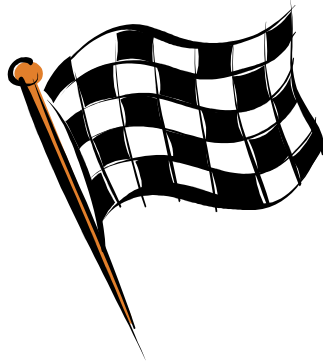


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2010

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Motorcycle Rider Training

The AMCC riding school is re-opening with a new instructor from the A.R.T track days

The school offers rider training and basic skills testing for learner licence.
This is carried out at eh club's premises in Ellerslie

For bookings and information please contact
Mike Messiter on 838 4024, email suzuki25@xtra.co.nz



New Members

Please welcome these new members to the AMCC

Murray Clark	Sluce Family	Richard Kilgour
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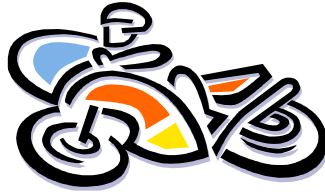
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RACING CALENDAR

April 2010

17/18 Buckets Round 6
18 Advanced Rider Training – Pukekohe
24 AMCC Club Series – Round 5 – Pukekohe

May 2010

15/16 Buckets – Round 7 + Dominic Howe Memorial

June 2010

19/20 Buckets - Round 8 (Final Round)

July 2010

17/18 Buckets – Round 1 2010/11 Series

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To view the website for information:

Access www.countiesracing.co.nz

Click on motor racing

Click on events

CLUB NIGHT

Welcome to the AMCC Clubrooms. Open Every 1221` Thursday 7.30 – 10.00pm



Come and catch up, gossip with the bar person, sample the selection of liquid beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) available, coffee, tea and milo.

There is always something happening, a motorcycling DVD or video, or recorded MotoGP to watch. Sometimes We even throw in a movie just for fun! There are also trade nights and the occasional quiz night with spot prizes.



If any club member has ideas of ways to enlighten the Thursday club night, please let us know



Come along and enjoy a chat with your fellow club members.

A reminder to all club members – you are required to have your AMCC membership card present at the club rooms should you wish to consume alcohol.

Note: The club rooms are smoke free



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From your Club Captain

As the summer months have come to a close, I hope you made the most of the awesome riding weather. Last month's weekends were busy with another successful ART day, another round of the Club Series, the testing day at Hampton Downs and 3 days at Hampton Downs for the final round of the Nationals. Good to see the club rooms full of chin-wagging and laughter – that was March and now we venture into April and, yes, MotoGP and Superbikes.

A big thanks to those who helped on 26/27/28 March at the Nationals, especially those who made up the ranks to help our core band of flag marshalls. Without you we would not have been able to run the meeting as MNZ has determined there needs to be a minimum of 31 flaggies at Hampton Downs. This year I managed to get the Friday and Monday off help out on the Friday and recover on the Monday.

Once again the bunny has arrived early – I hope your Easter break was kind to you and you stuffed your face with chocolate!! Was a great time to get out and explore the countryside as daylight saving drew to a nigh.

April is also a time for Colleen and I to some R & R, after the April ART and Club round of course! We're off to Rarotonga to do something, or nothing as the case may be – scooters to the fore perhaps!! More of that in the May newsletter.

June is looming and that means AGM – a number of positions will becoming vacant on the committee, including Club Captain. I have enjoyed my stint in the role but it's time to hand over to some fresh hands. One area that has been a disappointment has been the lack of weekend road rides, firstly due to lack of interest from members and secondly lack of time, especially with the very busy race and rider training summer season these days.

Hope to see you in the club rooms one of these Thursday nights!!

Dave Thompson
AMCC Club Captain



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Contact AMCC at the Club Rooms (6 Findlay Street, Ellerslie) on a Thursday night (7.30-10.00pm) or visit the AMCC website (www.amcc.org.nz) to download an entry form.

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Waterers on 'Johannes'

Johannes

St Jean de Losne 12 March 2010

Johannes has been sold! This morning at 9 am we were lifted out of the water in order for an underwater survey to be carried out.

At minus 3 degrees it was a freezing cold start to the day, there had been a hard frost overnight and the Bourgogne canal was iced over to a depth of 10mm. Cutting a swathe through the ice, we motored into the slipway, the haul out was no problem after a great quantity of salt had been applied to the slipway to negate the effects of the ice, Johannes passed the survey with flying colours and we were back in the water 3 hours later.

There followed a rather jolly "happy hour" aboard with the new owner, a Belgian who furnished 4 large bottles of Chimay, high octane Belgian beer and after bidding them "a bientot", we sat back and had lunch, contemplating life without Johannes.

They will take over ownership on 31st March – or earlier if it suits us, when we will move onto a large 38 metre charter barge that we have been guarding over the winter for the English owners. They return to 'Jubilant' on 1st May or thereabouts and then we will be homeless. There is a possibility we could seek refuge on some other boat that needs looking after, or else we will need to "up sticks and away" to pastures new! We will have to wait and see what eventuates, but there exists at the moment a strange mixture of relief, that we no longer have the responsibility of boat ownership, and sorrow that we are parting company with a beautiful ship. Added to that is the sadness that we will, before long, bid farewell to the wonderful friends we have here in St Jean de Losne.

Such is life.

Richard & Vivienne Waterer

Hampton Downs 28 March 2010

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April

- Thursday 1st Superbikes – Portimao, Portugal
Thursday 8th Movie Night – Death Race
Thursday 15th Trade Night – Darbi Accessories
Thursday 22nd Superbikes/MotoGP – Valencia Spain, Losail Qatar

May

- Thursday 6th Superbikes/MotoGP – Assen Netherlands, Motegi Japan
Thursday 13th Superbikes/MotoGP – Monza Italy, Jerez, Spain
Thursday 20th Superbikes – Kyalami, South Africa
Thursday, 27th MotoGP – Le Mans, France

June

- Thursday 3rd Superbikes – Salt Lake City
Thursday 10th MotoGP – Mugello, Italy
Thursday 17th Club Captain's Choice
Thursday 24th MotoGP Silverstone

Listed events may be subject to change

OVERALLS

If any flag marshal has any overalls at home could you please return them as we are missing quite a few. You can return them to the club or come to the next race meeting wearing them. Even if you don't marshal anymore, could you hunt around... It will be much appreciated.

Angela - Chief Flag Marshal.

BAR ROSTER



April

1 st	Mandy New
8 th	Kevin Grey
15 th	Warren New
22 nd	Dave Thompson
29 th	Jim Manoah

May

4 th	Dave Thompson
11 th	Phil Oades
18 th	John Connor
25 th	Lindsay Banks

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3 rd	Tim Fraser
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No licence confirmations will be sent, competitors must have their licence to compete.

Family discount is offered, however licence must be applied for manually

If a member is aged 65 years or over they are entitled to receive a free MNZ competition licence, this will need to be applied for manually.

When you receive your new MNZ licence card, please sign and place into the front cover of your log book. Your licence card from the 2008-09 season is no longer valid. When your log book is full, please send into the MNZ office and a new log book will be issued.

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