

Modern & Classic Racing at 100 Years Event at Levels this Labour Weekend By Robert Cochrane

Classes for classic, post classic and modern road race machinery are part of the programme for the Labour weekend South Canterbury Motorcycle Club Inc 100 year celebrations at Levels International Raceway. The races at Levels on the Saturday will include F1, F3, 600 production, streetstocks, motards and sidecars plus classic and post classic. Call John Hepburn on 0274-326-934 for details with entry/registration form available at www.100yearsouthcanterbury.co.nz

The club was formed on September 24th 1909 at a meeting at 7.30pm in Budds Cafe in the Arcade with 15th members present. Four weeks later they held a hill climb at Grants Hill, Waimataita on October 21st with forty entrants, the club having fifty-two financial members by then. (membership subs were five shillings per year-approx \$0.50 in today's money).

During its one hundred years the club has run a wide variety of road, off-road, social, road and road circuit events including beach racing, grass & gravel hill climbs, miniature TT and grasstrack, mud scrambles, quarter mile grass, dirt track - speedway, flying and standing quarter-mile sprints, mile grasstrack, gymkana, 4,8 & 24 Hour reliability trials, observed trials, pillion trials, the Gold Leaf International Motocross Series and the International Marlboro Road Race Series, and currently runs rounds of the NZ Road Race and Motocross Championships. In many ways the club could be considered one of the true pioneer clubs of motorcycling in New Zealand. The 100 year weekend events include socials, a day rally for road riders with a mystery road trial in the region, classic and modern road racing at Levels, gravel hill climb at Taiko that will have an historic opening but is also aimed at four-wheelers and dirt bikes (or ride what ya brung), classic, twinshock and modern trials at Pleasant Point, a vintage, classic and modern motorcycle display in a marquee at Levels throughout the weekend, a 25th Anniversary classic scramble at Pleasant Point plus modern motocross, and a Gala Dinner on the Sunday night. Further details in the next issue of Kiwi Rider and at www.kiwirider.co.nz