

The Greybeards trial this year was the 50th anniversary of the event which began in 1969 and was organized for several years by Marty Rush. Sunday was a warm Norwest day and there was a good turnout of 31 riders for the trial at Weedons-Ross Road. Two previous Greybeards winners, Peter Milner and Graham Johnston also attended as spectators. Brian Chambers rode the oldest bike, a 1950s Villiers 197, and there was a lot of interest in Don Clarkson's Electric Motion.

In A grade Mike Elliott had a five in section 3 on lap one, but after that he only lost one more point and was a worthy winner of the Harley Cup. Bruce Hughey riding in his first Greybeards was second, and Geoff Blokland was third. Kendall McDonald, riding his dad's 1971 Bultaco Sherpa had the lowest score in the sections dropping only one point.

In B grade, it was a contest between two 76 year olds, Dick Gardner and Don Clarkson. Don was riding well, but couldn't match Dick's faultless score in the sections. Iain Davis was third.

Kahu Jones and Tui Scott had a close contest in A+, finishing on 12 and 13 pts respectively.

Robert Rush presented the Harley and Mustang Cups and spoke about the history of the event and Sandra Hallie presented the walking stick that she donated in memory of her father Bob Harris.

Thanks to the officials, Sandra and Roy Hallie; Peter McDonald for the sausage sizzle and to Environment Canterbury for permission to use the venue.