

## 2009 Champions

# WHY NOT WNYOA?

We visit WNYOA's huge season-end banquet

WNYOA is an acronym for Western New York Offroad Association, and it's usually pronounced "Why-Noah." They're a very active group all across New York—don't let the "Western" part fool you. WNYOA co-sponsors some races with NETRA and some with ECEA, and puts on a couple of national hare scrambles as well as participates with the GNCC's Unadilla hare scrambles. They do a lot. For 2010, there are 14 hare scrambles and 11 enduros on the schedule. Among the hare scrambles is the Unadilla GNCC in September and an AMA National in August, as well as an ATV national in June. Yes, they do race ATVs at WNYOA.

Their enduro schedule looks ambitious, until you look closer and realize that ten of those 11 races are co-sponsored, and put on by another organization. WNYOA still holds on to their lone Newark enduro in late September. The Newark enduro recently has been a part of the NETRA series, and this year Sea Coast's AMA National enduro in August is also a WNYOA event. All of the rest of the rest of their points-paying enduros are ECEA events. Their enduro situation is not unique in this world, where sponsoring groups just plain find it easier to find the land and the manpower to put on a hare scramble.

We were invited to their annual awards banquet this year, and went out of great curiosity to see this group we've heard about but 'til now never visited. Besides that, they were doing something a little different this year, and had enticed two famous New York racers to come and visit. Former AMA National Enduro Champion Steve Hatch was going to be there, as was KTM's Nate Kanney, who has made a name for himself racing in the GNCC lately, and also spending time in Europe racing the ISDE in recent years, as well as being one of the few Americans to ever race a whole season of the World Enduro

Championships. We hadn't seen Hatch for many years, and Kanney is always good company, so that clinched the deal; we were going.

We were unprepared for what we found there in Auburn, New York; at the Holiday Inn. The place was packed. Saturday afternoon everybody was jamming in the doors for the night's celebration. We checked with Dave Barnes, the

He doesn't look any different than he did in 1994, when he won his national championship. Not bad for a guy nearing 40 and with a young daughter in tow! Nate Kanney was there, fresh from training on the west coast, where he hangs his hat in the winter. Here's dedication: Nate flew into town the night before banquet day, and he was turning around and flying back early Sunday morning.

Both of these guys have New York in their blood, and everybody was obviously happy to see them. Steve had a table where he was showing off his Steve Hatch Racing online training and racing clinics information. He's got some neat stuff available for people who want to become better racers, and you can learn more at [www.stevéhatchracing.com](http://www.stevéhatchracing.com). Trail Rider had a table also, handing out magazines and trying to sell subscriptions, and we were the only two vendors there. What an untapped market!



Top: Ben Bouwens and the AA Hare Scrambles class show off their awards. Above: Some of the trophies were much taller than their recipients. Left: Nate Kanney and Steve Hatch were invited guests, both true New Yorkers.

guy who invited us, and he said they had 850 confirmed seats for dinner. Eight hundred and fifty! Don't these folks know there's a recession going on? Wow, it was impressive. Every room was filled, and every spare inch of space had another table set up to feed the crew that night.

We found Steve, and it was great to see him.

Nate is one of the few racers out there who has a book out about him, called Endurance by writer/photographer Theresa Orotiani. It was put together over the better part of a year, as Theresa followed him in the WEC and GNCC series. Though we haven't seen it yet, oddly enough, we've heard great things about it. The Endurance book is available from [saortolani.com. Check it out.](http://www.there-</a></p>
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Richard Lafferty was the overall champion of the WNYOA enduro series for 2009, and Ben Bouwens was the overall hare scrambles champ. There was a huge, huge list of awards for the night, and we only had room for the bike awards printed here. For the full season standings, plus all the Quad awards, go to [www.wnyoa.net](http://www.wnyoa.net) to check it out. Check their schedule for 2010, too. They have a huge number of hare scrambles scheduled for this season, and most of their enduros are combined with ECEA enduros, so that makes the WNYOA season a no-brainer for ECEA guys.

Anyhow, it was a great night; a good crowd to hang around with. We did a little thing with Steve and Nate, a little interview from the podium, and I think it went off well. The WNYOA people had a virtual ton of trophies to give out, so many that the trophy company delivers them



It helps if you're tough as nails!

in a private tractor-trailer, and stays there and sets them up for the organization and makes sure they're all correct before they leave. You can see all the trophies in the pictures. It was a huge pile of brass!

This writer has to admit he's a pretty early-to-bed kind of guy, especially when he got up at dawn to drive the five hours to the banquet, and I didn't take part in too much partying afterwards. But getting up to answer the call of nature at two o'clock, I gotta say that hotel was humming! There was just a constant roar of people laughing and carrying on, must have been well into the wee hours. I remember thinking "Man, these WNYOA people really know how to party..."

A big thanks to everyone in WNYOA for inviting us, and for inviting Steve and Nate. It was a great time, and we'll look forward to another big WNYOA season this year. ↑

<b>WNYOA Hare Scrambles</b>	7. Jacob Barrett	7. Michael Bauer	4. Dakota Jordan	2. Jacob Benjamin	2. Connor Harbst	2. Phil Davis
<b>School Boy</b>	8. Mike Bruce	8. Anthony Hoskins	5. Brian Sherboneau	3. Jacob Albrecht	3. Maxim Bowden	3. Todd Pecka
1. Jeremy T. Welch	9. Fred Grippin	9. Brett Merritt	6. Travis McCall	4. David Bidlack	4. Rachel A. Dickson	4. Chris Rossiter
2. Mikey Maresca	10. Keith Gordiner	10. Zachary Lupole	<b>201 - Open A</b>	<b>Junior Mini A</b>	<b>PeeWee 8</b>	<b>B Open</b>
3. Holt Wiggins	<b>201-250 C+ (23+)</b>	<b>201-Open B</b>	1. Tyler Nash	1. Holt Wiggins	1. Kevin Johnson	1. Alex Perry
4. Alexander Dzikiewicz	1. Kyle Pitxley	1. Tyler Schultes	2. Valen Garrison	2. Mike Maresca	2. Cole K. Jenner	2. Judd Callier
5. Levi M. Davis	2. Jesse Florio	2. Brian Robinson	3. Stewart Fish	3. Nick Johnson	3. George Reynolds	<b>B Four-Stroke</b>
<b>Senior C</b>	3. Justin Frank	3. Kyle Trantham	4. Gary Bush	4. Alex Dzikiewicz	4. Jacob Andrew Hanson	1. Brent Hoover (HPB)
1. Dominic Sileo	4. Michael Zirbel	4. Matthew A Ruby	5. George MacEachern	5. Tyler Chandler		2. Joe Gallagher
2. Kenny Ham	5. Aaron Lewis	5. Todd Pecka	6. Nathaniel Callear	6. Brendon VanEtten	<b>WNYOA Enduro Series</b>	3. Keith Finkbeiner
3. John Payne	6. Jesse Carling	6. ChrisLuszczek Jr.	7. Brad Hoffman	7. Brad Hoffman	<b>Grand Champion</b>	<b>B Veteran</b>
4. James Seamon	7. Chris DeTaeye	7. Brian Sanford	8. Josh Jordan	8. Colin Calkins	Rich Lafferty	1. Eric Smith
5. Byron Wright	8. Anthony Beeman	8. Richard J. Heins	9. Drew N. Pakusch	9. Justin Rilenburg	<b>AA</b>	2. Howard Robbins
6. Shawn Wade	9. William Davenport	9. Linck Grover	10. Judd Callear	10. Darius Ham		3. Barrett Wiggins
7. Cody Jenkins	10. Matthew Specchio	10. Tyler Rilenburg	<b>AA</b>	<b>Senior Mini A</b>	1. Martin Griff	4. Mark Boehnke
8. Jim Bruce	<b>251-Open C</b>	1. Benjamin Bouwens	1. Benjamin Bouwens	1. Timothy Murphy II	2. John Oechsle	5. Jason Patti
9. James F. Dempsey	1. Mark Smith	1. Ray Goulet	2. Andrew T. Miller	2. Derek Holcomb	3. Scotty Rich	6. Geoff Miller
10. Barry Martin	2. Jeremy Harris	<b>Women Vet</b>	3. Grant Maryott	3. Tyler Ford	<b>A</b>	1. Jacob Williams (HPA)
<b>Vet C</b>	3. Jason Reynolds	1. Heather Crowley	4. Jeremy Welch	4. Jeremy Welch	2. Dave Barnes	2. Dave Barnes
1. Jason Dzikiewicz	4. John Ellersick	2. Luann Ford	5. Wyatt Shumann	5. Wyatt Shumann	3. Mark Conner	3. Mark Conner
2. Jeff Gunn	5. Bill Pykema	3. Claudia Danielewicz	6. James Steiner Jr	6. James Steiner Jr	4. Jake Dennis	4. Jake Dennis
3. Travis Wiggins	<b>Super Senior B C</b>	1. Sammy Steiner	8. Allen Ervin Jr	8. Allen Ervin Jr	5. Jim King	5. Jim King
4. Christopher Ingrassia	1. Tim Garneau	2. Aubrie M. Williams	9. John Oechsle	9. John Oechsle	6. Brian Williams	6. Brian Williams
5. Ryan Richardson	2. David Kute	<b>Super Senior A</b>	8. Donald Snow	8. Donald Snow	7. Dan Jarecke	7. Dan Jarecke
6. Josh Miller	3. Rich Scott	1. Chris Munson	10. James Steiner Sr	10. James Steiner Sr	8. Dustin Jordan	8. Dustin Jordan
7. Shawn Miller	4. George Martin	2. John Nevidomsky	<b>2009 MINI AWARDS</b>	<b>2009 Pee Wee Awards</b>	9. B Woodmansee	9. B Woodmansee
8. Chad Murdock	5. Jon F Heerkens	3. Paul Por	<b>Mini C</b>	<b>PeeWee Four-Stroke JUNIOR</b>	10. James Geise	10. James Geise
9. Tim Elliott	6. Gary Homanich	4. Ronald H. Parmelee	1. Levi Struble	1. Nicholas Park	<b>A Four-Stroke</b>	1. Garrett Mayer
10. Terry VanDelinder	<b>Senior B</b>	5. Bill Ure	2. Bryant Johnson	2. Ryan M. Brooks	<b>B Super Senior</b>	2. Anthony Ezerskis
<b>125-200 C (12-17)</b>	1. Anthony Pelto	6. Dale Sonnenschein	3. Jeffery P. Elliott	3. Robert Lane	1. Bill Ure	3. Roger Detricak
1. Brandon Hayes	2. Mitchell Makowski	7. Lare Barnes	4. Timothy Steiner	4. Dylan Campbell	2. Dave Myers	4. Dave Gubala
2. Shawn Davis	3. Andrew Brown	<b>Senior A</b>	5. Mason Gee	5. James Poiszella	3. Roger Detricak	5. Rob Springer
3. Jake LaBarre	4. Joe Misko	1. Daniel R. Fish	6. Matt Ingrassia	6. Matt Ingrassia	4. Mike Delosa	6. Pat Runearne
4. Josh Lord	5. Tim Anderson	2. Mark Davis	7. Zachary Church	7. Zachary Church	5. Tom Cox	7. Mark Dunham
5. Louis R. Loiselle Jr.	6. Bob Johnson	3. Michael Casale	8. Adam Speer	8. Adam Speer	<b>C 200</b>	1. Andrew VanEerwyk
6. Dave Wiemusz	7. Keith Chapman	4. Michael Johnson	9. Michael VanDelinder	9. Michael VanDelinder	1. Jake Brown	2. Ryan VanCamp
8. Will Lloyd	8. Tim McCurken	5. Rick Anderson	10. Talon Bennett	10. Talon Bennett	2. Fred Perry	3. Scott Snyder
9. Nicholas Conner	9. Joe Bowden	6. James A. Geise	<b>Mini Four-Stroke B</b>	<b>Mini Four-Stroke B</b>	4. Dan Fish	4. Dan Fish
10. Charlie Thayer	10. Charles A. Reed	7. Tom Prechtl	1. Owen Maryott	1. Owen Maryott	3. Scott Snyder	3. Scott Snyder
<b>125-200 C+ (18+)</b>	<b>Vet B</b>	8. Greg Calkins	2. Julian Rich	2. Julian Rich	4. Craig Hartnagel	4. Craig Hartnagel
1. Jason Keith	1. Jeffrey Hart	9. Dan Garrison	3. Justin Meddaugh	3. Justin Meddaugh	5. Brendon VanEerwyk	5. Brendon VanEerwyk
2. Zachary M Conklin	2. Michael Ferguson	10. Randy M. Gardner	4. Tyler Murray	4. Tyler Murray	6. Dave McCall	6. Dave McCall
3. Eric Otto	3. Joe Woosman	<b>Vet A</b>	5. Eric Brock	5. Eric Brock	7. Rich Dool	7. Rich Dool
4. Michael L. Zahorian	4. Jeremy Burton	1. Leonard Baltimore	6. Donovan Snyder	6. Donovan Snyder	8. Richard Heins	8. Richard Heins
5. Kyle Badler	5. Fisher Welles	2. David Barnes	7. Chris Lusch	7. Chris Lusch	9. Brian Ward	9. Brian Ward
6. Caleb E. Golphor	6. Aaron M. Horner	3. Mike Delosa	8. Dominick Wright	8. Dominick Wright	<b>C Open</b>	1. Sam Runearne
7. Chad Tierney	7. Jeff Elliott	4. Steven Ryan	9. Taylor Austen	9. Taylor Austen	<b>A Super Senior</b>	2. John Ellersick
8. Calvin Purvis	8. Michael Vonderchek	5. Mark Boehnke	10. Dana Franklin	10. Dana Franklin	1. Chris Munson	2. John Ellersick
9. Cody Short	9. Gerald May	6. Kevin Royston	<b>Mini B</b>	<b>Mini B</b>	2. Lare Barnes	3. Terry Neiss
10. Jeremy Thorpe	10. James Crawford	7. Steve R. Ackley	1. Marcus Scutt-Cornell	1. Marcus Scutt-Cornell	<b>Masters</b>	<b>C Veteran</b>
<b>201-250 C (14-22)</b>	<b>125-200 B</b>	8. Chris Dudgeon	2. Jordan LaFave	2. Jordan LaFave	1. Jack Lafferty Sr	1. Jack Lafferty Sr
1. Dylan J. Zimmer	1. Ryan Purvis	9. Todd McKinney	3. Cainan LaBarre	3. Cainan LaBarre	2. Fred Perry	2. Fred Perry
2. Robert Mix	2. Nathan Page	10. Trampas Henry	4. Carter Calkins	4. Carter Calkins	3. Jack Mitchell	3. Jack Mitchell
3. Troy Tagliavento	3. Colt Anderson	<b>125 - 200 A</b>	5. Zachary Riegel	5. Zachary Riegel	<b>B 200</b>	6. Olivia Weist
4. Ryan Schultes	4. Nathan Couse	1. Dallas Micha	6. Tyler Gunn	6. Tyler Gunn	7. Morgan R. Best	7. Morgan R. Best
5. Daniel Nybeck	5. Kyle Davis	2. Anthony M. Thomas	8. Dakota Waterman	8. Dakota Waterman	8. Dakota Waterman	8. Dakota Waterman
6. Benjamin Yale	6. Shane Davis	3. David Ackley	9. Ashton Hodgson	9. Ashton Hodgson	9. Ashton Hodgson	9. Ashton Hodgson
			<b>Mini Four-Stroke A</b>	<b>Mini Four-Stroke A</b>	<b>PeeWee 7</b>	<b>B 250</b>
			1. Zachary Bailey	1. Zachary Bailey	1. Benjamin Wright	1. Malcolm Bohanon