



Welcome to 2025. Our first club night is this Thursday at 7.30.

## HMCC Presidents Report February 2025

Hello everyone and welcome to HMCC 2025

I trust you all had a good break and used your time wisely i.e. Riding. I did a overnighter down the Forgotten Highway via Ohura and back up the coast. The Desert X was great though the tight stuff although not really needed as they were just fishing off the last stretch of sealing.



Our club's big event March 9th is the Frankton Thunder Bike Show in conjunction with Ride Forever. Last year's show went well, and we gave out \$4000 in prizes over six categories. This year we will make some tweaks to improve it and will have over double the prize pool.

What we need from you is Bikes! Polish yours up, tell your mates and drag Grandads out from behind his Honda Accord. We will finalise categories soon to suit every shape, brand, age and cleanliness of machine from a new shiny weapon to a tired old commuter. With the backing of Ride Forever the emphasis is on how you ride not what. So, whether your bike is pampered to death or ridden and parked there are some serious prizes up for grabs.

We also need a few volunteers to run it smoothly please let me know. Frankton Thunder is a great day out with heaps to see and only requires a small amount of admin. (not that I count sorting bikes as admin).

More details to follow in the meantime spread the word.

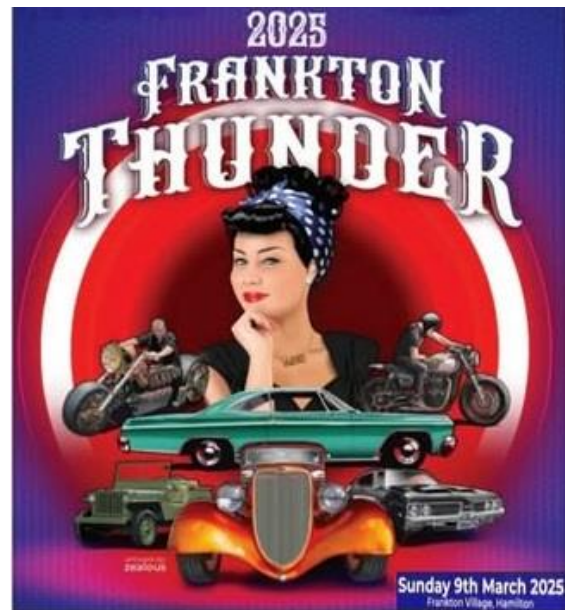
Club night this Thursday

See you there

Chris Bridge

President

Hamilton Motorcycle Club Inc



### **HMCC February 2025 Road Ride**

Destination: Kaiaua

Date: Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

Meet at BP Rototuna 9:30 a.m.

### **HMCC “Fish and Chip ride” to Raglan thurs 7th Nov 2024.**

Michelle and I rode out to Raglan with Steve and Mikey earlier than most of the others (4pm), trying to get on the road before the masses of commuters that seem to drive that road daily these days (and to get there before the predicted rain). Steve and Mikey stopped at the pub to wait for the others, while we rode around to the fish and chip shop near the camping ground (and it was real good, as always).

By the time we had eaten and got back to meet up with Steve and Mikey, a few others had arrived and before long 15 of our club members were there on their bikes. I won't try to remember all who were there, as I am bound to miss some out. It was a bloody good turn out considering the forecasted rain, but some did strike the rain on the hill on their way to Raglan.

After all were suitably fed and “hydrated” at the pub (not sure how many had a fish and chip meal), it was a gentle meander back to the clubrooms for most of us on patchy, wet roads. Some elected to head straight home after the ride, but the majority of us returned to the clubrooms for the monthly club night where Nick (NV Motorcycles, Morrinsville) had a couple of the new Guzzi’s displayed for us.

It was a good turnout for the short-ish (after work) ride, and there were good numbers gathered back at the clubrooms afterward.

There is another short ride (approx. 1 hour) organized for the December clubnight, leaving the clubrooms at 6pm sharp, weather permitting.

Some photos from the evening.

Bruce.

### **Club night ride 5th December 2024.**

For the last club night of the year, we (I) thought we would kick it off with a “gentle 1 hour pleasurable evening meander around some country roads close to Hamilton” from the clubrooms starting at 6pm, then return for a BBQ and “lemonade” (a great plan).

There were some dark clouds on the horizon, but hey, when has the weather forecast ever been correct, right???

Off all 10 of us set off towards Whatawhata on an eclectic mix of bikes, from Steve on his 1924 AJS big port 350cc to a couple of the very latest Ducati V2 Panigales, and a real mixture of in between machinery. The dark clouds were hanging around exactly where we were heading, but as we were meeting others on the way, we were committed to the planned route (I must put my hand up here as the organizer of this ride).

As we arrived into Whatawhata the drizzle started, but at least the road was still fairly dry (for a few more kms). That changed as we turned into Te Pahu rd and continued to our turnoff into Limeworks Loop rd, then it just got heavier and wetter (of course – that was in the forecast!). A few kms into Limeworks Loop rd we picked up Jimi (Matchless) and Steve dG (Ducati 999) at the pre-arranged spot. We carried on to the Te Pahu hall, then turned left on Te Pahu rd to head back to Whatawhata and return to the clubrooms.

It was still raining (just not as heavily now) all the way back to Hamilton where Mark had kindly been slaving away on the BBQ (thanks Mark). Once we got our wet gear off and discussed aspects of the ride (and the weather), and lots of other crap, the BBQ was a welcome way to warm up.

A “gentle 1 hour pleasurable evening meander around some country roads close to Hamilton”??? Almost!

For me it was a bit of an anxious ride, as it was my first ride in the rain on our newly acquired bike, and with Michelle on the pillion as well. I didn’t know what the wet handling or tyres would be like, etc, etc. But it turned out all good, I just got quite wet as it doesn’t have much of a screen on it compared to my old bike.

Next time I will organize a dry ride.

Cheers,

Bruce.

Small Confession Bruce sent me a bunch of photos but for some reason getting them to the newsletter seems to be beyond ability and I couldn’t find a kid to do it for me. Sorry Bruce

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