

AJS MTC CLUB SERIES
KANGARILLA
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What can I say but Kangarilla was nothing but a blast. If you stayed home then you missed out BIGTIME. Whereas Mt Barker was a bit one dimensional, Kangas had everything and is a trials riders mini paradise.

To be perfect it would have to have a pub right next to the quarry....in fact overlooking the quarry would be just right.

Our team of enthusiastic section setters had got the mix spot on so riders had sections to ride with virtually every possible trials obstacle you could think of. So a big pat on the back to Malcolm, Colin, Rob, Mark

Peter and Ivan for their efforts on Saturday. The quarry sections had big rocks, little rocks, loose rocks, vertical climbs, dropoffs and water.



The two creek sections had some excellent big climbs that suited the throttle thrashers just fine(read me). And then to round things off section 7 & 8 were excellent tests of your ability to centre.

And just for the A graders a special section of concrete blocks that were sitting in the quarry that were a photographers dream.

We had a much healthier rollup of entries as well which is a good thing as the treasurer was going to slash his wrists and burn an effigy of the secretary and publicity officer if we had another lacklustre turnout.

The bonus was we are still getting new bikes turning up as well. A grader Jarrod broke out the piggybank and rocked up with a new Beta Evo.....must have done him the world of good coz he romped it in with a fine first place. Also moving up to A grade was Mark Opie.....well done that's a big stepup(he must have big gonads)

Also turned up was a brand spankers new Scorpa....just love those black rims!.....piloted in the hands of one AJS secretary. It wasn't even run in yet so he took it easy and rode in Clubmen. But that only lasted one lap. Couldn't help himself and rode the rest of the trial on the C grade lines and in the process posted some scores that would've had won it. Good to see him back riding again as it didn't seem fair to me that someone who does so much for the club as secretary, official, part time publicity officer and the million other hats he wears didn't get to ride a lot of the events last year. Had a quick blat on his Scorpa after the trial too and jeez is that nice. Its funny how all the bikes are so similar but I reckon the Scorpa has better balance than anything else I've ridden. Just gotta grab an Evo now and see what they're like! Malcolm and Colin ran an excellent session for the kickstart programme kids and we had our best ever rollup of of riders. Top job guys!



We even scored a new member on the day, so welcome aboard Kevin Stephenson! He's another ex-pat Pom and he's keen as. Looks like Australia's immigration policy is producing some unexpected bonuses!

Kev kindly volunteered to take some great photos which appear in the link below. And speaking of volunteers Tania once again did a top job with the scoring(and especially the jelly beans!) and a big vote of thanks to Peter Sparkes and Greg Galatis for volunteering their time to be our officials on the day.

Everybody must have had good ride as for the first time I didn't hear one word with a bluish tinge being uttered in frustration and after the trial everyone was out in the quarry having a good solid practice session.

On second thoughts that should read crash session as well!!! Never seen so many crashes.....other than a Keyneton trial! Peter and his camera were having a field day. Fortunately he was too busy yapping so he missed mine.

Crashee of the Day- while there were plenty of worthy contenders in the practice session after the trial, but actually during the trial I only spotted one, so the Bush Basher Award goes to Grant Schroeder who completed a very impressive 3 and a half turn pike with double twist into an unsuspecting bush on a slippery drop into the creek. He did well actually as it was the only bush WITHOUT prickles or spines on the entire property.

Unusual really, the last time I saw Grant crash was 10+ years ago at a Gawler MCC Trial at Turretfield.

And who was the complete and utter no brained dorkstick who cant count past 4 so only rode 4 laps. It was a 5 lap event unfortunately for him. Gas Gas rider.....say no more.

Kangas also makes an excellent playground for all the rugrats. With lotsa piles of dirt, big rocks, water puddles to play in there was plenty of washing to do for some parents. Especially if you ride a Beta 4T!!!

Obviously takes after her father...(a GROT!)

Greg was out there ripping off some excellent pics so go to;

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

And PA's videos and results are here;

<http://ajs.asn.au>



