

AJS MTC - BASKET RANGE COACHING DAY - 15-3-09

After numerous disasterous attempts last year to run a pre-season coaching day, we've now managed to run two in a row this year without frying anybodies lips off either. Anyway we had a week of miracles. Not only did we have a coaching day we didn't have to call off due to hot weather.....I also managed to get the trusty old ute going again(was going to dig a hole and give it its last rites) The weather forecast for the Coaching Day was just about perfect and it even rained so all you pikers who stayed home certainly missed out big time. We had some new riders turn up as well, including Alan Tassel on a KT250(Hadn't seen one of those in the flesh before) and another ex-pat Pom in the form of Kevin Stephenson and his very tidy TL. There was a big rollup of juniors as well, including some fresh faces for the 09. We even had some crazy turn up with



this.....

Whose name shall remain anonymous for more than obvious reasons.....

Thanks to the Cramonds, we had a some awesome sections to ride and they had even put together some nice arena style obstacles as well. Everybody managed to fit in heaps of practice and with supercoaches Malcolm and Rob there on hand to offer lots of good advice you couldn't go wrong. Greg even took us for a blast down to the bottom of his property to get some much needed practice on hillclimbs. There were hillclimbs for all abilities and couple of extra 'special' ones for the blokes with big nads.



Here's Michael Collins attacking one of the trickier climbs.

Meanwhile, back in the pits Brenton our tireless secretary had not only signed everybody in and filled out all the paperwork, got the lunchtime bbq going also tidied up the AJS enclosed trailer, sorted out all the marker bags and put away all the paperwork in the recently fitted cupboard. This bloke deserves a medal. And a big thank you to Colin Behn for organizing the new cupboard.

Have a few unofficial awards to give out.....the first one being Save of the Day and that went unanimously to Greg who came within a bees whisker of looping out on the above climb.

Crash of the Day.....also unanimous.... Goes to Roger Greenhalgh who after all these years should know better. Especially considering that he has numerous Australian Sidecar Championships under his belt.

Anyway everybody had a ball. We hope we didn't scare off any of the new riders as some(read most) of the sections and obstacles were quite difficult. The first trial of the season is at Mt Barker on 5th April so see you there.....

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