

## MOMCC Mototrial March 20th 2011

Thanks to Charlie Morrison for hosting the club's March Mototrial on his Waverley farm, although this was well out of our Manawatu area. Charlie is a Manawatu Orion member and travels down to ride most of our club mototrials so it was good to visit his farm for a change of venue. Unfortunately he couldn't ride as he's recovering from a broken leg (farm accident). Being mid way between Manawatu and Taranaki it was an opportunity to get the Taranaki riders along. Unfortunately only two turned up – those that didn't missed a good trial.

Also thanks to Tony Ramshaw for setting up half the sections during the week – no doubt the hard ones that's why he didn't ride! Actually the level of difficulty was about right. The "knobby" hills gave a variety of challenges with many steep climbs, banks and turns to test the riders. There was also an old man tree root section just for something different. But not a rock in site – this area is rock free. The sections contained a few options although you had to look hard for them. It's nice to have options especially when the first one doesn't work too good! It also tests the grey matter when not much else is working.

This was new territory for us, a nice change and we had some "new" riders along to show us how it is done. Neil Hull was riding his first trial and lost only 19 points in the Clubman grade. It was a bit embarrassing for us much higher scoring experienced (or is that over the hill?) riders. He could soon be heading up the grades to give them a run for their money!

Welcome also to Quintin Handley who was too busy organising the recent Wanganui Classic Trial to ride it but certainly showed his skill on Sunday on his mid eighties Yamaha TY250. Modern bikes are not required for mototrials (but they certainly are easier to ride) so the sport can be entered on a shoe string budget.

We saw the return of an old Spanish marquee (but new company) Ossa , with 2 of these recently released bikes making their debut. Their revolutionary new design makes them stand out from the "norm" with both riders adapting to them quickly after many years riding Gas Gas trials bikes.

Thanks again Charlie for a great day and I hope we can return in the future.

We encourage all people interested in Moto Trials to come to one of our events and remember we have a club bike if anyone wants to have a go – who knows, you may score less than 19! (The lower the score the better).

Next mototrial is April 17<sup>th</sup>, No 4 Line, Pohanghina Valley East – mark it on your calendar.

Merv George

### Results

#### A Grade

Kevin Pinfold, Ossa, 49 points, MOMCC

#### Intermediate

Andrew Clement, Ossa, 15, TMCC

Blair Sutherland, Sherco, 29, TMCC

Phil Stephenson, Gas Gas, 70, MOMCC

#### Clubman

Neal Hull, Gas Gas, 19, Bushriders MCC

Merv George, Gas Gas, 67, MOMCC

Adrian Walcroft, Yamaha, 69, MOMCC

Quentin Handley, Yamaha, 70, Wanganui

#### Social,

Nick Turner, Beta, 87, MOMCC