

Cycle Torque



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Hawkes Bay North Island Champs

Rounds 5/6 ... 8/9 July 2023

Both days were held at the famous HB Dartmoor Rd property of Mr McKenzie. HB first started riding there when his grandfather was farming the land. Then his father, now Alister McKenzie. Things are a little different there this year, after "all that rain" they had. Apparently 120,000 tonnes of silt were removed from the road that runs past the property. They were without electricity for 56 days. The bridges were gone so it was a very long way around to get out at all. They used a boat to get from house to house, floating around over the very same road that had the silt removed later. Horrendous! And the property has changed. Wow, has it changed. There used to be hundreds of sections, now there are thousands. And world-round sections by the dozen. There's canyons where there used to be just rounded-bottom valleys. And lots and lots and lots of new rocks!

It hasn't stopped raining up there, apparently. Everyone is sick of the rain, seem to get it every weekend. And so did we! The carpark turned into a bog in no time, really nowhere to

stand without your boots on. But we got on with it anyway, being trials riders and therefore salt of the earth. Actually it didn't rain much Saturday, it set in around when we had finished. Finish time was set at 2:30 for some reason, but everyone got penalty points so it was decided not to apply them. Good call.

The sections were set mostly on new slip material, perhaps to preserve what little grass Alister has left. It was not as bad as it looked actually. It looked like a proverbial bogfest but the mud is full of grit and there was a reasonably solid bottom on most of it. Not all, just most. All the same, the sections were "quite demanding" especially for the reds and yellows. Only Warren Laugeson and Kevin Pinfold finished under 100 points, and Kevin on 98. I'm pretty sure we didn't ride a single thing left over from before the cyclone. Many of those sections are either gone or FUBAR. But as I said: no shortage of new sections to ride, which was great.

Cam Judd and Carl Robson represented Ixion in Red, both on 130 points but Carl in 2nd place and Cam in 4th, with Phil Shilton between them also on 130. In yellow it was Wayne Furniss and Finn Pearce flying the flag, with 126 and 131 points, 4th and 5th. Just myself in Green, struggling hard in 9th. Zack Furniss and Gavin and Luke Pearce were there for us in Blue, 2nd on 35 for Zack, third on 58 for the Gavinator. Luke DNF'd unfortunately. In minis we had Ben Pearce cleaning up on 35 and Sebastian Robson third on 64 points. It was great to see Paul Symons riding at a trial again. For those who don't know he was NZ champ way back when Sidey and Johnny and KT were new in the sport, back when dinosaurs were still alive.

Day two there was no getting away from the rain. It was steady all day. No wind to speak of though. Today there were little rivers running through the carpark! Much easier to clean the bike though. That silty stuff is quite gritty and very sticky, so having rain helped a lot. I had to put new brake pads in the bike when I got home all the same, and strip the bike right back and wash it three times to get it in any semblance of cleanliness.

Sections were easier. Nobody over 100! Well done HB for easing them back. Cam roared up to third place on 55 compared to Warren Laugeson's winning 24. Well done Cam! Carl Robson 4th on 58. In yellow much the same, Wayne was 5th on 49, Finn 6th on 50. Last time to beat Finn eh Wayne? We shall see. I got a bit of mojo back to finish 5th on 19 points. Zack got 3 points all day for the win, Gavinator back in 4th on 12. Luke and Ben Pearce took out 2nd and 3rd on 7 and 12 to Aksel McArdle's winning 4. DNF for Sebastian unfortunately.

So it was off to the newly-reopened Puketapu Pub for prizegiving in the warm and dry and back into the van to trundle happily home.

Conditions were difficult for sure, but it is after all called a TRIAL so no problem there. Top marks to Hawkes Bay for putting on a top class event that I personally will remember for a long time. It was one of the classics. Can't wait to ride Mr McKenzie's place in summer when the silt isn't mud!

The proceeds of the trial went to Mr McKenzie, and of 2 HB club trials, and there was a raffle which produced \$1300 plus a \$500 donation from Ixion club. I believe he was well stoked but I reckon for a 3 generation trials-hosting effort it's the least we could do. Well done to

all concerned, and as usual, if you weren't there how come? It was great!

Sidelines.

(Good man, Sidestep, top adjectival choices, judicious execution – Ed)

Ixion Club Day - Judds Farm

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Bring your bike, bring yourself but, for God's sake, don't bring your lunch because this thing is happening...

**BURGERS
FOR SALE**

**IXION MOTOTRIALS CLUB TRIAL
JUDDS FARM 6TH AUGUST 2023**

**\$10
BURGER + DRINK**

*All proceeds will go to Finn,
Cameron and Zack to help them
get to the Australian Trials
Championships, Adelaide,
Australia, September 2023*

By my calculation, based on a before-tax costing, they'll be looking to move around sixteen thousand burgers on the day to get the required funds for the across-the-Ditch foregone conclusion (we kick arse every time we go over there, so I don't see this as being any different. Apparently, the Aussies have started wearing padding in the back of their pants because getting your arse kicked can leave some bruising - who knew?!).

Anyway, the Adlam whanau will be good for most of those burgers cos Andrew's lads were recently identified - along with flooding and droughts - as major contributing causes to global food shortages.

That just leaves a few thousand, so I'll talk to the committee members present and see if a few of them can come of their Jenny Craig's thing for the day. One of them is actually on [KETO](#), so I'll let Carl Judd know to keep the livestock well-away because those KETOnians prefer their meat fresh....and uncooked....and generally on the move.

Still working on a team name for Finn, Cam and Zack, but here's the short list:

- **The Zac Pack**....*catchy*
- **Shark Finn Soup**....*culturally diverse*
- **Double Overhead**...*you know the rest*
- **F'n'C**....*could go either way - aggressive but culinary, in a takeaway kind of way.*

Meantime, just to show there's no hard feelings, there's a whole bunch of stuff being raffled, just to ensure our boys aren't ejected halfway across the Tasman when they're discovered in the plane's hold straddling trials bikes.

Wayne knocked together some deets for FB...

Thanks to Brake n Trans and Moonshine Plumbing we have a raffle to raise funds for the 3 young Ixion riders Cam, Finn and Zack, travelling to compete in Aussie Trials Open! First prize consists of:

- *1 Big Red toolbox*
- *1 box of Corona*
- *2 litres of Silkolene 10w40 4T*
- *1 litre of Shell SX 2T mineral*
- *1 litre of Dot 4 brake fluid*
- *2 500ml cans of Silkolene chain lube*
- *2 cans of tyre shine*
- *2 cans of interior cleaner*
- *2 Fram cooler bags*
- *2 Fram beanies*
- *2 mouse pads*

50 tickets at \$20 each.

Winning ticket will be drawn out of a hat on FB live once all tickets are sold. 1 number each side of the winning number gets a box of Corona.



It was all going so well till the Corona....give me

or give me death....figuratively.

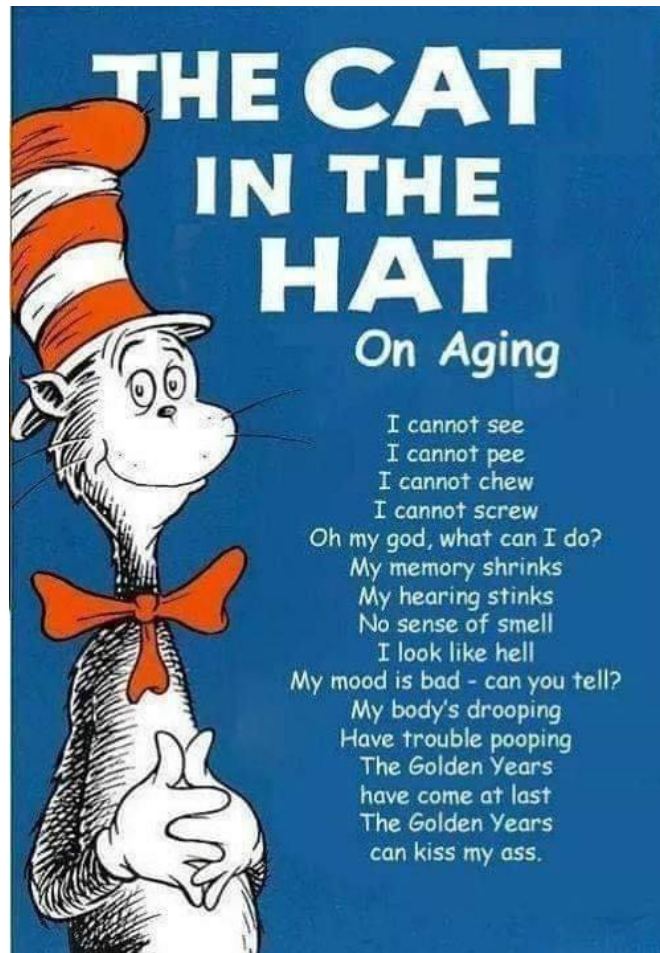
They team will be flying the Ixion ensign, of course, so we'll be feeling the pride remotely and enjoying the impending, if not inevitable, victories vicariously, the only way to win.

Contact Wayne pronto to get amongst the action: waynes.pmworld@gmail.com

As you can imagine, we get a lot of crap through the mail, with wannabe authors willing to do anything to get their 'bestseller' published.

We even had a film script proposing that they film our next club day, edit it down and release it as a [RomCom](#). But I said 'You'll never get our president to chuck into that pink chiffon number and acting his arse off as a female lead, never going to happen....again.'

Point being, when a piece does get through, you can rest assured it is relevant, high quality, but, importantly, of no particular value...



RARK UP!!

You'll note immediately that I have employed **Rockwell Extra Bold** as the font-of-choice because - no names - there are a few amongst us who have yet to renew their

MNZ licence.....I know, how do they sleep at night.

Here's the thing: they expire at the end of every June so, next time you rock up at a trial, there's a decent chance you'll be whistling Dixie, a particularly repellent melody, I can assure you.

So, hit this: <https://mnz.co.nz/licences/mnz-licences/> ...do the right thing, get legit, and gold, once again, might be your colour.

Interesting aSide(y), 'rark up' appears to have originated here and is, apparently, almost exclusively used by Kiwis. So, next time you're in the volatile Middle East, best to refrain from using this expression because, in Arabic, it translates as something quite different...



Commie Talk

Yes, those likely members of the proletariat keep on toiling away behind the scenes, ensuring that all of those myriad of things get done to ensure the wheels of our fine club can continue to turn.

To give you an idea, here's some minutes from their last get-together or 'Drink-a-thon' as they call it....

General Business:

1. Finn Pearce, Zack Furniss and Cameron Judd officially in the New Zealand Team to compete in Australia, September 2023.

It was agreed to support the teams application to apply to various charities to help fund the trip to Australia including an application to Pub Charity Limited for a grant of \$3563 to cover the costs of a New Zealand Team Mototrials riding uniform.

2. Obstacles in the clubs paddock at Maungakotukutuku Valley Road: It was agreed to construct some obstacles made out of tanalised timber for the minis to ride on.

Kevin Tither to arrange.

Wayne has tanalised wood that he is happy to donate from an old playground structure.

Richard has seen some great obstacles on You tube where they have constructed splat walls.

Gavin has offered pine cut into 1m long sections.

Carl suggested concrete blocks.

Kevin to speak with GWRC ranger to obtain permission to install and arrange the obstacles.

Kevin will also arrange to remove and dispose of the toilet currently in the paddock as requested by GWRC.

3. Discussion around having the Tour de Judds to follow on from the Tour de North. Pros and cons on both sides

4. Discussion was had about the club reward scheme currently in place and whether it needed to be tweaked. To be discussed further with more consultation and propose changes at AGM.

5. MNZ AGM stated that clubs will need to reapply/re-register in October for their incorporation status and to update constitution. To be actioned next month.

6. Reminder to be put in Cycle Torque to renew MNZ licence (*Shit's done – Ed*)

7. Wayne Furniss is currently working on the 2024 Trials calendar. He has already communicated with Derek Scott (Sth Island) and Simon Houghton (Taranaki) to work with them.

(A lot of heavy-lifting in there, all of it voluntary and on our behalf and without a hint of kickbacks or nepotism...none. Huge thanks to our committee for all their hard work and conscientiousness - Ed)

Ixion Club Champs '23 Rnd 2 (Top Pub)

2nd July 2023

I couldn't get there so details are scant. However, one unwitting soul rather unwisely decided to speak to the media, so we managed to piece together some pretty gritty coverage...

'I did two sections and caught up with Kevin and John L and they told me they were riding Inters, on orders, because Red was going to me a lot harder as was discussed at the AGM.

I got two dumb 5s. one stall and the other five, instead of putting my foot down, I lost my balance and fell off the bike.

I was flabbergasted that I rode section 1 for a clean, so that was the victory for the day.

[Re: youngsters getting on the podium for the day]

10year olds don't have jobs and do live in an area where they can practice. I don't ride between events - you can tell that. Was a bit stuffed on Monday, I must admit.

(There you have it people: tight, colourful, honest and deeply depressing....This is why we ride. Results on last page - Ed)

NZ Trial Champs

Not that far away, so we'll continue to bring you developments as the news breaks.

For now, though, there's a poster doing the rounds with a lot of the vitals on it....

2023 NEW ZEALAND TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

21-23 October

Tauranga and Hamilton M/C clubs will be hosting the championship with day 1 in Te Puke and days 2 & 3 at Wharepapa South in the Waikato.

We would love you to come join us for this event. Take the opportunity to holiday in the sunny (most of the time) Bay of Plenty, enjoy the sun kissed and world renowned surf beaches and boutique shopping at Mount Maunganui, the Cycle Trails of Rotorua's Redwood forest, plus so much more.

In the Waikato the cycle trails, river walks, the towns of Cambridge & Tirau, famous for their array of antique and memorabilia shops makes it an area worth visiting plus of course who would want to miss Hobbiton, centre for the Lord of the Rings.

Early booking for accommodation is recommended. The Te Puke venue is approx 25mins from Mt. Maunganui and 90 minutes from Cambridge with Wharepapa is 40 minutes from Cambridge and 90 minutes from Mount Maunganui. Prizegiving will be at Wharepapa Community hall.

For Further info contact: Francis Sydenham at francis.sydenham@gmail.com or call 0274956236 or Jim Henderson at jim1@xtra.co.nz or call 0273665842

More information available nearer the time of the event.

Anzac Bay, Bowntown



More Piffle from The Pres...

Ahh, well, there is July gone and August upon us already. With five weekends in July there were a plethora of events out there to satisfy even the most avid Trials fan.

We started the month with Round 2 of the Club Champs at Top Pub. A good turnout, nice weather, well thought

out sections and some great results across the grades. I pinky promise I'll get some progress scores for our Club Championship done soon 😊. I really enjoyed the day and, apart from two Absolutely Positively Wellington Stupid fives, thought I was riding reasonably well. Top Marks to Dave and Chris in Blue and look at the close scores at the top of Yellow! This was the first of three events where the entry fees will help fund our three clubmates venture to the Aussie championships and I'm seriously proud that we managed to raise nearly a grand on the day ... well done all round.

The last two rounds of the NI's were held in Hawkes Bay on the second weekend and by all accounts it turned into a major slushfest. Congratulations to all those who ventured north and braved the elements to achieve a result. I did hear that a few washing machines got pretty severe workouts the week after.

We had a Twinshock / Have a Go the same weekend in the Maungies and while we weren't expecting a big turnout our version of the weather didn't help with the rain probably deterring a few punters. Those that came claimed to have enjoyed themselves although I did hear a few grizzles about the tightness of section 1. It got eased a couple of times during the day but to my jaundiced eye the changes made it worse – I got my best score on lap 1 as originally marked with a deliberate dab, trying to stay clean on the Kaikoura Loop only seemed to make things worse 😞. The visiting twin shocks didn't leave cards, Team Barrett only did a single lap and Emily and I only managed two with no section markers for half the second so no results. I'm sure KT and Jonathan know who did better on the day!. Despite the slow progress it was great to watch the two young ones challenging themselves, and even managing to keep smiling in the challenging condition.

Manawatu had the monthly club ride in Bulls on the 16th – if you go back to the Aramoana Accord of 1981 which divided up the month between the lower NI clubs we were the first Sunday, Manawatu the third and I can't remember who got 2 and 4 ... I saw some photo's of Ixions up there having fun so all good stuff.

I'm not aware of any "modern" action on the 23rd but I trudged up to Bulls with the Orange Roughy for a ride with the Mid West guys. Fairly average riding, some unneeded fives and poor score wasn't what I had in mind, but the sections were good, the company was better, the weather stayed dry, despite big black clouds in every direction except up, and the Real Fruit Honey Ice Cream at the honey shop was the best.

HB had a club day on the 30th to round out the month. If our friends in Havelock North still had their motel I might have gone up since I had been deserted for the weekend but no such luck. I'm not sure if any Ixions travelled – Team Robson maybe?

Remember we have a ride this weekend at Judd's on SH58 – all the usual caveats about being A LERT when entering and exiting. It's another fundraiser for the travellers so bring some extra entry money and enough for burgers and drinks off the barby as well.

There has been some discussion / dissension / division lately around the Club Rewards Scheme and I think it is fair to say that how it works and whether it has achieved it's intended purpose are a bit of a mystery. The committee are considering the scheme with a view to possible changes, but it will stay as it is until the AGM when we might, or might not, propose something different. Feedback welcome as long as it fits on the back of a crispy Rutherford 🤔

Stumbled over a link in my "Might be Interesting" folder on measuring chain wear - [Measuring Chain Wear - Dirt Tricks](#) Its an interesting read but for those with a short attention span

- For 520 chain 100 links should measure 1587mm when pulled out tight, 1603mm is maximum wear.
- You should (at the very least) consider new sprockets at the same time.
- ring chain is heavier than ordinary – about 100grams or an inch of coke in the bottom of the can but longevity in mud and stuff is a lot better. Check first before changing though as I believe some chain tensioner blocks are a bit narrow.
- He measured and calculated horsepower loss at somewhere around .01 at our speeds.

KP drew my attention to an article on the Radio New Zealand website [Motorbike riders accused of creating a 'wild west' in forest park | RNZ](#). It is worth a read, a listen and even more worthwhile responding to. While I have some (not much, but some) sympathy for their anonymous interviewee some of his wants and suggestions are just rubbish. I was pleased with the support for the status quo by the GWRC and UHC people. Please consider contacting you GWRC representative [Greater Wellington Regional Council — Councillors \(gw.govt.nz\)](#) (if you can bear to wade through the Manglish) and make your thoughts on how much we value the park and it's access known. Keep it seemly though please 😊

That's enough, see you on Sunday.

Richard

(Hear ya', Riccardo, and I was alerted to this RNZ piece by a concerned club member - no names....rides a Beta....used to import them - and for good reason because, notwithstanding GWRC's 'support', there was a conspicuously absent view from those who

were maligned in this puff-piece, i.e., the riders. For a State broadcaster to proceed without balance was, frankly, a little 'off-brand' for them and reinforced the view that all one needs to do these days is simply accuse and, therefore, it must be so, guilty as charged. Anyway, there is a way to register our ongoing enjoyment of the park, one which goes hand-in-hand with the respect it deserves, so hit that link Richard has provided and do something positive on behalf of our club – Ed)

Here's your calendar with upcoming local events. Our website, though, is more comprehensive and up-to-date, so feel free to head there anytime, it's always open, thanks to Emily 'Gates' Willard: <https://ixionmototrials.com/calendar>

Calendar

2023

AUGUST

6th - Ixion Club - Judds

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Ixion Club Champs - tbc

10th - Have A Go Day/Classic - Maungies - tbc

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

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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



