

Cycle Torque



NEWSLETTER OF THE IXION MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

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Here you go, May newsletter reasonably legible and intelligible, although no one's saying 'intelligent'....

Few things to tick off - a trial report; a presidente piece about this....and that; a glowing example of plagiarism from those over-achievers down south, the Daniel Boones of Mototrials (the Pioneer mob); and some other frivolities as well, all nicely package into your slim-line, pared back, Jenny Craig-reduced May newsletter.

How do we do it? No one knows and most don't care.

Sidey gets honours first up with his highly personalised account of our last mototrial out at Ian Muir's, a trial where one tiny piece of wood a bare four metres in height proved something of an obstacle and talking point...

Club Trial at Mr Muirs

1st May 2022

A nice fine but cool day for this one, perfect riding weather and nice and dry underyre. Attendance up a little bit, nice to see Emily back in action and welcome to Michael Melles stepping into his first trial in A grade. New to trials but I think he's done a bit of other riding eh? Hello again to Andrew and Byron Adlam. Didn't see tribe Burns though: off at a motocross apparently. Shame; they missed a cracker trial! I think Wayne and Mike were the main trialsmasters but I have the impression there was plenty of help. Well done to all concerned: nice work.



Ten sections divided into two groups of five confronted us. So it was done that we ride five sections three times, have lunch and then ride the second set of five. Saved a heap of time and wear on the bikes, worked just fine. Us A-grade guys wound up at

sections 6 to 10, set in the bush at the top of the hill.

6 was the classic pile of rocks and trees. Judging by results this was the most difficult for all grades but C. Some debate as to whether the middle part was better with the high or low line until Wayne sorted it out



that the X line was the easiest option! No escaping the large-ish rock at the top though, and the tricky trees just beyond waiting to catch anyone who wound up offline. Just one clean all day: well done Wayne.



7 to 10 were “bank and tree” characters plus a sprinkling of offcambers. 7 was the point-taker here, probably because of the bumpy uphill turn over a small log followed by the little climb to a bunch of footpeg-catcher rocks. 9 caught Kev Tither off guard with a little “deviation” that led to a pretty steep drop. There was a tree for Kev to “splat” on so the unplanned descent was averted. Spectacular but fortunately no injury.





Bunch of lunch then off to 1-5, in the bush and creek bit at the bottom of the hill on the left. Section 1 had a “X line easier than A” bit in it too but the big points-taker was a little bush just after the start. If you missed it you'd hardly notice

it. But if you rode into it ... it could pull you around 180 degrees to head you back towards the start, eh John?



2 was a potential (well actual) stopper, with a log you either pulled a huge wheelie over, or got your footpegs jammed. Just the one obstacle, but it was a beauty.

3 in the creek, very gnarly in the midsection. The choice

was between making two turns in a rock garden or blasting up a narrow bank and across big slippery off-camber tree roots. An almost certain 3 versus a clean/five lottery. Awesome. 4 should have been a clean all day but John was the only one to do it.



And 5 of course: the famous log. It's the same but it looks higher than it used to. Don't relax just because you made it across: the bank at the end took a heap of points and some fives too.



Good footage by Wayne (its on FaceBook) of the messing around at the end of the day on “the log”. We just can't help but go back to the spectacular obstacle after the trial and prove to ourselves over and over that we need more skills; eh? Huge fun though, just like the rest of the trial.

Another awesome day having fun in the dirt. Thanks to the workers and of course to Mr Muir for the use of his fantastic playground – uh sorry- farm! ... *Sidelines*





(Huge trial by the sound and look of it - many thanks to Sidey for the report and Wayne for trawling the videos he took to grab some stills for us - Ed)

The Politburo

Meantime, a group of committed individuals continues to battle away at a multitude of 'things' that need to be done to keep our club running, a group we collectively call The Committee.

Word on the street is that the director of that Spartan movie, '300', is thinking about documenting their exploits in a thrilling sequel called, '12', or '13', or something - not quite the same ring to it, sure, but it will be a highly descriptive account of how so few prevail monthly against overwhelming odds, towering edifices of 'Stuff That Needs Sorting', cutting a swathe threw a 'Canyon Of Red Tape', bravely fending off the enemy's constant threat - probably not the Persians, more like MNZ, dunno - and delivering to us, the common folk, one fabulous experience after another.

Christ, I'm tearing up....

Anyway, here's a wee bit of what they grappled with at their last meeting:

General Business:

Membership fees set at \$40

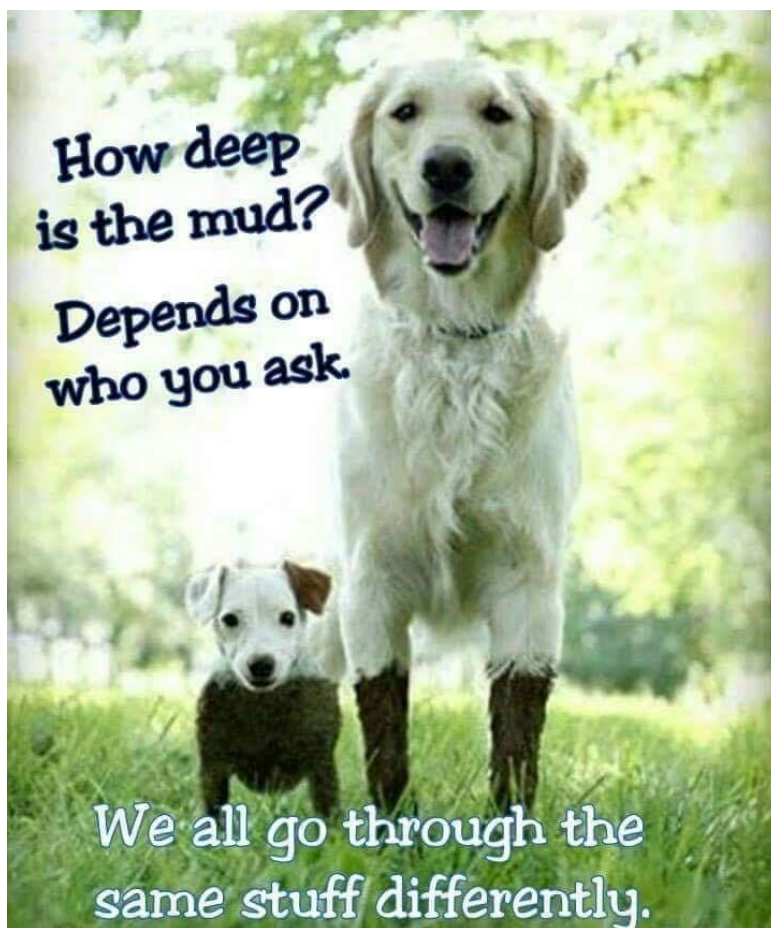
John Lawton put forward have 1 trail riding permit for the club as a whole.

Electric start trial bike discussed in relation to points for stalling.

Chris presto talked about Kids boots- 1 pair overdue.

Richard Latimer put forward the need for new properties and asked for someone to approach the council in regards to a place to hold trials events.

(Brutal stuff and we thank them earnestly for their efforts on hour behalf – Ed)



Contributed by a member, clearly with a philosophical bent for our edification. Bit lateral, to be sure, but a great message in there with a double meaning: the literal one, of course, of going through a bog hole on a trials machine and keeping the throttle open and slipping the clutch to get through. And the far more meaningful one of.....going through a bog hole on a trials machine and keeping the throttle open and slipping the clutch to get through - who the hell thinks of these things...? Gold.

Twinshock + Have-A-Go Day

8th May - Maungies

Three generations of Lawton and Rattray, two generations of Judd and Newton, trials really is a family sport !!

A good turnout , 23 signed on, for the first of this year's Have a Go / Twinshock series on a reasonable sort of Kapiti day. 10 Cards were handed in reflecting the fact that most were there for the fun rather than anything else.

Ten sections had been set by Johnny and Kev, two in the club paddock and the other eight in the fringes of the nearby bush. Only three lines were set, white yellow and red, with most of them being relatively easy although most score cards still had holes in the "wrong" places. I can now claim to have ridden Orange – an eclectic mixture of red and yellow – for the first and probably only time. Most of the sections had been used in various configurations before but one was brand new – a long "Tour de Maungies" through the undergrowth parallel to the path between the big log and the track up the middle. It was good, doable but required concentration only complicated by my onboard GPS having trouble in the trees. The weather held up pretty much, despite a light sprinkle late morning, with lovely conditions for riding – not too hot and not too cold. Good to see a few new faces Chris, son Craig and grandson Oscar Rattray having their first rides with us, Karl Judd out "having a go" until Cameron nicked his bike to head off with Connor and Johnny (fortunately KT had a spare bike) and for Kaikoura (no pressure Jo).

Thanks to those that set, those that turned up and those that pulled pegs. Special mention to Gerry who did the entries and steward stuff then hung around till the end.

Next one of these will be in July, probably back in the Maungies but keep an eye on the calendar ...

I loaned the TY to Kevin Pinfold for the Easter Twin Shock Reunion and got the following report from him after he had a chance to "practice" on it beforehand. He always did have a way with words and very droll sense of humour:

"I went out for a wee tu tu late yesterday on the god almighTY 175.

Taken me a day to recover. Bloody hell I now realise why I don't ride those things anymore. I'd forgotten about that feature all twin shock bikes have where you can pull that lever forward of the throttle and the bike instantly accelerates. And I know why it's called a brake lever, because when you pull it and instantly accelerate you are caught by surprise and you fall off and brake things. And I also now know why the twisty thing is called a throttle. Turn it and it throttles all performance. I think it was about 1985 when someone had a brain wave (maybe Mr Fantic and Mr Beta) and reversed the role of those two components and all of a sudden trials bikes became fun to ride.

Na I didn't bust anything but jeez it would be nice if that front brake did something!!"

It was noticed while they were away that the front guard is on backwards (and has been for a loooong time), KP again :

It was Peter Boettcher that pointed out the front guard. It cost me points that, as I kept looking at it after that thinking yea it don't look right. I was stressing that other people would notice and be laughing to themselves, or even aloud. The humiliation would have been unbearable. Pay bloody good money for a supposedly top works bike and.....

Nope, I've just got to put it all behind me and move on. Well that's what my counsellor is telling me.

(Scrape from FaceAche of the Group Photo)



Left to right: Kerry Miles, Allan Oliver, Robert Rush, Paul Swift, Mark Patterson, Michelle Patterson, Allan Boot, Dick Gardner, Kelvin Bishop, Peter Osborne (partly obscured), Kendall McDonald, Greg Power (red jersey, partly obscured), Alan Honeybone, Peter Boettcher, Peter Hosking, Kevin Tither, Dave Chambers, Brian Chambers, Paul Jackson, Kevin Pinfold, Mike Elliott. Front row, kneeling: Mike Fitzgerald, Peter McDonald, Mike Hennessy, Alistair Gilmour, Warwick Merriman, Peter Dunn, Christine Thompson. There are two at the back behind Mark and Allan B who I'm not sure of.

(Thanks to Richard for the report - Ed)

Blast From the Past

Check this out: a pic from Peter Hosking - that dude who heads up the publishing arm of Pioneer Inc - sent through to us. In his words, *'I'm attaching a North v. South photo taken in*

1968. It has a few Ixionites in it: Mike Harris, Bill Moffat, Jock Cain, Peter McKegney, Des Rolfe, Dave Thornley, Rees Samuel'.



North v. South - 1968.

Front row: Trevor Ronowicz, Jim Auspach, Peter McKegney, Des Rolfe, Errol McCabe, Peter Martin

2nd row: Dave Thornley, Bill Moffat, Mike Harris, Bob McCallum, Peter Archer, Ron Heberd, unknown

3rd row: Ian Groombridge, Rees Samuel, Bas Chambers, Ray Shearman, Tom Dick, Evan Norriss, Bob Cooke, Ivan Clarke, Peter McDonald, Tim Gibbes

Back row: Ted Wharnsby, unknown, Kerry Miles, Robert Rush, Jock Cain, Denny Turnbull, unknown, Chris Harris

And while we're on the subject of yesteryear, Pete also sent these two through, a pretty handy way to see whether fifty years of moisturising was worth it. It's Kev Tither, one photo from the 80's, the other from last weekend's Classic Reunion - see if you can tell which one is which



(Moisture in my duct.....million thanks, Pete, none of them appear to have changed at all with the passing of forty or fifty years, although one might be forgiven for running in the opposite direction if you saw that mob coming at you, 'bovver boots' poised to crack skulls - everything but the shaved melons.....Ed)

The fragility of life....

Just had some news sent through from one of those twinshock stalwarts, Julian Rivers, and a recent scare he had, the kind that have us either checking our life insurance or joining a major institutionalised religion or both.

Here's the message:

'Hi Guys. Bit of news from me. Just got out of hospital. Chest pains and short of breath. Collapsed on bathroom floor. Turns out I have blood clots in both lungs. No apparent reason and scans said otherwise I have fit and healthy heart and lungs. Could have died. Didn't (which is good). On blood thinners and advised not to partake in any sport where a fall could cause internal bleeding. So that is me out for about 6 months. Had already started ordering parts to build up another Fantic (as you do), so that should keep me busy. Just gotta be careful and wear gloves so I don't cut myself'.

Thank God you're alright, Julian - probably that extra shock you carry around at the back saved your arse - looks like we're not going to have to put you down as a DNF.

Sounds like you've a ton of life left in you - Christ, you're only thirty or something, aren't you? We all look forward to seeing out on your bike again soon. And good luck with that Fantic, you're probably going to need it.

The Politburo (Part II)

Just after putting all this together, our Presidente, Riccardo Latimo, submitted the following for publication and I'm pretty shithouse at formatting so couldn't face the horror of attempting to insert Richard into The Politburo (Part I), i.e., the committee goings-on covered off earlier.

So here she is in exciting techni-colour:

Those of you who were at the AGM and paying attention will recall that Neil Sturfels was elected to the position of Club Captain. It subsequently turned out that he hadn't indicated he wanted the job nor had he agreed to nomination. I apologise to Neil for the confusion and will be planning to introduce a more rigorous nomination and election process next year. At our May committee meeting, in line with the club constitution, we appointed Wayne Furniss to the position of Club Captain leaving Gavin Pearce on his tod as Junior Convenor.

We also discussed whether we should run a round of the North Island Trials Championship later this year. The club had decided to abstain in February due to organisational issues relating to running events at the time but with Covid related restrictions largely gone, and hopefully continuing that way, we voted to pursue a September date for Ixion to run rounds 5 and 6. Our preferred option is 17th / 18th which will enable us to run our already planned events that month. Please give some thought of ways in which you can be involved either on the organisational side (planning, paperwork, section setting, section clearing), the operational side (observing, scoring, helping on the day) or even competing and contributing to the greater glory of Ixion.

An item of general business proposed that we should seek to more closely align the difficulty levels of our sections with what happens at other clubs and at National level. There was some interesting discussion but no decision was made other than to investigate further. From where I sit, as an extremely average Clubman that's never been to a national, there are no strong reasons to change but I can't think of any compelling reasons not to either. In simple terms we would probably look to continue much as we do now but we would STOP using the Orange arrows and START using the Green traffic lights. People (that's YOU people) would change the colour of your name boards to suit and life would go on. If you have strong feelings either way (or alternatively don't give a continental) please corner your friendly neighbourhood committee member and let him / her / us know what you think of the idea

(The British used to do this all the time - 'press ganging' they called it - grabbing young men in their prime, just like Neil, off the street and getting them down into the hold of those galleys and-....probably best keep it 'family' here but you can guess the rest, wasn't pretty...Have to say, worked well for them, though, built an empire on it - food for thought...Ed)

Calendar

June

4th-6th - Kaikoura 3 Day - Pioneer Motorcycle Club

12th - Ixion Club Mototrial - Alexanders

July

3rd - Ixion Club Champs - Top Pub

10th - Twinshock Trial - Maungies

17th - North Island Champs Rds 3 + 4 - Hawkes Bay

August

7th - Ixion Club Trial - Maungakotukutuku Valley

Head to our 'Where We Ride' page at <https://ixionmototrials.com/where-we-ride> for location info.

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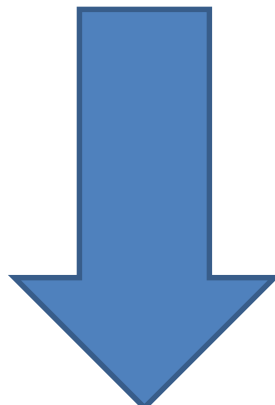
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DOGS are strictly forbidden at Trials because we ride due to the kindness of the farmers who own the land. Dogs make farmers unkind. The last 10 riders to sign in each get to bring in the pegs for one section. So turn up early if you want to leave early! See the President about this, the rules are not applied strictly. Brand new people can ride without an **MNZ license** for two trials; after that it is necessary to join MNZ (Motorcycling NZ), our national body. It's a cool hundred bucks a year, or \$130 for a champs licence, which is only necessary for Junior, President and Expert classes at Island or National level. In addition to the Club Trial, Ixion generally holds a two-day **North Island Championship Trial** each year, which is considered (by **all** Ixion members) to be the premier event in the World Trials Calendar. There are sometimes **Twilight Trials** during the summer starting at 3pm, often followed by a BBQ. The friendly **Committee Meeting** is held on the Tuesday after the Club Trial at the Lighthouse in Pauahatanui at 7:30 pm. Ring Kevin to make sure, before turning up. Club **fees** are \$40 per year and \$20 for fulltime students or social members, \$60 for families. These very reasonable fees are unchanged since the AGM, so pay up and as always ...

Keep calm and keep your feet up!

Results below











IXION MONTHLY MOTOTRIAL

Muir's – 1st May 2022

Name	Bike	Club	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10			Per Round			Count						
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Carl ROBSON	Vertigo	Ixion	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	1	1	0	5	0	10	10	7	27	18	6	1	3	2	
Cameron JUDD	GasGas	Ixion	3	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	5	2	2	3	2	3	0	5	3	3	1	2	3	3	5	3	3	5	2	2	3	3	23	29	23	75	3	5	6	11	5	
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Mark SIDEBOTHAM	Vertigo	Ixion	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	11	13	5	29	12	12	3	2	1	
Wayne FURNISS	GasGas	Ixion	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	16	8	6	30	16	5	4	4	1	
Byron ADLAM	GasGas	Ixion	3	0	3	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	13	8	9	30	11	12	3	4	0	
Kevin TITHER	GasGas	Ixion	3	3	2	3	1	1	3	1	3	2	0	0	5	5	3	5	2	3	1	1	3	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	30	16	15	61	8	5	3	10	4	
John LAWTON	Beta	Ixion	5	0	5	5	5	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	5	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	22	20	21	63	12	1	3	7	7	
Andrew ADLAM	GasGas	Ixion	3	3	1	3	2	2	5	2	2	1	2	0	2	3	3	3	2	5	3	1	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	3	2	3	26	20	18	64	3	6	9	10	2	
Michael MELLES	GasGas		5	3	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	3	3	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	5	2	0	5	2	1	3	3	1	33	25	17	75	5	2	4	15	4	
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Finn PEARCE	Beta	Ixion	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	11	5	24	16	6	6	2	0	
Jonathan NEAL	Jotagas	Ixion	3	3	3	2	1	1	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	27	24	27	78	1	4	3	21	1	
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Donald TRELOAR	Montesa	Ixion	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	5	0	2	3	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	2	3	5	15	16	10	41	14	4	5	4	3	
Baxter TRELOAR	Montesa	Ixion	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	5	5	0	5	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	0	24	27	15	66	8	3	4	10	5
Emily WILLARD	Sherco	Ixion	3	5	3	1	0	0	3	5	3	5	2	0	5	3	5	5	3	2	0	3	0	5	5	5	3	3	1	0	1	1	30	30	20	80	6	4	2	9	9	
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Chris PRESTO	GasGas	Ixion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	3	2	3	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	11	8	24	19	4	3	3	1	
Richard LATIMER	Vertigo	Ixion	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	3	0	5	5	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	16	21	19	56	9	4	3	12	2

Twinklshock + Have a Go Day – 8th May 2022 Maungies

Maungies 8 May 2022

			Individual Scores										Total		
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
24		Brian Follett	0110	2100	0100	1000	0000	1012	0105	5100	3001	5000			32
24		Bruce LePine	0500	2011	5030	1000	0000	1120	0211	0003	5100	0000			35
22		Karl Judd	5300	0201	3000	0000	0000	3550	0011	1051	0331	1300			47
15		Cayden Palenski	3211	3222	3333	0300	0000	2000	5022	3000	3305	5525			73
14		Emily Willard	1111	0011	1323	0020	0000	5121	0020	3233	0013	3531			55
8		Jo Gallen	3520	5555	3312	0252	3053	2110	1210	3333	3553	3000			98
18		Richard Latimer	5020	2322	2010	0501	0110	3121	3310	1021	0000	0000			45
34		Tod Palenski	0000	1011	0000	0000	0000	0000	0113	0000	0000	0000			8
28		Tony Smith	1100	0250	1101	0000	0000	5000	1102	0000	0000	1000			22
38		Wayne Furniss	0000	0000	0100	0000	0000	0000	1000	0000	0000	0000			2

