

The  
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MotorCycle Club  
Newsletter



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Welcome to the October 2007 issue of the NARK, the  
newsletter of The Lanarkshire Motorcycle Club,  
Scotland's biggest motorcycle trials club.





## Lanarkshire Motorcycle Club

Are you happy with the way the club is run ? Do you have anything to offer the club ? Your club needs you. The club is always looking for people to help the club by taking a time to serve on the committee. For many years the committee has not operated at its full complement. Having an active committee is vital for the survival of any club and ours is no different. Can you give a couple of hours commitment per month to serve the club and help in the way its run. If so please come along to the AGM on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November and put your name forward and put something back into a club you may have been a member of for a number of years and done nothing to help in its running. The Committee meets from 8 pm to 9.30 pm on the first Monday of the Month.



# LMCC Cochno Trial

A sunny day greeted the competitors at the Cochno Trial at Clydebank for the first round of the 2007 club championship. The course was set by Steve Corry and his team and, with more ground available, had set 10 sections over a four mile lap which avoided the mud normally encountered at this venue. The ten sections were tackled three times. The trial followed the presentation of the 2006 LMCC awards that had been held over after the cancellation of the Fintry trial due to snow.

Alan Macdonald took a close victory in the Adult A dropping 11 marks to Stuart Corry's 14. Third was Allister Stewart on 32 followed by Mike McNiven on 63.

The Adult B class was won by Stuart Anderson with a loss of 16. Second was visitor from over the border Nicola Foote on 20, closely followed by Graham Law on 22 and Michael Gorst on 30.

In the Over 40 Class victory went to Bobby Lafferty with a loss of 13 closely followed by Kenny Drummond on 16. Third went to Willie Robertson with 25 cleans from Murdo MacPhail on 18 cleans after both finished with a loss of 18 marks.

Peter Valente took the win in the Over 50 Class with a loss of 26 from Alan Scott on 39 and Hamish Donald on 50.

In the Twin Shock class Graeme Miller took the win with a loss of 9 marks, the best score over the B route from Ken Hutchison on 70.

In the Youth classes victory in the Youth A (A Route) went to Ian MacPhail with a loss of 15 from Ross Corry on 52. Mark Bucan took the win in the Youth B with a loss of 42. In the Youth C class, run over 2 laps of the B Route, victory went to Robert Lafferty on 53 from Cameron Paterson on 94.

Thanks must go to Kenny Drummond for getting the use of this excellent venue.

Adult A: 1 Alan Macdonald 11 Marks lost, 2 Stuart Corry 14, 3 Allister Stewart 32.  
Adult B: 1 Stuart Anderson 16, 2 Nicola Foote 20, 3 Graham Law 22. Over 40: 1 Bobby Lafferty 13, 2 Kenny Drummond 16, 3 Willie Robertson 18 (25 cleans), 4 Murdo MacPhail 18 (18 cleans). Over 50: 1 Peter Valente 26, 2 Alan Scott 39, 3 Hamish Donald 50. Twin Shock: 1 Graeme Miller 9, 2 Ken Hutchison 70. Youth A (A Route): 1 Ian MacPhail 15, 2 Ross Corry 52. Youth A (B Route) 1 Mark Bucan 42. Youth B: 1 Angus Carswell 118. Youth C: 1 Robert Lafferty 53, 2 Cameron Paterson 94.

# Scottish Championship Galashiels Trial

After a poor week of weather, a bright and sunny day welcomed the 100 competitors for the third round of the SACU Youth, Over 40, Pre '65 and Twin Shock Championship. The trial, run by Lanarkshire MC, was held at Buckholm Farm, overlooking Galashiels in the Borders of Scotland. The course consisted of a 4 mile lap containing 15 sections tackled 3 times. The sections were a mixture of climbs among the trees, a group in a slippery burn and a group on loose skree on the hill overlooking Galashiels. The course had been laid out with the forecast of heavy rain for the afternoon in mind, which never actually arrived. The result was a low scoring event, especially over the B Route.

The Youth A class developed into a battle between Allan MacMaster on 8 after the first lap, Stephen Larkin on 12, Andrew Battensby on 15 and Drew Howie on 16. After the second lap Allan was still leading on 18, now well clear of Stephen on 23, Andrew on 29 and Drew on 34. The third lap saw an excellent ride by Allan, only dropping 2, to give a total of 20 and the win. After a poor first lap of 29, Ian MacPhail pulled his socks up to only loose 7 and 5 on the next two laps to give him a total of 41 and leapfrog him into second place. In third, one mark behind, was Stephen on 42, fourth, another one mark back was Andrew and a further two behind in fifth was Drew on 45.

The Youth B class saw Duncan McDonald, in his first year as a Youth B, post his intention with a clean first lap. Second were Jordy Hayes and John Battensby on 5, James Allan on 7 and Euan Allan on 8. A second clean second lap saw Duncan consolidate his lead from Jordy on 7, John and Euan tied on 14 and James on 16. The third lap saw Duncan drop his first marks, a lap of 2 saw him take the win. A clean lap by Jordy secured second with a loss of 7. John and James both ended on 22 with third going in favour of John by virtue of 34 cleans to James's 31. Fifth was Euan on 28.

The Youth C class competed over 10 sections, but still had to complete the full lap. With laps of 5, 2 and 2 Tom Howie ran out the winner on 9. Second went to James Battensby, laps of 13 with brother Philip third on 28. An excellent performance by all the Youth C riders to complete a demanding lap.

The Over 40 class always results in a close contest and this proved to be no exception. After the first lap, Colin Battensby held the lead with a clean lap.



James McDonald Grant Miller and Mike Little were next all tied on 2. A lap of 2 saw James take the lead from Colin who had a 5 on section 27. Third was Mike, a lap of 4 left him on 6 while a lap of 13 saw Grant slip from contention. The third lap saw Colin take the lead back, a lap of 1 saw him finish on 6 one clear of James, a lap of 3 saw him end on 7. Third was Paul Battensby on 17 and Gary Bingley on 18, both riding the A route.

The Pre '65/Twin Shock class saw an excellent ride from Murray Whittaker saw him take the win on his Cub, laps of 2, 0 and 1 saw him finish on 3. Second was Graham Miller on his Miller framed Sherpa, laps of 8, 3 and 2 gave him a total of 13. Third was Brian Nichol on his Fantic finishing on 29.

The non-championship classes were also hotly contested. Jim Tennant was a clear winner in the LMCC class, losing 3, from Willie Gillespie on 43 (A route) and Liston Bell on 74 (A route). The Non-Expert class saw Stuart Anderson run out a clear winner with a loss of 10 from Jamie MacLean on 32. Third was Alistair Milligan on 44 (A route) closely followed by Stuart Corry on 47 (A route). Scott Adamson took a narrow win in the Novice class with a loss of 40 marks closely followed by Lee Collins on 42. Third was Christopher Washington on 54, with Ross McNeill fourth on 56.

Youth A: 1<sup>st</sup> Allan MacMaster 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian MacPhail 41 3<sup>rd</sup> Stephen Larkin 42, 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Battensby 43 Youth B: 1<sup>st</sup> Duncan MacDonald 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordy Hayes 7 3<sup>rd</sup> John Battensby 22 (34 cleans) 4<sup>th</sup> James Allan 22 (31 cleans) Youth C: 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Howie 9 2<sup>nd</sup> James Battensby 13 3<sup>rd</sup> Philip Battensby 28 4<sup>th</sup> Greg Baird 53 Over 40: 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Battensby 6 2<sup>nd</sup> James MacDonald 7 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Battensby 14 4<sup>th</sup> Gary Bingley 17 Pre '65/Twin Shock: 1<sup>st</sup> Murray Whittaker 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Miller 13 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Nicol 29 LMCC: 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Tennant 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Willie Gillespie 43 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Corry 74 Non Expert: 1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Anderson 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie MacLean 32 3<sup>rd</sup> Alistair Milligan 44 Novice: 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Adamson 40 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee Collins 42 3<sup>rd</sup> Christopher Washington 54



# Lanarkshire Motorcycle Club

## On the Web-Site

How many of you know all that is on the web site ?

Here is a list of what can be found on our site

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Have you made use of all these links ?

## **LMCC Mull 2 Day Clubman's Trial**

The fourth running of the Lanarkshire MC's Two Day Clubman's Trial on the Isle of Mull took place on the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July with an entry of 95 riders from as far as Wales making the journey to the scenic island. Roland Crichton and his team had laid out 15 sections over an eight mile lap with the best two laps from three to count for the Saturday and 12 sections to be covered twice for the slightly shorter Sunday route. Heavy rain in the lead up to the trial had left the hills very wet with the going between the sections heavy and extremely slippery.

After the Saturday run scores at the top were very tight with LMCC member Stuart Rockett and Youth A rider Adam Milner tied for the overnight lead with a loss of two. Jamie Reid and Gary Bingley were next up tied on four, followed by Battensbys Colin and Andrew on five, Lee Shankie on six and Paul Battensby on seven. And excellent run on Sunday for the loss of one saw Gary Bingley finish on five tied with Adam who had lost three but lost out on the tie breaker. Next up was Youth A rider Andrew Battensby on six, followed by Stuart Rockett on seven, Paul Battensby on eight and Colin Battensby on nine.

Adam Milner took the win in the Youth A class with his loss of five from Andrew Battensby on six and Calum Hayes on 18. In the Youth B class Jordy Hayes took the win with a loss of 28 from Jamie Bingley on 36 and John Battensby on 48. Robert Lafferty ran out the winner of the Youth C class with an excellent run, finishing on 54 well clear of Ryan Mackenzie on 94 and Greg Baird on 104. The Youth C riders are to be commended as their route, although not using all the sections, still covered the full lap on both days.

In the very competitive Over 40s Gary Bingley took the win with a loss of five from Paul Battensby on eight narrowly ahead of Colin Battensby on nine. Lasy year's winner Lee Shankie took the win in



the Non-Expert class with a loss of 10 from Darren Macrae on 17 and Jim Tennant on 21. The Novice class went the way of Moray MacNiven on 25 well clear of Chris Wright on 97 and Tom Dodds on 108. Best LMCC member went to Stuart Rockett on 7 from Steven Hughes on 11 and Jamie Reid on 16. Although the Twin Shock class had a small entry, the overnight lead was tied between Robin Oliphant and David MacLean both on 24 from Ken Hutchison on 70, all 3 mounted on TLR Hondas. David ran out the winner losing 10 on the Sunday to finish on 34 to Robin's 16 which left him on 40, with Ken in third on 144

Youth A: 1 Adam Milner 5 marks lost, 2 Andrew Battensby 6, 3 Calum Hayes 18. Youth B: 1 Jordy Hayes 28, 2 Jamie Bingley 36, 3 John Battensby 48. Youth C: 1 Robert Lafferty 54, 2 Ryan MacKenzie 94, 3 Greg Baird 104. Over 40: 1 Gary Bingley 5, 2 Paul Battensby 8, 3 Colin Battensby 9. Non Expert: 1 Lee Shankie 10, 2 Darren Macrae 17, 3 Jim Tennant 21. Novice: 1 Moray MacNiven 25, 2 Chris Wright 97, 3 Tom Dodds 108. LMCC Member: 1 Stuart Rockett 7, 2 Steve Hughes 11, 3 Jamie Reid 16. Twin Shock: 1 David MacLean 34, 2 Robin Oliphant 40, 3 Ken Hutchison 144.



# **Bob MacGregor Memorial 2 Day Trial**

Report: Alan Scott,

The inaugural Bob MacGregor Memorial 2 Day Trial, run by the Lanarkshire Motorcycle Club, was run in the hills around his hometown of Killin, Perthshire. The trial, the brainchild of Killin rider Bobby Lafferty, was being run in memory of Killin rider Bob MacGregor, the only Scot to ever win the Scottish Six Day Trial. Bob actually won the Six Days twice, in 1932 and 1935. The trial had the full support of the residents of Killin were Bob is still remembered. The trial has attracted an entry of 110 with riders coming from as far as the Midland and Wales.

The course set by Bobby, ably supported by Tony More and team consisted, on the Saturday of a 7 mile lap in the hills around Killin containing 15 sections tackled 3 times. The Sunday route was 2 laps of an 8 mile lap, again containing 15 sections.

In the Expert class, run over a testing A route, Saturday evening saw Dunfermline rider Willie Gillespie hold the lead with laps of 7, 2 and 6 giving him an overnight total of 15. Second was held by Stuart Rockett on 21 from Steve Hughes on 34 and Lee Shankie on 43. Sunday saw Willie extend his lead, losing 21 marks over the slightly harder Sunday route to leave him the winner of the first Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial on 36. Second was Stuart on 55 from Steve on 75.

The Non Experts running over the A Route was a tightly fought battle between Dave Mawer on 30 at the end of the first day from Stuart Corry only 1 mark back on 31. Third was Scott Alexander on 52 closely followed by Iain Buckner on 54. Sunday saw Dave finish on 70 with Stuart only 3 behind on 73. Scott held on to third, finishing on 114.

The Non Experts running over the Intermediate (Masters) route was also closely contested with Craig Steward holding the lead overnight after losing 13 marks. He was closely followed by Jim Tennant on 14, Steve Stamper on 17 and Vince Macintosh on 22. Craig had an excellent Sunday, only losing 4 to take the win on 17. Jim held on to second, a loss of 25 leaving him on 39 closely followed by Steve and Vince tied on 41 with Steve taking third with more cleans.

David Anderson held the overnight lead of the Novice class, run over the B Route, with a loss of 6 from Nicola Foote on 11, Stuart Anderson on 15 and David Wicks on 19. Sunday saw Nicola close the gap to 1 with a clean first lap to David A's

loss of 4 but the close finish did not happen as David A was forced to retire with a water leak. This left Nicola to take the win on 20 from David W on 37 closely followed by Stuart on 39.

Two riders, Richard Sharp and Robin Oliphant, tied for the overnight lead of the Over 40's over the Intermediate route with a loss of 23. Third was Graeme Teasdale on 29, followed by Grant Miller on 35. Laps of 5 and 11 saw Richard take the win on 35 from Robin on 54. Grant took third with a loss of 73 from Graeme on 78.

The Over 40's competing over the B route was an equally close contest with Kenny Drummond holding the overnight lead with a loss of 16, one ahead of Ian McAnespie on 17. Willie Robertson held third on 26 followed by Steve Corry on 29. Kenny and Ian both dropped 19 on Sunday, thus Kenny held on to his 1 mark lead, finishing on 35 to Ian's 36. Willie held on to third, despite riding the last lap with a broken rear shock absorber, finishing on 43 from Steve on 47.

The Over 50's saw an very close contest with the overnight lead held by Russell Whiteford on 13 from Dave Lovell on 15, Dougie Bald on 20 and John Kendrew on 22. Russell held on to his lead to take the win on 27. An excellent run saw John move up to second on 31 from Dave on 34.

Alex Barrie took the win in the combined Pre '65/Twin Shock class with a loss of 62 on his Honda from Tom Dodds on his B40 with a loss of 170.

The Youth As rode the Intermediate route. Ian MacPhail took the lead with an overnight loss of 11, well clear of Calum Hayes on 23, Rikki Shankie and Ross Corry tied on 36 and Chris Elwood on 37. Ian held on to finish on 22 from Calum on 48, Chris on 61, Rikki 70 and Ross on 91.

The Youth B's, competing on the B route, saw a very close battle with Jordy Hayes on 3 from James Allan on 4 and Andrew Anderson on 26 at the overnight stop. Sunday saw Jordy only add 2 to his score to finish on 5, 3 clear of James who finished on 8. Both these riders had by far the best rides on the B route. Andrew held on to third, finishing on 42.

The C route consisted of 2 laps on each day, but still tackling the full lap and all 15 sections. Robert Lafferty ran out the winner with a loss of 94, despite a major "off" on one of the tracks on the Saturday route. Second was Greg Baird on 163.

The Youth D competition was held on the Saturday evening and saw Calum Murphy take the win from Michael Anderson Jun with Tyler Murphy third.



## Scottish Championship Valente Trial

Gary MacDonald took a clear victory in the Valente Trial, the Lanarkshire MC's counter in the Scottish Trials Championship. The event was run at the excellent venue of Benmore Farm at Crianlarich under sunny skies, the first time in 4 years. A testing 7 mile lap containing 15 sections to be covered 3 times had been laid out by Bobby Lafferty. Although the rivers were low, the going between the sections was hard due to the heavy rain during the week leaving the moors very wet.

In the championship class Gary MacDonald lost his only mark, a slack dab in the second section, to finish the first lap on one mark. He was followed by Gavin Johnston on six, Roger Mount on 12 and Crawford Carrick-Anderson on 14. Another clean saw Gary stay on one, extending his lead over Gavin, another lap of six putting him on 12. Moving into third was Crawford, a lap of seven leaving him on 21, two clear of Roger on 23. Another clean lap saw Gary finish on one and take the win. A last lap of eight left Gavin a clear second with a total of 20, followed by Crawford, a lap of 5 putting him on 26 and Roger in fourth on 31.

The Clubman's class, run over the B Route, saw a very close battle for the win. After the first lap, Alasdair Reid, with a loss of two, held the narrowest of leads from Colin Davidson and Graham Miller tied on three, Steven Baird on five and Moray MacNiven on seven. With four riders dropping five marks on their second lap, the positions shuffled but Alasdair still held the lead on seven, but still only one mark clear of Colin on eight, Steven on 10, Jim Tennant moved into fourth on 11 and Grant Reid in fifth on 14. A final lap of five saw Colin finish on 13, tied with Alasdair, a last lap of six saw him lose his lead, but still take the win with 39 cleans to Colin's 36. An excellent lap of only one saw Grant move into third finishing on 15 from Jim on 18 and Steven, a poor lap of 14 saw him slip to fifth on 24

Competition was fierce for the win in the Youth A class. Ian McPhail ran out the winner, three excellent laps of one, five and three saw him finish with an excellent score of 9 just one mark clear of Lewis Bell, his laps of four, three and three gave him a total of 10. In third was Ross Corry on 22. Mention must be made of the rides of Ian and Lewis as they posted the best scores over the B route.

The Novice Award was won by Roy Scott with a loss of 96 and the best LMCC member was Ian McPhail on 9.

Championship: 1<sup>st</sup> Gary MacDonald 1 mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gavin Johnston 20, 3<sup>rd</sup> Crawford Carrick-Anderson 26, 4<sup>th</sup> Roger Mount 31 5<sup>th</sup> Willie Gillespie 39. Clubman: 1<sup>st</sup> Alasdair Reid 13 (39 cleans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Colin Davidson 13 (36 cleans), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant Reid 15, 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Tennant 18, 5<sup>th</sup> Steven Baird 24. Youth A: 1<sup>st</sup> Ian McPhail 9 2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Bell 10 3<sup>rd</sup> Ross Corry 22. Best Novice: Roy Scott 96. Best LMCC Member: Ian McPhail 9.

# Scottish Six Days Trial

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The club again had a number of members who competed in the World's best known trial " The Scottish Six Days "Some of the members were riding for the club and others were riding for other Scottish clubs.

The best placed club rider was Stuart Rockett who gained a first class award in finishing in 103rd place with 314 marks lost and was 9th best Scots rider.

Stuart finished just in front of Will Gillespie who was riding for Dunfermline Club and finished in 107th place. Liston Bell was 175th on 502 marks lost, Ian Shankie was in 224th place after dropping 653 pts. John Garrioch was the last of the Lanarkshire finishers finishing in 228th place after dropping 716 points. Bad luck to club riders Lee Shankie and Ian Buckner who failed to finish although Ian continued to ride the trial on a no award basis after running out of time on Thursday.

Well done to all the riders



## Last event of Year

Last chance for championship points

The Knock, Bathgate

November 18th 2007



Every Member asked to make the effort to attend the club AGM. Come along and make your views known.

Are we running events that suit your ability

Are we running too many events ?

Are we not running enough events

Do you want to join the committee

Please come along on Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> in the Masonic Hall, Mid Calder at 8.00 p.m.



ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR MANY OF OUR EVENTS WERE HELD UP BY THE NEVER ENDING SEARCH FOR OBSERVERS . EVERY MEMBER MUST OBSERVE OR PROVIDE AN OBSERVER ON THEIR BEHALF IN ORDER THAT OUR EVENTS RUN SMOOTHLY. THEIR HAS BEEN INSTANCES THIS YEAR WHEN MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL OBSEVE AT A PARTICULAR EVENT AND EITHER DO NOT OBSERVE OR EVEN WORSE TURN UP AT THAT EVENT AND EXPECT TO RIDE .

PLEASE CAN EVERYONE TAKE THEIR TURN AND OBSERVE AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE YEAR

All Adult riding and Youth A members **MUST** observe at one Club Trial within the calendar year (Rule 9). Failure to do so will result in the member not being able to compete in an LMCC trial until the person has observed at an LMCC trial. Members that did not specify the event they would observe at on their membership application form will be notified when it is their turn to observe, the onus is on you to turn up, on the allocated date.

Members missing their turn of observing will remain on the list.

The system is as follows:

1. Members that did not specify the event they would observe at on their membership application form will be notified in advance of the allocated trial for which they are to observe.
2. If the member wishes to ride the trial, he or she must supply a substitute to take their place and notify the club secretary of the change by the Thursday prior to the trial.
3. Back Markers will be sent out at a pre determined time to allow all observers and Officials adequate time for lifting of flags and the clearing of the ground.

**This rule applies to all members.** Please help us improve the running of our events.