AS IT WAS ON THE RUN 3803 AT CHERAS HARTAMAS (10/10/2016) MOTHERHASH & PJ ANIMALS JOINT RUN HARE:TONY MAIDO SCRIBE BY: DAVID HIRST

Run: 3803

Hare: Tony Maido

Run Site: Cheras Bukit

Hartamas Distance: about 9km

Front runner: 7.29 Monkey, Ah Meng ,Sotong Superoldman.

I thought I was doing everything right. I clicked on the location pin that Marvin Sotong sent and then on the small 'i' and then on the 'Directions to here'; then I selected Waze. Unfortunately I didn't notice that the address it gave was 43000 Ulu Langat. I was dutifully following the usually excellent software, when I found I was passing the place I thought it would be. After checking the address it seemed that the only way forward was to try and get there via memory as signs seemed few and far between.

Arriving at the run site at about 5 or just past, there were already a lot of cars taking the prime parking spots. Then, while catching up with On Cash Russell, we heard flashing lights and siren wail as the Animales' beer truck arrived. The photo op was called as the time got nearer to 6 although the call must've been quite quiet as Russell and I didn't hear it. However, we did hear the On On called with the trail leading straight up the face of the cleared hill.

Not too long ago the hill was lush with trees, but now it's mostly cleared and that includes some of the hills in the background. In fact the whole site looked more like a construction site than a green lung with several new developments taking place.

As we got near the top and over a small rise, the pack split with an enlarged group of walkers heading left with two very steep hills, and the rest of the pack heading right for about 5-6 steep hills. It was never going to be a runners' run in this terrain, with just a bit of running along some cleared trails, but by the look of the main pack coming in, it was probably one hill too many for most.

The 4.30 crowd turned back at about the 3rd or 4th check after seeing paper go down a steep hill through the bush on what didn't seem like a trail at all. Many other back markers and middle pack also back tracked their way out.

Back at the run site, the Pakoras were cooking and Sea Dragon was sorting out the on-site food for later. Tony Maido, the Hare, was ready with an excellent red headband freebee, and the beers started disappearing fast after the front runners came in. There was quite a big gap between the front and middle packs with the last runners from the Animales coming out after 8pm.

There was sponsored beer from several members and Russell put in 5 extra cases from the club. The Guinness bar was opened earlier and that went fast too. It was a boozy fun evening and the joint circle saw the Animales bring out two blow-up unmentionables that were introduced to miscreants on the box.

The Hare and co-hare were downed, guests (15 of them I believe) were welcomed, and Celup, the Animales GM and On Sec tried to get a bit of order before the Bomohs arrived (Mens and Billy No-Hair). All in all it was an extremely fun evening that was made extra special because of the generosity of some of the members and especially the Hare, Tony Maido.

Many thanks Tony for an excellent evening.