

Welcome to the first issue of ALINEbikers!

This magazine was created to bring Singapore's mountain biking scene to life, sharing the stories, races, and riders that make our trails so exciting. Whether you're a seasoned racer or just getting started, we're here to fuel your passion for the sport.



This is just the beginning. ALINEbikers is all about building a stronger, more connected MTB scene in Singapore and beyond. So ride hard, stay stoked, and enjoy the read!







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How do you feel the event went this year? Any stand out moments?

This year's event was run as smoothly as it could get, considering the date shift from October 2024 to January 2025. This shift was key to avoid other major MTB and road bike events occurring in Singapore as well as regionally (the TdF Criterium, Masters Tour of Chiangmai, and Cape to Cape) that would have impacted our sign ups.

One standout for this year was definitely the weather: it was relentless

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event extra-exciting. What was interesting was not dampen the enthusiasm of the spectators which leads me to the second aspect of the event out to me. Anyone who says that Singaporeans docile and reserved sports fans have not seen how wild the crowds were at the critical and demanding '7 Drops' rock garden, as the racers

Were there any unexpected challenges?

The main challenge would have to be the tight timeline of a single-day schedule, including having the new Kid-duro categories (for racers aged 7-12 years old) run in between the prologue and the main Event for the Enduro categories.

How did the trail conditions impact the race?

The wet weather and absolutely swamp-like trail conditions actually brought overall speeds down this year. I believe that safety improved in this year's wet weather - as everyone is generally more cautious. Conversely, the worst accidents would typically occur in perfect weather and corresponding fast trail conditions.

Wildon Low Wildon Low - Event Director, Dingapore Open Enduro 2025

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PART 2

Any key takeaways for next year's event? Any exciting plans ahead?

As an event organiser, I am always seeking improvements, independent of how well-regarded the last event was executed. We have grown to the point where we recognise the need for consistent participant hospitality (which involves aspects of space for socialising, hygiene, catering, & equipment/body recovery). We realise we are now far removed from the 'kampung race' vibes of our first edition, but nonetheless want to retain our authenticity by making the

want to retain our authenticity by making the enjoyment of off-road trails our central theme.

we definitely want to increase female and youth/kid racer numbers. SOE enjoys the highest attendance by female riders (both in absolute numbers as well as by proportion of total participant-ship) locally and certainly regionally. The introduction of the Kid-duro was also well-received and graciously supported by riders' parents.

These two demographic groups represent the main growth pathways for grassroots-level athlete development within our MTB community - and what I believe will lead to more exciting racing and opportunities for all levels of athletes in the long run.

The 2025 Open Enduro brought an electric atmosphere to Bukit Timah and Chestnut Trails in mid-January. With six intense stages testing riders' endurance, skill, and strategy, the event kept both racers and spectators on edge from start to finish.

The action kicked off with <u>Stage 1</u>, a short but sharp prologue featuring the new Bukit Timah berm section—where a single second lost could mean dropping ten places on the leaderboard.

Stage 2 introduced a brutal sprint into a sharp right-hand uphill grind, demanding both power and precision.

As riders hit <u>Stage 3</u>, starting at the infamous Cliffhanger, they faced a strategic choice: take the A-line for a riskier but faster descent or opt for the safer B-line. This led into a thrilling mix of rock gardens and a surprise drop near the end.

Stage 4 was easily the most physically demanding section, featuring the notorious Seven Drops, a leg-burning sprint across the quarry, and a technical jungle section that made sure no one had an easy ride.

A change of scenery awaited at <u>Stage 5</u> in Chestnut, where riders tackled tight rock sections lined with ruts and roots before heading into <u>Stage 6</u> at Gangsa. The final challenge threw racers into a rock garden followed by switchbacks, leading to the watchtower before an allout sprint into a demanding technical section.

An Unforgettable Race, Rain or Shine

The relentless downpour only added to the intensity, making every turn, drop, and sprint even more challenging. Yet, the atmosphere was electric—riders and spectators alike embraced the conditions, cheering on competitors as they pushed their limits. The event's smooth organisation ensured a well-executed race day, keeping the adrenaline high and the action flowing.

With such an incredible turnout and unforgettable racing moments, the 2025 Singapore Open Enduro has set the bar high for the next edition. Whether rain or shine, one thing is certain—Singapore's enduro scene is alive and kicking, and the next race promises to be just as epic.

9point8 iNVRS Pedals A Game-Changer or Just a New Concept?



Flat pedals with pins have long been the go-to for MTB riders, but 9point8 is flipping the script. Their iNVRS Pedal System moves the studs to the rider's shoes and replaces metal pins with proprietary rubber pedal pads. The goal? Better grip on and off the bike, plus fewer injuries.



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The Big Question: Will It Catch On?

Conceptually, it makes sense. Riders are always looking for more grip, and walking in regular flat pedal shoes on wet terrain can be sketchy. If iNVRS pedals truly match or exceed the grip of standard flats, it could change the way we think about pedal design. But adoption depends on real-world testinghow durable are the rubber pads? Will riders be willing to swap out their shoes or cleats?









Final Thoughts

iNVRS pedals offer a new take on grip, promising better traction and fewer injuries. If they deliver, they could be a game-changer. Would you try them?

Would you give these pedals a shot? Let us know your thoughts!

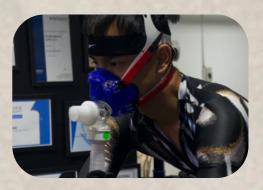








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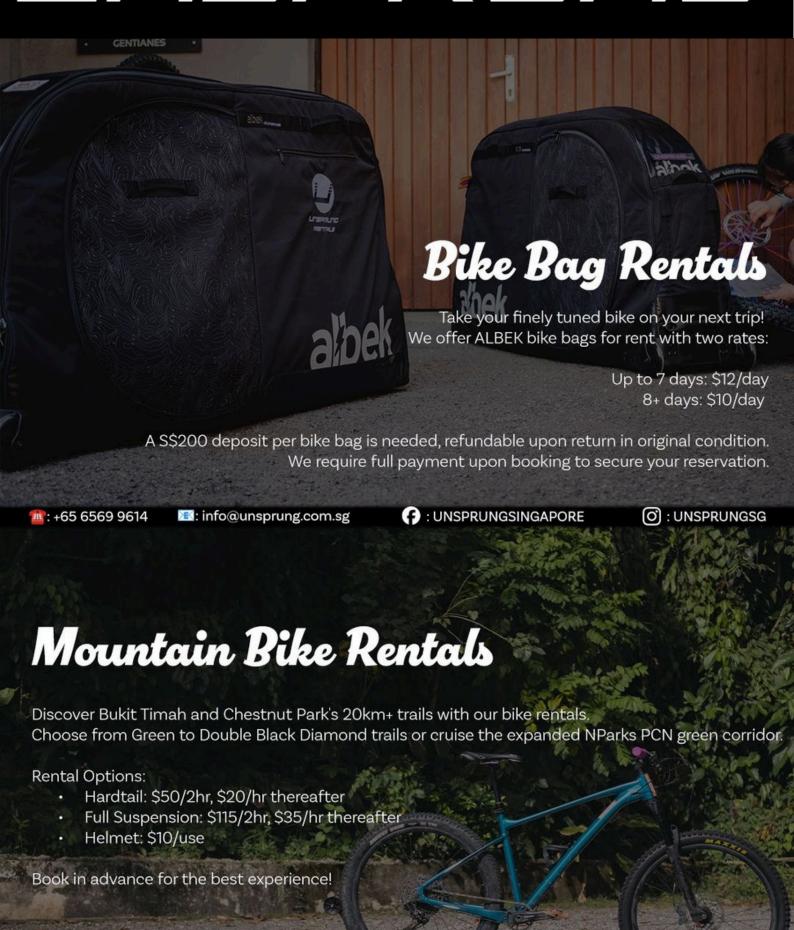


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