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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023



Hi Everyone,

Gosh – What a month.

I managed to pick up a chest infection about 6 weeks back, which I ignored for too long, and so I paid for it in the end.

This magazine is very late as a result. Sorry about that. This is being written as we are a week out from the final Round of the Club Series.

Rounds Two and Three (or 2A) have both been run.

Reports on those are coming in future Riders' Briefs.

I missed Round Two – due to said infection – but I did get out to the Club Circuit for Round Three, and what a fun little meeting that was.

We're aware that some riders aren't too keen on the HD Club Circuit – but the Club took a punt on holding a lowcost event for the smaller capacity bikes, and based on the majority of the feedback, you would have to say it was a success.

We were prepared to take any loss that eventuated – it was largely an experiment on the Clubs part – but we're hoping to come out of it now a little above break-even.

The entry fee was cheap, competitors got a LOT of laps, spectator entry was free, and we got an opportunity to mix the keen Bucket racers amongst the ProLites and SS150s.

The top level Bucketeers are very fast, and shouldn't be under-estimated.

The event already now has the creative juices of the Committee's working, and ideas are being formed for how we can maximise the value to be had from the Club Circuit configuration. Watch this space.

The subject of variation in lap speed was highlighted on the short (40 second) laps of the Club Circuit. This has put a spotlight on how the Club combines classes in order to give everyone as much track time as possible. It's not such an issue on the National Circuit, where it takes longer to catch the back markers, but safety is the leading factor in all Club decision-making, and a review of all classes and categories is set for the off-season.

Well – I'm going to concentrate on getting fully better; and trying to balance all the work/Club/life craziness that seems to heighten in the busy Nov/Dec lead-in to Xmas ...

And lastly "Thanks" to all our wonderful Officials and Volunteers, who have done such a sterling job over the first three Rounds of the Club Series. Champions ALL. One more to go – next Sunday. We really cannot deliver our events without your passion and commitment.

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 your Club.

Stay safe out there, on the streets and circuits. Philip Kavermann | AMCC President

#### **Revisited - October 2023:**

## **Pukekohe:**



My curiosity got the better of me - so I did a loop out past Pukekohe the other day, to see what was happening with the decommissioning of Pukekohe Park Raceway.

It's now 5 months since racing activity ceased at the circuit, and the short answer to my curiosity was "not much".





All the infrastructure appears to still be in place - barriers, fencing, garages, tower, pretty much the whole lot. And all in what looks like a pretty good state.

The grounds staff are keeping it all very tidy.

I'm sure there is a plan - and one day it will start to be dismantled.

For now tho' – it's kind of weird. Like some eerie monument to history. It almost feels like it shouldn't be there anymore. And - it just made me sad ..



### **AMCC Buckets:**



F4: (88) Nathanael Diprose

|    | Formula 4                   |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 1  | 88 Nathanael Diprose: RS80  |
| 2  | 3 Gary Cunningham: CBR150   |
| 3  | 52 Rick Ford: FXR150        |
| 4  | 86/110 Sam Koek:            |
| 5  | 0 Wesley Jones: FXR150      |
| 6  | 56 Rob Smail:               |
| 7  | 57 Paul Ellis: R15          |
| 8  | 92 Regan Griffiths: GPR-R15 |
| 9  | 76 Colin Box: GIXXER150     |
| 10 | 8 Alexander McNab: R15      |
| 11 | 37 Jason Hearn: R15         |
| 12 | 27 Matt Drayson: R15        |
| 13 | 18 Blain Pairama:           |
|    |                             |

| 13 | 18 Blain Pairama:         | 21 |
|----|---------------------------|----|
| 14 | 57 Mark Robinson: GPR150  | 19 |
| 15 | 14 Roger Whitmarsh:       | 15 |
| 16 | 69 Carl Barrett: FXR150   | 15 |
| 17 | 87 Cadel Finlay           | 11 |
| 18 | 27 Ram Gnanasekaron:      | 11 |
| 19 | 77 Blair Lambarth: GPR110 | 10 |
| 20 | 66 Greg Goessi:           | 9  |
| 21 | 23 Brett Finlay: GPR150   | 6  |



F5: (58) Nathanael Diprose

|   | Earmula 5                  |       |
|---|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Formula 5                  | TOTAL |
| 1 | 58 Nathanael Diprose: RS50 | 220   |
| 2 | 77 Blair Lambarth: RS50    | 172   |
| 3 | 14 Roger Whitmarsh:        | 90    |
| 4 | 8 Alexander McNab: TZ50    | 72    |
| 5 | 5 Stuart Cullen: RG50      | 64    |
| 6 | 92 Regan Griffiths: RS50   | 45    |
| 7 | 37 Robert Willis: RS50     | 30    |
| 8 | 11 Scott Griffiths: RS50   | 20    |
|   |                            |       |

### Sidecar

|   | Sidecar                                   | TOTAL |
|---|-------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | 5 Chris Lawrance & Rick Ford/Geoff Davies | 250   |
| 2 | 4 Sarah & Richard Lawrance                | 105   |
| 3 | 1 Symon Kitchen & George Rennell          | 97    |
| 4 | 57 Paul Ellis & Jason Hearn/Matt Drayson  | 86    |
| 5 | 57 Tony Christiansen & Colin Box          | 77    |
| 6 | 77 Darren Pate & Matt Nielsen             | 66    |
| 7 | 66 Darren & Helen Prentis                 | 42    |
| 8 | 4 Richard Lawrance & Vincent Keislake     | 22    |





Sidecar: (5) Chris Lawrance & Rick Ford / Geoff Davies

|    | B grade                      | TOTAL |
|----|------------------------------|-------|
| 1  | 52/16 Timothy Wigram: FXR150 | 94    |
| 2  | 9 Roger Heyward:             | 76    |
| 3  | 0 Lincoln Wright:            | 75    |
| 4  | 73 Andrew Ness:              | 73    |
| 5  | 7 Jonathan Harris:           | 67    |
| 6  | 86 Sam Koek:                 | 56    |
| 7  | 907 Ian Ranginui:            | 52    |
| 8  | 41 Cody Green:               | 50    |
| 9  | 18 Scott Miller:             | 45    |
| 10 | 8 Alexander McNab: FXR150    | 45    |
| 11 | 57 Mark Drayson: R15         | 42    |
| 12 | 18 Nathan Finlay:            | 34    |
| 13 | 54/45 Alan Vatble:           | 31    |
| 14 | 33 Cade Rea:                 | 28    |
| 15 | 86 William Ball:             | 28    |
| 16 | 87 Cadel Finlay              | 22    |
| 17 | 47 Chris Nobbs:              | 20    |
| 18 | 4 Zac Green:                 | 17    |
| 19 | 81 Elijah Daken:             | 13    |
| 20 | 90 Annika Smail:             | 5     |



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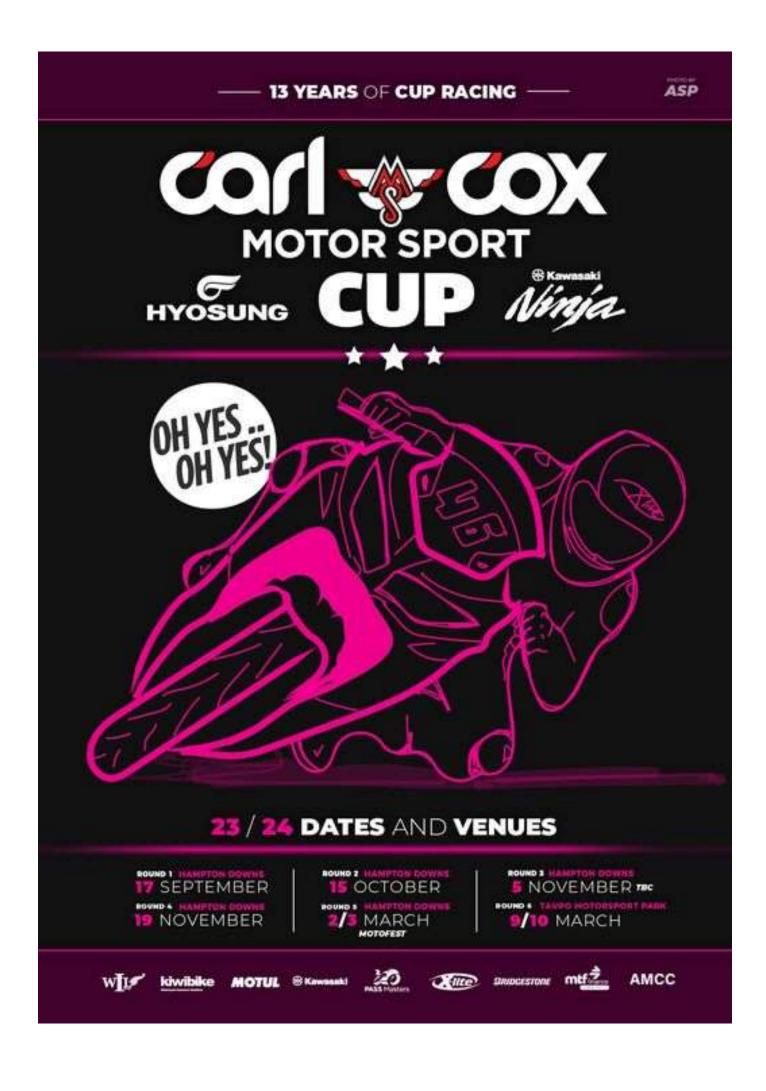
### Honda Monkey - Bagger:



1996 Honda Z50J with a full Kijima MonDavi kit installed







# "10 YEARS AGO" ...



Daniel Mettam (34) and Steve Bridge (294) Formula 2 (F2) - R2 Club Series 12 October 2013 Photo Courtesy Phil Kavermann

### In this month's issue Racing & Training Calendar Bucket Results Round 2 Media Release Round 2 Hyosung Cup Report Twilight Road Ride To Hamilton MCC No Hair Racing Report

### The Auckland Motorcycle Club

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Round I Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, September 22 2013 (M.N.Z. Permit # 14571), <u>Round II Hampton Downs Matorsport Park, October 12 2013 (M.N.Z. Permit # 14572)</u> Round III Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, December 1 2013 (M.N.Z. Permit # 14573) Round IV Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, March 1 2014 (M.N.Z. Permit # 14574) Round V. Hampton Downs Matorsport Park, 16 March 2014 (M.N.Z. Permit # 14575) Round VI Hampton Downs Matorsport Park, 06 April 2014 (M.N.Z. Permit # 14576)

7.00 am Gates Open

7.15 am ~ 8.15 am Riders Sign On & Tech Inspection

7.45 am Riders Briefing

8.30 am Practice Starts (All classes - 10 minutes per class)

Practice & Race Order (Laps) Red Baron Motorcycles Ltd, F3 (Super Lites) & 125 G.P ~ (6 Laps) Formula Auckland (Super Bikes) ~ (8 Laps) Motomail N.Z, Post Classic ~ (Including "Pre 89") ~ (6 Laps) Bikesport Helensville, 650 & Open (Pro Twins) ~ (6 Laps) Clubman's ~ All (6 Laps) WIL Sport Management / Hyosung GT250-R Cup (6 Laps) Formula 2 (600 Super Sport) ~ (8 Laps) Hyosung N.Z, 250 Production (Pro Lites) / 150 Street Stock / F4 Buckets (6 Laps)

11.00 am Racing Starts

Enquiries to Scott 027 242 7639, Mark (Wiggles) 027 250 3237 or Greg 021 040 7330



# **Carl Cox Motorsport Cup:**

### **Points after Round Two:**

| NINJA CUP         |     | <b>WOMENS</b> |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|
| Billee Fuller     | 533 | Billee Fuller |
| Michael Robinson  | 415 | Megan Kemp    |
| Sean White        | 378 | Heidi Trigger |
| Timothy Gray      | 311 |               |
| Tyler King        | 269 | HYOSUNG       |
| Blair Skelton     | 269 | Oliver Pykett |
| Britten Someville | 262 | Elijah Daken  |
| Nick Trigger      | 260 | Hadleigh Tho  |
| Andrew Boldero    | 252 | James Murdi   |
| Andrew Ansell     | 250 | John William  |
| Sam Greenhalgh    | 186 | Ben Cook      |
| Mike Cross        | 183 | Mike McKain   |
| Chris Smith       | 166 | Cadel Finlay  |
| Megan Kemp        | 162 | Loren May     |
| Jayme Martin      | 161 | Rory Garvey   |
| Alex Le Comte     | 140 | Esmond Will   |
| Gordon Finlay     | 138 | Shaun Parke   |
| Nathan Finlay     | 127 | Scott Findlay |
| Bryan Kidd        | 106 | Jarrod Thom   |
| Blain Pairama     | 103 | Trent McDia   |
| Graeme le Comte   | 74  | Enrique Belco |
| Heidi Trigger     | 71  | Riley Fowles  |
| James Short       | 68  | Troy Fowles   |
| Simon Finlay      | 50  | Nick Brown    |
| Terence Gates     | 40  | Brett Butler  |
| Michael Stokes    | 28  | Corey Pook    |
|                   |     |               |

### WOMENS CUP

| Billee Fuller | 70 |
|---------------|----|
| Megan Kemp    | 63 |
| Heidi Trigger | 56 |

### G CLIP

| HYOSUNG CUP      |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Oliver Pykett    | 533 |
| Elijah Daken     | 370 |
| Hadleigh Thomson | 302 |
| James Murdie     | 282 |
| John Williams    | 276 |
| Ben Cook         | 262 |
| Mike McKain      | 260 |
| Cadel Finlay     | 249 |
| Loren May        | 247 |
| Rory Garvey      | 216 |
| Esmond Williams  | 206 |
| Shaun Parker     | 185 |
| Scott Findlay    | 181 |
| Jarrod Thompson  | 147 |
| Trent McDiarmid  | 144 |
| Enrique Belcourt | 140 |
| Riley Fowles     | 134 |
| Troy Fowles      | 122 |
| Nick Brown       | 122 |
| Brett Butler     | 117 |
| Corey Pook       | 112 |
| Robert Mayo      | 106 |
| Tim Wigram       | 81  |
| Jesse Stroud     | 60  |
| Andrew Simpson   | 57  |
| Guy Webster      | 54  |
| Phil Oades       | 20  |
| Joe Stroud       | 8   |
|                  |     |





Ninja Cup Podium: Billee Fuller P1, Tyler King P2, and Michael Robinson P3.



The Ninja pack heading into turn 4



Oliver Pykett charging around turn 6



Hyosung Cup Podium: Oliver Pykett P1, Loren May P2, Elijah Daken P3.



Womens Cup Podium: Billee Fuller P1, Megan Kemp P2, and Heidi Trigger P3.



Billee leading Tyler King



# MV Agusta To MotoGP in '27?

### KTM CEO Stefan Pierer is openly discussing future possibilities in 2023.

Back in March 2021, MV Agusta CEO Timur Sardarov was keen to talk racing. The MV Agusta Forward Racing Team had joined Moto2 in 2019 and was still competing at that time. However, by January 2023, the pairing of MV and Forward Racing had dissolved, and Forward Racing announced that it would go its own way in the Moto2 series, without MV.

Before all that, though—Sardarov spoke about taking what MV had learned from racing in Moto2 and applying it to a future MotoGP effort. The intention, he said at the time, was to eventually make a move to MotoGP "later in this decade."

It's now 2023, and as I'm sure we're all aware, a lot can change in two years. For one thing, KTM has since acquired a 25.1 percent stake in MV Agusta. As part of that deal, it's also taken over distribution of MV Agusta bikes and parts, utilizing its vast distribution network to expand upon what MV was able to accomplish on its own.

For another thing, there seems to be an ongoing battle in the press between KTM and Pierer Mobility Group (KTM's parent company) CEO Stefan Pierer and MV Agusta CEO Timur Sardarov regarding whether or not Pierer will eventually take full control of MV. Both Pierer (the man) and KTM executive board member Hubert

Trunkenpolz have publicly declared their intention to do so. Shortly after that particular salvo, Timur Sardarov gave another interview in which he said no, absolutely not, MV Agusta will not be taken over by KTM or anyone else. Fast-forward to the back half of July 2023, and Stefan Pierer is once again making his feelings known. He recently spoke to German publication *Speedweek*, where he reiterated his belief that KTM will, at the very least, obtain a majority stake in MV Agusta by the end of 2025.

That's not all, though: Pierer also spoke once more about his company's MotoGP ambitions. No, not the GasGas ones—the MV Agusta ones. To be fair, Pierer first raised that possibility back in December 2022. Bringing it up eight months later merely indicates that the idea is firmly lodged in his mind.

In the most recent interview, Pierer said that he sees possibilities opening up in 2027, when the new MotoGP rules and regulations go into effect. At that point, he thinks that it makes sense for MV Agusta to make a comeback and bank on its glorious racing history of decades past.

Why 2027? For those unfamiliar, MotoGP's current technical rules system is determined once every five years by its three governing bodies. First, there's Dorna, which is the promotional arm of the sport. Then there's the International Road Racing Teams Association (IRTA), which represents the riders and teams. The final leg of the tripod is the Motorcycle Sports Manufacturers Association (MSMA), which gives the manufacturers an active stake in determining the future of the sport and its governance.

The current set of rules and regulations will remain in place through 2026. All stakeholders currently have an agreement to only change the rules once every five years, in the interest of keeping development costs down and also allowing teams with fewer resources to (theoretically) have a better shot at being competitive.

To be completely clear, we can't begin to say what go down between the two OEMs. All we can say for sure is that it's slightly past the halfway point of 2023. That means that there's just under three and a half years to go before the magic year of 2027—and a whole lot can happen between now and then.

#### Source: Speedweek, MotorSport Magazine







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### "20 YEARS AGO" ...



### SURVEY FORM

### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, RIDERS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

The Auckland Motorcycle Club is conducting a survey of all those involved in the Club to gather up ideas and suggestions for the Flag Marshals. Our aim is to build up a strong corps of fully trained and well-informed Marshals. We would like ideas for sponsorship for the Marshals, and to improve morale amongst the volunteers. We welcome your feedback, and have provided plenty of space for you to fill in your thoughts. The format is a SWOT analysis, in order to discover what you believe we are already doing well, and what we need to improve. Please staple extra paper to this page if you need to. On behalf of your Chief Marshal, Steve Wilson, thank you for your time. Please return to the Club by fair means or fowl (!) and don't leave it too late, or our planning won't benefit from your suggestions. Do you have any training video or similar material for Marshals? We would love to hear from you......

STRENGTHS What is the best part of our Marshalling scene? We have instituted a Marshal's Cup, which is an excellent step. We have the "Thank You Dinner" for Marshals every year. What else could we do?

WEAKNESSES What, in your opinion, needs to be improved ? How can it be achieved? Who or whatwould be able to help fix it ?

**OPPORTUNITIES** We could make Marshalling a great activity – if it was properly supported by best practice training, first aid training, sponsorship and rewards. In addition, what are your ideas on how to maximise the benefits and participation levels of Marshalling with the AMC?

November 2003

<u>THREATS</u> If we don't nourish and train the volunteer Marshals, eventually no-one will be out there volunteering. No racing. No track days. Our pool of volunteers is down to a small number already. There are also the ever-present realities of legal liability, and the responsibility to do the job as well as we can. We need some action, all right.

November 2003

Your positive help and feed-back is much appreciated. Thank You !

# Suzuki – AMCC Club Series:

Round 1



Auckland Motorcycle Club MEDIA RELEASE 17 September, 2023.

### Full Grids A Feature Of Round One :

Full grids and a persistent breeze were the take-outs from Round One of the Suzuki – Auckland Motorcycle Club Series on September 17th at Hampton Downs.

The rapid growth in the Ninja Cup entry for this season also led to a small programme re-shuffle; which in hindsight has created a few issues. Running the Ninja class in a split grid with the Intermediate category meant they were now cross entering to the Junior category for additional race time; and this led to both a points mix-up (now resolved), but additionally has prompted some serious thinking within the road-race committee, as to addressing the speed differential highlighted with a range of machinery now included in Junior.

We acknowledge the feedback we are receiving on this matter, and a class/category review – for all categories - is definitely on the table for the off-season.

That said, there was plenty of on-track action across all categories and classes

In Senior, Dave Sharp and Rogan Chandler had the measure of the field, on their 1000cc and 600cc machines respectively; with Chandler even taking the overall race win in Race Two.

Senior continues to attract a steady stream of track-day riders looking to extend their experience into the realm of road-race, which is a great testament to the Club members working in that space.

And the variety of machinery extends from Sharp's Kawasaki XZ10 superbike, thru to Ed Molijn on his KTM 1290R, and on to Marcus Read-Bloomfield on the MV Agusta 675 – plenty of diversity, so something for everyone; and that applies to all categories really.

Paul Hammond (Aprilia RS600) and Nick Kampenhout (Vitpilen 701) held the upper hand in Intermediate, with action right back thru the field. Great to see Nixon Frost out on an RS125 Honda, extending his experience and warming the hearts of 2-Stroke lovers around the circuit.

The Ninja Cup ran in a split grid with the intermediates, so again, it was a busy racetrack.

In the Carl Cox Motorsport Cup, Billee Fuller (Ninja) and Oliver Pykett (Hyosung) have each stamped an early dominance on their respective classes. The Ninja class has really taken a step forward this year, and each CCMC class had comfortably in excess of 20 entries.

Junior was action everywhere. Most eyes were on the front of the field, where Billee Fuller, Hamish Simpson, Haydn Fordyce, Cameron Leslie, and Jesse Stroud provided arguably the best racing of the day; with another similar pack several seconds back. You needed more eyes just to keep up.

Sidecars completed the programme – and a DNF in Race Two hurt the Lawrance Brothers, despite winning two races on the day. The Dowman's came from Whanganui with their 600 rig to win Race Two, and lead the points heading to Round Two on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

So it was a very successful meeting, and we look forward to the lucky giveaway draw for the brand new Suzuki GSX250F on 19 November. We expect to have a healthy number of eligible entries, and one lucky competitor will be taking the "Gixxer" home .....



(55) Peter Dowman / Michael Dowman lead the field in Race One

### 2022-2023 Suzuki - Auckland Motorcycle Club Series Points: (*After ROUND ONE*)

- Points Senior: FORMULA AUCKLAND
- 75 Dave Sharp
- 66 Craig Coulam
- 58 Hamish Fox

#### Points - Senior: FORMULA AUCKLAND B (1:09s)

- 75 Stephen Leggett
- 64 Spencer Langdon
- 62 William Crosby

#### Points - Senior: SUPERSPORT 600

- 75 Rogan Chandler
- 66 Marcus Read-Bloomfield
- 58 Paul Jenkins

#### Points – Intermediate: SUPERLITE

- 72 Paul Hammond
- 69 Nick Kampenhout
- 60 Geoff Irving

#### Points - Intermediate: PRO TWIN 650

- 72 Scott Findlay
- 65 Paul Bergmann
- 62 Luke Ryder

#### Points - Intermediate: 125ccGP

75 Nixon Frost



(106) Hamish Fox (Honda CBR1000RR)

Points – Junior: SUPERSPORT 300

- 75 Cameron Leslie
- 64 Hamish Simpson
- 62 Haydn Fordyce

Points – Junior: NINJA 400 OPEN

- 75 Billee Fuller
- 62 Nathan Finlay
- 60 Blain Pairama

Points – Junior: 250 PRO LITE

- 69 Ben Cook
- 58 John Williams
- 50 Jesse Stroud
- Points F4/F5 Buckets/Gixxer 150
- 75 Nixon Frost
- 66 Alexander McNab
- Points PRE 89 F2
- 75 Brett Butler
- Points PRE 89 F3
- 50 Scott Fenton
- Points SIDECARS
- 69 Peter Dowman/Michael Dowman
- 60 Desmond James/Andrew Shields
- 52 Peter Bradder/Vincent Kerslake

#### Points – CLUBMAN SENIOR

- 75 Abbin Abraham
- 64 Lewis Heels
- 62 James Signal

Points - CLUBMAN JUNIOR

50 Mike Green

#### Carl Cox Motorsport Cup:

| Points | – NINJA CUP:     | Points | – HYOSUNG CUP:   | Points | – WOMENS CUP: |
|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------------|
| 229    | Billee Fuller    | 228    | Oliver Pykett    | 30     | Billee Fuller |
| 181    | Sean White       | 181    | Scott Findlay    | 27     | Megan Kemp    |
| 181    | Michael Robinson | 158    | Hadleigh Thomson | 24     | Heidi Trigger |
|        |                  |        |                  |        |               |

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#### 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                          |
|      |                                  |                                           |



(196) Nick Kampenhout, (80) Luke Ryder, (95) Paul Bergmann, (22) Paul Hammond









(51) Cameron Leslie



(16) Logan Rowell



The JUNIOR field gets to work in Race One (1) Billee Fuller, (2) Jesse Stroud, (46) Hamish Simpson, (70) Hamish Fox, (38) Sean White



(777) Cadel Finlay



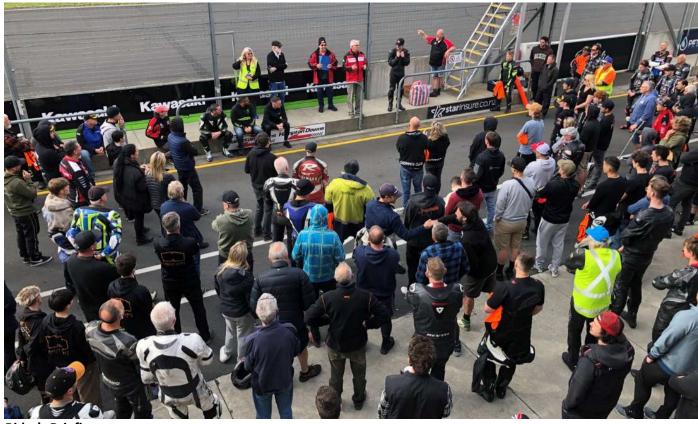
(79) Stephen Leggett



(77) Gershwern Scott, (23) Daniel Price, (84) William Crosby, (47) Paul Jenkins



Ninja Cup – Le Mans start



Rider's Briefing

# 2009 Magpul Ronin 47:

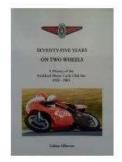


If you're looking for a rare American sportbike that's both unique and features the kind of styling that immediately inspires strong emotions, look no further than this 2009 Magpul Ronin 47. For those unfamiliar, just 47 of these bikes were crafted by Magpul engineers after American sportbike manufacturer Buell first went under.

The group purchased 50 Buell 1125R machines from dealers with excess inventory in 2010, then turned them into what you now see before you as part of the Magpul Ronin Project. Each of the 47 bikes was named for one of the 47 ronin of Japanese legend. This bike is number 37 and bears the name Oishi Nobukiyo both in details on the bike and also on the small wooden tool case that houses a multitool that came with the original purchase.

The Ronin is powered by the 1,125cc Rotax Helicon V-twin engine, which is mated to a six-speed gearbox. This bike is belt driven. Ronin made use of the Buell 1125R's frame and swingarm, but added a cast aluminum girder fork up front, as well as adjustable monoshocks front and rear from Penske.

Other trick bits include a pair of 17-inch alloy wheels, a ZTL perimeter front brake disc, carbon fibre fenders and airbox, bar-end turn signals and mirrors, a ceramic coated exhaust system, a black solo saddle, and an RFID key and immobilizer.



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### **MNZ News:**



### Formula 3 Inclusion in Nationals

#### 1 November, 2023

It is great to announce that we have an opportunity to include the Formula 3 riders and bikes in this seasons Nationals as a separate standalone race group.

The Suzuki Series currently runs the class and our National series entrants generally run in the race alongside other Pro Twins and Super Twins so it makes obvious sense and will add another great pathway to progress further.

As time is late, we will operate under the current Supp Regs as issued by the Suzuki Series and review and publish a new appendix during next year.

The rounds available for the National Points Scoring will be :-

- Suzuki Series Round 1 Taupo
- Suzuki Series Round 2 Manfeild
- MCI Round 3 Ruapuna
- SCMCC Round 4 Timaru
- Motofest Round 5 Hampton Downs

As a note, the Burt Munro Festival is running Formula 3 but as per the original communications it will not be a point's scoring round for the Nationals this season.

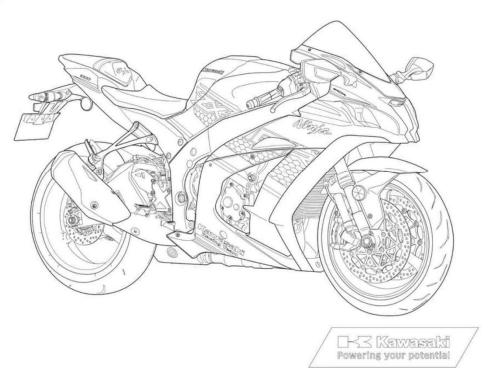
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#### **Z900RS**



Z900RS



### **RACING CALENDAR / COMING EVENTS**

| November 2  | November 2023           |                                         |                       |  |  |  |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| 5           | AMCC Club Series - Rd 3 | Hampton Downs Club Circuit              | (Junior Classes Only) |  |  |  |
| 19          | AMCC Club Series - Rd 4 | Hampton Downs                           | (Final)               |  |  |  |
| 25/26       | Bucket 2-Hour           | Tokoroa                                 |                       |  |  |  |
|             |                         |                                         |                       |  |  |  |
| December 2  |                         | _                                       |                       |  |  |  |
| 2/3         | Suzuki Series – Rd 1    | Таиро                                   |                       |  |  |  |
| 2/3         | NZSBK – Rd 1            | Таиро                                   |                       |  |  |  |
| 3           | LandSpeed NZ            | Goudies Road, Reporoa                   | (Rain Day 10 Dec)     |  |  |  |
| 9/10        | Suzuki Series – Rd 2    | Manfeild                                |                       |  |  |  |
| 9/10        | NZSBK – Rd 2            | Manfeild                                |                       |  |  |  |
| 26          | Suzuki Series – Rd 3    | Cemetery Circuit                        | (Final)               |  |  |  |
|             |                         |                                         |                       |  |  |  |
| January 202 |                         |                                         |                       |  |  |  |
| 6/7         | NZSBK – Rd 3            | Ruapuna – GP Title Races                |                       |  |  |  |
| 13/14       | NZSBK – Rd 4            | Levels                                  |                       |  |  |  |
| February 20 | 24                      |                                         |                       |  |  |  |
| 9/10/11     | NZSBK – Rd 5            | Teretonga                               |                       |  |  |  |
| 9/10/11     | NZSBR – RUS             | 5                                       | na Fastinal           |  |  |  |
|             |                         | In conjunction with the <b>Burt Mur</b> | iro Festival          |  |  |  |
| March 2024  |                         |                                         |                       |  |  |  |
| 2/3         | NZSBK – Rd 6            | Hampton Downs – <b>MotoFest</b>         | (Final) TT Titles     |  |  |  |
| 10          | LandSpeed NZ            | Goudies Road, Reporoa                   | (Rain Day 17 Mar)     |  |  |  |
|             |                         |                                         | (                     |  |  |  |

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(14) Keiran Mair – all the way from Upper Hutt on the IMD 250

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