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Lewis Nolan on the podium at the States - Photo: Michael Povey
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EDITORIAL

The months are flying by, it's hard to believe the the season is almost over! Only two trials to go, the Presidents and the Ashes Trial.

Leo has done it again, with another fantastic State event! The States were also superbly organised and run, so thanks must also go to everyone else who was involved as every contribution makes a difference. The day was good for a Trial, but not so good for spectating with the showers and windy conditions. I really enjoyed the day but had a couple of silly mistakes which resulted in fives. It was a close run thing between me and Mark who had some great rides and also doubled as a part time minder for Josh. Congratulations to all of the winners and place getters, there were a lot of close run things which added to the excitement of the results ceremony.

Unfortunately I missed the Charity Trial this year but by all accounts it was another great event and Pete Emmo did a sterling job with the Auction. I even heard a rumour that some people just turned up for Emmo's auction performance, so maybe we should sell tickets for next year. The biggest plus note was the \$2,000 that was raised for charity, so a big thanks to everyone who contributed.

See you all at the next trial.

Tony "I do all my own stunts" Povey.

Coming Events Check changes in the Sunday Times ON2Wheels pages and in Sat. The West BGC Sporting Notices

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|------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| • President's Trial | BPH Farm | Serpentine | 9.30am Sun 11th October, 09 |
| • Ashes Trial | Marsh's Farm | Karragullen | 9.30am Sun 25th October, 09 |
| • AGM | Narrogin Inne | Armadale | 7.30pm Tue 3rd November, 09 |
| • Trophy Presentations | Ogdens | Gosnells | 9.30am Sun 22nd November, 09 |

WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 09 **CLUB CLASS PERSPECTIVE**

This years event being the Pathfinders Club turn and was set at Woodindale Rd property of the McKay's in Toodyay. This property has offered many an event in Prestige trials over the years and a previous championship held here also. Having ridden here before, I guessed pretty much where sections would have to be set, but not sure of the degree of difficulty on the day or the direction of the lap. Being a one off Championship, it means you need to get it right on the day and preparation was the key.

Organisation by the club was fantastic, well done to all the officials, observers for every section and punchers where possible. MWA was represented by Darrel Holman, and Sue Baldwin's first role as COC. Many other helpers were officiated at some level also, quite a collective effort. Healthways Smokefree was the main sponsor, but had little influence to smokers around the paddock. Portaloo's were provided by Steve (Kenny) Cox via the hire company he works for and made for a professional look with the bunting around. Some of the spectators about were ex trials club members and visitors being local and many on road bikes come up for a look. Also out and about was the TV crew for On Two Wheels, whom some may have seen on Foxtel on Aurora Channel earlier in the year, and around at the recent Perth Bike and Scooter Show. It was good that they made the effort and to give our State Championship's a plug on a national TV show. I will try and find out when it will be run, possibly early next year I think to how it was seen this year.

I was going to give the States a decent attempt, and in preparation doing some exercise to up the fitness level, and the weekend prior to the States I was out practicing and hurt my back, pulling the same back injury I did in July. Having worked the whole week and no time for proper treatment and finishing nightshift the day prior, I was not feeling that confident now on the day, and wondered how long my back would hold up. I soon found out on the first lap walking the sections required jumping across the small water stream here and there, I was now already starting to stiffen up. My first lap was pretty ordinary, and I wasn't moving around on the bike comfortably and reflected in my lap score, including a silly five when trying to get back on the line between rocks and stalled the bike. By the second lap I loosened up and tried to remain positive to finish this way, even if not comfortable with the pain.

The sections for Club Class were a little easy and was reflected in the overall scores. They were fairly tight by days end, which meant you had to concentrate to ride consistently well technically over the whole event, try not to lose minor points that add up or a big score in a single section that can push you back a place in one lap. There

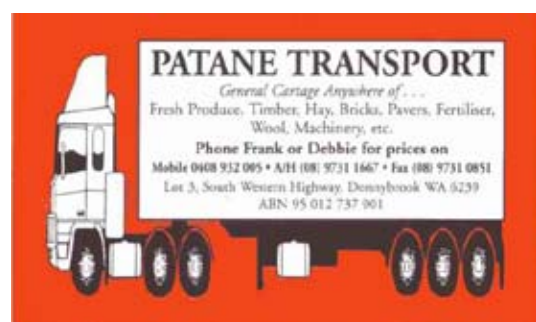
was nothing hard or big or dangerous in the sections at all, just a few technical negotiations here and there, not too much of a point splitter really as more technique required to clean. Some sections were longer than we normally see, more for a spectator point of view, but did catch out the odd rider not remembering were to go late in the day for being so long!

The weather forecast for the day was showers and expected thunderstorms, which luckily did not eventuate more than the odd wet period at times. It did play a part in the sections ridden at the time making them a little slippery, and getting my jacket out of the backpack I was carrying. By the first lap Mike Thorpe had a clean lap, and the rest of us either improved from there or progressively worse as the day wore on. By halfway after a bite to eat I was refueled and wanted to get back out before my back stiffened and got cold, and encouraged Frank Ginty to get the next two laps done to finish. The scores between riders in the last two laps meant any points lost would be a decider, and clean laps for Ian Moon paid well in his result for a deserved first place. Martin Softley who Ian was riding with, thanked Ian for pushing him all day to get a second position. Third place for me was sort of a hollow victory, as all the preparation I started out with was then compromised by my injured back and took the position by a countback for a solitary clean over John McGlone. That has been the usual placing for me missing a position by a countback over the years, so something came of the effort, much a surprise to me at the presentation, and sorry to John for being decided that way as he rode really well.

The other grades of what I saw lapping around were awesome, as I saw a lot of the A Grade riders and Lewis Nolan was out with some attack since only returning from Spain days before. Josh Austin put in a big effort and did well to finish. As the lap and sections were big, I didn't get too much of the other lines being ridden, but noted that the Blue line had some tough bits in it here and there.

On the day a spectator was pointed out to look for me to ask for Twinshock info, I wasn't approached, so if anyone has details or know who he was, can you please let me know.

Cheers, Roger Burrell



PATHFINDER TRIALS MCC (INC) - RESULTS

Pathfinders Trials MCC (Inc)

Results - 2009 SmokeFree WA Moto Trials State Championships

(Revised 23/9/09)

MA Steward - Darral Holman

COC - Susan Baldwin

Race Secretary - Dianne Scragg

Scutineer - Richard Baldwin

Assistant Race Secretary - Susan Nolan.

Assistants to Scrutineer - Ric Fairey & Paul Church

Assistant COC - Steve Scragg

MA Permit #4181

#	Grade	Competitor	Laps				Total	
			1	2	3	4		
1	A	Lewis Nolan	11	2	8		21	
2	A	Tim Price	20	12	12		44	
3	A	Alex Nolan	38	19	24		81	
4	A	Josh Austin	56	54	55		165	
	A	Anthony Foulkes	DNS				DNS	
1	B	Paul Price	6	11	6	12	35	
2	B	Tristian Lowe	13	17	8	2	40	
3	B	Dave Thomas	22	12	5	5	44	
4	B	Chris Whitcombe	15	7	17	20	59	
5	B	David Kiel	32	22	21	11	86	
6	B	Ken Reid	38	38	40	44	160	
1	C	Matt Page	6	5	8	2	21	
2	C	Sean McGuckin	19	5	8	0	32	
3	C	Mike Darnborough	11	20	17	4	52	
4	C	Chris Page	25	21	16	21	83	
5	C	Dick Yates	32	12	21	26	91	
6	C	James Darnborough	32	25	25	25	107	
							Venables	Total
1	Veteran	Steve Lloyd-Cox	1	0	0	0	24	25
2	Veteran	Simon Price	5	0	0	2	19	26
3	Veteran	Frank Patane	5	1	2	5	21	34
4	Veteran	Tony Povey	7	2	5	2	26	42
5	Veteran	Mark Austin	9	3	4	6	24	46
6	Veteran	Tony Griffiths	34	21	19	21	9	104
7	Veteran	Ian Coates	31	18	18	19	24	110
								CB
								0
1	Club Class	Ian Moon	7	0	0	0	7	
2	Club Class	Martin Softly	3	2	2	2	9	
3	Club Class	Roger Burrell	8	3	1	3	15	40
4	Club Class	John McGlone	3	3	2	7	15	39
5	Club Class	Mike Thorpe	0	11	6	1	18	
6	Club Class	Andy Cruttwell	2	3	11	10	26	
7	Club Class	Frank Ginty	17	9	10	5	41	
	Club Class	Brad Morrissey	DNS				DNS	
1	Junior	Sam Lloyd-Cox	1	1	0	1	3	
2	Junior	Ben Dumitro	2	2	0	0	4	
3	Junior	Luke Patane	14	1	0	1	16	
4	Junior	Joel Patane	23	15	7	23	68	
	Junior	Kelly Thomas	DNS				DNS	
1	Sidecar	Leo & Mike	21	8	11		40	
2	Sidecar	Jason & Aaron	22	8	11		41	
3	Sidecar	Lewis & Rohan	30	27	20		77	
	Sidecar	Kevin & Ben	50	R	R		R	

Thank You to the Scorers - Susan Nolan & Dianne Scragg

Thank You to all the Officials.

Thank You the Landowner - Mr Chris McKay for the use of the property.

Thank You to our Sponsors - Healthway, Moto Dynamics, Belray, GCS Hire & Angus Tiles.

Thank You to Mr Leo Nolan - for the excellent Sections.

Thank You to the Observers & Punchers - Wendy, Elsie, Rod, Jim, Adam, Brad, Peter, Ric, Sue, Helen, Jeremy, Katie, Lisa, Emma, Mike and Mick.

Thank You to the Povey Family - for the excellent Programme and Posters.

Thank You to the Teams - who help setup and dismantled the Event.

Thank You to all the Competitors - You did our sport proud!

PATHFINDER TRIALS MCC (INC) - RESULTS

Pathfinders Trials MCC

2009 Prestige Series

5 event scores count in Series. Minimum of three events completed.

#	Grade	Competitor	Event						Total
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	A	Alex Nolan	6	10	10	12	15		53
2	A	Tim Price	10		12	15	12		49
3	A	Neil Price	15	15	15				45
	A	Josh Austin		8	6	10	8		32
	A	Anthony Foulkes	8		8		10		26
	A	Lewis Nolan	12	12					24
	A	David Kiel	5						5
1	B	Tristian Lowe	15	12	15	15		15	72
2	B	Dave Thomas	12	15	12				39
3	B	Steve Lloyd-Cox	10	10	10				30
	B	Stewart Campbell				12			12
1	C	Sean McGuckin	12	12	12	15	15	-12	54
2	C	Sam Lloyd-Cox	10	10	15	12	12	-6	53
3	C	Matt Page	15	15			15		45
	C	Mike Darnborough	5	6		6		10	27
	C	Paul Smith	6			10	10		26
	C	James Darnborough	-4	4	10	4	6	5	25
	C	Chris Page	8	4				8	20
	C	Rob Bowlden		5		5			10
	C	Matt Leatherbarrow		8					8
	C	Dave Thomas				8			8
	C	Mark Austin					8		8
	C	Dave Noblett					5		5
	C	Ian Coates						4	4
	C	David Tibbels	3						3
	C	Brad Morrissey		3					3
1	Vet	Frank Patane	15	15	12	15	10	-10	57
2	Vet	Tony Povey	12			10	12	12	46
3	Vet	Steve Lloyd-Cox				8	15	15	38
	Vet	Ian Coates	6	8	10	6	5		35
	Vet	Dick Yates	5	12	8	5	6	-5	31
	Vet	Peter Dumitro	8	10	6	4	4	-4	28
	Vet	Simon Price			15	12			27
	Vet	Gary Bell	4				3	6	13
	Vet	Mark Austin	10						10
	Vet	Kevin Reynolds					8		8
	Vet	Tony Griffiths						8	8
	Vet	Tony Griffiths		6					6
	Vet	Peter Hunter		5					5
1	CC	Martin Softly	15	15	15	-6	15	10	64
2	CC	Roger Burrell	8	10	10			15	43
3	CC	Steve Scragg	12	12	12	5		12	41
	CC	John McGlone	5	5		10	12	8	40
	CC	Richard Baldwin	6	3		12		4	25
	CC	Susan Baldwin		6	6	8		5	25
	CC	Ric Fairey		4		15		6	25
	CC	Stephen Torry		2	4	3	10	1	20
	CC	Andrew Torry		1	5	4		3	13
	CC	Adam Dallmann	12						12
	CC	Frank Ginty			8	2		2	12
	CC	Peter Hunter	10						10
	CC	Andy Crutwell		8					8
	CC	Andrew Torry	4						4
1	J	Ben Dumitro	15	15	12		12	15	69
2	J	Luke Patane	12	12	15		15	12	66
1	Intro	Ryan Pattison-Oakes	15		15	10	15	15	70
2	Intro	Tom Softly	12	15	12	12	12	-12	51
	Intro	Kelly Thomas			10	8			18
	Intro	Joel Patane				15			15
1	Black	Joel Patane	15	15	15		15	15	75
	Black	Luke Patane				15			15
	Black	Josh Earnshaw	12						12
1	S/Car	Kevin and Ben	10	10		15		12	47
2	S/Car	Jason and Aaron		12			15	15	42
	S/Car	Lewis and Aaron	15						15
	S/Car	Leo and Mike		15					15
	S/Car	Brad and Mike	12						12
	S/Car	Leo & Lewis					12		12
	S/Car	Lewis and Rohan		8					8

PATHFINDER TRIALS MCC (INC)

MINUTES OF MEETING 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2009

Meeting Commenced: 7:35 pm

Present: Dianne Scragg, Sue Baldwin, Richard Baldwin, Tony Povey, Steve Scragg, Tony Griffiths, Helen Griffiths, Ric Fairey

Apologies: Simon Price, Leo Nolan, John McGlone, Mike Kitney

Minutes: Read and accepted

Business Arising: None

Correspondance: Council Meeting Agenda, Perth Bike & Scooter Show

Treasurer: \$11,292.55

MWA: No Council meeting, Short Sporting Panel Meeting

General Business:

Ric, had email about trail riding from MWA and pointing out areas of Crown Land they currently use.

Sue, didn't ride Bantocks but the last trial was good after a difficult start and wasn't hard as first thought. Still concerned that people are bringing dogs to trials and suggested a big sign at states. Also new rules for observers. Suggested sun screen at states. Also what we are doing about medical at states. Congratulations to Alex and all WA entrants at Nationals

Helen, punch card positioning on riders sometimes awkward

Dianne, only currently has 3 classes of entries for states

Tony G, thought last trial was fantastic and especially enjoyed the front page of Simon's recent magazine

Richard, sold his Sherco and fixed puncture on Scorpa. Discussed scrutineering at states and no riding at venue for one month before event. Very cold at Taylor's

Tony P, enjoyed last couple of trials

Steve, asked Ric to assist scrutineer and then observe and also asked Richard if he could assist COC after scrutineering. Have received the medallions and club name is on there along with the date. Lanyards are on order for all riders, officials and observers. Finally has MWA accreditation and all are Level 3. Replied to Healthy Club Winter Sponsorship

States: Leo heading down there the Thursday before, there will now be less laps as there are going to be 12 sections, toilets are ordered.

Meeting Closed: 8:15pm



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****CHANGE OF CALENDAR DATE 2009****

Please note the following change to this year's calendar

The end of year Trophy Presentation is now to be held
on SATURDAY 24th October, 2009
At Marsh's Farm in Karragullen at 4pm

Come to Karragullen on Saturday 24th October from 12 noon for a practice ride prior
to the Ashes Trial on Sunday 25th October.

You can even practice in the sections that will be set for Sunday's Trial!!

The Trophy Presentations will commence at 4pm on site
and will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle

(Rolls, sausages and soft drinks will be supplied by the Club)

Stay back for a quiet drink after the presentations

and camping is encouraged

PATHFINDER TRIALS MCC (INC) - RESULTS

Pathfinders Trials MCC (Inc)

Results - Nobby Clarke Memorial Charity Trial held at Ninigo Farm, Toodyay on 27th and 28th Sept, 2009.

Steward - John McGlone

Clerk of Course - Leo Nolan

Scrutineer - Ric Fairey

Race Secretary - Dianne Scragg

Organiser - John McGlone

#	Grade	Competitor	Day 1 Laps						Day 1 Total	Day 2 Laps						Day 2 Total	Event Total
			1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	A	Lewis Nolan	3	2	1	3	1	2	12	1	1	1	1			4	16
2	A	Alex Nolan	21	8	12	10	8	12	71	10	7	1	10			28	99
	B	David Kiel	21	13	17	7	7	12	77								
	B	Dave Thomas	20	16	9	12	17	14	88								
1	C	Sean McGuckin	6	1	3	0	2	2	14	3	0	0	0	1	1	5	19
2	C	Glenn Ursino	9	3	4	7	2	4	29	3	0	0	1	2	0	6	35
3	C	Mike Darnborough	18	2	6	5	6	8	45	8	1	5	1	2	1	18	63
4	C	Rob Bowlden	18	13	5	16	6	9	67	3	1	7	1	1	8	21	88
	C	James Darnborough	17	16	12	18	9	12	84								
1	Vet	Ian Coates	27	10	12	12	11	9	81	6	2	1	1	1	0	11	92
2	Vet	Paul Church	15	25	22	31	20	21	134	3	3	7	1	2	2	18	152
1	CC	Ian Moon	1	5	1	2	1	0	10	4	3	0	1	1	3	12	22
2	CC	Martin Softly	12	2	2	0	1	2	19	3	3	0	9	2	3	20	39
3	CC	Ric Fairey	13	10	5	10	3	4	45	8	4	2	5	3	3	25	70
4	CC	Richard Baldwin	9	13	11	5	12	14	64	8	3	3	1	2	4	21	85
5	CC	Peter Emmerson	15	10	19	2	5	6	57	9	13	3	9	8	2	44	101
6	CC	Susan Baldwin	21	15	14	12	19	33	114	6	3	3	5	3	2	22	136
	CC	Mike Thorpe	15	5	1	0	0	4	25								
	CC	Steve Torry	12	7	10	11	8	16	64								
	CC	Andrew Torry	21	19	14	8	10	6	78								
	CC	Frank Ginty	27	22	R	R	R	R	R								
	CC	Steve Scragg	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								
1	J	Luke Patane	3	4	3	4	12	2	28	0	0	0	0			0	28
	J	Ryan Pattison-Oakes								18	23	R	R			R	
1	SC	Dumb & Dumber							0	1	5	6				12	
1	Intro	Tom Softly	1	0	0	0			1	5	3	2	5			15	16
2	Intro	Kelly Thomas	12	14	14	14			54	16	16	14	13			59	113

Thanks to The Smart Family, all the Observers and our Auctioneer - Peter Emmerson!
All entries, auction donations and a Club donation will go to ANGEL FLIGHTS this year.



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<http://motorcyclingwa.org.au>
MWQ website, keep informed and up to date with our state body for motorcycling for news, licensing, rulings and official courses

<http://www.trails.com.au/calndrs/directions.shtml>
New members will find these maps helpful for finding our events around the countryside.

<http://www.trialscentral.com>
Regular updates and pictures of World and Euro trials. Helpful forum too.

<http://www.trialonline.org>
Current and historical data on World and Euro championships, good photos

http://http://www.trialstrainingcenter.com/html/how_to_ride.html
It shows you the tricks of how to ride trials with photo's and video's.

<http://www.gone2trials.250x.com/>
This is an old website that hasn't been updated for about 5 years, but there is some interesting info and insights on there. It was created by Mark Austin.

Send me your interesting or favourite bike site.

TRIALS NEWS IN SHORT

Officials

We are still seeking more officials to share the load at events. The courses are run at the MWA offices and are free to attend, lunch is also included. Show your support and book into one now at http://www.motorcycling.org.au/coming_officials.php.

Remember - No Dogs, Close the Gates

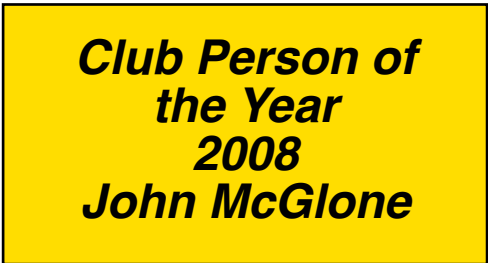
Remember there are no dogs allowed at Trials events. Also please Close the Gates, some farms have livestock that can escape through open gates.

Organizers and Officials on Calendar

Please check the Calendar for duties you have been assigned and notify the committee if you are unable to carry them out as soon as possible.

Email Notifications

Remember to keep your email up to date so that we can keep informed on late venue changes.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for September
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• Sean Austin	• Wendy Austin	• Richard Blackman
• Brad Dallman	• Peter Emmerson	• Ric Fairey
• Peter Hunter	• Lewis Kitney	• Mike Kitney
• Vanessa Kitney	• Peter Leatherbarrow	• Lisa Lloyd-Cox
• Jeremy Lowe	• Reilly Miltrup	• Dave Noblett
• Alan Norris	• Ken Reid	• Chayse Scott

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Sue's Scribbles

State Titles

A relatively small field contested the event, which was held at Toodyay. Unfortunately the day started with some rain & the wind was chilly, making the rocks slippery for the riders but it was also difficult for the observers & punchers standing around. Adam Dallman sitting high on S4 was turning blue.

Bad luck to Anthony Foulkes who didn't make it out of the pits after his bike failed at the start.

Not long after the start of the event Dave Thomas had an unfortunate, unplanned dip in the creek at S10--- Cold! Josh Austin was later to drown his bike, not sure if it was the same section, but he spent a lot of time drying it out to get going again & I think may have taken some 5's to finish in time. I believe Alex was also rescued from a waterhole by quick thinking Anthony but not before Auntie caught it on camera!

Congratulations to Jake Griffiths & Arron Staines for their honesty in pointing out that they didn't win & that the score on their card was a 1 not a clean in one of the sections on the last lap & then later swapping trophies with Leo & Mike.

Well done to Joel Patane who was having his 1st ride entered as a Junior & he did very well. Thanks again to all the observers, punchers, scorers, officials & helpers plus riders & their supporters for making it a successful event

Charity Trial

The weather was fine for the event start on Sun after a very cold night when there was ice on the campers' windscreens & in water dishes. We (Richard & me) were disappointed in our selves for setting S4 a little tight for the white line. Remember how I said it was a cold start to the day well it got much colder. On the 3rd section I attempted for the day I clipped my handlebars on the rock ledge (there was a narrow line between the ledge & waterhole) & in I went for a dip, thanks to Lewis for the hand out & the other guys around ---jeans stay wet for a long time--- Mike Thorpe had also come to the same grief as me but worse he had drowned his bike, I believe Emmo had a dip here too but alas that wasn't the end of it on the last lap of the day I clipped the ledge again & ended up back in the hole but only a bit this time as Richard was able to grab the bike

Mon morning a misty fine rain hit the camp but it went fairly quickly. Some of the sections from the previous day were reversed & tweaked a bit & I had a much better day with no swims

On a sad note Mike Thorpe was struggling to move after the previous day & sat out the day's event, he has commented for a while now that it has taken him days to recover from each trial & had been contemplating giving it away. Mike said this was it; he would now retire from riding. We will miss you Mike as a fellow rider &

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a gentleman of the sport & an encourager, of me in particular, I hope you will still come out to some events & to campovers & stay in touch with your many friends at trials.

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Well it was straight back from the Nationals and into prep for the Perth Motorcycle and Scooter Show for us. The Perth Motorcycle and Scooter Show is a Bi-annual event and was held for the second time at the Perth Convention Centre. I didn't do the last show at the Convention Centre but this years show seemed to be quite successful with what looked like good numbers turning out despite the bad weather, it was good to be indoors. We had a good size area for our demo but as it was a shared area with the MX Freestyle boys and the scooter come & test ride, it wasn't ideally set up right. The crowd viewing set up wasn't exactly ideal either but never the less we got good exposure and put on a good show. Neil, Alex and Luke Patane did the riding. Apart from the 4 demos per day the boys also did 3 interviews per day up on the centre stage. At the end of each interview Neil would bunny hop sideways off the end of the stage. It worked perfectly all weekend except unfortunately for Neil, one time the front tyre was sitting on a strip of aluminium when he went to load it up and hop the back wheel. Instead of it biting into the carpet it shoot straight forward over the edge of the stage. There was nothing Neil could do as the front wheel tucked under the stage but to go with it and stop the bike from ending up in the crowd. For his efforts he got a very sore knee, a corked thigh and a dented ego. Of course it was when there was a huge crowd and TV camera's right there, Murphy's Law. Alex didn't get away from an embarrassing moment either, 2 of the promo girls came up on stage and gave him a few kisses for winning the Aust Junior Moto Trials Champs, Alex went as red as his mud guard. Young Luke had a great ride, his first public show in front of a large crowd and his first ride on the Rev80. He had a ball and is nearly as big a show off as his Dad. Frank tried to get in on the act on one of the come & test ride scooters but he had no chance as he is just a learner, see attached photo. Many thanks to James Darnsbrough who set up the static display with a TV screen and dvd player, Leo, Pete and Ben D for help with the area gear. As it was the weekend before the states so it was a good opportunity to promote the states and the sport of trials. We got a fair bit of coverage from On Two Wheels who have a new show starting next year so I trust we should get some exposure there.

The State Champs was a great trial, the weather made it interesting and of course Leo the Guru sets a bloody good trial. Congrats to Lewis on his State title and to all the other winners. The event was a credit to everyone that was involved in organising it. I can't take any credit for it as we were away at the Nationals but I know how much time and effort goes into setting it all up and the amount of people that is needed for the jobs that need to be done or the event just doesn't happen. Ian Coates rang me after the event and he had received some feedback from a couple who Maggie buys hay from. They popped in and hadn't seen trials before. They were very impressed with how the event was conducted, they commented that it was very professional, organised and that the riders thanked the observers. Its good to get that feedback. The crew

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from On Two Wheels came up and covered the event. In 2010 On Two Wheels starts up again on Foxtel Feb 22nd and a new series of Riding WA will be on a new free to air station West TV which I understand will be Channel 6 on Feb 2nd 2010.

All the big events are over now, we've got the Presidents and Ashes Trial to go before the season ends and then it all those home job to do that you have been trying to avoid that will have to be done as there aren't any excuses left.

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