



HMCC Presidents Report June 2024



Hello Motorcycle Lovers

Winter is here and with we need to add some more layers or better still splash out on some better gear.

Weekend of the 25th, 26th I again attended the Motorcycling New Zealand annual conference in Wellington this year there was ongoing concerns within our sport shared as well as positives looking forward. As with many aspects of current life we are still dealing with the Covid hangover and on top of that finally hard times. All our Motorcycle disciplines are dealing with reduced number and ideas around dealing with this were shared openly by clubs and MNZ alike.

Although motorcycle sales have decreased from the lock down highs there are good numbers of casual riders out on our roads, booking out track days and signing up at Trail Rides. But these strong numbers have not being seen at competition events. It's no surprise that when the belt tightens luxuries like competing are out as it does not on life's essentials list. MNZ and clubs are working hard where possible to keep the spark alive and achievable events happening.

Also of concern is Health and Safety (an increasingly distasteful topic to many) after three serious competition incidents have brought the spotlight on us. MNZ the volunteers that make it tick along with clubs have put in huge efforts on behalf to ensure riders, spectators and everyone volunteering are as safe as possible physically and legally. Many of us have strong views on this topic and some are quick to vocalise their insightful solutions to it. But please keep in mind everyone from a Flaggy to a Club Steward or an MNZ Board member is a volunteer. They give their time for the love of Motorcycling and so we can enjoy the best sport in the world.

You too can do you part, next time you interact with one of these great persons by-
Listen carefully to their instructions and thanking them for their efforts.

To everyone from the first time Flaggie to our MNZ president Big Mac. THANK YOU

Chris Bridge

Hamilton Motorcycle Club Inc



Anzac road trial.



This was held almost a month after Anzac day this year because of other commitments, but we still had 9 bikes (2 with pillions passengers) turn up on the day (May 19th) at 9.30am to take part. Ray had organized it over a few weekends prior, so thanks to him for doing that.



The instructions that Ray gave us (after we gave our odo reading and nominated our expected average speed) took us away from The Village Café in Whatawhata out toward TePahu and turning right into Limeworks Loop rd to TePahu, then to Whittaker rd and back onto Limeworks Loop rd. Then back onto TePahu rd and into a big loop via Grove rd to join back onto TePahu rd to take us to Kakaramea rd (SH39) and through Pirongia.



So that was onto Limeworks Loop rd twice and TePahu rd 4 times!!! Yea, we were confused by then too!!! Then a few kms beyond Pirongia we turned toward Kawhia on Ngutunui rd. When we joined the main Kawhia rd, we turned left toward Otorohonga. A few kms along there I took an early right turn and did about 4 extra kms, but I soon doubled back to get

back on track. I soon found Turitea rd (the correct rd), then Honikiwi rd, back to SH39 and into Waitomo valley rd for the lunch stop at the Tomo bar in Waitomo.



All up we covered approx. 110kms, not sure exactly how many extra kms I covered. I estimated my average speed was going to be 78kph, and it turned out to be 74kph according to Ray. The task after lunch was to be given a planned route back to Whatawhata and we had to estimate the total kms back there from Waitomo via a very convoluted route.



I think I guessed 113kms and it was 118kms according to the organizing authority, where no discussion was to be entered into and the judge's decision was final. LOL!



Given that the winner is tasked with organizing next years' event, I had no interest in winning it anyway. Joe won the day on his GSXR1000, I think I came in about 4th. Not sure where anyone else was placed, but the final results may be in here somewhere along with some random photos.



Anyhow, it was a great ride over some interesting roads, some I had not been on before. I am sure all those who were there enjoyed the ride, and of course, the social aspect. We had

a couple of newcomers join us for the ride too, so that is great to see. The weather was kind to us for the whole ride too, which always helps with the enjoyment factor.



Cheers,
Bruce.

TRAILS

Hi All

A reminder of our trial next Sunday

ALSO....WE ARE STILL NEEDING MORE OBSERVERS FOR OUT NI CHAMPS AT WHAREPAPA SOUTH ON 7TH JULY.....IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT US.

Hamilton Motorcycle Clubs



Waikato Trials News

Next event

Hamilton MCC Trials champs round 2

Sunday 9th June at John Arthurs property at end of Arthurs Road, Te Pahu.

Sign on 9.00am

Riders briefing 10.15am

Seniors \$20

Juniors \$5

There will be spot prizes awarded at this event to lucky contestants that are present for the draw.

For more info contact Jim on 0273665842

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