

PETER SPARKES
SIDECAR TROPHY DAY
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Roger Greenhalgh had been burning copious amounts of midnight oil in the leadup to the Peter Sparkes. I don't think there was a sidecar rider in the state who didn't receive a call from Roger about coming out and having a ride. He'd also given the blower a severe ear bashing and rung all the Victorian teams as well and as a result of all his hard work we had a huge turnout of sidecars from all corners and our biggest field of riders for quite some time.

Although one of the Vics cars only made it as far as the border before it crapped itself, resulting in an instant DNS. I only discovered that Daniel's bike had crunched the cases one too many times resulting in another instant DNS from the Kickstart ranks....much to Daniels disgust. And speaking of the Kickstart setup Team Green had excelled themselves there as well as Supercoach Malcolm arrived on Saturday to set up the Kickstart sections only to find that it had all been done for him.



11 Sidecars at one event....eat your heart out Aussie Titles and spot the Team Green members(red Shiro helmets)

Anyway Roger G and Team Green had everything organized from scaring up all the sidecars, setting the bulk of the sections, putting up all the flags, banners and bunting, marking out the Kickstart sections and separate area for Juniors to keep them safe. As well as that Lochie had done a sensational job of ripping out a great promotional flyer for the event . Thanks from everyone guys.

Since the last trial a few riders have been playing musical chairs. Steve Neal's been a busy boy. Having offloaded his almost brand spanking new Beta 4T(work that one out). He's now the proud owner of a Gasgas 250.....nothing to do with the publicity officer's constant nagging tho... And the TL125 that's made a home in his shed has nothing to do with me either. The big winner out of all of this bike juggling was Claire, who now has a shiny new Gasgas 50 to park in the shed.

All the sidecars provided plenty of entertainment . Brenton commented after the trial that he'd never seen so many sidecars lying in all positions but the right way up. Probably due to the fact there were more than a few inexperienced teams out there....that and we've haven't seen that many sidecars together at a trial for yonks.

Colin Jay tried to prematurely age his daughter who was swinging for him but his attempt failed miserably. I hope we see them again as its not everyday you see a Bultaco Sherpa sidecar.

The AJS publicity officer tried to squash the AJS president flat but unfortunately he also failed miserably.

And there were a few sidecars that had only been dragged out of the shed the night before such was the case with Chris Clark and Andrew Warnest whose chair was running like a total dog on the first lap resulting in a terrible lapscore. They redeemed themselves later on lap 4 when they posted the lowest lapscore of any of the B sidecars with a score of a measly 1. The Purple Peter Eater also suffered the same fate on the first lap. But a clean plug and a carb cleanout fixed that one.

Roger G and Emma G blitzed the B sidecars with some very clean consistant riding but we can't post up their scores on the website coz Emma was riding under a Rec licence and MSA will kick up a big stink if we do.

Todd Kuerschner and Steve Sparkes dusted off the Sherco sidecar and came out of retirement to once again show everyone in A sidecars a clean set of heels. And a big thanks goes out to Todd for lending out ALL of his spare sidecars for everybody else to have a thrash around on.



Team Victoria turned up with a whole pile of trick Gasgas powered machines, Including Tim Loone/Kieran Clay's trick pivoting sidecar which created much interest....and debate! They did alright 3rd in A sidecars followed home by Peter Sens/Chris Herbert . Interesting to note that Chris Herbert is still wearing the new all rubber 'Alpinestars' he had at the Aussie Titles. They had better watch their backs tho as they are not far from being upstaged by a significantly more talented up and coming young team pictured below....



In the solo ranks Paul Collins made an appearance with his trusty TY175 and completed an excellent demolition job on the C grade ranks. And only 6 odd points behind him was Jordan Sens, one of the crew that made big trip over from Victoria.

Joe must have been off his game coz he didn't clean up Clubmen this time around. Each time he came thru my section he definitely wasn't the picture of concentration or confidence. Taking advantage of Joe's off day was Supercoach who ripped out clean lap after lap. Put him back in C grade I say.... Big Kev had the dubious honour of teaming up with Supercoach who spent the whole time hassling Kevin 07 through every section and around every lap. Must have worked as Kev 07 rode much better, didn't freeze up and ride like an old chook this time.

The B grade line in the first four sections was rather severe if, as Mark Opie will attest. He aquired a interesting limp on his last lap. Couldn't have been too bad tho coz he was later swinging for Colin Jay on the Sherpa sidecar.

Anyway everybody had a blast, especially all the bods who fronted up on sidecars. Definitely looking forward to grabbing another ride on a sidecar if someones game....

The results are here; <http://www.ajs.asn.au>

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