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### **Race report from Eric Storz**

May 2010 I've just returned from the first two rounds of competition in the AMA NATC National Trials Championship held in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. It was a really beautiful riding area where the terrain consisted of large granite rocks with great traction, lots of trees, and a creek that flowed through some of the sections (photos are attached). The format was unique to this event because the Expert and Pro class riders rode as a group in two separate sessions of two and a half hours each. The sections were closely grouped for the convenience of the spectators.

My Gas Gas 280 Pro trials bike ran great and the pit support from Gas Gas USA and Lewisport was top notch. My brother Neil did a great job as my minder, even soaking his boots in the creek section for my benefit ! I made a good start on Saturday in the first half of the trial, but I struggled in the second session and I was not pleased with my fifth place finish. I rode better on Sunday and finished in third place for the day. Overall I am not satisfied with my results, but I am very motivated to do better in the upcoming events.

I am making some changes to improve my training program for the next series of East Coast Nationals which will be held on June 19-20 in Rhode Island, with two more events the following weekend in New York. Between now and then I plan to practice a lot and I will also be attending the Columbia Cup Trial in Goldendale, Washington with my teammate, Cody Webb.

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