

President's Report – October 2025

Hey everyone,

Just got back from a great ride through the Central North Island. The Ongarue Waimiha Road, Fields Track, and Gentle Annie were the highlights all awesome — great condition and a real thrill to ride. If you haven't been over them, I'd highly recommend it.



The big event this month is the **Waikato Motor Mania Show and Swap Meet** on **30th November**. We're hosting it alongside the **Waikato Classic Motorcycle Club**, and it's shaping up to be a great day.

Details:

• Where: 11 Railside Place, Dinsdale, Hamilton

③I When: 30th November 2025
⑥ Entry: \$10 (Under 15s Free)
⑥ Swap Meet Sites: Free

What's On:

- Motorcycle Show & Shine with a \$200 People's Choice prize
- Swap Meet bring anything bike-related, even full motorcycles
- Aero Engine Demonstration
- Live entertainment, food, music, and a whole lot more.

We're looking for a few volunteers to help out with the event — just some easy stuff like directing parking, setting up, and making sure everything runs smoothly. If you've got some time to lend a hand, let us know.

Club night this Thursday

I must put in my apologies as ill be at a Pink Floyd tribute in Tauranga.



November Club Night is a ride night. Thursday November 6th

We are doing a short road ride. Turn up at Club anytime from 6 and we will send you off with a set of instructions. This will set you off on an hour+ -ish circuit of some lovely local roads, that will bring you back to the clubrooms for our regular club night.

Note, we usually do Raglan Fish n Chip ride in November, but this year we are moving to the December Club Night.

Thursday December 4th

Ragan Fish n chip ride.

Meet Raglan main street 6.30 on, enjoy fish n chips from the takeaway, or go upmarket and get some from the pub. Meet back at clubrooms from 7.30 onwards

HMCC Road Ride

November Ride Sunday 23rd

Leave BP Rototuna at 10.00am

Meet and greet n coffee n fuel at 9.30

Waikato east and west roads of the river. Ending up in Whatawhata.

National trials champs report

5 Hamilton club members contested NZ Champs of which Ryan Trickett was highest placed with a commendable ride in T3 class. Event was severely affected by weather on day one as we were in a swollen river with muddy approaches and exits after heavy rain before the event. Day 2 and 3 was less weather affected sections but a cold rain on Monday afternoon put a damper on things. However a hot shower fixed that and a superb prizegiving dinner helped to warm the hearts. The event was live streamed to TV and links to this screening are available on FB.

Attached is an article from MA in regards to the Oceania challenge.

Plenty of action photos available on NZ Trials but I attach one of father and son [Jim and Mark] in my NZ Team gear

After three days of competition on super tough terrain in Taranaki, New Zealand has edged out Australia to win a gripping 2025 FIM Oceania Trial Championship.

The 1pt victory (38 to 37) by the home team in the 50th anniversary event means the FIM Oceania trophy returns to New Zealand – but not before local nerves were jangling as Australia really hit its straps on day three.

Team Australia (Joshua Coleman, Jenna Lupo, Michelle Coleman, Garry Connell and Hector Pinto) came home strong, with both Colemans and Lupo winning their respective classes, while rising junior star Pinto kept the pressure on his New Zealand counterpart James Lawton until the last section.

Australia won the day, but ultimately it was New Zealand's strong early form that was the difference between the two teams, with Phil Shilton, Gabrielle Gundry, Hannah Rushworth and Jim Henderson joining Lawton on the victory dais.

For Australia, Lupo and multiple Australian champion Michelle Coleman were undefeated across the three days, while Joshua Coleman finally got the better of Shilton on day three. Henderson and Lawton also took home maximum points for New Zealand.

To view coverage of the 2025 FIM Oceania Trial Championship, held in conjunction with the New Zealand title, click here (Facebook link).





Club ride around the Te Anga loop 11th October.

This ride was scheduled to take place on Sunday 12th, but the forecast was not favourable, so it was shifted to the Saturday. How'd that work out??? Sunday turned out to be the better day, but that was too late (hindsight is a wonderful thing!).



8 bikes turned up at BP Tristram st, along with Ray in his car (our ride organiser) who is still not able to ride after recent surgery, but arrived to see us off. It was an eclectic mix of bikes; Steve (Husky 701), Mark (BSA Gold Star 500), another Mark (HD Pan America 1250), Mike (1050 Triumph), Tizza (Ninja 400), Mikey (DZR400), Dave (RE 650 Interceptor) and Michelle and I (BMW R1200R).



We headed out of Hamilton on dry roads to Pirongia where Jimi and Nenita (RE Continental GT 650) were waiting to meet and join us.



From there we headed out thru Ngutunui (where the wet roads started due to heavy mist/low cloud) and onto Kawhia rd. The cloud was real low and similar to heavy fog over the high parts of that road, but we were soon through that well before our turnoff just before Oparau where we re-grouped. We headed south, still on wet/damp roads, but still no rain falling. The road from there to TeAnga was

tricky, slippery in places, debris across the road on some blind corners, gravel where it is not expected, and in one place there was a huge amount of mud on the road which had been dragged out by some logging trucks who had been doing their thing for days.



We all got to TeAnga safely (other than some experiencing a couple of slides) where we stopped at Graeme and Rosanna's café for coffee and some social interaction. That's when the rain started to fall. After about an hour, the rain did not subside, so we left in the rain and headed to the Huhu café in Waitomo for a late (ish) lunch.



From there it was home via Waitomo Valley rd, which became dry as we got nearer to Otorohonga, and we had dry roads from there via Pirongia and Whatawhata back to Hamilton.



It was about a 220km round trip, tricky conditions on some great, but bumpy roads. It is certainly a road that you cannot lose concentration on, or it will not end well. It was a great ride for sharpening up the riding skills, that's for sure!



Roll on the next club ride, I hope Ray can join us for that one.



Cheers,

Bruce.













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