

Wightmans Trial Site 2 Sat 29th Nov 2014 CoC D Webster.

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Site 2 the mountain is a difficult area in which to set sections, the motorbike boys use it as do the 4 by 4 all terrain men so it's full of ruts with plenty of standing water and large stones to be avoided. David had made a great job in his set up, 5 Hills all different from previous events and his tyre pressure choice of 6lbs Class A 5lbs Class B rigid axles with Class C on 4lbs was as the results show perfect.

Hill 1 twisted up after a bumpy start with a difficult left turn before the main climb caught few out, cleans and 2's were quickly being gathered.

Hill 2 Getting past the 2 was the difficulty here, only Brian Edgar, Simon Gracey and Andrew managed it.

Hill 3 A completely new layout with a very steep finish incorporating a hump at the 2 marker which ended most people's climb, Gracey Jnr being the only one to clean it at every attempt.

Hill 4 a new section in an area not used before with a super finish.

Hill 5 again new ground, a well thought out section with a really difficult mid section and a hard finish, only 3 cleans were managed all day.

The turnout was small, John McKinney being in Japan on business, (more Honda's for Kintec?) and Gerard Currid was still suffering the twisted ankle got at Tweeds.

CoC Webster gave stern warning to anybody found with tyre pressures below the limits he had set, or ignoring the 4 wheels out rule and a first for CoC's- competitors who in his view circulated too slowly! These points/threats were taken on board by all.

And so off we set 5 Hills to be done 4 times, a nice day to be out, dry overhead and not cold, ground conditions ideal for a trial.

By the end of lap 1 Brian Edgar not today in his Crossle having had 'Kintec' rebuild the engine of his second mount was using it to good effect finishing the lap on 5 to Simon Graceys 6 and Andrew McKinney's 8. In Class B Michael McBratney had the lead on 13 followed by Geoff McKay on 15 and Harry Barr 17.

Lap 2 and Hill 5 was sorting the field out, the unwary got 5's only Mervyn McKinney managed a super 2. Brian was on 13 to Simons 14 with Andrew on 16. Michael McBratney still held the lead in Class B on 25 to Geoff's 30 and Harry Barr's 27.

Lap 3 and Gracey jnr got his act together going round on 2 lost to Brian Edgar's 4 and slipping into the action all of a sudden Tom McKinney on 6 lost, where had he come from? The lead now changed with Simon on 16 to Brian's 17 and Harry Barr got his act together with a round on 10 and the lead in Class B.

Lap 4 and experience showed, Brian Edgar drove a superb controlled lap losing only 2 and Simon Gracey having done just that in his previous lap this time failed to clean Hill's 4 and 5 losing a total of 9 leaving him on 25 to Brian's 19 and the win. Oh dear but that's trialling. Mervyn McKinney had a so so day but looked set for 3rd place on 38-not so brother Tom also had slipped in a score of 38 and more importantly 5 cleans to Mervyn's 2 so he took the 3rd slot-you couldn't make it up Trevor.

So that finished a great day at Wightmans and we are back to what is called Wightmans grass in 2 weeks, something to look forward to.

The Mountain is a difficult site to set and David and Ewan had made a grand job of it, results were calculated at The Millbrook Lodge

Hotel by Andrew as always who in a fortnight's time will be our next CoC.

Class A 1st Brian Edgar 19

2nd Simon Gracey 25

3rd Tom McKinney 38

Class B 1st Harry Barr 48

2nd Geoff McKay 59

3rd Michael McBratney 63