



HMCC Presidents Report September 2023

Hello Riders

Yes, finally winter is over and with that temperatures and day light hours are increasing, two ingredients that help make rides great. A good HMCC ride to kick off with leaves BP Glenview September 10th at 9:30 taking in some great roads to the South/West with a couple of options on length.



Big Trials news this month as Terry Coombs has very kindly gifted our club a 1963 250 DOT classic trials bike. This bike will be used to encourage new riders to try Trails, this could include you. Unlike most other forms of *motorcycle sport*, *Trial* is not racing so does not involve high speeds and huge costs. It is simply you and your *bike* pitted against the terrain. The two key Trails skills are balance and throttle control, these skills are shared with every form of motorcycle riding and sport. Improved balance and throttle control will improve any riding you do. The bike will be at club night this Thursday along with some others. While we are on trails this months event is September 17th on our hill climb road, 680c Quine road. Nice and handy for those interested in checking out a different motorcycle sport one which our club has been involved in for many years. While there why not give observing a go. The observers job is scoring competitors the observer counts how many times a competitor touches the ground with the foot (or any other part of the body). Each time a competitor touches the ground with a foot the penalty is one point. Then October 22nd, 23rd HMCC is assisting the Tauranga MCC with the 2023 NZ Trails Championships at Wharepapa South.

Club night this Thursday at our Seddon road clubrooms so dust off your bike and Ill see you there. I will shout the first drink to the first person who can tell me what DOT stands for (regulars excluded)

Chris Bridge

HMCC President

This Month's Meeting

Bike Display- TBA

The Donated Twin Shock trials bike will be on display on club night.

Trails

Hi All,

Saturday 20th suffered from the usual inaccurate weather forecast. We has light rain not thunder storms as predicted. 10 riders had a great day out in the pine forest and banks alongside the track. There were 8 sections allowing for 3 grades and non-stop layout.

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Still need more volunteers to be observers at the NZ Nationals on Labour weekend.

Cheers

Tony





Trails Results

Hi all if you follow the link below it will take you to the full days results.

<https://www.trials.nz/trials/tauranga-club-trial-3rd-sept>

Cheers

Andy

Road Rides

Coromandel Road Ride – August 12th & 13th

Five of us met at BP Rototuna for what has been an annual HMCC Coromandel overnighter for several years now.



Terry on the BMW K1600 GT, Kev on the Bandit 1200, Mark on the Bimota, Steve on the Ducati 999 and myself on the BMW R1200ST. Mark was doing the ride to Coromandel and the hot wheeling it down to Te Puke for his brother's birthday bash. We were heading to Paeroa to meet Brett (Auckland) riding his Triumph Speed Triple. We were then heading over to Waihi to meet up with Jase Jakes on his KTM 450. That did not happen, but he caught up with us for brunch in Whangamata. Brett's mate, and long time HMCC Auckland member Bob Mead, was pretty crook and couldn't make it. Steve Smith was also hoping to ride up to Coro solo later in the day.



Yep, no Kopu-Hikuai crossing for a while. I'd read an article where the fix for this road is hoped to be ready around March 2024. Good skills and a lotta luck!

The weather brought a mixed sun & cloud and the traffic was light, so it was all good riding. The attractive red Italian motorcycle attracted the attention of an enthusiastic professional photographer in the form of the NZTP!



A snack and liquid refreshment was had at Coroglen. Terry & Kev met and/or made friends with patrons and spread the good name of motorcycling to this part of the world.

On leaving Coroglen the temperature seemed to drop and my visor gathered up six small beads of water and it was off on the last leg to Coromandel town. Good to go over the hill again!

On dropping into town Terry went to get a few bottles of a good ale and I went to get the keys to the cabins at the Top 10 Holiday park. I'd booked five cabins that could have held twelve without being overcrowded. The larger cabin made a good gathering place for a few beers and conflagorations. The cabins were good 'n clean and right next to the communal bathrooms/showers. As it was, there were seven of us. The cost being \$50 per person in the end. Steve Smith came up on four wheels. Hopefully you will feel OK to ride again soon Steve.

The top pub provided the usual good grub and pints and a roaring fire. Sadly the early morning café JAK's Cafe & Bar was closed; times have been hard for some Coro businesses?



Home down the gulf coast road and a parting of ways with Brett & Jase at Kopu and Paeroa. Good to see you again. If Bob is reading this, hope to see you at our September ride or the October End of the Road Rally ... see comments later in the mag.

Brett sums up the weekend by saying - Our annual Coromandel ride this month proved to be as good ever, we were treated with unbelievably good weather for this time of year and one or two highlights like Horse and I chasing a mountain biker down some serious twistys easily keeping in front of us, big kudos to him. Also the appearance of Steve Smith, so good to see you there mate, we been worried about ya! Also the outstanding accommodation, nice clean with a good vibe ...



Cheers,

Ray Cox

Coming up

HMCC September Road Ride

Date: 10 September (first Sunday after HMCC club night)

Meet: BP Glenview

Leave: 9:30 a.m.

Destination: Waipa/King Country. Ride to Kihikihi and then left up the Arapuni Rd and then the eastern Waipa backroads with Barber Rd/Rangitoto Rd taking us into Te Kuiti. The longer ride plan, 200 km, has us going out SH30 and across to SH4 by Kopaki Rd and then to Pio Pio for lunch via Aria. If small tankers needed, can do fuel & loo in Te Kuiti.

HMCC October Road Ride – End of the Road overnighiter

Date: October 7th & 8th or 14th & 15th (NZ election day on the 14th). TBC.

Meet: BP Massey St.

Leave: 9:30 a.m.

Destination: The Forgotten Highway. Bushlands Campground Tangarakau Road, Tāngarākau. This past the tunnel and about 6 km off SH43 The Forgotten Highway. We will ride the west coast road to Awakino via Te Anga and Marakopa. Awakino or Mokau for lunch. Any suggestions for breaks along the way? Planning to stop at the Whangamomona Hotel for dinner before the last leg to the campground.

The campground has a firepit and provides the firewood for free. Adults may BYOG. There's a BBQ (bring some supper grub for the BBQ?). There's the usual communal kitchen, showers, loos.

Check it out at <http://bushlands.co.nz/>

Accommodation: tent sites (\$20) and cabins (estimate up to \$50 p.p.)

I will book cabins to cater for an educated guess. Let me know asap to confirm your place in a cabin. If not, leave late and leave to chance – there will be tent sites if all cabins are taken by HMCC or other arrivals.

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Hamilton MCC Trials Championship Round 4

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17th September 2023

**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

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No Dogs or Pets please

Barber Motorsports Museum

Recently I had the opportunity to visit the Barber Motorsport Museum in Birmingham, Alabama (yup, "where they luv the gov'na"). As part of this visit, I was purchasing some TZ parts, and the guy selling them was more interested in getting some NZ souvenirs than cash so I asked Steve Parker to get me some HMCC tee shirts at short notice. In return for getting the shirts, he asked for a newsletter contribution...

The Barber Museum is billed as the largest motorcycle collection in the world, with over 2,000 bikes in the collection, 95% of which are on display. With only a couple of exceptions, all are runners. It is housed in an amazing five story building which has recently had a massive new wing added. Everything looks like a modern office building – all floor to ceiling glass and open elevators and is very impressive – think a Southward's but 4-5 times the size.

The collection is essentially divided into three sections – a brass era/pre (first) war area up the top, a 60s/70s/80s section through the middle and basement, and racing/Grand Prix section. There is also a big display of Lotus F1 cars for those with a side interest in cars.





The brass area is quite impressive (who knew there were hundreds of American manufacturers?) but not my interest really. They even have 19th century steam powered bikes, and board trackers with authentic factory racing history.

The road bike collection was interesting as it is mainly Japanese – not what we are used to here where these collections tend to all be British and Euro bikes from the Golden Era. There was some interesting English stuff (an AJS Porcupine complete, and another (motor) cut in half as a demonstration piece for example) but the road bike exotica from the seventies and eighties was the star. There are examples of the big Japanese bikes (H2 Kawas, CBX Hondas and so on) through to odd balls like the Bimota V-Due – hundreds of them, and literally everyone looking at them saying something along the lines of “I wish I had never sold my one of those...”!

For me, the big interest area was the racing/Grand Prix displays. For a road racing nerd like myself it is heaven on earth – hard to know where to start describing it! They have a collection of Yamaha TZ’s starting from the mythical “yellow tank” RD race bikes (the bikes that never officially existed – and they have two of the ten known to have been built) to a 2003 final model, with every model in between covered – 125/250/350/500 and 750. There are RG/RGB Suzuki’s, a Spencer NS500, H1R Kawasaki ex-Yuan Duhamel along with unusual things like the Aermacchi/Harley Davidson 500 two stroke twin that Pasolini rode.





1960 AJS 7R

Country:	United Kingdom
Engine:	Air-cooled, single cylinder four-stroke
Ignition:	Magneto
Power Rating:	36 bhp @ 7,000 rpm
Bore x Stroke:	75.5 x 78 mm
Displacement:	349 cc
Valves:	Overhead, chain driven
Fuel System:	Single Amal GP racing carburetor
Transmission:	Four-speed
Suspension:	Front telescopic fork, Rear twin shock
Braakes:	Front and Rear drum
Weight:	295 lb
Top Speed:	115 mph

The 7R was a road race machine available to the private owner, and the most popular machine in the 350 cc class. Known as the "Boy's Racer," the 7R was a good reliable bike which was easy to ride and maintain. Approximately twenty-five bikes were produced annually, all hand-built. New Zealander Hugh Anderson, who later rode 50 and 125 cc Suzuki's to World Championship titles, competed on this actual machine in the '60s as a privateer.

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On that note there is a nice display of another Pasolini bike alongside a Saarinen bike (Yamaha 350) – a tasteful commemoration of a horrible event. There was a big collection of MV Agusta GP bikes, ridden by the likes of Surtees, Hailwood and Agostini. There is even an ex-Hugh Anderson 500. Perhaps the most interesting single bike in this area is a Vostok 500 inline 4 four stroke – basically a copy of the Honda 4 GP racer, but built in Russia. Only raced in the eastern European Grand Prix's “behind the wall” in the late sixties, it wasn't terribly successful, but certainly not a common critter.

The star of their collection is rather ironically a Britten – we forget in NZ with our regular exposure to these bikes how incredible they are to others.

This museum has to be on any enthusiast's bucket list – it is hard to describe how impressive it is. Entry is fairly cheap, even if you get the “behind the scenes tour” at only \$18, and it is a very full day just to get around the museum once. (A side note, check if the basement is open before paying for the tour – if it is open you can do the whole tour yourself for free). The facility is part of a race track as well that hosts AMA road racing, so you can stand on the track bridge and watch that as well for free.



