

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(New year, new sletter)



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February

Not a proper presidents report

And just like that, we're back underway. Honestly it doesn't feel like Melrose was that long ago, but by Christ there's been some changes, and I'll go into them later on.

Straight up, I've given Chris the month off, but he sent me this:

First, thanks to everyone who came to Jericho, close to 40 riders at our first MA event is awesome. Also, thanks to Kurt, Samuel and Mick for all the work in the background getting us to this point, and to those who have done courses and are stepping up like Fred and Ashlee did on Sunday. Also, thank you to the club for the lovely gesture of flowers for the passing of my grandmother Maudy. She did a number of national events with us back in the day.

Newsletterman stuff

What off season?

Kurt, Mick and myself especially did a mountain of work with Ben from MTas, and to be honest Ben's probably sick of our phone calls and emails, trying to sort out all manner of things to keep the club active in this wild new world. To Ben's credit, he answers almost any time we ring and if he doesn't, he calls us back quickly, and I've sent him emails at 10pm on a Saturday night when I've suddenly discovered something and he's replied within half an hour. The highlight was spending well over two hours in a Teams meeting with Ben and Kurt going over the creation of events on Ridernet, creating classes and everything to suit our club. Another bonus highlight was Ben telling us 'if a rider is marked as red, it means there's a problem with their licence' only to find that EVERY SINGLE RIDER who has a senior or junior restricted licence, which is almost everyone in the club, is marked red. I am straight up not having a good time with this stuff.

Adding to that stuff, a bunch of us descended upon Symmons Plains for a Saturday to get level 1 accreditation so we can actually do this. Big thanks to Alysha, Ashlee, Mick, Toni, Kurt, Rob, Steve, Ken, Fred and myself for that. Everyone's a bit rough around the edges at the moment obviously, but within another event or two we should start getting people signed off so we can do it all in house, rather than having others there to do the official bits. We already did a lot of the stuff as it was and the way we run our days is good, but now we've got the extra MA things to do.

Please get entries in well before events. The amount of extra work needed to get it into a useable format for our sport and club is absolutely massive. So far it's four separate file downloads and a 150 line script to beat it into submission.

MA have an app for iPhone and Android. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND it. It shows licence details which will

come in handy if you get to an event and you need to show your licence, you can join the club, enter events and all that fun stuff.

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.org.ma.maridernet>

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/ma-ridernet/id1641459338>

That stuff aside, the electronic calendar is up, the website is up, I haven't had a chance to give it a fresh coat of paint so it'll still look the same as last year, the scoring system has been changed to suit our transition to Trialx instead of the old A B C classes and we should be good for the year.

One thing we don't have and we ABSOLUTELY need is observers for the Two Day in March. Please, beg borrow or steal people for this, get them in contact with Ian, tell them the good stuff like free lunch and a come and try day if they want it. Ian's asked all manner of groups but we've not had much luck so far.

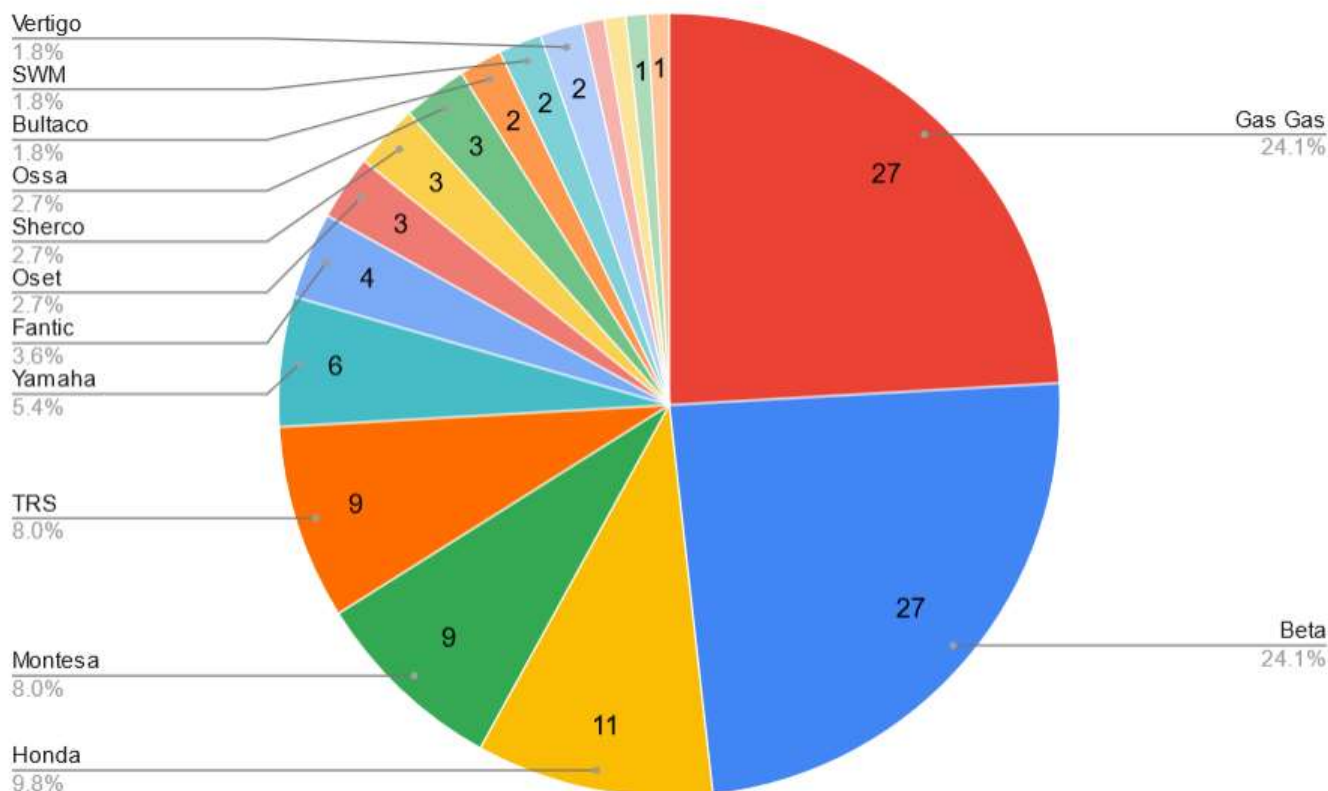
Adding to that, if anyone who doesn't ride but comes along can spare 10 minutes at the start of the day, I can run them through our scoring program so they can start entering scores before I finish. 40 riders x 4 cards x 8 sections per card is 1280 individual key strokes at minimum so if someone can start that before I finish, it'd be a huge help.

If you're into indoor trials, the DL12 Sheffield indoor trial happened recently and they've uploaded it to Vimeo. There's some mental sections and was the debut of Raga on a Sherco.

<https://vimeo.com/905251731/55ca894b36>

World indoor trials is also back, the first round has already happened and like last year, <https://www.x-trial.tv/> are streaming the events both live and on demand. It's about \$60 a year for all events and it's a decent production, well worth it.

I can't remember if I showed this, but because I am sometimes an incredibly boring man who likes numbers and stuff, I kept a tally of all bikes which were entered in our twin shock events, normal rounds and our two day. I didn't include the TdN fundraiser because I wasn't there. The four with no labels are Scorpa, EM, CZ and Suzuki.



Jericho

“Ok so you can have fairly warm weather and clear skies for your first event for the... wtf guys you're putting up awnings and gazebos to block out my wonderful sunshine, up yours, here's a heap of wind, I hope your shit breaks.” – Jericho sky fairies, probably.

And break stuff did, RIP to the Salters lovely Gas Gas gazebo, almost completely collapsed, twisted and bent from the strong gusts.

After all the work leading up to it, it was good to just be back on a bike, and in all honesty it was a relief to see so many people had gone out and got themselves an MA licence or had taken their kids to get them endorsed. We had five riders under 15 (I think) in C grade, new riders, a couple of returning riders and some grade changes as well.

Sections needed a bit of repair work before the event started. So the thing is, we set sections two weeks earlier, and as you are aware, it gets a bit windy at Jericho, and the wind blew a bunch of arrows off. “Oh, use more silicon next time” is the logical answer, and yes, more silicon next time is a good idea. Any silicon, even. We kinda stuffed up and didn't get silicon. Anyway long story short, no-more-gaps/spakfilla type products don't work, avoid them, don't get them by accident. Millie is thankful for the error, somehow she managed to get the non-silicon on her pants, t shirt, bike frame, in her hair and on her helmet. If it'd been the normal stuff she'd have been in a very bad mood.

We had a mix of older favourites and new sections. Section one, nice and close to the car park and fairly impressive for spectators, and Ben our MTAs rep, who hadn't actually seen trials before asked about our 'tracks', and was possibly a bit confused when Fred told him that this was one section, with five different 'tracks' inside it. Anyway, this section rode pretty well and didn't cause too many issues. On to number two, lots of super grippy sandstone mixed with a couple of real right turns and avoiding the cutting grass. The sneaky blue arrow near the prickly bush caught at least a couple of riders out. Section three existed because chainsaws are a thing, a lot of cleaning up was done for this one. A stretched out W shape with tight turns and rocks, a nice undercut one of those for the higher grades. Surprisingly, the turning areas held up well and didn't turn to dust, unlike the next one, section four. A nice rough downhill or a big rock depending on your grade, and a u turn at the bottom which ended up turning to powder for C+ and up, a couple of prickly bushes to catch your arm or glove if you weren't careful (I wasn't). The last turn was good if you rolled through and onto the rock for traction. Ride back out to section five, it's a bit of a longer one with a couple of big steps and a big downhill drop you could jump off, or very carefully roll off. The rock which moved into the C/C+/Clubman line was a bit shitty though. Section 6, we've used it before and sorry, it didn't get any better. BIG steps for the big grades, tight snotty stuff for the lower grades, not many cleans happened here and a 2 felt like a clean in C+. Section 7, another up/down/up/down/up style crisscross over the rocks. Nothing too severe but it took a few points. Finally section 8, technique and picking the one good line was the aim here to bounce across the top of the gaps in the rocks rather than falling into the holes.

I don't think I heard any complaints all day, which is good for a southern trial, and it was a decent, 'simpler' start to the year than we've had for a while.

Chris won Expert after tearing around like a mad bugger to get back to work.

A Grade was tight, Kurt two points ahead of Will, Matt made sure Daniel didn't get third, beating him by one point.

Simon wheeled out the new Gas Gas in B grade and finished third, Chris in second, Jenna taking the win.

Nine riders in C Pl... hang on, Trial 4 Plus. That's taking some getting used to. Scores for the top 5 were fairly low, Nobby finished third, David had a blinder of a ride grabbing second place and you can't say it's because he knew the sections because he was too crook to set them, and Bryce won.

Trial 4 saw the return of Captain Sherco, Nigel! Welcome back! It was close, Nigel on 6 points, Andrew in second on 7. Chris Gilgen finished third.

Mary won Trial 5 and had fun doing it too.

Next events

Tassie Two Day! Get on <https://ridernet.com.au/>, search for events in Tasmania and you'll see it, entries close WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH! Section setting is this weekend, contact the club for more information.

Classifieds

There's a heap of stuff on our website, check it out! The two most recent additions are listed here.

[2021 Beta EVO 200 Factory](#)



[2017 Beta EVO 250](#)



<https://www.tastrials.org.au/classifieds>

TMTC Round 1 - Jericho
Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club Inc
18 February 2024
Trialsport Scoring System

Place	Trial 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	5	0	0	0	7	9	3	3		27	20	6	3	0	3
Place	Trial 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Kurt PICKERING	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	2		13	24	5	1	2	0
2	Will THORNBURY	3	0	0	0	0	7	4	1		15	24	5	1	1	1
3	Matt WOODHOUSE	5	6	5	2	1	16	8	10		53	11	10	2	3	6
4	Daniel FENTON	8	4	5	0	2	16	7	12		54	9	7	5	9	2
5	Zak LUNN	6	3	6	7	1	12	13	14		62	8	5	6	10	3
6	Jack SALTER	14	3	9	11	6	14	11	10		78	4	5	4	15	4
Place	Trial 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Jenna LUPO	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	1		13	24	4	3	1	0
2	Christopher DILLON	5	0	6	13	3	18	10	7		62	11	4	5	6	6
3	Simon LANGWORTHY	12	0	8	16	10	18	0	9		73	10	1	3	12	6
Place	Trial 4 Plus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Bryce SQUIBB	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	1		7	26	5	1	0	0
2	David PARKER	1	0	1	1	1	6	0	2		12	22	8	2	0	0
3	Nobby GABBEDY	0	0	3	2	0	9	1	1		16	22	5	4	1	0
4	Samuel LOCKHART	0	0	5	1	1	7	3	1		18	21	6	3	2	0
5	Millie LOCKHART	1	0	7	3	0	10	0	0		21	21	8	0	1	2
6	Ian PICKERING	2	0	0	6	0	13	1	6		28	22	3	2	2	3
7	Lee COONES	6	0	1	1	0	5	9	6		28	14	12	4	1	1
8	Rosie ENNISS	2	2	1	10	0	6	8	0		29	17	8	4	1	2
9	Ken HOSKING	3	9	1	8	0	11	2	11		45	12	8	5	4	3
Place	Trial 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Nigel MUNDAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5		6	30	1	0	0	1
2	Andrew ROYCROFT	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	3		7	26	5	1	0	0
3	Chris GILGEN	0	1	1	6	0	10	2	0		20	22	5	2	2	1
4	Andrew SQUIBB	0	2	1	3	2	7	4	5		24	20	4	6	1	1
5	Mace EVANS	1	3	8	4	0	4	1	6		27	19	7	2	2	2
6	Scott PICKERING	1	0	1	2	3	6	8	7		28	15	9	5	3	0
7	Ben EVANS	0	5	8	7	0	3	5	5		33	19	4	4	2	3
8	Braith LUNN	2	5	3	4	4	12	3	4		37	14	8	5	3	2
9	Will DELANTY	1	2	2	6	3	8	8	15		45	12	8	5	4	3
10	Georgie LEE	1	10	7	5	2	12	9	6		52	9	10	3	7	3
11	Matt BESSELL	15	1	8	5	6	13	10	4		62	12	6	2	4	8
12	Con BROSNAN	0	3	15	13	2	18	13	3		67	11	5	4	3	9
13	Cooper LOCKHART	6	4	9	10	9	13	9	15		75	7	3	4	13	5
DNS	Grant TAYLOR										DNS					
NC	Mick LUSCOMBE	5	0	5	1	0	5	7	3		26	21	5	3	0	3
Place	Trial 5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mary WARD	0	0	11	13	0	16	0	16		56	17	0	1	8	6

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