

# Cycle Torque



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Apologies in advance but this will be the condensed version because I'm hard up against it with 'stuff that needs doing', this newsletter being one of them. However, it's the only one that doesn't pay, hard evidence of that old mantra, 'Time is money' .....

So, here we go...

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**Ixion January Club Trial**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Fab time out at Glover's property - weather behaved, small but dedicated crew, challenging sections, not too shabby.

Might be blowing my own trumpet here because, for the last two trials, I've found myself in the unusual and rather uncomfortable position of having to set some sections.

At the Xmas trial, Kev said, 'Go place these three bags of flags somewhere over there and we'll have a go at setting a section'. But I thought he said 'go set three sections', something akin to asking a five-year-old to take over a brain operation.....gnarly.

So, off I go at Judd's, along with the inestimable Emily, and we randomly plonked some flags about willy-nilly and called them 'sections'. In fact, they held up pretty well, once the section-meisters started riding them with thumbs up, all except Section 6 - the grass dried out and it was a doddle.

Quite a fun thing to do, actually, and always interesting as you set an obstacle, whether it will indeed be a doddle or something largely impossible. Bit of a dark art, section-setting, so when Jan 8<sup>th</sup> rolled around, I had a go at another three.

Interestingly, in spite of buggar-all room to set them in, they proved more than challenging, so I was pretty stoked at the result.

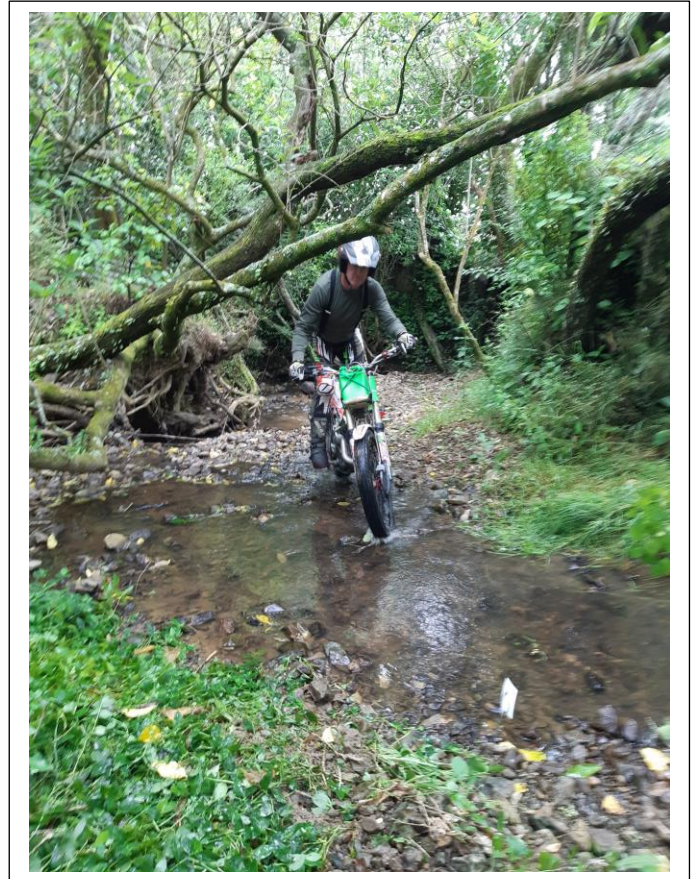
Frankly, I still had a shit day - ten fives!! - just kept stalling the bloody thing. But I was tripping about how well I did in a couple of sections: the only one to clean Section 3, thank you very much and the lowest score in Section 5 + 7!! Mental....

And if it sounds like bragging, well, it's because it is:) When you inhabit the last position in most trials, by Christ a fella has to enjoy his wins....just saying.

So that'll do - here's some pics from Jerry 'Kodak' Foon (good man, Jerry):







(Results on last page)



Full explanation for these fine pics below.....

# El Presidente Report

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Meantime, back on the ranch, those tireless few we call our committee have been beavering away on our behalf and you get a good sense of it with this report from that dude at the top, known as 'El Presidente' to the admiring throngs, Riccardo Latimo to everyone in South America...

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*It's still January so I feel I can wish you all a Happy New Year without being too much of a Dick 😊 I hope you all had a good holiday season with lots of goodies, even if they were only socks and undies, beneath the tree and spent quality time with your families ... For those who travelled I hope your journeys were not too unpleasant or punctuated by interactions with the blue shirt gang for transgressing the speed limit. I stayed home this year while my grandson had his SECOND dose of the chinese lung rot disease, fortunately without too many ill effects and yes I managed a couple of presents from adoring fans ... I may be going out on a limb here postulating that one of the best was a new, uncomfortable, seat for the Yamaha even if I did have to buy it myself. Oh and the Cape Cod chair so I can comfortably nap in the sun from the owner trainer was pretty cool as well!*

*We sent Santa to our landowners to thank them for their support with a Mitre 10 gift card and a Christmas Card that Zack Furniss put together round a picture that Emily found on the interwebby. Great work done there and I'm already taking names for next year's card – here's looking at the Pearce family 😊*

*With the holidays still in full swing attendance at our January trial at Peter and Jim Glover's was pretty low but those that turned up claimed to have had a good time ... Eight sections set out on the day were plenty on a hot day, I managed to avoid a swim in the creek this year, and they varied from easy to hard to something else. Something different was section 7 which started and finished in the same place and was effectively a ride from somewhere to somewhere else, turn around and go back to somewhere. Hard on ankle and shoulders due to being very narrow "through" the monster macrocarpa. I believe Gerry took photos so look for them elsewhere here or on the website.*

*February is almost upon us and Wayne will be hosting us in Wainui on the 5<sup>th</sup> for a club event and with it being a long weekend, New Zealand Day or somesuch, has put together a trail ride from his place to Steve Wade's and back again for the Sunday. He's anticipating about four hours return, might be longer if you have too many beers at Steve's but does warn that it is not really suitable for clubman grade riders. Later in the month, the 25<sup>th</sup> I believe will be the umpteenth running of the "World Famous in Wellington" JRL ride in the Maungies. John, Kevin, Bob and, I imagine, a cast of thousands have been prepping tracks and cutting foliage in preparation for some time so it should be it's usual stunning self. Something for everyone so turn up on the day with entry money, lunch, barbie bits and plenty of fuel.*

March is the last month of the Club Year so the trial on the 5<sup>th</sup>, at Ian Muir's in Whitemans Valley will have championship points AND the Anniversary Cup to compete for. Ian did say something about a date clash with the Greater Wellington Nude Yoga Club picnic but neither of us thought it would be a problem ... The last of the Not Just Twin Shocks will be at Tony Wood's (Akatarawa Hill Road) on the 12<sup>th</sup> if weather and the river permit, fallback will be the Maungies.

April will be the AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and we are considering a loooong trial to be held at Judd's sometime during the month – plan is to cover a lot of ground and do 20 – 24 sections twice each.

In May we get to kick off the North Island champs on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Manawatu will host round 2 on the Sunday. Run, don't walk, to volunteer your gardening skills to Kevin or observing ability to Chris.

Those of you that consult the book of faces may have noticed some talk about possible changes to the rulebook for consideration this year. I will only touch briefly on the proposals here, if you wish to see more check out the NZ Trials group for more info ...

- Proposal 1 is to change the name of the overall championship grade from Expert to Open. Rationale is that under VCS everybody's scores are thrown in the same pot and in reality only those riding the Orange Line are truly expert (and maybe not even all of them?)
- Proposal 2 is to do away with the 5 point stall. Apparently the Euros are getting rid of it this year too driven by a perceived advantage held by electric and electric start bikes. The proposal is the same as the rule for minis, which was introduced after all manner of drama in their class, which means stalls are free but footing while starting attracts the usual number of points.
- Proposal 3 is to change the somewhat prescriptive rule about the size of the coloured name boards on the front of our bikes to better fit in with modern styling and avoid having to relocate electric things. As a long time Observer as long as the colour is clearly visible the length of the section and the both names are clearly readable when I'm clipping the card I'm happy.

The committee have had a short discussion and unless we receive a lot of negative feedback will be supporting these proposals at Conference which probably means they will apply from August.

We also discussed next year's committee makeup at our last meeting so we can start planning and shoulder tapping early. At this stage incumbents are prepared to continue but there was a suggestion that named officers should be paired with potential future contenders for training and succession. This probably means we are looking for secretary and treasurer understudies 😊 I am typing this one handed as my right wrist is still trapped between my shoulder blades after being strongarmed into standing again. I said it last year, and I'm repeating it here that for the long term future of the club I am not the right person for the job at present. We are desperately short of places to ride and even the ones we've got are under threat. To counteract this we need to be really, really active searching out opportunities which means getting in the faces of land owners, Local Bodies, the Regional Council and NZTA. This is not something I do well or even at all if I can possibly help it!

*If you think you can make a contribution in this area please contact me so we can work on how to best utilise your skills!!*

*Feet Up, Rubber Side Down*

*Richard*

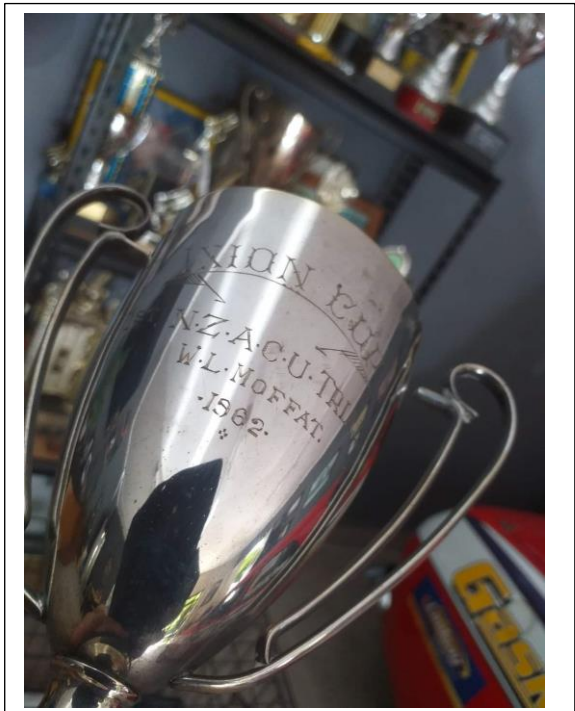
*(Comprehensive, to say the least, and good insight into just how much gets down silently on our behalf. Cracker job, Ricardo and team, mucho obligado....it's Spanish or something – Ed)*

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Here's an account that will bring a tear to your eye, the story of a bike and its owner reunited after many many years....

First, the bike, which looks like it must have been a lethal beast in its day...







Man, they must have been gutsy buggers in those days because those bikes look like a handful...

Here's the story....

It belonged to Bill Moffatt, the 1962 New Zealand Trials Champion, but he sold it after just one year of riding.

The bike is a 1956 DOT - originally 197cc but Bill fitted a 250 barrel to it he had sent over from England.

After that, he rode a Sprite, then a new Bultaco in 72. Next, Bill rode a 74 Yamaha TY 250 supplied by Whites Yamaha.

Now, back to the DOT....

It resurfaced about 6 years ago, arriving at Maidstone Yamaha and this is where Bill's son, Todd, enters the story.

A mate of his, a certain Mac McLeod, spotted the bike and recognised it as having belonged to Bill years (decades?) before, so he gave Todd a buzz, Todd went down and confirmed it as his dad's old machine and 'secured' it from the bike shop, presumably with some sort of offer they couldn't refuse....

The kicker, though, is that Todd, who must be pretty handy mechanically, set about restoring the bike over the last year, all on the hush-hush, his dad having no idea that something he used to throw his leg over during the sixties (probably a better way to say that) was about to re-enter his life.

Fast-forward to last Saturday, and Todd presented the bike to his dad (by the look of it at Stu Lawton's workshop) and there's a nice pic in there of Stu and Bill's bikes side-by-side showing just how much these machines have developed over the years.

Have to say, dad's looking a bit shocked, the last thing he would have expected, but no doubt a wonderful reunion, one that will be bringing back many memories for Bill straddling a pretty wicked-looking machine during his hey-day as a New Zealand champ.



More of those Jap vids.....cheering crowds at a trial! Just crazy....

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsIBZCX\\_i\\_c&t=15s&ab\\_channel=sumimitumaru](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsIBZCX_i_c&t=15s&ab_channel=sumimitumaru)

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# The JRL and Southern Tour

The JRL needs no introduction: hands-down New Zealand's premier trial/trail ride through the Maungakotukutuku Valley.

It's really grown over the last twenty years and is a super-relaxed affair, with different grades catering to different skill levels - a total blast, in other words.

This year, it will be held on 25-26 February so, if you've never done, get amongst it, it's a gas.

Then, the following week, there will be a southern tour.

The itinerary at this stage is to take the ferry to the South Island on Monday 27th and ride on the West Coast from Tuesday to Thursday.

On Friday 3rd March a ride from Lake Taylor to Lake Sumner has been pencilled in, and on the weekend the group will be riding in Kaikoura before returning to the North Island on Tuesday or Wednesday.

For more info, contact John Lawton: [nztrials@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nztrials@xtra.co.nz) 04 297 0240 027 6233011

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I ripped the following article out of the mercurial Pete Hoskin's Pioneer newsletter, largely without so much as by-your-leave. Off to court again, I suppose, although, here at Ixion, we're getting quite familiar with plagiarism laws and how to pretend we didn't know about them.....

*Hi everyone,*

*Please see the press release below for the 2023 Oceania champs.*

*I'm working in the background to get as many kiwis as we can to the event.*

*There will be future communication about teams and logistics.*

*Cheers*

*Jules*

**THE 2023 FIM OCEANIA TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP NOW A PART OF THE VINE INN BAROSSA  
2023 AUSTRALIAN TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*The exciting news just keeps coming after FIM Oceania have now confirmed that the FIM Oceania Trial Championships will also be up for grabs as part of the 2023 Australian Trial Championships!*

*To be held at Eden Valley over the weekend of September 30 and October 1 2023, the Keyneton MCC, and the Trials South Australia community, are looking forward to welcoming*

*and hosting riders, and their families and supporters, from all states of Australia, and from New Zealand and around the world.*

*Keyneton Motorcycle Club President, Mr Sean Heidenreich commented, "It's not only exciting and pleasing that we, as a sporting club, have been able to have a 20+ year relationship with the Vine Inn Barossa, but now to be, once again, welcoming all of our fellow Trial competitors from across the Tasman, and into 'Billy Jacks at the Vine' is just an awesome added bonus!"*

*FIM Oceania President Peter Doyle said, "FIM Oceania is very pleased to award the 2023 FIM Oceania Trial Championship to the Keyneton MCC. The location of the event is outstanding, and we know that the club will once again create a special event not to be missed. We look forward to seeing the best Trial competitors from the Oceania region battling it out for the FIM Oceania Trophy and adding their name as a FIM Oceania Champion."*

*And the word from 'across the ditch' is that the Kiwi riders are more than looking forward to coming back to South Australia to try and replicate the win they had there in 2017 and to try to regain the FIM Oceania Championship they lost at home in 2018. The last time the Championship was held was in 2018, so it will have been a long 5-year gap between TransTasman battles.*

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*Team line-ups for Team Australia and Team NZ will be announced in 2023, with teams to be made up of senior and junior riders, and male and female riders, who will not only showcase how exciting Trial is to watch, but also that it is a sport for all ages and genders.*

*Aussie #2, Connor Hogan balancing on his bike in the Billy Jacks bar at the Vine Inn.*

*Photo credit: Beck Bowdidge, Pit Lane Studio*

*Put the dates in your diary now – September 30-October 1 2023.*

*For all the details and news as it unfolds – head to <https://www.facebook.com/trialsweeksa2023>*

*For any and all visitor information and accommodation options; [www.barossa.com](http://www.barossa.com), [www.visitadelaidehills.com.au](http://www.visitadelaidehills.com.au) and of course, [www.vineinn.com.au](http://www.vineinn.com.au)*

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# Calendar

## February

5<sup>th</sup> – Ixion Club Trial - Wayne Furniss property

## March

5<sup>th</sup> - Ixion Club Trial - Muir's property

12<sup>th</sup> – Ixion Classic – Maungakotukutuku Valley

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

## CLUB CONTACTS

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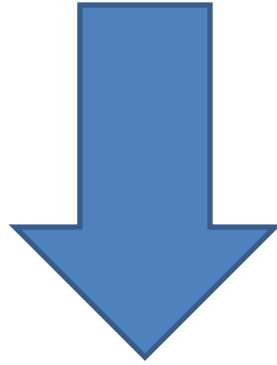
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**Cycle Torque** is presented for the entertainment of the members and nothing herein is warranted to be factual or the opinion of the club or even of the person whose opinion it was at the time. Cycle Torque is generally published the week before the club's regular event, the wonderful **Ixion Club Trial**; which is generally held on the first Sunday of the month, rain hail or shine. Sections are set to cater from everyone from raw beginner to NZ championship "A" grade; something for everyone. Be there at 9am for a 10:00 start at the latest. Finish time is 3pm or when everyone is finished, whichever is sooner. There's time for quick lunch after the first round if you don't mess about too much. Cost: \$15 per rider, \$5 for students. Please bring \$5 notes and be aware due to insurance requirements that there is **NO RIDING AT ALL BEFORE YOU SIGN UP.**

**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 January '23 (Glover's)

8th of January, 2023 (Sunday)

Name	Bike	Club	1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				Per Round				Count					
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Mark SIDEBOTHAM	Vertigo	Ixion	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	3	0	1	3	3	5	3	3	5	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	19	18	13	11	61	6	7	7	10	2
Kevin TITHER	GasGas	Ixion	2	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	3	3	3	2	3	5	5	3	5	3	3	3	3	0	0	1	25	19	15	12	71	4	7	5	13	3
Phil COSTELLO	Sherco	Ixion	2	3	5	5	0	1	2	1	2	3	2	0	3	2	0	0	5	3	1	2	5	5	3	5	3	5	5	1	5	5	0	1	25	27	18	15	85	5	5	6	6	10
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Neil STURMFELS	GasGas	Ixion	3	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	3	5	1	2	2	1	0	0	17	15	7	10	49	6	11	9	5	1
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Chris PRESTO	GasGas	Ixion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	5	3	3	10	13	7	4	34	18	4	4	4	2	
Richard LATIMER	Vertigo	Ixion	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	5	1	3	5	3	2	2	2	16	8	11	10	45	12	8	3	7	2
Charlie BARRETT	Sherco	Ixion	2	2	1	5	5	2	0	3	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	5	3	3	1	2	0	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	5	24	15	14	18	71	7	3	8	9	5
Chris BARCLAY	Honda	Ixion	5	1	2	1	3	3	0	1	3	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	5	5	5	3	3	3	0	5	5	3	3	3	5	3	3	25	27	17	15	84	6	4	2	12	8

Sections 10 Rounds 4 Riders 18

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

# Maungies, 6 November 2022

## Individual Scores

## Total

## Section Totals

## Round Totals

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	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	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	26	14	10	12		
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	Julian Rivers	0000	2110	0010	0000	1100	2120	0000	0010	0020	0000			15	0	4	1	0	2	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	5	3	7	0	
	Emily Willard	1000	0130	0000	0000	5310	0111	0000	0000	0000	0000			17	1	4	0	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	5	1	
	Mike Perrin	1000	5202	0050	0000	1030	1011	5000	0030	0000	0020			32	1	9	5	0	4	3	5	3	0	2	0	0	13	2	14	3	
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