



COMING EVENTS

ANZAC Road Trial – Sunday May 19 – 9:30 a.m. briefing

As the hillclimb had been planned for April 28 we decided that the road ride for May would be the annual ANZAC Road Trial. Although the hillclimb was cancelled quite late, we hadn't planned for replacing it with the road trial with short notice.

For those not familiar, riders will depart at one to two minute intervals and follow instructions handed to them prior to departure. Details of the event and where we are going are not released until you get the plan just prior to departing. I am thinking that riders will be making a guess of their average speed over the total distance to be covered. We will be having one, maybe two, stops. At least one of these will be at a primo Waikato café.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. for the briefing and riders will start departing, one at a time, from 9:45.

Any queries?

Phone me, ray, on 022 3400118

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HMCC Presidents Report May 2024

Welcome Riders

I would like to reflect on Tony Knox our club member who recently passed away after a road riding incident. We had a memorial service last Saturday for Tony at our club rooms which was well attended by Tony's family and work colleagues also riders from the Auckland Motorcycle Club the NZ Classic Motorcycle Racing Register and the Hamilton Motorcycle Club. I did not know Tony very well so I cannot comment on much of his life, but I can understand loss and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends and anyone who now feels his loss.

I do know motorcycling though and in recent years organising race meetings and the struggle involved. Finding enough people to run an event is difficult. Flag marshals are a critical cog in a successful race event and I have found the task of gathering the required numbers daunting. I would start with flaggies lists from previous events and always somewhere near the top of the list (as in first to put his hand up) was Tony Knox. On top of that he could be relied on to oversee the trickiest part of the track. On race day he was the most enthusiastic person at the track, I'm positive his zest for racing rubbed off on others and helped entice them to get involved. Even I was given a lift after catching up with Tony. He then went on to race which is great to see but even after which if he wasn't racing he was track side helping everybody else. That is a rare trait and I admire Tony hugely for that.

Thank you, Tony, for your enthusiasm and dedication to motorcycle racing

Rest In Peace Mate

Chris Bridge

President

Hamilton Motorcycle Club Inc



Club ride 14th April

A group of us gathered at the recently opened Waitomo fuel stop at Ruakura to leave on this ride. Jay was on his Suzuki GSX S750, Mark was on a late model GSX1000 (I think) and Aaron and Ninka were on a BMW K1600 (all 3 of them were newcomers to our rides), Michelle and I were on the Guzzi, Bob and Brett were down from Auckland for this excursion on their 2 Tridents, Mikey was already there on his 883 when we arrived, Steve P was on his Aprillia 1000 V twin, Ray arrived on his BMW R1200ST after fitting new brake discs and rushing to get a new wof the day before, and Mark arrived on his Bimota.



Because the roads were still damp after a few days of rain I elected to head out through Scotsman Valley rd, as there is not much shade through there, so the road would be good and dry. Once we got through there, we turned right at Kiwitahi to go through Walton to SH27. We turned left onto SH27 for a few kms before turning into Diagonal rd, then did a bit of a zigzag into Baker rd which took us to Manawaru where we stopped at "Café 77" for a coffee. That was where Steve joined us on his Spartan. We highly recommend this café if you are looking for something a bit different, as they have a climbing wall and a local museum, and it is on the cycle trail that goes between Te Aroha and Matamata as well.

After we were fed and “coffeed”, we took Shaftesbury road towards the Kaimai mountain range, and turned right into Te Aroha-Gordon rd (also called Old Te Aroha rd). We



continued right through “til we connected with SH29 (main Tauranga road) at the base of the Kaimais. We stayed on SH29 briefly before turning toward Rotorua onto SH28 and went through to the Okoroirie Pub and hot pools where we stopped for an ale and some blah, blah, blah.

There were a few bikes already there when we arrived, but not as many as I expected on such a sunny day. After a while, Aaron and Ninka headed home back to Waihi from there and the rest of us headed north toward Taotaoroa rd, crossing both SH27 and SH29, then through Whitehall and over French Pass rd into Cambridge where we stopped at Steve and Jo’s for a cuppa and more discussion. Bob and Brett needed to get back to Auckland before dark, so they took off about 3pm, then each of us made our own way home from there.

We covered about 180kms of some great Waikato and Matamata/Piako roads, with enough corners and scenery for everyone. It was quite a relaxed ride with good company and a good variety of bikes.

Bruce.





“Not the Quine Rd Hillclimb Road Ride” – April 28th

We had an extra HMCC club ride this month on April 28th to replace the cancelled Quine Rd Hillclimb.

This earned the ride the name of “Not the Quine Rd Hillclimb Road Ride”. The ride involved going to Nikau Caves Cafe via ... wait for it Quine Rd!

We had 8 riders turn up at BP Rototuna for a 10 o'clock departure, made up of 4 club members and 4 day riders who saw our Facebook post for the ride.

We went out to Quine Rd via Whitiakahu to Tahuna and stopped at where the start line for the hillclimb. Riders broke out in spontaneous praise and salutations of the holy ground before riding up the short 1.1 km section we use for the event. The ride was conducted under normal public use of the road decorum. Prior to riding up the course, Mike and I rode up to where the finish is, with Mike taking a video as we rode up. He then took videos from the finish of each of the 6 riders that followed. Links for the videos will be in next months magazine and we will also upload them to Facebook asap.

We then carried on to Nikau Caves Cafe via Tahuna Rd, Storey Rd, Waiterimu Rd, Tahuna Rd, with a fuel stop at Huntly. We then went over the Tainui bridge and then onto Waikokowai Rd, Hetherington Rd to SH22. Plenty of fine Waikato roads to ride on a perfect autumn day for riding.

We met up with Bob and Brett, our club members from Auckland along with our riding buddy Kevin; the Triumphant guys. Also there was Terry Stevenson and friend out for a ride on da car; the Jag. Steve Smith was also there; he is in recovery mode from a recent operation that will have him making the pace on future rides we hope.

Cheers Ray

SERVICE FOR TONY KNOX

Sadly, we lost one of our members last month, out enjoying a private ride.

Tony was well known and liked by many in our community, especially those involved in road racing.

Tony joined the Marshalling clan a few years back, with much enthusiasm, and was always a valued member of the marshalling team at events all over the North Island, particularly Hamilton MCC, Auckland MCC and NZ Classic Motorcycle Racing Register events.

After all that marshalling, Tony decided he had to give it a go himself. He joined in the Clubman class at AMCC, on his KTM 390, and promptly won the Clubman Junior Cup.

He will be very much missed all around the motorcycling community.

HMCC hosted a memorial service for him last Saturday, attended by well over 100 people from all around, the biggest crowd the clubrooms has seen in a few years!.

