotels**

The site is about half an hour away from Las Vegas so you could opt for a hotel, but there is no way you want to miss out on all of the extra-curricular activities.

So that's it. This looks like it will be a great event. Make your plans now. With the National, it looks like we will have 8 weeks without a local so don't miss it! Thanks a bunch to Alan Witters for letting us ride there, to David Old for coming up with the idea, to Bruce Bolander for the initial scouting, and to the board for getting it on the schedule (hope I didn't forget anyone).