

MOMCC Mototrial August 15, 2010

This event was the fourth round of the club Moto Trials Champs and saw 17 riders competing at the Infracon quarry near Mangatainoka. Ten of these had travelled from Wellington, Taranaki and Hawkes Bay. Phil Stephenson and Tony Smith had done a top job of setting eight sections to challenge the riders.

Being a limestone quarry most sections included quarried rocks of varying sizes and ugliness, although there was one slippery steep slope that didn't include rocks. Overnight rain hadn't affected the riding conditions - one advantage of riding in a quarry. And the forecast rain even stayed away.

There was a close battle in the A grade between the two Ixion riders, Carl Robson and Shane Clarke and two of us Manawatu Orion riders, Warrick George and myself. Unfortunately the Ixion riders prevailed on the day, unlike two weeks previous in Paraparaumu where I edged them out.

The Intermediate grade also saw a close battle between Taranaki riders Grant McEwen and Craig Thompson and our Tony Smith. Unfortunately Tony lost that battle. And we couldn't get an MOMCC rider at the top of the Clubman grade either with Ixion's Ricky Winkle coming out 10 points clear of a Hawkes Bay rider, Jonathan Buck. Our best local rider, Phil Stephenson came in third.

And crash of the day (that I saw anyway). Carl Robson after cleaning all the hard rocks in section four have his front wheel wash out and toss him over the bars for a face plant just a few metres from the section end cards. Mind you both Shane and Warrick had similar but less spectacular off's in different sections. And I was dumped hard on my bum in another section with a good bruise as proof. Fun all round for all.

The next MOMCC Moto Trial is on September 19th at Infracon's Linton quarry south of Palmerston North.

Kevin Pinfold

Results

A Grade

Carl Robson	Beta	36	Ixion MCC
Shane Clarke	Beta	37	Ixion MCC
Kevin Pinfold	Gas Gas	39	MOMCC
Warrick George	Gas Gas	54	MOMCC

Intermediate

Grant McEwen	Gas Gas	5	Taranaki MCC	
Craig Thompson	Gas Gas	7	Taranaki MCC	
Tony Smith	Sherco	12	MOMCC	
Alastair Neville	Gas Gas	33	Tauranga MCC	
Robert McEwen	Gas Gas	51	Taranaki MCC	
Andy Anderson	Beta	53	MOMCC	10 cleans
Kim Pedersen	Gas Gas	53	Hawkes Bay MCC	9 cleans

Clubman

Ricky Winkle	Scorpa	41	Ixion MCC	
Jonathan Buck	Sherco	51	Hawkes Bay MCC	
Phil Stephenson	Gas Gas	52	MOMCC	
Adrian Walcroft	Yamaha	59	MOMCC	(TY175 twin shock)
Jim Sharratt	Gas Gas	63	Ixion MCC	
Merv George	Gas Gas	73	MOMCC	