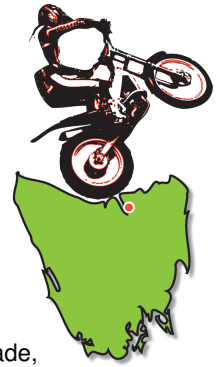


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(The Most Challenging Motorcycle Sport)



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Anyone who can bring observers to a trial, please do, we can't ride without observers.

March 2015

With another Tas Titles completed, I hope everyone had a great time at the premier event. Two great days on our most hallowed ground, with some even enjoying a Monday master-class with Alexz Wigg! Wasn't it incredible to see Wiggles competing at Mt Joy? It was certainly a reminder for me of the raw confidence, strength yet also of the subtle feel required to make our machines get to their limits, and Chris certainly was looking the goods not far behind him!

We have to have a bit of a moan, unfortunately, about the number of riders that pulled out with late notice from Alexz's training day (and, unfortunately, some with no notice). My understanding was that there were 12 riders that were "confirmed", so to have just four of the confirmed actually participate on the day has caused rather a wide difference in covering Alexz's cost.

While the club is OK to cover this, it will certainly cause us to consider instigating a pre-pay clause if further training days are to be made available in the future.

In the meantime, we've got a couple of options this weekend for those feeling in-form, or just motivated, to ride; the Wise Monkey ride is a must if you have the weekend free, or I'd love to see some others at the Devonport Motor Show on Sunday 22nd, if you're up to help showcase the sport to a wide audience!

President Brendan.

News!

The Wise Monkey Ride – Moina

(Because Wise Monkeys don't go out in the cold!)
Words by Ian Pickering

The wise Monkey Ride will be on a little earlier this year on 21 March – as there is a 6 week break in events after the Tassie Title.

We have tried to keep it a secret.....but riders and their partners have such a good time.....that they tend to blab about it. So if you are not sure if you want to go or not - I suppose you could talk to someone who went last year.

It is a fun trail ride on mining trails, Van Diemen's Land Track, etc in the hills around Moina – lead by our host Tim Mead. There are old mines and relics to be seen, along with beautiful scenery and views of Lake Cethana & Lake Gairdner.

Tim has a "Shack" at Moina with beds for about 10+ people, and as it is summer those who want to camp can do so near the shack. You could even roll your swag out on the floor of the shack.

We start with a trail ride about 12:30pm Saturday with a 3 to 4 hour ride and get back to the shack in the afternoon. Partners can stay in the luxury of the shack, or go for a walk in the scenic surroundings. We have tea Saturday night, by heating up favourite casseroles and desserts that participants bring with them – usually a real feast. Saturday night is an evening of yarn telling and 8 ball and cards, plus the odd refreshment.

Sunday morning we have breakfast (bring your own breakfast, eggs and bacon is the norm....with or without Panadol), we then go for another trail ride – returning in time to polish off any left over's from the evening meal and tidy up before heading home.

Notes to participants:

- Mandatory to call Tim Mead 0418502224 or Ian Pickering 0418131341 to book a place.
- Bring favourite casserole or dessert and breakfast – advise Tim and Ian so we get the right mix of casserole or desserts.
- Bring a sleeping bag or bedding if you need to.
- Bring a fuel container and a way to carry it as we will be covering some kilometres – 10 litres plus a couple of smaller containers (old 1 litre oil bottles?) to put in a backpack for the ride.

It is a really enjoyable and relaxing weekend of trail riding and fun.....oops did I just let that slip out.....

Next Event: Our next trial is at a brand new venue, Lovely Banks Road, just off the Midland Highway at Melton Mowbray. Mark it in your calendar, April 19th, with section setting the weekend before. The Southerners will be setting this one, so for anyone down this end of the state who wants to get involved, keep an eye on Facebook for the actual time and date for section setting or send an email to newsletter@tastrials.org.au

X Trial: Between now and Melton Mowbray, both Brendan and Chris will be heading over to Perth to compete in the first ever X Trial Championship (<http://www.ausxtrial.com.au/>). I'm sure everyone in the club wishes both of you the best of luck and will be keen to hear what you thought of it.

Event wrap up

There's an ancient tradition in Tasmania. The elders speak of it in quiet tones, knowing the excitement which it brings to mainlanders and locals alike. They talk of the yearly gathering of men and women on bizarre looking motorcycles, offering themselves to the rocks and shale of Mt Joy in a bid to crown new champions for each grade. Fortunately, word has spread across this great country and now, on the long weekend in March each year, Mt Joy is turned into a hive of Tasmanian Titles activity.

This year, the Titles were a bit different to normal, it was the first time we had International riders. Phil Whittle of Gas Gas Victoria brought over UK lad Alexz Wigg and Irish lass Shelley Hanlon. To have Internationals down here riding around in our own backyard is great, not just for us in the club but for spectators and the Tasmanian community too. These two, along with the large group of both first time and returning mainland riders, hopefully enjoyed their time down here and will come back again, maybe even bringing along some mates as well.

Sections were held in the same area as some of last year's Australian Titles, to the left of the 'normal' hill. There was a good variety of sections, from the man-made 'stadium' style section 1, to the huge and/or tight (depending on the grade) Saturday section 6, to the "almost a little bit scary, if I put my foot down on the right I'll be lost in the valley" Sunday section 9. The sections were spread over a wide area, so for the spectators that made it all the way out to Sunday's section 8, well done, that's a decent hike. Considering the distance and spread, Andrew Rouse thought he'd never see his oil filler cap again after it worked loose and fell off his bike. Incredibly, Denise Costello looked down at just the right moment while walking along to see it sitting in the grass and returned it to where it belonged. The Mt Joy Gods were smiling on the four stroke Beta that day.

There were, unfortunately, a couple of large crashes during the event. To the riders that did damage to themselves, hopefully you're healing fast and back on the bike soon.

Alexz Wigg and Chris Bayles were fantastic and I know I wasn't the only rider who would ride a section then hang around to watch them do things most of us can only dream of. After two days of riding up huge rock faces and wowing the crowd with their skills, Alexz took the win from Chris.

Brendan Smith, no doubt using the sections as practice for his upcoming appearance at X Trial in Perth, took the A grade trophy back home. Peter Lockhart came second after a huge stack over the bars on his first section of the event.

B grade had a healthy amount of riders and a close fight between first and second, with Bradley Shadbolt taking the win, closely followed by Kurt Pickering. Kieran Clay, aboard his new ride, kept it together to get third place.

The Tasmanian shaped trophies for both first and second get a free trip across the ditch with Angus Boud piloting his Gas Gas to victory in C+, followed by Chris Herbert on the Beta. John Denison made sure the third place memento stayed in the State with a solid performance.

After riding C grade for two days, as well as minding grandson Billy Berne, staying out on the hill sorting Sunday's sections until late and getting on site early Sunday morning to finish them off, Neil Berne walked away with the win. Nobby Gabbedy claimed second place and Shelley Hanlon got herself a third place Tasmanian souvenir to take home.

Twin shock had two riders, with Jack Herbert taking the TY to first place ahead of Nigel "Captain... Fantic" Munday.

Todd Wilkin and Jim Pickett are just a couple of mates out for some fun on their Classic bikes, taking first and second respectively. Seeing these old bikes out being ridden instead of sitting in a shed is great, if there's any more out there, bring them along next year!

Andy Daley also rode around for some fun with the two Classics, but rode in Clubman and in the process, took out the title. Second place went to the ever improving Will Ferrall, who will certainly be one to watch in the future. Will also got an extra treat, Alexz Wigg's riders bib from the World event at Maldon last year.

Clubman Junior was a new class for this year. This class rode a selection of sections over the two days and is a great way of getting the kids involved. Billy Berne took top honours, but he could have also taken out the title for 'most encouraging fan' for the support he gave to his grandad Neil. Broc Gabbedy secured second place on his Oset.

Thank you to the observers over the two days, without you we don't have a sport or an event. Also thanks to the section setters and everyone involved in the running of the event, it was a great weekend and everyone I spoke to had a blast. Remember to book it into your calendar for next year!





Private Adverts

For Sale: 2013 Beta Factory 300

This bike is soon to be traded on a 2015 Beta Factory, but I would much rather see it stay in Tasmania. One owner from new, delivered in April 2013. This model was the first Beta Factory to feature the hydro-formed frame, and comes with all of the usual Factory extras. Includes guards on the swinging arm and front forks (black) and the frame (red). A new rear guard is included in addition to the usable, but used, existing rear guard.

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