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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARCH 2024



Hi Everyone,

MotoFest is on as I write this. Hopefully the weather keeps it together, and the weekend is a big success. The Road-Race group and Exec have put a huge amount of prep into the weekend, and will no doubt give 100% in delivery of the event.

Whilst a Round of NZSBK, this is very much a Hampton Downs promoted event, and AMCC fill our usual role of providing the operational resource to allow the event to happen, under an MOU, as we have since Year 1 of the festival.

It's a unique event amongst the NZSBK calendar – and AMCC is proud to have members with the depth and breadth of skills, to work with Hampton Downs to bring it to life.

Buckets had their opening Round of the season at Tokoroa a few weeks back. Points and images are in this issue. 41 entries was a great result – and hopefully the Bucket community can sustain that enthusiasm as they await access to a local facility once again (to be Colin Dale, when this is eventually constructed).

The Simon Crafar evening was a pleasant distraction. In this issue also.

Thanks Simon, for approaching the Club and allowing it to happen.

Arranged with great haste, and in a tight timetable – about 60 people turned up to hear 2.5 Hours of stories, thoughts, reflections and insights from a genuine Kiwi character - who has lived the dream, and represented himself and his country at the highest level.

An additional bonus was taking donations at the door in support of the Crafar's dog charity "Riders For Dogs", and knowing that all money donated would be channelled back thru local Dog Rescue Organisations within NZ.

Don't forget the Prize-Giving and AGM – Saturday 6 April, at the Clubrooms.

Road Race, Carl Cox Motorsport Cup, and Buckets will all be celebrated.

And we will be 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.

We are looking for a Secretary, as Stephen Holden has had to step down at short notice.

He hopes to be back at some stage – and we hope that will be possible, as Stephen did sterling work in the role.

All roles are open for Nomination, as they are every year.

Everyone has skills and perspectives that can benefit the whole Club, and it is healthy for the Club to have the value of these, when new talent contributes.

Next weekend is the second **KayoGT** – on **Saturday 9 March at Tokoroa**. March is a busy month typically, however get down to Tokoroa if the opportunity presents.

And keep in mind, the **Bucket GP** will be on **23/24 March**, at the same location.

That's about it for now. Back to my To-Do's

Good luck to all at MotoFest, chasing a National Title, a TT Title, or just out there for a skid, and to have some fun. Because at the end of the day – isn't that what it's all about ?

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

MotoGP:











Aprilia RS-GP24 MotoGP Race Bike for 2024

Maverick Vinales (above) Aleix Espargaro (below)



Senna – McLaren MP4/4:



OK - So it's nothing to do with AMCC or motorcycling, but who doesn't love a good Lego kit, right !

The McLaren MP4/4 was driven by Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost, to victory in 15 of 16 races in 1988. A new Lego kit gives you the chance to own a scale model of the MP4/4 in which Senna became World Champion of that year; and even comes complete with a tiny Senna mini-figure.

The 693-piece MP4/4 model measures 12.5 inches long, 6.5 inches wide, and 5 inches tall.









MotoGP:



Fabio Quartararo and Alex Rins Yamaha Factory Racing Launch, 2024:













2 HOUR SENIOR ENDURANCE RACE • 2 RIDER, 1 BIKE JUNIOR TRAINING CLASS • 2X 10 LAP

• 1X 20 LAP

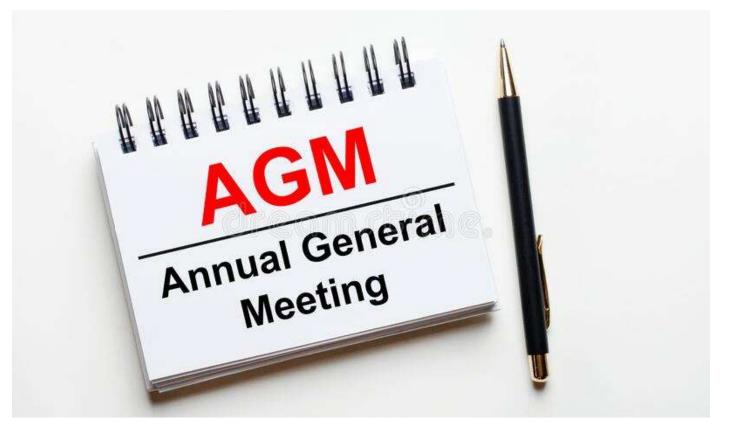


AMCC AGM & Prize-Giving:



Saturday 6 April, 2024 – 18:00 Hrs

@ the Clubrooms in Otahuhu



Superveloce 1000:



Is MV Agusta Getting Ready To Launch The Superveloce 1000 ?

Back in 2022 at EICMA, MV Agusta unveiled a prototype/concept - the Superveloce 1000 Serie Oro. A retro-themed superbike built on the underpinnings of the Brutale 1000 hyper-naked machine. If it does go into production, it will complement nicely, the BMW M 1000 RR, Ducati Panigale V4, and Aprilia RSV4. As of the moment tho', there's no word from MV Agusta. But here's hoping.



Proud supporters of **mtf**finance **motorsport**

MTF Finance Wairau Valley is locally owned by Ken Dobson and Richard Scott.

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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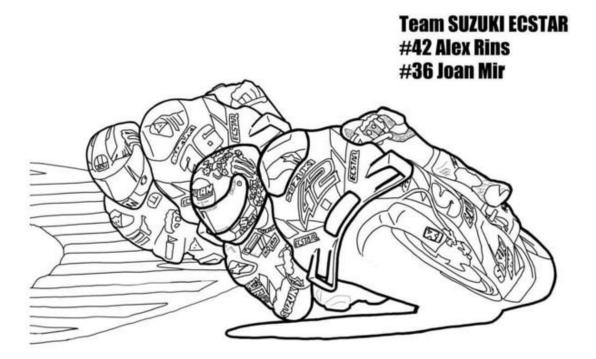
Suzuki Colouring-In:



Suzuki are a valued supporter of the AMCC Club Series.

So how about getting amongst some colouring-in of the 250F that we have offered as a Club Series give-away. Or extend your skills into the arena of MotoGP.

"Thanks" Suzuki





MotoGP:



KTM unveil their RC16 MotoGP bikes for 2024, for Brad Binder and Jack Miller



MotoGP:



The hybrid HRC/Repsol livery was unveiled by Honda at the launch of the 2024-spec RC213V - at an event organised by Repsol in Madrid in February. Joan Mir and Luca Marini will ride for Honda in 2024.



WorldWCR:



Over 40 applied, but only 24 will go through for the inaugural 2024 Women's Championship this year.

The **FIM Women's Circuit Racing World Championship** is a pioneering single-make racing series that will see aspiring female riders on the Yamaha R7.

Provisional 2024 WorldWCR calendar:

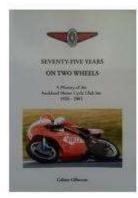
Round

Pirelli Emilia-Romagna Round
 Prosecco DOC UK Round
 Pirelli Portuguese Round
 Hungarian Round
 Acerbis Italian Round
 Prometeon Spanish Round
 *Subject to homologation

Location MWC "Marco Simoncelli" Donington Park Autódromo Internacional do Algarve Balaton Park Circuit* Cremona Circuit* Circuito de Jerez

Date

June 14 to 16, 2024 July 12 to 14, 2024 August 9 to 11, 2024 August 23 to 25, 2024 September 20 to 22, 2024 October 18 to 20, 2024



"Seventy-Five Years On Two Wheels"

For your copy of the history of the AMCC \$38

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2024 Provisional Permanent Entry List:

Number-Name	Nationality	Team
4- Emily Bondi	(FRA)	ART Zelos Black Knights Team
7- Andrea Sibaja Moreno	(ESP)	Deza – Box 77 Racing Team
8- Tayla Relph	(AUS)	TAYCO Motorsport
10- Ran Yochay	(ISR)	511 Terra&Vita Racing Team
14- Mallory Dobbs	(USA)	Sekhmet Motorcycle Racing Team
15- Sarah Varon	(COL)	ITALIKA Racing FIMLA
16- Lucy Michel	(GER)	TSL-Racing
19- Adela Ourednickova	CZE)	DafitMotoracing
21- Nicole Van Aswegen	(RSA)	Andalaft Racing
22- Ana Carrasco	(ESP)	Evan Bros Racing Yamaha Team
28- Ornella Ongaro	(FRA)	Team Flembbo PL Performances
29- Mia Stenseth Rusthen	(NOR)	Rusthen Racing
33- Chun Mei Liu	(TPE)	WT Racing Team Taiwan
34- Alyssia Whitmore	(GBR)	Sekhmet Motorcycle Racing Team
35- Lena Kemmer	(AUT)	Bertl K. Racing Team
36- Beatriz Neila Santos	(ESP)	Pata Prometeon Yamaha
44- Luna Hirano	(JPN)	Team Luna
46- Francisca Ruiz Vidal	(ESP)	PS Racing Team 46+1
52- Jessica Howden	(RSA)	Team Trasimeno
53- Iryna Nadieieva	(UKR)	MPS.RT
64- Sara Sanchez Tamayo	(ESP)	511 Terra&Vita Racing Team
83- Astrid Madrigal	(MEX)	ITALIKA Racing FIMLA
96- Roberta Ponziani	(ITA)	Yamaha Motoxracing WCR Team
99- Isis Carreno Avila	(CHI)	AD78 FIM Latinoamerica by Team GP3



AMCC Buckets – Rd 1:



JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT MADE ROUND 1 A GREAT WEEKEND!!

41 bikes over 4 classes on Sunday is one of the best rounds for numbers we have had in a while! Was also great to see the new and returning faces joining us (I counted 5 new and 1 returning off the top of my head). My feedback to you as competitors is all positive. Great attitudes, day ran smooth as butter, flag marshalling was

TOTAL

fantastic, no bike issues that I was aware of. What more can I say!

We look forward to seeing you at the next round.

Remember, tell your mates how much fun it is, and bring them along!

Carl Smith

	Formula 4	TOTAL
1	88 Nathanael Diprose: RS80	75
2	4 Wesley Jones: FXR150	53
3	3 Gary Cunningham: CBR150	37
4	92 Regan Griffiths: GPR-R15	36
5	57 Mark Robinson: GPR150	35
6	76 Colin Box: CBR150	32
7	8 Alexander McNab: R15	30
8	61 Ben Tippins:	23
9	57 Paul Ellis: R15	21
10	56 Rob Smail: FXR150	19
11	18 Rod Gibson: FXR150	16
12	110 Sam Koek:	13
13	77 Blair Lambarth: GPR110	8

Formula 5

1	58 Nathanael Diprose: RS50	75
2	8 Alexander McNab: TZ50	56
3	37 Robert Willis: RS50	45
4	77 Blair Lambarth: RS50	20



B-Grade:

	B grade	TOTAL
1	5 Anthony Playdon:	70
2	69 Karam Braddich:	51
3	60 William Ball: FXR150	41
4	44 Geoff Davies:	34
5	74 Andrew Ness: FXR150	28
6	71 Ian Ranginui:	26
7	111 Nick Trigger:	23
8	15 Rob Jones:	23
9	53 Alex Le Comte:	20
10	45 Alan Vatble: FXR150	19
11	16 Timothy Wigram: FXR150	16
12	81 Jonathan Harris:	16
13	3 Zac Green:	14
14	9 Roger Heyward: FXR150	13
15	7 Alvin Wu:	12
16	73 Kerry McCormick:	7
17	47 Nic Ridgway:	3
18	98 Jamie Gifkins:	1

	Sidecar	TOTAL
1	5 Chris Lawrance & Geoff Davies	75
2	57 Tony Christiansen & Colin Box	60
3	1 Symon Gainfort & George Rennell	45
4	4 Sarah & Richard Lawrance	42



(5) Chris Lawrance & Geoff Davies



(1) Symon Gainfort & George Rennell



(57) Tony Christiansen & Colin Box



(4) Sarah & Richard Lawrance





Formula 4: (110) Sam Koek, (88) Nathanael Diprose, (18) Rod Gibson



B-Grade: (60) William Ball



B-Grade: (53) Alex Le Comte



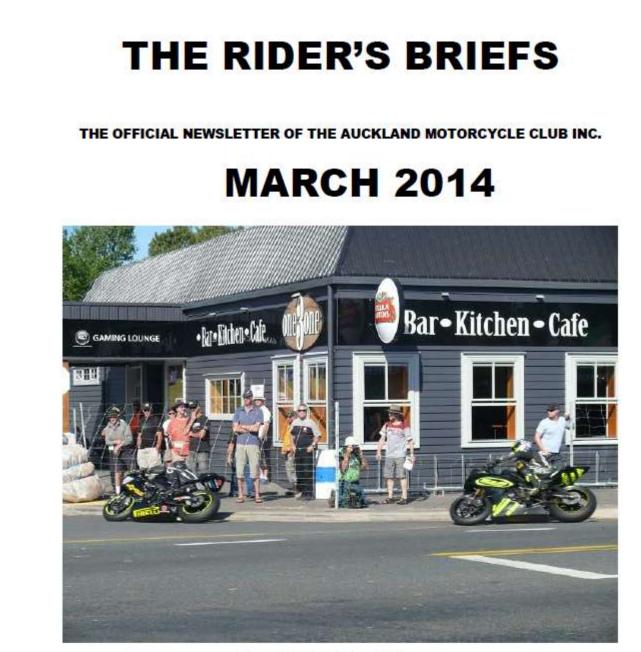
(110) Sam Koek, (69) Karam Braddich



Formula 4: (8) Alexander McNab, (4) Wesley Jones



"10 YEARS AGO" ...



Paeroa 2014 - Photo Courtesy Phil Kavermann

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Club Night Bar Roster

PAEROA 2014

For the 23rd time we all turned up in Paeroa to hold the iconic Battle of the Streets in conjunction with Paeroa Promotions Trust. Yet again the weather gods shone on us and provided a stunning day for us all to enjoy.

The nuts and bolts of the racing actually starts the day before with sign on, machine examination and gear checks. Due to the fact that several racers have to work on a Saturday this process lasts well into the early evening giving them time to clock off and make the trip into Paeroa. It never ceases to amaze us the vast variety of machines that come through the machine examination shed, from full blown superbikes bristling with the best that NZ has to offer to the 50+ year old classic still looking as if it had just been wheeled out of the showroom. The standard of machine preparation was excellent making the job a pleasure to complete.

Sunday morning dawned to an already busy paddock and the final process of turning state highway 2 into a race track in full swing. There are far more people involved in creating the racing environment up to and including on the day than ever get the pleasure of racing on the day. It really is a fantastic effort and commitment from all involved

Track inspection completed and the circuit is handed over to the race officials for the day. Riders briefing done and dusted and a more sombre wreath laying ceremony between turn 8 & 9 in memory of the late Lance Lowe attended by those that knew this character who sadly crashed and later died of his injuries last year.

For the first timers at Paeroa (solo's and side cars) an opportunity for several sighting laps was provided. Hayden Fitzgerald showed the solos the line around the circuit and Arran Lovell led the side cars around.

As the practise rounds were underway the crowds started filing through the gates and fill the streets, all the favourite vantage points were soon taken and by the time racing started the circuit was lined with race fans.

Great racing was the order of the day and it's not hard to see why it's called the 'Battle of the Streets'. These battles happen all the way through the field, not only is the challenge going on at the front of the fields but all the way through. The tight but fast nature of the circuit means the corners count for everything or more specifically the braking zone for the corners, he who brakes latest and hardest gains the spot. Machine set up is vital around here and so different from closed circuits. The morning practise is all about machine set up to get the maximum amount of performance out of you suspension which in turn allows the bike to put the maximum amount of power to the pavement. Sadly the event didn't run its course this year and complete the full programme of races due to a massive oil spill part way through the afternoon that simply left the circuit too dangerous to continue racing on despite the best efforts of the course marshals. A close inspection by senior officials and riders deemed it far too risky to continue.



Tony Rees - Photo AMCC Live Update

This however did present the opportunity for all the riders who were able to do a 'hats off' couple of parade laps around the circuit. Giving the race fans the chance to see the faces behind the helmets and the racers a chance to wave at and thank the fans for making the effort to come and watch. Paeroa's Battle of the Streets is an opportunity for NZ racers to ride in front of one of the biggest crowds in New Zealand......long may it continue.

Graham Bastow

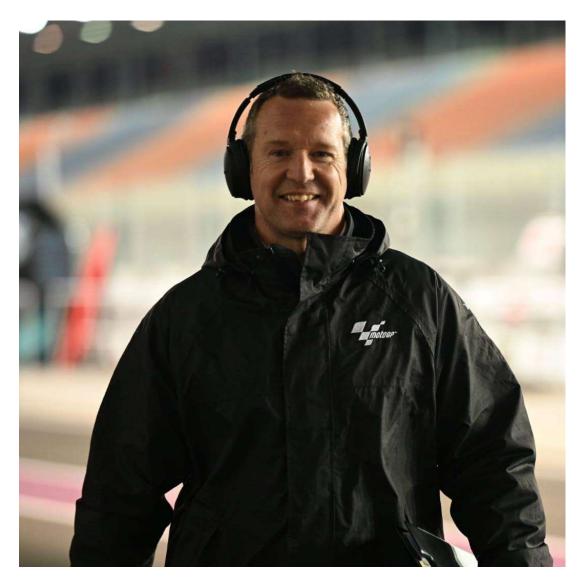
President AMCC



Photos Courtesy Phil Kavermann



Simon Crafar:



An evening with Simon Crafar

Ex motorcycle racer, MotoGP Pitlane Reporter, Motovudu creator/instructor

Monday 26 Feb, 2024, at 7:00pm

At the Northern Sports Car Club / AMCC clubrooms.

Mt Richmond Domain, 1110 Great South Road, Otahuhu, Auckland. The bar will be open.

Here for MotoFest, Simon has kindly offered to come and talk about his distinguished career, and engage in some informal Q&A.

Don't miss this unique opportunity ...

Entry is free - however a donation would be appreciated.

Simon and his wife have started an Association / Charity called "Riders For Dogs".

This is a non-profit, thru which Simon looks to do something for a local dog support charity in as many countries as possible.

So 100% of your donation will go to a local NZ dog support charity.

See you there



Monday 26 Feb, 2024

AMCC extends sincere "Thanks" to Simon Crafar for an entertaining evening.

It all came together very quickly, when Simon reached out to AMCC with an ambition to do something whilst here for MotoFest.

It was far too good an opportunity to pass up, so arrangements were hastily turned around, and it ended up being just 6 days from idea to execution !

Simon has had such an interesting life – one well spent, and he imparted terrific knowledge and insight, all delivered in true Kiwi style.

What was supposed to be a 60(ish) minute session - turned into a 2.5 Hour entertainment marathon.

We also managed to raise over \$500 for his "Riders For Dogs" charity - which will be channelled to several local dog support groups in NZ. Brilliant.

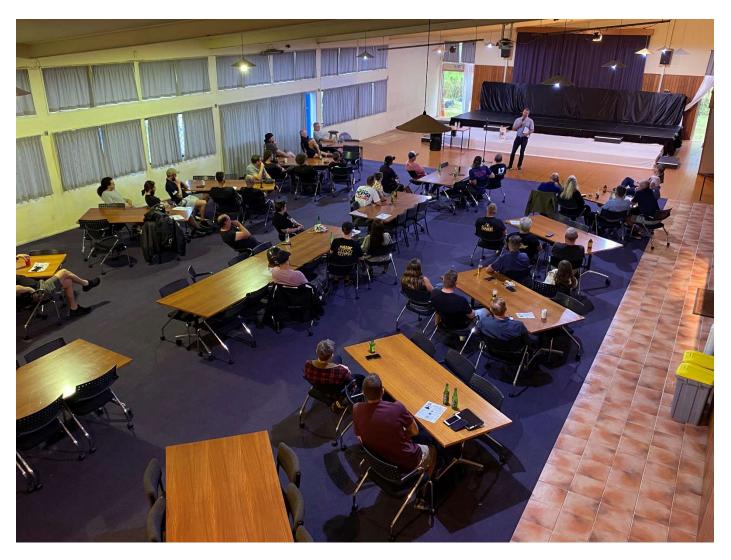
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- SPOT Rescue
- Sweet Noah Rescue

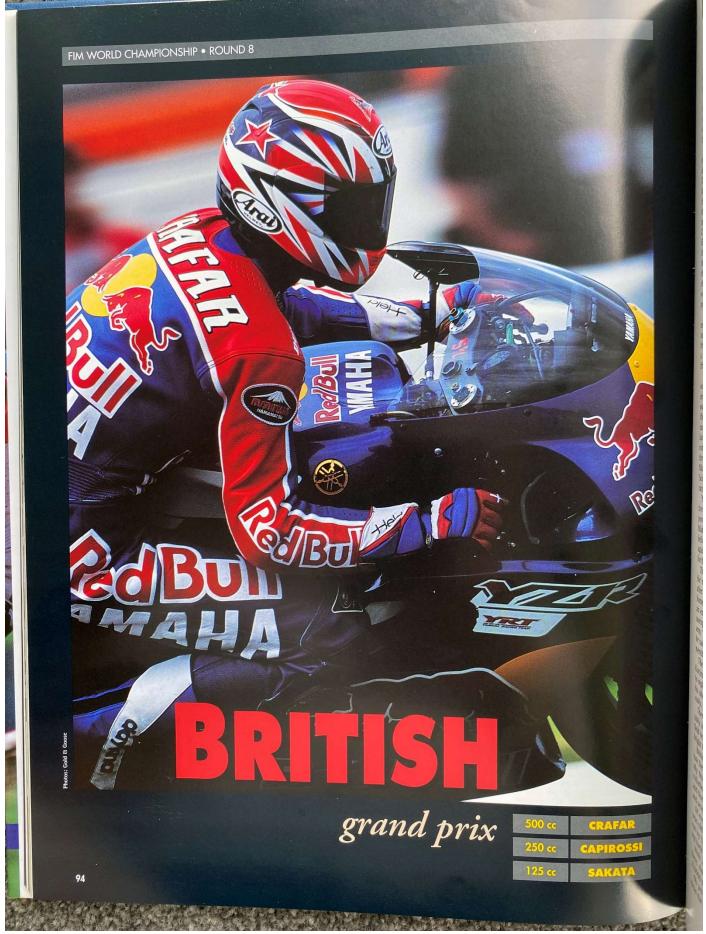
Thank You Simon.

We trust you enjoy reading Calum Gilmour's "Seventy-Five Years On Two Wheels" – The book on the history of Auckland Motorcycle Club, which we gifted to him in appreciation -- as much as we enjoyed the time and tales that you shared.



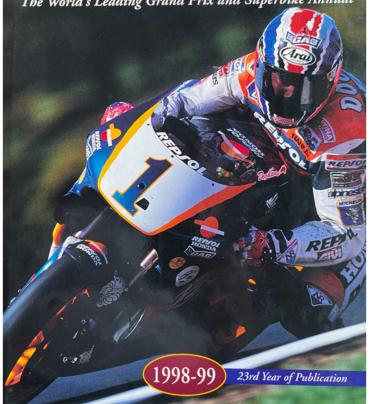






Motocourse 1998-99 1998 British 500cc GP – A very special piece of history





Solo ccc 30 laps, 75.000 miles/120.690 km No. Machine Laps Time & speed 1 Simon Crafar (NZ) 11 Yamaha 30 46m 45.662s 96.226 mph/ 154.860 km/h

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-	Michael Doohan (AUS)	1	Honda	30	46m 57.192s
2	Norifumi Abe (J)	5	Yamaha	30	47m 03.586s
3	Alex Criville (E)	4	Honda	30	47m 08.595s
4	Alex Barros (BR)	9	Honda	30	47m 09.092s
5	Max Biaggi (I)	6	Honda	30	47m 20.876s
6	Nobuatsu Aoki (J)	3	Suzuki	30	47m 39.659s
8	Regis Laconi (F)	55	Yamaha	30	47m 53.873s
9	Jurgen van den Goorbergh (NL)		Honda	30	48m 24.918s
10	Scott Smart (GB)	88	Honda	29	47m 02.723s
11	Bernard Garcia (F)	26	Honda	29	47m 19.625s
12	John McGuinness (GB)	68	Honda	29	47m 28.833s
13	Garry McCoy (AUS)	18	Honda	29	48m 19.440s
14	1 1 1	72	Honda	29	48m 22.209s
15		57	Honda	28	47m 07.566s
	Kenny Roberts Jnr (USA)	10	Modenas	27	DNF
	Sete Gibernau (E)	15	Honda	20	DNF
	Eskil Suter (CH)	77	MuZ	11	DNF
	Matt Wait (USA)	23	Honda	9	DNF
	Juan Borja (E)	14	Honda		DNS

Fastest lap: Crafar, 1m 32.661s, 97.120 mph/156.299 km/h (record). Previous record: Michael Doohan, AUS (Honda), 1m 32.856s, 96.915 mph/155.970 km/h (1997).

Oualifying: 1 Crafar, 1m 32.1285; 2 Doohan, 1m 32.1735; 3 Biaggi, 1m 32.4905; 4 Abe, 1m 32.6135; 5 Criville, 1m 32.8815; 6 Roberts Jnr, 1m 32.8925; 7 Barros, 1m 33.1505; 8 Aoki, 1m 33.3945; 9 Laconi, 1m 33.4375; 10 Gibernau, 1m 33.7135; 11 Borja, 1m 34.0795; 12 McCoy, 1m 34.3705; 13 van den Goorbergh, 1m 34.4525; 14 Smart, 1m 34.9325; 15 Suter, 1m 35.2875; 16 Wait, 1m 36.0255; 17 Garcia, 1m 36.0345; 18 McGuinness, 1m 36.0945; 19 Cristobal, 1m 38.0675; 20 Carpani, 1m 38.3005.



".... Simon Crafar, the mild-mannered, soft-spoken New Zealander who became one of only a handful of riders to have beaten Mick Doohan in a straight fight." AUTOCOURSE:





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"20 YEARS AGO" ...





Flooding damage at Manfeild

AMCC Buckets – Rd 1:





B-Grade: (71) Ian Ranginui



B-Grade: (73) Kerry McCormick, (3) Zac Green



Dream Garage – Troy Bayliss:

Troy 'Baylisstic' Bayliss – he's a household name (certainly the households I run around in) and one the best humans to bump into in the Australian Superbike paddock.

Bayliss is best known for his success in the World Superbike Championship (WSBK), where he became a three-time champion, but he also enjoyed success in MotoGP and is still a regular trackside.

He initially gained attention as a dirt track and motocross rider in Australia before he transitioned to road racing. He would make his mark in the WSBK with Ducati, riding for the Ducati factory team and claiming the title in 2001, 2006, and 2008. Along the way he won 52 WSBK races, the third most of all-time.

His aggressive riding style, skill and consistency made him a formidable competitor in the Superbike series. One of the most iconic moments of Bayliss' career came in 2006 when he returned to MotoGP as a temporary replacement rider for the injured Sete Gibernau. Despite limited experience in MotoGP, Bayliss won the final race of the season at Valencia.

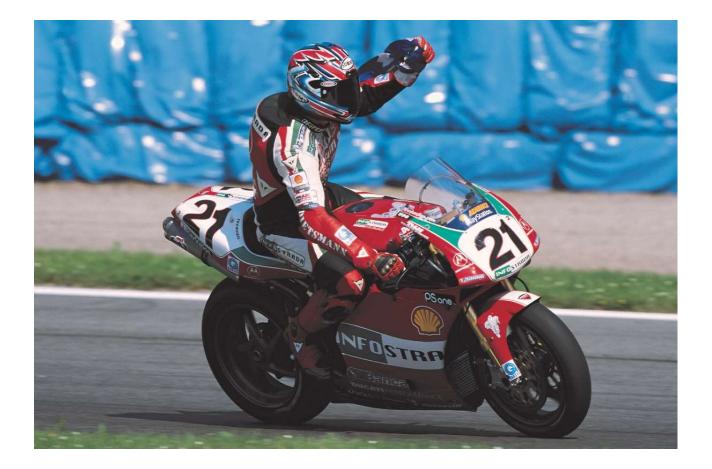
After retiring from full-time competition in 2008, Bayliss remained involved in motorcycle racing. He occasionally participated in special events and made guest appearances. Bayliss's contributions to the sport, particularly his success with Ducati in the WSBK, have solidified his status as one of Australia's most accomplished motorcycle racers.

As a human he is warm with a wicked sense of humour and if you're not a d*ckhead, he will give you all the time in the world. Currently he's busy running the Desmo Sport Ducati team with co-owner Ben Henry and taking on the 2024 ASBK Championship with young gun, Broc Pearson.

Speed is in the blood and Bayliss has passed down his raw talent and relentless work ethic to his son, Oliver. Oli keeps his Dad's hair thinning and finger nails well chewed as he takes on his third season in the WSBK SuperSport class.

I caught up with Troy at a round of ASBK to chat through his Dream Garage. Give Troy a follow on Instagram @baylisstic21 – he's good for a giggle.





Daily Ride: KTM 450



"My KTM 450 flat track or motocross bike," he says. "Because we now live on some land, I able to ride them often." I did enquire as to why he didn't go with a Ducati and Bayliss explained the simple reason: "Ducati don't have a motocross bike yet, or least we won't see them till 2025 but KTM have always helped me out and looked after me with bikes. And now that we've moved to some decent-sized land, I've got the opportunity to ride whatever I want, so I'm back riding these bikes more often."

Something Special: Ducati World Superbikes



"It's got to be my three (WSBK) Championship winning bikes, they're pretty hard to beat," he admits. "We've got some beautiful bikes here at the race team but having the factory bikes that I won on, I have such good memories from them."

"I keep them down at the workshop, I did have a special bike room in the house but now that we've moved I haven't got around to recreating a space like that."

"The first one was a gift from winning the championship," he explains. "It's funny how it happened, when we won the championship in 2001, they wanted me to run #1 in 2002 and I said 'well, I'll run #1 if you give me that bike, the championship winning bike, otherwise I'm running #21' – so I got the bike."

"The other two I bought off the guys for a bit of a discounted rate."

Track Toy: Apache helicopter

And finally Troy's pick for our track toy.. the most high powered, outrageous mean machine one could dream of. "An Apache attack helicopter" was not what I was expecting him to say!

If you're not familiar with the American designed and built Boeing AH-64 Apache, it is the deadliest, most feared attack helicopter in the world. The Apache has served in pretty much every conflict since its release in 1986 and is named after a Native American tribe.

"I've got to do lots of good things when I was back racing," he says, explaining his unusual choice. "Each round you have to turn up at the track and do the PR activities. It was at World Ducati week I got to go up in an Apache attack chopper with the big machine guns at the front. They told me to put the helmet on and where ever your eyes are going, you just hit this button and guns point to where you are looking. So the pilot handed me the controls and said 'do what you want, you can't crash it because if you get out of control I'll save any trouble you get into." Challenge accepted I say! "So I was pilot of this Apache attack helicopter all over Misano and that's probably the coolest thing I've ever done in my life... besides winning the championships of course but that's a different kind of cool. I felt bullet-proof in that thing."



https://torquecafe.com/dream-garage-troy-bayliss-wsbk-legend/



Kate Peck

Senior Journalist

Kate has almost a decade of auto and moto journalism experience, reporting and hosting television and is a motorcycle die-hard. She's travelled extensively on and off-road across Australia, Africa, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Wales, India and Mongolia.

Is Your Club Membership Sorted?



https://www.mxt.co.nz/auckland-mcc-membership



RACING CALENDAR / COMING EVENTS

March 2024			
2/3	NZSBK – Rd 6	Hampton Downs – MotoFest	(Final) TT Titles
9 (Sat)	KayoGT	Tokoroa	
10	LandSpeed NZ	Goudies Road, Reporoa	(Rain Day 17 Mar)
23/24	Bucket GP	Tokoroa	
April 2024			
6 (Sat)	AGM & Prize-Giving	AMCC Clubrooms – Otahuhu	18:00 Hrs
May 2024			
4/5	Buckets – Rd 2	Tokoroa	
August 2024			
24/25	Buckets – Rd 3	Tokoroa	
September 2024			
15	AMCC Club Series – Rd 1	1	(TBC / Tentative)
28/29	Buckets – Rd 4	Tokoroa	(Final)
October 2024			
13	AMCC Club Series – Rd 2	Hampton Downs	(TBC / Tentative)
November 2024			
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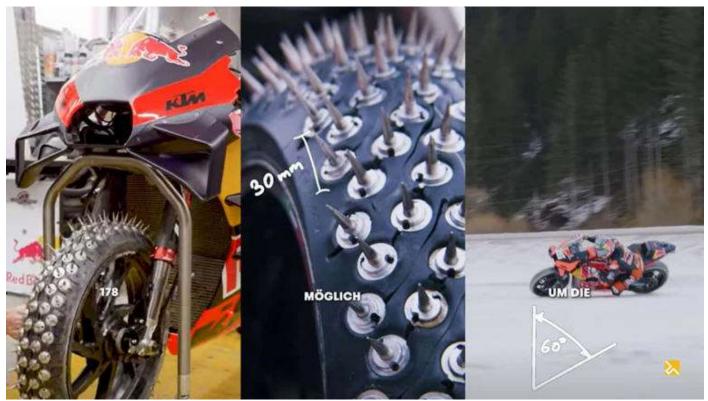
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