

## Mt Mee "Ekala" Qld August 2020



The 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August saw the SOTA road show travel to Mt Mee for just their 2nd AMA event of the year! I guess we are getting use to the interrupted start to the trials season by now. This event was held at Glen & Wilma Sommerville's beautiful "Ekala" property at Ocean View, Qld. It was a good turnout and for those that made the trip were blessed with a perfect winters day to test their trials skills once again. The terrain at Ekala has a lot on offer from rocky creek beds, dry gullies, steep hill climbs, the biggest log in existence and some man-made obstacles, with the latter not being part of the sections this time round. Due to some earlier clearing of some new ground, all 10 sections were created amongst the natural terrain.

We tried setting a variety of sections to keep everyone entertained and think we managed this as the property gives us so many options, although Gareth is still looking for the easy ones haha. As usual the first lap was pretty tough especially on the angled logs until they started drying out. The forementioned "big log" kept the red boys entertained as were the large number of spectators roaming around the course. Of course, the challenge for everyone that can't hop that front wheel, was trying to get the bike squared up for the next obstacle after or during a tight turn. Practice hopping in the garage they say.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the unveiling of the SOTA Squatter meticulously hand built by Glen himself. You couldn't help but admire Glen's handy work while taking care of business, yet he has plans to spruce it up even more, can't wait to see that. The rumor is that the honour of christening went to Andrew McDonald-Smith, we hope you pondered that special moment Andrew.

As usual our events would not happen without a team of dedicated people. Thank you firstly and most importantly to Glen & Wilma for the use of their amazing property. Without them it would not be possible. Words alone can't thank Glen enough for how well he prepares his property for us. Thanks to Wilma & Megan for giving up their Sunday to do a wonderful job running the score tent. Hope you didn't pay too higher price for that Harry! Thanks to the section setters who gave up their Friday or Saturday to finish off Glen's hard work and create an enjoyable course. Thanks to the Owen Family and Bob Anderson for look after our bags and drinks. Last but not least, we thank Harry for his tireless efforts behind the scenes to organize our great events.

The Plonker Plate. Well I'm not sure if it's ever been done before, so it could be a first, Rob Sinkovics has managed to get the Plonker Plate two trials running. Maybe he's cotton'd on to the free beer that comes with it? Well done Rob, what can you come up with for threeppeat?

Our next event is scheduled for September 20, back to Canungra, so we hope to see you all again then.