

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 Torq

May 1 Monthly Club Trial. Mr Muirs property in Whitesmans Valley Road.

May 14 & 15 Manawatu 2 day trial. Rounds 5 and 6 of the North Island Champs.

May 17 (Tues) Ixion Club AGM. 7.30pm at the Burma Lodge. We have hired a function room for this event and would like to see as many of you there as possible.

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 Haulways depot.

June 19 Manawatu Club Trial.

July 3 Monthly Club Trial. Mr Campbell's property, Bull Run Road, Moonshine

August 7 Monthly Club Trial. Lindale Farm Paraparumu.

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

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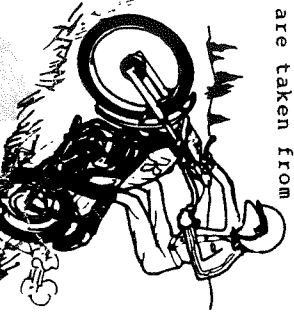
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The annual subscription is \$20 or \$10 for social members and full-time students.

Monthly Club Trial entry fees are \$4.
ACU licences are required for all riders and are taken from 1 July of each year.



Between three and three-fifteen all the sections were pulled up and the results quickly calculated whiggle the riders had a beer and a sausage or moan depending on whether you had finished by the cut-off time or not. Everyone knew the finish time so there shouldn't have been any problems. As riders rep on the day I was to find out that not all of us can count. This tended to cause problems of the '10' variety. Ten large and ominous points to any and all non attempts for what ever reason.

Living home proved to be an experience as people sped up to prevent passing or just pulled out in front of us to stop us going by. These sort of driving tactics really make me wish I was Steed's pesky so I could blow the scum away. Maybe next year!

Just as I was loading Craig on the ferry who should arrive but the dreaded Wells gang from Nelson who were heading home from a karting weekend in Palmerston North. They were late for the boat too. The results for the weekend were burned. I didn't get much warmth from that either!

Pesky

odds & ends

Again from the UK comes news from Ralph Rackstraw. He has got himself a bike and has entered some trials in the south of England. His big complaint is that all the trials are in mud. It seems the poms don't have any decent rocks and creeks for Ralph to show them how its done.

From the Lawtons a postcard already! They have acquired two Fanticos and James has had three wins from three starts. John has an entry for the Scottish Six Day Trial (number 42). At least he has the answer!

Just a reminder that the Club Trials are not cancelled because of the weather even though snooker looks to be a better sport on some of the winter Sundays like the April monthly trial.

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Ash noted a couple of trials bikes for sale in the paper. I have the details if you want to follow them up at this late stage. Spikes Fantic is still for sale at \$2100. If you are interested ring his folks up. Their number is 646 609.

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CLUB TRIAL

Monthly Club Trial
 Obartn Valley
 Sunday 10 April '88

Errol (Mr Rulebook) Conaghan was elected on. It was Errol's Manawatu Club which put forward the helmets remit. You can wear a helmet approved to FIM specs now rather than the NZS 1884 jet style helmet I'll see if I can get the ACU office to let us know precisely what standards are involved. That may take some time and effort so don't hold your breath. As a final note regarding our great governing body, it may interest you to know that they take \$10,500 or so off trials riders every year from permit and licence fees and the fees for Chaps Trials has now been doubled to \$55. Riders license are \$35.

I understand that Hamilton have pulled out of their Champs roi in August. Pesky wants to run an enduro that month and he will need help to do this. So when hee asks say yes. It could be a good money spinner for the Club. Anyone want to be Trials Conventor? There is quite enough work to do in being the President alone and I'm looking for a worker to take convening of my hands!

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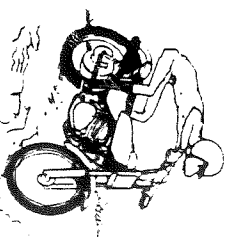
Your Clubs Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in Burma Lodge, Johnsonville. This is your chance to talk and maybe change the way things are being done (that is if you have a better way of doing them!). If you can't be bothered turning up then maybe I won't be bothered sending you a magazine (just joking I think).

There has been an exodus of Clubmembers to the UK this month. First there was John, James and Stuart Lawton (together with the rest of the family) and closely followed by Stuart Pike and Doug Flux. I understand they will be returning but meanwhile there is a gap in the B Grade ranks. Maybe we will have to move some more of the more talented C Grade (sorry Clubmen) up a grade.

RESULTS

Grade	Name	Motorcycle	Points	Position	Notes
A Grade	Mark Sidebotham	Pantic 301	45	1st	
	Steve O'Sullivan	Pantic 241	47	2nd	
	John Thomson	Montesa 349	115	3rd	
	Peter Glover	TLM 200	62		Non-member
B Grade	Wayne Furniss	KT 250	79	1st	
	Shane Belch	Pantic 200	87	2nd	
	Dave Easton	Yamaha 250	108	3rd	
	Bryan Johnston	TLM 200	110	4th	
	Paul Frederickson	Montesa 200	124	5th	2x (won)
C Grade	Trevor Findlay	Montesa 200	44	1st	
	Andrew Stewart	Honda 200	64	2nd	
	Ash Wells	TLM 200	75	3rd	
Non-Member	Peter Bunche	KT 250	94	4th	
	Barry Easton	KT 250	99	5th	
	Peter Haines	Montesa 247	DNF		non-member
	Ken Milne	Suzuki 250	115		non-member
	Steve Cruikshank	Honda 200	78		non-member

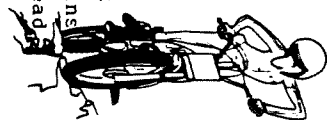
If you have the Club videos, Ash would like them back as there are a number of people waiting to view them. Please return them as soon as you can after viewing them.



Pesky

Hastings Trial 2 & 3 April

The drive up there was the usual for Craig Massel and me. Foot on the stops and hide from the cops. So three hours and ten mins later, Hastings. All the Hastingsites drive rather casually (read 70km on the open road) so they are easy to pick off.



We found the March household no problem and sat down to the usual coffee and biscuit (read beer and Big Mac) evening of who can get away with the most impressive fib and all manner of other gossip. Next morning the trial is in the hills of Te Pohue about an hour north into the Napier-Taupo washout. Its high and a bit nippy up there and a couple of keen (read silly) Orion lads are camped in for the weekend.

The sections are all up on the skyline. After a warning about Yamahas running out of fuel up there I started section one. Real easy like. Section two was a little more tricky and caused plenty of balancing acts. Section three was interesting with waterfalls you were to ride along aside. If you didn't get a little wet you had a lot of trouble turning out of this one. Section four had two tight turns, a log, and a very large bank to fall off so a precautionary dab kept the safety minded a lot happier. Section five had a hairy beginning from a crack in the rocks. Up and over with a turn in the middle and then up the hill and a bit of a trail ride to the end flags. Section six involved dropping down into a dry creek bed for a difficult turn and a ride inside the wall of rock. Funny echoes in there and it was dark! I hoped there were no wetas in there. Section seven was a bit more than I had bargained for. The rest of the sections on this first day were challenging and I liked section nine the best 'cos its the only one I cleaned a couple of times!

Day two dawned and after a few drinks and two dinners the night before, one of brbequed steak and chips to clog me up and a second of beans to blow me out. I'm feeling better. Better than what you may well ask! The days twelve sections were attempted. Some were tricky and some seemed perilous. Section five caught a few bikes in the creek and some were fully submerged.

GASFLOW

Welcome to winter trials! Those of you who didn't go to the April Trial because the weather looked bad missed a great event. The section setting was excellent and it wasn't even cold or wet (to any great extent). Now 18s the time to turn your tyres around and cut a slice of the leading edges or even give the old heap a surprise and buy a new rear tyre! Check that the frame isn't cracked though because all the extra power at the back wheel will transmit may cause a breakage. There are a few places I know of you can get trials tyres. They are Peskies Motorcycle Mania (058) 86040, Ray Skinner (09) 4180854 who is the fanatic agent and Sport and Road in Hamilton. Pesky can get you anything that any other bike shop can and will bring stuff out to the trials. He also knocks a bit of the price for Clubmembers. Derek Baker at Mason McCormick in Hastings has been keeping special trials gear ever since I can remember and includes stuff like amal levers, EBC brakeshoes, alloy sprocket blanks etc and his prices are always good too. Ash tells me that Road and Sport do excellent tyre prices but tend to have delivery problems from time to time. Ray Skinner is the sole seller of the magic throttle controllers.

I went to the ACU Conference in Whakatane during ANZAC weekend. Apart from learning that ACU stands for "another c--- up" it was a total waste of time. The remit, that reversing be banned, was withdrawn and then the Chairman mentioned the executive decision to ban reversing under rule 1-5 "contingencies". I intend to challenge that decision. Remit eight 'that the NZ Camps be one 3 day trial instead of three one day trials scored with championship points was lost. Remit ten, to make helmets compulsory for trials was carried. Both these remits featured the spectacle of delegates from Clubs who don't run trials and wouldn't know a trial if they fell over one, standing up and speaking at length about things they know nothing about. My own amendment to the helmets remit which allowed helmets not specifically designed for motorcycle use was disallowed by the Chairman on the technicality that it was proposed by Greg Power and not a member Club. An amendment to change 'helmets' to 'protective headwear' was also lost. The final blow came when Greg Power was voted off the executive and