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BMW Owners Register
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Just Another Sunday Ride In the Rangitikei!!

Robin Wood's bike looking as though he just threw out the sidestand right where he was when the sun came out, to catch some rays and warm up.

Can't understand his sookiness: being a BMW it probably has toast-rack handlebars and all the fruit to keep him warm.

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president's podium

The last two times I have sat down to type my Podium the weather over this wonderful country of ours has been terrible. Well here I am again back at the keyboard and the country is once again in the grip of a Polar Blast. It feels like it is coming all the way from the South Pole. This weather just adds to some of the tricky situations we can find ourselves in while out on the bike. On page 4 of the Club's Newsletter you may not have noticed a section titled "BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan". In the interest of your own safety and your fellow riders I ask you to take a minute to read through this introduction to the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan. Each section from 1 to 9 under the heading, Riding Code, is very important in regarding a safe ride while having a great day out on the bike.

When driving or riding about this country of ours I often spot someone out and about on their Beema. Wherever possible I pull over for a chat and let the rider know about the Register. I leave them with my contact details and details of the Club's website. This has resulted in new members joining our Club. Perhaps you could try having a chat to a Beema rider that you have spotted parked up at a café, service station or just parking his or her bike somewhere. You might be surprised to hear how many riders don't know about our Club. Let's all play a part in getting the word out there regarding our Club.

I started this Podium by mentioning the bad weather. Well it hasn't been all bad and we have had some good days and nights. I have managed to get some day and night riding in. Some of the day riding has been brought about by one of our Area Reps (Wgtn) providing the opportunity to take advantage of being able to have an impromptu ride. For me I can't get enough of them. After all, our bikes were made for riding and the years tick by so fast now, one should ride one's bike whenever the opportunity presents itself. After all time is not a renewable commodity. I say thanks to Peter Nash, Area Rep from Wellington, for providing a very good reason for getting the bike out of the garage and onto the back roads. If this is something you would like to do with fellow motorcyclists, why not have a word with your Area Rep. He or she could put an email out to riders in your area and the next thing you know you are out having a great day riding with your friends. Have a look at the weather forecast and try it out. Go on, why not have some fun.

I have taken a break from the keyboard to attend an area tea meeting. It was great to see one of our South Island members had turned up to share a meal and chat with us. Our trip home wasn't so good. The mountain pass we normally travel over was snowed in which left us with a 240km trip home arriving there about midnight. However that was all offset by the good company and fine meal we enjoyed with fellow Club Members.

Now if you have been trying to get onto our Web Site and found yourself locked out by a big red screen, this is because a gremlin is out there waging war on Mr. Google especially Chrome Google. Well hang in there Mr. Google is trying to bring all his guns to bear on this gremlin and we should be back on line soon.

In the meantime please don't forget to send off your Rally Registrations.

As always - wheels down, feet up!

Peter

Aka. Tibsy.

Reference: Peter's last paragraph above:

Google wrongly identified our website as a phishing site, and threw a "Red Screen Of Death" in the face of people trying to browse it.

Webmaster Arne and I thank everybody that took the time to let us know about it. It cost us both a few hours of investigation to establish what the hey was going on, but Google fixed the issue quickly after I contacted them.

Which was impressive, 'cos I thought we might be off the grid for ages because of it.

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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

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.

Sunday 13 Sep: Bikers In Blue Prostate Cancer Run. Meet Placemakers, Pakuranga 0930.

Sunday 27 Sep: Ulysses North Harbour Ronald McDonald House Charity Run. North Harbour Hockey Stadium from 0900 for 1030 depart.

10-11 Oct: North Island 1600, NZ Distance Riders.

The ride that occupies the evolutionary niche that was once the domain of the Rusty Nuts.

<http://www.distanceriders.org.nz/the-north-island-1600.html> to book. Enjoy, and say, "G'day," to volunteer Folker as you pass through his checkpoint.

11 - 13 Dec: South Island R.A.G. Rally (Page 15)



Back in the day, before he quit work, el Editorro thought the world couldn't have enough ice cream. Now, without work, "Hello, Captain Lard-Butt!"

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.

auckland

6 September – Sunday Café meeting at 10 am at the Sitting Duck Café, Westhaven.

14 September – presentation on "Riding Abroad – Planning and Practical Tips". Vintage and Veteran Car Club, Fairfax Ave, Penrose. Start 7.30 pm.

20 September – Ride to Arapuni. Leaving Southbound Motorway Service Centre, SH1 Papakura at 0930.

5 October – Sunday Café meeting at 10 am at the Sitting Duck Café, Westhaven.

bay of plenty

Sunday 13th September – Short Spring Ride to Tirau via Lake Rotorua

Meet Caltex Greerton. Depart 10:30am (previously cancelled in July)

Wednesday 30th September – Dinner at The Flying Burrito Brothers – 107 Grey St, Tauranga. Meet there from 6pm and be seated for dinner at 6:30pm for the "two for the price of one" meal special. Please email us if you are coming so we can book a table as this is a popular deal. Be great to see as many of you as possible for a spring get together!

rangitikei

Sunday 13 September - Overnight to New Plymouth. Depart Saturday and stay at Belt Road Holiday Camp, visit Tawhiti museum on the way home. Don Cross

Tuesday 29 September - Dinner, Carolines Boat Shed, 181 Somme Parade, Wanganui. Peer Nielsen

Sunday 11 October - Ride to Rotokare Lake for a picnic. Lance Nixon

Tuesday 27 October - Dinner at Essence Café & Bar Feilding. Peter Truter

east coast

Monthly gathering at the Puketapu Hotel, 679 Puketapu Road, Puketapu. Last Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm onwards.

Sunday 13 September – To be advised

Sunday 11 October – To be advised

wellington

Note – In addition to the events posted here we also undertake 'Impromptu Rides' these are offered via email to the membership with a couple of days notice when the weather looks like being favourable.

Sunday – 13 September – Gladstone Hotel – Gladstone for lunch

Monday – 14 September Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

Sunday - 11 October – Coastguard Base – Lunch venue to be decided

Monday – 12 October - Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

Sunday – 08 November - Club Ride to Motorcycle Museum – Rongotea – Lunch Woolshed Cafe – Sanson

area reports

northland

Sunday 16th Aug, Auckland Ride to Dargaville

Weather was much better today so we headed south over the Brynderwyns to try and meet up with the Auckland members heading to Dargaville. We were a tad early but Geoff and I duly arrived at the Blah Blah Blah Cafe in the downtown metropolis of Dargaville. Bwucie rocked up via Tangowahine Valley shortly after.

Not long afterwards a dozen or so Auckland BMWOR members arrived with the Gravel Travel crew a bit later after having explored a few unplanned backroads enroute. (**huzzadick?** P9)

The interesting menu in a solid country town was pretty good.

A fine collection of personal dream rides were lined up outside.

Main body of riders went back toward Whangarei, through Otaika Valley and South. We peeled off to Kaikohe, Ruakaka & Waipu respectively. For us it was a 200km ride with some damp patches and odd showers in 15c temperatures.

Ian Macartney



Ian, top, and Geoff, below. The third Northlander was standing in the drain taking the photos!



auckland



The weather forecast for the Coromandel ride in July (and the conditions very first thing that morning) led to a number of riders pulling out. However, ride leader Tony O'Connor predicted improving weather and it arrived just in time. 9 riders and 2 pillion made the trip, meeting up with Bruce Revell (on his new R1200RT) and Ron Connell (on his mint K1100LT) at the Coroglen lunch stop. The weather and road conditions could only be described as perfect, making it one of the best winter riding days many could remember.

Unfortunately, the same weather was not around for the Club night on 10 August, with some dreadful conditions reported. A quick look round the crowded room showed that Register members had all come by car (the only motorcycle gear to be seen belonging to 3 members of the Institute of Advanced Motorists who were giving the presentation aptly entitled "Advanced Motorcycling"!).

The IAM speakers were Phil McDaid (who is their Chief Examiner) and Richard Turnbull (Auckland Social Secretary). Phil explained what the IAM does and Richard covered advanced motorcycling; this is the ability to control the position and speed of the machine safely, systematically and smoothly, using road and traffic conditions to make reasonable progress unobtrusively, with skill and responsibility. Richard went into detail about how to negotiate bends and why you need to be in the right position, at the right speed with the right gear engaged.

The IAM is a charitable organisation dedicated to promoting better driving and riding and enhancing road safety. The motorcycle division operates from a number of locations around New Zealand and IAM Associates are allocated a trained Observer who works with them to improve their riding skills. Bike to bike intercom is used and the whole process costs nothing (there is a small annual subscription though). Associates who pass the Advanced Test can then go on to train as an Observer and pass on their knowledge to new Associates.

IAM advanced rider training is based on a planned system of riding taught to Police riders, both in the UK and NZ; it is

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covered in detail in the latest edition of their manual: *Motorcycle Roadcraft - The Police Rider's Handbook* (ISBN 978 0 11 708188 8). Further information about the IAM can be found on their website at www.iam.org.nz.

The next Club night is on 14 September starting at 7.30 pm at the Vintage and Veteran Car Club, 39 Fairfax Ave in Penrose. This month's topic is "Riding Abroad – Planning and Practical Tips". If you have ever thought about riding in another country (either by taking an organised tour, buying a bike overseas or shipping your own) this is the evening for you. Between us, Rob Hargreaves and I have been lucky enough to ride in 30 different countries round the globe and we have had some amazing experiences. On the way we have learned a lot of lessons and want to pass them on. (However, we will not be mentioning the only time we have actually ridden together when we missed the turning for the Puhoi pub!).

The August Sunday Café Meet would have gone without a hitch had it not been for the venue being closed due to a bereavement! However, a select but keen bunch set off for a ride instead, heading to the pub in Puhoi for lunch (which they found!). The Café meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 10am at the Sitting Duck Café in Westhaven. Joe Booyens looks forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

The next organised ride is on 20 September, currently planned to go to Arapuni. We will be leaving the Southbound Motorway Service Centre on SH1 at Papakura at 0930 (to be confirmed by email).

Lastly, don't forget to book for the Annual Rally next year. A few of us are riding down (departing on Wednesday 27 January) and staying overnight at Palmerston North then Lower Hutt before catching the ferry on 29 January. It is not a Register ride but if you do want to join us, please let me know. My contact details are on the back cover.

Richard Cullingworth



Photos, from top down:

New threat to the tranquility of Dargaville? Most of them Aucklanders, too, probably looking for cheap houses (no shortage of them in Northland!)

Peter, John and Linda managed to make their bikes look like they were being used as intended.

wellington

Ride was cancelled and rescheduled because of c**ptious weather.

Peter Nash



More from Otto Phocus.

Lunch at Blah, Blah, Blah, and Kevin heading for Whangarei to visit, ahead of the pack, on what I thought was the bike he is riding on the frontpage of bmwor.org.nz. It isn't though, he liked that bike so well he bought another same as.

With his black gear, black bike getup, I think he's got a Tommy Lee Jones/Will Smith thing happening: too much "Men In Black".





Photos by Manuel Focàs (who must have been standing shoulder to shoulder with Otto, going by the angle.)
Top: Aucklanders trying to bring their motorway ways to the North. (They are not as close as it looks, Manuel was using a long lens, which produces the effect.) Below left, TonyO leading the pack on the Honda ST - does that stand for "Starship"? Below, right, it's the colour that makes it fast, even in new hands.



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rangitikei

We had planned a ride on state highway 52 from Pahiatua to Martinborough. Our meeting place was Summerhill in Palmerston North with a 10.00am departure. The weather must have put some of our regular riders off as only four were gathered. Lance had come for a ride with Neville from Wanganui but would not come on the ride and returned to Wanganui. That left Graeme, Neville and myself.

Over the Pahiatua track and we could soon see the hills behind Pahiatua were covered with a dusting of snow the result of the southerly sweeping up the island.

We departed highway 2 at Hamua and headed for Rongomai, Alfredton, Ihuraua, Dreyers Rock and Te Ore Ore. This part of the road is one of my favorite places to ride as the surface is excellent with fast flowing corners and no traffic.

We then headed towards our lunch destination in Martinborough via Gladstone and Longbush. It was here that dark clouds were in front of us and we soon had a heavy shower of rain. The temperature dropped by 5 degrees. This road is usually travelled by many motorcyclists' from Wellington but there were none today. The only traffic we passed were 15 Toyota MR2 sports cars. We found a Cafe in Martinborough that had a fire and we chose a table as close as possible so we could thaw out.

After a leisurely break we were ready to ride again and I told the others of an interesting place to visit near the Gladstone pub. There is a commemorative model of the Fisher monoplane, which was flown in the area in June 1913. The Fisher monoplane was designed by David Fisher and flown by Reginald White. These were the first flights made in the Wairarapa and among some of the first made in New Zealand. The model is a half scale replica.

We were now ready to head for home and with Graeme in the lead we took the road via Mauriceville and crossed over Highway 2 to Parkville which is between Eketahuna and the Tararua ranges.

In the Rangitikei district there are some interesting collections displayed on road side fences. The Paraparas has a collection of shoes and the Himitungi straights has a fence of jandals. The Mangamaire road has a fence with old crash helmets on top of the fence posts. We stopped for a look and a photograph.

We returned to our starting point for a coffee and a talk following an excellent day out.

Cheers

Don Cross

nelson

Due to the ice/grit on our local roads we planned a short but sweet ride to Kaiteriteri at the edge of Kahurangi national park.

Ethan & I were joined by Tony, Trevor,



Revti & Sue. We had a very pleasant ride to Kaiteriteri via the Moutere highway and Motueka.

The Cafe at Kaiteriteri was to be the coffee stop, not too busy, with a roaring fire to sit next to, awesome! The original plan was to maybe carry on home from

there via the Marahau hill, but we decided it was a bit dodgy given the freshly laid grit, so we went back via the Coastal Highway. A short but great ride with equally great company.

Dale Grover

welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month:

- Paul and Sheryl Riley from Auckland
- Jason Batchelor from Christchurch

We hope you'll take part in many of your local and national events. Your Area Rep will be pleased to introduce you to other members in your area.

Our monthly newsletter is an open forum for all members. If you fancy having a story (and photos) published about your ride, the rebuild of your bike, a book you might have read or a movie you have seen lately, or just want to get something off your chest about how the club is going, then get in touch with the Editor no later than the 15th day of the month preceding publication. We welcome your contribution.

huzzadick?

Aaaahm, among others, me again. In my final, final, review of last month's print file, after I had proof read the text, I went through re-tweaking the images to try and get the best I could out of them before printing, and managed to save one image under two names, and didn't re-proof the whole document. (DORK!) So here is the image that belonged to the caption, "Well done, Jo."



A nameless individual from Bay of Plenty has worked out that you should first check with your reading glasses on before accusing the Editor of errors or omissions.

"No names, no packdrill" - Old Army Maxim #1.

(But did I mention the individual could be described as the female half of Team Area Rep, Bay of Plenty?)

Peter Zink led the "Gravel Travel" mob from Westgate to Dargaville recently by roads less travelled, leaving the navigation to his trusty GPS. Not realising that up here, because of an occasional atmospheric pollutant from some of our plantations (not the pine or avocado variety) a clear view of the GPS satellites is not always available, which leaves you, sometimes, **Gloriously, Positionally, Screwed**. Apparently it was like training heading dogs - lots of ewe-turns.

For you, Peter, Old Army Maxim #2 - **Time spent in reconnaissance is never time wasted.**

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CHARLEY BOORMAN

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Duration: 10 Days
Start: Melbourne, Vic
End: Sydney, NSW

20 - 29th March 2016

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Men's Polo						\$46	
Women's Polo						\$46	
Saturday breakfast - buffet (any style)						\$18	
Saturday cut lunch (you'll want this on the GS ride)						\$18	
Saturday: Rally dinner						\$40	
Sunday breakfast - buffet (any style)						\$18	
Sunday cut lunch (you'll want this on the GS ride)						\$18	
Sunday: BBQ						\$40	
Monday breakfast - buffet (any style)						\$18	
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Disclaimer: This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as set out in the Register's monthly news letter. By registering for this event participants agree to abide by all the conditions set out in the aforementioned Risk Management Plan.

This form is available as a pdf at: <http://bmwor.org.nz/2015/04/27/2016-hamner-rally/>

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the 2014/2015 financial year will be held at 5:30 pm on 30 January 2016 in the Conference lounge at the Hot Springs Motor Lodge, Hanmer Springs. The following business is to be conducted:

17.30 Annual General Meeting (conference lounge)

- Receive the minutes of the previous AGM
- President's Report on activities over the last year and priorities for the coming year
- Balance sheet; annual statement of accounts; 2014/15 budget
- Area and Activity reports
- Notice or notices of motion to alter, add to, rescind or otherwise amend the rules of BMWOR of NZ Inc
- Election to Executive positions
- Any other business that is resolved to be considered
- Presentation of awards

Voting

Those admitted to membership under Rule 3 of the BMOWR of NZ Inc constitution are entitled to vote at the AGM. A member whose annual subscription is in arrears is not precluded from attending the Rally but will not be entitled to vote at the AGM.

At this AGM, votes may be exercised by proxy as per Rule 5(ix) 5 of the constitution. Proxy votes will be used for matters of national significance, i.e. changing the constitution or electing Executive members where there is more than one nomination to a position.

If a member cannot be present, and would like to exercise their vote, they will only be able to do so by completing a proxy form. A proxy form will be printed in the October and November newsletters and will be available from the Secretary on request.

Proxies must be in writing and received by the Secretary on the Proxy Form by 12 January 2016.

The Proxy Form requires the appointment of one individual to vote on behalf of another by proxy. Therefore, members wishing to appoint a proxy must ensure that the individual appointed will be attending the AGM. If an appointed individual does not attend the AGM, and has been authorised to vote by proxy on a member's behalf, no other member in attendance may vote instead, and the vote will be declared invalid.

Elections

In accordance with Rule 5(iii) 1, all Executive Committee members retire at each AGM but are eligible for re-election at the same or subsequent meetings.

Nominations are now being called for the following Executive Committee positions:

- President (Peter Tibbs who is standing down)
- Vice President (Garry Williams)
- Secretary (Incumbent - David Oldershaw)
- Treasurer (Incumbent – Robin Wood)
- Membership Secretary (Incumbent – Folker Liebenow)
- Member (Vacant)

Nominations should be made in writing, signed by a current member, endorsed with the consent of the nominee and received by the Secretary in time to be published in the last newsletter to be distributed before the AGM (December/January edition, for which the deadline will be 15th November).

Nominees are asked to provide a photo (head shot) and a brief profile to the Secretary for publication in newsletters running up to the AGM. Members want to know who they will be voting for and why they should vote for them.

Nominations may be received at the AGM provided that the nominee has consented.

Executive Committee members are elected by members in accordance with the Rules at the AGM.

Remits

Submission of proposed remits for consideration is open and remits must be received by the Secretary no later than **Sunday 11 October 2015**.

Obituaries

Obituary notices may be registered with the Secretary up to **10 January 2016**.

To register a nomination to the Executive Committee, submit a remit or register an obituary, please email the appropriate details to secretary@bmwor.org.nz or post to The Secretary, BMWOR, PO Box 109-245, Newmarket, Auckland. (Note that you should allow 10 working days for NZ post to action the delivery of mail to the current Secretary's Wellington address.)

Dave Oldershaw, Secretary, BMWOR of NZ Inc

Impromptu Ride Bridge Café and Saddle Road Wind Farm

Friday 24 July saw three Wellington members Dave Hubble, Dave Thompson and Peter Nash meet at the Caltex Rimutaka for the ride over the 'Mountain' to link up with Peter Tibbs at the Entice Café in Masterton and then ride to the Bridge Café on the Ballance Gorge Road for lunch.

The weather was kind to us for this ride, instigated and led by Dave H on his K1200, although a little chilly in the Wairarapa. The ride over the Mountain was in light traffic in terms of volume but consisted of a couple of log and similar size trucks, past them it was relatively clear. We got through one set of lights covering the first section of road works near the summit on the Wairarapa side but had to stop for couple of minutes at the second set of lights further down the hill. The road was dry and there were no signs of the snow that had affected road earlier in the week.

The ride to Masterton was in light traffic and after a quick coffee it was straight up SH2 turning off at Pahiatua and headed for the Ballance Gorge Road and the Bridge Café. The service at this café is not spectacular in that orders are placed at the counter and it seems like an eternity before the food arrives.

The return journey started with a quick ride up the Saddle Road to the Windfarm lookout which provides a panoramic view of the surrounding country as well as a close up of the wind turbines in action. We continued over the Saddle Road, through Ashhurst and on to SH57. Peter T exited and went over the Pahiatua Track

and home. The other three continued south with Dave H peeling off at the back of Levin to purchase fruit and veg and Dave T and Peter N continued south to home in relatively light traffic for a Friday afternoon.

Given that we struck the first decent week day for a ride to get rid of 'cabin fever' this was a good opportunity with dry roads, minimal wind and light traffic which made for a very pleasant ride. One of the big advantages of these weekday impromptu rides particularly on back roads is the lack of traffic: specifically avoiding Rimutaka TT riders and rally drivers encountered on weekends, so it is also safer. There is never much of a problem getting a park and a table for coffee/and/or lunch. The other advantage is that it provides another opportunity to get to know your fellow OR members better in a casual, relaxed environment and as someone who has attended almost all of these impromptu rides both

sealed and gravel I cannot recommend them highly enough. Already looking at the long range weather forecast for next week.

For the writer it was a 327Km day home to home ride that also provided an opportunity to test a newly purchased Garmin GPS which showed I have a bit to learn, however Peter Tibbs provided some good advice which is much appreciated.

Peter Nash

Both photos from Dave Hubble's camera, but no Tibsy's tripods were hurt in the taking of them. Either Joe or Jolene Public took the cafe photo, and Dave did the t'other.





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South Island R.A.G. Rally 2015 Lake Ohau Lodge - 11th to 13th December

This year's **South Island "Rough as Guts" Rally** is in early December in the heart of the Mackenzie Country. The area offers a wonderful selection of most types of riding. Over the Lindis Pass for lunch in Wanaka? Gravel and fords through the Hakataramea valley, maybe make a loop of it and take in the Black Forest Station Road? Or that lunch in Wanaka then back over Dansey's Pass?

There are options to suit every taste.

Accommodation includes dinner, bed and breakfast at the Lake Ohau Lodge (<http://www.ohau.co.nz/ohau/OhauLodge/>). The food is good, the bar well stocked, the rooms comfortable and the view from the hot tubs spectacular! The Lodge have been kind enough to hold some rooms until the end of August for BMWOR members to book, best to get in quick before they all go or are opened back up to the general public. The rooms on offer are several of each:

- Huxley (outside wing where there are twin or quad (2 sets of bunks) Single \$150; Twin share \$109; Quad share \$97.50
- Temple (queen and single beds and fabulous views) Single \$191; Db/Twin share \$153
- Upper Temple (best, rooms have a queen bed only so suitable for singles or couples) Single \$245; Double \$165

Rates are per person, per night, for dinner, bed and breakfast.

Please arrange accommodation directly with the Lodge: email reservations@ohau.co.nz or phone reception on (03) 4389 885 with the following information: Advise that you are with the BMW group; First and Last Names; Home Address; Cell Phone number; Email; Will you be there for dinner on the Friday night; Do you have any special dietary requirements?

If you can also let me know at otagosouthland@bmwor.org.nz that you're planning to attend I'll keep you up to date with any details as they emerge. General plan is to make our own way there to gather for dinner on the Friday evening, spend the Saturday riding in groups or whatever takes peoples fancy before returning for dinner, then head off on Sunday. Look forward to exploring some of the iconic local landscapes together!

Footnote for the brave/foolhardy: If you get in too late to arrange accommodation at the Lodge (or you like it really rough) there are a few campsites along the edge of the lake. The DOC one in the Temple valley is a lovely setting amongst a remnant of native beech forest, and free. But there's no hot tub. Or bar. Or food. Or tap. Just a long drop, a creek you can cool your beer in, and a few fords to negotiate on the way to the road end.

Andy Hutcheon

Cheap Flights: My wife asked me what I was doing on the computer last night. I explained to her I was looking for cheap flights. "I love you" she said, and then she got all excited, quickly undressed and we had the most amazing sex ever..... Which is odd, because she's never shown any interest in darts previously.

Star Insurance Classic and Custom Bike Show

Take one:

I put emails out but had no takers for a weather dependent ride to the Classic Bike Show in Auckland.

Saturday turned out to some frequent and heavy showers forecast all the way to Auckland so I took 4 wheels instead of two.

Interesting collection of Clubs and Bikes.

Tribesmen gathered outside, Ulysses, Christian Riders, the Redeemers, Waikato Classic Club, Italian Club, Triumph, etc. All tribes in their own way I guess with their various Badges, Crosses and Monikers adorning their leathers.

Indian Motorcycles had a very impressive and professional stand as did Graeme Crosby, with some superbly overhauled and presented Kawasaki z900's for somewhere north of \$30k.

The Bike Tranz Stand was an eye catcher with a few immaculate Norton Commandos, two Britten Bikes and Hugh Anderson himself with his Biographical Book on sale.

Met some other BMWOR members wandering about enjoying the Show.

There were bikes of every persuasion and category and it would be a mission to single something out as everyone has a different view of their dream machine. Amazingly I don't recall seeing one BMW Classic Motorcycle.

Two Craig Vetter designed Triumph X75 Hurricanes were on show and if you are keen, Webbs are auctioning one in September, along with other classic bikes. Even today this bike has great flowing lines, you wonder why Triumph didn't reproduce a retro version as they did with the Bonneville.

Leaving the Show, the collection of bikes parked outside was pretty interesting as well and just as varied as what was on show inside.

It certainly made one think that there would be a case for a large Motorcycle Show in its own right covering Classics right through to the latest Rides instead of piecemeal add ons to the Speedshow & Big Boys toys.

I guess it was surprising what wasn't on show or could have been for sale as there appeared to be a fair number of well heeled Baby boomers there - just a thought.

Ian Macartney



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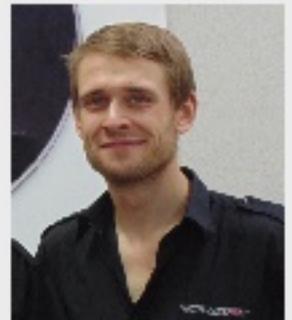
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Take two:

Hi Bruce

I know the calendar has passed 15 Aug, and I did beg the organisers to bring the Classic and Custom bike show at the ASB Showgrounds in Auckland on 15 – 16 August forward for you. Alas and alack, it happened on schedule.

I took a few pictures, so here they are.

There was no BMWOR presence and I know we have a subset of members who are keen on the older bikes. Next year maybe?

Plenty of other tasty bikes worthy of a perve or three.

Cheers

Lance Nixon

Lance went round the show playing "Spot the Bee-Em Boxer"

Top: Fail, that's a Velocette.

Middle: Fail, that's a Ural being 'choppered'.

Bottom: Now that's the real deal, and a bright idea.

A devious plan. Stick some reflector panels on your bike so the speed cameras and dash cams will not be able to spot your grin or your rego. "They" do it!!!

(Let us know if it works, the next time you have a roadside 'discussion' with Mr Plod, Lance. If it works, I'll be out to get some fluoro patches for my bike.)



Couple more from Ian

Above: glassy eyed Indian - I've actually seen a few 'good old boy' Indian riders get a look just like that, late in the evening at rallies.

Opposite page: anybody lusting for an immaculate older Japanese dirt bike?





After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Black Magic chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had before. He phoned the Arab and asked him, "I thought you would be generous again, you would give me another BMW, diamonds and money ... but you only gave me a thank-you card and a box of chocolates." To this the Arab replied: "Aye lad, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins"

Finally a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman in appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, 5 carats of diamonds, and \$50,000 dollars. A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. The hospital telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate more of his blood again.

As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so the call went out.

A wealthy Arab Sheik was admitted to hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his type of blood in case the need arose.

Donating blood in Scotland

Submitting pictures for uploading onto the BMWOR NZ photo site

GUIDELINES FOR HAVING PHOTOS UPLOADED ONTO THE NATIONAL PICTURE SITE

The hosting site Flickr, is intended for members to share original photos and video that they themselves have created. We can't really upload anything that isn't ours. By submitting a picture for upload you are in fact giving us the right to use it as if it were ours. You therefore need to have personally taken or own the photos that you submit. Photos collected or copied from around the internet (e.g. a great pic of Michael Dunlop riding to victory in the Isle of Man on his S1000RR) can't be uploaded onto our site unless one of our members actually took it themselves. (It will be possible to share other interesting photos found on the internet through the Forum site) When we upload your photo we will acknowledge it as being submitted by yourself. We will not be uploading video at this stage.

Photo files can be emailed to - photos@bmwor.org.nz . If you use this option, the following file size is recommended - 1024x768 ("Large" Windows Explorer resize) > 1 MB getting too large (in JPEG format). Larger files would need to be sent through "Dropbox". (If you use this app, just copy them into a folder in it and then share it with photos@bmwor.org.nz)

Photo files pertaining to a ride or event need to be grouped into a set/album and each set/album given:

- 1 An Area code - (NLD, AUK, BOP, ECO, RAN, WEL, MRL, NEL, CAN, OTA etc.) (groups from different areas could do the same ride e.g. the Molesworth)
- 2 A Brief name - for ride/event
- 3 A Date- (same ride/event may be repeated annually)

You can provide a title/caption for a photo by renaming the pic file (Once uploaded, more details can be provided by adding a "comment" from within Flickr.)

If photos are submitted according to the above, we will do our best to get them uploaded with the minimum of delay.



Impromptu Ride – Simply Balmly Café & Wine Bar – Foxton Beach

This ride had its origins at a meeting of 3 Wellington Members to sort out their Garmin GPS so that route maps could be sent to each other this was on Wednesday 12 August it was also training session for the writer. At this meeting it was decided to do a sealed ride to Foxton Beach the next day, Thursday, and given that there was shortness of notice it was not sent out to the wider Wellington Membership.

Four riders and two pillons gathered at the Challenge Pauatahanui (Gold Card

holders get an 8 cent a litre discount) for a 10am departure riding over Grays Road to join SH1 at Plimmerton and then on to Foxton. The weather was fine and sunny the traffic moderate to heavy. At Foxton we turned and headed down towards the beach and stopped at the Simply Balmly Café & Wine Bar for lunch. The food, service and ambience at this café is great.

After lunch we continued right down to the beach from there we rode back to Foxton and turned on to the Foxton Shannon Road and then on to SH57 rejoining SH1 at Ohau. We rode over the Paekakariki Hill Road given that the Tibsy's and the Zemanek's needed to return to the Hutt Valley for their respective rides home. We paused at the

Lookout to enjoy the great view thanks to the clear day. After sitting in traffic for most of the ride back a ride over the Paekakariki Hill blows the cobwebs away and gets the blood going again and is a reminder as to why we ride motorcycles. We stopped for a coffee at Pauatahanui which was a pleasant way to end what had been a very good days ride, before we all departed for home.

Brian Z provided a Garmin Route Map that had been used previously to make the Simply Balmly Café & Wine Bar in Foxton a lunch destination for a monthly club ride, travelling via the Wairarapa and the Pahiatua Track . This will be used again early in 2016.

Peter Nash

(Photo by Mr Tripod Tibbs.)



New Bike Skite Report

This Aprilia SR Motard with an engine capacity of just 4% of a new GS is not a motorcycle. Yes, it is a 50cc 2 stroke Italian branded people mover, a scooter. But do not be put off by that. It does move this person and we live at the top of a steep drive. Well..... she gets there with ear popping rapidity!

The idea of a scooter has been lurking deep down for some time. The lurking dream has become a reality and it has a name. Bella. She is Italian after all.

Plenty of space under the seat, good sized top box and a hook on the front wall for hanging parcels means that she is actually a great pack horse

Bella and I make one plea with all the motorists out there. While Bella is the biggest of the 50cc brigade she is small. And she is not as fast as a rocket on steroids. So give us a bit of space. Please. She is going to discuss a few ideas with a V Strom called Suzi who

shares her stable. Keep an eye out for the outcome of that in-depth serious conversation. And an eye out for scooters in general.

Lance-the-scoot

(Couldn't agree more with Lance about small scoots. The Librarian had her PMX50 destroyed when the corner-cutting youth destroyed her knee, and it's replacement AN125 was stolen from outside the library. We've made do with her Burgman since, but both of us really miss the handy little scoots.

Lance, you will need to watch your behaviour with a teensy scoot, they can get you in trouble. I got barred from Repco in Maurewa for riding inside and buzzing around the shelves doing my shopping on the nifty fifty. They didn't mind the scoot per se, but objected to the two-stroke exhaust. Bwucie-da-scoot.)



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last words

Two days before I sent the print file for this edition I was staring down the barrel of a 16 page effort, including dragging outside content off the Net for padding.

Thanks to the efforts of several late contributors, we have wound up with the usual size (but I will cop a guilty plea to putting in some big pictures - the opposite of normal, when I have to 'tinify' mages to fit text.)

The Committee had a meeting on the 16th of August: I do have the financial report from Treasurer Robin, but the minutes have not yet been completed. I have held Robin's report over to print with the minutes next month, on the basis that it will possibly gain context from the 'narrative' of the minutes.

Toodle-oo,
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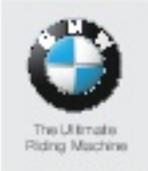
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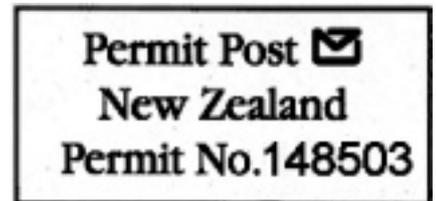
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