



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC

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Club trials clothing

It has been suggested that we could have a club trials shirt and pants made by S3 or Mots. A minimum order of five trials suits is needed so if you would be interested in buying one please let us know. We are also interested in any ideas and suggestions for the colours and design.



Mini trial competition

At this year's nationals in Hawkes Bay there will be a mini trial competition. This will be open to riders on electric and petrol bikes up to 80cc and they can be big or small wheels. There will be three grades to cater for all abilities and for ages up to 14 years. The 6 sections will be specifically designed for junior riders. Shane and Evie Hubbard will be there representing Pioneer.

Nationals

Talking of the nationals it's only three weeks to go now. The entry form and information about the Hawkes Bay venues is available at www.hbmcc.org/trials

The Oset

The club now owns a 20" wheel Oset, supplied by the Marlborough Trials Centre (i.e. Brendon). It is available for use at the Have a Go days and club trials for kids who have a club membership.



In this issue

Paul Jackson explains how he got involved in trials and talks about sidechairs, twinshocks and riding in Australia.

NZ Trial School - training with Jules



In August Jules ran training days in Kaikoura and at Lake Kimihia near Huntly. In September Pioneer members had the opportunity to attend a training day at Kaituna and this was fully booked.

Jules will be doing some more coaching in Wellington at Nick Ball's property in Porirua on 19-20 October and he's also planning to offer training in Alexandra in November.

For more information see the [NZ Trial School](#) Facebook page.

Have a go days

Josh and Jules have been running monthly 'Have a go' days at the Waimak Trials Park. There have been good turnouts and the number of junior riders is growing.



New members

The Club welcomes new members: Mike Kelly, Rob Marchant, and Ian Springer who have joined recently. Ian has bought Ross Bristol's Sherco and he rode it in the Christchurch round of the South Island Championship in September.



Mots Zona2 boots

Kevin Pinfold sells Mot's trials gear in New Zealand and he has some of the new synthetic Zona2 boots. These boots are lighter than leather, but the big advantage is they don't soak up water and get as heavy when they are wet. There is also less maintenance needed than with leather. They are available in fluoro white or red and black for \$495. Kevin has imported 8 pairs of the boots and has sold half of them already. He is also looking at sourcing some cheaper boots for the more budget conscious rider.

Paul Jackson

Recently I asked Paul if he would answer some questions about how he got involved in trials and some of the events he has ridden in. Paul agreed to do it and here is his story –ed.

I wasn't brought up around motorcycles, in fact I was brought up surrounded by what I thought were old buggers, blokes in their thirties I guess, who knocked around with my old man who was tied up with running the RATEC car club. The Rallies and Trials Enthusiasts Club, car trials and a bit of rallying. I was old enough to be allowed to go out on the odd club night trial and spent many weekends out in the countryside in the back of the Humber 80 plotting trials and taking in how the old boy and his cohorts would set "traps" to catch out the most astute navigator and see their team amass the points that they were trying so desperately to avoid. In those days I used to keep an eye on the rally scene and scoured the newspapers for any news especially when the Heatwave, or Motogard NZ rally came to town with the flying Finns battling the Kiwis for top honours.

It wasn't until I was thirteen that a new kid moved into our neighbourhood, he was a townie moving into the country, and with him came a Suzuki RM80 motocross bike and a Honda CB50. It wasn't too long before the CB was being used by all the local kids down at the beach loop road which immediately turned into a bit of a racetrack and the stopwatch was being thrashed to see who was the quickest. The new kid's dad was a car salesman and it wasn't long until the CB50 became a deal that somebody couldn't resist and our road race days were over, but my motorcycling interest was piqued.

Every weekend and school holidays I worked in a market garden saving hard and competing with my cousin to see how much money we could bank at school every Friday. The balance grew and so did my interest in motorcycles so the day soon arrived that I had to make my first real financial decision in my life. My folks didn't want me to buy a motorbike, they wanted me to buy a vacant section around the corner from where we lived, but how could I race my mates without a motorbike, \$1300 for a bike or \$1500 for a section. My first bike a Suzuki RM125T cost me 1300 bucks and I was racing. I did a couple of motocross events but it was hard relying on other people to cart me around as I was only fifteen with no car or licence so I traded it in on a DR125 to go to school on. Once I started work I bought an XR200 and that was my daily ride rain or shine.

During my apprenticeship as a plumber an Aussie tradesman by the name of Paul Carson arrived at work and said he was into trials and he was going to compete in the South Island Champs rounds being held at Omihi, he suggested that I tag along and have a look. I think he managed a couple of laps on his old Montesa before it died and he packed it up and we headed home. It wasn't until some years later that I went to spectate at a motocross event and got talking to a guy who was taking lots of photos and he said he was into trials. By the end of the day I knew that the photographer's name was Norm Whyte and he was going to sell me my first trials bike, a TL125 for \$600. When I went to pick it up he said I'll give you a ring in six weeks and come and pick you up and take you to a trial at Teddington. He did just that, I rode clubman and didn't lose a point for the day and that was it, I was hooked. It wasn't long after that that I got involved with the club and moved up through the grades updating bikes as often as I thought necessary. 1992 rolled around and with it a kick in the guts, I was self employed, enjoying riding motorbikes and generally living life pretty hard when I was dealt a case of ME, Myalgic

Encephalomyelitis, chronic fatigue. That was to be the end of working for eighteen months and certainly no motorbikes. I sold my house and moved home to mum whilst recovering. It was during this time that I went to a club trial and got talking to Rob McKay, he informed me that he had bought the chair off Basil Chambers old Bultaco and he was going to put it on his TY for Kaikoura, did I want to ride with him? I thought the easiest thing to do would be to buy the Bultaco, bolt it back together and have a go, which we did. Luckily for us sidecars are easy to ride so with bugger all practice we headed for Kaikoura to ride the B line in 1994. Rob and I won our first A grade Kaikoura in 1996 and decide that we should go and have a crack at the Aussies at Mt Tamborine, just out of Brisbane to see what we could learn from them. I managed to get a hold of the then British champ, Robin Luscombe, who informed me that they had just had the number 1 Aussie crew of Todd Keurschner and Steve Sparkes from Adelaide over competing in the British championship and they could be worth a call. No computers then so I sent off a fax and received an excited phone call to say that they would help us in any way they could so we were off. At this point I could use a whole lot of four letter expletives to describe the learning curve that we endured over that weekend. It was a fantastic experience and well worth all the hassles of getting there, at least we knew what we had to do before going to Perth in 97. Rob and I won the Kaikoura sidecar class again and then he decided that he was sick of the bruised shins, the trampled chest, and the elbows to the throat so he vacated his office and Glenn Smith decided that it was time to take a beating.



Dave Chambers watches Paul and Rob on the Montesa at the 1996 South Island championship at Canaan Downs on Takaka Hill.



Paul & Glenn at Kaikoura in 2015

Glenn and I headed to Perth in 97 and to be honest of the ten Aussie Titles I have competed in to date this would be the one that I would love to relive the most, when the West Aussies put on an event they know how to do it. Having gone from having sixteen Kiwi riders in Brisbane to just four of us riding in Perth was nerve wracking to say the least, we were joined by Richard Bayliss from Tai Tapu riding juniors, and the show pony fresh from riding the TDN in the Isle of Man, James Lawton, riding Expert. We were treated like royalty with BBQ's in our honour and an old Valiant to get around in, we went to a KFC smorgasbord where I'm sure to this day that

James ate five chickens, we met a three legged dog named Shadow and rode at an event that had in excess of ten thousand spectators. We camped next door to a young family from Sydney that had driven for four days towing their bikes on a trailer and they reckoned that we were mad coming all the way from NZ to ride a trial, only a seven hour flight. This event had it all. The result was the same as the previous year, finishing fifth in a field of ten. Glenn and I went on to win Kaikoura fifteen times together before he stepped aside for Rob's daughter Emma to have a go and we have now won it three times together. I have an everlasting memory of a conversation with Basil Chambers on the evolution of sidecars when we built our Montesa 310 monoshock to take to Australia. "Monoshocks will never work, no matter what you do, David will always beat you even with a bag of cement in the chair". I used this as motivation in following years. David is of course Basil's son who has won the Kaikoura sidecar class twelve times.

I used to enjoy catching up with Basil in his workshop hearing the stories of past escapades while surrounded with projects, if he wasn't fiddling with bikes he was fiddling with model aircraft. The wireless would always be tuned to Ferrymead radio and if it was cold the fire would be cranking. He was fond of his classic trials bikes and he talked me into riding his Villiers at a classic trial and then I talked him into letting me take it to Jennings Hill in Victoria to ride the Aussie Titles in the classic class. The event was wet, very wet, a few creek sections but mainly hill climbs and slippery rocks, I had no brakes, no suspension, and pretty much had to apply in writing for power but I had a ball. I was beaten into second place that weekend by the legendary Chris Leighfield on his immaculate Tiger Cub by one point.



Above, Paul on the Villiers 197 at the Aussie titles in 1999, and right, riding in the 1989 New Zealand championship on a TY350.



When I got home I had to have an old bike so Basil agreed to sell me his Bultaco M10 four speed which I rode at classics and Pioneer events for a while until I bought a TY175 before purchasing the ex Alan Mason Fantic 240 which I ride today. I still have a modern Beta to ride but just enjoy getting out there on the old Fantic and having a skid around. There are no such things as

practice or fitness anymore so climbing on the Fantic is like getting on the big comfy sofa and feeling comfortable.



1990, riding in a demo at Ruapuna on the Beta TR34



2008 at Teddington on the rev3

I did put it away in 2016 to go and have a crack at the SSDT which turned out to be a disaster for me. I hired a brand new Beta off of John Lampkin and rode out onto the flooded moors on the first day only to have my front wheel collapse on the eighth section of the week meaning I was the first DNF of the event and the only rider not to get a photo taken of me in a section. I ended up wet and cold in the snow somewhere between Fort William and Kinlochleven and couldn't feel my hands from the elbows. It is now a distant memory, but not distant enough to remember every detail, hence having not gone back.

This year has been a bit of a write off for me as far as riding goes as I have had a lot of family and business commitments to contend with, but the events I have ridden have been very enjoyable and I look forward to doing more club events soon. Having taken on the role of MNZ Trial Commissioner this year has also been interesting catching up with people from one end of the country to the other and all having their opinions on what should and shouldn't be happening with our sport. I currently have a few projects under way which I will share when final details come together, as I said when I stepped in some things can be done in five minutes and some things will take some considerable time and effort. Anyway in the meantime I shall keep chipping away and see where we can end up with this great sport of ours and maybe get some riding time in also.

Club trials

Western Valley, 23 June (section setters: Jules, Shane, Derek, Josh)

There was a good turnout for the June club trial and there were three new faces: Rob Marchant, 7 year old Leo Hopkins who rode around on the little Beta that Simon has bought from the Club, and Gabby Gundry who has moved to Christchurch. This time we used the property on the right hand side of the road which as usual had some good slippery hillside sections. In expert David was riding his new GasGas 300GP and he was only one point behind Jules after 3 laps, but on the final lap Jules lost 7 points and David dropped 20. In intermediate it was also close and at the end Ross was only two points ahead of John. Alan was handicapped by having to ride most of the trial without a rear brake, which wasn't fun on a day when there were some steep descents. In Clubman A, Kendall finished on a single figure score with Rob not far behind and Steve rode well for third. Thanks to the officials: Josh, Derek, Alan and Patrick.

Expert

Jules Huguenin	48
David Trewin	62
Glenn Smith	82
Derek Scott	121
Shane Brons	124
Josh Stones	dnf

Intermediate

Ross Bristol	40
John Regan	42
Alan Honeybone	50
Tui Scott	61
Gabby Gundry	63
Hamish Barnett	69
Kahu Jones	89
Ashley Duncan	dnf
Peter Hosking	dnf
Simon Jones	nc

Clubman A

Kendall McDonald	8
Rob McKay	14
Steve Fisher	30
Nigel Bunny	43
Peter Barnett	58
Simon Hopkins	nc

Clubman B

Dick Gardner	58
Rob Marchant	dnf
Shane Hubbard	nc
Evie Hubbard	nc
Leo Hopkins	nc

Purau - 28 July (section setters: Tui Scott, Simon and Kahu Jones, Peter H)

The venue for the July trial was Chris Gardiner's property. Tui was the chief section setter for this trial and for a change he decided that we would have the sections running down the valley instead of up it. This made the section setting a bit quicker because we were able to reverse some of the sections from last year and add a few variations.

On Sunday we had another new face, Ian Springer who was riding Josh's Beta 300, and the return of Derek Pike who has the Ossa going again. In expert, David chose to ride the orange line, while Glenn and Derek rode red. It was close in intermediate between John, Shane and Alan, and Kahu had his best ride in the grade this year. The way he handled the large log in

section 4 on his 125 was impressive. The expert line in this section had an uphill approach to a big fallen tree which we thought might be a challenge but David, Glenn and Derek didn't have any bother riding it. In clubman it was another win for Kendall, and another second for Rob, but this time it was Nigel who put in a good ride for third place.

Expert

David Trewin	19
Glenn Smith	13
Derek Scott	55

Clubman A

Kendall McDonald	1
Rob McKay	11
Nigel Bunny	16
Simon Hopkins	18
Peter Barnett	25
Ian Springer	28
Steve Fisher	28
Derek Pike	40

Intermediate

John Regan	6
Shane Brons	10
Alan Honeybone	11
Ross Bristol	19
Kahu Jones	26
Peter Hosking	38
Tui Scott	39
Simon Jones	47

Clubman B

Shane Hubbard	nc
Evie Hubbard	nc



Kendall had to work to stay feet up in this section, but he only lost 1 point all day



Shane has the best trials suit this year - Top Trial Team shirt and pants

Trials Park, 15 September

The Club trial scheduled for the last weekend in August was originally to be held at Greta Valley, however lambing meant we had to change venue, and use the Trials Park on the north bank of the Waimakariri River. Given how public this site is, the trial was not laid out the day before, but instead riders grabbed a set of pegs when they arrived for the trial and laid out a section in different areas of the trials park. This gave a good variety of sections with Section 5 in the concrete pipes being the tightest. Setting trials sections on the day we ride might be a good idea a couple of times a year on sites that don't need clearing, so riders get to see what to think about when setting sections.

Briefing over, and the frost gone, the August day was more like summer as the 24 riders circulated around the sections, while the temperature climbed to 18 degrees. David Trewin and John Regan easily led the expert and intermediate classes respectively, while Kendall McDonald in Clubman A, on his faithful Honda, managed the only clean rounds of the day. Simon Hopkins in improving form had a good ride for second in Clubman A. Good to see Will Kelly out again this time bringing his dad, Mike, to have a ride. Hine Jones, Shane and Evie Hubbard, also enjoyed the day on electric bikes.

Peter Barnett

Expert

David Trewin	16
Josh Stones	78
Will Ahomiro	nc

Intermediate

John Regan	15
Shane Brons	33
Tim Bassett	35
Kahu Jones	57
Derek Scott	72
Simon Jones	nc

Clubman A

Kendall McDonald	6
Simon Hopkins	13
Christine Thompson	27
Nigel Bunny	29
Steve Fisher	31
Rob McKay	38
Peter Barnett	38
Dave Chambers	41
Ian Springer	43

Clubman B

Shane Hubbard	29
Evie Hubbard	49
Mike Kelly	77
Will Kelly	dnf
Hine Jones	nc

South Island Championship rounds 3&4, Christchurch 7-8 September

Earlier this year Alan Honeybone took on the job of organizing the Christchurch South Island round and it was good to have someone with his experience in charge, especially when the weather was looking pretty dire for the weekend. Most of the section setting was carried out the weekend before in fine conditions but a couple of days before the trial it began raining. Al, Scotty, Glenn and Josh had the unpleasant job of taping the sections on Friday when the rain was coming down in bucket loads and on Saturday morning when we arrived at Kaituna the creek level was much higher than usual. As a result the sections were very slippery and there were some high scores especially in expert and intermediate. Jules had a nasty off in section 3 which Bruce Hughey was marking. Fortunately what could have been an injury turned out to be only bruising but he had to withdraw from the event. Al was unlucky to tear a calf muscle in the first section that he rode and he also had to withdraw. Rat had a swim in the creek when the Fantic slipped out of gear in a section. By the end of the day we all had very wet boots and there was no way they were going to dry out overnight.

More overnight rain meant that the organizing team had to do a quick run around the sections at Western Valley on Sunday morning to check they were still rideable. Fortunately, however, the rain and low temperatures that were predicted for the day didn't eventuate.



Hamish rides section 4 on day 1. Brendon was the only rider who cleaned this section.



Day 2 at Western Valley, Guyan Bennett observes as Ian Springer attempts section 9.

In expert, David was first on day one and Blake first on day two so it was a fairly even contest but Blake had a lower score over the two days. It was similar in intermediate, with Gareth winning day one and Glenn day two. Gareth has had limited time on the bike this year because of his university studies but it didn't seem to affect his riding. Jason Hibbs was actually ahead of Glenn and Gareth on day 2, but because he was on a one event licence didn't receive any championship points. In presidents, Brendon made a return to trials after spending most of the

year rallying, and although he was only on a 125 was too good and won both days. Paul was the only one who managed to get close to him. In sportsman Hamish Barnett and Graeme Hibbs had a win each.

In clubman there was good competition between Rob Mackay, Gavin Fox, Simon Hopkins and Jordan Sowman. Jordan was first on day one but Western Valley was more to Rob's liking and he had a great ride for first ahead of Gavin.

Comments on the event:

Gareth Wadsworth: it was a great trial, the sections were a little on the hard side and everyone lost a lot of points, but the trial was still good fun and most people were happy as can be. As dad says, it's the same high scores for everyone. It was a great effort from the organizers.

Mike Elliott: it was a magic trial and not one complaint from any competitor over the two days I officiated. Hard, wet, slippery, but that's winterish.

Gary Allpress: Tough conditions to be fair, but as usual a very friendly and helpful (for a bottom-feeder such as myself) atmosphere. A championship event with challenging sections, great observers, and still those little rivalries between like-talented "putters."

And from the Alan:

When we set out the sections this year I gave the instruction that I wanted all the sections set a bit on the easy side. We had good intentions, and we did peg relatively easy, unfortunately 300mm of rain before we started made relatively easy into fairly difficult. We made a few minor changes and left most of the sections as they were.

An awesome team of Pioneer members, Captain T Mike Elliot and Peter and Christine took over the running of the trial which made for a smooth running event.

I ended up observing for two days which was really interesting especially on the slippery section on day two. Some riders like Colin Kelland and Gareth Wadsworth made this look easy, used very little power or revs, and then we had the big revs attacks by some, which ended up in lots of points. I really enjoyed the observing for a change and do recommend it to all riders to try it sometime. Special mention to Malcolm Reid who told me that Ross and I had missed one of his dabs and asked for an extra point. Great attitude Malcolm.

Expert	Day 1	Day 2	Total	Sportsman	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Blake Fox	140	81	221	Hamish Barnett	79	59	138
David Trewin	136	112	248	Graeme Hibbs	75	68	143
Jules Huguenin	dnf	dns		Alan Honeybone	dnf	dns	

Intermediate	Day 1	Day 2	Total	Clubman	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Glenn Smith	73	61	134	Simon Hopkins	43	41	84
Gareth Wadsworth	72	63	135	Rob McKay	71	26	97
Josh Stones	115	86	201	Ian Springer	76	51	127
Derek Scott	113	97	210	Peter Barnett	88	70	158
Jason Hibbs	75	57	OEL	Gary Allpress	dnf	dnf	
				Jordan Sowman	30	35	OEL
				Gavin Fox	45	39	OEL
President				Twin shock			
Brendon Wadsworth	38	36	74	Paul Jackson	53	55	108
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Neil Sturfels	67	70	137				
Simon Jones	79	63	142				
Colin Kelland	92	58	150				
Malcolm Reid	74	76	150				
Peter Hosking	88	64	152				
Tui Scott	99	80	179				

2019 South Island Moto Trial Championship results

	Round				Total	
	1	2	3	4		
Expert						
Blake Fox	22	22	22	25	91	1st
Jules Huguenin	25	25	0	0	50	2nd
David Trewin			25	22	47	3rd
Intermediate						
Josh Stones	22	22	18	20	82	1st
Derek Scott	18	20	20	18	76	2nd
Neil Belvoir	25	25			50	3rd
Glenn Smith			22	25	47	4th=
Gareth Wadsworth			25	22	47	4th=
Shane Brons	20	18			38	6th
Jason Hibbs	0	0	0	0		
Brad Hibbs	0	0				
President						
Paul Jackson	25	25	22	22	94	1st
Malcolm Reid	22	22	18	14	76	2nd
Neil Sturfels	20	20	20	15	75	3rd
Colin Kelland	16	16	14	20	66	4th
Tui Scott	15	15	13	13	56	5th
Brendon Wadsworth			25	25	50	6th
Keith Ruthven	18	18			36	7th
Simon Jones			16	18	34	8th
Peter Hosking			15	16	31	9th
Ross Bristol	0	0			0	10th

Sportsman

Hamish Barnett	22	22	25	25	94	1st
Alan Honeybone	25	25	0	0	50	2nd
Graeme Hibbs	0	0	0	0		

Clubman

Rob McKay	22	25	22	25	94	1st
Peter Barnett	18	18	18	18	72	2nd
Gavin Fox	25	22	0	0	47	3rd
Simon Hopkins			25	20	45	4th
Ian Springer			20	22	42	5th
Gareth Gore	20	20			40	6th
Jordan Sowman			0	0	0	
Gary Allpress	0	0	0	0	0	

Twin shock

Paul Jackson	25	25	25	25	150	1st
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Graeme Hibbs inspects section 4 at Western Valley

...and Brendon air turns in the section

The 2019 South Island champions



Blake Fox - Expert



Josh Stones - Intermediate



Paul Jackson – President & Twin shock



Rob McKay - Clubman

Hamish Barnett – Sportsman (see p. 18). *Sorry Hamish I ran out of room on this page*

Fifty years of the Greybeards 1969 -2019

In 1969 Marty Rush suggested holding a Greybeards trial for riders who were over 40 years old and he took on the job of organizing it. Marty's idea was to invite some older riders who hadn't ridden for a few years and he persuaded some of the younger club members to loan their bikes to them for the day. He promised that there would be no 'cliffhanger' sections and that any over 40 riders who had current competition licences would not be allowed to enter. Eighteen riders took part in the first Greybeards at Greenwoods Bridge which was won by Bob Harris (Sandra's dad). The first trial went well and in the next few years more riders from the past began turning up. Among them there were some well known names such as Jim Swarbrick, Tommy and Kevin McCleary, Mick Holland, Bob Burns and Vic Rush (two times NZ trials champ). One of the oldest riders was the photographer, Vic Browne. Vic was 75 when he won the Greybeards for the first time in 1975, and he rode again two years later when he was 77. For several years the trial was run as a section by section event. All the riders would start at section one and watch each other ride the section, then the group would move on to the next section. This added to the fun and there was always a lot of friendly banter.

In recent times the Greybeards has become a different event. Most of the entrants nowadays are still actively riding, either in club or classic trials and bring their own bikes, but we have continued the bonus points system based on age.

Unfortunately now that the Club is with MNZ again it's becoming harder to run the Greybeards because of the need for licences and compliant bikes. For the last couple of years we have been covering the cost of one day licences but this is expensive for the club and the future of it as a Pioneer event is uncertain.



The Rush brothers: Bill, Marty and Vic at a Greybeards in the 1970s



Marty presents the Mustang cup to Vic Browne in 1975. The cup was donated by the NZACU district steward Ian Ward in 1970.



The 1972 Greybeards. From left: Brian McGiligan (10), Syd Harrison (5), Clarrie Haines (7), Ken Robinson, Tommy McCleary (26), Ted South (2), Bob Bruce, Bill McLaughlin, Dave McLaughlin (25), Ron Pearson (12), Doug Dunlop (17), Peter Phillips (22), Ivan Happer, and ? (30). Front row: Nelson Turner (21), Des Thornton (8), Kevin Horgan (29), Ken Bush (11), Dick France (16), Bruce McKenzie (15), Ray Shearman (4). At the back: George Hughey, Marty Rush, Alex Ormandy, Bill Rush.

Thanks to Des Thornton, Peter McDonald, Bruce Hughey and Sandra Hallie for helping to identify the riders. No. 30 has us puzzled. It looks like Bas Chambers, but Bas wasn't in the 1972 results and he had a competition licence so wouldn't have been allowed to ride.

Do you know this bike?



Does anyone know the history of this bike? At first glance it looks like a TLR but it's actually a special which someone built using an XR motor. The tank/seat is homemade. It was stored in a garage for a few years until Tui came across it recently

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Our Aussie committee member - Patrick Hall



By now most of you will have met Patrick who is on the committee this year. Patrick was born in Queensland but has lived in NZ for 43 years. "I was 22 years old when I first came over and lived in Gisborne for the first 10 years. Around 1985 on a road trip to the Bay of Plenty to get some car parts with a friend, we walked into a wreckers in Opotiki and by the front door was a 350 Sherpa T Bultaco. Well the memories kicked back in, I had a brand new one in 1974, and could wheelie in all the gears sitting on seat. It had me thinking, and two weeks later I had it back in Gisborne. Fast forward a couple of years, now living in the Bay of Plenty I started riding trials again going up to Tauranga from Whakatane with my mate Tommy Lowndes and meeting with the trials families the Poads, Merrimans and the Shiltons and other great people. More bikes a TLM Honda, a

TR34 Beta. I stopped riding in the early 90s, life got in the way? But I still did observing at champs and loved catching up with everyone. Got to know a lot of people from all over NZ. Became a road rider for a number of years till the trials bug bit me again, just blame the Gundry's for two more GasGas's. Now it's time for me to repay all the efforts of others through the years of riding, by volunteering and training to be an official so others can enjoy their riding ... feet on pegs." *The photo of Patrick on the TL was taken in 1973 on the side of the highway just outside his home town Toowomba.*



Hamish Barnett – South Island Sportsman winner 2019



It was Gareth's first trial on the TRS

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Next events – for more information and directions to the venues see the Pioneer website.

13 October	Club trial	Teddington
26-28 October	NZ Champs	Hawkes Bay
10 November	Club Champs	Purau
17 November	Have a go day	A&P Show (tbc)
24 November	Greybeards	Weedons Ross Rd

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