

WHAT NEXT?

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 a bite 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.

June 4 & 5 Taranaki 2 Day Trial. Rounds 7 and 8 of the North Island Champs.

June 12 Monthly Club Trial. Mr Perkins property at Paekakariki just south of Car Haulaways depot.

June 19 Manawatu Club Trial.

July 3 Monthly Club Trial. Mr Campbells property, Bull Run Road, Moonshine

August 7 Monthly Club Trial. Lindale Farm Paraparaumu.

September 4 Monthly Club Trial. At Battlehill on the Paekakariki Hill Road.

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Your happy Editor has obtained a second TK 250. The theory being that each of the bikes can be built for different events. On the other hand the other half said she would like a machine to potter about on. Well at least he has spares when needed!

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Ash Wells has put new tyres on his TLR and made a world of difference he says.

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Well where are they? The Clubs videos which someone borrowed have not yet been returned. Please have a look around and if you have

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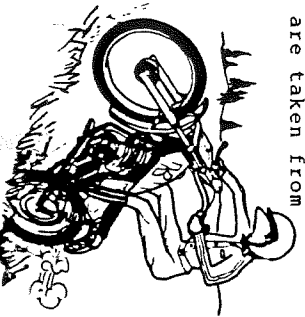
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PO Box 672
Wellington.

The annual subscription is \$20 or \$10 for social members
and full-time students.
Monthly Club Trial entry fees are \$4.
ACU licences are required for all riders and are taken from
1 July of each year.



the ACU serve motorcycling and that was just one example of the sort of thing I am talking about and why I want to give the Trials Conveners job away and concentrate on either getting us a better deal from the ACU or getting us away altogether.

The other official body we belong to, the Wellington Offroad Motorcycle Assn (WORMASN) was formed this year and is about to be incorporated. It is an Association of ourselves and Darryl De Lacey's motorcross Clubs (Kapi-Mana and Junior Motorcross) and serves to liaise with the Wellington Regional Council about venues and the like. I have met the Council's new recreation Officer Barry Chalmers and am pleased to say that he is quite approachable and has control of at least three potential properties which we could use.

Notable events this year were; the BSA Shield in June, which Orion kept; the Greybeards Trial in September in which some of the older riders managed to do very well considering they hadn't ridden for fifteen years; various champs events which a number of Clubmembers attended and even did well at! A very laidback Arena Trial was held at Anderson Park on January 3 this year. The considerable hassle involved in organising and running arena trials is not worth it although the experience of riding the obstacles is something that every trials rider should do once in awhile. The extremely gigantic, controversial Ixion North Island Camps rounds on March 5 and 6 were highlighted by the finishing of the big blue portable Ixion portable toilet after three years of toil. Seriously, we did ourselves proud on this one and anyone who did anything towards it can pat themselves on the back.

The committee were asked at the last AGM to look into becoming an incorporated society again. Draft rules are being looked at at present. Looking to the future will probably see a resurgence of the Roadshow which seemed to be out to kill off motorcycling in NZ. The Ministry of Transport seems to have jumped on the Roadwagon by making the acquisition of motorcycle licences a series of bureaucratic hurdles based not so much on riding ability as on dogged determination. This will affect us in years to come by reducing the number of motorcycles sold and repair facilities available. The possibility of cashing in on the situation and using trials as an off road training for future motorcyclists exists, but the organisation and the hassles on the day are beyond our present enthusiasm.

To end on a brighter note. We has agreed to hold the North versus South trial on November 27. We may even be able to get TV interested enough to film some of it.

N E W S L E T T E R

N E W Z E A L A N D A U T O - C Y C L E U N I O N (I M C)
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23rd May, 1988

The 70th Annual Conference of the New Zealand Auto-Cycle Union was held at Whakatane over Anzac Weekend hosted by the Whakatane Motor Cycle Club. A record number of delegates attended and we extend our thanks to the Club for the excellent organisation and hospitality. Messrs T. McCleary & J. Porter remain as Patrons to the Union. Mr. Kevin McCleary, President - Ray Whitcham Vice President and executive members elected were: Don Cosford Wanganui; Ken Duncan Dunedin; John Shand Christchurch; Tim Gibbes Palmerston North; Ian Hathaway Whakatane; Errol Conaghan Palmerston North.

LICENCE FEES REMAIN AS LAST SEASON AT: \$35 Senior & \$25 Junior.
A new Junior licence has been introduced to be known as a Junior Provisional licence. Effective from 1/7/88 a PROVISIONAL JUNIOR LICENCE will be issued to all new junior riders at a cost of \$11. This licence only allows the holder to compete at club events & they will not be able to enter any supercross, Championship or major junior meetings whilst the holder of a provisional licence. When sufficient experience and expertise has been gained the provisional junior rider may request the club contact the District Steward for permission to obtain a full Junior licence. The District Steward may wish to view the rider in competition. When permission is given by the District Steward the Provisional licence along with the additional \$14.00 for a full Junior licence must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Union.

PERMIT FEES: For 1988/89 Season
CLASS 1 - Trials (Excluding Championships), trail rides & all Training Days - \$10 plus GST = \$11.00 (2 day = \$22)
CLASS 2 - All other no prize money events, non-championship events & up to \$1,000 prize money - \$20 plus GST = \$22 (2 day \$44)
CLASS 3 - Prizemoney events over \$1,000, Championships (N.I., S.I. & N.Z.) - \$50 plus GST = \$55.00
Late permits are double fees as per Rule 4-1-1.

RULE CHANGES FROM CONFERENCE WHICH TAKE EFFECT FROM 1/7/88

Each Competitor shall present themselves at scrutineering wearing full race protective clothing.
FIM helmet standards are approved in addition to the standards already approved by the Union.

N.Z. 3 Day Trials Championship Numbers for Expert grade - N.Z. or Island Championship events - Riding numbers will be allocated as per

the finishing order of the previous years Championship. Riders moving up a grade will be allocated a number by the National or Island Co-ordinator. (Trials Co-ordinator) Mr. Errol Conaghan
Safety Gear - Trials - Motorcycle helmets are compulsory.

Three Wheeled Competition - Re-named 'All Terrain Vehicle Competition' and includes four wheel motorcycles. CLASSES ARE up to 200cc three wheelers, Over 200cc three wheelers; up to 250cc four wheelers; and Over 250cc four wheelers.

Moto-cross Start Line Positions - Clubs shall have the right to choose the system to be used for competitors start positions.

N.Z. MX Champs - Rule 16-9-1 was deleted from the Rule Book. This previously stated: This Championship will be held over a minimum of three points scoring rounds with at least one round to be held in N.I. and one in the S.I.

Junior Moto-cross Classes - A provisional junior licence will be issued as per the information on the previous page.

Number Boards for junior riders shall be white with Black Numbers
N.Z. Road Race National Points - Entry Fee - Maximum entry fee for National points races shall be \$20.00

F.I.M. Points Scale for National Road Race Champs to be 20,17,15,13,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1

Road Race Number Plates must be mounted behind the rider.

ALL ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES WILL REMAIN AS LAST SEASON.

Production Racing Carburettor Jetting: Jetting may be varied 10% of the mean jet size for main jet specifications. Applies to main jet only.

1989 Annual Conference will be hosted by the Auckland Motor Cycle Club.

RULE BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH ALL THE CHANGES FOR THE 1988/89 SEASON FROM FRIDAY 10th JUNE.

Please advise the members in your Club if they have been listed on the Pro list which is enclosed.

DISTRICT STEWARD CHANGES FOR THE 1988/89 SEASON.

BAY OF PLENTY - Mr. Stu Newby, 11 Emily Place, Otumoetai, Tauranga

HAWKES BAY - Mr. John Cummings, 1009 Caroline Road, Hastings

SOUTHLAND - Mr. John Connolly, 9 Vogel Court, Invercargill.

TRIALS - REVERSING BAN - The decision to ban reversing in trials has been revoked. REVERSING IS PERMISSIBLE

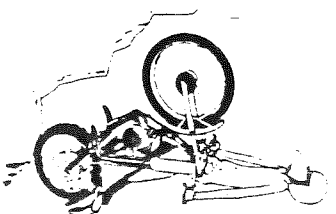
DOUBLE AND TRIPLE JUMPS BAN - This ban remains in force. Remits to Conference regarding this matter were lost.

Sandra Perry
SANDRA PERRY
NATIONAL SECRETARY.

GASFLOW

The President and Trials Conveners Report

Generally 1987/1988 was a successful year for the Club; a year of consolidation where tried and true methods were employed to produce predictable results. We held 20 events including two rounds of the North Island Championships and six Twilight trials. Attendance were excellent in the latter part of 1987 with 29 Clubmembers present at the Greybeards Trial in September, surely the largest since the Club was reformed in 1980. But this has not continued into the new year for reasons unknown. Perhaps a trophy trial in February would attract the members back? Another feature of the years statistics is the large number of members attending a small number of trials. Eighteen members went to only three or less of the Clubs eleven monthly trials and only twelve made it to six or more. So while the trials have been better attended than before and the Club membership is up from 39 to 57 one could say that the support base for the Clubs activities is still very narrow. That is to say a large number of the members feel very little commitment to the sport. On the other hand we have a strong committee which has been a great help during the year and a hard core of higher placed riders who are dedicated to the sport. In fact six of these are in Scotland riding the worlds oldest and hardest club trial, the Scottish Six Days. It's a pity Ralph Rackstraw isn't coming back for a while, he would have made a great Trials Convenor!



I would like to mention also the 'Jawmowing' jang, Saints Peter and Paul and Wayne, the metallor! Furniss as riders who have been progressing well and attending regularly this past year. Keep it up lads! This year we have had to put up with last years A C U decision to raise the licence fees 5% and permit fees by 100%. I made a point at this years Conference that small and regular increases in line with inflation were infinitely more acceptable to the member than massive increases every now and then. This was completely ignored by the Executive who had already decided to create a new 3 tier permit system including a doubling of the Championship fee. Delegates get to see the A C U's accounts, which are years out of date on the morning they vote for them! I don't believe

Pesky

In April this year Pesky attended the Fantic Experts Trial.

It was the same format as last year with five groups of four sections to be ridden three times. Our group started at the quarry. Not a smart move because of the loose stones. So we lost a few silly marks there.

The next group was in and around trees and tree roots but this year it was very dry so the tree sections were easier. A couple of silly moments like getting lost cost some marks.

The next group had two stiffer sections and I underestimated once and got lost once securing an extra 8 points just like that! Back down the drive, past the cars to have a quick drink and on to slippery rocks hidden in the grass type section. Gee its actually really easy. 'Yeah, well why did you did the wrong side of the finish flags then?' Five more unwanted and unnecessary points. Polished of the rest of the group with mixed results (plenty of threes and fives!)

The last group of sections held the toughest sections including the same banks as last year. It was a very long day after packing up, prize giving and driving back to Palmerston with a stop for food in Hamilton. It was however, a good trial and trip just as last year even if I wont tell my score or sign my name.

Ah well, its time to light the fire this evening. Now where is that insult, I mean result sheet?

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A reminder that the monthly Club trials start at 10.30am If you arrive late and miss riders briefing you may well miss out on that vital info which will enable you to plan your ride that day and also what is coming up that hasn't got into the newsletter.

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You will notice elsewhere that we have reprinted in whole the most recent ACU Newsletter to let you know whats going on within this union we have compulsory membership of. Also I have lifted the piece about licensing from the ACU Letter to Club Secretaries.

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Your Club subscription is now due (1 June). If you don't cough up soon the July Cycle Torque will be the last. Please use the form which is included with this issue as it helps Ash keep his

AGM

The Annual General Meeting this year was held at the Burma Lodge on May 17. I guess that most of you are happy with the way things are being handled and run because there were only 12 members there Mark Sidebotham (Sidevalve) was away overseas but left Ash several pages of notes which were read to the assembled masses.

Elections were held to find the new years workers. You will find them listed in the directory. Several other things were discussed notably the new ACU directive that helmets must be worn when riding trials and that foolish nonsense about not riding backwards which is now apparently ok to do now. A sort of reversal of the no reversing rule, although it never did become a rule but rather a hastily decided directive. Concern was expressed at the unreasonable increase in the cost of permit fees. It is of some consolation that the Club subscriptions remain at \$20 and the ACU licence fees are to stay at \$35 senior and \$25 junior.

ACU NOTES

LICENSING: FEES FOR 1988/89:

Senior - \$35 Junior - \$25 Junior Provisional - \$11 (for all new junior riders)

Many problems arise in the licensing area, resulting in delays to riders while we write back for missing items. We feel these could largely be eliminated by the club educating their members. Many already do this via newsletters. Club subs must be paid before licences can be issued and we suggest clubs take this opportunity to remind their members of the requirements of ACU licensing, i.e. licence, club card or receipt for current season, and correct fee (plus \$5-50 if duplicate is required).

Listed are some of the problems encountered :-

1. No club card on receipt
2. Club card expired
3. No money
4. Incorrect money. This happens frequently with new applications because old fees have not been altered on licence forms.
5. No licence. Many competitors who have lost their licences fill in another form and send it in with \$35, but do not include \$5-50 extra for a duplicate.
6. No birth certificate. Competitors under 16yrs of age must send a copy of their birth certificate.
7. Club receipts - Many club receipts are not acceptable as they show only a name, an amount and an illegible signature. Receipts must show the season it is for, the club official stamp, and the official position of the person signing it (e.g. President, Secretary, Treasurer).

CLUB TRIAL

Monthly Club Trial
Mr Muir's property
Whitemans Valley
1st May 1988.

odds & ends

John Lawton has dropped a note in the post to say that the weather over there is fine and the riding of young James has been good enough to get placings in some of the Brit trials. I also hear from another source that John finished the Scottish Six Days even if he didn't win it! (even finishing is I understand quite a feat). John says that he will be bringing back some videos of the Scottish so that should be an interesting evening.

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From the UK paper 'R+MX News' comes the suggestion that Honda and Yamaha will be confronting each other and the rest of the manufacturers with all new bikes in 1989. I guess if they are going to all that trouble then we may see some new trials bike offerings in this part of the world.

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A suggestion was made at the AGM that perhaps the Club magazine could carry some pieces about how to maintain your bike or even just some useful tips on bikes and keeping them going. Yes I will see what I can glean from my sources but it would help if any Club members out there can assist in this. Either give them to me on a piece of paper or tell me about it at a trial.

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Maintainance Tip No.1: Wash yer bike after the last trial! This seems to be missed by quite a number of riders at the monthly trials, by the look of their mounts. The reason for this to be an essential maintainance task is that it forces you to look at the bike as you clean it and as you clean it you may see things that need to be fixed or adjusted before they break. I don't know about you but I always seem to ride better on a clean machine. There are probably many ways to clean a bike but I hose it down using the car wash brush; then the degreaser around the swingarm where the chain has spread oil; then a jet of water to get all the clods of earth of from under the mudguards and between the engine and the bash plate; if I'm feeling kind I then give it a Turtle wax/wash; to finish I spray CRC or similar on the moving bits such as leavers, pivots, nuts, and cable ends. By the way I also wash the tyres so I will see ribs in the sidewalls and how much tread is left (enough for another year maybe!)

A GRADE

John Thomson Montesa 349 82 1st

B GRADE

Wayne Furniss KT 250 62 1st
Shane Belch Pantic 200 73 2nd
Graeme Kidd Yamaha 250 82 3rd
Warren Harris Montesa 95 4th
Bryan Johnston TLM 200 104 5th 2 ans
Paul Frederickson Montesa 104 6th 1 clean
David Easton Yamaha 250 DNF
Trevor Findlay Montesa 82 non-member

C GRADE

Andrew Stuart TLM 200 40 1st
Ash Wells TL 200 46 2nd
Jon Neal Ti. 200 48 3rd
Gerard Pinguet TL 200 62 4th
Mark Kortink TY 250 73 5th
Peter Baucke KT 250 77 6th
Barry Easton TY 175 80 7th
Bill King KT 250 DNF
Paul Davidson Italjet 61 non-member
Steve Cruickshank TLR 200 53 non-member
Steve Davidson Suzuki 250 56 non-member
Peter Haimes Montesa DNF non-member
Bob Fluerty TY 175 DNF

This was a great trial and Phil Neal assisted by Jon Neal did a tremendous job of setting the trial. It was a fair ride to the back of the property but once you were there all the sections were within a shout of each other.

A number of DNFs were because of poor maintainance in some cases or bad luck as in Ash's case (he broke two clutch levers!). The weather was fine and a great day was had by all. Congratulations John for your clean up of the A grade!