



## HMCC Presidents Report April 2025

Hi Everyone

### Frankton Thunder Show & Shine 2025 - Event Wrap-Up

On March 9th, as part of the Frankton Thunder event, our club, with the support of Ride Forever, hosted the highly anticipated Show & Shine competition. The event drew motorcycle enthusiasts and riders from across the region, with participants traveling from as far as Auckland and Taupo to showcase their prized bikes.

The competition featured an impressive array of motorcycles, ranging from custom builds to vintage classics. With free entry and a generous prize pool of \$9,000, the event saw strong participation. Additionally, ten lucky riders were randomly selected to receive a \$150 petrol voucher.



### Frankton Thunder Show & Shine Winners 2025:

- **Best in Show (\$2,000):** Travis Grice - Thunder Struck Chopper
- **Best Ride Forever Motorcycle Owner (\$1,500):** Vincent Allen
- **Public's Choice (\$1,000):** Raoul Lealand - Custom Beasts
- **MC's Choice (\$600) NTB Motorcycles:** Mia-Rose - Honda CRF50
- **Best American Motorcycle (\$600) Road & Sport:** Pete Neels - Indian Roadmaster
- **Best British/European Motorcycle (\$600) Boyds Motorcycles:** Michael Webb - BMW 1100S
- **Best Asian Manufactured Bike (\$600):** Steve Wilcock - Suzuki GT750

- **Best Classic Bike (Pre-1990) (\$600) NV Motorcycles:** Ross Carver - Kawasaki H2

The event attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd, providing a fantastic opportunity for attendees to admire an incredible variety of motorcycles while engaging with fellow riders. Beyond the competition, the event emphasized the artistry and dedication of motorcycle owners, as well as the importance of continually improving our riding skills to navigate the challenges of the road safely.

The overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees affirmed the event's success, securing its place as a highlight on our club's annual calendar.

A huge thank you goes out to our club faithful—Mike, Frilly, Mikey, and Tim—whose hard work made this event possible. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Nigel and the Ride Forever team for their invaluable support and collaboration.

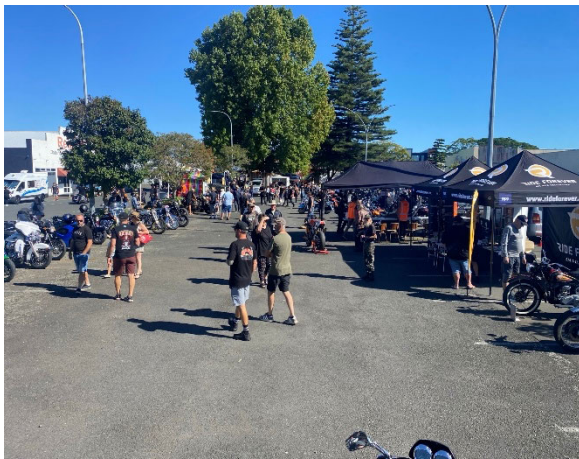
We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for another fantastic Show & Shine!

Club night this Thursday See you there

Chris Bridge











### **From the Last Club Night**



We had the new BSA 650 out from Boyds Motorcycles, and took it for a wee ride alongside a couple of original Beezas, including Mark's beautiful Gold Star from the 50's





## Hamilton MCC Trials

2024 was a slight improvement over the previous year for numbers of competitors at Hamilton MCC Trials events. It started with a well-attended training day at Waitetuna and ended 9 events later with an Air cooled/Twin shock event near Pukekawa. Average attendance for the 9 events would be around 25 competitors and for them we catered for 5 different grades of difficulty in the events for modern bikes and 3 different grades of difficulty in the classic [air cooled/twin shock] events.

Nationally there was only 1 Hamilton MCC member who contested NI and NZ Champs in 2024, albeit that he was supported by 1 other rider from the Waikato region who belongs to the Te Awamutu club. This year's 3-day NZ Champs event in Alexandra was cancelled on the morning of the first day's competition due to snow at the venues.

The sport of Trials took a "hit" with the onset of COVID [as did everything else] and we have not got back to pre-covid popularity of the sport.

We struggle to retain younger riders. They see more excitement, and their friends, "go fast" motorcycles and then become "lost" to Trials...In many cases with riding skills from Trials that help them with the likes of Enduro or Hard Enduro.

Hamilton MCC and Tauranga MCC work very closely in organising calendars. They attend each other's events and this year we have 20 calendared events

between us. Also, we have opportunity to attend four NI/NZ champs' weekends and a few more other unique events. One that comes to mind is the NZ Masters games which saw 2 Hamilton MCC members attend this year.

Auckland is no longer a powerhouse in the Trials scene and most of the members from that area now belong to the Hamilton club. Waitemata MCC still exists [I believe] but does not run Trials anymore. For this reason, we try to hold as many events as possible in the North of our region.

We managed to attract 2 more officials to the fold last year... This was desperately needed for us to be able to continue to function. Thanks Matthew Farrell and John Nelson

I take the opportunity to thank the Hamilton MCC committee for their support of our discipline. I am not a good attender of their meetings, but the committee is always helpful. I also thank Tony Perkins for his efforts in his never-ending support in all we do. Tony doesn't ride with us anymore but takes every opportunity to attend and help.

Harry Dredge is counting, tabulating and distributing results and event notices on his trials.nz website. This is huge benefit to us. Thankyou Harry.

Recently we have started a FB page for our sport in Northern regions called "Northern Trials NZ". Luke Ogier is main administrator for this page, and he has started something worthwhile .... check it out. Thank you, Luke.

For info on Moto Trials in this part of our country you can find details of events, results and more on Facebook pages: Northern Trials NZ NZ Trials Or website: [www.trials.nz](http://www.trials.nz)

Need more; Then contact Jim Henderson 0273665842 or Tony Perkins 0272741237



## End Of The Road Ride



End of the Road ride to Bushlands campground 29/30 March 2025.9 of us left BP Tristram at 9.30am on Saturday.











Ray (Honda VTR1000),

Steve S (Triumph 1050 Sprint),

Steve P (Triumph Speed Twin 1200),

Steve DeG (Husky 701),

Mikey (Suzuki SM450)

Tsiza (Kawasaki 400 Ninja),

Dave (Royal Enfield Interceptor 650),

Kev (Suzuki Bandit 1200) and me (BMW R1200R).



We headed to Piopio via Pirongia, Waitomo Valley rd, Fullerton rd and Troopers rd.





We avoided Te Kuiti because they were holding their “Muster” day, so that traffic needed to be avoided, and the roads we took were more enjoyable than the main roads.



We had a short coffee stop at the Fat Pidgeon before heading down SH3 through the Awakino Gorge and over Mt Messenger.





Mt Messenger was a good ride, smooth surface and not much traffic (and no trucks for a change!). Urenui was our lunch stop at the Mud Bay Café (it seems to have gone downhill since I was there last time). After lunch it was almost an hour to Stratford to refuel and pick up some beverages for later.





Then we hit SH43 and headed through to Whangamomona for a (bloody expensive) refreshment.



A few of the guys stayed for an early meal there, while the rest of us carried on to Bushlands Campground which is approx 30kms north of the pub to settle in and cook our own dinners there.





There were quite a few members of a Hawkes Bay 4WD club staying at the campground as well, so we kept them entertained with our fireside stories during the evening. They were a good bunch of people, a range



of ages and some with partners. They had been 4WD-ing some tracks in the area during the day.



We got on well with them all, but they all headed off to



bed early-ish and left the firepit area to ourselves. I think it was about midnight when the last of us hit the pit.



We headed Sunday morning was a lazy start, we finally got our bikes packed up and left the campground about 10am. We rode the 6kms back out to SH43 and headed north through the tunnel.





We rode the new sealed part of the road (the whole road is sealed now) and carried on through to Ohura where we re-grouped.



From there it was out to SH4 back to “8 mile junction” to join back to SH3 and on to Te Kuiti for a very late breakfast/brunch.

We went back to Hamilton via Otorohonga, Pokuru, Te Awamutu, Paterangi and Temple View.





It was a great ride, fine weather and dry roads all the way. Just under 600kms for the round trip.



The Forgotten World Highway is a fantastic ride, very tricky in places, you cannot take it for granted as you have no idea what might be around the next corner (campervans, small tour busses, trucks, motorcycles, a fire engine, goats, cattle, sheep, turkeys, etc, etc).

Let's do it all again soon!  
Cheers,  
Bruce.

## **APRIL ROAD RIDE**

ANZAC Road Trial

Sunday 27th April

The route is a surprise but make sure you arrive with a full tank and an empty bladder. But there is a rumour we may end up in the BOP.

Start time and meet up will be advised later when finalised.



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