

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

(The most challenging motorcycle sport)



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Section Cleanup: Section 1 = Clubman, Sections 2+3 = C Grade, Section 4 = C+ Grade, Section 5 = B Grade, Section 6 = A Grade & A+ Grade

Anyone who can bring observers to a trial please do to help make it a better day, we can't ride without observers.

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Acting President's Report

Mid-winter greetings to all members and friends of the Tasmanian Motor Cycle Trials Club.

As I write we are well past half way through the 2015 club championship rounds. With just three rounds to go, Mt Joy in September, Oatlands in October and Eugenana in November, those riders with a competitive spirit will be watching the scores and calculating their prospects of success. The progress scores are soon to be published on the club's website. Competitors drop their two worst performances in calculating the final score. Those of you who are mathematically inclined can amuse yourselves calculating 'what if' scenarios, particularly as the number of remaining rounds diminishes. Best of luck to all who are vying for a podium placing, but please don't forget to enjoy the ride, whatever the result.

Many of you will have noticed, during the last few trials that the juniors have ridden on separate sections tailored specifically for them. This arrangement has many advantages. Access to junior sections can be made easier without limiting the terrain that the adults can access, it is possible both to coach the young riders as well as giving them a competition and it helps avoid delays at adult sections. However, to operate such a system, at least one adult must be prepared to care for the juniors throughout the event. Jenny Gabbedy has thrown herself into that task. On behalf of the club, thank you Jenny for your great effort. I feel sure that even more assistance would be welcome and I invite potential helpers to make himself or herself known to Jenny or to any club official.

While writing on the subject of helpers, congratulations are due to those who volunteer as observers and for other duties at each trial. This year, the weather has thrown everything that it can at these poor souls, with icy conditions and freezing winds. Thank you for your ongoing support; without you we would not have a trials competition.

It is also time for me, on behalf of the club, to wish every success to those club members who will be riding in the Victorian and/or Australian championship event that will be held over the next few weeks. Our sport seems to have caught the imagination of a number of organisations that hold events of various types, ranging from country fairs to motor race meetings. The club is currently negotiating with several organisers who would like to see a trials demonstration at their event. More information will be available over the next few weeks.

The AGM of the club will be held at the Oatlands event in October. Our club requires an active band of people to make things happen. Volunteers for all and any positions in the club are welcome. Please give that some thought as we approach the AGM and form a new committee for 2016.

Ken Hosking

Acting President

Event wrap up

On board a lightweight space ship, two trials loving aliens from a far flung planet were trialling some new engine upgrades with a blast through the galaxy. This was new technology and a new experience, they'd only been allowed to trial it by flying around their own country until now but they'd both reached pro technician level, so they were allowed to fly around between different worlds.

"I don't want to go home, it sucks" said Merlin, "there's nowhere left to ride on our planet, we can't get permits to ride anywhere, we need to find another planet with obstacles we can throw our quantum mechanical bikes at."

"I know, I know, maybe we'll find something on that green and blue speck over the.... Wait, that's Earth! We found Earth! There's heaps of places there, that's where the second best riders in the universe live, because we're the best" said Greeves.

"Holy mother of Bou, you're right Greeves, quick, get in and do some scans so we can phone back to base and let them know what we've found!"

They flew in, just out of military radar range and saw a hill scattered with rocks in the middle of a triangle shaped island. They were getting excited, they saw there were riders on this hill, of all ages and abilities. Merlin was bouncing around, unable to contain himself, taking photos with his camera. He quickly sent them off to his mate James at the Confederation of Alien Motor Sport, then called him.

"James, mate, it's me, Merlin, and we've found an actual event right now! Greeves said he's discovered it's at a place called Mt Joy and our thermo scans show it's not exactly warm there, but at our count there's 35 riders and they seem to be having fun. Can we stop by and have a look?"

Greeves listened in but couldn't hear what James was saying, though he noticed Merlin was looking disappointed. Here they were, aliens, about to make first proper contact, in daylight hours no less, with the human race. Even better, it was going to be at a trials event, where everyone is friendly, they'd be welcomed with open tentacles and arms.

"Nah that's a bit rough James" said Merlin, "can't you ask Mr Cota, he's high up in the Federation of Intergalactical Motorcycling, surely he can bend the rules for us?"

There was an awkward silence, then Greeves heard Merlin say goodbye to James.

"Well, what's the go Merlin, is there a problem"

"Yes Greeves, we're not allowed to call in because we're trialling this new engine! The FIM have told us that because we're Pro level travelling around worlds, the non-stop rule applies to us!"

And with that, the two sad aliens continued on their way, hoping their non-stop rule was removed so they could come ride at the brilliant little venue near Powranna in Tasmania.

Everyone would have freaked out if aliens had landed, so really, we were kind of lucky that never happened. The predicted rain held off until right near the end of the day and I think the final scores would have been very different if those sections had some decent rain on them. There were some very low scores in some of the grades and there was some thought during the day that there may need to be some ride offs to decide places, but in the end that wasn't needed.

Chris Bayles performed some alien-like riding (I'll stop with the alien stuff now) to impress everyone who watched him take on the Expert lines. Maybe next time you'll get a longer lunch Chris.

Bradley Shadbolt continues to improve his riding, taking the A grade win from Peter Lockhart.

Englishman Leo Rochfort performed a motorcycle version of the Ashes, dominating B grade and relegating Australian riders Dylan Bayles and Kieran Clay to second and third respectively, although he did require two bikes to do it after the first Ossa gave up mid-way through the day.

Have we ever had a parent/offspring one-two before, in any grade? Sunday may have been an historic day, with Kurt Pickering coaxing (forcing) the mighty TY175 to go outside it's comfort zone, winning C+ with a score of just 2. Dad Ian came second, four points behind on 6. Josh Lockhart came third on 11 after breaking the Raga and having to share Pop's Gas Gas to finish the day.

C Grade was an all Sherco podium, and clearly no challenge for Blake Kennedy, who lost just one solitary point all day. Mike Travica finished the day in second with a score of 3, closely followed by Clayton Lockyer on 5.

There's a lot of interest in twin shocks at the moment and a few have found their way into the hands of riders, all of whom would love to end Mick Luscombe's winning streak in this class. Good luck everyone, the Suzuki looks very capable.

Zoe Sutcliffe jumped aboard her Sherco 125 and won Junior without dropping a point all day. Broc Gabbedy powered the Oset to second place, while Millie Silk on the Rockstar stickered bike came in third place.

Next State Round Events

We're back at Mt Joy for our September event on the 20th of September. Tell your friends and family, drag an old bike out if you've got one, they're always great days.

Other bits of importance.

Good luck Chris! Chris is off to the Trial des Nations in Tarragona, Spain to represent Australia and compete against the best in the world on the 19th and 20th of September. Keep an eye out on Trials Central and Trials.com.au for results.

Chris will also be riding at the Australian Titles at Pacific Park at the end of this month. Ian and Kurt Pickering are heading over to compete as well. Do our little club proud guys, we look forward to hearing how you went.

We've got a demonstration at the Historics race meet at Baskerville on the 3rd and 4th of October. If you're interested in taking part or helping out beforehand, get in touch with Ken Hosking for all the details.

Finally, a huge thank you to Ashlee Silk for all the happy snaps she takes. Sorry everyone, there won't be any photos taken by Ashlee in September as it'll be pretty close to the day that our little kidlet makes their grand entrance into the world.. Oatlands in October might be a bit of a rush but as soon as she's able to, I reckon she'll be back with a camera in her hands and a pram getting some serious off road action.

Private Adverts

There's quite a few people who seem keen for a bike, if you're wanting to offload one, email newsletter@tastrials.org.au to get it advertised here and on our website.

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2015 TMTC Club Championship, Round 6, Mt Joy

Venue:	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Total	Place	Notes
Mt Joy										
Expert A+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			One starter
Chris Bayles	6	7	3	2	5	2		25	1	
A Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			Two starters
Bradley Shadbolt	5	10	7	9	8	8		47	1	
Peter Lockhart	15	12	9	4	6	7		53	3	
B Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total		Three Starters
Leo Rockfort	0	6	0	0	5	6		17	1	
Dylan Bayles	17	6	2	6	4	12		47	2	
Kieran Clay	14	11	16	16	10	15		82	3	
C+ Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total		Seven starters
Kurt Pickering	2	0	0	0	0	0		2	1	
Ian Pickering	2	2	1	0	1	0		6	2	
Josh Lockhart	2	0	0	5	3	1		11	3	
Nigel Munday	1	5	0	3	2	4		15	4	
Jordan Perkins	12	4	6	6	4	3		35	5	
Brook Lendvay	9	5	6	10	2	5		37	6	
Mike Hull	11	10	3	7	5	5		41	7	
C Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total		Thirteen starters
Blake Kennedy	0	0	0	0	1	0		1	1	
Mike Travica	1	1	0	1	0	0		3	2	
Clayton Lockyer	1	2	1	0	1	0		5	3	
Andrew Rouse	0	0	2	10	0	0		12	4	
Samuel Lockhart	3	0	0	3	4	3		13	5	
Ian Gabbedy	0	1	4	3	5	2		15	6	
Ken Hosking	2	1	7	1	0	5		16	7	
Craig Ferrall	1	4	4	8	1	0		18	8	
Michael Bayles	1	3	5	3	2	6		20	9	
Daniel Butterworth	13	2	6	2	0	0		23	10	25 cleans
Kirk Costello	6	1	2	7	4	3		23	11	24 cleans
Josh Statton	7	6	8	2	1	2		26	13	
Jack Costello	6	2	6	7	8	6		35	14	
Twin Shock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total		One starter
Mick Luscombe	3	3	3	5	5	1		20	1	
Clubman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total		No starters
Junior	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total		Five starters
Zoe Sutcliffe	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	
Broc Gabbedy	0	2	0	0	0	0		2	2	
Millie Silk	3	3	0	2	1	0		9	3	
Ruby Statton	5	5	0	0	1	1		12	4	
Kiera Gabbedy	20	21	19	19	19	20		118	5	

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