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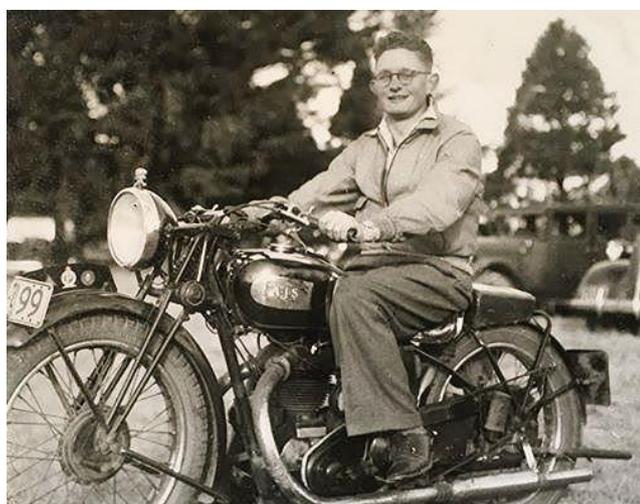
Winter 2023

The Mega turns 80

80 years ago, in June 1943 during the second World War, the first issue of the Megaphone was sent to Pioneer members.

Len Tullett, who was the Club's secretary, had the idea of producing a newsletter to keep members who were serving in the armed forces in touch and also to let them know what was happening in the club while they were away.

Len would probably be very pleased to know that 80 years later the Megaphone is still going.



Len Tullett, first editor of the Megaphone.

South Island Champs - rounds 3&4, 12-13 August.

The entry form is on the website

<https://pioneertrials.co.nz/event/south-island-championship-rounds-34-kaikoura/>

David Trewin is the organizer.

New Kaikoura Cup

We have a new cup called the "Dave Chambers Trophy." This has been purchased in recognition of Dave's achievement of riding 50 K3Ds and it will be awarded to the winner of the clubman class. It



fills a gap because we have Kaikoura cups for expert, intermediate, twin shock and sidechair, but we didn't have one for clubman.

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Kaikoura 3 day trial – 2023

In future years when we look back at the 2023 K3D it's likely it will be remembered as Dave Chambers 50th. On Sunday night there was a presentation for Dave at the Whaler. Paul Jackson spoke about Dave's achievement of riding fifty Kaikouras and presented Dave with a cup on behalf of the Club. Paul's Sunday evening speech is on p. 12-15.

This year we had 75 solo riders and 7 sidechairs, a total of 89 participants which was almost as many as we had in 2022. One of the things that was notable this time was the number of families with two or more generations involved. Twelve families made up one third of the entry! It's great to see and can only be good for the future of our sport.

The weather treated us kindly this year and the predicted rain for Monday held off until we had finished the event. The venues were the same as the previous four years. Day 1 at Trewin's; Day 2 at Andrew Coughlan's farm at Dairy Farm Road and day 3 at Barry and Justine Schroder's property. The sign on and prize giving was held at the Whaler in Kaikoura.

Running the show again this year was club prez, Simon Jones. It's the third time Simon has organized the event and he did another great job. A shout out to Kahu too, who compiled the results this year and put them up on the website each night. They were both unlucky to catch the lurg which was going around and didn't feel well enough to ride their chair on Sunday and Monday. The flu also affected Ross and Patrick who were officials.

Expert

12 riders started in expert on day 1, and the field grew to 17 for the next two days when Kevin Gundry, Gary Samson, Colin Godsell and Archer Pascoe decided to move up from intermediate to ride the red line. Jason Baker also rode on Sunday and Monday.

There were two notable entries this time. Warren Laugesen had only ridden in the Kaikoura once before - in 1998 when he won it. Also making a return was Craig Wassell who according to our records last rode it in 1994. This time he was accompanied by his son Fletcher who was riding inters. Jules was also back in expert again, after three years in the chairs.

An orange line was included in some of the sections which Warren, Jules and Mats Petit opted to ride. Mats was riding Jules GasGas and he led on day 1 but had problems getting grip on day 2 because of worn tyres. On Monday he had a superb ride finishing 20 points ahead of Warren and was the overall winner of the class.

The red line was closely contested with David Trewin and Paul Mountstevens both on 19 points at the start of day 3. Unfortunately in the second section on Monday Paul's handlebars caught a tree and he fractured a couple of ribs and was unable to finish the day. Kevin Pinfold was the best of the red liners on Sunday losing only 3 points and he finished second overall. Craig was third and 14 year old Finn Pearce who was riding a 125 was fourth.



Mats Petit was this year's Kaikoura expert winner



Finn is one of the youngest riders to have ridden in the expert class at the Kaikoura.

Intermediate

18 riders started in intermediate on Saturday. Peter Colvin moved up from green for days 2 and 3, and William Baker also stepped up on Monday.

Stu Lawton, riding a Yamaha TY250C twin shock had an incredible ride. He had a zero score on Saturday, two dabs on Sunday and three dabs on Monday for a total of 5 points. It brought back memories of when his older brother James also amazed everyone in 1999 on the TY. Neil Belvoir was the best of the moderns, finishing on 17 points for the 3 days. Fletcher Wassell was third.

Here are **Brent's** insights into what was happening in the inters:

Kaikoura 2023 – A bottom of the pack perspective.

Another Kaikoura done and dusted! Unlike some people I have only ridden Kaikoura since the mid 90s when the three days were always at one venue. These days we have a huge value add by having a different venue each day with the associated technique changes required in our riding style.

Day one at Trewins had a good balance of technical requirements with the deciding factor being sections 7, 10 and 11 to split the better technique riders from the rest. Great to not expend maximum energy on day one of three days. Excellent restraint shown by the section setters to factor in traction in the shaded areas. Obviously well done to Stu Lawton taking out first place on a TY250, but for the rest of the mortals a spread of 2 to 42 points says what a great day.

Day two at Dairy Flat couldn't have been more different with no creek or water sections but some moisture near the surface. A good loop to get the bike cleaned out before each section and well thought out sections that were wide enough to allow grip all day. With downhill being my nemesis, I actually found sections 7 and 9 to be my favourites being a little out of my comfort zone but enticing enough to make me want to do well. Kudos to Gabby for making section 7 look easy when I had decided not to ride it in the first round. Getting a clean there set the tone for the rest of the day for me. It was also good to see people going up a grade to challenge themselves and Kevin Gundry, Gary Samson, Colin Godsell and Archer Pascoe showed their class and riding skill by making it look like they ride like that all the time. We need to ban Stu for taking honours again on the TY but for the rest of us with a spread of 6 to 46 points, another great day.

Day three at Mt Fyffe is always the same, but never the same. This year was great for three reasons, we didn't have to go right to the top plateau for a couple of sections that traditionally have been awkward; sections 11 and 12 were well thought out and worth the ride to them; and all the sections had flow, obstacles, and no hidden haggises that would jump out and knock you off your bike. While my slow creek skills were exposed that day, I saw many people show me how to do it. Some good scores from riders who can balance and keep their front wheels light. Stu Lawton topped on the TY and there is no taking away that it is all about rider skills, not having the best bike. Aside from Stu's outstanding performance the spread was 9 to 83 and another awesome day.

To all those who fell out of sorts over the weekend I feel for you as you missed a great event and I hope that you mended quickly.

Great to see youngsters (that is anyone younger than me) showing their skills and lack of fear on anything thrown at them. Outstanding to watch Finn Pearce on a yellow plate strut his stuff in red. It used to be that I would look at riders above me that are older than me in order to emulate and learn from them, now I am looking at riders like William Baker on yellow showing confidence and calmness, and trying to see where I go wrong.

This year was a great event with the organisers and section setters showing their class by putting on a smoothly run event with three days of consistent sections despite different terrain. I tossed up with riding yellow this year or not but decided to have one more year on a good bike at Kaikoura to get the most out of the weekend. Good decision, with 20 riders in the class it was three days of outstanding riding and watching. Best ride of the weekend Stu Lawton all day every day. Best sounding chair of the weekend: Kendall and Hamish section one day 2. Best sounding solo: Darren Johnston section 4 day one. Greatest achievement: the committee for giving us 3 days fine weather against the odds.

I guess it shows my perspective that I don't get into who placed where other than number one, as without people who can't get into the top 3, you don't have numbers. Jonesy and

committee – a very well done weekend, one of the best I have attended. Special mention to Kahu, great to ride with and stood up when he was needed.



Three generations of the Lawtons: John, Stu and 9 ½ year old James.



*There is only one word to describe Stu's ride on the TY ... **awesome.***

Sportsman

There were 11 riders riding the green line. The old master Warwick Merriman (76 years old) was always in control throughout the weekend, dropping only one point on the first two days. He was so far ahead that when the Vertigo stopped near the end of day 3 and he had to take two fives for the last two sections he still won by a comfortable margin.

Battling it out for the minor placings were Christine Thompson and three youngsters: Graeme Hibbs, Alan Honeybone and Peter Hosking.

Shirley stepped up to green this year and had some stunning rides on Monday, in particular three cleans in the difficult section 4 which took a five from Warwick.

Clubman

Clubman A was the biggest field with 21 riders. Wayne Harper who was riding his TLR twin shock was the overall winner and his name will be the first to be engraved on the new Dave Chambers Trophy. Ash Lucas was second on 33 and there were three riders who tied for third place on 36 points. Steve Wade had more cleans (96) than Mike Ward (93) and Stefan Ingendae (91). Gavin Pearce was riding down a couple of grades so that he could assist his young sons Luke and Ben and didn't want to be in the running for an award so he handed in a card with a maximum score on Monday.

Steve Fisher was unlucky to have a five in the second to last section which cost him 3 or 4 places. Here is Steve's assessment of the weekend:

Kaikoura Trial from a Clubby A point of view.

Birches Road

I had some involvement in helping set some sections on Birches Road, so I knew there were easier sections and a couple of others that would test my low level skills. Section 9 up a slippery slope and down two gnarly steps to a short turn at the bottom and out. This section looked more challenging than it turned out to be for me.

Section 12 had a very tight turn at the end of the section that dropped off into a small creek, giving an unsettling feeling. Most of the other sections were pretty straight forward, but never get complacent or you will drop an unnecessary point.

Dairy Flat

There's always a couple of sections that you don't like more than others. Section 9 is always a favourite for the section setters There are 3 outcomes for this section (i) You've mastered it (ii) You've got it once, or (iii) you just can't get it. Down the hill leading to a tight left hand slightly uphill turn on loose dirt. It looked easier than it was, I cleaned it only once.

The other was Section 2, the ever moving rock pile, played with my head, but after watching others techniques, I applied my own. Lift the front wheel and nail it with eyes half closed, it didn't always work ... The beauty of being a Clubby, no one expects too much.

With the sections well spread out we managed to not spend much time queueing.

Other sections like Section 3 still had grip, but were getting cut up and a little greasy, so you still had to be on your best line.

Low scores again this day on a good mix of sections.

Mt Fyffe

Monday, the dawn of my sore throat and I suspect lots of others. A week later and I think I'm coming out of it. This venue always takes points. Plenty of rocks and water.

I had had a reasonably good 2 days points scores up until day 3, when a competitor mentioned no one had taken a 5 yet. My second to last section for the weekend, section 11, I ended up lying in the creek, things can change very quickly ...

There is a huge amount of variation of sections over the 3 days, so there is something for everyone's skill, which always makes this a fun weekend. The sections for the 3 days were a

pleasure to ride, so a big thank you to the section setters that gave up their day and drove all the way there and back to put them in.

Also a special mention to the behind the scenes work of the committee members and also the continued support of the 3 farms we have the privilege to ride on.

Weatherwise this year I think we were very lucky, as I have the view this is always a cold wet weekend.

Social

Peter Dunn won the Clubman B grade last year and he did it again this year but he was under pressure from Dick all the way. Peter had a score of 2 points on Saturday and Dick was on 3. On Sunday both had zero scores. On Monday Peter lost 13 points and Dick was on 14. Ten year old Bodie Harper, riding his first Kaikoura on his Oset was third and 12 year old Toby Schroder was fourth. Toby was sharing Barry's GasGas during the weekend and he had a very good ride on Sunday at Dairy Flat.



Best prepared twin shock this year, Darren's TLR.



Good to see Colin back on the TRS again after a long layoff due to a shoulder injury.

Twin shocks

It was a smaller twin shock field this year with Greg Power and Tony Smith unable to make it, but they have promised to be back next year. Darren Johnston, who last rode the Kaikoura in 2011, rode on Saturday and Sunday on his immaculate TLR200 which received a lot of admiring looks.

Stu Lawton was first, Stephen Reij rode the green line and was second and Wayne was the best of the twin shocks on the blue line.

Women

There were five women riders this year, plus Ella in the chairs. Gabby rode intermediate and was the overall winner of the women's class. Christine and Shirley rode sportsman, Emily rode clubman, and Jo rode the social line.

Juniors

The ten juniors ranged in age from 10 years to 14 years and they were spread among the expert, clubman and social grades. Finn was the junior winner, his 11 year old younger brother Luke was second and James Lawton was third. Luke and James both rode the Clubman A sections. Ben Pearce also rode Clubman A on Sunday and he had fun on Monday with Jack Schroder. They found a big mud patch near section 12 and held their own 2023 Kaikoura drifting championship!

Sidechairs

Prior to this year's event, Paul Jackson managed to track down the sidechair B grade cup which had been missing for a few years, so two cups were at stake this time: the SAM trophy for A grade and the B cup.

Dave Chambers gives some insights into how things panned out:

2017 was the last time Brian and I competed in the sidecar class. With this being my 50th Kaikoura and mostly riding the sidecar in the past, we decided to bring it out of retirement. This year saw seven outfits, four in the A grade and three in B grade.

First day dawned fine for the Birches Road property. The sidecars broke into two groups, then went our separate ways so we didn't see much of the A grade group.

I found our sections were set just right for the first day with Johnny Lawton having a new passenger in Connor Newton and first timers Simon and Kahu Jones in their new outfit.

Weather was again fine for the second day at Dairy Farm Road. We lost Simon and Kahu through health related issues so that left Johnny and Connor and ourselves to battle away.

The sections were a bit harder than day one but still very enjoyable. Overnight rain dampened the ground for day three at Mount Fyffe, although not really needed. Again the sections were a bit harder than the previous day. Johnny with Connor having a great day's riding and just missed out on winning overall by two points.

Of note in the A grade: Derek Scott and Ella Mountstevens and Josh Stones with new passenger Guy Gibbs both lost 54 points equal on Sunday and Monday with Saturday's score determining their overall placing. Kendall McDonald and Hamish Barnett with a new outfit closing the gap a bit with Paul Jackson and Glenn Smith, so bring on next year ... could be interesting.

Just like to thank Pioneer Club for another great trial, also Johnny and Connor for a great weekend of riding.

Kaikoura 3 day results

Expert	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total	Place
Mats Petit	8	21	20	49	1
Warren Laugesen	15	18	40	73	2
Jules Huguenin	23	11	48	82	3
David Trewin	13	6	32	51	1
Kevin Pinfold	24	3	43	70	2
Craig Wassell	28	18	41	87	3
Finn Pearce	30	8	58	96	4
Peter Gledhill	37	41	71	149	5
Rhys Bayliss	48	19	92	159	6
Paul Mountstevens	10	9	dnf	19	
Simon Hopkins	52	33	dns	85	
Jason Baker		7	24	31	
Tom Beedles	30	9		39	
Gary Samson		13	88	101	
Colin Godsell		22	89	111	
Kevin Gundry		19	96	115	
Archer Pascoe		47	85	132	
Intermediate					
Stuart Lawton	0	2	3	5	1
Neil Belvior	2	6	9	17	2
Fletcher Wassell	8	12	28	48	3
Ricky Hamilton	12	24	31	67	4
Gabby Gundry	11	15	48	74	5
George Ebbett	15	27	37	79	6
John Regan	17	28	35	80	7
Kevin Tither	8	15	65	88	8
Malcolm Reid	19	13	57	89	9
Brent Downes	20	16	71	107	10
Kim Pedersen	29	29	75	133	11
Tui Scott	42	28	83	153	12
Peter Robson	40	46	76	162	13
Peter Colvin		43	72	115	
Ross Bristol	4			4	
Kevin Gundry	6			6	
Gary Samson	9			9	
Colin Godsell	13			13	
Archer Pascoe	34			34	
Brendon Wadsworth			24	24	
William Baker			107	107	

Social

Peter Dunn	2	0	13	15	1
Dick Gardner	3	0	14	17	2
Bodie Harper	21	17	38	76	3
Toby Schroder	49	7	36	92	4
Richard Latimer	13	11	dnf	24	
Andrew Mitchell	30	120	dns	150	
Daniel Baker		36	73	109	
Fredi Robson	135		93	228	
Jo Gallen	90			90	
Ben Pearce			95	95	
Jack Schroder			128	128	

Junior

Finn Pearce	30	8	58	96	1
Luke Pearce	33	14	47	94	2
James Lawton	76	62	61	199	3
Bodie Harper	21	17	38	76	4
Toby Schroder	49	7	36	92	5
Freddi Robson	135		93	428	
William Baker		26	107	133	
Ben Pearce		108	95	203	
Daniel Baker		36	73	109	
Jack Schroder			128	128	

Women

Gabby Gundry	11	15	48	74	1
Christine Thompson	16	12	28	56	2
Shirley McDonald	71	20	25	116	3
Emily Willard	39	28	63	130	4
Jo Gallen	90			90	

Sidechair A

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total	Place
Paul Jackson/Glenn Smith	12	14	19	45	1
Kendall McDonald/Hamish Barnett	18	28	43	89	2
Derek Scott/Ella Mountstevens	39	54	54	147	3
Josh Stones/Guy Gibbs	50	54	54	158	4

Sidechair B

Dave Chambers/Brian Chambers	2	12	43	57	1
John Lawton/Conner Newton	21	25	13	59	2
Simon Jones/Kahu Jones	96	dns	dns	96	

Dave's 50th

1973, what a year. The year Dave Chambers entered his first of fifty Kaikoura Trials, which is an unheard of feat of dedication within any motorcycling discipline in NZ, in fact the world. The only other person that comes to mind is Nigel Birkett who last month completed his 50th SSDT.

Dave rode his first Kaikoura three day last century in 1973. For those who can remember back that far it was the year that NZ's population reached 3 million, that the Norman Kirk led government cancelled the proposed Springbok Tour due to the fear of violent clashes, that John Clark introduced NZ to Fred Dagg and all the Trevs, that the Domestic Purposes Benefit was introduced, and the year that colour TV arrived in NZ.

If you tuned into Casey Kasem and the American Top 40 you would likely have been listening to Little Willy, Stuck in the Middle With You, Long Train Running, Smoke on The Water, and Duelling Banjos. If you tuned into Radio Avon on 1260 in Christchurch your aural senses would have been treated to the likes of Crocodile Rock, Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round The Old Oak Tree, Delta Dawn, Mexico, and Ballroom Blitz.

If you went to the pictures you'd be treated to The Exorcist, American Graffiti, Planet of The Apes, and The Day of The Jackal. If you tuned in on the TV you would have been watching the likes of It's In The Bag with Selwyn Toogood and Heather Eggleston, Spot On hosted by the now Sir Ian Taylor and Danny Watson, and the old fave Country Calendar on the two NZBC channels available at the time.

It would have cost you 10 cents/litre for petrol, 31 cents for three tins of baked beans, 25 cents for three packets of instant pudding and 23 cents for a can of apricots. You would have paid 48 cents for a jug of beer, 90 cents for a flagon, and 25 cents for a nip of whiskey.

The top three riders in the trials world were Martin Lampkin on a Bultaco, Mick Andrews on a Yamaha, and Malcolm Rathmell on a Bultaco. Malcolm Rathmell also won the Scottish Six Day aboard a Montesa. Chris Harris was our National Champion and Miss Otago Pam King was crowned Miss NZ.

Dave started riding Kaikoura in 1973 and I can see all you mathematicians doing the numbers and coming up with the fact that this is his 51st however he missed 1979 due to living it up in Australia at the time. Dave has ridden fifty times but has actually attended the Three Day at least fifty six times that we know of. He is of course one of the well known Chambers Mob and was dragged along with the rest of the family when dad Basil was competing. So when you think about it Dave has only missed twenty one of the seventy seven Three Day Trials to be run to date. Back in the days of the ACU you had to be fifteen years old and hold a current motorcycle licence to compete hence why Dave has only ridden fifty.

Kaikoura has always been a favourite and happy hunting ground for the Mob of whom many have competed. Dave's brother Lindsay rode for one year while brother Craig was a competent sidecar passenger with Basil winning the class in 1978, then going on to win as a rider in 1980 and 81. Dave's cousins Ron, Brian, and Wayne Dickey have all ridden sidecars on one side or the other, his son Kenny and son in law Chris Pascoe and brother in law Moo have all had a dabble, while his sidekick grandson Kobe will be involved in the not too distant future to be a fourth generation rider from the Mob. Also deserving a mention is Dave's mum Ira who along with the wives and girlfriends used to stand in all weathers to observe the boys.

I am led to believe that Ira liked to have a wine in the evening to help the boys celebrate their days riding, the baton now having been passed to Dave's wife Glenda to continue the tradition.

When Dave started riding in 73 it was an expedition of epic proportions to transport the family and machinery to Kaikoura in one piece. There were no air conditioned, disc braked, well suspended vans, nor were there sealed roads with white lines to guide the wary traveller. There was however the 1954 fully optioned high spec Vauxhall Velox with front bench seat, centre clock, rear window venetian blind and towbar to which was connected the trailer carrying all the necessities for the weekend including bikes and sacks of coal and firewood to be used to keep the family warm in the cabin at the old Esplanade Motel. I believe that this is the same car that Dave fell out of onto the road going around a corner in Rangiora when he was a lad, but that's another story for another day. After the Velox came the Bedford van which was iconic at Kaikoura and was able to be stuffed full of sidecars and all the bits to keep them going including the oxy/acetylene plant. Cousin Brian still has the Velox in the shed at home.

Now it needs to be remembered that when Dave started riding this trial it wasn't run exclusively in the Kaikoura area as it is today. It used to be that the bikes were trailered to different venues where groups of sections were pegged and ridden before loading up and doing it all again a bit further up the road, all the way to Kaikoura and back to Christchurch. Typically the first sections could have been at Waipara then through to the Hurunui River, then onto Spotswood, Hawkswood, through to Mackles Farm north of Kaikoura and back down the Inland Rd and through to Greta Valley for the last sections of the weekend then on to the Scargill Hall for a lunch and prizegiving. There was an eventual, not too unexpected grizzle from the Wellingtonian riders that they had to do too much travelling so it was consequently changed to the format that we have today.

Dave's first bike was a 197 Villiers powered James, which is parked in his garage and still in use today. His debut ride didn't go to plan when he bashed the Villiers flywheel on a rock which became terminal so he ended up sharing Basil's bike, the M10 Bultaco, which is in my shed now, to finish his first Kaikoura as third placed Novice behind Neville Guthrie on a 200 Triumph and Bruce Morton on a 250 Greeves. Incidentally the Expert grade went down to the wire with Robert Rush and Ken Hosking tied on forty two points and Robert pipping Ken on a countback of cleans, 44 to 39. Soon after the James was fitted with a Cub motor before Dave decided to go to the dark side.

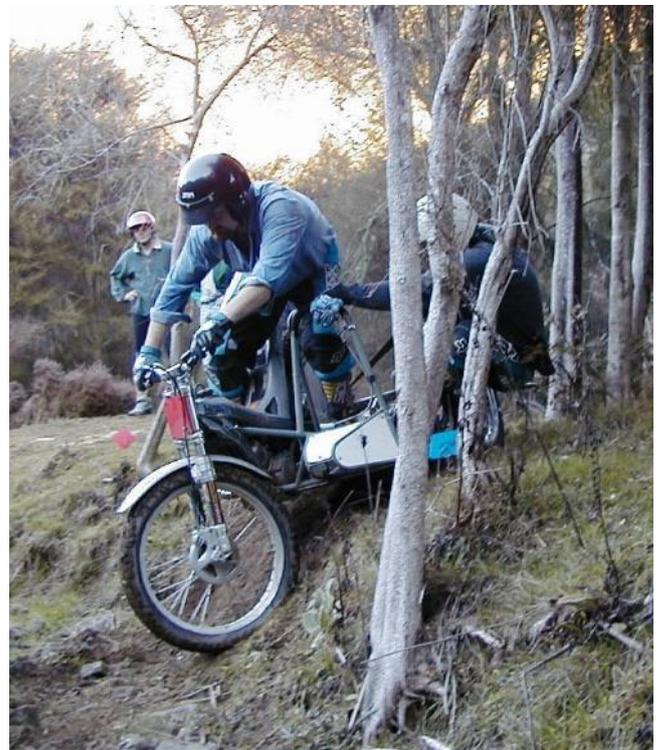
Sidecars was the class that was to get Dave's interest next having ridden solos from 1973 – 75, and the Road Trial in 76 and 77. In 1977 the sidecar class was introduced after two well known trials identities and an Air NZ engineer by the name of Ross Swanson decided to build the first outfit after obtaining plans from England. Peter Archer and Malcolm MacGibbon stitched a chair onto a bike and gathered the masses to have a go at the ungainly sport. There was a heap of interest and twelve chairs were manufactured and fitted to bikes, partnerships were formed, a trophy was donated to play for, and the rest is history with the class being run for forty six of the past forty seven years only being missed in 2013 when the Kaikoura Six Day Trial was run. Peter Archer and Malcolm MacGibbon never competed on the sidecar at Kaikoura having fitted a chair to a 247 Montesa, riding two club trials and giving it away as

a bad joke. The SAM trophy is still played for today in the A grade sidecar class, SAM representing Swanson, Archer, MacGibbon.

Dave purchased a model 49 Bultaco from Ken Hosking and built a chair to fit it in the Skillings Engineering workshop at Rangiora and rode it in 1978 for the first time. This year is Dave's thirty eighth Kaikoura Sidecar Trial having won the A grade on twelve occasions and B grade on three occasions. After the Bully came the TY350 outfit which was heavily modified and was probably the only sidecar that could consistently turn right without too many problems. The major downfall with the TY was its weight and lack of suspension compared to the newer outfits that were starting to appear so it was ditched in favour of a later model 320 GasGas which Dave could find traction on with ease. The problem soon arose that with the modern bikes came the modern style of riding which was a whole lot different to the previous twenty years of no clutch use, and of course that meant that the obstacles got bigger as well. The GasGas was eventually sold and Dave did a deal with honest John Lawton and purchased another TY350 for \$100, only this one was in boxes. It was rebuilt and a new chair added and it is this bike that Dave is still punting today. Dave also rode three Aussie Titles, two on the TY and one on the GasGas with cousin Brian in the chair. They finished all three trials with blood and bruises and big smiles whilst gaining life time friendships from our Aussie competitors.



Dave and Phil Nichol. Photo: Norm Whyte



*Dave and Brian on the GasGas.
Photo: Bob Cooke*

As with bikes and chairs that wear out, so do passengers and Dave has worn out his fair share. First to come and go was Carl Marshall, followed by Geoff Fisher then Phil Nichol stepped up and won the A grade with Dave from 1984 – 86. Pete James then had his first stint before cousin Brian climbed aboard before Pete had another go until Brian finally took over and has been there ever since. As you can imagine, and have probably heard, passengers are a breed

of their own. They have to be thick skinned as whenever anything goes wrong it's their fault, they have to be able to cock a deafen as they are constantly lambasted about all the mistakes they make, they have to be contortionists with a high pain threshold to enable them to get back in the chair after they get out, and the most important quality of all is that they have to have a slow brain to sphincter communication system so that they don't have enough time in a section to show that they are scared. As a rider it is very unnerving to hear the horrendous reverberation of a sphincter slamming shut in fear, especially when it's not your own. I'm not sure what makes them tick but it is amazing that out of all the riders riding this weekend there are seven that fit this bill perfectly.

I asked Dave if there was any era that he preferred riding to which he answered no. I asked him what were the main differences between riding then and now, he replied without hesitation, I don't drink anywhere near as much now. He was quick to add that Kaikoura had always been very social and that it was a great time to catch up with out of town riders in a reasonably stress free environment. The vibe is still the same today and is a highlight on everyone's calendar, a place for great memories to be made and past stories to be regurgitated over a few beers.

His favourite memory is clawing back a thirty five point deficit from Ray Welsh and Barry Churchill to win the weekend on the last day by five points. As he said, when it's your day, it's your day. Well Dave it's your day today and I can only congratulate you on your longevity with this event and reckon that there are probably another nine or ten years in you yet. Congratulations and well done, to date.

Paul Jackson



The Rush family at the 1973 Kaikoura. From left : Marty (Montesa), Robert (Montesa) and Gary (Bultaco). The Bultaco is now owned by Dave.

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Club trials

Manderley 30 April (section setters: Alan, Dave C, Steve F, Peter H. Officials: Alan, Peter H) Well what a cocktail up pegging this trial was with my team of helpers, Peter Hosking, Dave Chambers and Steve Fisher. The first problem I encountered was by just grabbing ten section bags from the trailer and not checking that they had start/finish cards in them, I arrived at the first section and had an "Oh dear" moment.

Manderley had a huge amount of good grass that the farmer wanted to preserve for the cattle, so we limited the lap down to mainly creek areas to stop any damage. We were told where the cattle would be so knew our pegs would be untouched until the trial which would make life easy. We also restricted entry to the property until 9am as we were parking beside the house. On arriving on Sunday we found all the cattle were in the area we had pegged, not the area they were going to be. Bugger. Nine of the ten sections were demolished and section 8 still had about 20 cattle using it for a bedroom.

We had an hour to repeg the trial and try to move the cattle along the hill a bit.

This was completed and a trial a bit harder than I would normally have pegged was ridden. Somehow the scores were lower for most riders than recent trials, so I assume everyone has got used to riding quite hard sections. Peter Dunn had an amazing ride putting just one foot

down. Experts were very close between Tom, Paul and Glenn.

We did have a bit of a cock up with green grade. I pegged as per the rule book, that green grade follow green pegs, which some people did, but were then bullied into believing that they had ridden the trial wrong. Sorry Kendall that your day was ruined, you should have won the grade by a large margin.

It was great to see so many new faces since my last ride nearly a year ago. Thanks to everyone for treating the property so well, the land owners were very happy.

Alan Honeybone

Expert	Total		
Tom Beedles	58		
Paul Mountstevens	64	(15 cleans)	
Glenn Smith	64	(14 cleans)	
John Ross	83		
Peter Gledhill	91		
Simon Hopkins	96		
Arron Eades	101		
Hamish Barnett	116		
Josh Stones	nc		
Intermediate			Sportsman
Ross Bristol	50		Paul Jackson 16
Derek Scott	68		John Regan 23
Peter Hosking	72		Alan Honeybone 31
Ashley Duncan	nc		Simon Jones 79
Tui Scott	nc		Kendall McDonald nc
Clubman A			Clubman B
Christine Thompson	16		Peter Dunn 1
Dave Barber	19		Brendon Day 63
Chris Pascoe	25	(31 cleans)	Dick Gardner 167
Dave Chambers	25	(30 cleans)	Isabel Hopkins nc
Shane Newton	26		
Rob McKay	29		
Steve Fisher	31		
Dave Davies	37		
Chris Lowe	45		
Mini B			Mini C
Leo Hopkins	45		James Bayliss 48
Liam Ross	nc		Koby Pascoe 78

Neil Price Training – 21-22 May

Grant Anderson and Olly Musgrave from Otago, and 17 Canterbury riders attended the training weekend with Neil Price at Western Valley.

Neil is a very good trainer and went in depth into the theory behind what he was teaching. He gave us a lot to think about and skills to work on and practice. It was unfortunate that it was a wet weekend. The water level in the creek was much higher than usual and the ground was very slippery so Neil wasn't able to do some of the training exercises he had planned. There was general agreement afterwards that we would really like to get Neil back again at a time of the year when it's a bit drier.



Neil demonstrating the 'rev, squat & go' technique ... and how to avoid running into the woolshed!

Neil sent this message when he returned home:

Thanks to everyone for such an awesome weekend! Thoroughly enjoyed it! Great people and a very high standard of riding amongst everyone!

New section bags

Johnny Kovac has made five new section bags for us. One of these will replace the missing bag in the green set. The other four bags will be used for the minis. Johnny didn't charge for making these and said he was happy to do it to support the Club.

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Next events:

25 June	Club trial	Hurunui Bluff
23 July	Club trial	Motunau
30 July	Training day	Purau
12-13 August	SI Champs, rounds 3&4	Kaikoura

For more information see the [upcoming events](#) page on the Pioneer website or Events on the Pioneer Facebook page.

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