

Event: Arwyn Rees Caio Enduro 17 May 2014

Five members of Caerphilly, Paul, Dominic, Andy Morgan, Mike Crumb and James Williams decided to enter the Caio enduro, after a little persuasion off Dom due to the fact that Mercian had cancelled their event.

The Caio is run on a Saturday due to it being run for charity and entertainment being supplied in the evening, so bikes were prepped during the week not the usual last minute Saturday.

Due to the late start, 11am, a little lie in was welcome and the three Morgan's were on their way at 7:30 for the short hour and half trip. Much banter between the 2 `youngsters` was endured by Paul on, who was what and who would do who. Happy days.

On arrival at a well organised start area in beautiful May sunshine (summer come early) the banter continued with the arrival of Mr Crumb and Mr Williams for what seemed like ages. Signing on and scrutineering complete it was back to the field to sit in the sun and continue where they left off, where are ear plugs when you need them?.

A conversation was had between those attending that the event should be included in the club championship due to 5 riders competing???

We all kitted up ready for the off and made our way to the start. Paul and Andy `the God` started with Mike `senile` Crumb on the next min with James `spread look alike` and Dom `Mr excitable` starting in their respective classes.

The first lap was completed with the senior members commenting on how tired they were due to the heat, or due to the fact that they are getting on a bit, but the course was superb and challenging. The special test was timed on all laps and consisted of a mix of quite fast flowing field and forestry mix, providing excellent grip. Awesome. Dom (Mr excitable) arrived saying how happy he was and how fresh he felt, although he was red in face and sweating a little. James arrived a little out of breath.

Second lap was a bit more eventful where Paul Morgan had clenched cheeks on a quick fire break section where the bike couldn't decide which way sideways it wanted to go. A friendly bank and some skill full riding helped sort that one out. Ha Ha.

Some sections of the course were now starting to `bed in` with one section through the trees, downhill, proving to be a leg warmer, approx half a mile of several ruts in sloppy mud with the odd, long, sloppy mud puddle thrown in for good measure. Proper stuff, considering the weather we were riding in and the previous weeks weather.

The second check tightened up by 2 mins and `the god` got confused by the way checks were operating. Riders time cards were marked prior to the minute before being flagged off.

He decided to start with fellow riders a minute earlier, numpty.

At the end of the lap refuelling of both bike and body were carried out. Andy `the god` having his usual fag break, Dom `Mr excitable` stuffing in mars and bananas, Mike `senile` Crumb fiddling with the Go pro. Banter continues throughout, although all being beat up with the heat.

Third lap proved to be more eventful for some.

The course got a little better in some areas and worse in others, surprising a few as usually courses open up with the passage of bikes as the day progresses

James found, to his dismay, that ruts do get deeper, burying his six day KTM to the rear mudguard. James` helpful nature to several riders in nearly the same predicament proved unfruitful as they all left him stuck. It wasn't until a stalwart of enduro riders arrived to give help that his bike was extracted. Thanks Wyn Hughes.

`Senile` Crumb on the other hand had other problems. Messing around with the precious camera he had `forgotten?` to put in fuel, having done 2 laps previously. About 500m from the finish, the blinged 350 decided to stop, deciding that the rider is a tight arse and didn't like running on fumes. Push me home was the bikes reply.

Everyone got to the finish, some on time some not, but all commented on what an excellent event it was, a proper enduro, which will be put on the calendar for next year.

And so the banter continued, with decision to include the event in the club championship thrown out due to riders mishaps. `Spread Ecclestone` put a stop to that, with a resounding explanation via facebook.

An enjoyable day was had by all, with `the god` resting his eyes on the way home as he was riding an LDT the following day.

Results:

- 1 Andy `The God` Morgan
- 2 Paul Morgan
- 3 Dom `Mr Excitable` Morgan
- 4 Mike `Senile` Crumb
- 5 James `Spread Lookalike` Williams

Ride report: Paul Morgan