



## 2010 A4DE – PORTLAND A RIDERS PERSPECTIVE

Well, the A4DE has come and gone for another year and what an event it was.

Organisers, Oyster Bay and local bike club Central Tablelands, accepted the challenge to raise the standards and reinstate the A4DE as the Southern Hemispheres premier off road motorcycling event.

From a riders point of view the people behind the scenes not only achieved this but also lifted the bench mark for other clubs to follow.

### **So, what was the 2010 A4DE like?**

Well, the gods certainly smiled down on the event, as consistent rain in the days leading up the event, clearing to blue skies on the afternoon prior to Day 1 ensured that riding conditions would be perfect.

The terrain consisted of a mixture of both pine & hardwood forests, slate and shale trails, and good old slippery red clay hills. Enduring 7 hours and 200km + in the saddle each day riders were in their element.

### **Day 1:**

The early morning trail section led us into what would be the first of 6 Tests.

Test 1 was in a cow paddock with gently rolling hills.

As riders were arriving minute by minute excitement started to spread through the field as competitors attacked the first special test with excitement.

Spectators were treated to some wicked slides, and smiles were evident everywhere you looked.

The next section of trail led us into the first of 2 Enduro tests for a sighting lap.

At this point most riders were maintaining trail time, but as is true with hard core Enduro organisers, the first of the challenging hills was about to appear and swallow the uninitiated.

If you made trail time, *like the 50% that did*, you wondered what all the fuss was about, but if you were stuck on the hill you were left wondering how the others made it to the top.

The day finished off with 3 to 4 hours of tight trail sections leaving minimal chances to rest your arms from the pounding of the tree roots in the pine forest.

### **Day 2**

Most riders were keeping to themselves in the morning, not talking up just how hard they found Day 1.

The general feel in the Pit area being *it was a good day but long*, although deep down newcomers to the event were left thinking, *“great riding but 50 klm less would be better”*.

Day 2 started the same way as the previous with awesome Grass Tracks then tight and technical Enduro Tests followed by more virginal Grass Tracks, pre-riding the next day's tests as we went.

The trail sections kept you honest as you had little time to rest.  
Day 2 had some open trails and some sweet down hill jumps for anyone with spare energy to burn.

CCDR Day 2 Casualty List:

Sam Coulter – broken collar bone (*he is soft*)  
Sam continued the event by assisting riders as part of the Service Crew

Day 3

This was the best day.

In the morning we got the 2 x Pine Forrest Enduro Tests out of the way early, and followed up with 6 x Grass Tests, all mowed and bunted for their full 5 km.

The corners were burned up nicely and the track had time to crisp up to the delight of all riders. You could feel the available traction and screw that throttle as hard as you like as you tipped it into the corners - and riders loved it.

CCDR Day 3 Casualty List:

Tony Smidt – crushed fracture of hand in Enduro Test  
Tony rode and completed the balance of Day 3 (*one tough man*)

Day 4 – The Final Moto

Simply put - World Class is the only way to describe the Final Moto.

Final Comments

It is not an A4DE with out a challenge and this A4DE will go down in the history books as one of the best.

The CCDR Team Riders would like to thank the huge efforts put in by their Support Crew in particular Mike and Sue Adams, Sandra Hancock and Sandy & Joel Small.

If it wasn't for the efforts of these people CCDR would not have been able to complete this event.

ALSO

To the legend that is John Hall and his vision.  
What started as an idea that over 30 years ago we saw in 2010 culminate in an event that was second to none.

FINAL RESULT

**No. 1 Club Team 2010 - Central Coast Dirt Riders**

*Mark Buchanan – Murray Auston – Trent Sykes*

Passion for the sport of Enduro is the best way to describe efforts of all the volunteers, scorers, officials and track markers that made this event possible.

Thank you for a life experience.  
See you all next year.

*Murray Auston*  
**CCDR Team Rider**

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