### Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(Only some riders were injured for this newsletter)



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#### April 2021

#### **President's Report**

G day all, sorry I have been very delayed on this report. Bloody work. How good was the Gate trial? It was so good to just pin the ears back and have a good bit of fun and banter more than usual at this fun trials.

First of all, a huge thanks must go to all those who came out to help set the gate trials. Once we all understood the concept of how we were going to mark and set, the 15 sections came together very quickly. We all had a good practise afterwards. The only negative from the setting day was that I got stuck by some wasps on the face..... Looked like an overweight Asian on the Monday and Tuesday from swelling.

We had a great turn out in regards to numbers for the casual event. Another massive thanks must also go to all the members for supporting and donating their money towards Timmy Coleman. This ride was set up as a fundraiser for Tim. As most of you know Tim and have most likely herd of his severe heat stroke that has given his health a major setback. You wouldn't meet a nicer fella, he is very down to earth and is super passionate about our sport as well and hard enduro. He puts back into the sport like non other. It's very nice to be a part of a club that is going to support and help Tim out on his tough road to recovery. He is a very strong and determined fella, so he's got this. Thanks again everyone for helping out and supporting Tim.

Just on the side to that, a few of us organised a trail ride in the form of a lead and sweep day with lunch provided. The ride day managed to attract 42 riders. All of the funds raised form the trials and the trail ride will be donated to Tim of the behalf of the Tassie motorcycling community. Tim and his wife Ina have messaged and said how very much appreciative they are of the support from the tassie riders.

The trial was a great opportunity to bring out some older bikes and give them a go. It's very good to see a few of the younger lads out and about on the twin shocks. Fenton and I had a blast from the past reminiscing from our younger years in trials back in 2002. Fenton on that exact Zero he rode and myself on the TLR. I like the fact that you had to change the tactics for this trial. A gate trials is all about riding smart and not being too greedy. I did see Pick improve hugely on his last lap and gain another 6 or so points just from a boost of confidence and little bit of sideline motivation. Top job Pick.

Our thoughts go out to both Alex Woodbury and Nobby who both sustained major injuries at the last trials. The club doesn't usually see many accidents, it's just one of those things I guess having two at a casual fun trial. Get well soon lads.

Just on another note. If any of you are interested in riding some of the mainland events, I'd get onto booking it. From what I have seen the boat is booking up fast. Would be nice to get a few tassie riders over to mainland state title and the nationals, the mainlanders support us pretty well so it's nice to return the favour.

Anyways that's enough from me I reckon. See you at the next trials.

Baylesy

#### **Digital report**

Brag moment. I'm stoked. We had a new rider rock up, a southerner, who hadn't been to any southern rider days or anything, so I asked how he found the club.

"I Google it and it sent me to the website."

I can tell you, hearing him say that made my cold dead heart swell with an emotion I'm not used to. Hell, I nearly smiled. Fantastic!

Another thing not related to our digital footprint, but I'll mention it anyway.. COVID stuff. The Government has mandated the use of the Check In Tas app for ALL businesses and organisations for contact tracing purposes. We don't have a choice, it has to be done, the data is more secure at the DHHS than it is on Facebook where your data is being mined and sold to third parties... Anyway, download the app from your applicable app store, it's very easy to set up and easy to use too. Rock up to Oatlands, go get your score card, scan the QR code while you're there, done.

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If you've got a really old or basic phone or can't work the app out, someone else can check you in via their own phone.

#### Gate trial - Mt Joy

I'm going to struggle to talk about this event. Normally I'd describe the sections, because I've ridden all seven of them five times each. It's much harder to do that when there's 15 very short sections with usually only one obstacle and you've only ridden them three times, they all tend to blend together into one long fun filled loop.

What I CAN say, is that I've never seen so many smiles at a trials event. This was the first gate trial for the club in 'at least a decade' and to put it bluntly, it was friggin' awesome. The weather was perfect, we had 42 riders, a couple of those were new guys too, and it was a genuinely fun event. The main challenge was getting out of the mindset of having to follow your own arrows. Instead, it was very much a game of risk vs reward. Casey Stoner once said something about your ambition outweighing your talent, and in a gate trial, you really don't want that to happen. Even the little thought of 'yeah nah she'll be right, I might need a safety dab' had to be pushed out of your mind, no safety dabs, just take the safer option. I know my own score would be at least 20 points higher if I played it safe, and I'd bet I'm not the only one in the same boat.

Another challenge was doing the scores at the end of the day. We couldn't use the normal sheet because entering a score of 11 would be seen as two ones, and we can't have that, so I had to create a new scoring spreadsheet, vlookup functions are friends, not foes. But bloody hell, quick maths entering every section of every card after getting up early, driving, riding and minding was a struggle.

Kurt, clearly hiding some decent Excel spreadsheet skills with a hankering for statistics and data, has looked over the results and done some tricky stuff, he split everyone into their regular grades, took out the high and low scores, got an average for the rest and applied handicaps to our scores. I reckon (and hope) that this handicap system will make it into the next one, the magical fancy data stuff made a huge difference to the results and really mixed it up.

Top of the class on the day, Chris Bayles and Daniel Fenton were first and second, as Chris mentioned before, riding the bikes they used to ride when they competed against each other back when they were much younger, a Honda twin shock and a beautiful Beta Zero respectively. Third was Dylan on a borrowed Gas Gas.

We did give out prizes for under 16s too. Jack Salter won, Will Delanty second and Millie Lockhart third.

As Chris also mentioned, we raised some money for Tim Coleman, a total of \$1300. Hopefully it helps him in his recovery.

#### **Next State Round events**

We're back to the regular programming in May, we're at Oatlands on the 16<sup>th</sup>. For those familiar with the venue, the entrance has changed. Please note that the paddock where we usually park has been seeded and that the next gate, about 50 metres to the west past the usual gate must be used to access the trial area.

Section setting was today, because no one wants to do section setting on Mother's day, it tends to piss Mum off, and that doesn't help anyone. I'm not sure if it was finished or not, check with a southerner other than me for that.

Entries are now open, go to <u>https://www.tastrials.org.au/entries/</u> and beat the rush.

#### **HEAT Insane Ride**

HEAT (Hard Enduro Adventures Tasmania) are doing their Insane Ride at Poatina again this year, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. It's a great event and there's a LOT of entries this year in all classes so it'll be a top weekend. Of course, you can't run stuff like this without having some help, so... If anyone is free, particularly on the Sunday, to volunteer, please get in contact with Josh Statton or HEAT on Facebook. They're looking for sweep riders and people to punch cards on check points, it's a decent weekend of action and the course is looking... insane... so please help out if you can.

#### **Aussie Titles**

As a little reminder, the Aussies were meant to be in WA this year. Because of that bloody C word we're all sick of, it's moved to Queensland, organised by Western Districts Trials Club. If you're wanting to go, get in early, see if others are going and work out a plan for getting bikes up!



## TMTC Gate Trial Mt Joy 18th April 2021

Position	Rider	Bike	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Total
1	Chris Bayles	Honda	143	147	136	426
2	Daniel Fenton	Beta Zero 250	129	133	123	385
3	Dylan Bayles	Gas Gas	139	124	118	381
4	Zak Lunn	Beta EVO 250	135	126	117	378
5	Jordan Perkins	TRS	143	99	121	363
6	Will Thornbury	Gas Gas 250	121	114	127	362
7	Ross Middleton	Gas Gas	112	124	123	359
8	Kurt Pickering	SWM	118	116	124	358
9	Kalam Langworthy	Beta 250	120	119	109	348
10	Simon Langworthy	Beta EVO 250	104	117	120	341
11	Nigel Munday	Fantic 212	102	124	113	339
12	Shane Bayes	Beta 250	111	107	118	336
13	Jenna Lupo	<b>TRRS 250</b>	97	109	127	333
14	John Clapham	Beta	87	141	83	311
15	Callum Millar	Beta	100	104	102	306
16	Ian Pickering	Ossa 280i	89	98	118	305
17	Sam Wells	Gas Gas 300	53	114	125	292
18	Christopher Dillon	Beta 250	114	92	80	286
19	Jack Salter	Gas Gas 125	93	101	83	277
20	John Denison	Gas Gas	105	95	76	276
21	Andrew Roycroft	Scorpa 250	76	108	84	268
22	Samuel Lockhart	Gas Gas 250	79	94	91	264
23	Michael Travica	Sherco 300	80	91	93	264
24	Bob Perkins	Sherco	74	98	92	264
25	Ken Hosking	Beta 250	75	95	87	257
26	David Parker	Beta	79	82	82	243
27	David Catt	Sherco	61	84	96	241
28	James Saward	Beta	56	74	99	229
29	Mick Luscombe	Montesa 300RR	64	60	82	206
30	Will Delanty	Gas Gas 50	58	63	58	179
31	Alysha Lunn	Beta EVO 200	51	56	66	173
32	lan Hoare	Beta	56	55	51	162
33	Rosie Viney	Beta EVO 125	50	45	58	153
34	Matt Bessell	Beta 250	47	44	53	144
35	Millie Lockhart	Gas Gas 125	49	58	35	142
36	Meredith Dillon	Suzuki 50	50	62	0	112
37	Mike Amey	Sherco	20	20	71	111
38	Ned Dillon	TTR 50	56	51	0	107
39	Kevin Benson	Sherco 290	5	10	10	25
40	Alex Woodberry	Yamaha TY250	0	0	0	DNF
41	Colin Woodberry	Yamaha TY250	0	0	0	DNF
42	Nobby Gabbedy	TRS One RR 250	0	0	0	DNS



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