# CYCLE TORQUE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE IXION MOTOR CYCLE CLUB INC

P.O. BOX 672, WELLINGTON.

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MonthlyClub Trial entry fees are \$4.

ACU licences are required for all riders and are taken from 1 July of each year.

## **GASFLOW**

Not much to report this month except an immensely successful N.I. Champs 2- day Trial attended by 35 riders only (due to a too- hard Trial last year and the early date) (why doesn't the rest of the country get out of bed before April? Because their Clubs don't run Twilight Trials and start Clubtrials in January, that's why!) Anyway, they all loved our sections, which one must confess were rather magnificent- ten brand new ones, only one with pegs for boundaries, huge variety from nadgery on slime to real 301 country (rocketlike propulsion necessary, mountain goats scattering in all directions, vertical to overhanging with loose rocks and Julie Andrews coming over the top in full song).

John Lawton did five full days of section setting, which is damn hard work. Pesky did heaps too. People who are prepared to turn out in the wind and rain and produce the magnificent effort of these guys are the backbone of any viable sports club such as ours. Good sections are the main reason riders will travel long distances, and those who set them are indeed the salt of the Earth. Also involved in the actual work were Ash and Bill who marshalled observers and looked after the "office", John Thomson who dug deep, Janet for looking after Adam for two weeks while her husband went completely mad and also sorted the catering. And of oourse Hugh Lowe, and John Marryatt of the Regional Council for great venues where the problem was more which neat section to use than "Omigod, what do we do now?".

You probably won't get a report on the Trial in this letter. It seems that in my dual cpacity as President and Convenor I myself now produce the entire contents of it. I think I'll rename it "Gasflow" next month, never did like "Cycle Torque"much, it's like a twisted bicycle.

Anyway, the Trial... One of the nicest things about this year was the abundant Observer turnout. Ash was almost embarrassed by the number of people begging to be given a section. Funny, I'm sure I organised 12 only per day...never mind. Thanks guys (and Rebecca & Heather!) Great work. I hpoe you learned from comparing the hotshoes to the gumboots! I saw Shane improve visibly over the 2 days, and Wayne Furniss left us in no doubt as to what's in his melting pot for the future. Welcome to the B grade, mate! Champs Trials are great levelers. If you think some guy has been marking himself soft at Clubtrials and then he thrashes you at a Champs, well you just crawl back into your hole, eh? The next Champs are at Hawkes Bay on 2/3 April. If you think it's a long way

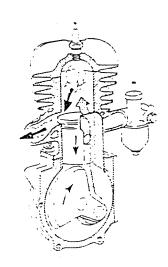
to go for a mere Trial, consider that you get 96 OBSERVED sections in one weekend. What were you going to do on the Saturday anyway? Mow the lawns? To enter for Hawkes bay ring me! 789 868!

The A.G.M. last year charged the incoming committee with looking into incorporating the Club. We have done nothing so far, but that is about to end, dramatically. Expect to vote on a constitution at the A.G.M. next May.

I am going to A.C.U. Conference this year, and will put forward a rewritten set of rules (Trials rules as per A.C.U. Rulebok, clothhead!) to the Trials & Enduro (Enduro? what's that?) subcommittee. For discussion, doubtless they think I'll go away and not bother them again. HAH! Just wait till 1989 ... Whilst were on the subject you might as well know that helmets will probably be compulsory next year, I don't know what particular Standards will be involved yet, but I'll fight for the loosest possible.

"Bernie's Book" mentions carbohydrate loading as a way to increase endurance for Trials. What is it? It is a method of supersaturating the muscles with glycogen (sugar) so that they can provide the athlete(!) with extra ATP which breaks down into energy. How is it done? 7 days before the event the athlete (!) depletes his muscles of sugar by doing 2-3 hours of aerobics or similar nonstop, and eating only protein and fat for days 7-4, whilst maintaining a vigorous specific training program. On days 3,2, &1 no training takes place and the athlete (!) pigs out on cakes, pies, milkshakes, pizza, pasta, chocolate and icecream. Lot of hassle for an effect which only lasts one day, eh? More realistically one might modify one's diet to include more fruit and veges cooked less or better still not at all, no added sugar or salt, less or no red meat, no white flour. Apparantly eating carbohydrates and proteins together causes poor digestion too, due to the different chemical balances required in the stomach. So y'all stop having fish with chips, meat with potatoes, bread with cheese!

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General Information.

Monthly Ixion Club Trials start at 10.30am and generally the flags are pulled at 3pm. This gives competitors plenty of time to do the usual three rounds and have time to stop and have abite to eat at lunchtime.

Twilight trials start at about 6pm and you are expected to help in setting the trial. They are very much a do it yourself trial.

Riders are expected to help at the end of each trial by helping bring in the section markers (flags).

Trials are never cancelled. The events are held wet or fine. If you have any queries about the events or any other Club activity telephone Ash Wells at (04) 784 985 or any of the Committee members listed in the front inside cover of each Cycle Torque.

April 10

Monthly Club Trial. At Mr Humes property Ohariu. On the Johnsonville to Makara Rd before you get to the Takarau Gorge.

May 1

Monthly Club' Trial. MR Muirs Froperty, WHITEMANS VALLEY.

June 12

Monthly Club Trial. MR PERKINS PROPERTY, PAEKAKARIKI STATE HIGHWAY ONE (JUST SOUTH OF CAR HAULAWAYS).

## odds& ends

Enclosed with this edition of Cycle Torque is a sales leaflet from Ray Skinner who is the NZ agent for the Fantic range of trials irons. Ray tells us that the Fantic 243 costs \$5595. If you want to know more about the range contact him at 46 Sylvan Ave, Northcote, Auckland 9 or tele. (09)4180854.

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There isn't a lot in this newsletter this month. It had had to be posted early for Easter and no one has sent anything in to be printed. I've run out of ideas too.

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FOR SALE, FOR SALE. From Craig Guy who was at the Champs comes the following. A TLR 250 \$2500.00 ONO or trade a TY175. This is a1986 model. Telephone Hastings (070) 782825.