



SQTA celebrated it's 10th year anniversary on Sunday, 1 July at the location of it's inaugural site, which is either loathed or loved, but well known as "The Overflow"a 10 minute drive from Beaudesert.

To make this event (round 5) something more special, months of planning and organising went into creating the great day. At this early stage, I want to thank all the people that helped out the previous week, the day before the event and on event day.

We had the privilege of having some of the founding members present. Ian Rogers was there in spirit but was unfortunately soaking up sun somewhere in the Mediterranean. Our treasurer Russell Flack paid us a visit with his two sons, it was good to see him on the mend.



It was interesting to hear some of the establishment stories of the early SQTA. Although the club is now very well established and is achieving it's goal of delivering no fuss inexpensive trials, we've moved into the future and continue to pour money back into the club to benefit our members. So far this year we purchased an AED, an additional marquee, tear drop banners, subsidised club shirts/jackets and everyone received a free anniversary club shirt and paid a mere \$10 entry for this event.

To get us through the day, we created 12 sections and rode only 3 laps instead of the usual 4. Anyone that has ridden this location will tell you, stay committed and focused, otherwise the spare part dealers will be rubbing their hands together or god forbid, the first aid kit will get a work out". Speaking of coming off ones bike, yours truly received the "You Plonker" plate for an over the bars moment, ok, maybe twice.... witnessed by way too many people!

Once again, the section setters did a great job setting a variety of challenging sections. The higher grades got some extra tough ones thrown in, and am sure they used these as a bit of practice for the upcoming titles

Refer attached photos taken by Glen Somerville and you will get the idea of the challenges this site has.

We finished the day eating free hot dogs, (thanks Brad) listening to scores being read out, then listened to a few speeches including one from the Mediterranean. Unfortunately, we missed Alik's new SQTA song, however, all her effort is not in vain as she will save this for the Christmas party, so look out.

Finally, we came to the 16 or so free raffles, to be honest I can't believe what we gave out as prizes, they were quiet substantial, club uniform packs, wine packs, junior prize packs, carton beer, Putoline lubricants and a whole lot more as they say.

We appreciate the great feedback we receive after the days events, it gives us a good guide to what works and what doesn't.

Anyway, said too much already, here are the final words.

A personal thank you goes to the following for making this a great day:-

Our scorers, Kerryn Reed, Christine Reed, Kerryn Hellyar, Lauren Hunter and Peter Gately.

Our observers, Mr and Mrs Schneider, Alik Whitfield, Mr and Mrs Cunliffe, Peter Gately and Lindsay Haig.

Glen Somerville for taking photos and young Judd Piggot for the aerial drone shots.

Our supporters for the day were; The Hell Team, my wife, Sign Supplies, Megajoules, HRV, Evan Hunter, Owen Norton, Michael Frith, Putoline Oils, LRMTC, Phil Usher Construction and Roger Galpin.

A special thank you for Gavin Norton, pretty sure he spent many hours making new arrow wires and tidying up those section bags.

To the next 10 years.

Harry van Dijk

President SQTA

