

Happenings at 'Bukit Tinggi'

Run Nr.: 3710
Date: 5th January 2015
Hare: Leonard Loh
Co-Hares: Mountain Goat, Frankie, Ken, Etc Etc
Runners: 70
Distance: ~ 8.8km.
Checks: 5
FROPs: Lim Kim Hai, Super Old man and Ah Meng
Time: 7.30pm.
Guests: Mad Devil (PJ Unmentionable), Edmund (Virgin) and Siao Siao

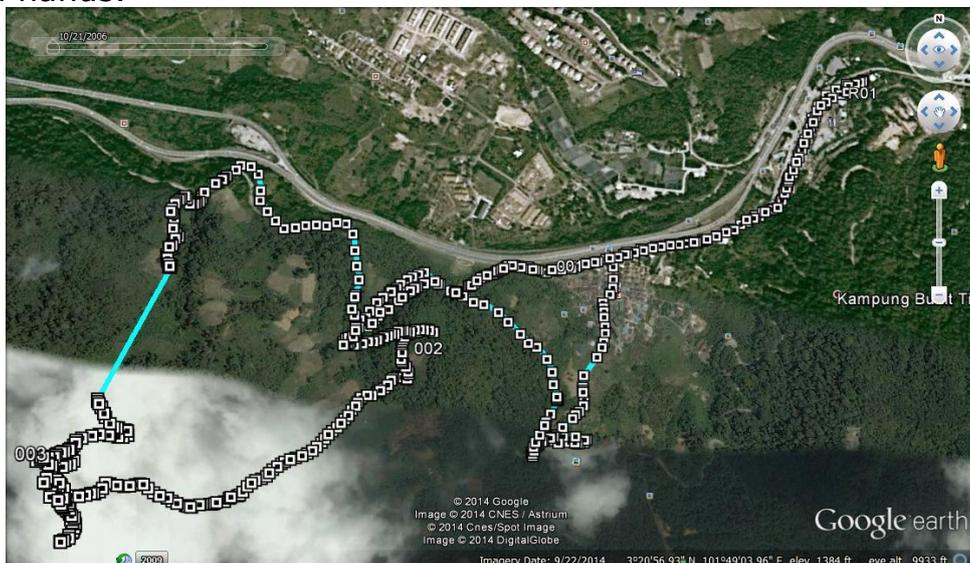
Returns: Jimmy Legget and Jim O' Hara

On Sec was not able to make the run today. So Ex-On Sec and Current JM John Dodgson has kindly stepped in his old shoes, which form the reading, still fits!

Over to John:

The run site was Bukit Tinggi so a hill or two was to be expected. In actual fact there was only one.

At lunchtime OnSec sent an SMS that he would not be able to fulfil his obligations today and could one of the JMs help out? This JM, armed with his Christmas present GPS, had decided to join the 4.30 gang. Eight in the team today and as we set off Hash cars could be seen arriving and heading to different restaurants. One contained JM Bon so the start of the run was in good hands.



The OnSec's check, back under the highway, was not even visited as paper had already been spotted further up the road. It had been raining steadily during the afternoon. The first part of the run went up beside the highway before climbing the edge of a cutting using the steps in the drainage channel. A check and then a slippery traverse over what had obviously been a land slip as the chicken wire laid down to hold the vegetation in place was the only thing that provided grip. We climbed up to the old road and contoured towards KL for a few hundred metres before starting the major climb up a Land Rover track. At this point the rain came sluicing down accompanied by low cloud. The third check on a horizontal path off the main trail was easily broken. Where else to go but continue up the trail? This went on and up for ever past various vegetable plots. Eventually the Land Rover track ran out and we broke right up terracing to the ridge. The final climb up to the ridge entailed traversing a path cut into the excavated cliff at the top of the terraces. Another easily broken check and we went over the ridge along a jungle trail and crossed into the next valley to begin the decent. The first part of the decent was through a slash and burn area that had obviously contributed to last summer's smog. The soil had been carefully tilled but blackened tree stumps stuck out everywhere. This was possibly the most enjoyable part of the run. Dig your heels into the soft slope and step out like scree running in the UK. Lumps of dislodged soil bounced away down the slope ahead of you. Luckily the Hash was long gone before the farmer found out about us trampling his new field.

There is nothing better than the hare taking you up to a height and then giving you a long slow running decent. This was not to be. The run was straight up the Land Rover trail and then nearly vertically down a workers path straight to the old road. All made treacherously slippery in the rain. The final drop down to the road entailed a log bridge over a stream and we were 500m from the beginning of the Land Rover trail. Tonight's route was a figure of eight as we ran the final 3km down the road back to the run site. The only running possible during the evening.

FROP's are often accused by runner's further back in the pack of short cutting. This is one run where it can safely be said that none of the FROPs short cuted. There was nowhere else to go but up and down.

My new GPS gave a climb of total climb 586m. I was not sure of the figure until I downloaded onto a contour map. The run site was at 300m while the ridge where we crossed from one valley to the next was 790m. The best bit was the GPS calculated I had burned 1900 calories! That is definitely worth another beer.

JM Bon hid out on the trail until after the circle started at 8.30.

Our Butler was Peter Early who was much keener on the job once he discovered there was no uniform today.

The hare, Loh Chee Leong and his co-hares were given a good run verdict and given their traditional drink. The piss pot is still missing so the hare did not get much beer.

On Cash, short of funds after his UK trip then asked everyone else for money. He started a rumour that beer prices and therefore subs could rise. Pay the RM800 for the year now and beat any increase in subs later in the year.

InterHash Sec had his usual announcements including an FOC run in March! See below.

Ex-OnSec made an announcement that he left his chair at last week's run and had anybody seen it? He got a down down only to find it still missing.

Our guests were Mad Devil (PJ Unmentionable), Edmund (Virgin) and Siao Siao

We had two returnees Jimmy Leggett and Jim O'Hara both of which had lame excuses for their absence. We also said goodbye to Roger Gregson who is returning to Nigeria this weekend.

On Cash was on downed for being jet lagged. When On Sec SMSed to announce his absence tonight and asked for volunteers to help him out running the circle Russell's jet lagged thumbs responded in a split second to say he was too jet lagged.

Walter Tieu employed Zurich Bee as his professional Bomoh.

Zurich's first charge was to bring up Playboy who promoted this Friday's Damansara run. It is part of Damansara's 30th anniversary weekend celebration and will be running from a restaurant only 200m from Monday's run site. (Remember those climbs. Where else is there to go but up?) Saturday's event will be on the other side of the highway.

Sargent Eddy was on the prowl and caught Frankie and Plastic Man wearing inappropriate shirts. After a ritual cleansing they were allowed to put the shirts back on.

Zuric thought OnCash must be a lawyer. Before Loh Chee Leong turned up a week ago to do his Bomoh duty and pay his subs in preparation for haring this week On Cash had started chasing the sponsor on his application form for payment. Frankie was back on the box as the sponsor.

It was Frankie's night. He was next on the box for being tonight's mastermind. For his efforts he received a rendition of "My way"

The restaurant car park was a tight fit for all the hash cars. Hardy Boy called up car registration 5959 for blocking a carpark exit and Chua Kian 'Ah Peng' took the drink.

Danny Lim was charged with slipping on the trail and Sargent Eddy caught someone (cannot remember his name, no pictures to show either) for new shoes. Very impressive new shoes they were as they did not leak a drop.

At that point the beer had run out and we called it a day.

The On On was onsite, well right beside the run site at Restaurant Kien Fatt. Eight tables enjoyed their FOC meal courtesy of the Hare.

PIX OF THE RUN





