

# Cycle Torque



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Demenech's aka Top Pub

Said it once, I'll say it again: you just can't get good help. On the other hand, who knew an annual battle of wits between two venerable motorcycle clubs and a government agency that keeps an eye on the endless drivel we see broadcast these days (I really must get them

*Just as well it's a shield and not a mug or you might have a spot of bother working out which was which....Here's your Club perennials who do so much for us and been doing it for so long, maybe we should name the bloody thing after them, cos they deserve it. Good-looking piece of timber, fellas, and a good win!*



on the mail list, this edition alone should keep them busy for a while) would have anything in common.

Yes, November is the month for the annual stoush between Ixion and MOMCC, a bitterly fought affair where we pretend we like them and they pretend they like us, a bare-faced lie, quite frankly, can't stand each other.

A few years back, I was always under the impression that it was something of a foregone conclusion, i.e., the log was ours for the taking. But, these days - and probably to their credit - MOMCC field a pretty competitive team, making competition day a tense affair.

*These guys, milling, not queuing....Look at that intimidating demeanour, absolutely focussed on the section, noting all the obstacles, selecting the best lines, well on their way to future arse-kicking, the key question on the tip of their tongue: 'What day is it....?' This is why you never, ever deprive them of sugar, just not worth it.*



I think I'm right in saying, for example, that last year we snuck in by one point; so, yeah, if you were unfortunate enough to get selected to represent your grade, Valium was really your only recourse.

However, spoiler alert - and without knowing too much about the final points tally - Ixion came first in every goddamn grade this year....whoa!! So, yeah, tight...lol.



*Stu cruising in for a comfortable win in Experts. That 'tiny' bank he's tearing up was brutal enough in Yellow, so that's a big climb, with the pic not really doing it justice, as usual. Clearly, the dude knows what day it is....*



*Zac romped home for a win in C Grade, well clear of MOMCC's finest, Magic Merv. It's just that whole goddamn thing about developing those skills early so they're second nature - otherwise, it's just a grind. Huge win, Zac, and commiserations to Magic - we extend a figurative consoling arm.....figurative.*

Bloody good sections, by-the-bye, assembled by Sidey, Johnny (?), Kev (?)...See? You just can't get good help.



Section 1 was the designated 'gimmee' of the day, or would've been if I hadn't decided to take the Redline....I did, in fact, see red once I realised, so maybe that's where it gets its name.

Section 2 was all about one corner - slippery little off-camber buggler that we all thought was sure to produce a 1 every attempts. But, blow me down, Sidey, somehow, cleaned it once! This is why the dude walks with a camber and soaks his tyres in oil when he practises, always ready for just such a corner. Mental.

Section 3 elicited some excitement amongst the entourage when it became apparent that it had 'hillclimb' written all over it.

Initially, it looked like a multi-choice scenario and reminded me of an Anthropology paper I did at Uni,



*Highly revealing pic of me doing it all wrong. Thing is, when you try and explain it to the family - 'The hips should be forward, eyes up....' - you just get a blank stare. I thought I had the wife with 'hips forward' but, nah, nothing....*

one I hadn't studied for. The final exam was all multi-choice with four options for every question so I just ringed all the A's to see what would happen. Well, in so doing, I ended up finally proving beyond all doubt that the Laws of Probability are an actual thing, coming in with a 25% final mark.

Fairly predictably, I had the Maths dept on the blower almost immediately wanting to make me an honorary professor and asking if I had thought about applying my talents to inter-stellar travel. So, with their encouragement, I got a job at Cape Canaveral, giving my first launch a 50/50 chance of



success but got sacked when the thing petered out on the launch pad. I can still hear the harsh rebuke they yelled at me: 'It's not rocket science!'

Where was I.....BSA...and, I'm back.

So, Section 3 panned out pretty well, all of us taking the 'magic line' that wasn't immediately evident, with a lot of cleans by the end of the day.

Bloody 'one corner' sections, right? Section 4, another case in point. Just the one corner right at the bottom proving the thorn in everyone's side. But, for those who choose to ride with some degree of competence, it wasn't such a problem, with both Wayne and Sidey cleaning it three times out of four. That's a 75% pass so I've enrolled them in Anthropology, confident they'll either rewrite evolution or head into rocket science, clearly over-qualified for both.

*'So, I said to him, 'If your suffle's not rising, you're not using enough baking powder, that's where the lift comes from'.*

*'I hear ya, Kev, I hear ya'.*

*Trials-speak:*

*Colourful? Yes.*

*Relevant? Not really...*



At this point, it behoves me to draw attention to two amigos in our midst: Connor and Finn. Those nippers are riding like legends already and they're only, like, four months old or something, one of them still sporting a withered umbilical cord. It's, like, Christ, sever the goddamn thing, no one wants to see it! (Too much? Probably...)

Anyway, deeply offensive comments aside, Finn came in 1 point behind the winner, Wayne!! One point!! OMJesus, that is mental. Let me be the first to say it: look out Dylan.



*Here's some dude on one of those eMotion bikes that Francois Sidenham is bringing into the country. And right there is your bottom-line test of how good they are in the wet - If anything was going to go pear-shaped, nine metres of water will do it. Frankly, I'm surprised they don't offer a power cable version plugged into a generator, connected by, um, quite a long cord. Having said that, eMotion have reportedly been working on a nuclear version which, being French, they've been testing at Mururoa Atoll in the Pacific. So far, so good, apparently, with only modest setbacks, including all marine life instantly vaporising the second they kickstart it. Couple of bottles of pinot noir and some camembert, they'll sort it out.*

Better wind up here, got the Midwives Association's lawyers knocking on the door and NASA on the blower, again, something wanting their lighter fluid back. It's a tough gig, writing a newsletter - who knew?!



*She's young, talented, ambitious, with a bright future ahead of her, until....she chose mototrials. Mixing with bad seeds, it was downhill for her, then up, over a log, and home. Some people blame others, others blame them. One thing's for sure: there's no turning back once you've had a whiff of life on the lam - no rules, no money, no food, no home, no friends - this is why we ride.*

Good on the section setters and good on the inestimable Mr Demenech for buying large tranches of property at affordable prices, although probably not a good call offering the AA drinky-drinky people a weekly meeting spot with the nickname Top Pub....just saying.

Out. (Results last page) (Pete Robson did the pics, so big ups - cheque's in the mail, Pete, get yourself to that letterbox now, it will be there:)



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5z-ORjN6Tg&t=743s&ab\\_channel=sumimitumaru](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5z-ORjN6Tg&t=743s&ab_channel=sumimitumaru)

Here at Ixion Global, when it comes to running an international media corporation that hires and fires thousands a day, we nailed down two options for how to succeed: plan everything well ahead of time so everything runs seamlessly - or, wing it.

We set up a secret ballot so everyone could vote but then someone started passing round a cat video which was pretty cute so, have to say, and it didn't happen. Consequently, by default, we wing it.

While it sounds like a Video of the Week is a good addition to these pages, in reality, we'll probably forget all about it by the next edition, the downside to winging it.

On to the vid: What is it about the Japanese and mototrials? They just seem to love it - there's a shitload of them competing in the numerous videos I've seen on Youtube and they even have score cards held up by the observers who all wear white hard hats and serious looks, almost scolding, as their arm goes vertical, tut-tutting another dab...pretty savage.

But this one I found appealing because of the do-or-die nature of one short hillclimb the riders face as they come off a concrete block. Bit bizarre but eminently watchable - knock yourselves out.

Send in any you've come across that are engaging - or don't - we can just wing it, no sweat.



Riccardo ricocheted this bad boy through - seems there are those out there jolly keen on putting events together.

Hit the link for all your deets....<https://www.silverbullet.co.nz/event.php?id=16813>

Here's a bit of text from one of the organisers - Lampkin? Probably....

*Strictly speaking, it is not a trials event and I am not wanting to speak for the Ixion Club, but I have*

*this scheduled for Taranaki Anniversary weekend, 12th March.*

*The concept is to bring bikes without seats and those with seats, together.*

*I use our local club to help run and organise observers for this event.*

*Dougy.*

And here's a demo vid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhsWZHB-mPw&t=73s>

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## Have A Go/Classic Day Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Maungies

Quick mention of this event: always fun, no stress, all welcome, great day. And that might just be the least words you'll ever hear from me. Results on last page.



*Action shot.....doesn't get much more exciting than this.*

*I suggested that the carby float jet might be all bunged up, hence the appreciative look from this hirsute fellow.*

*I just like to help, is all, feels good....*





*Here's Keanu Uren (well, it says that on his name plate) smiling ear to ear, and why wouldn't he..?! Summery weather, trial-ready, ace mechanic ready to help taking the pic....life's good.*

*Here's Ashley Lucas' machine (hope I've got that right), which started life as a farm bike and you can still buy them new, he tells me.*

*But, trialers being trialers, 'they can rebuild it, make it stronger, faster'. So, Ash has re-engineered the pegs, frame, steering head angle, shocks, tank, bash plate, etc, to what you see before you.*

*It's an unambiguous symptom, of course, of that malaise from which we all suffer, a sickness which costs us money, time, jobs and family: mototrials.*

*But, hey, waddya gonna do...*





Can you believe that certain types in offroad m/c events having been behaving so badly that [Massage New Zealand \(MNZ\)](#) has had to issue this email?

*'Over the last few months we have seen a steady increase in inappropriate behaviour at events and across different social media platforms. While these incidents are not related and are across all disciplines across the country the frequency and nature of these issues is starting to become a serious issue.*

*As we start to head in to our summer events along with our National and Championship events across the country, we feel it is worth a timely reminder to everyone involved in our great sport, of the requirements and duties of everyone that is a current member of MNZ*

*All officials are being reminded and given more training and tools to deal with certain situations, however they should not need this as long as everyone follows the rules*

*Members are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and socially acceptable manner.*

*Threats, abuse or physical violence will not be tolerated and provocation may not be accepted as an excuse.....'*

....and it goes on quite a bit more from there.

All rather astounding, I'm sure you'll agree, because in Trials, it's all smiles, claps on the back and colourful language that would make a sailor blush.

I used to go to quite a few organised trail rides - Bermbusters and stuff - and would walk the pits trying to chat and ask advice but it was the oddest thing: I couldn't make a connection in all those years.

On the other hand, two minutes into trials, and it's 'one of the family'.

Maybe it's the 'boutique' nature of trials; or maybe the absence of direct one-on-one competition, dunno, but it might just be that we're 'different' crowds.

Some mototrialers do more than one discipline and they might have a different impression. But, one thing's for sure: that shit is unacceptable and I just don't see it either happening or being tolerated in our club - why the hell would you, we're too busy having fun!

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# Calendar

## December

4<sup>th</sup> – Ixion Club Trial - Xmas Trial - Woods

## January

8<sup>th</sup> - Ixion Club Trial - Glovers tbc

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

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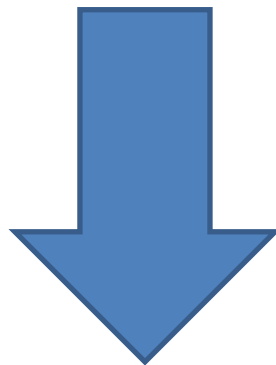
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**DOGS** are strictly forbidden at Trials because we ride due to the kindness of the farmers who own the land. Dogs make farmers unkind. The last 10 riders to sign in each get to bring in the pegs for one section. So turn up early if you want to leave 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



## BSA Shield (Top Pub)

### 13th of November, 2022 (Sunday)

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Chris Morrison	MOMCC		0	0	0	0	5	1	2	1	5	0	3	1	0	5	0	1	0	5	0	0	5	5	3	1	3	3	2	5	5	2	2	2	5	3	3	2	5	5	5	2	33	29	20	15	97	10	5	7	6	12					
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Sections 10 Rounds 4 Riders 18

Sort is B (A), P (A), CK (D), CJ (D)

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		Individual Scores										Total	Section Totals												Round Totals					
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Red	Wayne Furniss	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0121	0000	0000	0000	0000			4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
	Kevin Tither	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	1111	0000	0000	0000	0000			4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
	John Lawton	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	5102	0000	0000	0000	0000			8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	2
	Zack Furniss	0000	3001	3000	0000	0000	5000	0000	0000	0000	0000			12	0	4	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	1
	Paul Williams	0500	0000	5050	1000	5000	5000	3005	0000	0000	0000			34	5	0	10	1	5	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	19	5	5	5
	Ashley Lucas	0000	2100	5000	5000	0200	5532	0055	0000	0000	0000			40	0	3	5	5	2	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	17	8	8	7
	Bruce LePine	0000	1100	5555	5321	1201	5325	0000	3000	5000	1010			62	0	2	20	11	4	15	0	3	5	2	0	0	26	14	10	12
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