

## RACE REPORTS ALBANY HILL CLIMB



Bill Hargrave with Annette Tregger in the chair of their 1956 Triumph outfit.

## Albany Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club Hill Climb

• 6 November, 2011 – Albany, WA

# Upwards in Albany



Derek Kelly unleashes the power of his 1979 Hagon monochoque.

Report & Photos Bob Rees and Club Members

The annual classic weekend held by the Albany Vintage & Classic Motorcycle Club on November 5 & 6, 2011 was once again a huge success. The weekend started on Saturday with one of the main roads in Albany closed for the morning. Riders and locals mingled together admiring the display of over 200 bikes from the 1920s to the latest models. The scene was enhanced by Moondyne Joe playing some great blues music, as sausages sizzled and riders entered for the fund-raising Poker Run starting at lunch time.

With a choice of a longer or shorter ride the Poker Run meandered around the surrounding districts of Albany, finishing at the Rifle Club where refreshments were provided. The back-up trailers picking up a couple of broken-down bikes.

Sunday's Hill Climb is a time trial event up Mt Clarence which is open to pre 1980 bikes, was run in perfect weather and contested by 97 entrants from around the State. There is a introductory run, two practice rides where you nominate the time you're attempting to go up the hill in,

followed by the three timed rides, closest to their nominated time is the winner. Riders go up two at a time.

There was a large number of Nortons this year from 1920s flat tankers, Internationals to Commandos. There were plenty of other British bikes including an immaculate 1963 BSA Rocket Gold Star which went as well as it looked, from Vincent to Tribsuka (figure that one out!) they were all there. European bikes including Laverda, Moto Guzzi and Ducatis were in abundance with some rare and immaculate examples.

Indians, Harleys and many 60s and 70s Japanese bikes with 2 Kawasaki and 750/4 Hondas being prominent.

The winner this year was Ryan Hart from Bunbury riding a 1978 Yamaha 400 with an error margin of 0.01 of second. But everyone was a winner on the day having a great time. All proceeds after start up and running costs deducted are donated to various Albany organizations with the major recipient being Albany Volunteer Fire & Rescue. A big thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors. See you all again next year. ■

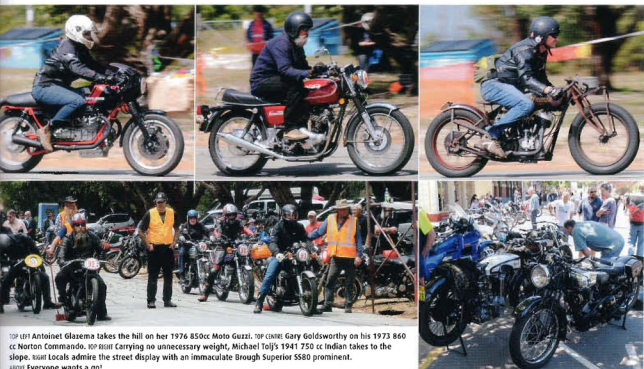
## Results

CLASS	RIDER
Poker Run	
Best Hand	Brian Smallwood
Second Best Hand	Leanne Else
Worst Hand	Philly O'Halloran
Hill Climb Results	
Outright Winner	Ryan Hart - Lost 0.01 sec
Best Performance by a male	Paul Radford - Lost 0.18 sec
Best Performance by a female	Lisa Morelli - Lost 2.03 sec
Best Sidecar	A. J. McCusker & Desalene Rutkewicz - Lost 1.04 sec
Best Pre-31	Peter Macdonald - Lost 0.20 sec
Best Presented Bike	Kevin Mackinnon, 1969 Ducati 750



Waiting for the "off" - Adam Henson's 1963 Rocket Gold Star and Finn Johnson's CB750.

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TOP LEFT Antoinette Glazema takes the hill on her 1976 850cc Moto Guzzi. TOP CENTRE Gary Goldsworthy on his 1973 860 cc Norton Commando. TOP RIGHT Carrying no unnecessary weight, Michael Toli's 1941 750 cc Indian takes to the slope. LEFT Locals admire the street display with an immaculate Brough Superior SS80 prominent. RIGHT Everyone wants a go!

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