



TAKING IT SLOW & EASY

TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS

• The trials course was once again laid out in front of Mammoth Mountain Inn by master course builder Tom Hillard. There were eight different sections that had riders climbing over logs, through creeks and even over a plank laid atop two gondola cars. It was definitely a wild event made all the more exciting by the presence of two of the best trials riders in the world, Spain's Ot Pi and German expatriate Hansjorg Rey, who now resides in California. The two riders showed incredible mastery of a course that at first glance seemed to be virtually impossible.

▲ *Join the crowd: The Swatch/NOR-BA World Championships at Mammoth was an incredible success for riders and spectators alike. Each day hundreds of people were out enjoying the Sierra sights and competition. The future of mountain bike racing appears to be secure with such professionally run events.*

Feats of magic: ▶ *Hansjorg Rey was the first European rider to come to America to compete last year and he has done a lot to promote the sport's visibility as a rider for Swatch Watch and GT Bicycles. The amicable German rider is now residing in the States full-time.*



The top American: Ibis/Specialized rider Andy Grayson took things slow and easy to finish third overall in the trials. Andy is now considered the top American trials rider and after a trip to Europe to compete during the summer his talents have improved greatly.

Man of the hour: Ot Pi is the current World Champion in Europe, and now in America, too. The quiet rider from Spain rides for Monty, which is his father's bicycle company, and he is the winningest rider in the world today. Ot wow'd the crowd with his ability to clean all the sections he rode.

The European masters were joined by a small army of American wizards like Andy Grayson, Mike Craig, Peter Delaney and Kevin Norton. These riders represented the cream of the crop of American riders, but try as they might they were still outridden by Pi and Rey. The trials event took over four hours to complete and from beginning to end hundreds of spectators stood back in awe at the accomplishments of the better riders. Equally entertaining was watching the many Sport Class riders who rode less demanding sections on their mountain bikes. Trials is almost as much fun to watch as it is to ride. When the event was through, Ot Pi gave a special performance and twice did an aerial 360-degree full turn off a ten-foot-high log assemblage—incredible! •

1988 WORLD TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Ot Pi Monty
2. Hansjorg Rey GT
3. Andy Grayson Ibis/Specialized
4. Jim Tregonis Cunningham
5. Peter Delaney Ibis/Specialized