



# ***AMCC Riders' Briefs***

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024



Hi Everyone,

It's late January, and as everyone drifts back to work following the xmas break, life is falling back into a more familiar rhythm. And in some respects, it doesn't take long to feel like there never even was a break ! Hopefully everyone had some good down-time; and is managing the ongoing "busy-ness" that lift gifts on the daily.

I did not do much in my break. Time with family, read a couple of books, slept a lot, enjoyed some riding, and largely ignored the To-Do lists I had in mind for work, AMCC, and domestic chores. I discovered I quite enjoy doing nothing. Sometimes you just need to ....

But we're back into it for 2024, and the Exec meet in about a week to continue planning, and undertake the other activities that keep the Club functioning.

So - What's coming up ?

NZSBK is in full swing. And AMCC will be enabling MotoFest as we do every year. That planning is a big focus currently. It should be a big weekend.

We also have the date for our **Prize-Giving and AGM – Saturday 6 April**, at the Clubrooms.

We'll be celebrating with the entire community as usual – Road Race, Carl Cox Motorsport Cup, and Buckets. As well as electing all our role-holders for the coming year.

If you have some time to invest in your Club, pls consider what role you could stick your hand up for.

Everyone has skills and perspectives that can benefit the whole Club, and it is always encouraging to have the benefit of these, when new faces appear on the respective committees.

The **KayoGT** is set to run again this year – on **9 March at Tokoroa**.

Dave Sharp is a prime mover for this event, and AMCC will be supporting again, as we did last year.

The Bucket community will also be kicking off their 2024 season at Tokoroa in February, on 17/18.

And will have one of their signature events – the **Bucket GP** – on **23/24 March**, at the same location.

So there is plenty to get amongst.

I'm in the process of re-visiting my To-Do's – particularly those related to AMCC.

It's going to be a big 2024 .....

That's about it for now ...

As always - please don't be shy to offer the Club your feedback, ideas, suggestions, and help.

We welcome all the views and support that you bring to what is YOUR Club.

Stay safe out there, on the streets and circuits.

**Philip Kavermann | AMCC President**





# Hydrogen:



## Take A Look At Kawasaki's First Hydrogen Engine Motorcycle Prototype

**Team HySE has clearly been busy.**

HySE is the cooperative hydrogen engine development team - previously formed by Kawasaki, Honda, Suzuki, Toyota, and Yamaha.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries is a massive company, and one that covers multiple segments. Since all those segments are currently engaged in working toward group carbon neutrality goals in different ways, they all occasionally hold group meetings, where they give progress reports on how each segment is moving forward.

On December 12, 2023, Kawasaki Heavy Industries held its Group Vision 2030 Progress Report Meeting.

With four of the five companies involved in HySE being Japan's big four motorcycle companies, it was only a matter of time before a hydrogen engine motorcycle would finally show its face.

On December 12, 2023, we had our first glimpse at it, during this Kawasaki presentation.

According to Kawasaki Motor Co. president and CEO Hiroshi Ito, the prototype is based on the Kawasaki Ninja H2 SX. Rather than Team Green's usual colorways, the prototype design sticks to varying shades of calming blue. You'll also see those colors in the HySE logo.

Not much else in the way of concrete information or details were given; though President Ito went on to say that testing would soon begin with this prototype.



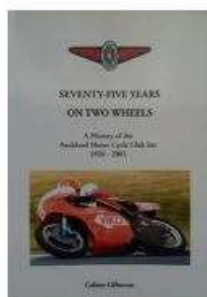


## Efforts for Carbon Neutrality : Hydrogen engine

### Hydrogen engine motorcycle



### Hydrogen engine four-wheel buggy (HySE-X1 for Dakar)



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# Carl Cox Motorsport Cup:



## ROUND 4 WRAP NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Here we go again! That was my thought when checking the weather forecast constantly for 10 days leading up to our much anticipated 1 Hour race event. Last year we were rained out and timed out. Well things were looking much the same yesterday. However, good pre-event planning to run only 1 Cup Sprint race for each class, thus freeing up time in the schedule and a fantastic effort by Chris Costello, Trevor Heaphy, Jane Percival, Jim Tuckerman and the entire AMCC crew during one of the most challenging days racing meant no races were dropped and we got to run our Kiwibike Insurance 1 Hour to the end! The Hampton Downs Team were also very accommodating, friendly, and patient as we battled all weather conditions to get through our day.

It was very wet for qualifying and an extra big challenge for the Hyosung's who at best could run the Bridgestone S22's, a great road tyre for wet conditions but not a full race wet. Conditions like this make things very interesting though, who is confident to find the limits and stay on board are those who generally rise to the top. Our long Cup history has seen a few wet weather specialists who can do this. One of those riders is Esmond Williams aboard his Kiwibike Insurance GT250R. Always quick and in the wet goes to another level. Esmond set himself up on pole followed by the experienced Scotty Findlay and new Cup racer James Murdie. Troy Fowles also from the Naki goes P4 and then a couple of young guns, Cadel Finlay and Joe Stroud go P5 and 6. The second row is rounded out by Shaun Parker and Too Tall Trent McDiarmid who doesn't shy away from a bit of moisture on the track.

The Ninja Cup bikes qualify with the 650's in the Intermediate class. With the Ninjas on full Bridgestone race wets they can certainly tackle the conditions as these tyres are just amazing! This was unknown territory as this is the first season any Cup bikes have been able to use these, so who would gain the most from trusting these tyres? It was Billee and Tyler who got straight down to business. Billee put her MTF Finance Wairau Valley Ninja 400 on pole with a 1:24.039 with Tyler King very close behind. Both these riders banked lap times faster than all the 650's! Both on stock suspension. P3 went to Sean White and Tim Gray rounded out the front row. Michael Robinson went P5 and a great effort by Alex le Comte and a hard charging Megan Kemp for P6 and 7. Nathan Finlay on the Connect Homes Ninja 400 rounded out row 2. 6 of the fastest 8 times in this mixed qualifying were Ninja Cup bikes.

Race 1 for the Hyosungs was very moist. Esmond got straight into his work and led every lap as Oli Pykett had to start from the back of the grid. Oli powered through the pack to second with James Murdie sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place when the red flag came out for Chris Nobbs and Rico Belcourt who found the weeds. Fortunately, with no injuries. With a 3 lap race re start it was kicking off at the front as we now restart with a grid formed up from the positions in the race that was red flagged. This meant Oli was P2 on the grid. It was EW who crossed the stripe just 0.4 ahead of Oli setting the fastest lap on the way. James Murdie was solid 3<sup>rd</sup> and a great battle between Cadel Finlay and Troy Fowles gave one of our youngest racers P4 by 0.3.

The Ninja Cup sprint race was also wet. Billee got away well but Tyler grabbed the lead on lap one. Bill's was never far behind and these two put on a masterful display of wet weather riding. Tyler posting the fastest lap of 1:22.690. Only 0.3 separated them across the line. Michael Robinson learnt quickly how much grip the Bridgestone W01 series

tyres have coming in a great 3<sup>rd</sup> just 1.5 ahead of his 1 Hour Team mate Tim Gray. A fantastic 5<sup>th</sup> from Megan Kemp had the entire Ninja Cup camp really happy for her. This young women has such a great attitude, competitive, wants to learn and doesn't give up. So good to see. The Battle of the Andrews was won by AB over AA this time by 4 seconds but later in the day they would of course Team up for the Kiwibike Insurance 1 Hour. Interesting to note after a 20 second start delay between the 650's and the Ninja Cup bikes Tyler and Billee came through for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> outright.

So after the co riders had some laps behind the Intermediates we were into the 1 Hour race at around 4:15pm and really hoping we could get through this without a red flag as track time was limited. And we did! What a race. Super supported by Dave Hewer of Kiwibike Insurance with \$1,000 cash prize money we had 24 bikes lined up for the Le Mans start. Most with a 2 rider team for a bonus 20 Cup points but 8 doing the solo thing. Ninja pole was occupied by the sister/brother Team of Billee and Zak Fuller. No introduction required as we all know Zac's pedigree as a very talented racer who has stood on BSB podiums and is also 2020 solo winner of the Ninja Cup 1 Hour at Taupo. The combination of young gun Tyler King and a 9 time NZ Superbike Champion in Andrew Stroud looked pretty formidable also from P2. Another strong combo of Sean White and a returning Hyosung Champion Alex Buttman Butson, a very fast wet weather rider lined up P3. Lots of great teams throughout both classes encompassing returning Cup Champions Chris Smith, Alex Butson, Kendal Dunlop and Cam Leslie. Young Teams like Alex Le Comte and Jayme Martin on their Ninjas and Joe Stroud and dad Andrew on Joes X4R. Father and son Troy and Riley Fowles and a welcome return to Cup racing from Hayden Fordyce riding with Megan Kemp. Then we had some serious solo's like Esmond "no mates" Williams and Oli who had Scotty Findlay lined up but withdrew after some pre-race bike troubles. Shaun parker and Elijah Daken also went alone as did Robert Mayo, Tim Wigram and Too tall Trent, all on the GT250R's.

The Buttman got the Holeshot but was hauled in by Tyler and Zak on lap one and from there it was all on in the Ninjas. Tyler took over at the front from Zak on lap 4 and set a very fast pace until lap 11 when Zak got his eye in and pulled the pin. Tyler went with Zak but just ran a little wide and tipped off his Ninja on lap 14 after posting a 1:22.002 in full wet conditions. From that point on Zak stretched his lead over Alex and the chasing pack. At the 35 minute mark Zak pitted to hand over to Bill's with a huge lead, so much they were still in front when Billee returned to the track. Bill's did everything right and managed changing conditions on full wets like a seasoned endurance racer. Still punching out 1:21's 56 minutes into the race with a virtually dry line. The action was behind for 2<sup>nd</sup> with a hard charging Michael Robinson taking that place off Sean White on lap 34 and also unlapping his team from Billee and Zak. Mike also posted the fastest lap in the process of 1:20.224 on lap 35 as the dry line was appearing. A solid race from young Team mates Alex Le Comte and Jayme Martin for 4<sup>th</sup> earned them a good points haul each. Gravity took over for Britten Somerville unfortunately on lap 33 which ended the race for team mate Nick Trigger also. No injury and this talented young racer will be back for more! So the grand prize of winning the Kiwibike Insurance Ninja Cup 1 Hour went to Billee and Zak Fuller by a margin of 1 minute 15 seconds over Tim Gray and Mike Robinson. A superb 3<sup>rd</sup> was Sean and Alex who have both podiumed in past 1 Hour Cup races.

For the first 4 laps Esmond led the Hyosung class from Oli before Oli pulled the rip cord and did the Oli thing by clearing off, that was until a speeding penalty leaving pit lane after the compulsory stop saw him relegated to 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the flag. EW made no mistakes and rode a fast, consistent pace to take the top step. So good to see another young Stroud racer learning the craft from dad Andrew. They came home in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Joe certainly contributed very well to that result and is growing with patience and talent as a young racer. Mike McKain hired in Hyosung Cup Champion Cam Leslie to form a strong team who came home 4<sup>th</sup> with Cam posting the fastest lap on 32 with a 1:24.537. Another father/son Team of Nathan and Cadel Finlay rode a great race to 5<sup>th</sup> on Cadel's X4R. We lost Too tall Trent on lap 10 and Dan Franzen retired on lap 3, both with no injury.

I have to say it's so good to see plenty of young talent emerging in this Cup season. They all bring energy, a great attitude and enthusiasm. They are learning and enjoying their sport which is the most important thing.

On a completely different note and on behalf of all the Cup family I want to send our best wishes to Avalon and Jake on the birth of their son Nash on November 18. Mum and babe are doing great and I think we have a contender for the 2038 Cup Championship knowing this wee man's genes.



That's that for Round 4. Many thanks to the Hampton Downs management to allow us some extra time for our prize giving at the end of racing. We rushed through that to eventually get the van packed at 6:45 and off home reflecting on what was another amazing day of Cup racing. Again thanks to all the volunteers and flaggy's who braved the elements to keep things running extremely well and keep our riders safe. Thanks to those who helped with timing the compulsory 1 Hour pit stops and to Tracy for again taking the BBQ off my hands and working so hard in our pit. Was great to have Phil London join us who has supported the Cup for 13 years through WIL Sport. Finally a massive thank you to all the Cup Sponsors. Without you all the Cup wouldn't be quite the same and our 2 winning 1 Hour Teams went home \$500 richer each thanks to Kiwibike Insurance.

Good luck to all the Cup racers heading into the Nationals and have a great Christmas everyone. See you at Motofest, our last round if not before.





Our WIL Sport Women's Podium



Hyosung Cup Round Podium



1-Hour Start





**Ninja Cup Round Podium**



**Kiwibike Insurance 1 Hour Hyosung podium**



**Kiwibike Insurance Ninja Cup 1 Hour Podium**



## Points After Round Four:

### NINJA CUP:

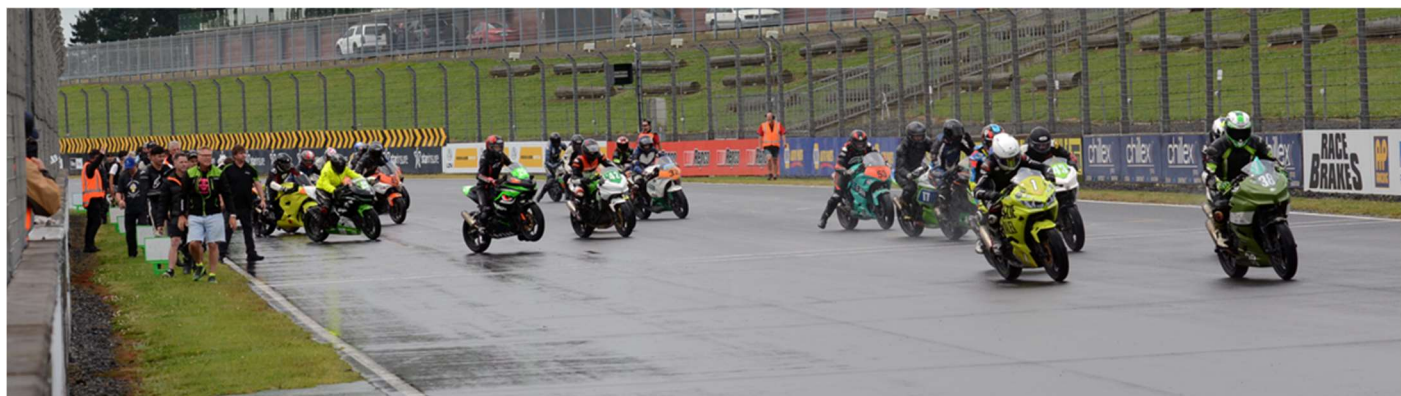
Billee Fuller	915
Michael Robinson	810
Timothy Gray	666
Sean White	665
Tyler King	632
Andrew Boldero	542
Andrew Ansell	492
Nick Trigger	429
Megan Kemp	400
Jayne Martin	376
Nathan Finlay	362
Alex Le Comte	355
Mike Cross	287
Blair Skelton	269
Britten Someville	262
Gordon Finlay	248
Heidi Trigger	242
Sam Greenhalgh	228
Chris Smith	225
Blain Pairama	189
Bryan Kidd	106
Graeme le Comte	98
Ben Cook	91
James Short	68
Simon Finlay	50
Terence Gates	40
Michael Stokes	28

### WOMENS CUP:

Billee Fuller	120
Megan Kemp	118
Heidi Trigger	105

### HYOSUNG CUP:

Oliver Pykett	972
Elijah Daken	668
James Murdie	644
Esmond Williams	547
John Williams	516
Mike McKain	494
Cadel Finlay	464
Scott Findlay	446
Hadleigh Thomson	428
Ben Cook	396
Troy Fowles	348
Rory Garvey	300
Nick Brown	286
Riley Fowles	283
Corey Pook	279
Brett Butler	258
Jarrold Thompson	251
Loren May	247
Enrique Belcourt	247
Shaun Parker	230
Trent McDiarmid	206
Guy Webster	204
Robert Mayo	186
Tim Wigram	175
Chris Nobbs	131
Joe Stroud	114
Jesse Stroud	60
Andrew Simpson	57
Dan Franzen	22
Phil Oades	20



# MotoGP:

## Autosport ranks the top 10 riders of the 2023 MotoGP season

The 2023 MotoGP season proved to be one of the most competitive campaigns for the series, as the championship battle between Ducati duo Francesco Bagnaia and Jorge Martin raged until the final race of an historic campaign that also saw sprints introduced for the first time.

Bagnaia ultimately won out by 39 points to score his second championship, capping off a banner year for Ducati in which it won a record 17 GPs across six of its eight riders, achieved 43 total podiums and eight rostrum lockouts. There were standout performances elsewhere, with Aprilia winning twice with Aleix Espargaro and Honda scoring a sole victory in a miserable campaign courtesy of Alex Rins.

To decide who we consider the 10 best rider of the 2023 MotoGP season, we've taken results into account but also results relative to machinery at their disposal.

Also included are how they fared in comparison to last year's top 10 ranking.



1. Francesco Bagnaia (No change) **(Above)**
2. Jorge Martin (Re-entry)
3. Brad Binder (Up 4)
4. Fabio Quartararo (Down 2)
5. Marco Bezzecchi (Up 4)
6. Aleix Espargaro (Down 1)





7. Johann Zarco (New entry) *(Above)*

8. Fabio Di Giannantonio (New entry)

9. Alex Marquez (New entry)

10. Luca Marini (New entry) *(Below)*





# Custom Ducati:



*Jim Alonze - Custom Ducati Monster 600*







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As huge motorsport enthusiasts and previous racers, they're proud to support several Kiwi riders competing in New Zealand. Ken and Richard sponsor the 250 Pro Lites class, and have been helping out with the Carl Cox Motorsport Cup for more than a decade.

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# Honda CB750 Four:



Made by German model kit specialist Franzis, it is in 1/24 scale.

The model kit has a plastic base with a sound module that plays the sweet melody of the 736cc, SOHC, inline-four engine. There's even a 67-page booklet that highlights the meticulous construction of the bike. As for the bike itself, it features a metal frame and parts, so assembly is required. Cost is 89.95 euros.





# PTS

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# NZSBK

2023/2024  
NEW ZEALAND SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP



- Round 1 - Suzuki Series - Taupo - 2 & 3 December 2023
- Round 2 - Suzuki Series - Manfield - 9 & 10 December 2023
- Round 3 - Euromarque Motorsport Park - Ruapuna - 6 & 7 January 2024
- Round 4 - Levels Raceway, Timaru - 13 & 14 January 2024
- Round 5 - Burt Munro - Teretonga Invercargill - 9 & 10 February 2024
- Round 6 - Motofest - Hampton Downs - 4 & 5 March 2024

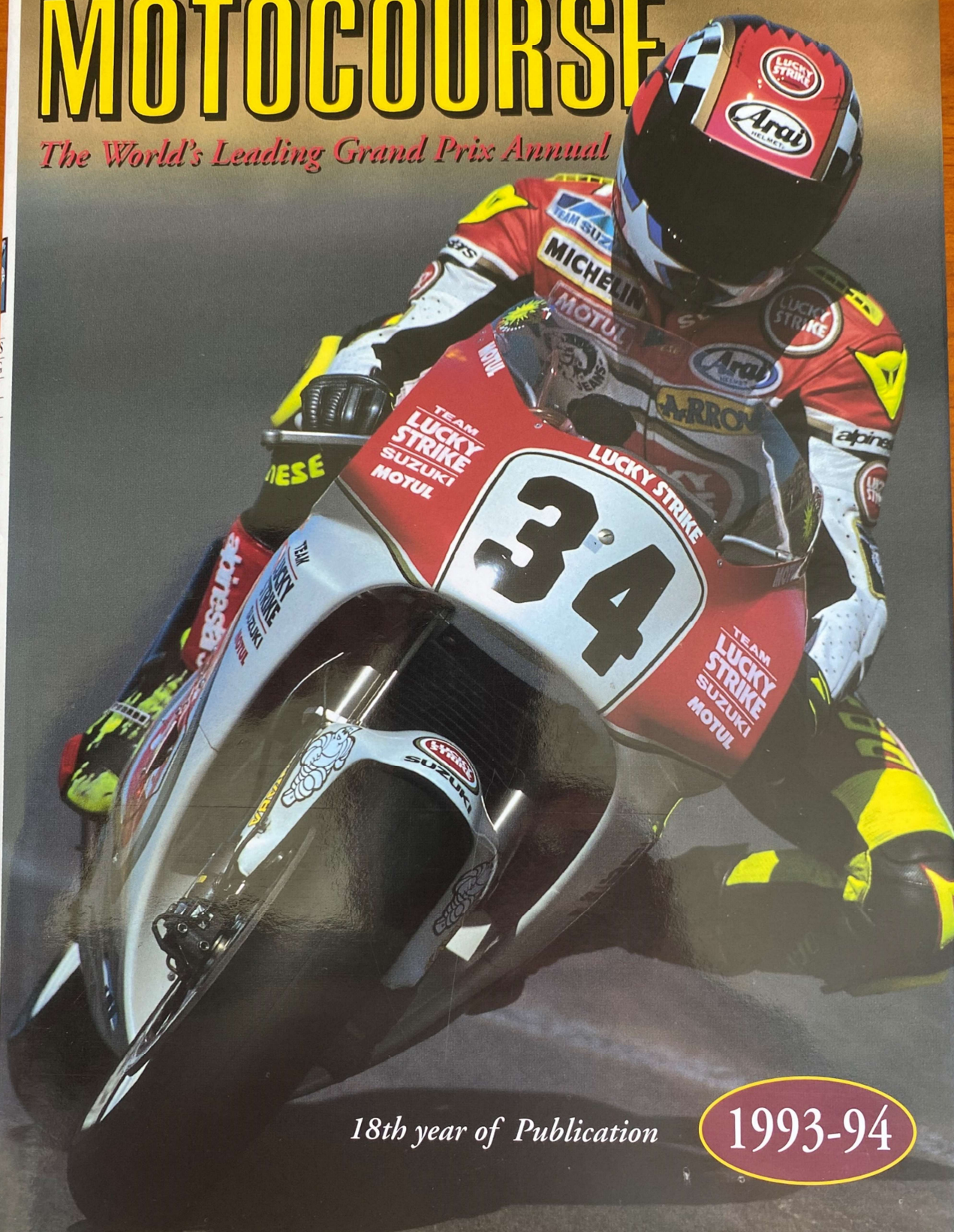




# Kevin Schwantz:

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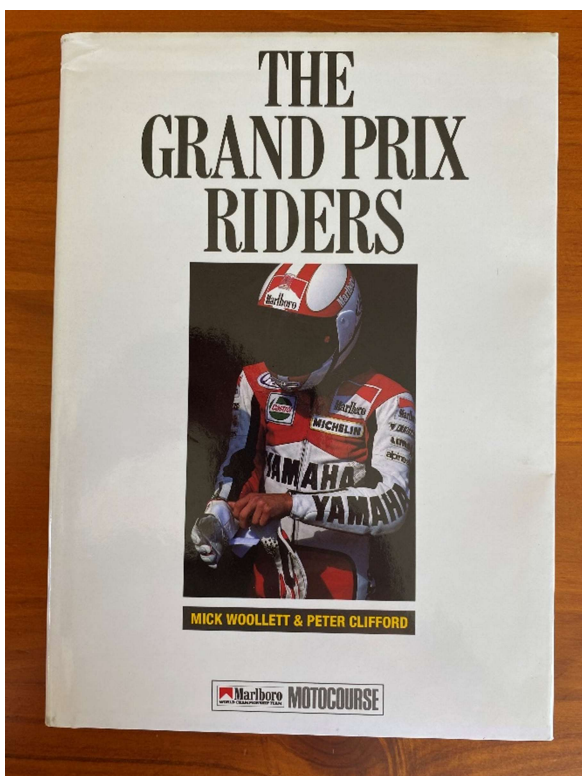
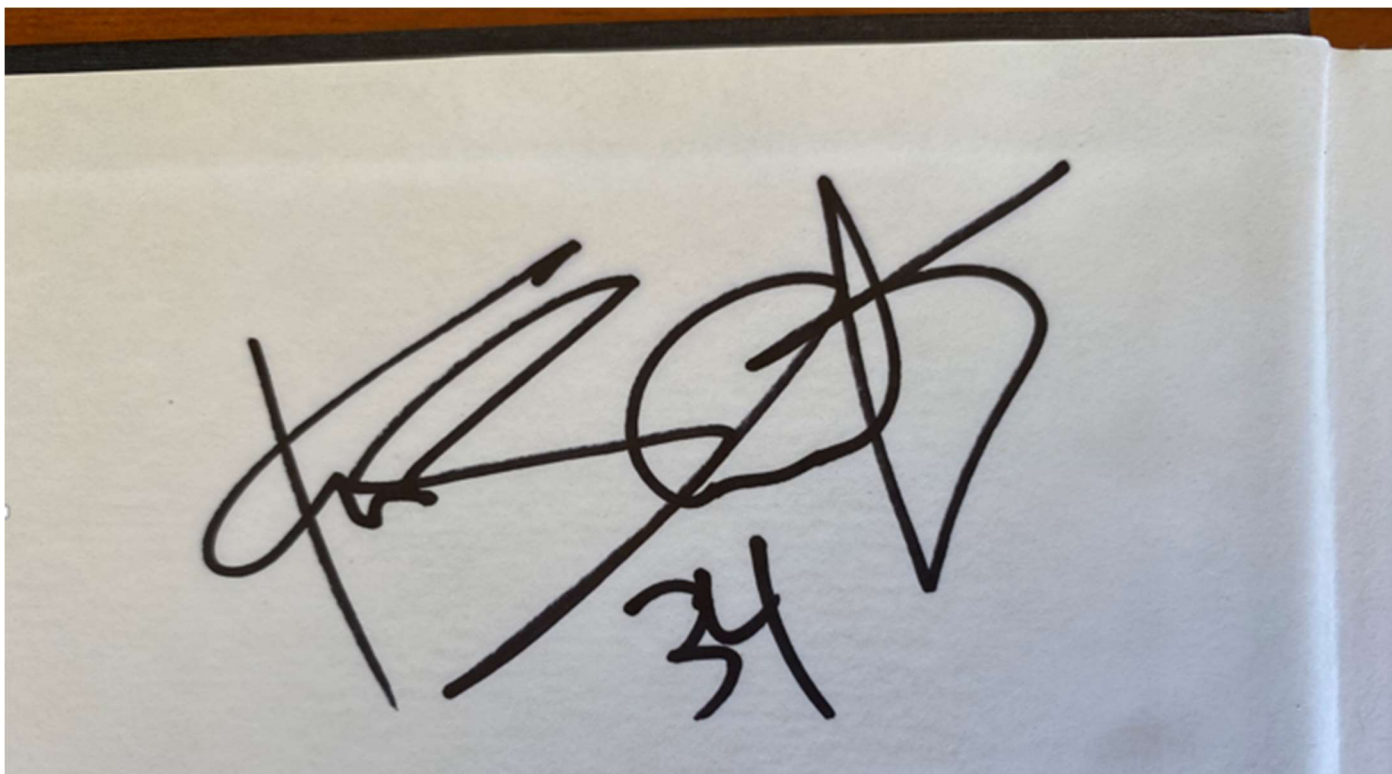
In 2009 Kevin Schwantz attended the Classic Festival at Pukekohe, so it was a good opportunity to grab the signature of one the more spectacular 500cc GP riders of his generation, and also the '93 500cc World Champion.

Always thrilling to watch on the Suzuki, you can check out a couple of Motorsport Magazine articles – at the links below – where Schwantz talks about the way he rides.

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And lucky me – I got my '93 Motocourse, and Grand Prix Riders annuals signed by the magnificent #34 ... ☺





# MotoGP:



*Gresini unveils 2024 MotoGP livery for Marquez's first season on a Ducati*





# KAYO GT 2024

 09/03/24  TOKOROA KART TRACK



## 2 HOUR SENIOR ENDURANCE RACE

- 2 RIDER, 1 BIKE

## JUNIOR TRAINING CLASS

## MINI SUPERSPORT RACES

- 2X 10 LAP
- 1X 20 LAP





# MotoGP:



*2024 Ducati livery for Francesco Bagnaia and Enea Bastianini*







# AMCC AGM & Prize-Giving:



Saturday 6 April, 2024 – 18:00 Hrs

@ the Clubrooms in Otahuhu



# MotoGP:



*Fabio Di Giannantonio*

The 2024 season will mark the third for the VR46 team in the premier class. VR46 will be one of four Ducati teams on the grid in 2024, alongside Gresini, the factory Ducati squad and Pramac.



*Marco Bezzecchi*



# Suzuki – AMCC Club Series: *Round 4*



Auckland Motorcycle Club  
MEDIA RELEASE  
19 November, 2023.

## **Wet But Wonderful:**

The final Round of the AMCC Club Series started out wet – but conditions improved over the day, and by the time the CCMC 1-Hr race was held to close out the programme, the track was dry – and four rounds of racing were in the books.

In Senior, Dave Sharp took out the Formula Auckland title, but not before Craig Coulam took a win off him in Race Three. Whilst over in Formula Auckland (1:09's) Stephen Leggett did enough to take the title, sharing wins on the day with Spencer Langdon and Mark Temple.

Rogan Chandler had comfortably led Supersport 600 all season, and took the title after a mixed day at Round Four, missing the final two races. Morgan McLaren-Wood was immediately on the pace however, in his first hit-out for the summer - and took three wins, mixing it with Chandler and the front Formula Auckland runners.

Intermediate saw Nick Kampenhout comfortably sweep Superlite. Nine wins and two second-placings from 11 starts was quite a statement. Whilst Paul Bergmann took ProTwin 650 from a hard-charging Scott Findlay. Despite missing a Round, Findlay finished only 39 points behind Bergmann, having never finished lower than second, in his 7 starts.

Junior was where a lot of the action was – for much of the season.

Cameron Leslie prevailed in Supersport 300; and indeed it was a triumph for the entire Double Six Team as Hamish Simpson and Logan Rowell completed the season podium, for a clean-sweep of 390 KTM's. Haydn Fordyce had been able to consistently trouble the trio, but missing Round Three took him out of Series contention, and he would finish fourth.

ProLite 250 saw the closest Series finish, with John Williams emerging from the maelstrom to prevail by a single point over Mike McKain, with Esmond Williams only 15 points back in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All three had shared wins and podiums across the season.

Whilst the Lawrance Brothers put another Club Series trophy in the cabinet, in Sidecar.

As has been mentioned prior, Rongyuan Zhang was the lucky draw winner for the new Suzuki GSX250f, and he would also finish the season as Clubman Senior winner. Having enjoyed a season-long battle with Abbin Abraham, Zhang got home by just 4 points.

Billee Fuller and Oliver Pykett continue to dominate their respective Carl Cox Motorsport Cup classes, with another round still for come for the Cup at MotoFest.

The Cup did run their annual 1-Hour race as part of Round Four however, with 24 bikes on the grid.

Billee Fuller and Zac Fuller partnered to take out the Ninja class, whilst Esmond Williams won the Hyosung class after Oliver Pykett incurred a pit lane speeding penalty.



**Senior: (99) Morgan McLaren-Wood**

**Final 2023-2024 Suzuki - Auckland Motorcycle Club Series Points:  
(After ROUND FOUR)**

Points – Senior: FORMULA AUCKLAND

270 Dave Sharp  
189 Craig Coulam  
122 Luke Temple

Points – Senior: FORMULA AUCKLAND B (1:09s)

215 Stephen Leggett  
175 Spencer Langdon  
157 Mark Temple

Points – Senior: SUPERSPORT 600

220 Rogan Chandler  
128 Marcus Read-Bloomfield  
128 Daniel Price

Points – Intermediate: SUPERLITE

265 Nick Kampenhout  
134 Trevor Taylor  
120 Alistair Wilton

Points – Intermediate: PRO TWIN 650

189 Paul Bergmann  
160 Scott Findlay  
142 Luke Ryder

Points – Intermediate: 125ccGP

75 Nixon Frost





**Senior: (77) Gershwern Scott**

Points – Junior: SUPERSPORT 300

323 Cameron Leslie  
283 Hamish Simpson  
219 Logan Rowell

Points – Junior: NINJA 400 OPEN

270 Billee Fuller  
184 Andrew Ansell  
183 Megan Kemp

Points – Junior: 250 PRO LITE

235 John Williams  
234 Mike McKain  
219 Esmond Williams

Points – F4/F5 Buckets/Gixxer 150

100 Thomas Hutchings  
100 Emma Dowman  
88 Jason Hearn

Points – PRE 89 F2

75 Brett Butler

Points – PRE 89 F3

175 Scott Fenton

Points – PRE 82 F3

50 Graeme Ogle



**Senior: (79) Stephen Leggett**

Points – SIDECARS

212 Chris Lawrance/Richard Lawrance  
 165 Peter Dowman/Michael Dowman  
 135 Dave McArthur/Doug Cornes

Points – CLUBMAN SENIOR

214 Rongyuan Zhang  
 210 Abbin Abraham  
 68 Ronan Bullock

Points – CLUBMAN JUNIOR

50 Mike Green

**Carl Cox Motorsport Cup:**

Points – NINJA CUP:

915 Billee Fuller  
 810 Michael Robinson  
 666 Timothy Gray

Points – HYOSUNG CUP:

972 Oliver Pykett  
 668 Elijah Daken  
 644 James Murdie

Points – WOMENS CUP:

120 Billee Fuller  
 118 Megan Kemp  
 105 Heidi Trigger

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**Suzuki, Motomail, Mr Motorcycles, M&M Engineering, Carl Cox Motorsport Cup, MTF Finance, CTAS, and MX Timing.**

**Calendar – 2023-2024 Suzuki – Auckland Motorcycle Club Series:**

Rd 1 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 National Circuit  
 Rd 2 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 National Circuit  
 Rd 3 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 Club Circuit – *JUNIOR & CCMC classes only*  
 Rd 4 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 National Circuit





*Senior: (369) Abbin Abraham*



*Senior: (99) Luke Temple*



**Senior: (71) Finn Rutha**



**Senior:**



# "10 YEARS AGO" ...

## THE RIDER'S BRIEFS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AUCKLAND MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

### FEBRUARY 2014



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ART 12 January

David Moss Evenings

Annual Interclub BBQ

## **ANNUAL INTERCLUB BBQ**

Thanks to our visitors from the various clubs and all the good folk from AMCC who attended the 8<sup>th</sup> annual interclub bbq

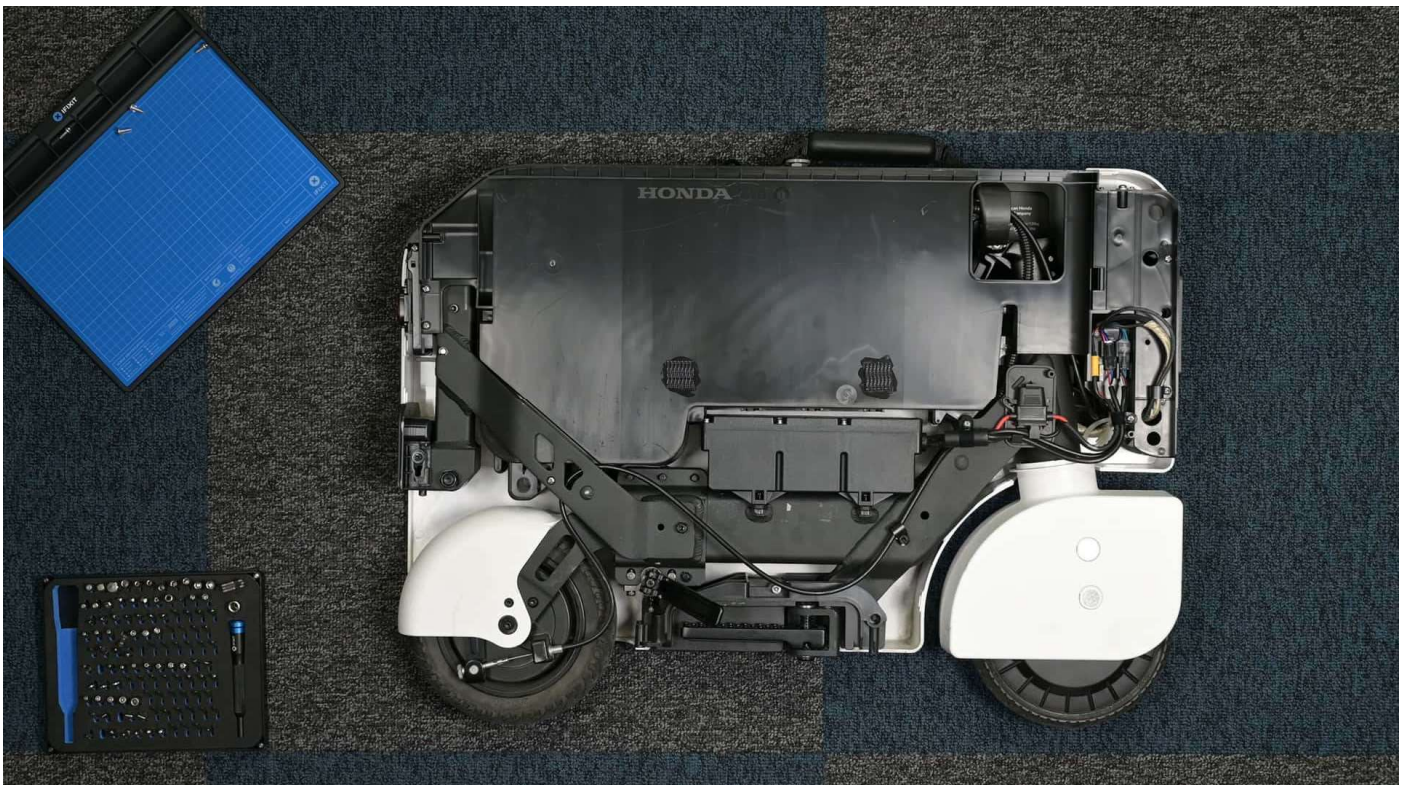




# Honda Motocompacto:



**Max Speed** 15mph  
**Range** 12 Miles  
**Full Charge** 3.5 Hrs  
**Acceleration** 0-15mph is 7 seconds





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**23 / 24 DATES AND VENUES**

ROUND 1 HAMPTON DOWNS  
**17** SEPTEMBER

ROUND 4 HAMPTON DOWNS  
**19** NOVEMBER

ROUND 2 HAMPTON DOWNS  
**15** OCTOBER

ROUND 3 HAMPTON DOWNS  
**2/3** MARCH  
MOTOFEST

ROUND 3 HAMPTON DOWNS  
**5** NOVEMBER TBC

ROUND 4 TAMPO MOTORSPORT PARK  
**9/10** MARCH



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**“20 YEARS AGO” ...**



## PRE '89 RACING IS GO!

Racers and spectators at the first two rounds of the AMCC club championship may have noticed the appearance of a new class of racing, for Pre '89 bikes.

This is a new class supported by the NZ Post Classic Racing Association, to complement the existing Pre '72 and Pre '82 classes.

At the moment we're running with the Clubmans class but with our own championship. There are two more AMCC meets to ride at, 4<sup>th</sup> April at Pukekohe and 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Taupo, plus the NZPCRA GP meet on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Numbers permitting we'll have our own races at the NZPCRA meeting so if you want to join in, there is a good target.

The class is open to all bikes built between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1983 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1989. The obvious choice is the mighty GSXR in all its various forms, but of course your options are a lot wider than that.

Keen on two strokes? - what about an RZ350, an RG500 or perhaps a TZ250? What about a BEARS/Twins racer - there were several late 80s Ducatis running at Wanganui that are eligible.

Got an old F2/F3 racer cluttering up the garage, perhaps a CBR600 or a VFR400? - dust it off and bring it out.

Then of course there are the big bikes, the GSXRs and FZR's, or a CBR1000 or a GPZ900R or even an RC30 (don't laugh - there are a couple being prepared).

Lots to choose from as you can see and of course the class covers a lot of bikes that have probably only recently been retired (and a few that might still be racing!) The rules are reasonably flexible but do require major components - frame, motor, front and rear suspension, fairing etc - to be 80s rather than 90s. What this means in practice is no upside down forks (unless you have a 1989 ZXR400), no six pot calipers, no 916 Ducati seat units and no carbon fibre.

If you want to know more contact me by email,

[Lyle.Chambers@paykel.co.nz](mailto:Lyle.Chambers@paykel.co.nz), or phone me on 021 936 759.

Cheers

Lyle Chambers

NZPCRA Pre '89 co-ordinator





### Media and / or Images ....

If you have any specific requirements for images, or the generation of content for media or sponsor purposes, let's have a discussion to see where / how I can help you.

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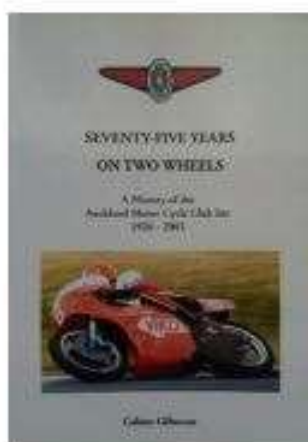


# MotoGP:



*Trackhouse Racing takes over the grid slots previously occupied by the RNF Racing team, after it folded at the end of the 2023 campaign.*

*As such, Trackhouse has become Aprilia's satellite outfit and retains all of RNF's personnel and structure, as well as riders Miguel Oliveira and Raul Fernandez.*



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# 2023 Auckland Motorcycle Club Series



R1: 17 SEP  
R2: 15 OCT  
R3: 5 NOV  
R4: 19 NOV

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# Suzuki – AMCC Club Series: *Round 4*



*Sidecars:*



*Sidecars: (17) Spike Taylor / Kendal Dunlop*





**Carl Cox Motorsport Cup 1-Hour Race: Billee Fuller/Zac Fuller teamed up to win the Ninja Class**







**Carl Cox Motorsport Cup 1-Hour Race: (4) Joe Stroud/Andrew Stroud teamed for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hyosung class**







*Junior: (37) John Williams, (47) Esmond Williams, (32) Mike McKain*



*Junior: (44) Blain Pairama*





*Intermediate: (95) Paul Bergmann*



*Intermediate: (196) Nick Kampenhout*





## RACING CALENDAR / COMING EVENTS

### February 2024

9/10/11	NZSBK – Rd 5	Teretonga	<i>In conjunction with the <b>Burt Munro Festival</b></i>
17/18	Buckets – Rd 1	Tokoroa	

### March 2024

2/3	NZSBK – Rd 6	Hampton Downs – <b>MotoFest</b>	<i>(Final)</i>	TT Titles
9 (Sat)	<b>KayoGT</b>	Tokoroa		
10	LandSpeed NZ	Goudies Road, Reporoa		<i>(Rain Day 17 Mar)</i>
23/24	<b>Bucket GP</b>	Tokoroa		

### April 2024

6 (Sat)	<b>AGM &amp; Prize-Giving</b>	<b>AMCC Clubrooms – Otahuhu</b>	<b>18:00 Hrs</b>
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### May 2024

4/5	Buckets – Rd 2	Tokoroa
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### August 2024

24/25	Buckets – Rd 3	Tokoroa
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### September 2024

15	AMCC Club Series – Rd 1	Hampton Downs	<i><b>(TBC / Tentative)</b></i>
28/29	Buckets – Rd 4	Tokoroa	<i><b>(Final)</b></i>

### October 2024

13	AMCC Club Series – Rd 2	Hampton Downs	<i><b>(TBC / Tentative)</b></i>
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### November 2024

17	AMCC Club Series – Rd 3	Hampton Downs	<i><b>(TBC / Tentative)</b></i>
23/24	<b>Buckets 2-Hour</b>	Tokoroa	

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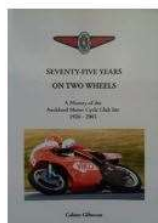
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