

MX13 jump to benefit Central Oregon Veterans

RIDERS HIT SKY-HIGH TRICKS AND STUNTS OVER WILD RIDE



Justin Homan performs a jump at the MX13 Jump Show at Wild Ride Brewing on August 25 in Redmond
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Participants at the MX13 Jump Show at Wild Ride Brewing ride to their next jump on August 25 in Redmond.
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Matt McCoy performs a jump at the MX13 Jump Show at Wild Ride Brewing on August 25 in Redmond.
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The pop and buzz of two-stroke dirt bike engines filled the Redmond air Thursday night as the MX13 Jump Show came to life outside Wild Ride Brewing.

The jump show featured riders flying off jumps while performing tricks called nac-nacs and whips. It was organized by Justin Homan, a motocross athlete and former X Games competitor, to benefit the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch.

The event featured two performances, one with adult riders and another with youngsters as young as seven years old.

"It's kind of nerve-racking," said Hadlie Hamrick, who was one of the five youngsters to jump. "It was a lot of fun."

The August 25 MX13 Jump show was the first time Hadlie and her brother Jace had done an event like this, said Brett Hamrick, their father. He was nervous, he said, but it was also exciting to watch his kids attempt it.

As they were looking out at the jumps, Jace said it helped to think ahead about what he planned to do on the ramp.

"It's not about being fast," said Justin Gallacher, the emcee of the event. "It's about the position."

"You get excited and nervous," said Matt McCoy, one of the three adult riders.

To get himself over those nerves, he said he turns his brain off and has to put everything out of his mind and concentrate solely on the moment in front of him.

Trent Meyer, one of the adult riders, laughed at this and said he turns his brain on before he rides.

"I think everybody's got their own little tweaks that they do before they ride," Meyer said. "My main thing is just making sure the bike is cleared out and that it's warmed up properly. As long as the bike sounds fine then I'm good to go."

"You block out all the people," said Byron Homan, Justin's son. "That'll make you less nervous."

They all swore by the adrenaline rush. As they're flying through the air, Jace said he can feel the breeze across his face.

"(It's) the best feeling ever," Meyer said. "It's incomparable."

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Isaac "The Silent Assassin" Coffing performs a jump at the MX13 Jump Show at Wild Ride Brewing on August 25 in Redmond.
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Participants at the MX13 Jump Show at Wild Ride Brewing ride to their next jump on August 25 in Redmond.
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Participants of the MX13 Jump Show line up before their jumps at Wild Ride Brewing on August 25 in Redmond.
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Trent Meyer performs a jump at the MX13 Jump Show at Wild Ride Brewing on August 25 in Redmond.
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