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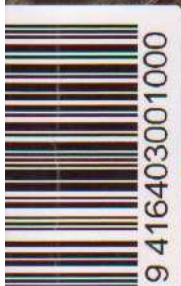
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to us. As well as a Wellington-Auckland-Wellington weekend, Greg has done a few Wellington-Wanganui-Taupo-Napier-Wellington weekends, clocking

1235 km in two days. Greg says the Hyosung has averaged 3.6 l/100km (27.15km/litre) in those 88,888.8 km and is still sipping the old fossil fuel at that rate. He gets more than 400 km from a tankful. Serious touring territory in our book.

BMW RECALL ON NEW F800 German manufacturer BMW has recalled 2008 F800 GS models in the U.S. due to a problem related to the axle shaft wall thickness. Apparently some axles may not have been manufactured according to specifications, resulting in the possibility of the axles deforming and increasing the risk of accidents. US dealers will inspect the axles and replace or repair as necessary. In New Zealand, only four machines fall into the production group with this problem and the BMW dealers have been notified and are taking action.



ANSTEY READY Hotshot expat Kiwi roadracer, Bruce Anstey is said to be happy after his team tested their all new race bikes at the Northern Ireland Kirkstown circuit. The Relentless Suzuki racer and his team-mate, Aussie Cameron Donald, each managed over 100 laps on the new GSXR1000K9s in preparation for the upcoming season. First on the calendar will be the North West 200 (May 16) with racing then transferring to the famous Isle of Man. As a 6 time TT winner, Anstey is in a good position to do well after illness blighted his campaign last year. If you are thinking about 'getting to the TT one day' Get Routed are putting a tour together for the 2011 festival. Dave can also arrange taking your bike. Contact him at dave@getrouted.com.au.

RR JOB UP FOR GRABS MNZ will be appointing a new Road Race Commissioner at its next conference. Paul Stewart, who has been doing the job for the last four years, told Kiwi Rider that he would not be reapplying for the job. The successful applicant needs to be able to balance the needs of the distributors, the racers and work in with clubs and MNZ. If you think you have what it takes why not get in contact with MNZ in Huntly?

CHAMP REMEMBERED Kiwi Rider extends it's condolences to the family and friends of former national 125 GP road race champion (2007) Cameron Horgan who died recently. The mainlander was a popular competitor and will be sorely missed. **KR**

VICTORY'S CORE CONCEPT

WORDS: **Staff** PICS: **Victory**

The futuristic Core (pictured) is a concept motorcycle created by the Victory Motorcycles Industrial Design team to showcase what the performance cruiser of the future might look like.

Taking a leaf from the increasingly influential book of the custom chopper builder Victory's designers have pared the look and feel of the Core back to the bone, reducing it, in effect, to its essence of engine, frame, wheels and front suspension.

"Core is pure motorcycle," the company's lead industrial designer Michael Song told reporters at its unveiling. "The frame and engine architecture of the Victory Vision was our inspiration – but we wanted to make a statement beyond 'custom' and create something unique."

The creation of such a concept bike also marks something of a milestone for the Victory marque says company Vice President and General Manager Mark Blackwell.

"Now that we are in our 10th year and have a fairly complete line of premium cruiser and touring motorcycles, it is clear what we stand for, and who we appeal to most, says Blackwell. "We are all about the future of American motorcycles and I believe that Core clearly represents that philosophy and attitude."

Built around a Victory Freedom 106/6

Stage 2 (1731cc) V-twin engine the Core is literally 'all-engine' with no body to speak of, the frame incorporating petrol tank, engine airbox, battery box and the electrical system.

Victory is the motorcycle division of US-based Polaris and Victory motorcycles went on sale here late last year. The Core was officially unveiled at the 28th annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show in New York City on January 16 this year. **KR**



The Core and one of the designers and bike builders who worked on the project. Note from the two profile drawings how slim it is.

HJC HELMET WINNER

Readers with longish memories might remember us running a 'design-your-own-helmet-paint-job' competition in conjunction with HJC importer Darbi Accessories.

Well here's a pic of the winner Grant Simons and his completed winning entry. Grant, from Gore in the Deep South, came up with a classic clean, green stylized Kiwi-based design which ticked all the boxes. Once his design was selected the brand new HJC full-face was off to specialist painter and re-finisher Reflections in Auckland then it was packaged up and shipping to Grant. The minute he got it the helmet went on his head and he headed to Queenstown on his Suzuki Bandit to see what it was like. His comment on returning? "The most comfortable helmet I have tried....now I know why Ben Spies wears one." Good on you Grant and thanks to everyone who entered the competition. **KR**

