

MANCHESTER 17 MCC LTD - DEAD EASY TRIAL 12 OCTOBER 2008

REPORT : Roger Townsend

A glorious autumn morning greeted the ninety six riders who assembled at Haslin, High Edge near Buxton to ride the final Dead Easy trial for this year.

The high entry numbers proved once again just how popular the format is and Man 17 certainly satisfy a big demand for this type of event.

Four laps of ten sections was the order of the day, and for anyone who knows this venue, the "big lap" was included which makes a welcome change from a pocket handkerchief event and gives riders a chance to pull those high gears and wind open the throttle!

The trial was set out to be easy but the combination of damp conditions, wet grass, and rocky limestone outcrops, meant that due care and concentration had to be applied at all times. Although the winners in each class scattered few marks, this was down to their high standard of riding as further down the results sheet, many high scores were recorded. No silly or dangerous sections, with everyone going home with a smile on their face, which is what it is all about.

Best ride of the day on the hard route was Steve Thomas who rode his Bantam round for only a dab on section four which ironically was not the hardest section in the trial, a superb ride. Steve was closely followed by over 50 rider Andy Foot who lost two, and over 40 rider Paul Mills on three.

Seven twin shocks rode the Hard route with Robert Mycock coming out on top with a loss of sixteen.

On the Easy route there was only one clean ride all day, and this was by Rob Goodwin who had a great ride on his very nicely turned out Francis Barnett. This was the first time in Rob's trials career he has ever ridden a trial and not lost any marks. Well done Rob.

The next best rides on this route were by over forty rider Phil Langford who lost ten, and adult beginner Daniel Dunbabin who also lost ten.

It was good to see three young ladies having a go. Michelle Naufahu has ridden most of the Dead Easy's and had a really good ride to finish second best adult beginner on fifteen marks lost. Gemma Holmes, a newcomer to the sport rode gamely, completed the trial and recorded her first "cleans" along the way, and Youth B rider Natasha Earnshaw also had some good rides, completed the course and enjoyed her day.

Thanks to Karl Green and his Team of helpers for setting out the trial, Mr and Mrs Wright for use of the land, and of course, all the Observers.

Only sour note on the day was the appearance towards the end of the trial of a gang of moto-crossers from a nearby quarry who proceeded to blast their way round the land being used for the trial. Not helpful to say the least. Following words, they eventually moved on.

Sadly, that is it for this year. We will have to wait until February next year for the next Dead Easy.

RESULTS

HARD ROUTE

Over 40: Paul Mills 3

Over 50: Andy Foot 2

Adult Beginner: Simon McCann 66

Inter: Paul Scottney 3

Novice: Will Tyler 10

Pre 65: Steve Thomas 1 mark lost

Twin Shock: Robert Mycock 16

Youth A: Alan Petford 123

Youth B: Tom Mills 11

EASY ROUTE

Over 40: Phil Langford 10

Over 50: Nigel Rigg 7

Adult Beginner: Daniel Dunbabin 10

Novice: Wayne Fowler 12

Pre 65 : Rob Goodwin clean

Twin shock: Mick Harrison 13

Youth A: David Newman 45

Youth B: Jordan Foot 13