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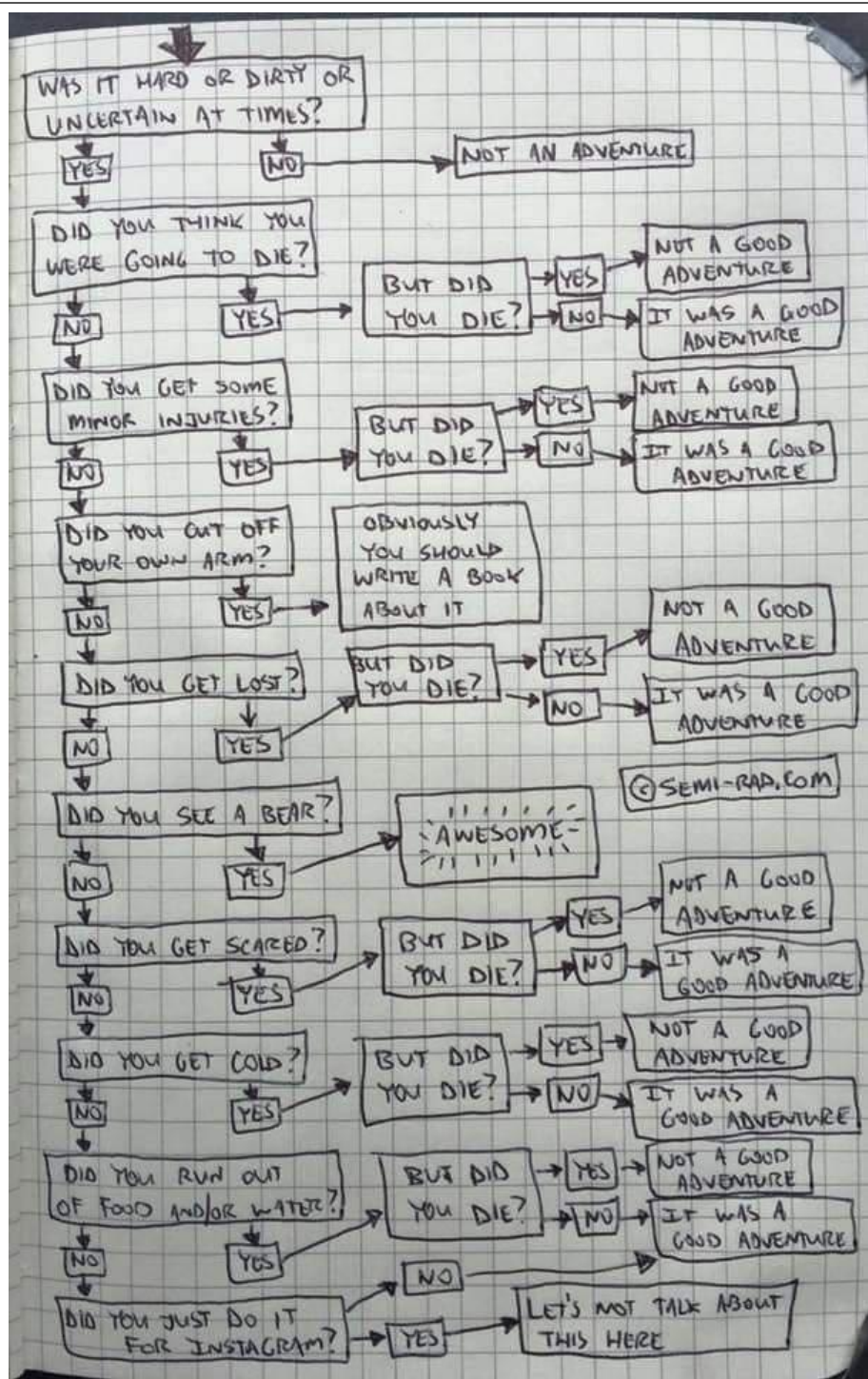
Ahoy fellow buccaneers!

Another month, another few hours on the bike....well, that's the ambition, anyway. But, as [John Steinbeck](#) might have put it, 'the best laid plans of mice and men'...

So, in spite of some lofty promises to attend the Feb trial out at Camp Furniss (not that he is, of course...), transportation became an issue (word of caution: the **idea** of being a one-car family is far more seductive than the **reality**).

So, a no-show from me but we have a report anyway coming right up. It was a trial with a bit of a difference, too, so I was gutted not to have made it, with fifteen or sixteen sections for the As and A+s. Bloody good work on Wayne and his crew's for going the extra mile...or section. BTW: the results on the last page don't show all sections because, apparently, Bill Gates was a 'bit light' (something about losing at Five Card Stud to a Chatbox or something...) when it came to springing for an extra column in Excel so the format doesn't accommodate all the sections. Our Main Man on Scoring detail, the illustrious Riccardo, assures me, however, that the totals are all correct.

Speaking of Riccardo - part-time Ixion pro, part-time philosopher - he sent in this little beauty for us all to ponder, the ultimate 'Was it Worthwhile' inquiry.....



If you follow this link, you'll see it's called no.140 - largely because there are 140 of them - all put together by a dude who (kind of) narrates them in an unassuming way, unlike a million other wankers on Youtube who spoil their vids by being obnoxiously strident - so they're all quite a good watch.

I think the dude owns a trials bike shop somewhere over there in the UK and does these on the back of that, but it never seems 'selly'. So, clearly, he's just another trials nut who just can't help himself, just like a few fellows in the club (no names, Johnny).

I find the sections all quite relatable in the sense that you'll 'recognise' the terrain, even though it's in the UK somewhere, because a lot of it looks like where we ride - the Maungies, farmland, etc.

Anyway, have a squiz, see what you think....

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyU9oFyFflo&t=487s&ab\\_channel=bvmmoto](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyU9oFyFflo&t=487s&ab_channel=bvmmoto)

And, just in case I've included this series in an earlier edition (the memory ain't what it used to be), here's a wee bonus of a young dude you may recognise and he's only twelve in this clip...mental.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/fooYOoiocM>

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Meantime, we're forever battling here against the avalanche of mail that comes through, most of it demanding the instant resignation of our newsletter editor for clear and protracted transgressions against decency, crimes against humanity and generally bringing the [Fourth Estate](#) into disrepute (assuming that's possible).

It has to be said that he takes it well, although perhaps the pressure is finally starting to show because he was recently heard to say this:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAccN64YmCs&ab\\_channel=JabbaMTA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAccN64YmCs&ab_channel=JabbaMTA)

One email in particular grabbed our attention, a masterful dissertation on the state of the nation, cutting straight to the heart of the matter in a rural vernacular Barry Crump would've been proud of:

Here it is in all its glory....

Dear Sir

With regard to anyone coming up from the south island for the JRL, it will only happen if any poxy ferries are running. Third world bloody outfit with broken arse boats maintained by third world imports. Got my trip cancelled just over two weeks ago at the last minute. Grrrrrrrrrrrr. Broken boats, broken country, broken world, we're doomed.....

Anyway, that's the only positive thing I have to say at present.

Yours, etc

Not wanting to dampen his ardour - but at the same time feeling an obligation to balance perspectives on our 'broken' world - we responded with words borrowed from our Kiwi rural brethren, words which would simultaneously convey support, yet hinting at another, more optimistic view of our fair country:

Dear Sir

Good on ya, mate.

Best Regards  
Cycle Torque Inc

And with that, all was right in the world again....

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Meantime, way up north, our treasured motorsport is clearly in capable and caring hands with this mob...



...who up and did something quite rare: they sent through an email about Trials....

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FIM Oceania Trial Championship South Australia**

28 February 2023

MNZ along with the TRIAL Commission would like to call for Expressions of Interest to be part of the New Zealand team to compete in the FIM Oceania Trial Championship in South Australia.

For the first time since 2018 (in New Zealand) the FIM Oceania Trial Championship will be run, in conjunction with the Australian Trial Championships! Not since 2017, has the FIM Oceania Trial Championship been run on Australian soil, with the last 2 'battles' going the way of the visiting team – so Australia will look to retain, while the Kiwis will look to repeat their 2017 win on SA soil!

The FIM Oceania Trial Championship in South Australia will be the last event of the [Trials Week South Australia 2023](#):

September 23 & 24 - AMX Superstores 2023 South Australian Trials Championships - Tungkillo

September 27 - 'Mid-week to the X-treme', the X-treme Trials Trial - Mount Pleasant

Sept 30 & Oct 1 - Vine Inn Barossa 2023 Aust Trial Champs, powered by GASGAS - Eden Valley

Sept 30 & Oct 1 - 2023 FIM Oceania Trial Championships - Eden Valley

October 1 - Australian Championships Presentation Dinner - Vine Inn Barossa

The NZ team will be formed with up to 5 riders and is expected to compete in the following classes:

- Junior Women
- Junior Men
- Women
- Experts

The Trial Commissioner will work with you for the success of the event. We ask that you are available for the whole week (travel details and funding will be discussed with the successful applicants).

Please send you expressions of interest to the MNZ Office [admin@mnz.co.nz](mailto:admin@mnz.co.nz) for consideration by 30 April 2023.

### [Expression of Interest Application Form](#)

As an aside, I never really know what to write when making an Expression of Interest application, so I generally just go with the obvious: 'Why, yes, I'm interested'. But, invariably, they come back all pissed because it sounds like I'm, well, taking the piss.

So, the last time, I went with something less provocative but more undecided - 'I'm thinking about it'. But, same thing, angry response, taking the piss, blah, blah.

So, this time, I'm going with something super-vanilla, butter wouldn't melt, love and peace, the whole bit - no way they can get the wrong idea...

'F##k yiz'.

Let you know how I get on.

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# Ixion Club Trial

## 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

By David Blake

Apart from the odd putt up the back to get to the digger, I can't remember when I last rode my bike with any sort of purpose. So, I thought the Tour-de-Wainui on the Monday would be the perfect opportunity to hop back on and paddle about again. However, I woke up on the Sunday with the usual list of things to do and my day totally panned when my son turned up and convinced me to go to the trial at Wayne's place. Talk about last minute... what could possibly go wrong?

Anyway, after a quick check over of the bike & the usual throwing of gear in the back we were off, luckily a local ride for us.

We arrived to find the place packed with people, some ready to go with gear on & bikes at the ready – no pressure. In keeping with how the day had started I had misplaced my paperwork, so I also turned out to be the pain in the butt who turns up late & now needs a day license – sorry Kevin!

Nevertheless, here we are and finally ready to go. I felt like a kid in a candy shop – so much anticipation.

I started out at section 8 wondering around trying to remember how the marking system worked – and to try and figure out where the hang to go. Sadly, I wasn't making much progress, and was starting to question the wisdom of getting out of bed. Thankfully for me, Neil & Zac happened to be checking out the same section and tucked me under their wings. What a difference... it all started to come back. Not the riding that is, just how the marking system worked. Getting the first section done was a great relief and a reminder as to why I love riding these little bikes so much.



I enjoyed each section more than the last. A heap of variety, and challenges that enticed. Although I do admit to being misled (*on more than one occasion*) by the ease at which Zac was able to glide around effortlessly. Yes... "*this one looks easy*" I thought as Zac was doing his thing – "*a piece of cake*". That was until I had a go myself, then everything got tighter and steeper than it seemed while watching Zac. Gee that young fella has a great future.

Before all too soon the riding was over and the clean up began. It was then I got a true appreciation of the effort it must have taken to set all of this up. Very impressive!

Thanks to Wayne and everyone that helped to make the day soooo good.

Cheers Dave...

*(Big thanks to Dave for the write up - going by the tone, we'll see a lot more of him – Ed)*

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## The JRL Trial

### 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Last - but far from least - is the magic of this annual event now so embedded in the national trials calendar.

The great thing about it is that it is just soooo relaxed: no competition, no scores, stall the bike as much as you like, all about the fun.

And it was also time for a new helmet - the current one (a Nau) I got off Oscar about seven years ago and it has well and truly died a natural death. So I buzzed KP and he came through with a spanking MOTS which - as I said to him - fitted like, well, a glove.

I always get a bit nervy jumping into new gear just before a ride cos, if it doesn't fit or feels 'funny', it's too late to do anything about it. But, man, the MOTS is great - super-light, plenty of air, and really like wearing nothing (form the neck up, just to be clear).

And I have to say that those fellas who escort us around the Maungies sure know their stuff. Let's face it, a bush is a bush, so god knows how they know where all the tracks are.

Kev showed us (the 'medium' group) around the labyrinth of tracks on the Saturday of the two-day event and hell it was fun - like a trial x 100 - and excellent for ironing out some technique.

E.g. Wayne told me a spell back that you're supposed to steer the bike with your feet - who knew?! I'd probably been told already and promptly forgot, as I was concentrating on clutch/brakes/throttle and suspension compression and generally trying to ride a trials bike.

So, at the JRL, I concentrated on this all day and it's actually pretty cool how it works, the bike does go left or right, depending which foot your putting weight on. Probably due to physics, but that's just a guess....

Back to those tracks, though, they are awesome, with so much variety and challenge. For the most part, it was dry enough for all of us to putter round fairly comfortably and not burn through the energy by paddling or pushing.

In fact, I found myself contemplating coming back on the Sunday, too, until the Sherco read my mind and promptly shat itself via the radiator. It's at times like this - middle of the bush, no spare radiator (I knew I should've brought it) - that I have the greatest respect and appreciation for those who know how to get through the situation and come to the rescue.

Sidey ripped out his Batman-like tool belt and took the plug-thing out of the radiator and a couple of others chipped in with some vital advice, all of which allowed me to 'take it easy' on the road on the way back to the carpark, stopping to fill up the thirsty radiator before it went dry and toasted the engine.

I'm pretty much over that bike, by-the-bye, but it didn't detract from another excellent Ixion/Johnny Lawton event, one which seems to be attracting more and more riders every year.

Johnny should be very proud of the legacy he has created for his son, James, a fitting one, too, given the legendary stories we hear about just what a talented rider James was.

Roll on next year.

Out.



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# Calendar

## March

5<sup>th</sup> - Ixion Club Trial - Muir's property – Caucasian Valley (aka – Whiteman's Valley)

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

## April

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ixion Club Trial - Applegarth's - AGM + prizegiving

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

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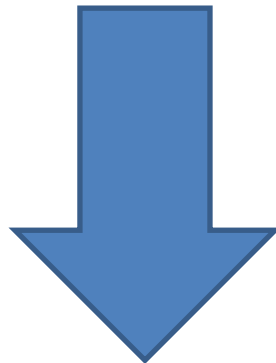
**Trial**; which is generally held on the first Sunday of the month, rain hail or shine. Sections are set to cater from everyone from raw beginner to NZ championship “A” grade; something for everyone. Be there at 9am for a 10:00 start at the latest. Finish time is 3pm or when everyone is finished, whichever 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 February '23 (Furniss')

5th of February, 2023 (Sunday)

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