



HAMILTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB INC

FEBRUARY 2021



**Hamilton
Motor Cycle
Club Inc.**

100TH
Anniversary

Anniversary Show
March 27th - April 11th



The Museum is located right off State Highway 1
on Railside Place, Dinsdale, Hamilton



**Hamilton Motorcycle Club's
100 Years Journey 1920 - 2020**



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email at hmccnews@gmail.com

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

Hi again everyone.

I hope you have all had a great Xmas break and New Year's.

Well done to all those that raced in the Suzuki series. Club members again did well at Taupo, Manfield and Wanganui with some overall class wins and podiums. This was a great lead in for those competing in the NZSBK series with great racing as always.

Speaking of NZSBK, the club has the final round at Taupo once again and there will be a request for help with this. There is a different format that MNZ have adopted which would seem to put a bit more back to the clubs in terms of profit. Oh, yea that's

great you say but it also means the club has different roles to play. The more we can get shit sorted the better the return for the club. It's really that simple and it goes for most things-the more effort and team work we can achieve the greater rewards we reap.

This will be a special year for the club in more ways than one and for the success and growth of the club going forward we will all need to play our part at some stage in some way. First up will be the NZSBK at Taupo and yes there will be a sheet at club night with spaces which need filling with names that match positions we need volunteers for. If you can't make club night, then let Tim or Ray know please.

Secondly, we have the centenary dinner, swap meet and the bike show coming up over Easter. Again, your help will be required. Then we are looking at getting back to Quine Rd Hill Climb on the 9th May, yep you guessed it, help required.

For the 2021 Club Road Race Series we are heading back to Pukekohe for this in a bid

NEXT CLUB NIGHT
February 4th

Club Night

Display? TBA

clubrooms 7.30

to change things up a little. I've got some great memories of racing there and some not so great but it will be good to return to Pukekohe and support Gary in his efforts to get bikes back there. We are also hoping to continue with the interclub challenge again as I'm sure Auckland will want some pay back this year.

There is a centenary meeting on Tues 9th to get everything started again, it's great the book is done but now we have to concentrate on the other aspects of the club's centenary events. There is too much happening this year for me to write it all down but there is one thing that is for certain and that is 'WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP'.

Trials have an event on the 6th Feb with details within and the club's AGM is set down for May 6th.

Phew that's enough will tell more at club night but just before I go, I would like to thank Ray Cox. Ray is stepping down from his role as committee member after many years of service, thank you Ray for all your efforts and input you have had with the club, I have appreciated and valued it all.

Come down to club night on Thursday and also thank Ray.

Cheers Frilly

Road Riders Corner

December Road Ride

I didn't get time to go to the Road Riders Xmas dinner at the Harbour View pre-Christmas, presume those of you who went had a great time.

No January ride, too hard to organise, too much on!

February? Another busy month, nothing pencilled in as yet, but keep an eye on our facebook page, as we may set something up at our monthly meeting this week.

March/April, we usually have our End of Road Rally - camping weekend, but we haven't got as far as even discussing the actual date or destination yet. If you are interested, make sure we discuss it at Club Night, and if you can't make club night, let someone know your suggestions.

Hope you all had some good rides over the summer, and didn't skimp on your protection in the heat.

ROAD RACING COMING UP

NZ SBK ROUND 3: 6-7 MAR 2021 Motofest, Hampton Downs Motorsport Park

NZ SBK ROUND 4: 13-14 MAR 2021 Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, Taupo

Hosted by us! Our Club is on show to the NZ Motorcycle community, and we need your help to make it a fantastic show. Please offer your services, or agree if shoulder tapped to help us out this weekend.

HMCC Quine Rd Hillclimb

May 9th?

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CENTENARY - ONLY 8 WEEKS AWAY!

Our biggest event for years is only 8 weeks away! Only a year late, we have no excuse for not being ready

While forward planning and bookings have been in place for a long time, now is the time we need to work on the finer details to make this event something special, that will be remembered fondly for many years to come..

Now is the time we need to get together to make these great plans happen. Starting with our next Centenary Committee meeting, next week:

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9th at Clubrooms

You may volunteer if you are interested, and we may invite you personally too, but please turn up so we can divide up the tasks so no individual is overloaded. Now is the time the core committee needs the support.

Can you contribute to any of the following?

One Hundred Year Journey Show at the Classics Museum, opening on March 27th.

We have the bikes arranged for display, and the approximate layout. We need help with the logistics of getting the machines here, and putting up the surrounding displays, and filling in gaps etc.

Saturday 3rd Road Trial

I believe one has been written up already, some help with manning checkpoints.

Saturday 3rd Centenary Dinner

We'll be needing help with setting up the venue, and some sober drivers to drive the free minibus' we have hired.

Sunday 4th Hood St Photo recreation, and Kaimais Ride

Help with pre-publicity, set up on the morning, the ride, and the BBQ back at Clubrooms.

Monday 5th Hood St Photo recreation, and Kaimais Ride

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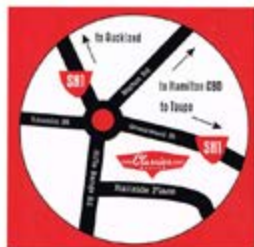
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Hamilton Motorcycle Club's 100 Years Journey 1920 - 2020



Hood Street, 1920



Covid disruptions have plagued our 2020 plans, and have resulted in the following revised schedule. Let's hope for no further disruptions!

2020

28th Nov - 8th Feb

Founders Theatre Racing Respective and Art Show at Waikato Musuem, Grantham Street, Hamilton.

The Artworks purchased with the funds raised by the Founders Theatre racing will be on show,.

2021

March 27th

Opening of Centenary Bike Show at the Classics Museum.

March 27th - April 11th

Centenary Bike Show at the Classics Museum.

(Load in/set up days 25th/26th for those involved)

March 28th (Sunday)

Swap Meet in conjunction with the Waikato Classic Club Road Trial. The Dave Connolly Memorial Trophy will be on the line for this one.

April 3rd (Easter Saturday)

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The Centenary dinner at the Hangar, Te Kowhai airfield from 5pm Saturday evening, featuring a fly in of Tiger Moths to celebrate 101 years since the first aeroplane landing in Hamilton, organised by Hamilton MCC.

Sunday 4th, 9.00am

Commemorative Road Ride and photo recreations will start with a meet up in Hood St from 9.00am. Bring out you vintage machinery, or your modern stuff, but come on and put on a good show.

From there, there will be a vintage-friendly ride to the top of the Kaimai's, where our club was first mooted, the return to the clubrooms for BBQ, Beers and reminiscing.

Monday 5th, 9.00am

Trials demo/try out/show off your vintage machinery day at Kimihia Lakes.

Suitable for all classic trials machines and skill levels

The Franklin Cup.

This event was held on Sunday 24th Jan this year as the first trials event of 2021. The cup goes back to the 50's and shows many holders still around in the Hamilton club today. It is now incorporated in the Air Cooled series as this year there will be four rounds of the Brian Barnsley and Errol McCabe events run concurrently. The BBM is for Air cooled bikes and the EMM is for post classic bikes with twin shocks and drum brakes. Sadly there is no class for pre-65's due to lack of entries, but if three bikes can be fettled to run in this class then it can be added to the series. These events run under the Non-Stop rules, which basically does not allow the rider to stop and balance without incurring a penalty.

Modern bikes are also welcome and it is a great way to get some practice in for the coming club, North Island and national championships. The National Championship three day event is being run by Hamilton this year and we will be looking for observers for the labour weekend.

Sunday's turnout was an encouraging 30 riders at the Pukekohe property in Harrisville road. Lapwood's farm offers a variety of tree roots and hill climbs to test balance and control and has been a popular venue for many years. With the usual four laps of 10 sections the scores were even across the classes with Peter Osborne taking out the Franklin cup from Colin Downs in the A grade, both on Fantics. Snowy scored the win in the Air Cooled class with an unfortunate DNF to Kerry Lowndes due to an inner tube valve departing its appointed spot and letting out all the useful /essential air. A light rain managed to lubricate the sections, but most we in the trees that seem to maintain a constant level of slipperiness. (If that is a word?)

An invasion of goats(3) in the car park was headed of just in time as they do like tie downs and any jackets left out to dry. There was plenty of grass and gorse for them, but apparently that is only last resort to exotic shoes and rope. Who knew?

With three new members joining the club on the day, we hope to see them at our next trial on 21st February at Kimihia lakes Adventure Park. This will be round 2 of the BBM and EMM cups and set for the older bikes. If any club member wishes to see what trials is all about we can make bikes available for a play. You only need an open face helmet and stout boots for safety gear. Contact me on tony.perkins@xtra.co.nz if you are interested. Juniors and Ladies most welcome.

Cheers and "keep yer feet up."

Tony



Hamilton Motorcycle Club

2021 Air Cooled and Twin Shock Championships

Round 1-EMM, BBM and Franklin cup

Date: 24/1/2021	Name	Class	Bike	Laps				Total	Cleans	Points	Points	
Lapwoods Tuakau		A/C, T/S or Modern		1	2	3	4			T/S	A/C	
A Grade	1	Peter Osborne	T/S	Fantic	14	9	10	8	41		25	20
A Grade	2	Colin Downs	T/S	Fantic	15	15	13	14	57		22	18
A Grade	3	James Snowden	A/C	TY250R	10	7	4	3	24			22
A Grade	4	Kerry Lowndes	A/C	TY250					DNF			
A Grade	5	Nigel Shilton	Mono	TRS	6	3	5	8	22			
A Grade	6	Francis Sydenham	Mono	Vertigo	17	3	5	8	33			
A Grade	7	Jeff Gray	Mono	Sherco	11	11	14	3	39			
A Grade	8	Steve Armistead	Mono	Vertigo	7	14	15	5	41			
A Grade	9	Ray Skinner	Mono	Vertigo	8	16	12	10	46			
A Grade	10	Jim Finnigan	Mono	Scorpa	19	15	14	7	55			
A Grade	11	Jim Henderson	Mono	Jotagas	17	18	15	10	60			
A Grade	12	David Steen	Mono	Sherco					NC			
A Grade	1	Ian Petty	A/C	Fantic	7	3	5	2	17			25
B Grade	2	Ezra Nelson	T/S	TLR200	11	4	1	3	19	30	25	22
B Grade	3	Neil McCabe	A/C	GasGas	9	5	3	2	19	29		20
B Grade	4	Terry Williams	A/C	GasGas	18	26	19	8	71			18
B Grade	5	Ray Charlton	T/S	Triumph					N/C			
B Grade	6	Greg Deakin	A/C	Montesa					N/C			
B Grade	7	Peter Hall	Mono	Sherco	3	1	2	1	7			
B Grade	8	Brad Stark	Mono	Beta	7	3	0	1	11			
B Grade	9	Peter Ladyman	Mono	GasGas	6	6	3	5	20			
B Grade	10	Marcus Robinson	Mono	GasGas	16	7	7	4	34			
B Grade	11	Lisa Evans	Mono	Beta	10	13	9	4	36			
B Grade	12	John Nelson	Mono	Beta	11	3	15	11	40			
B Grade	13	Ian Bull	Mono	GasGas					DNF			
B Grade	14	Andrew Meisner	Mono	4RT					N/C			
B Grade	15	Ian Braithwaite	Mono						N/C			
B Grade	16	James Bowe	Mono	GasGas					N/C			
B Grade	17	Max Deakin	Mono	GasGas					N/C			
C Grade	1								0		0	
C Grade	7								0		0	
C Grade	5								0		0	

The Franklin Cup is awarded to the lowest score in the highest grade of Twin shock /drum brake class. (Post Classic)
This year's winner is Peter Osborne.

Thanks to the landowner and setters, Ray and Andrew.

Welcome to the Deakin Family.

Hope to see you all at Tauranga's inaugural Air Cooled Trial on Feb 14th

Hamilton Motorcycle Club Errol McCabe Memorial Trophy Championships Totals

Name	Grade	Round 2	Round 4	Totals
	A Grade	Darryll Jones Trphy		
James Snowden	A Grade	25	22	47
Roger Mahoney	A Grade	22	0	22
Ezra Nelson	A Grade	0	20	20
Jim Henderson	A Grade	0	18	18
	B Grade	Errol McCabe Memorial Cup		
Chris Power	B Grade	22	25	47
Jim Henderson	B Grade	20	0	20
Karl Power	B Grade	25	0	25
Neil McCabe	B Grade	0	22	22
Jim Finnigan	B Grade	18	0	18
Ezra Nelson	B Grade	16	0	16

Hamilton Motorcycle Club 2020 Air Cooled Brian Barnsley Memorial Series Totals

Name	Grade	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Totals
		Ibbotson Cup				
Kevin Gundry	A Grade	25	25	22	22	94
Grant Thwaites	A Grade	22	22	25	25	94
James Snowden	A Grade	0	18	15	16	49
Roger Mahoney	A Grade	20	16	16	0	52
Colin Downs	A Grade	0	20	18	18	56
Jim Finnigan	A Grade	18	0	14	0	32
Ian Braithwaite	A Grade	0	0	0	20	20
Kerry Lowndes	A Grade	0	0	20	0	20
Ezra Nelson	A Grade	0	0	0	15	15
Jim Henderson	A Grade	0	0	0	14	14
	Brian Barnsley Memorial Cup					
Chris Power	B Grade	0	20	25	25	70
Neil McCabe	B Grade	0	25	0	22	47
Karl Power	B Grade	0	22	22	0	44
Jim Henderson	B Grade	0	18	0	0	18
Jim Finnigan	B Grade	0	16	0	0	16
Ezra Nelson	B Grade	0	15	0	0	15

C grade Clarkin cup not awarded due to lack of entries

Hamilton Motorcycle Club 2020 Trials Championships Totals

Name	Grade	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Totals
	Expert/A Grade					
Phil Shilton	Expert/A Grade	25	0	25	25	75
Kerry Lowndes	Expert/A Grade	22	0	22	0	44
Flynn Godsell	Expert/A Grade	0	25	0	0	25
	Intermediate					
Kevin Gundry	Intermediate	22	25	22	22	91
Colin Downs	Intermediate	18	18	16	20	72
Grant Thwaites	Intermediate	20	22	0	15	57
James Snowden	Intermediate	25	0	25	0	50
Gary Samson	Intermediate	0	0	20	16	36
Peter Boettcher	Intermediate	0	20	15	0	35
Colin Godsell	Intermediate	0	16	0	18	34
Kerry Lowndes	Intermediate	0	0	0	25	25
	Sortsman					
Roger Mahoney	Sportsman	25	20	18	14	77
Peter Osborne	Sportsman	0	25	22	25	72
Steve Armistead	Sportsman	20	15	16	15	66
Nigel Shilton	Sportsman	0	22	25	0	47
Jeff Gray	Sportsman	22	0	0	16	38
Francis Sydenham	Sportsman	18	18	0	0	36
Jim Finnigan	Sportsman	0	14	15	0	29
Peter Ladyman	Sportsman	0	0	0	20	20
Ray Skinner	Sportsman	0	0	20	0	20
Kevin ter Steege	Sportsman	0	0	0	18	18
Neil Abrahams	Sportsman	0	0	14	0	14
	Clubman					
Matthew Farrell	Clubman	22	0	25	18	65
Peter Ladyman	Clubman	25	16	0	0	41
Lisa Evans	Clubman	20	0	0	14	34
Marcus Robinson	Clubman	0	0	18	13	31
Warwick Meriman	Clubman	0	0	0	25	25
Vineet John	Social	0	25	0	0	25
Bob Byal	Social	0	0	25	0	25
Terry Williamson	Social	0	0	0	25	25
Shaan Singh	Clubman	0	0	22	0	22
Neil McCabe	Clubman	0	0	0	22	22
Marcus Robinson	Social	0	22	0	0	22
Matt Yates	Clubman	0	0	20	0	20
Ian Bull	Clubman	0	0	0	20	20
Andrew Meisner	Clubman	0	0	0	16	16
Neil Abrahams	Clubman	0	0	0	15	15
Vineet John	Clubman	0	0	0	12	12
	Social					

Hamilton Motorcycle Club

2020 Trials Championships

Totals

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	Expert/A Grade					
Phil Shilton	Expert/A Grade	25	0	25	25	75
Kerry Lowndes	Expert/A Grade	22	0	22	0	44
Flynn Godsell	Expert/A Grade	0	25	0	0	25
	Intermediate					
Kevin Gundry	Intermediate	22	25	22	22	91
Colin Downs	Intermediate	18	18	16	20	72
Grant Thwaites	Intermediate	20	22	0	15	57
James Snowden	Intermediate	25	0	25	0	50
Gary Samson	Intermediate	0	0	20	16	36
Peter Boettcher	Intermediate	0	20	15	0	35
Colin Godsell	Intermediate	0	16	0	18	34
Kerry Lowndes	Intermediate	0	0	0	25	25
	Sportsman					
Roger Mahoney	Sportsman	25	20	18	14	77
Peter Osborne	Sportsman	0	25	22	25	72
Nigel Shilton	Sportsman	0	22	25	22	69
Steve Armistead	Sportsman	20	15	16	15	66
Jim Finnagan	Sportsman	0	14	15	13	42
Jeff Gray	Sportsman	22	0	0	16	38
Francis Sydenham	Sportsman	18	18	0	0	36
Peter Ladyman	Sportsman	0	0	0	20	20
Ray Skinner	Sportsman	0	0	20	0	20
Kevin ter Steege	Sportsman	0	0	0	18	18
Neil Abrahams	Sportsman	0	0	14	0	14
	Clubman					
Matthew Farrell	Clubman	22	0	25	18	65
Peter Ladyman	Clubman	25	16	0	0	41
Lisa Evans	Clubman	20	0	0	14	34
Marcus Robinson	Clubman	0	0	18	13	31
Warwick Meriman	Clubman	0	0	0	25	25
Shaan Singh	Clubman	0	0	22	0	22
Neil McCabe	Clubman	0	0	0	22	22
Matt Yates	Clubman	0	0	20	0	20
Ian Bull	Clubman	0	0	0	20	20
Andrew Meisner	Clubman	0	0	0	16	16
Neil Abrahams	Clubman	0	0	0	15	15
Vineet John	Clubman	0	0	0	12	12
	Social					
Vineet John	Social	0	25	0	0	25
Bob Byal	Social	0	0	25	0	25
Terry Williamson	Social	0	0	0	25	25
Marcus Robinson	Social	0	22	0	0	22

2021 Hamilton Region Trials						
		Type	Club	Event	Venue	Co ordinator
Jan	3					
	10					
	17					
	24	A/C	HMCC	A/C 1		Ray Chalton
	31					
Feb	7					
	14	MOD/ TS/ AC	TGA	Club Trial		TGA
	21	A/C	HMCC	A/C 2	Kimihia	Tony
		MOD	IXION	JRL	Wellington	IXION
	28	MOD	HMCC	RD 1	Bayleys	Colin
March	7					
	13/14	NZSBK	Hamilton MCC	We will assist with Marshalls		
	21	MOD	HMCC	RD2	Ramarama	Ray Skinner
	27 & 28	MOD	TGA	NI TC 1/2		TGA
April	4			Easter		
	11	MOD	TGA	BOP RD 1		TGA
	18	A/C	HMCC	A/C 3		Steve
	25			ANZAC Weekend		
May	2					
	8 & 9	MOD	TRK	NI TC 3/4		TRK
	16	MOD/ TS/ AC	TGA	Club Trial		TGA
	23	MOD	HMCC	RD 3		Jim
	30					
June	6	All	Pioneer	Kaikoura 3 Day		Pioneer
	13	MOD	TGA	BOP RD2		TGA
	20	A/C	HMCC	A/C 4		John Nelson
	27					
July	3 & 4	MOD	Hawkes Bay	NI TC 5/6		HB
	11	MOD/ TS/ AC	TGA	Club Trial		TGA
	18					
	25	MOD	HMCC	RD 4		
August	1					
	8	MOD	TGA	BOP RD 3		TGA
	15	MOD	IXION	NI TC 7/8		IXION
	22	AC	HMCC	A/C 5		Jim
	29					
Sept	5					
	12	MOD/ TS/ AC	TGA	Club Trial		TGA
	19	MOD	HMCC	RD 5		Steve
	25 & 26	MOD	Whangarei	NI TC 9/10		WHA
October	3	A/C	HMCC	A/C 6		
	10	MOD	TGA	BOP RD 4		TGA
	17					
	24	MOD	HMCC	NZ Champs		HMCC
	31					
November	7					
	14					
	21	A/C	HMCC	A/C Prize giving		
	28					
December	5	MOD	HMCC	Xmas Trial/ Prize giving		
	12					

Firing Up: Ceramics and the Hamilton Motor Cycle Club



Image: Barry Brickell, Cylindrical Pots, 1976. Purchased with assistance from Hamilton Motor Cycle Club in the 1970s. Collection of Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato

28 November 2020 - 8 February 2021

In the 1920s motorcycle riding was the pastime of the well-heeled adventurer. By the 1960s this had all changed. Riding became associated with youthful counter-culture: hippies and ruffians ruled the roads.

Were Hamilton Motor Cycle Club members ruffians, hippies, or well-heeled adventurers? And why did they assist with the purchase of ceramics for the Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato collection?

In *Firing Up* you can see a selection of works purchased using funds gifted by the Club during the 1970s - including Barry Brickell's 'Cylindrical Pots' - and learn a little about the history of Hamilton's 'motorcycle grand prix'.

This exhibition is curated in honour of the centenary of the Hamilton Motor Cycle Club.

Education programmes are available for this exhibition.

These artworks are presented alongside

FIRING UP

Ceramics & the Hamilton Motor Cycle Club

in gallery 13, and were purchased with assistance from Hamilton Motor Cycle Club in the 1970s.

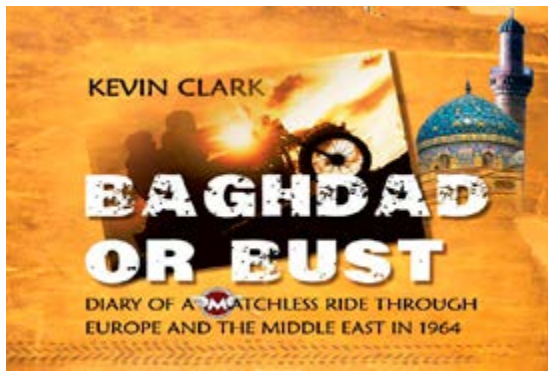


The display features some important bikes from the day, including a Roger Freeth Viko sponsored RG500, and Robbie Dean's beautiful yellow Norton Commando. This machine was retired soon after the Founders era, and has barely been ridden since.

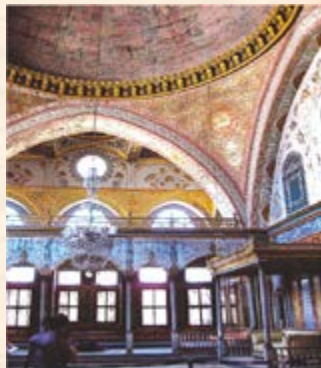
The wall features the track map, and video is projected on one of the walls.

You'll have to go in yourself to appreciate the other, more ordinary, artworks!





A 31,500 km ride through 19 countries, 23 border crossings and 7 sea ferry crossings over 106 days.



In 1964, two young architects went on an adventurous ride of discovery from London to Baghdad and back on a 1958 Matchless G80 500 single fitted with a cargo sidecar. Without sponsors, support crew, GPS or cellphone communication, they were on their own. It started out as a study tour of architectural masterpieces, breathtaking mosques and ancient Graeco-Roman cities, but they got more than they bargained for. There were humorous moments as well as serious drama.

In parts of the Middle East they were constantly confronted by heavily armed military and police, and experienced hostilities, tricky situations and frustration when crossing borders in the strife-ridden Kurdish areas of Iraq and Syria. But there was also Arab courtesy and hospitality, including two nights hosted by the Iraqi Army, after unintentionally riding through a checkpoint without stopping. There was a visit to a local belly dancing joint, knocking over a lady in Greece and many other escapades.

In the Middle East they generally slept rough in ditches, and there were bizarre encounters during a three-day desolate desert crossing, the only means of navigation being by following power lines. Unfamiliar architecture, varied religious views and cultural mores all added to their 'overseas experience'. The motorbike needed constant attention with repairs and adjustments to keep it going. It only just made it back to London with a dying motor and the frame held together with wire and a piece of angle iron.

Kevin Clark presents a light hearted and finely balanced mix of historical and architectural content in his account of a motorcycle road trip. His diaries and memorabilia were rediscovered recently in the back of a cupboard.

The Middle East is still in turmoil, and little has changed, in fact it's a lot worse now. *Baghdad or Bust* will appeal to all travellers, bikers, architects and those with an interest in the Middle East.

The book is lavishly illustrated with spectacular photographs, a map, sketches from the author's diary, and illustrations of some hairy and dodgy situations. A good read, and it's a great coffee table trophy.

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From: Kevin Clark <kevin.clark@xtra.co.nz>

Subject: Baghdad or Bust

Hi Steve, nice talking to you this evening. As I mentioned, I have just had this book published, and have presented slide-show-talks to Ulysses, Wellington Classic MCC the National Classic MCC rally at Pahiatua, at Probus and a retirement village, and have about 8 more engagements lined up next year with more motorcycle groups, Rotary and others, including the South Island. The presentation has been well received everywhere. It's been fantastic sharing this with everyone. The ulterior motif, of course, is sell some books!

Have a great Festive Season and Happy new year.

Regards

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Baghdad or Bust
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Waxeye Press
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KEVIN CLARK
BAGHDAD OR BUST
DIARY OF A MATCHLESS RIDE THROUGH EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN 1964

Disclaimer: I've known Kevin Clark for about 40 years. I've served him in my record stores, been to his concerts, reviewed his albums, and I thought I knew pretty much everything about him. But, this book about his travels to Baghdad floored me.

So, in the words of the rock band Steppenwolf, "Get your motor runnin' / Head out on the highway", except imagine it's 1964 and Clark is on a 1958 British motorbike with a sidecar storage box and fellow traveller Jurgen Erni. The aim, to leave South Africa where Clark was born and take an informal OE soaking up the architectural sites, as both men had just obtained their architectural degrees.

There is a sense of naive chutzpah that I loved. The thought of "Oh, let's get up and go" will appeal to many. This is a boy's own

encapsulated. Silvey's rhetoric powerfully and

adventure venture and I won't tell you what happened to the bike.

Once one gets over the tedious border crossings with the fractious passport checks, it's gratifying that Clark recognises the generosity of the people along the way, many of whom offer free meals, accommodation, and help with the numerous problems with the bike. Clark juxtaposes the memories of 1964 with what has gone on over the years, countries that are even more out of bounds today with war, religion (more than once Clark asks the question of religion and the tyrants who enforce the rules), animosity, distrust, and the wanton destruction of architectural sites. To the intrepid traveller's dismay, many of the sites are now just rubble. Yet even abandoned cities have their charms.

Among a wealth of data are some beautiful descriptions of places such as a gate in a Byzantine wall in Istanbul, the magnificent Hagia Sophia, the Al-Hamidiyah Souq market in Damascus, and Beehive houses in Northern Syria, a simple structure making a comeback to house displaced persons. In between, it's camel rides, a belly dancing joint, kebabs, and sleeping in ditches.

The book is the perfect size to thumb through with great visuals, maps, and running commentary for all armchair travellers. An early Christmas present, perhaps?

HMCC AGM NOTICE 2021

MAY 6th 2021

A quick note of explanation;

We usually hold this at the March Club Night, but as the Treasurer is out of town that week, and with the NZSBK and Centenary celebrations in full on mode over March and early April, we have decided to delay the actual AGM and Committee elections until the May Club night, once all these events are done and dusted.



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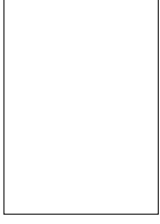
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Coming Events

Feb 4th	Club Night
Feb 21st	HMCC Twin Shock Trial
March 4th	HMCC Club Night
March 6/7th	NZSBK Motofest - Hampton Downs
March 13/14th	NZSBK Taupo - Hosted by HMCC
March 28th	Swap Meet in conjunction with Waikato Classic Club - Classics Museum car park
April 1st	HMCC Club Night
April 2nd	(Good Friday) Show at Classics Museum
April 3rd	(Easter Saturday Morning) Road Trial
April 3rd	(Easter Saturday evening) Centenary Dinner
April 4th	(Easter Sunday) 9-10am Meetup at Hood Street, followed by Kaimai's ride, and BBQ at Clubrooms
April 5th	(Easter Monday) Trials get-together and demo day at Huntly

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