

KEYNETON MOUNTAIN MAN MOTOTRIAL.

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I was very much looking forward to the Keyneton Mountain Man. All their events from last year were fully sick and they have the innate ability to set sections that give you woody. So a sneak peak earlier in the week confirmed it....the site of the trial was going to be awesome I had trouble working out which side of the road they were going to use but closer inspection revealed miles of hills and piles of extremely huge rocks. You could run a 6 day trial in there and still not use the same section twice. SO here's a pic for all of you who stayed



home.....

And this was only one of the hills....the really good stuff was behind this and it went on and on.....

Team Hogan is finally back from their big OS trip and made a successful return with the old fella blitzing B grade and Connor cleaning up Juniors(If I remember correctly.....it would help if I had the results.....Hullo Chris Clark!) Obviously they had been doing a fair bit of plastic card bashing as all of them were either sporting new riding gear or trick bits hanging off their bike. And speaking of overseas....finally found out why Ted Redway has been missing in action...yup he's gone os too.

Also missing in action was Bradley Hunter who just got out of hospital. Bit of a shame coz he's been riding all the c grade lines this year and making it look easy too, I might add.

Just off his deathbed too was Ty Wundenburg who had been crook as a dog all week and was severely in doubt to ride but he made a miraculous recovery and fronted up for the start and rode really well.

Can anybody out there stop JOE? Once again he showed a clean set of heels to to all the entrants in the Clubman class and for the second time this year he went out and cleaned the whole trial. Mind you for some unknown reason Steve Neal entered but never turned up, so that made Joe's job much easier but also nipping at his heels was Paul Wright and Todd Knight with some tidy riding.





Junior B was a Haydon Barwick whitewash and you couldn't wipe away the smile on his face at the presentation when his name was read out as the winner of his class. Our other Junior B entrant Ethan Hogan decided that after the first lap that running around, climbing up and down rocks, and playing with my youngest son, Joshua was more important.

Team Green came out with their sidecar for another bash and this time around they looked much better. A full trial under their belt and a much better understanding of their sidecar has made a

world of difference. (and some coaching on the day from some of the Keyneton sidecar fraternity and their 3x Australian Champion dad, Roger)

Altho I don't think some unknown Publicity Officer type and ALEX TURNER will ever be invited to set out sidecar sections again!!!..... EVER!!!!



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Did I have fun? You betcha! After freaking out at the Moculta trial, I went to the Mountain Man with just a couple of aims and the first one was to calm down, relax and have fun. The other one was not to crash my brains out like I've done at the other 3 trials this year.

The big bonus was finally seeing dividends in the sections, from my complete rethink of the way I practice. Like all the other Keyneton trials I've ridden, I went home having learnt a bucketload. AND did I miss C Plus????? Not one bit.....

Speaking of crashing.....didn't see any. Ivan did his best to nominate himself by taking an unspecified soil sample whilst riding between sections but that doesn't qualify as I didn't see it and it wasn't in section! Did hear a rumour that Jarrod managed to break his handlebars but once again didn't see it and anyway I discovered last year that you don't need to crash to bust a set of bars.....Killed a perfectly good set of Hebos just doing a straightforward dropoff.

And they tried something different with the riding sessions that I though worked very well. They ran the bulk of the classes in the morning session, and in the arvo it was only the Juniors and Clubpersons having a blat resulting in that the whole trial finished much earlier than usual.. This has lotsa benefits for everybody. Everyone was able to get thru their allotted laps very quickly as there were no queues at each section. The Juniors with dads who rode in the morning, were able to navigate their way around with Dad being free to coach/advise/help/catch. The Clubbies received plenty of advice from all the spare riders observing. And everybody was able to get home still in daylight including the knackered organizers who had just come off the back of running the Mick Conners Road Trial the previous weekend.

And after the trial Ivan was doing his level best in trying to corrupt Kevin 07 by giving him a ride on his Beta Rev 3

***AND who was the Clubman who had inadvertently ticked the wrong box on his entry form and entered A GRADE????????!!!!!!!
.....that would have been entertaining viewing.....Beta rider....say no more***

The Keyneton MCC pulled out all the stops to produce a sensational event and with great sections. So I hope Chris Clark and his crew get a well deserved rest and are out of rehab soon.

The Frank Tuck at Victor Harbor is the next trial and entry forms are OUT NOW!!!!

And I'm outa here....gotta go practice rock steps with a tight turn straight after em.....

Pics of the arvo session are here;

<http://picasaweb.google.com/gasgasman280>

and Vids from the arvo are here(and more to come)

[YouTube - gasgasman280's Channel](#)