Hill Climb Weekend 2010

THE weekend got off to a great start with the Bike Display on the Saturday morning. There were plenty of helpers early in the morning to close the road off and sort out the banners etc.

By 9 am the number of bikes was starting to increase and by midday Stirling Tce was packed with bikes lining both sides of the street and all morning there was plenty of interest from non riders in the Albany community. Together with sausages sizzling, and the band playing (provided by Dylans) it was a great atmosphere and a very successful morning.

In the meantime the girls were collecting details of entrants for the Poker Run. This started at 12.30 pm, meandering around the outskirts of Albany, from Nanarup to Quaranup and finishing at the Rifle Club with hot drinks and cakes again provided by Dylans - they really do a brilliant job supporting the Club all day on Saturday, thanks Morris and Gwen especially for all the help prior to the weekend.

I think it was the first time not one of the back-up trailers was needed and all bikes managed to complete the course, although some with a bit of fettling on the side of the road. There were also no accidents or incidents that we know of, so a successful afternoon.

The evening meal also went off very well with Cherie and Gary Carlsen saying what a great help Loose Bruce was organising the diners and it was an appreciate and patient crowd that enjoyed the meal.



Greg Marchesi seeing Bob O'Leary (1956 500cc Norton/Jap) off the line.

Sunday morning and there was a large crowd of Club members and volunteers from the Volunteer Fire Brigade to help organise and set-up the Hill Climb at Mt Clarence. Phil (course marshal) addressed the rides at 7.30 am and shortly after there was the introductory ride, followed by the practice runs and then the first of the timed runs before lunch.

After lunch the other 2 timed runs were held before the presentations. The day went very well, with very few hiccups. All the Club members who helped on the day and of course the non Club members as well deserve a big thanks on behalf of the Club.

It would be difficult to mention everyone, and I don't intend to as it would be easy to leave someone out, but I would like to thank those



Four Norton Commando's in the carpark at the Hill Climb on Sunday.

Pics by Andrew & John



Some of the indispensible Club volunteers with last year's winner..

who were on the committee with a special mention to Garry Blake in particular who did a tremendous job. Ronnie, Antoinet, Raelene, Chris, Phil, Chester, Kim, I'm starting to mention people so I'll stop, but well done to you all.



This year's winner - Brian Cartright (1948 Vincent).



The band contributed to the great atmosphere on Saturday morning in Stirling Terrace.

