NEW PLYMOUTH CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.



a WW2 German military motorcycle displayed at the Defence Ministry museum in Budapest, Hungary.
With the drought in Europe the Danube River is at a very low level
and has exposed a lot of German warships which were scuttled towards the end of the war.
This is one of the items exposed.

Apparently it is a DKW NZ 350

OCTOBER 2026

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NEW PLYMOUTH CLASSIC MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

New Plymouth

Classic Motorcycle Club

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White Bait Run

MOKAU INN

MOKAU

When; 18th October

Meeting at 10:30am

"Z" Waiwhakaiho

If raining come in your car

Please contact Fay if you intend to go direct to Mokau as numbers attending are required so the owners can ensure enough staff are available on the day;

Email; mfgalvin@xtra.co.nz or 027 780 1283



VCC Rubber Ducky Valley.

Organized by Linda and Peter Hutton.

about 8 club members entered.












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Ducati Formula 73

Tribute to a Legend

Ian Falloon

Sep 17, 2026



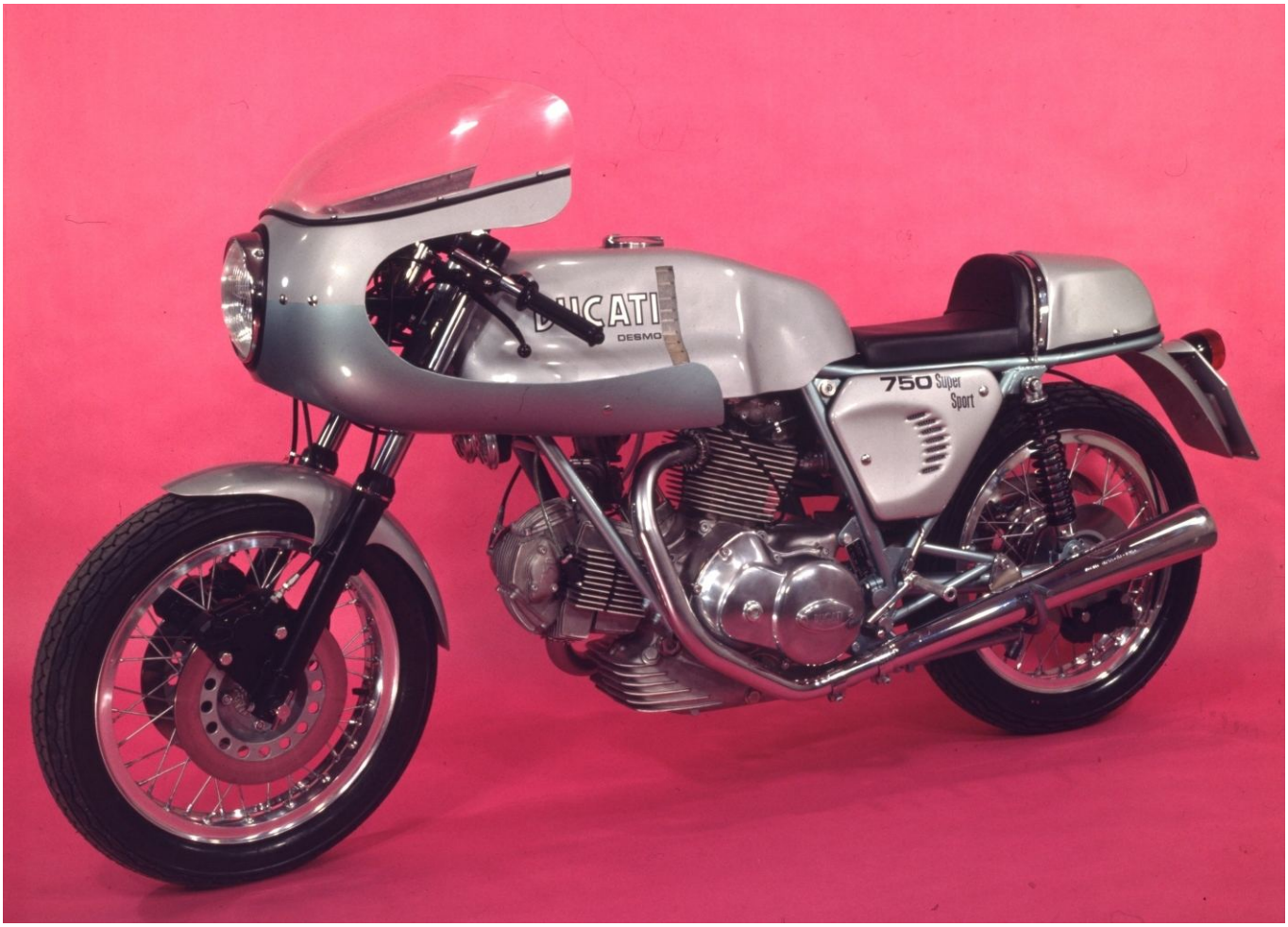
One of the most notable aspects of Ducati's change in marketing strategy in recent years is the plethora of limited editions. Some of these are higher specification than the standard bike they are based on, but many are ostensibly expensive paint jobs. Ducati's first limited edition numbered model was the 1986 750 F1 Montjuich, this celebrating the TT1's racing success in the 1983 Barcelona 24 hour race. Benjamin Grau, Enrique de Juan and Luis Reyes took the victory, but this was an obscure non-championship event. There were no Japanese entries, and the victory received virtually no publicity.

Over the next few years Ducati released more numbered limited editions, and these were invariably higher performance special editions like the Sport Production 851 and 888 series. All the Sport Production series offered a significantly higher engine and chassis specification to the standard 851 and 888. This changed in 1995 with the first 916 Senna. For the 916 Senna Ducati took a standard 196 Strada, added an Öhlins rear shock absorber, replaced the Biposto seat with a Monoposto, painted the wheels red and gave it silver grey paintwork. They also provided a numbered plaque for the 300 examples offered. The Senna proved so successful it was eventually produced in three editions. As it was basically a standard 916 Strada sold at a premium price, the 916 Senna provided Ducati a profit template that was hard to ignore.



Over the years numbered limited editions have expanded almost exponentially. Every year has seen more limited editions introduced; none more so than 2026, Ducati's centenary year. This centenary has nothing to do with motorcycles, but celebrates Ducati's establishment as an electronics company in 1926. So it is really celebrating the manufacture of radios, vacuum tubes and capacitors. Long before Ducati motorcycles were even conceived, Ducati was also known for cameras, lenses, cash registers and electric shavers. But cash registers and capacitors aren't quite as sexy as motorcycles so Ducati's centenary celebration is all about motorcycles, with the oldest of the Collezione 100 based on the 1962 Scrambler. It seems a centenary is really only 64 years.

As part of these centenary celebrations, Ducati also introduced the Formula 73, celebrating one of the marque's most significant models, the desmodromic 750 Super Sport. There were some anomalies in the Formula 73 description. The press release stated the 750 Super Sport was the first Ducati road bike equipped with a desmodromic valve timing system. Someone misread the history books, unaware of the range of desmodromic overhead camshaft singles that were introduced in 1968, and continued until 1974. It was also claimed the Formula 73 was a contemporary interpretation of the 1973 750 Super Sport as shown at the Milan Show in November 1973. This bike was actually a one-off prototype as the 750 Super Sport wasn't officially available in 1973, or even listed in Ducati's official 1973 production data. Only two prototypes, and a handful of pre-production examples, were built in 1973 before limited production commenced early in 1974.



The first 750 Super Sport was a replica of the Paul Smart and Bruno Spaggiari's 750 Imola Desmo that triumphed in the 1972 200 Miglia di Imola, the first European competition for production-derived motorcycles. The victory at Imola, and the subsequent release of the 750 Super Sport Desmo represented the beginning of Ducati's legend in production-derived racing, which continues today.



When the production 750 Super Sport was released in 1974, it was also an homologation special for production racing, and surprisingly close in specification to the Imola racers. As a higher performance homologation model, the 750 SS sat at the top of Ducati's range, much as the Panigale V4R does today. It was also an expensive, limited production race replica, albeit without a numbered plaque on the top triple clamp. Designed as production racer that could be ridden to the track, the 750 SS was also the only desmodromic twin-cylinder in Ducati's 1974 line-up. When the round-case 750 engine finished during 1974 the 750 SS was left as the only desmodromic round-case twin.



Rather than offering a modern high performance tribute to the legendary 1974 750 Super sport the Formula 73 is more of a custom rendition. Combining minimalist and elegant styling, and the Scrambler air-cooled twin-cylinder engine and basic specification chassis, the Formula 73 is an aesthetic, rather than performance, contemporary reinterpretation of the 750 Super Sport Desmo. The Formula 73 is more about looks than performance.

Ostensibly the engine and chassis is shared with the Scrambler. With a Termignoni silencer specifically designed to the Formula 73, the two-valve air-cooled desmodromic 803cc Desmodue engine produces 73bhp at 8250 rpm, a figure not dissimilar to the 1974 750 SS.



The Scrambler steel trellis frame is painted in aqua green, not exactly the same shade as the diesel engine paint on the original “green frame”, and the suspension features a 41mm Kayaba front fork and Kayaba Monoshock. The 17-inch wire spoked wheels include aluminium rims and the front brake is a single 4-piston Brembo radial caliper with a 330mm disc. Compared to the 750 SS’s triple disc arrangement that was class-leading in 1974, the Scrambler single front disc is underwhelming. Whereas the 750 SS represented the end of an analogue era, even continuing with points and coil ignition, the Formula 73 includes a modern electronic suite, with traction -control, cornering ABS, a quick-shift system and two riding modes.

Many details of the Formula 73 contributed to providing a bespoke custom concept. The silver and aqua green colour scheme is inspired by the original, with a vertical gold tank stripe echoing the original unpainted strip on the 750 Imola Desmo for instant fuel level checking. The clip-on handlebars with bar-end mirrors, and the short, tapered fairing and tail emphasise a Café Racer appearance. Billet aluminium components, such as the brake and clutch levers with oil reservoirs, footpegs and Rizoma fuel cap further accentuate the custom style. The wet weight of 183kg is also remarkably close to the original 750 SS.



Whereas the original 750 SS was built for homologation, with a total of 401 built in 1974, the Formula 73 is produced in a limited series of 873 numbered units. Each Formula 73 features a numbered plaque, a certificate of authenticity, along with a collection of period images and sketches presented in a special box. Sort of like a toy instead of the real thing.

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October Activities

CLUB NIGHT;

20th Committee Meeting 6:45pm

Club Night 7:30

Talk by Robert Taylor

CLUB RIDES

WEDNESDAY RIDES

7th, 14th , 21st ,28th

Doubtful weather check with,

D PULLEIN 06 7578078 027 657 5788

SUNDAY Ride - G Davies

18th Oct Whitebait Run to Mokau

October.....P Kingsnorth CLUB DUTIES

NEW PLYMOUTH CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15/09/26 at 6:45pm

Present:

President L Martin

Vice President P Hutton

Secretary M Galvin

Treasurer G Voss

Club Captain D Pullein

Vice-Captain

Newsletter Editor F Mancer

Committee present, F Galvin, P Kingsnorth, J Carter, R Briggs, B Millen, C Jamieson

Apologies, P Sacree,

Guests; Nil

Apologies accepted.

Moved P Hutton Seconded L Martin Carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting taken as read

Any matters arising from previous meeting,

Minutes Accepted;

Moved; D Pullein Seconded; P Kingsnorth Carried.

Outward Correspondence:

Email sent to S Gallichan thanking him for allowing the club to visit and view his collection

Sympathy card sent to K Woller

Inward Correspondence;

Beach St Hall Invoice

Copier World 2 x Invoices

Canon Activity Statement

Invoice Raliegh Restaurant Mid-Winter Dinner and prize giving

K W Flowers

M Galvin Sympathy Cards

Newsletter – Wanganui VCC

2 x Email Beach St Hall Society advising the club of a rental increase and that the door code has changed

Email from M McLean acknowledging G Voss's representation on behalf of the NPCMC for the proposed motorcycle subcommittee in the FoMC's

Email from I Cartwright asking that NPCMC remove the Waikato Classic club from our mailing list seeing as they have now been wound up as a club. M Galvin/G Voss

Motion that Outward/Inward Correspondence be accepted,

Moved; B Millen. Seconded; J Carter Carried.

Monthly Treasures Report up to...31st July / 2026 tabled

Matters Arising from current monthly financial report,

Bills presented for payment

Moved Financial Report and Payments approved.

Moved R Briggs Seconded P Kingsnorth Carried.

General Business

P Hutton updated the committee that the recipients have been discussed, and the packages will be delivered once they have been completed

Membership subscriptions, G Voss update the committee telling them that out of 94 members 91 have paid their subs to date.

M Galvin reminded the committee that the club's annual white bait run was due to take place on the 18th of Oct weather permitting. Email and newsletter reminder with details to be sent to members.

P Hutton reminded the committee and club members that the NPVCC Rally was being held on the 18th-20th Sept and that all are welcome to attend. Also spoke about the rally ride length and breaks looking ahead to our club's next rally and asking for feedback.

L Martin arranging a guest speaker from the Triumph Riders club. Date still is to be confirmed.

Committee members listed in the newsletter with contact details. L Martin stated that he would like to see a list of the committee in the newsletter with their contacts so members can contact them with suggestions of places we could visit or events we could attend.

G Voss informed the committee that he has arranged R Taylor to speak at the Oct club night about setting up motorcycle suspension.

D Pullein said that the new format used on the last Wednesday ride worked out well. Even had an LE Vellocete only the ride.

What can we do to encourage members to support their club's events.

There being no more business

The meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

Sunday ride D Pullein/G Davies to organize

Rostered club member October.....P Kingsnorth

President.....

Secretary.....

Treasurer.....

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Mob; 021 726 711

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COMING EVENTS FURTHER AFIELD

Oct 18th NPCMC's Annual White Bait Run

MOKAU INN

Meeting Z Waiwhakaiho 10.30am

Oct-Nov 31st-1st NZCMRR Spring Classic at Manfield

November 8th Joy McKean Bantam Big Day Out 9:30am

Coach House Museum, Feilding

15th WCC Swap Meet Karapiro

2027 2nd - 4th. April.

New Plymouth Classic Club Rally.

To be held at the Top 10 Holiday Park NP.

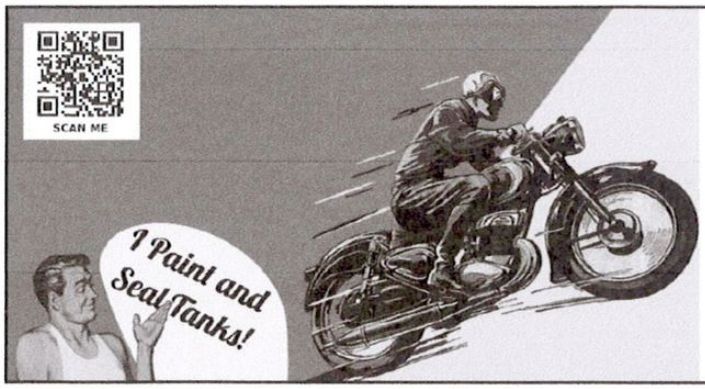
2027 17th – 19th of September

Hawke's Bay CMCC's

50th Anniversary and National Classic Rally

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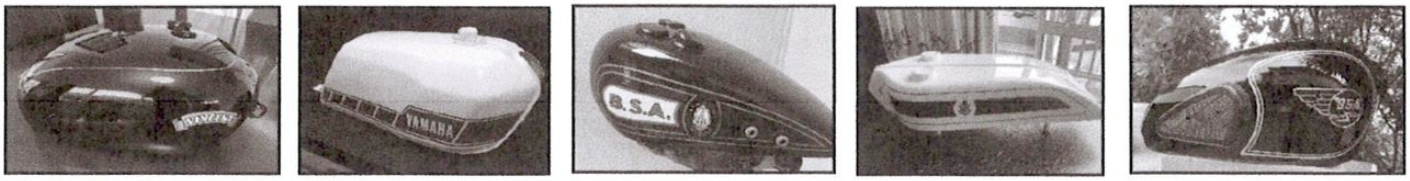
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The special fare discounts apply to only the Interislander. To make a booking, click here: **https://www.cookstraitcrossings.co.nz/**

The deal includes the following:

- All bookings are fully flexible discount rated and payment is not required until one week prior to departure.
- All bookings are fully refundable providing cancellation is made 24 hours prior to departure.
- All rates are the best available at the point of booking.

Please note an apology for the clubs newsletter being a bit light this month due to lack of articles forthcoming from members

Do Club members have any suggestions or ideas of club rides/club nights, places of interest, speakers or shed visits that the club could do or organize. If so, please contact your committee.

Square motorcycle registration plates are now available.

You go to the LTSA web site and find absolutely nothing.

However, ring this number and a very helpful lady will take your motorcycle details and see to it all for you.
Your bike needs to be licensed and warranted.
You can have a new square profile plate with same letters and numbers, (replacement).

The Cost is $17.00

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1976 – 2026

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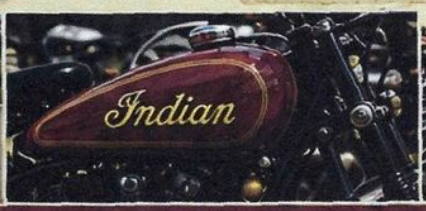
CLASSIC MOTORCYCLES ON DISPLAY
A diverse collection spanning more than 100 years of motorcycle evolution.

SEE & HEAR THEM RUN
Selected motorcycles fired up throughout the weekend.

WATCH DEMONSTRATION RIDES
Owners take their bikes for short runs at the venue.

MEET THE OWNERS
Talk to the enthusiasts. Listen to the stories and memories behind the machines.

EXPLORE AVIATION HERITAGE
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Inc.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/GENERAL INFORMATION

THE AIM OF THE CLUB:

The aim of the club shall be the encouragement of Classic Motorcycling and Motorcycling Generally, and such other purposes connected with motorcycling, and the welfare and development of the club as the members shall, from time to time, deem necessary or expedient.

We use the Beach St Hall as our clubrooms on Beach St, New Plymouth, where we meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

We would welcome casual visitors to our meetings and events. (Try before you buy!) Monthly runs and events are organised for the enjoyment of members.

If you require further information, please contact the following:

President: Lew Martin (ph. 022 691 8530)

Secretary: Mike Galvin (ph. 021 144 3533)

If you wish to become a member, please complete the tear off slip. On acceptance of your application a fee of $40.00 is payable for the first annual fee, which includes the cost of a name badge, payment thereafter is $30.00 per year payable to NPCMC Inc. Please forward the completed form to;

The Treasurer, PO Box 5092, Westown, NEW PLYMOUTH 4343.

or Email: graham.voss48@gmail.com

Surname: _____ First Name(s): _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date Applying _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ (Work) _____

Email: _____

What make(s) of motorcycle are you most interested in? _____

How did you become aware of the NPMCC? _____

Please state who is proposing you for membership: _____

Please indicate your preference newsletter -----email-------postal

Information containing personal details on this application form will not be made available or shared with any third party without initially obtaining the express permission of the applicant.

Any approved club member will abide by the Club Constitution and Rules.

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If you are interested please contact The Secretary –

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