



TAIL LIGHT

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Competitors at the start of the Long Distance Trial

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Long Distance Trial

Results:

	Class	Name	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4	Sec 5	Sec 6	Sec 7	Sec 8	Sec 9	Sec 10	Total	Spec Test	Overall	Class
1	SC	Paul Gray	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	40	95.60		1st
1	SC	Lloyd Gray														
2	A	Clive Dopson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79.80	2nd	1st
3	A	Graham Steward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	77.60	3rd	2nd
4	A	James Bunton	0	0	5	0	0						DNF	72.80		
5	A	Ivor Morgan	0	0	0	0	0						DNF			
6	D	Norman Blakemore	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	11	81.20		3rd
7	D	Carl Spencer	0	0	5	5	0	1	0	0	5	0	16	83.90		2nd
8	D	Michael Spencer	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	71.20		1st
9	E	Phil Read	0	0	3	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	33	79.20		1st
10	E	Andrew Neri	10	1	5	5	1	5	5				DNF			
11	E	Edward May	0	0	5	5	0	5					DNF			
12	F	Chris canham	0	0	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	35	73.90		1st
13	F	Mick Sharp	5	3	5	0	1						DNF			
14	F	Russell Jarman	5	0	5	0	2						DNF	83.60		
15	G	Wesley Butcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73.30	1st	1st
16	G	Steve Parker	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	79.00		2nd
17	G	David Lammin	0	1	5	5	0	5	2	2	5	0	25	73.70		
18	G	Bob Drane	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	10	86.90		3rd

“Can you pass my thanks on to all the organisers please. It was a great day out, the stages were just right for beginners like myself. I should have cleared a few more but hey ho live and learn eh . . . Hope you all learned from your 1st LDT and put it or more on in the near future.”

David Lammin



DICK'S BIT

This month I've sorted all the trials tables out, following completion of the Summer Series. Don't know whether it's because I'm getting older or if it's the several ways clubs are publishing their results nowadays, but it seems to get harder to allocate the right scores to riders! Every club (well actually, event secretary) uses a different format - some showing the rider's club, route ridden, machine etc. while others may give part of the information I need to produce accurate tables. Then I try and save Club money on postage and gather results electronically - again some sending me sheets direct by email, others putting them on their club's website, and now a new trend where several clubs are posting them on the Centre website. Once I've managed to track these down I have to either print out a set so that I can mark up the relevant names, class and so on, or more often if there aren't too many Club riders appearing, I make a hand written record from the screen. So I end up with a right ragbag of documents and hope that if I have got anything wrong riders will contact me to put things right!

But if it's complicated for me, it appears certain riders can't even recall riding the events I've put them down for! Take Adrian Parker for instance. Here's a man on such dazzling form, flitting from one class to another and managing to be currently leading both the Twinshocks and the Pre-70s - he and one or two "pals" have cast doubt on my statistics! I can assure them that I have all the results data available for inspection and will happily produce an event-by-event breakdown of the information I have so that they can make a challenge with their own evidence (should they have any that is.....).

The final Snaque Pit summer evening trial on 7 August was the best of the series - great weather and atmosphere, decent entry, and some interesting sections laid out by Chris Cook and his small team of helpers. I saw plenty of action on section 2, where I was observing. A beaming Tim Rooney fell in love with Chris' Scorpa loaned to him for the day and he didn't want to part with it when it was time to go. James Page ended up in a most undignified heap on lap 2 as if he'd just dropped in awkwardly by parachute, hanging upside down from his trapped boot and looking down on one of those nightmare Snaque Pit drops - even worse for James was the embarrassment of being beaten by Dad Martin on this section, who got 3 cleans. Jeremy Maddox's fellow airline pilot Dave Gauntlet, out riding his very first trial - hopefully a new member but shown on the results as belonging to the "0" club (a new one to me...) - made a good impression. For one thing there was a beautiful blue vapour trail coming out of his exhaust all evening (was he on aviation fuel?) and also, he put in a pretty impressive performance. First-timers aren't supposed to enjoy it - they usually end up all hot and bothered, rarely finishing, and with the bike in tatters, but not Dave - he had a smile on his face throughout! Dave Field managed to swing his bad leg over the nice-looking DFS Bantam he's been busy working on in recent times. He hasn't quite mastered the gear and foot pedal positions yet but hopefully in time he will become dual lingual with the modern layout and stop throwing away marks. Also on classic British machinery again was Phil

Read, who has long forsaken the beloved James in favour of a smart Cotton and riding well too. Then there was James Yearley, clearly successfully waving goodbye to many of the effects of the serious leg injuries he suffered a year ago. I think he was trying his best to get on You Tube with some of the colourful trick riding he was entertaining us with, yet keeping his feet up to finish clean throughout.

Congratulations to Mark Hughes on the huge amount of planning and getting an organising team around him to promote the first ever (as far as I know) Long Distance Trial for the Club. From where I stood, the event turned out to be a very successful day for the competitors and officials that took part, proving that Mark's formula is the one to follow for the future. A great shame that entries didn't match the occasion, but I am sure now that the precedent has been set, and perhaps opening up the classes to a wider field and a re-look at the entry fee, it will get better support next time. Well done Wesley Butcher on winning and also Bob Drane, who beat off 2/3 of the field on marks lost, all of whom were many years younger than Bob. James Y was apparently detailed to shadow Bob and act as the back marker but Bob turned out to be too fast for the Enduro champ on this occasion and James had to find his own way (someone said James was a bit late on parade that morning...)! Anyway, in warm sunshine, a lovely packed lunch handed out by Mark to all observers (except Dave Field didn't get one, but I did give him my bag of crisps...), the good company of fellow officials and the friendliness of the riders - all this made for a great day, and I can recommend to all you members who should but normally don't get involved with running Club events it's a really worthwhile and enjoyable way to spend a Sunday (and Mark's ham and cheese rolls I can thoroughly recommend [sorry Dave]).

Here goes with the trials tables:

THE BOB DRANE SUMMER SERIES YOUTH TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP 2010														
NAME	CLASS IN CENTRE	HOW THEY SCORED								SERIES TOTAL MARKS				
		05 JUNE 10		10 JULY 10		07 AUG 10								
	(BASED ON D.O.B.)	ROUTE	MARKS	PENALTY	LOST	ROUTE	MARKS	PENALTY	LOST	ROUTE	MARKS	PENALTY	LOST	
Tim Rooney	B	0	21	0	13	0	5							39
Luke Barker	B	15	165	15	13	0	25							233
James Page	B	15	165	15	160	0	17							372
Francis Lewis	B	15	165	30	23	15	160							408
Jack Peal	C	15	70	15	33	15	160							308
Rules and Route Penalty system apply. Details on website or from rjsillett@yahoo.co.uk														
2010 Series Winners are:														
Senior Cup (Best Performance up to Class A): Tim Rooney														
Intermediate Cup (Best Performance up to Class B): Luke Barker														
Junior Cup (Best Performance up to Class C): Jack Peal														
2010 GREYBEARDS TRIALS COMPETITION		SERIES TOTAL	05 JUNE 10				10 JULY 10				07 AUG 10			
			Age	M/c	R'te	MARKS	Age	M/c	R'te	MARKS	Age	M/c	R'te	MARKS
Graham Palmer		123	15	0	0	49	15	0	0	3	15	0	0	26
Allen Collier		284	10	0	0	55	10	0	0	160	10	15	0	24
Chris Cook		311	10	15	15	28	10	15	0	18	10	15	15	160
Phil Pead		407	10	0	15	165	10	0	15	160	10	0	15	7
Dave Field		415	10	0	15	165	10	0	15	160	10	0	15	15
Paul Gray		425	10	0	15	30	10	0	15	160	10	0	15	160
Roy Palmer		459	15	15	0	49	15	15	0	160	15	15	0	160
Age Penalty		40-49	15				Route Penalty				Machine Penalty			
		50-59	10				Easier	15			Modern		15	
		60 +	0				Harder	0			Pre-70/Trail		0	
Above are the PROVISIONAL results. Please contact me if I have your details incorrect, as I don't see the entry forms. Also, if you have been missed because you have only this year qualified as an over-40, please let me know and we'll issue a revised table next time. The Greybeards is run over the Summer Series evening trials only.														

CURRENT POSITIONS FOR 2010 CLUB TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP

NOVICE	3790	EXPERT "A"	2955
1 Chris Cook	2576	1 James Yearley	2565
2 Carl Turner	2986	2 Wesley Butcher	2658
3 Eldon Jackson	3082	3 Allen Collier	2819
4 Neil Markey	3423	4 Graham Palmer	2821
5 David Simpson	3476		
6 Ian Stevenson	3497	PRE-70 ALL CLASSES	4245
7 Jeremy Maddox	3521	1 Adrian Parker	3858
8 Chris Wicks	3668	2 Phil Read	3889
9 Phil Ranson	3679	3 Paul Gray	3930
10 Phil Ranson	2779	4 Allen Collier	3964
		5 Sam Cook	4067
		6 Dave Field	4100
		TWINSHOCK	4485
		1 Adrian Parker	3889
		2 Allen Collier	4258
		3 Chris Cook	4009
		4 Dave Field	4161
		5 Wesley Butcher	3191
		6 James Page	3208
		7 Dave Field	3365
		8 Allen Collier	3493
INTERMEDIATE "A"	3970		
1 Roy Palmer	3045		
2 Sam Cook	3159		
3 Stephen Butcher	3835		
		SIDECAR	1485
		No Contenders	
YOUTH A	3760	YOUTH C	3015
No Contenders		1 Jack Peal	2793
YOUTH B	3580		
1 Tim Rooney	2293	YOUTH D	2415
2 Luke Barker	3300	No Contenders	
3 James Page	3437		
4 Francis Lewis	3443		
Maximum possible marks are shown against class titles			
ELIGIBLE EVENTS HAVE BEEN:			
1 Southend	03 Jan 10	21 Bury St Ed	18 July 10
2 Southend	21 Feb 10	22 Braintree	07 Aug 10
3 Lowestoft	07 Mar 10	23 N&S Jnr	01 Aug 10
4 Ipswich	14 Mar 10	24 Norwich Vik	08 Aug 10
5 Braintree	21 Mar 10	25 Castle	06 Sept 10
6 E&S Border	28 Mar 10	26 _	_
7 Woodbridge	02 April 10	27 _	_
8 N&S Jnr	11 April 10	28 _	_
9 Wymondham	18 April 10	29 _	_
10 EFA	18 April 10	30 _	_
11 Norwich V	25 April 10	31 _	_
12 Castle	09 May 10	32 _	_
13 Ipswich	16 May 10	33 _	_
14 Diss	22 May 10	34 _	_
15 Norwich V	20 June 10	35 _	_
16 Braintree	13 June 10	36 _	_
17 Southend	26 June 10	37 _	_
18 Southend	27 June 10	38 _	_
19 Braintree	10 July 10	39 _	_
20 Braintree	05 June 10	40 _	_
		<i>Richard Sillett 24 September 2010</i>	