



## Next Club Night

This Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

## HMCC Presidents Report June 2024

Hello Fellow Riders

Our shortest day has been and gone and we can look forward to better riding conditions and the countdown to Christmas. It is great to see our monthly club rides well attended with a few new riders joining in. Spread the word the more the merrier.

When it comes to road riding I am no expert but I have covered a reasonable distance by myself and in groups on a variety of bikes. Over those kilometres these are the pearls of wisdom I have gained.



Most importantly don't get lured into riding faster than you should. This applies to many situations, you maybe riding quicker to keep up with a mate or a group of riders. You could be on your own trying to get to your destination quickly or beat your usual time or it could just be a series of your favourite corners that entices you to increase your speed.

Unlike the powers to be I am not saying speeding is the cause of all accidents, but crashes are usually a result of being caught out and when we are traveling quicker this more likely to happen.

In a group of riders let everyone know they can travel at their own pace and not be left behind. Give slower riders gentle encouragement not a windup about their speed even if your approach is light-hearted, it still applies pressure. If the slower rider is in front to set the pace give them plenty of room, following too close will push a rider along and a rider behind

will often distract from what is coming up. Keep in mind it is easier to follow someone than lead plus the best way to learn is to follow.

Pressure to keep up can also apply with experienced riders traveling at the same speed. In this case the lead rider has the advantage as they can speed up or slow to pass traffic at the best spot. The follow rider is then left with less room to pass or drop back and increase speed to catch up once the opportunity to pass comes.

That's all from me just to ponder inside your helmet.

See you this Thursday night at Hamilton Motorcycle Clubrooms, 149 Seddon Rd, 7:30

Chris Bridge

Hamilton Motorcycle Club Inc



#### **UPCOMING Ride**

July Road Ride

This will be a hot pool ride on Sunday July 21st.

Details to be provided by text and Facebook post.

Please send me a text if you are not on my text list for HMCC road rides.

Cheers

Ray

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From The Last Club Night



The new Suzuki GSX800S display bike thanks to Boyd Motorcycles



Terry Stevenson making the Suzuki look good.



Jon brought his BMW C1 scooter along to club night before listing it on Trade me.



Terry trying out the BMW for size.



Jordan Burley contemplating if he could win anything on it!



Terry and Jordan off for a blast on the C1. Jon may have found a couple of buyers!

**Mid-winter dip ride, 22/6/2024.**



Due to a weather forecast predicting bad weather for the proposed day of the ride (Sunday) the Hamilton Motorcycle Club mid-winter dip ride was brought forward to the Saturday.



7 of us (Mark on his Bimota, Ray on his BMW R1200ST, Michelle and I on our MotoGuzzi V1100 Brevia, Ed on his brand new Ducati Panigale, John on his Suzuki GSX1000S, Terry on his BMW K1600GT, and Phirun on his Kawaski 636 Ninja) all met up and left BP Rototuna at close to the agreed time of 10am and headed out through Gordonton and Whitikahu to meet up with Steve (BMW R100RS) and Lindsay (BMW R1100S). We went over the boring swamp road to Paeroa where we had a quick stop at the L&P bottle. The weather had definitely started to cool down as we headed through the gorge to Waihi as the rain started to get us a bit wet. The roads towards Whangamata were quite wet for about 10kms, then was wet/dry patches as we got close to Whangamata.



We stopped at the surf club which was where Bob (BSA Firebird 750) and Brett (Triumph 900 Trident) had ridden down from Auckland to meet us. No-one appeared brave enough to go in for a mid-winter dip in the ocean (which goes against the name for the ride). We went to the café behind the surf club for lunch which was a good choice. We saw the last shower of rain for the day while we had our lunch. After an hour or so there, we headed north on dry roads to Hikuwai and over the hill to Kopu to stop at the pub for a beer. We rode towards Auckland through Waitakaruru and onto SH2 for a few kms (Bob and Brett carried on to Auckland) and the rest of us turned into Okaeria rd to get to Hamilton via Waiterimu, Rutherford rd, Taupiri and Kainui rd and Horsham Downs.



It was a great days ride with a good bunch of people. Lucky that the ride was changed to the Saturday, as the road was flooded somewhere between Whangamata and Hikuwai on the Sunday after heavy rain during Saturday night, so it was a good call.

Roll on the next ride which is to the hot pools at Waikete Valley (hope some are brave enough to get in the water that day!!!).

Bruce.

Safety Tip For the Month



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