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president's podium



Here we are again in the middle of another year. I tell you, participating in events and activities in this Club just seem to make the time fly. What's that old adage – time flies when you're having fun! It is also true life is for enjoying. There is no room in motorcycling for upside down smiles. A right way up smile helps keep you safe on your bike and those who you ride with. Of course with winter spreading its cold chill across the country one should be checking out those tyres and lights along with brakes. Now is a good time to have your service provider check your bike over for you. A happy rider and a safe bike make for good fun out on the bike.

I was recently chatting with Geri (Bay of Plenty Rep). Geri and Mike would like to breathe some life back into the Hot August Night which is held at Omokoroa and you guessed it in the month of August. It would be great if you could find the time to support this event. Geri is putting in a lot of effort for you all to have some fun. If you have had your motorcycle parked up over winter the Hot August Night is in itself a good reason to get it out of hibernation.

Reps. Colin from Taranaki is slowly on the mend. It is going to take some time before Colin is back up to full speed. You could help out here by picking up the baton for Taranaki and the Club. Now is a good time to learn the ropes while we are working our way through winter. Give Colin a phone call and start the ball rolling now or give me a ring for further information.

Canterbury. Come on guys one or two why not even three of you need to breathe some life into Canterbury. For this to happen, you need to make it happen. Don't leave it to others. If you do you could well finish up with nothing. Just give Warren or Lex a ring or me. It's up to you.

Forty Years of our History.

Dave has been beavering away on collating information gleaned from our archives. However he needs your contribution in regards to your experiences in the Register. So how about putting something down on paper and sending it off to Dave by either posting it to:

Dave Morris 12 Tarras Grove Kelson Lower Hutt, or emailing it to daverobertmorris@gmail.com

You are part of our history. Help Dave capture it whilst he can.

As always - wheels down, feet up!

Peter.



Ancient Relic Discovered At Tui Brewery!

The truck looks pretty old as well as Tibsy.

Cover: Last of the Golden Weather? Not in winterless Northland.

Lynette Shepstone, after a chilly run down from Paihia to get to the start of the run, "enjoying the rays" on her G650GS at Kaihu, en route to the Waipoua Forest and Omapere.

Photo: Bwucie, a.k.a. Otto Phocus

BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

Introduction:

The BMW Owners Register is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser nominates the destination and regrouping stages along the way, but otherwise has no influence upon the way that riders behave on the road. There is no element of organised competition in the rides.

Riding Code:

1. All register members on register rides shall do so as individuals responsible for their own safety and shall take into account the safety of others they encounter on the ride.
2. Register members are responsible for ensuring that their motorcycles are in a safe and legal condition, the minimum being to Warrant of Fitness standards.
3. Riders, pillion, and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum Standards New Zealand approved motorcycle helmets, and stout footwear, gloves and clothing that will be capable of protecting their body in the event of a mishap.
4. Register members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.

5. Ride organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for other riders' behaviour or safety.

6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.

7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.

8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions, and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.

9. The Organiser and or the Register are not responsible for participants' safety, and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are travelling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all Road Rules and Laws.

events calendar

Hot August Night

August 9th - 10th. Ad Page 19

other events

BRONZ Ride Right, Ride Safe. A great way to get to know your new bike. Usually third Sunday of the month at the Whenuapai Airbase. Contact Finn on 09 625 5533 or 027 484 6326 for details.

More detail at rrrs.org.nz - and they can **BRING THE COURSE TO YOU** if you can come up with the numbers and a venue: speak to Finn.

bmwor area events

Please note that rides start at varying times and/or places. Read the event notices carefully and, if in doubt, contact the Area Rep (details on rear cover) or ride organiser (if noted) for assistance. On most rides there is a rider briefing 5 minutes prior to departure, at which point riders are expected to be ready to go with bikes fuelled and bladders empty.

Every effort is made to ensure that details of events are correct at the time of printing. Please check the website (<http://bmwor.org.nz>) for current information on events or contact the local Area Rep if you have any questions.

northland

Sunday 08 June - Ride 'n' Dine. In deference to the time of the year, no organised ride. Make your way to Helena Bay Cafe by bike or cage for lunch at midday.

Tuesday 24 June - Ride 'n' Dine. Shiraz, 58 Walton St, Whangarei. 7:00 p.m. Indian! Yum! I'll be there.

auckland

Meeting..

Monday... 9th June 2014. 7-30pm.

For Monday the 9th of June we will be back to our usual place at the Vintage Car Club rooms in Penrose. As our meeting coincides with the Isle of Man TT races there will be a showing of the the famous 1933 George Formby TT classic, 'No Limit'. Who says the BMWOR doesn't keep up with the times! Drinks and popcorn will be served at the interval too,

so come along and enjoy good company.

Rides.

Mid Week, for the Retired and Tired will be advised as per usual, so as to coincide with a decent weather forecast.

Sunday "22nd" June.. NOTE this is on the 4th Sunday..(3rd Sunday is Fathers Day!!) Ride to.. Guess?? Meet.. Guess?? Time..9-00am Depart..9-30am Details... Will be advised on the Auckland BMWOR Site closer to the date.

Wife's and Partners welcome

Terry

bay of plenty

Sat 14th June - 5:30pm onwards Pot Luck Dinner at Melvyn & Robin's place. 22 Haven Ave Papamoa, bring something yummy to share for dinner. (Geri 0275357483)

Sunday 22nd June - Ride to Cheese Barn and cafe Matatoke Meet at Nourish café cnr Te Puna Rd (near BP Te Puna) for breakfast or coffee before 10:30am departure. We'll go - via Whiritoa, Kopu hill if fine, and warm the cockles at the Waikino Pub on the way home. (Mike 0274 989739)

As winter approaches check your email about 8am for any changes to posted rides

8th - 10th - August Hot August Night (see Page 19).

rangitikei

Sunday 8 June - Poker Run (of sorts) starting at Woolshed Cafe Sanson at 10 30 with Brunch. Lance Nixon.

Tuesday 24 June - Ride n Dine Halikarnas P Nth 7.00 pm. Robin Wood.

east coast

Monthly gathering at the Puketapu Hotel, 679 Puketapu Road, Puketapu. Last Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm onwards.

Friday 6 June - 6pm - Christmas themed dinner at Scholars Restaurant EIT. Four course meal for \$35 each. Your booking should have already been made with John.

Saturday 7 June - Ride to Morere for overnight stay - <http://morerehotsprings.co.nz/> Beautiful

sea water hot springs, set in a lush subtropical environment. Only 46 km from Wairoa - approx 35 minutes. Enquiries to John on 844 4751. Further details and departure time will be sent to participants by email.

Sunday 13 July - Ride to Porangahau for lunch. Meet at Caltex Omaha Road at 10:30am. All enquiries to Norm on 877 3383.

wellington

Sunday 15 June 2014 - Ride In to Lake Ferry Pub for Lunch. Wellington riders led by Bruce Frost . 10am departure from Caltex Rimutaka.

Bruce - thanks for kindly agreeing to lead this one

area reports northland

Our "Classic Round the Block" was threatened by rain overnight. Lyn (Paihia) and Bwucie and Rusty (Kaikohe) got slightly moist getting to the start at Maungatapere, but the sun was starting to warm the air there by the time we got started. Just before we left, a bunch of toe-sliders on rice rockets left ahead of us, which always suits me fine. I'd much rather have them in front of me than forcing past at inconvenient (read "stupid") moments.

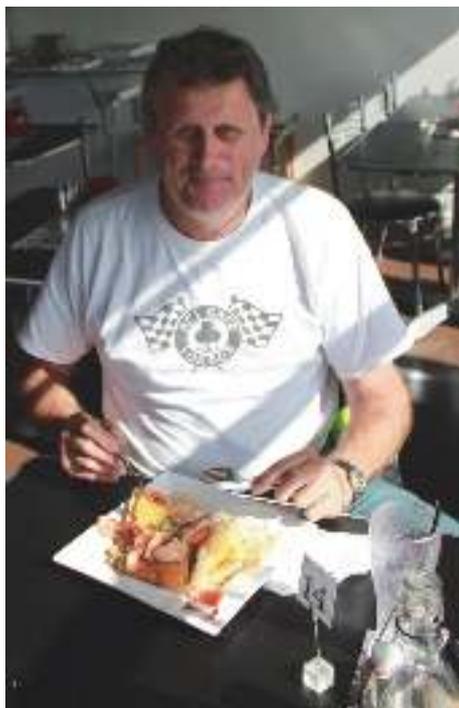
Ian MacCartney rocked up on his GS, and we picked up a klingon on an F650GS that had lost his mates, and away we went. Comfort (read "potty") stop at Dargaville, then outta town headed for Waipoua and Omapere. Otto Phocus delayed us a wee bit when he decided the Forest might be a bit wet, dark, and slippery for photos, so those were done just after Kaihu. The toe sliders managed to stay longer in Dargaville than us, and did provide some moments of amazement when they started to overtake us in the Forest. (Note for toe-sliders: Hell isn't full yet, guys.)

Lunch at Schooner Cafe at Omapere, where the Librarian was waiting, having

come across from home on our family's other, other brand bike: good tucker, good service, brilliant view (Page 12). Ian did us all a favour, by trying to Hoover up all Northland's cholesterol before we got to it.

After lunch I left Ian and the Klingon to find their own way back down through Twin Bridges, as they both knew where they were headed, and those of us from the "Northern Division" headed back to our 'hoods in Kaikohe and Bay of Islands.

Keep the shiny side up,
Luv'n'XXXXX, Bwucie and Rusty



bay of plenty

Easter and Anzac weekend kept many busy with families and holidays, however it was fun to enjoy fellow riders and great weather for our day out to the Funky Lizard – good food and live music. (Great to see a Whakatane representative turn up too). Afterwards we enjoyed a scenic ride around Lake Rotoma via some back roads (including a few U-turns !) to home.

We had four of our BMWOR lady riders come out to the Okoroire joining up with over 100 lady riders for International female ride day. Great social occasion and chance to catch up with lady riders from other parts of the North Island -well done!

A good turn out for May dinner at Molo restaurant and time to catch up for a coffee afterwards at a member's nearby home in Omokoroa.

Plans are well under way for the Hot August night (with a Lunar theme) and we are looking forward to meeting up with other members for a laid back evening of music and spit roast bbq. If you are coming to stay then consider booking early as accommodation is open to the public as well, due to the popularity of the hot pools.



Ian MacCartney, punting the GS along in all its triple-black majesty heading for lunch, above. Left, he is busy saving the world: "Grease 4 Peace".

We'll be off for our May ride north to Kaiaua as this goes to print – brrr. Time to add a few more layers with temperatures dropping – Lets ride!

PS. if you are not on our email list and wish to receive regular email updates then send us an email so we can include you: bayofplenty@bmwor.org.nz.

Mike Long and Geri Goodman

rangitikei

On 27 April Barry H, Roger A and I went off to Taranaki to check out a ride that we could possibly offer at the Rally in 2015. We will be doing a bit of this over the next six months, some as monthly rides and some as "extras" and there is no problem with that!!! Where did we go, I hear you ask?

Think the Sugar Juice Café at Opunake, both lighthouses on the West Cape, and Dawson Falls.

We assembled at the Ashhurst Inn in Ashhurst (of course) for our April drive 'n' dine under the watchful eye of Peter Truter. The menu has a German theme. How appropriate is that? The Jam award went to Peer Nielsen, a former Wellington member. He got the award for the most GS-ed bike amongst us. Yes, he likes those dirt roads!!!

The monthly ride on 11 May was to Gravity Canyon with Don C. The week before the ride he pre-rode the intended route and identified great café stops. Fantastic preparation for a well planned day out. On the day Fielding had a Mothers' Day market in the town centre. It is a little town with a big heart. We were about to make our way to Taihape when my phone rang. Peer was in Feilding but just needed the locale of the Robert Harris Café. So by the time Peer & Lis had consumed their coffee, Don C lead the group (Don, Peer, Lis, Barry P . Barbara P, Peter on a BMW RT, BMW

GS, Yamaha, BMW GS in that order) on an exploration of the inner Rangitikei, and thence to Taihape to the Soul Café. After a refreshing time there, we were off to Gravity Canyon to watch others do some bungee and flying fox thrills. Peter had recently tried the flying fox so he gave us a commentary of what is involved for the flying foxers. From there is was case of making our way home to Wanganui, Levin or Palmerston. Weather perfect, breeze nil, company fantastic.

Next meal on 27 May will be at Rangoli in Levin, (with John C as choir master,) and the next ride will be a Poker run of sorts on 8 June. Yours truly will be doing the deed.

I checked the data base for our Rangitikei Area recently. There are some gaps that I was able to fill and some data that had changed over time. I think Folker and I now have an accurate up to date list. This wee check of our local data comes highly commended, especially just before we enter the Annual Subs cycle for 2014 - 2015.

The rally committee has become a well oiled machine, with Registration available in this Newsletter. Be early with your booking at the Whanganui River Top Ten Holiday Park. Be warned that the Park is open to the public bookings by the time you read this. And be reminded that the next nearest accommodation is 5k away. So ring Ben on 06 343 8402 (and mention the BMWOR) today. Please.

Lance Nixon



Bless this Soul .. great cafe in Taihape



Spot the bungee jumper



Question.... do we bungee off this perfectly safe bridge



east coast

Rain north of Napier was forecast for our Mother's Day ride, and that was where we were heading. We met at BP Bay View in glorious sunshine, and seven of us on five BMWs headed north to the Guthrie-Smith Arboretum at Tutira. We followed several cars until the Napier turnoff and then had the highway to ourselves until we came upon a camper van at the passing lanes.

There was a gravel driveway into the arboretum, which we all safely negotiated and as we parked in the empty car park, we were met by a guide. She explained the arboretum and suggested we take our lunch up to the picnic tables in the Australian section. Good sense got the better of us and we elected to eat our lunch close to the car park and then go

for our walk empty handed. We enjoyed our picnic in the sunshine, finishing with Bronwen's delicious brownies – recipe on request. A large party arrived as we were finishing lunch, and there were a few people looking around, but we pretty

much had the whole place to ourselves.

The trees were in their autumn colours and we followed the pathways around, up and down hills, taking in the different sections of Europe, Australia, Mediterranean, New Zealand, North



America, China, Himalayas, China, Japan and so on. Part of the way we were accompanied by a large pig, but fortunately he was more interested in the crab apples than us. The views of the lakes, dams and trees were amazing and the colours of the trees breathtaking. The map described the arboretum as "Our slice of Paradise" – how true. It would be great to go back in a few years' time to see the growth, fitness and health willing.

After a couple of hours looking around, we suited up and headed home, with most calling in at Bronwen and Peter's, for coffee and no doubt more brownies. It was a magical day out in great company, and not a rain cloud in sight.



Below

Rob's best friend. (I can fully understand that: I like bacon too.)



wellington

Ride in to Tui Brewery, Mangatainoka in the Manawatu / Wanganui – Saturday 10 May 2014

A total of 11 bikes and riders turned out for this ride with one pillion – thanks Pip.

A very pleasant ride with President 'Tibsy' driving in by car to join, Membership secretary Folker from the Hawkes Bay aboard his Classic Airhead and 6 GS Riders from Wellington – an F650GS (single) Greg, F650 twins Peter N, Steve T, F700GS Dave T, R100GS P/D Alisdair K and myself Stephen O on my R1200GS

We were joined by sport bike riders Rob & Pip aboard their K Sports bike, Phil on his R1100S and friends Adrian aboard a Ducati Sport Tourer and Bill A on his Moto Guzzi.

Those of us mounted on GS' coming from Wellington took the bypass South of Masterton, travelling on up through Mauriceville through some nice twisties and beautiful smooth gravel. We stopped in beautiful sunshine beneath the knoll on which the early settlers Norwegian Methodist Church at Mauriceville North sits exclaiming how fortunate we all felt to be enjoying such excellent motorcycling.

Just beyond Eketahuna we encountered low level misty / foggy conditions which limited the views around Mangatainoka. These misty conditions are quite common place in this area and they continued until after we'd dined in the Cafe at Tui HQ.

After an interesting tour and pleasant repartee over lunch and beverages we split into several groups. Several went off to visit family or return home directly.

Four intrepid GS riders including myself set off for Pori Road accessed via the Pahiatua Pongaroa Road. Some distance along we became a little more adventurous and turned on to Puketoi Road which is only maintained by the local Council over part of its length before becoming 4WD only.

There were the remnants of several slips across the road which made for testing conditions even when shod with serious dual sport tyres TKC80s and Mitas E07's. One of our number was running 80/20 Road / Trail biased tyres and he chose to walk his machine through one of the more challenging sections.

All remarked how much they'd enjoyed the challenge as we regrouped for coffee back in Eketahuna after having travelled via Route 52 from Puketoi Road.

After refreshments – we said our farewells from Eketahuna with two heading South via State Highway 2 through Masterton. Whilst Greg and I headed out via Nikau Road to Makomako Road on some of the best / fastest / challenging gravel of the day. Here we went our separate ways with Greg heading over the Pahiatua Track and myself returning to Eketahuna where I was staying with family ahead of another full days riding with Back Road Riders the following day. But that's another story.

The cafe at Tui HQ was a great meeting place. Riding in seemed to work well in terms of letting folk choose their own route. As the Irish would say there was good Craic aplenty.

In anticipation – I tip my hat to Bruce F who has kindly agreed to lead our June ride to Lake Ferry Pub for lunch – on Sunday 15 June 2014.

I'll be travelling in Australia aboard my DR in July and August so please step forward if you'd like to arrange a ride.

Best regards,
Stephen Oatley





No wonder it gets misty when Mr Oatley writes the report (previous page). He keeps climbing up into the clouds. I think they need the big luggage for their oxygen tanks.

photo archives



Got Photos? The BMWOR maintains photo albums as a record of the social fabric of our community.

We welcome all photos (electronic or printed) of members and events, in particular from 1999 onwards, for the Register's photo archives.

Please include the DATE, the PLACE and the NAMES of any people in the photograph.

How can I send photos?

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Browns Bay
Auckland 0630

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nelson

If my memory serves me well I believe in most of my monthly reports I started my report with the sentence "Once again it was a brilliant day for a bike ride". So this time I thought I would start with something different. So here we go.

Yes it was a perfect riding day!

We all met up at The Three Brothers' Corner at 10 am. For a change I was on time and still there were 2 riders parked up. Being Mother's day, we thought there would not be many riders, but then,

no matter how much you love your mother, there are ways and means to join a bike ride.

While we were waiting around for the others to turn up we had a surprise visit from Jo Bruckner. Apparently Jo had come to Nelson to attend a meeting of 'rare breed of animals.' According to Jo, Nelson is the capital of rare breeds and she was going to collect a couple of Arapawa Island goats, I think. Now I'm assuming the meeting was for those who breed rare animals.

I did ask Jo if she had her helmet with her but she was running short of time.

Back to the ride, eventually we had 11 riders and two pillions. We took off more or less on time heading to Kohatu café for a coffee and then to Marahau for lunch at the Fat Tui. For the lucky ones who attended the Annual Rally in Nelson, we took the same route as the Sunday rally ride to Marahau. I remember almost all the riders were amazed with the rally ride,

beautiful country roads, interesting corners, very little traffic, lovely scenery and the best hamburger at the end, for those who had hamburgers at the Fat Tui.

Despite leaving Kohatu together, the cat in every rider resulted in a solo ride for several as we forgot the Register intersection procedure. Eventually the ride leaders did remember the club ride procedure and stopped to wait for the others. Finally, riders arrived from THREE different directions! We then headed over the hill into Sandy Bay and on to Marahau minus the three dust munchers who rode into the Graham Valley to check out the damage from the latest 50-year flood.

Round the last bend at Marahau, parked up on the grass, was Graham from Golden Bay. It was great to catch up, as we don't often connect with Graham on rides now he is 'over the hill'.

We had a long wait for our hamburgers as just before we arrived a large contingent of tourists ordered their lunch (all the lamb burgers of course). But as usual, with the superb weather, jovial company, it appeared no one was going to drop dead for having lunch delayed by 40 minutes. The wait was worth it.

A little more chinwagging and we headed for home. Sue and I joined Dale and Ethan and Matthias for an ice-cream at Mapua, a great way to end the day.

Revti Verma

Nigel the Ninja, using his bank-robber's disguise he won in the Rally raffle on a bike ride. Could it be the bike will be his getaway vehicle?

Photo by Sue Verma.





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This is one reason we like Northland. View of the Hokianga Harbour from the deck of Schooner Cafe. Six frames stitched together by Otto Phocus using Hugin Panorama software. (No smart phone with sweep pano, poor old Otto.)



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Left: From left to right:

Margaret & Dave Clark, Norm Nichol, Christine Treacher, John Wuts, Myles Treacher, Pam Wuts & Marie Nichol.

This enterprising octet participated in the 2014 "Big Easy" cycle ride from Havelock North Domain via Clive and Ahuriri to Church Road winery in Napier, a total distance of 45km.

We entered under the moniker Bay Beemers and all managed to complete the distance to finish and enjoy a few wines listening to the likes of Annie Crummer, Rikki Morris and Jackie Clarke.

If the event is held again next year, we suggest you make up a party and spend a few days in sunny Hawke's Bay.

John Wuts, words; Ms A Passerby, photo.

(Saddle sore? John looks like a Norse god - Thor, but thatithfied.)

Honesty in Advertising.



Huzadick?

Pretty much nobody this month. Everybody seems to be sheltering under Maxwell Smart's cone of silence.

Although there was the lady who picked up her gear after lunch, wandered out of the cafe into the carpark, got everything back in the topbox and all buttoned up ready to rock and rumble.

Nekkminnit, she met the editor walking out of the caf with her forgotten helmet.

Too bad if you thought I was too much of a gentleman to give you an M.I.D., Ms Shepstone. (Price you pay for fame, Cover Girl.)

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Tibsy's Six Day Tour

(Words by Peter Nash and Steve Mills. Photos a group effort.)

Not an auspicious start, I thought, reading the itinerary – “Day 1 Saturday – Start McDonald’s Restaurant Upper Hutt 7.15am”

McDonald’s ?

7.15am ???

Needn’t have worried – I was welcomed by a very relaxed cheerful bunch of fellow riders, even though I was from that other part of NZ in the south. And everyone agreed 7:15 was a little daunting.

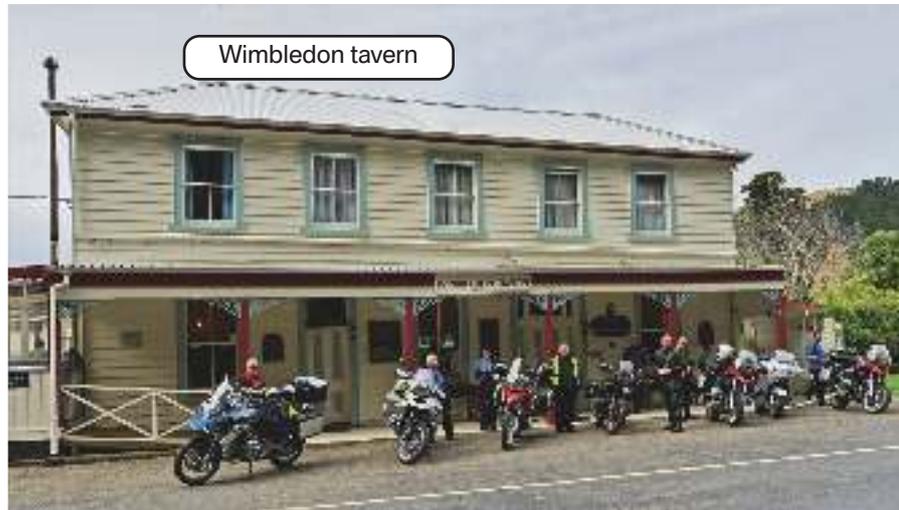
But the very experienced reiseleiter, Tibsy, knew what he was about. To enjoy the riding at the right pace, as well enjoying leisurely stops, an early start was vital.

And it worked.

Saturday 22 March where the seven riders and the four pillions assembled, one couple only travelling as far as Napier for the Wellington overnighiter. After crossing the Rimutuka hill there was a quick refuel stop in Masterton, then on to the road through Alfredton on to Pongaroa for a coffee. Pongaroa yielded the first point of interest with a monument to local man Maurice Wilkins who as a scientist was one of the research pioneers into DNA,

accompanying mist made the ride up Te Mata Peak a ‘mystical’ experience with the view being restricted but the ride up and down was great. From Te Mata peak we rode to the overnight accommodation at the Bay View Holiday Park, Motel and Hotel with a quick refuel top up stop on the way. A night of hilarity followed over a few beers and a hearty meal and unfortunately no outrageous behaviour to report.

Sunday dawned raining and had been all night, breakfast was in the Hotel and then we departed for Wairoa where there was a tank top up, coffee stop at Café 287 and leg stretch and then on to the Tiniroto and Wharerata roads to Gisborne for lunch. The ride through these roads was brilliant with a wide variety of scenery and twisties even though it was raining. North out of Gisborne the road was dry but within half an hour or so a bit more rain fell creating a stop for a couple of riders for the ‘wets’ to be donned. The next place of interest was Tokomaru Bay where the old wharf area was visited along with ruins of the extensive port support buildings and offices. The wharf is basically crumbling away and probably won’t be there much longer. This spot at Tokomaru is worth a visit, as it played a pivotal part in the development of the coast.



The first people to decide on the name of Wimbledon were clearly being wistful. But the area had a wild attraction of its own and the name soon became irrelevant as its history emerged. The tavern was the focal point for the early logging industry in the late 1800s. The current owner provided us with some anecdotes of its colourful history. We then had a great finger lunch (also our first taste of Tibsy’s detailed preparation for the tour), before heading off again in the direction of Waipukarau. The next stop was in Waipukarau for fuel and then on to Waipawa turning onto the road to the Patangata Tavern and by now light rain was falling or as Tibsy described it a ‘mere flock of sparrows’. However the

The next stop was a refreshment stop in Ruatoria where our host Sharon (Sharon’s Café) turned on a full meal as a snack. After smoko we rode on to Te Araroa and looked at and photographed the world’s biggest pohutakawa tree and one of the riders noted that the Maori used to lay their dead in the branches of this tree.

But mentioning stops and sights detracts from the stuff in between – the rides. These were always through changing territory and scenery that kept your attention and reminded you what

Rally Update for June Newsletter

The 2015 Rally site at Wanganui on 23 - 25 January is now open to the public and the 5% discount no longer applies. We had the "deal" in place until 1 June.

Booking should be made ASAP by ringing Ben on 06 343 8402 and mentioning that you are a BMWOR member.

The Registration Form is in this Newsletter.

The Navy/Sky polo shirts will have a similar logo to the shirts at Nelson. See photos in this Newsletter

There are packed lunches for \$10 listed in the Registration form. Most rides will include cafe stops, so you will be able to get snacks and caffeine top-ups en route.

There will be rides on Saturday and Sunday more suited to sealed road riders, and rides for those who would like some unsealed surfaces.

The Registration cost includes free bus travel to and from the Raceway Infusion caterers on Saturday night.

Barry Hawthorn, Chef de Mission.



AGM Polo Shirts

Great Polo Shirts for 2015 Rally. They will have the usual embroidered Logo and Wanganui detail similar to the shirts at the Nelson Rally.



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BMWOR REGISTRATION FORM

Annual
Rally
2015

BMW Motorcycle Club
BMW Owners Register
of New Zealand



WANGANUI

23-25 January 2015

Name:..... Partners name:.....

Address:.....

Email:..... BMWOR#:.....

Phone:..... Mob:.....

Bike:..... Model:..... Year:.....

Please make your accommodation bookings direct with **Whanganui River Top 10 Holiday Park** by **Telephone, 06 343 8402**, (to be part of the BMWOR group).

Please tick the box to indicate your interest in gravel rider training.

					Number	Cost	TOTAL
Registration						\$25.00	
Badge						\$12.00	
	Small	Medium	Large	X Large			
Men's polo						\$46.00	
Women's polo						\$46.00	
Friday Evening Dinner						\$15.00	
Saturday Breakfast; Continental together with 2 hot options						\$12.50	
Saturday Cut lunch						\$10.00	
Saturday Rally Dinner						\$38.00	
Sunday Breakfast; Continental together with 2 hot options						\$12.50	
Sunday Cut lunch						\$10.00	
Sunday BBQ Dinner						\$25.00	
Monday Breakfast; Continental together with 2 hot options						\$12.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Banking (preferred)					<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Enclosed	TOTAL	

All Registration Forms (and Cheques) to:

BMWOR 2015 Rally
C/- Neville Parker
10 Hampton Place
Wanganui
4501
027 630 1838
nevnkay@gmail.com

Payment by Internet Banking to:
TSB BMWOR RALLY Account:

15-3973-0032424-00

(Note, this is NOT the account you pay your sub into!)

Enter your Name and BMWOR Membership number with 'Rally' in Message /Reference.

General enquires to:

Rally Coordinator
Barry and Jeanette Hawthorn

06 344 8063
jeanandbarry@slingshot.co.nz

Registrations close on
15 November.

Disclaimer: This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as in the Register's official Newsletter. By registering for this event participants agree to abide by all the conditions of the said Management Plan



pleasure it is to be feeling the scenery around you, rather than just looking at it through a car window. OK, so sometime you had to pass a newly-fertilized field (pig manure being the most aromatic), and there was a bit of rain sometimes, but it all lends character to the experience.

There was no petrol available in Te Araroa so we rode on, noting we would need to stop at Waihou Bay in the morning for fuel, to the overnight stop at the Hicks Bay Motels. This Motel is sited high above Hicks Bay resulting in an impressive panoramic view of the bay and the beach. Having been over fed at Ruatoria the group only wanted a light meal for dinner and this did not impress the Motel hosts that much.

Monday morning was fine, clear and cold reminding all of us that autumn is here. The first point of interest being a visit to the Hicks Bay wharf or what is left of it Tibsy had

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Area No. _____

(as printed on your membership card)

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First Name (Partner): _____ Surname: _____

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I do not wish my contact details to be listed in the Tour Guide; OR

My Tour Guide details are the same as last year; OR

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Newmarket
AUCKLAND 1149

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- Provide details
- Pay to bank account by internet banking

Please Note: No action will be taken on your renewal until payment is received.

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Please allow reasonable time for reply. Executive members of the BMWCR are unpaid volunteers and have other commitments. The Post Box is cleared at least weekly. Some replies, particularly during holiday periods, may take a couple of weeks.



Tibsy labelled this picture "Peter Nash and Two Gentlemen at Tokomaru Wharf".
Did he and Dave push the two gentlemen out of shot?

done some research and advised that a steam engine had fallen through the wharf into the sea at some point in the past.

We continued to travel westward to Waihou Bay and topped up with fuel. This is another picturesque bay particularly on calm sunny morning. The ride headed to TeKaha for a coffee stop at the café in the TeKaha Resort Hotel/Motel and then continuing on along this magnificent coast to Opotiki for lunch at the Hot Bread Shop Café.

After lunch we rode on toward Awakeri Hot Springs the overnight accommodation however at Taneatua Bruce F had a carby problem which caused his bike to run on one cylinder he rode the bike into Whakatane where the Yamaha dealership provide excellent service and sorted out the problem quickly. It is worth noting the service

provided by this dealership for the future. It's also worth noting that Bruce was doing pretty well until all the fuel injected guys lent a hand. This hic-cup with Bruce's carby was the only stoppage over the six days on the road.

A dip in the Awakeri Hot Springs was welcome and refreshing. Later in the day we had a thunder storm right overhead accompanied by lightning and pouring rain which washed some of the mud off the bikes. An excellent evening meal was enjoyed at the Whakatane Fishing Club rooms.

Tuesday morning was fresh and fine but the countryside was shrouded in mist. The original plan had been to ride to Murupara for breakfast and fuel. Tibsy noted at dinner the previous night that the guys at the Yamaha Dealership had informed Bruce, Dave and Tibsy that most the town had been bulldozed

including the café for the planned breakfast so he told the group that we would skirt around Rotorua having breakfast and refueling at Lake Rotoma on the way. We continued south down SH5 turning right at Wiaotapu into Waikite Valley and via a number of winding undulating back roads emerged on to SH30 and then on to SW1 for the short ride to the turn off back on to SH30 for the ride to Whakamaru and Mangakino for the lunch break. After the lunch stop we rejoined SH30 for the ride to Benneydale for coffee at the Artdoc Gallery where we were hosted by Maurice and Monica. This place was an aladdin's cave of books and video of a wide range of topics and worth a visit.

We turned off SH30 at Kopaki on to SH4 for the short ride through to a right turn on to Ramaroa road for the ride through some beautiful back country roads to Aria. Some of these roads had received extensive resealing in recent times which covered kilometers not just a few 100 meters. Aria at best is an isolated rural hamlet with its own Cosmopolitan Club photos of the group and bikes were taken outside the Cossie club.

The ride from here joined SH3 for the run through the scenic Awakino gorge to the overnight stop at the Awakino Hotel where another night of camaraderie was enjoyed over a fine meal and a few drinks.

This reviewer returned home the next morning as his wife was unwell and needed to see the doctor – personal highlights:-

Great overall planning by Peter & Ann Tibbs – thanks to you both for that

The whole ride generally with the rides through Tiniroto and Wharerata roads and the roads into Aria in particular.

Being a newbie, meeting people who start out as acquaintances and end up as friends

Support received from the group when my wife became too ill to continue.

Do it again – you bet!!!

More to come next month, with the same dramatis personae.



Watch out, Bruce! When a committee builds a horse, you wind up with a camel.





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(Snail mail & cheques to: Mike & Geri, 81 Omokoroa Rd, Omokoroa 3114)

Hot August Night 2014 Registration Form - Any Further Enquiries Phone Mike or Geri 07 548 1996

Name (s):

Contact Phone Number:

Email:

Amount paid:

John was one day after the May file had gone to the printer with this, but better late than never, no?

Sunday April 13 dawned with very dark skies so it was only hardy Folker Liebenow on his trusty R60/2 and Les Ennor on his R1200R who turned up at Caltex Omahu Road. The rest of us, Carole & Robert Pearce, Bronwen & Peter Chang and Pam & I went in 4 wheels with first stop the Otane market where there was a choice of tasty products like honey, olive oils and breads, etc. but also a selection of recycled cd's and lp's, hand knitted jerseys and the usual knick knacks people like to collect. It was time for a coffee next so off we went to McCauley's Café for some morning tea. Next stop was the Artmosphere Gallery where a very gracious host Sally Maguire greeted us. Regretfully, her partner Helmut Hirler was not at home. Helmut, who rides a BMW by the way, is a photographer of amazing talent and you



can see his images on www.helmut-hirler.de. By the way, Sally is a wonderfully talented painter as well.

The gallery represents a large number of artists so the range of artworks is huge.

By this time it was well past lunchtime so we decided to have a bite to eat first and

then visit the museum. When we got to TJ's there were Robyn and Warren Welch on their bright red Triumph Sprint ST1050. They joined us for lunch and when everyone was sated we paid our entrance fee and got transferred to the 19th century. We saw an amazing set of displays which gave you a good idea of what life must have been like in our grandparents' days.

When we had finished looking around we were all invited to Rosemary and Danny's place for afternoon tea, and after looking around their developing gardens we all made it back home safely.

A wonderful day in spite of the not so bright weather.

John Wuts



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Big bikes:
Where to next?
Berlin is 'mum':
we're left perplexed.

Dave Morris



Folker Bojangles limbers up (above, beside his R60) before he does the old soft shoe. He's got some silver hair, and baggy pants, but we hope he's not down and out. He could have been out for the count crocodile tucker if Dan didn't save him.

The dog is a Harley tank, with attachments. From a frontal view it is far more "anatomically correct" than the TotalSpan hound.

Harley's HUNG!



Lunch at T.J's



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