

# Cycle Torque



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## Ixion August Mototrial - Judds August 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

Have to say, that south side of Judd's is in close competition with its bro across the road for taking the cake.

How can one patch of land lend itself so excellently to mototrials year after year after year... No wonder that dude Cam is riding so well - he was born in trials paradise (no offence to the Maungies, of course...).

Section 1 had that neat little 'hill' for the Reds and Yellows to navigate right at the start, a great example of something whose appearance can be far more alarming than the reality.

Section 2 was clearly put together to drive us all mad...Most of it was pretty cool, but it had a mud section about ten metres long that just sucked up the back wheel if you made the mistake of stopping, even for an instant - very difficult to get going again.

Section 3 was into the creek and I did pretty well here: arse back, front light, gold's your colour. The fellas in Red, though, struggled with a pretty big rock they had to get over, the problem being that it didn't like the double-blip approach but, rather, the splat, at least, that's what my sources are saying...

There was a challenging little hill climb a bit further on (Section 6...?), the real trick being the turn at the top. I managed to succumb to that a couple of times but got there in the last lap.

Section 8 was the super-gnarly drop into the creek, now let's see you get out. The Reds and higher had their work cut out with this, the job made even more difficult by the slick mud.

The highlight for me was Section 10. First time through, I stalled over a rock that was, well, tricky - tight turn into it, but front wheel dropped, so rather awkward to negotiate. For whatever reason, I managed to clean this 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> laps, a small consolation for an average performance during the rest of the day.

Not that we'll ever know, of course, because, as well as leaving my licence behind, I also left a petrol can and then drove off with my score card....oh, brother.

Anyway, still managed to enjoy the day, simply by being on the bike and doing the occasional thing reasonably well, enough to make it fun.

Top marks to setters and those incorrigible Judds, without whom we would've been trespassing...(see Results on the last page)







*(All pics by a nice man with good taste in motorsport called Mark. I lost his bloody card but here's his Facebook page, in case you want to see some more pics: [PhotosbyMark](#)  
Thanks for the pics, Mark - not sure how you did it, but one or two of us actually look quite acceptable - clearly, that's a helluva filter you're using....Ed)*



It is our sad duty report the passing of one of our brethren, that super-nice guy from the Manawatu Club, Adrian Walcroft.

I did battle with him a few times and he was clearly a seasoned and competitive rider for that club for many years.

Anyway, as is often the way, there was another side to him that most of us had no idea about and Stuff has written a tribute to the man...

# Death of champion cheese maker a shock loss for industry and Manawatū community

A solitary candle flickers at the Feilding Farmers' Market where the bold gingham of Cartwheel Creamery and its award-winning artisan cheeses would normally be carefully laid.

Stallholders were expressing condolences and tributes on Friday, stunned by the unexpected death of master cheese maker Adrian Walcroft.

The Pohangina Valley husband and father died on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

While wife Jill had been the visible champion of Cartwheel and Manawatū produce at markets and food festivals, Adrian was the quiet and much-respected craftsman of the enterprise.

He had been a scientist at Landcare Research, but after attending a one-day cheesemaking course in 2011 he was hooked.

Within a year he was judged the country's top hobby cheese maker and the couple were building their own factory, with an ethos deeply rooted in how the natural environment influenced their produce.

Walcroft was enthralled by both the science and the experimentation of cheesemaking, and in May was awarded the top honour – champion cheese maker – at the NZ Champions of Cheese Awards.

"He was grinning from ear to ear for the whole duration of our conversation," said New Zealand Specialist Cheesemakers Association chairperson Simon Lamb, remembering that night.

Cartwheel Creamery cleaned up with three champions' trophies at the awards function, and scored a number of gold medals for its cheeses.

"He may be gone, but he will remain in my thoughts for a long time to come."

*(Ixion extends its condolences to his family - Ed)*

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# NZ Trial Champs



## 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.

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More information available nearer the time of the event.

Anzac Bay, Bowenstown

And a whole bunch of vitals right here: [Nationals](#)

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## **IXION CLUB CHAMPS**

**Round 3**

**3rd Sept**

**SUNDAY AT 09:30**

**Ixion Club Champs**

**Round 3**

**334 Maungakotukutuku**

**Rd, Kapiti**



Always a great Trial at the Maungies, sign on from 9.30am, rider's briefing 10.15am.

Bring your bike, helmet and boots, and remember this is the last fundraiser for the Ixion Oceania team members.



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It's time to ride! I don't need no stinkin' electric start! Pass on with motorbikes is cool!



# JUST COS.....

*(Our pressie, just incorrigible...)*



— President's Report —



Sad news earlier in the month with the passing of Adrian Walcroft, at only 55 that's far, far too young. I didn't know him that well, just another face at various Lower North Island events often with his son Callum along, until he came to Kaikoura in 2022 and stayed with Kevin P, Kevin T, Chris P and I at the

Alpine Hilton. He impressed with his breadth of knowledge and interests that you don't get during casual conversation at an event and was a genuine all-round nice guy. I would like to have got to know him better ... For myself and on behalf of the club we send our condolences to his wife and family.

Several Ixions have been flying the flag during the month:

- Johnny went to the last two rounds of the South Islands at Kaikoura and judging by the numbers had a great time despite being pipped by the rulebook (ha, ha) ... Day 1 John 4, Gabby 6. Day 2 Gabby 26 John 27. Great stuff 😊
- 8 Ixions went to the Manawatu trial in the Woodville quarry with mixed results. Add in a few from Hawkes Bay and I think the residents were outnumbered.
- Several more went to Hawkes Bay with some good results although one would have to ask how Cam successfully sabotaged Mats and Warren to turn them into DNF's ? 😊

Good stuff all round there, people.

I had a mixed month. The August Trial at Judd's (South) was hard work but a lot of fun. I was going to stop and head for the burgers after 3 laps but Emily wouldn't have a bar of it, so I persevered for the last lap although my score seemed to indicate concentration and fitness flagging. A great result for Luke Pearce – you need to start watching your back Finn 🤔.

I headed north to my daughter's place in Raglan on the Monday morning leaving a dirty bike and riding gear behind (although I DID manage to get the results published) to help my son (some of you may remember Andy from days of yore) who is building a sleepout for his sister, and obviously money as well. A 10-day stay stretched, due to architectural complications and delivery delays, to over a fortnight which gave me a weekend in the Waikato I hadn't expected. IF I had known I might / would have taken a bike as the Hamilton Club had a round of their Air Cooled and Twin Shock series.

I dropped in for a look-see and, despite a rubbish weather forecast the day was reasonably fine, the sections a bit of a slushfest and the turnout (I was told) below average. All jokes aside it was good event set on the fringes of a pine forest. I think I might have survived the blue line on either the Yamaha or the Vertigo but it might not have been pretty.

An interesting selection of bikes and it would seem a number of riders up that way have both moderns and classics in their garages. Most of the riders were familiar, one advantage of having been around for a while, I guess. A decent array of travellers too with two or three from Auckland and a couple from BOP to bolster the locals. If I had been there last month they had over 30 entries apparently but it was a bit lighter this time. On a personal note it was good to meet up with Paul Symons again, I think the last time I saw him was towards the end of last century when he abandoned NZ for Australia. He was on a Vertigo although he also has one of the last twin shock Ossas. He also hasn't forgotten how to ride 🏍️ with some very polished performances.

- I took some cell phone photos which hopefully will accompany this, if you can't match the bikes to the captions see Johnny L for some bike recognition lessons!
- Neil McCabe had a very tidy Triumph Tiger Cub which looked and sounded superb.
- James Snowden had the ex Julian Rivers SWM there, I think he was the old bike winner on the day, nice bike and a polished performance. The white Honda in the background was a Honda TLM with Colin Downs on board.
- Jim Henderson had left his J'Gas at home and was riding this very nice Beta TR34, or was it the other one, there were two there but only one was ridden? They were close to THE bike to have when I came back to Trials around 1991 with 3 or 4 of them in our club.
- Lucky last is a not very good shot of Roger Mahony on the only mono-shock Kawasaki KT in the known universe. An interesting piece of engineering and it seemed to work OK.

To finish the month, I ventured up to Bulls with the Yamaha for a skid on the Yellow TY with the Mid West guys. Another fun ride at an interesting venue but my riding was a little patchy and the Yamaha hasn't been ridden this year and took exception to a sustained full throttle blast up a sandy hill (fortunately not till the 4<sup>th</sup> time) – I don't think it's very happy but hopefully a spark plug or blocked jet. 🙄

A little news to finish up:

This weekend's Ixion event is the last of the fund raisers for our travellers so please dig deep again at entry time. The support that has been extended has well exceeded expectations with some extras

thrown in for good measure – Chris donated a couple of his custom bike stands for them to sell and I hear a story that Richard Phillipps found an old Montesa motor under his workbench which sold for \$300.

The updated rules took effect on 1 August. As expected, renaming “Expert” to “Open” and relaxing the name plate rules were passed but the proposal to do away with the 5 point penalty for stalling didn’t. I’m not sure why as I understood the clubs that actually run Trials were generally supportive?

Enough for now, rubber side down, shiny side up!!

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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

## SEPTEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> - Ixion Club Champs - Maungies

10<sup>th</sup> - Have A Go Day/Classic - Maungies

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

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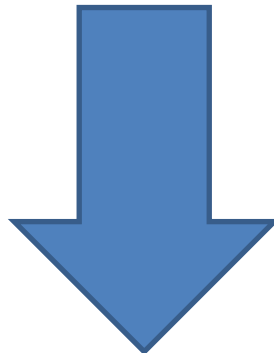
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**DOGS** are strictly forbidden at Trials because we ride due to the kindness of the farmers who own the land. Dogs make farmers unkind. The last 10 riders to sign in each get to bring in the pegs for one section. So turn up early if you want to leave 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 August '23 (Judd's South)

6th of August, 2023 (Sunday)

Name	Bike	Club	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10			Per Round			Count							
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Cameron JUDD	Beta	Ixion	3	3	2	3	1	3	2	2	0	2	5	2	5	1	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	3	2	2	23	18	17	58	3	10	9	5	3		
Carl ROBSON	Vertigo	Ixion	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	1	1	5	5	3	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	1	0	3	5	1	1	26	21	18	65	7	7	0	11	5		
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Byron ADLAM	Jotagas	Ixion	1	5	1	1	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	3	5	5	2	3	3	2	3	1	5	22	16	15	53	10	6	5	4	5		
Kevin PINFOLD	Vertigo	MOMCC	5	2	5	3	1	3	5	5	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	3	5	2	24	16	20	60	8	7	4	5	6		
Wayne FURNISS	Scorpa	Ixion	3	5	3	3	5	5	3	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	1	2	5	1	5	23	21	19	63	7	5	6	7	5		
Finn PEARCE	Beta	Ixion	5	5	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	3	5	1	0	0	5	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	5	5	3	3	3	5	26	22	28	76	8	3	2	8	9		
Mark SIDEBOTHAM	Vertigo	Ixion	5	5	0	3	3	5	5	1	5	5	5	3	5	2	3	3	0	5	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	3	5	3	5	37	20	31	88	4	5	2	8	11		
Andrew ADLAM	GasGas	Ixion	3	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	5	3	5	5	5	2	2	1	3	1	2	5	5	3	5	3	3	39	41	35	115	0	2	3	9	16	
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Kevin TITHER	GasGas	Ixion	0	0	0	3	5	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	5	0	0	2	1	3	18	11	10	39	13	7	2	6	2		
Gavin PEARCE	Beta	Ixion	1	0	0	5	3	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	2	3	1	2	3	3	0	26	11	8	45	12	5	3	8	2		
Jonathan NEAL	Jotagas	Ixion	1	1	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	5	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	3	5	0	5	0	3	3	1	19	19	15	53	11	5	4	5	5		
Zack FURNISS	GasGas	Ixion	2	1	0	5	1	1	2	5	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	2	5	2	2	0	1	0	3	3	3	24	18	11	53	9	5	8	4	4		
Neil STURMFELS	GasGas	Ixion	5	1	1	3	1	5	0	0	1	1	3	-	1	0	-	0	1	-	1	0	-	0	3	-	3	0	-	3	3	-	17	12	(7)	DNF	7	8	0	6	2		
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Ashley LUCAS	Vertigo	MOMCC	0	0	0	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	11	8	5	24	21	2	3	2	2
Chris PRESTO	GasGas	Ixion	0	0	2	0	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	2	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	0	0	15	14	12	41	14	3	5	6	2		
Karl JUDD	GasGas	Ixion	2	3	0	5	3	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	1	2	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	0	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	31	18	13	62	5	8	3	11	3		
<b>C Clubman</b>																																											
Luke PEARCE	Beta	Ixion	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	2	1	3	11	2	5	18	21	5	1	2	1
Alan BURNS	Beta	Ixion	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	13	17	13	43	18	2	1	3	6		
Emily WILLARD	Sherco	Ixion	3	3	2	0	5	5	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	5	5	0	3	0	5	18	17	14	49	15	3	2	4	6		
Chris BARCLAY	Honda	Ixion	3	1	5	5	3	5	0	0	5	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	3	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	14	14	23	51	13	4	4	3	6		
Richard LATIMER	Vertigo	Ixion	0	3	2	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	5	3	21	23	19	63	12	1	5	4	8		
Sebastian ROBSON	Beta	Ixion	1	3	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	2	5	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	5	5	3	1	1							15	11	24	50	9	3	1	5	6		
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Aaron Mai	Beta	Ixion	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	5	-																						DNF	0	4	4	3	1	



