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If you've ever thought: "What Toss! I could write better than that! I have a better story / bike /stat than that " - then feel free: email at <u>hmccnews@gmail.com</u> ATTENTION: Deadline is 6:00pm the FRIDAY FRIDAY FRIDAY before clubnight please.

CLUB NIGHTS First Thursday of the month, doors open 7.30pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday nights, one week prior to Club Night, starts 8.00pm

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Prezzo Report

December 2021

Welcome back club members

Finally the Waikato has dropped to Level Two and we can get out and ride without having to sneak around with flimsy excuses as to why our travel is essential.

Lockdowns have resulted in the postponement or cancelation of may events. Unfortunately the NZ Trials Championship which our dedicated Trials division had put a lot of work into could not be held. The two south Island rounds of NZSBK are postponed and the first two rounds of the Suzuki Series are cancelled. At present the iconic Cemetery Circuit on Boxing day is still on, the final decision on this event will be made December 7th. My fingers



are crossed as I have my entry in, deciding after a few years away I would rather race it than watch it on CTAS (even though the coverage is excellent if you cannot get there sign up to watch). Events continually being cancelled is tough especially now as for some of us restrictions are starting to lift. Organisers do not make these discissions lightly or are simply taking the easier option. All of us want events to go ahead we would not volunteer our time if we did not, but the call to cancel has to made before clubs and sponsors commit to large expenses that cannot be recovered. Entrants and volunteers also need time to change their plans and bookings. Usually the larger the event the earlier this call has to be made. Also regardless of location many events rely heavily on Aucklanders and they cannot be run while officials, volunteer's and riders are still locked in there. To make the organisers job slightly easier get your entries in early please don't sit back to see if it goes ahead, if events are poorly supported they are more likely to be cancelled.

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HMCC Club Night Thurs 2nd Dec Club Rooms, Seddon Rd, Hamilton

Meet at Raglan on your bike Between 6 and 7 Your choice of fish'n'chip venue Return to Clubrooms on bike

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Going forward as like many of our daily tasks upcoming events under the Traffic Light system will have increased rules and red tape. Some of these rules may seem pointless, contradicting, or futile but please do not argue or vent frustrations at anyone who asks you to follow them. Venues, MNZ and clubs are required to meet these regulations or events cannot go ahead. If you enter and turn up at and event you are agreeing to comply with these rules. Keep in mind we do not make the rules we may not even agree with them. But this is the framework with have to work under like it or not.

Bike Review

No club nights means not display bike to review so this test is on my 2016 Ducati 1200 Multistrada

As expected the big Multi is a very comfortable fit for me at six foot which is but as the seat height is reasonable and the bars can be adjusted slightly it should fit a range of riders. Initially it seemed top heavy, but I think this was just me getting used to the high handle bar position. Its 215kg puts it at the light end of its



class. The suspension felt hard on the first test ride through town and out through Temple View with the rear kicking up over the sharper bumps. I slowed up and swapped the ride mode from "Sport" to "Touring" this instantly transformed it to a smoot plush feel. There are four riding modes Sport, Touring, Urban and Enduro , you can adjust the suspension, engine power and ABS within each mode to your own riding. My first proper ride was a windy route North skirting Huntly and turning right before Glen Afton to head NW to Highway 22 then south and back to Dinsdale via the Divi. At touring speed through the twisties it feels effortless and with the speed turned up corning is a blast. It needs to be pushed a little into tight corners light many Dukes but it will then hold a perfect predictable line as if on auto pilot. The Brembo M50 callipers that it shares with the Superbike as you would expect are very strong although my lever feels softer than I prefer no doubt there is a bubble or two to coax out of the abs system.

Its easy to see why big adventure bikes have taken over the touring market they are a comfortable easy ride and with a quick change of mode will fit in with most sports bikes. Im yet to try the Enduro mode off road but expect anything more than gravel roads will be a handful due to its bulk/weight. As indicated in the previous KTM tests I do not have any expectation that these bikes will handle any more than moderate offroad terrain.

Update

I have just returned from an impromptu overnighter down the west coast round Mt



Taranaki and up to Whangamomona Hotel. I started off with the Multistrada still in Touring mode with the intention of swapping to Sport once the pace increased. Again there was less feedback from the tyres than Im used to but felt great even as the speeds increased. It wallowed briefly as it smoothed out the worst bumps but always held my expected line. On the last stretch from Stratford to Whangamomona I expected it to struggle the seal is ok but as this country is always moving there are a lot of bumps and they all seem to be entering of mid corner. I have found these are the nemesis of hard sports bikes as can catch you out, kicking you offline or unsettling your position. There is no perfect corning if your tyres aren't on the tarmac and bum on the seat. The big Multi soaked all this up though even relishing it, tyres stayed on the ground and I stayed on the seat. Fast changes of direction required shifting side to side but Im sure it needed less effort than a sport bike would have done. After a good night racking up a healthy bar tab to help the pub recover from the financial impact of Covid. The comfort of the Multi was welcomed for the stretch to Taumarunui. The gravel was easy enough but like every bike getting caught off camber in the gravel when you're a bit dusty is tricky. The cruse control is was great for giving the throttle arm a rest too.

So this bike I though was good is now great I mentioned it could transform form touring to sport with a mode change but I did 700kms over all terrains without changing it once. Im sure adjusting the modes would improve it further, I you are contemplating one your self hit me up for a test ride.

Club night is all go this week starting at Raglan for Fish & Chips

Display bikes are the clubs new junior electric trials bike (hopefully Tony) and my

Deconstructed Ducati V4 Panigale which is slowly transforming from wreck to race bike.

See you in Raglan Chris



ROAD RIDERS CORNER

DECEMBER Road Riders Xmas Dinner Raglan Thursday 9th December around 7ish Haven't quite booked it yet, but Raggers is pretty small, look for the bikes, or check on Facebook

ROAD RIDERS CORNER

NOVEMBER

First weekend out of Level 3 for us Waikato folk, what are going to do? Ride the Coromandel, that's what!

This is a much postponed version of our regular August trip, and all the regulars turned up except Bob and Brett, who have the misfortune of residing in the big smoke, and were still not allowed out to play.

Otautau Bay was the destination, and we had booked to the old homestead, great place for a group stay.

There was relatively little traffic to contend with, and didn't see any fun police patrolling. Sun was out, temperatures up (almost too much for comfort), great way to blow out the cobwebs.

We took what seemed a very convoluted alternate route, guided by Ray, but turns out exactly the same distance to Kopu as the regular route, maybe even shorter if we took out that wrong turn detour!

Lunch break was at the Brewery and Pizza place just before Coroglen, very pleasant and hard to move on from \ldots



Next stop Kuaotunu point, this point has magnetic properties which force our bikes to never go past, always stop, no matter which direction!

Then over the hill, to give the Star and Garter some custom.

Stock up at 4 Square, and off on the last leg to Otautau Bay. The Homestead was a brilliant choice for accommodation. Food was BBQ'd, alcohol was precessed, and debates began. Topic of the night, the size of the universe conclusions agreed to? None. And proof that the loudest voice doesn't necessarily win.



Sunday morning ride home was a little more sedate, but pleasant none the less. I think we may see a repeat performance next August-November. Wonder what pointless debate will be debated then? Thanks to Ray Cox for the sterling effort pulling it all together.







TRIALS

The Air-Cooled series Xmas trial and prize giving was held last Sunday at French pass road, near Cambridge.

A small turn out of 14 riders reflects the times we live in.

However, those that made the event were not disappointed as fun was had by all.

Greg Power and Warwick Merriman went toe to toe on twin shocks, which was reflected in the scores.

Steep wooded sections are a feature of this venue and make for a good challenge at all levels.

Next event is on the club championship prize giving on Dec 5th at Peter Hall's property in Quine Road, Tahuna.

See you all there!



HAMILTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB Hamilton MCC Xmas Trial and Prize giving 5th Dec 2021 Hall's property 680C Quine Road, **Tahuna 3373** Sign posted from Ohinewai -Tahuna Road Sign on 9:30 Event start 10:30 Entry \$20 Juniors \$5 per day Contacts Jim Henderson 0273665842 Tony Perkins 0272741237

No Dogs or Pets ple





Welcome Angels– all you ladies out riding, learning and having fun on motorcycles deserve events specifically designed you. Conceived to give the ever growing participation of female riders in the Dirt Bike scene who are looking for something that is not provided on a regular basis. From low key one day rides to the ultimate in Dirt Biking, a two day epicurean experience of top quality fun, food and wine including workshops, seminars and shared experiences from a wide array of expert riders, coaches and technicians. Something for everyone!

FEMALES ONLY CAN ATTEND THESE EVENTS (13 Yrs and above) NO MALE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES ALLOWED – (book them in as child minders for the weekend

It is fortunate that there are many mentors in the sport to help you along your journey and we are privileged to have several of these incredible ladies available to assist at the Dirt Angels Events. With that in mind, we are pleased to announce that we have scheduled two events under the banner of **Dirt Angels**.

1: Dirt Angels – School of Dirt – Maximum No's 100

Saturday 4th December 2021 - Pongakawa Motorcycle Park - Te Puke

A one day fun day that will provide all of the below plus feedback so that we can make the Wicked Weekend a stunner for everyone. No less fun – just one day. Included in the registration fee is: Venue Fees, Coaching Clinics, Maintenance Workshops, Discussion Groups, Equipment Displays, Demo Bikes, Spot Prizes & a BBQ Lunch.

2: Dirt Angels – Wicked Weekend of Wheels – Maximum No's 200

Sat 12th & Sun 13th March 2022 - Lochinver Station - Taupo

Included in the Registration Fee is: Amazing Riding for all levels, <u>Dirt Angels T Shirt</u>, Coaching Clinics, Maintenance Workshops, Pre Ride Stretching workout, Fitness and Nutrition Seminar, Proper Showers & Toilets, Free Camping, <u>Two Lunches, Two</u> <u>Breakfasts and Dinner</u>, Heaps of Spot Prizes, Riding Gear Prize Draw, Discussion Groups, Group Ride, Demo bikes, Evening Social and Fun Quiz Night, Lots of Like Minded Ladies and more. Don't miss out on this epic weekend. Don't forget to bring your Wine!

With these events, nothing is compulsory (except riding gear) so you can pick and choose from the activities, courses, clinics and workshops which you would like to attend and when and **FREE**. So you can do heaps or very little, it's your choice. So choose beginner, intermediate or advanced coaching, maintenance courses, stretching and or workout seminars, nutrition advice and more. Do them all, some of then or just go riding all day.

Pre Registration is the only option with the registration forms separate to this information sheet. The events are limited in numbers so that you get the benefits of all that is on offer with your ANGEL mentors on standby ready to give you the benefit of their experience and skills.

Contact is: <u>sally@poweradventures.co.nz</u>

 Website Page and Registration Forms: https://www.poweradventures.co.nz/page.asp?id=387

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Twin shock and . 11/21/2021	Aircoole	d Xmas	Trial				Bombei	rs
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Jim Henderson	TS	А	20	4	11	35		
Colin Downs	AC	A	8	4	1	13		
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Greg Power	TS	В	7	2	0	9	30 Clea	ns
David Whitfield	AC	С	4	5	10	19		
Mark Patterson	М	А	2	0	1	3		
Nigel shilton	М	А	3	3	9	15		
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Steve Armistead		А	15	7	13	35		
Mathew Farrel	М	В	8	4	1	13		
Neil McCabe	М	В	8	8	1	17		
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70's Trials Reunion

Kerry & Joans property near Rangoria Provisional Format: This weekend hosts a very social reunion on Saturday and a regular Classic Trial on Sunday.

Saturday is restricted to those who qualify as below. Sunday is open to all riders wishing to ride the Classic event on Classic Bikes. Modern Bikes are welcome on Sunday but will not be scored as finishers and all sections will be designed for Twin Shock and Classic Trials Bikes. Kerry & Joan are allowing Camping in the paddock on site - fantastic.

Qualifying Criteria:

 Fun very easy trial for those who rode, observed or even watched Trials in the 70's or early 80's on Twin Shock Bikes

2. Therefore, riders would be most likely be 55 years and older as you couldn't compete before you were 16 years old in those days.

This event is a reunion for the oldies and not for young riders on old bikes.
 No one will be turned away – the only proviso is that on Saturday only riders of the era on bikes from the era are able to take part in the riding of the very easy sections.
 People from that era who are not riding are more than welcome to come along for the camaraderie and reminiscing of days gone past.

6. Even if you don't have a Twin Shock Trials Bike, come along because we will have a selection you can share with us. We will have up to eight bikes available to share.

Saturday 16th April Cost: \$5 per rider and spectator to contribute towards the lunch BBO

10 am Sign On

11 am Trial Starts – Group Riding Section to Section very easy sections

1 pm BBQ Lunch

2 pm More Sections

4 pm Trial concluded

4 - 6 pm Get together and fun prize giving (Sponsors Invited)

7 pm Either retire to local restaurant for self paid meal or BBQ at Kerrys (additional cost if BBQ at Kerrys)

Sunday 17th April Cost: \$10 per rider to contribute towards admin & the BBQ 10 am Sign On 10:30 am Trial Starts 3 pm Trial finishes 3:30 pm Sausage Sizzle 4 pm Prize Giving

Enquiries to: Greg Power, 0274454429, greg@poweradventures.co.nz

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Dec 2nd	HMCC Club Night - Fish n chip ride
Dec 5th	HMCC Combined Xmas Trial
Dec 9th	HMCC Road Riders Xmas Dinner
Dec 26th	Heres hoping Suzuki Series Wanganui
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