

Happenings at Kajang Shooting Range

Date: 31 August 2015

Run No: 3744

Runsite: Kajang Shooting Range

Hare: Ah Chai

Co-Hare: Ah Wah; Michael Lee; Peter Cushion; Tyson; Fico

Guests: Lulu; Mark; Bob Harvie; Sun; Lok; Rubber Head; Bruno; Ninja; Ghostbuster; Chee Pat; Amos; Lim Eric; Chua; Thian Soon

Runners: about 80-90

FROPS: SuperOldMan at 7.00 and Sotong, Bandaraya, Ah Kah at 7.05

Distance: 15km; **Checks:** A few; **Lorries:** Two

The Run

Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka!

There were not any big issues with the protesters, there was no curfew, there was nothing but a bunch of carnival goers showing their might in numbers and letting the rest of Malaysia know how to party. The real party on a Monday night that has fallen on the 31st August this year was in Sungai Jelok. The spirit of a 'Merdeka Malaysia' was quite patriotic as 'Jalur Gemilangs' were flown along the way towards run site. The rain never did dampen our spirits and the muddy puddles on a bumpy road drive were not enough to stop us.

OnCash was kind enough to direct some traffic. The first thing that Won TH got to the run site was to clear his name in the 'chow-khar' list and then to see Barry to lighten his load for the past couple of months carrying the unclaimed CanAm Run tees. While A-meng was also commenting on Eric Kee's parking technique. Sorted out the turning radius, Eric finally made a less than perfect park that could finally let A-Meng show off the more than perfect technique - stick your head out in the rain!

The smell of roast lamb was very enticing and a note to all that if you would want a bite of the succulent piece, you would need to run super fast on the day's super long run! Constable Peter Cushion was the mastermind! Knees wobbled but we expected to have a good run though. A brief Merdeka 'wefie' before OnSec led the pack to the first check that was about a kilometer away, just after the never-park-at-the-shooting-club.

I only got to see the first check broken as the following trails were just a simple run on the trails that led us to Kajang Hill. The front runners had it easy running through the ever familiar trails. Everyone suspected where we were heading, some just thought that we might just loop round Kajang Hill at kilometer four to round up the run. SK Ken and Doc Lion were at a walking pace only that held us up and they turned back from there with gout limbs while guest Lulu and us (Sang Kai Mai, A-Lek, BJ Kang, Leong PW, Gor Wong and a few others) forged on. There was no doubt any longer after seeing Nirvana Memorial Park in a distance while the paper trail kept leading us towards that direction. Honkers A-Siong and Billy Hong

was quite clear in front and at the back, we were about kilometer six into the run and much to confirm that we will end up in point B. Indeed we did!

At Point B were Peter, Edwin and Poh were entertaining us with water and beers while serving some roast chicken and duck, stating to us that there's a Point C! We were elated! Where?! Where?! When?! When?! Soon when the lorries arrived, Walter Tieu and Yam Wai Kit, we were sent to Point C in Sungai Pening Pening. We parted as we were being advised, "it's about three kilometer to the hill before you reach run site!" It was about quarter to seven.

We pushed on and met the hill at kilometer three after point C and another three before reaching the run site! Bloody tricksters! Ex-member Shan the Black Ninja was cursing and one of the reasons that he stated was why he can't join us back. Obviously, he is getting less fitter than the years before. Guests Ghostbuster and Rubber were getting their worth from the guest fees. Firecrackers and fireworks were let off when we got to the tunnel, nice. The roast lamb was reduced to nibbles when we got to the tray but luckily beers were still flowing! Then Igor took over...

Thanks Billy, Most excellent.

The Circle

The mood was excellent for the runners who had already come in, as they had been devouring the roast lamb, but for the ones just coming back such as Billabong and Billy No Hair, it was a slightly different story: but no complaints. The circle started at roughly the usual time despite the earlier start as Ah Chai put in three cases of Huster beer into the ice box – no I'd never heard of it either.

Chew Leng Chai was our new member and butler for the evening and he received a good song and a lousy beer. Yes, the Hustler beer really did taste that bad.

The Hares and co-hares were up next. Ah chai and the team successfully did something completely new for Mother: and A to B to C to D. A run from the Kajang rifle range run site to Nirvana and then a truck to Sungei Penning Penning, and from their back to the run site. And there was a truck to take the stragglers back straight to the run site from Nirvana. All in all, it was a well laid out plan that took a lot of people by surprise. It was declared a good run and the Hare took his own medicine down in the piss pan.

As promised, On Cash read out the names on the Chow Kar list but added there were only seven names left.

Interhash Sec was absent, so the guests were called up, all fourteen of them, to explain themselves and tell us a little bit more about themselves.

The Bomoh was Chris Boyd who noticed there had been a lot of changes since he first started, the first was that everyone was sitting down; so he made us all stand up while he sat down. Unfortunately he then had a senior moment and forgot all his charges, but luckily Yap Foo Hoi, Billy/Igor, On Cash and Silent Dragon. Yap Foo Hoi called up Ah Meng for speeding down the road like a road bully and On Sec for not knowing where the key box was. Silent Dragon pulled up Dennis Khoo for going to next week's run site. On Cash Russell pulled up Billy/Igor for wearing a Russian busby hat, and the On Sec for not wearing the excellent free shirt that was handed out. More of that awful beer. Igor – Billy's alter ego than took the floor and pulled up the On Sec for leaving his chair at a previous run-site. More of that beer. And then in an alcoholic haze, my memory departed.

Ah Chai then showed us the way to the free On On, with Sea Dragon's excellent pork ribs, veggie and Hainanese chicken. A really great Merdeka evening. Thanks Ah Chai.