

COFFS' "BIG BANANA" ROAD SHOW REPORT



How do you write a critique of a weekend that saw two days of beautiful blue skies, one of the more unique trials properties in the country, some of the best hospitality the NSW Mid North Coast has to offer and 75 trials enthusiasts all combining to make it a weekend to remember.

Yes, we can mention the dreaded "W" word now as who'd have thought that we would have had two weeks of rain free weather that began the day after we cancelled the JGI, to rub salt into our wounds.

Cameron & Erica Scott were once again the consummate hosts providing us with their one of a kind venue with plenty of new and improved sections compared to last year allowing us a blank canvas to set our usual fare of 10 all Division sections. As if that wasn't enough they even fed the 3 dozen or more Saturday night campers with a selection of spit roasts followed by desserts all enjoyed around the roaring fire pit whilst getting to know each other all over again.

Then there were the entrants. They just seemed to keep appearing out of the undergrowth, so much so that we had to wind up sign in before lunch started but not before we had reached 75 starters, 66% up on last year's impressive turn out. What is probably the most astonishing thing about the entry numbers was that over 50% of them were not only non SQTA members but also unaffiliated riders all taking advantage of the event to dust off their boots, oil their chains, polish their valve stems and take their ferrets out for a run, so to speak. There were all sorts of machines from modern day mono shocks right through to oil burning rattly things that resembled trials bikes with the same type of assortment of riders to match. With the majority from around the Coffs region, including a few Coonabarabran Motorcycle Club members from Tamworth, it is proof positive that the NSW Mid North Coast is an untapped trials heartland deserving of the effort we all make to hold this event every year and one we are extremely proud to be involved in.

The event itself wasn't without its incidents which included several over the bar swan dives by some red faced more experienced riders but alas the biggest came from young Jack Cormack who had a full throttle rollercoaster ride in Section 5 ending abruptly when he hit a rather large immovable object in the form of a rock necessitating our first ever Ambulance call up since our creation. After a worrying wait and long trip to Coffs Hospital he was released with a suspected broken nose, scratched back, bruised buttock and a great story to share with his classmates in Show & Tell. As Dad John said, the Cormack's sure breed em tough, and halleluiah to that.

With all the ambulance excitement happening during our lunchbreak there was no noticeable break in the day's proceedings and everyone was back at it again, after a brief trials demo on all the stadium gear by Kale Reed, and we had things pretty well all wrapped up by 4.00pm allowing everyone to hit the road for some lengthy road trips back home.

There is no disputing that our "Camcota" Road Shows are now reaching another level and the oft quoted phrase, "*build it and they will come*" has never been more appropriate, with us giving a forgotten corner of the country a chance to compete in a structured event and by all the positive comments we will be welcome to do it over for quite some time to come.

Many thanks must go to all of our observers, including four local boys who showed up out of the blue to observe their first event and did a great job. One of them even took the leap and used one of our iPad Tablets proving that they are more user friendly than some would have you believe. Equally as many thanks to those who made the effort and travelled some rather long distances to compete and make a weekend out of it and of course many many more thanks to the Scott's for their unique form of hospitality and all their hard work, including their property clearing worker bees that presented us with a parkland to ride in. And lastly, but definitely not leastly, all the local enthusiasts who dusted off their museum pieces and made the day the success it was. You can tuck them all back into bed now and we will see you all again next year.

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DIVISION No.0				
PLACE	NAME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	KALE REED	0	C	10
2nd		0	DNF	0
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0	0
1st	JIM REED	0	C	20
2nd		0	DNS	0
DIVISION No.1				
PLACE	NAME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	COLLIN CLARKE	0	C	8
2nd	TIM BARWICK	0	C	17
3rd	ANDREW TREZISE	0	C	19
4th		0	DNS	0
DIVISION No.2				
Place	NAME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	STEVE HOLSHAUSER	0	C	6
2nd	JUSTIN HALL	0	DNF	28
3rd		0	DNS	0
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0	0
1st	BRADLEY BRYANT	0	C	2
2nd	ADINA REED	0	C	4
3rd	KURTIS ROGERS	0	C	10
		0	DNS	0
DIVISION No.5				
PLACE	NAME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	PETER GATELY	0	C	11
2nd	RYAN HEAGNEY	0	C	16
3rd	STEVE COLLINS	0	C	21
4th	MATT MONK	0	C	27
5th	GAVIN GILL	0	c	30
6th	TREVIN DHARIN	0	C	35
7th	ANTON SUPIEZ	0	C	35
8th	SHORTY HALL	0	C	38
9th	STUART BUTLER	0	C	44
10th	DOUGAL FISHER	0	C	64
11th	CHRIS HOLMES	0	DNF	23
12th	OWEN NORTON	0	dnf	34
13th	PAUL ANDERSON	0	DNF	74
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0	0
1st	ISSAC SOMMERVILLE	0	C	6
2nd	DEAN COLLINS	0	C	29
3rd	KALEB THOMAS	0	C	29
4th	JADE REED	0	C	31
5th	BEN BOLAN	0	C	38
6th	TOM SUPIEZ	0	C	39
7th	LIAM O'CONNOR	0	C	62
8th	PATRICK SUPIEZ	0	C	77
0		0	DNS	0
0		0	DNS	0

DIVISION No.3				
PLACE	NAME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	GREG HARDING	0	C	9
2nd	DAN RULE	0	C	12
3rd	MICK MOULE	0	C	17
4th	CAMERON SCOTT	0	C	21
5th	BRIAN THOMAS	0	C	25
6th	NEIL COLLINS	0	DNF	16
7th	BRUCE PATERSON	0	DNF	28
8th	JOHN CORMACK	0	DNF	37
		0	DNS	0
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0	0
1st	BRADLEY SCHNEIDER	0	C	8
2nd	BRENDON SCOTT	0	C	15
		0	DNS	0
DIVISION No.4				
PLACE	NAME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	KRIS HAMMOND	0	C	1
2nd	AILSA ANDERSON	0	C	4
3rd	JOHN BARWICK	0	C	7
4th	MARK CONNOLLY	0	C	10
5th	JAY MURRY	0	C	11
6th	LEE PALMER	0	C	15
7th	DENYS REED	0	C	18
8th	STUART TURNER	0	C	20
9th	STEVE BRYANT	0	C	23
10th	HARRY VAN DILK	0	C	23
11th	STEVE O'CONNOR	0	C	25
12th	EVAN HUNTER	0	C	27
13th	MURRAY HICKS	0	C	31
14th	DARREN KERR	0	C	40
15th	DON RULE	0	C	45
16th	IAN ROGERS	0	dnf	15
17th	PETER FOOTE	0	DNF	49
		0	DNS	0
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0	0
1st	SAM ROGERS	0	C	21
DIVISION No.6				
Place	NAME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	REBECCA SCHNEIDER	0	C	0
2nd	MARY-LYN REED	0	C	6
3rd	DONNA WOODS	0	C	9
4th	ERIN SIMONATO	0	C	20
5th	GAVIN NORTON	0	C	30
6th	TOM FOSTER	0	C	39
7th	GREG MARSHAL	0	C	50
8th	GEORGE LUSTED	0	C	71
		0	DNS	0
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0	0
1st	JAKE CONNOLLY	0	C	3
2nd	BRODY REED	0	C	9
3rd	DANIEL BOLAN	0	C	39
4th	SOPHIE O'CONNOR	0	C	43
5th	HAYDEN FISCHER	0	C	73
6th	BJAY CORMACK	0	DNF	35
7th	JACK CORMACK	0	dnf	36

