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President's Podium

Winter is not quite done with us after all. After after a day of snow, hail, heavy rain and massive winds that brought down power lines in many parts of the country, I'm hoping spring will firmly re-establish its grasp in the next few days.

Great to see so many people turn out at Avon City Motorcycles for our local "100 Years of BMW" celebration. Area Rep Jo did a fabulous job organising fresh baked pretzels, apple strudel, bratwurst sausages and sauerkraut - the BBQ was going non-stop! There was plenty of interest in the line up of performance machines; an R90S, an HP4 and a K1 each provoking much discussion. My thanks go to members who helped out and for making the bikes available and to Scott, Ross and Eliot from Avon City for the endless supply of coffee and much good natured banter throughout the day.

Our first area ride the following day took us out to the Iron Ridge Quarry sculpture park in Amberley. Everyone made their own way, a gaggle of GS bikes taking a roundabout gravel option via Pyramid Valley, with a turnout of over 20 bikes - brilliant! Raymond Herber, an extremely creative metal sculptor, demonstrated his iron-forging techniques and told a great story of how he ended up buying the quarry and turning it into the amazing venue it is. Of course it helped that we had a few pretzels and apple strudel left over from the day before for morning tea.

I'm delighted, and very proud obviously, to let you know that on 1 September ACC Minister Nikki Kaye announced that our Canterbury Area Rep and Life Member, Jo Buckner, has been appointed to the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (MSAC). The council represents the motorcycling community and is currently working with ACC exploring a range of new initiatives involving rider skills, road user behaviour, road and roadside improvements and motorcycle safety technology. Jo brings to the Council a strong background of leadership and advisory experience, along with a passion for motorcyclists' safety. I'm sure she will play a key role influencing the work of ACC and others aimed at reducing motorcycle crashes and the impact they have on riders, their families and the community.

On election as President at the AGM last January I signalled that one of the Executive's priorities for the year would be undertake a comprehensive review of the club's Constitution. Since incorporation as a society in 1999, we've seen many and often piecemeal amendments to our Constitution, some with unintended consequences, which does little to support the enduring nature aspired to in such a critical document. The challenge, ably undertaken by Vice President Grant and with input from your Area Representatives, was to craft a Constitution more in keeping with the needs of a 21st century organisation. Of particular importance is to ensure that institutional knowledge is retained by officers in the appointment process.

Grant has produced a much more robust Constitution; it separates out the rules you'd expect to be determined by the management group from the overarching governance principles. It includes the updates required to ensure the needs of our club are met now and well into the future. It's a great effort and many thanks to Grant. You will get an opportunity to peruse the updated Constitution before adoption is put to a vote at the AGM in Napier in January.

Numbers for the 2017 Annual Rally in Napier are tracking well considering there are a few more months that registration is open. I'm told that if you want to be where the action is make sure the accommodation you book is that available on site.

I'm looking forward to the South Island Rough as Guts (RAG) Rally in Kaikoura from 2 - 4 December. This is a weekend after the Burt Munro Rally in Invercargill so a great opportunity for any of North Island members to join us on the way home. Thanks to member Pete Chapman for hosting it. Details around this event are published elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website.

Planning is also underway for the National RAG Rally which, as tradition affords, will be on the weekend that daylight savings end; Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 April 2017. Registration forms will be in newsletters and on the website shortly.

I'm disappointed that that we don't yet have a member interested in volunteering for the Editor's role despite advertising and reminders in every newsletter since April. Bruce will stand down as Editor at the end of the year regardless; that's not far away! The Executive can't wait any longer and will be proactively seeking an appropriate external person or organisation we can contract to a role as Editor at Large.

Garry

Cover Photo

Peter Bath and his always immaculate R90S nod the head to a representation of horsepower from before the BMW era at Iron Ridge Quarry.

I believe Peter is on the bike, so I'll guess the photo was taken by Lesley, as she isn't on the pillion.



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Discounts Discounts Discounts

Age Discounts, Multiple Bike Discount (conditions apply), Loyalty Discounts, Trike Discounts, Named Rider Discounts and the Restricted Usage Discount – this is now based on riding less than 7,500km per year, per bike! (was 5,000km).

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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.

Distance Riders 1 KC (Cruise) Rides, Hamilton and Wellington, Sat 05 Nov. Info: www.distanceriders.org.nz

South Island R.A.G. Rally, Inland Kaikoura 02 -04 December

2017 National Rally Friday 27 to Sunday 29, January, Napier.

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.

Note – In addition to the events posted here Wellington 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. **Contact Peter Nash wellington@bmwor.org.nz** if you are outside their Area but wish to be notified of these runs (handy for an excuse to put off mowing the lawn if they are coming your way.).

october

Sunday 02 Auckland: Café Meeting, Buoy Café 141 Westhaven Drive.

Sunday 9th Bay of Plenty: Kawhia Caper. Meet at BP BP Connect (The Lakes) Tauriko for 9.00am departure. Ride leader: John Rutherford Ph: 027 446 5508

Sunday 09 Rangitikei: Ride to Mt Bruce, meet at Fusion cafe Ashhurst 10.30am

Monday 10 Auckland: Oct Monthly meeting Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose 7.30pm.

Monday 10 Wellington: Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm (unless otherwise advised)

Sunday 16 Wellington: Tinui Pub – for Lunch

Sunday 16 Auckland: Monthly Ride Bennydale loop. Meet BP Service Centre Sth Mway 9.00am for 9.30 departure.

Wednesday 19 Auckland: Midweek meandering. Meet Cyclespot BMW Barries Point Rd 10.00 am.

Tuesday 25 Rangitikei: Dinner at Speight's Ale House, Palmerston North 7.00 pm

Friday 28 - Sunday 30 Bay of Plenty: ‘Tour the Taranaki.’ A three day weekend (leaving Fri am & back Sunday pm) exploring the sights around New Plymouth and the ‘Naki. Tour guide: Doug Kerr Ph: 021 244 5120. Reserve these dates! More info on routes, overnight accommodation, departure times, etc coming. **Expressions of interest please email:** dougekerr0311@gmail.com, as soon as possible, so we can arrange a suitable accommodation venue.

november

Sunday 06 Auckland: Café Meeting 10am venue TBA

Sunday 13 Rangitikei: Ride to Hawkes Bay. Meet at Ashhurst service station 10.00am

Monday 14 Auckland: 7.30pm Monthly Meeting. The Bike Maintenance Shop. Unit 1 / 2A Akatea Road Glendene (TBC).

Monday 14 Wellington: Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

Wednesday 16 Auckland: Midweek Meandering. Meet Cyclespot BMW 10am

Sunday 20 Auckland: Monthly Ride. Dargaville (Mmmm I can feel some more gravel coming on). Meet Starbucks Westgate 9.00am for 9.30 departure.

Sunday 20 Wellington: Monthly Club Ride – Horseman Cafe - Shannon

Tuesday 29 Rangitikei: Dinner at Rose and Crown Palmerston North. Further details about a ride beforehand will be advised later.

december

Thursday 15 Wellington: Club Night and Christmas Buffet, Kensington Restaurant, Petone Workingmen's Club.

Sunday 18 Wellington: Monthly Club Ride – Destination TBA

New Constitution

Garry mentioned in his podium the work Vice President Grant has done drafting a new Constitution.

Grant says:

"Draft Copy Of Proposed New Constitution

Since the incorporation of BMWOR in 1999 there have been many and piecemeal amendments to the Constitution. Your Executive decided to tidy the Constitution into a form more in keeping with the needs of the organisation in current times particularly to ensure that institutional wisdom is retained by offices being appointed for more than one year. What has now been produced reflects both this tidying up and the updates required to ensure the needs of the club are met now and for the future.

A pdf copy of this Draft Constitution is available here: <http://goo.gl/m8bQ2P> "

The pdf can be read online, or downloaded and printed, to provide an opportunity to peruse and critique the document before it is debated at the AGM. If you are a dinosaur without internet access, contact your Area Rep or the Secretary and see if they can sort you a printed copy.

If you have been contemplating forwarding a submission to amend the current Constitution and Rules (which would be required to be received by the Secretary, in writing, not less than 90 days before the AGM) it would behove you to examine the draft of the proposed new Constitution and determine if your concerns are addressed by the draft. If not, would it not then be more efficient to address your concern during debate on the proposed new Constitution, rather than tinker with the current document?

welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

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.

area reports rangitikei

Sunday the 11 September was the day for our ride "Around the Mountain". Our meeting place was the Z service station Dublin street Wanganui. I had planned two trips depending on the weather. As the day was stunning I decided we would go around Mount Ruapehu and save Mount Taranaki/Egmont for another day.

By 9.30 am there were 10 bikes and two with pillions. Graeme Flyger agreed to lead for the morning ride so we set off up the Paraparas with a planned regroup at Raetihi. The Parapara road is still undergoing a major rebuild after a storm almost two years ago. There are numerous sections of single lane and two sections controlled by traffic lights. In the past I have always looked out for a section of fence that had been covered with old boots and shoes. This has now gone and has been replaced by a collection of mugs and cups.

We had our regroup at Raetihi and then headed for the Station Cafe at National Park for our lunch break. They were quick to serve up the coffees but the meals took a little longer.

Our afternoon ride would continue around the mountain but my plan to ride up to the ski field car park was not to be. There were so many people on the mountain and the car park was full so the

road was closed.

Peter Truter had agreed to lead for the afternoon and I was glad when he found various places to stop and admire the views of Mt.Ruapehu. We carried on to the Rangipo turn off and then enjoyed the Desert Road that had further excellent views of the mountain. At Waiouru, Graeme and Barry turned off to go back down the Parapara road while the rest of us headed for Taihape for a coffee break.

My thanks to everyone for your company on the best day out in a long time.

Don Cross



Photos of Ruapehu and Ngaruahoe taken by Robin Wood on the way "Around The Mountain"
Notice the truncated sign in the lowest photo: no facilities are visible, but it seems it was an "Offishul 'P' Stop".



auckland

Once upon a time (about 6 to 8 weeks back) there was a motorcycle show and aside from prospective members we also met up with representatives of organisations and businesses we share the motorcycling space with.

An insurer with links to BMWOR was one of those reps and as my insurance was due at end August I thought I'd compare my existing policy. I'm pleased I did as this made me read my existing policy conditions properly. My policy gave me the impression that some of the riding a GS owner would reasonably get up to might see a claim declined and some of the training options open to riders would certainly court a decline. It was refreshing to then read a policy document obviously compiled by someone who "gets" motorcycling. The GS experience was no longer a bit of a question mark regarding claim acceptance and rider training was specifically encouraged (some of it was even rewarded). When you add this to the premium saving (just under \$200) it's no surprise that I made the switch.

Another valuable contact was MSAC (Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council) and this contact led to their representative Janice Millman addressing our Sept meeting. MSAC advises on the expenditure of a small portion of motorcycle registration fees (about \$25.00 per registration) which gives them the opportunity to influence the spend of between 1.5 to 2.0 mil. When I look at the nature of the work they do and the hoops they have to jump through to achieve it, it would be easy for that revenue pool to evaporate quite quickly. In terms of bikes registered for use on the road there's about 75,000 at any given time, there's certainly more bikes than that around but the number gives a good indication of active riders. MSAC can tell you about their activities way better than me so please get onto their website and definitely invite them to speak at a meeting (smaller regions could consider combining with dealerships and or other clubs). Motorcyclists are a very difficult group to corral as not all belong to clubs and in any event they are dispersed all over the place. MSAC really need to harness the thinking and influence of as many of the 75,000 (approx) riders as possible, the extent to which they can achieve this influences the range and speed of real benefits they can deliver to motorcycling. This brings me to an important point, AA (Automobile Association) has a huge membership and around 40,000 of those members have motorcycle licenses. At this stage I'm having difficulty identifying the nature and extent of AA's past, present, or proposed representation of those 40,000 motorcyclists. Hopefully this has more to do with my ignorance (I have that in spades) than AA's operation so I'll be well pleased if I can get an AA rep along to

address our October meeting. A stack of BMWOR members are also members of AA so I'd expect a good level of interest in the meeting.

Right, downstairs to pack away the liners and wet gear, won't be needing that for a while.

Stephen



Photos from Bwucie's GoPro, Aucklanders gearing up to leave Waipu.

- Stephen the Boy Scout, "Right over left...."
- Richard squinting through his specs - hope he opens his eyes when he rides!
- Checking the bike, "Yep, still got two wheels."

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Canterbury

The Canterbury branch went all out and celebrated 100 Years of BMW over the weekend of 20 – 21 August.

On the Saturday our club members pulled together a very tidy of classic (new and slightly older) BMW performance bikes at Avon City Motorcycles' showrooms in Sockburn. Many thanks to Peter Bath, Tu Maaka, Grant Hyde, Allan Daly and Greg Campbell and Gary Williams for bringing down their machines – respectively the R90S, S1000RR, F800GSA, K1, HP4 and HP2. Our display was then backed up by the awesome range of BMWs that Eliot got in on the shop floor – including the BMW R Nine T – gorgeous!

Duncan of Ride Forever joined the celebrations with a very generous offer of rider training for our Canterbury members. It is really worth your while to improve your skills - have a look at <http://www.rideforever.co.nz/> for more detail.

A hearty German sausage sizzle was on offer – complete with freshly baked German pretzels and apple strudel. The day was topped off by a YouTube posting of a young motorcycle enthusiast's GoPro footage of the day – really cute!

Big ups to Eliot of Avon City for his initiative in getting the BMW Motorrad tent down for us and organising so many

great BMWs. Also, many thanks to the rest of the Avon City team for all their enthusiasm and support on the day.

The following day we went to the Iron Ridge Quarry Sculpture Park at the back of Amberley, overlooking the dry hills of the Waipara Valley. This former lime works quarry is a unique exhibition space where technology meets creativity in Raymond Herber's metal sculptures.

A goodly sized group of us turned up and

the ride-in format allowed people to make their way there either by gravel or by road. Great to see a full Ladbrook family turn-out including granddaughters and Alan's brother, Brett, in his modified side car set-up.

Raymond entertained us with the story of how it all came to be and then we had time to drift and admire the huge range of work he does. A picnic lunch and BBQ and then we set off home via our different



ways.

The Club Nights at the Styx and Stone Restaurant and Bar in Northlands are working well for us with good numbers each month – it's a great way for people to catch up when shift work or other commitments make it hard to get to rides. The Club Night dates for the rest of the year are 10 October, 14 November and 12 December - 2nd Monday of every month. We're working on having a couple of guest speakers so make sure you join us.

Jo

Photos, anti clockwise from below:
Proper Pretzels (Jo Buckner); Chris and the Bobbed Beemer (Jo); Group at Iron Ridge Quarry (Garry Williams); Bike display for 100th (Peter Bath); Bike display for 100th (Peter Bath); Ditto (Garry)
Opposite page: Parked at Iron Ridge (Peter).





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Photos this page, clockwise from below:
Canterbury members at Iron Ridge Quarry (Garry); Enjoying the sun (Jo); Raymond at work (Jo). (Bet he's forging some of those hard to source BMW parts - Bwucie, sceptic.)





**REGISTRATION FORM
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Accommodation – 3 nights		\$110 Per person	
Friday Evening Light Meal		\$15	
Saturday Breakfast	Cooked	\$16	
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Saturday Packed Lunch – gravel riders		\$13	
Saturday Rally Dinner		\$40	
Sunday Breakfast	Cooked	\$16	
	Continental	\$12	
Sunday Packed Lunch – gravel riders		\$13	
Sunday Barbecue		\$28	
Monday Breakfast	Cooked	\$16	
	Continental	\$12	
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Cancellations – Registration fee is non-refundable. Other fees may be refundable, dependent upon costs incurred.

Please mail all **Registration Forms** (including **Cheques** made out to **BMWOR**) to:

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

General enquiries to

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 Danny Young
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 All entries will be acknowledged

Registrations close on Friday, 16 December 2016

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



South Island RAG Rally

**“Rangamahoe”, 871 Inland Road, Kaikoura
Friday 2 – Sunday 4 December**

It’s back to basics for the South Island “Rough as Guts” Rally in the heart of Inland Kaikoura early December. The general plan is to make you own way to the site on Friday, spend Saturday riding or whatever takes your fancy, then head home after breakfast on Sunday.

It is the weekend after the Burt Munro Rally, so a great opportunity for North Islanders to stop over on the way home, you’re more than welcome.

Inland Kaikoura offers spectacularly scenic road routes and our host is currently planning a ride though privately held land on Saturday for those looking for a bit more adventure.

You will need to bring:

- a tent and bedroll
- sleeping bag
- cup, plate and eating utensils

A contribution of \$25 per person will be appreciated to cover the shopping we’ll need to do for evening meals on Friday and Saturday, and breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

We’ll have fruit juice and a few beers on hand, but if you want anything stronger than that you’ll need to bring it.

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Good Show Old Chap

Words: Lance Nixon. Photos: Don Cross.

There seems to be a show, display, gathering, show 'n' shine, on every weekend. Some are National (the recent ACC sponsored show in Auckland is very worthy example), and there are local events put on by enthusiasts in local halls and markets. It's a very active side of motorcycling that brings motorcyclists together. Yes, there is talk about the marques and models, but most importantly there is the ever refreshing camaraderie that joins us all together.

On 16 – 17 July Taranaki Classic bike enthusiasts offered a chance to view local two wheeled hardware. It is not the first time they have done this in the hall near the raceway (yes, all under cover). Please may it not be the last.

I was struck by the number of motorcycles that the organisers had gathered together from around Taranaki. And as I wandered amongst these blasts from the past, I stopped to wipe a moist eye at the BSA Bantam, Suzuki 90, Yamaha SR500, BMW R80RT and BMW R1150RT. If there had been a Yamaha 125 I would have had, in the same place at the same time, representatives of all the bikes I have owned at one time or another. The Suzuki VStrom was parked outside. Six out of Seven. Excuse me for a moment the keyboard and screen have gone blurry again.

Don Cross, our much loved Area Rep, was there at one stage. He remembered to take his camera, so here are some images of BMWs to feast enthusiastic eyes on.

Let nostalgia rule!



(Aaah! Yes! Let nostalgia rule in Taranaki. I went down there for their BRONZ Toy Run a year or five ago, and when I walked outta the Big Red Shed after buying some toys, a YL1 Yamaha and a T250 Suzuki (both in mint condition) buzzed and fumed their way into the carpark. I swooned. My first and second love affairs with bikes right there. The Ed.)

On Your Way To (Or From) (Or During) The Burt Munro



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Classic Motorcycle Mecca to include new café and expand into 25 Tay Street

The team at Transport World is pleased to announce that the Classic Motorcycle Mecca development is expanding into a second building on Tay Street. The collection will now be housed within two buildings at 25-27 Tay Street. In addition to creating more exhibition space it is also intended the second building will house a new inner city café. The café is to be called Meccaspresso.

Sue Hill, Classic Motorcycle Mecca Project Manager says "due to the size and scale of the Classic Motorcycle Mecca collection we soon realised more space was needed. We also wanted to add a café as serving great food and beverage had become such a big part of the experience at Bill Richardson Transport World".

Concepts for the café are still being developed but the food and décor on offer will be completely different to what is served at the Grille Cafe. MASH Catering will be the leaseholder of both Meccaspresso and the Grille Cafe.

The project is progressing well with a lot of work going into creating unique and interesting spaces. The marriage of the two buildings, which are from different eras, has also provided some interesting challenges for the project team. Hill says "it's been a fantastic project and we have really had to use our creativity. The buildings are just coming up so well with many of their original features intact. The extra space is a welcome addition too as it is allowing us to create a more interesting and layered experience. We just can't wait for everyone to see it".

Classic Motorcycle Mecca will open to the public over the 2016 Burt Munro Challenge. The collection will be home to close on 300 motorcycles and motorcycle focussed art. The collection ranges from a 1902 Peugeot motorcycle to a 21st Century Simms Corbin Custom and includes brands such as AJ's, Ariel, BMW, Brough Superior, Harley Davidson, Henderson, Indian, Matchless, Rudge as well as little known brands such as the Schwinn and Zundapp.

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FLY spots

Have you recorded FLY spots from your annual rally or other trip? It's a good start to accumulating points between 1 Dec 2015 - 30 Nov 2016.

- 1 point is scored per kilometre travelled to, from, and during any event published during the year in the newsletter
- 150 extra points if the trip involves a ferry crossing between the islands (300 return trip)
- 200 extra points if the event is for charity
- up to 300 extra points (at the discretion of the Secretary) if you can demonstrate you've promoted the Register in a positive way during the event.

There's a fabulous trophy donated many moons ago by Finn, Lorraine, Lars and

Yvette (hence the FLY) Neilsen for the member scoring the most points during the year. There is a more recent trophy just for our female riders (the Lady FLY).

Trophies are presented (if anyone is so deserving) at the Annual Rally each year.

Entries are called for in November each year, you simply provide the details of your rides, the points you have accumulated and any demonstrative evidence of how you've promoted the Register on any event to the Secretary by email before the close off date that is set.

Trophies: the way forward

When I was asked to "take a look" at the BMWOR Trophy processes, I agreed on one condition. I would want to do it with a team of like minded members.

The back story is that when I was asked if I wanted to organise the AGM/Rally in Wanganui I declined. I would, however, welcome the chance to gather a group of members together to do it as a team task. So it was that Barry & Jeanette, Peer & Lis, Neil & Brenda, Kay & Neville, Roger & Liz, Paul, Heather & I set out to welcome and care for fellow members from throughout NZ at the Rally and AGM held at the Top Ten Holiday park.

Back to the Trophies. Another group was formed that would "take a look" at the current practices around the storing, processing, awarding, and transporting our beloved trophies. And so it was that Barry Hawthorn, Don Cross and I worked through a planned sequence of events: chatting, meeting, data gathering, analysing, and most importantly, reflecting.

It was the time that we spent around sandwiches, sausage rolls and coffee at a variety of venues that became a monthly highlight. It is time spent (both on and off agenda!) that will stay with us well past the product of our deliberations.

Deliberations, I hear you ask. Yes indeed. After we had gathered, debated, edited, amended, checked and analysed we did assemble a summary of our collective wisdom. Our team member and Area Rep Don was able to present this at the Area Reps meeting at Porirua.

The report and its recommendations now lie with our Executive. It is their turn to chat, meet, data gather, analyse, and most importantly, reflect.

May that give them the same sense of camaraderie that we embraced on our journey of discovery.

Lance Nixon

Barry Hawthorn

Don Cross



Helmut Dähne and his R90S on route to victory in the 1976 IoM TT.

BMW Concept Stunt G 310

**Words and pictures: BMW Motorrad.
Throttle hand: Chris Pfeiffer.**

Thanks to his experience as a four-times World and European stunt riding champion, Chris Pfeiffer, contributed to the realisation of the BMW Concept Stunt 310. "Stunt riding is a demanding and multi-faceted sport. Ideally you need a compact, agile bike which is also stable and robust at the same time. You have to achieve the ideal balance between aggressiveness and control", explains Chris Pfeiffer.

Compact proportions, highest-level agility.

The BMW Concept Stunt G 310 combines all these qualities and makes clear at first sight: the newly developed 1-cylinder engine allows for very compact proportions thanks to its innovative concept. The special feature is the cylinder which is inclined towards the rear and the cylinder head which is rotated by 180 degrees. This permits optimum placement of the engine in the motorcycle and a short wheelbase in spite of the long swinging arm thereby making the motorcycle very agile. The low-slung front and the raised tail section promise fast and nimble changes of direction as well as dynamic riding. By shifting the intake area towards the front while also moving the exhaust system towards the rear it was possible to place the rear silencer in an upright standing position underneath the seat between engine and spring strut. In this way the silencer is optimally protected and does not limit the stunt rider's freedom of movement. Even though you may hardly see it, you will not overhear it. Once started, the sound of the BMW Concept Stunt G 310 is sure to attract attention.

Extensive stunt modifications.

The numerous modifications are typical for a stunt bike; in making them Chris Pfeiffer brought his many years of experience as a stunt professional to bear in cooperation with the BMW Motorrad Design Team. Their single aim is to provide the best possible handling properties for the stunt rider's feats on the asphalt. The lockable throttle ensures constant propulsion even when the rider's hand has to let go of the throttle grip. In addition a slightly altered gear ratio secures greater propulsive force to the rear wheels at low engine speeds while the intentionally oversized rear wheel brake ensures reliable deceleration in every situation. A second, even larger rear wheel brake allows the rider to brake the rear wheel using only his middle finger, in case his right foot is not on the footrest in certain stunts. The additional brake lever is specially placed on the left side of the handlebars and can even be operated at the same time as the clutch. So-called axle pegs on the



front axle and in the seat area give the rider additional options for placing his feet which go way beyond the possibilities offered by normal foot rests. The distinctive red crash bars provide additional protection for the engine. A special highlight on the BMW Concept Stunt G 310 is the "stunt tail" which was specifically developed by BMW Motorrad and which has not been seen in this shape on a stunt bike. It is milled from solid aluminium and features an opening in the centre, which offers the stunt rider a hold for his foot. Together with the non-slip seat, the aluminium component also ensures a stable seating position when riding thanks to its shape.

Modern colour and material design.

The colour concept features the classic BMW motorsport colour white as the base colour as well as red and blue in combination with the national colours of

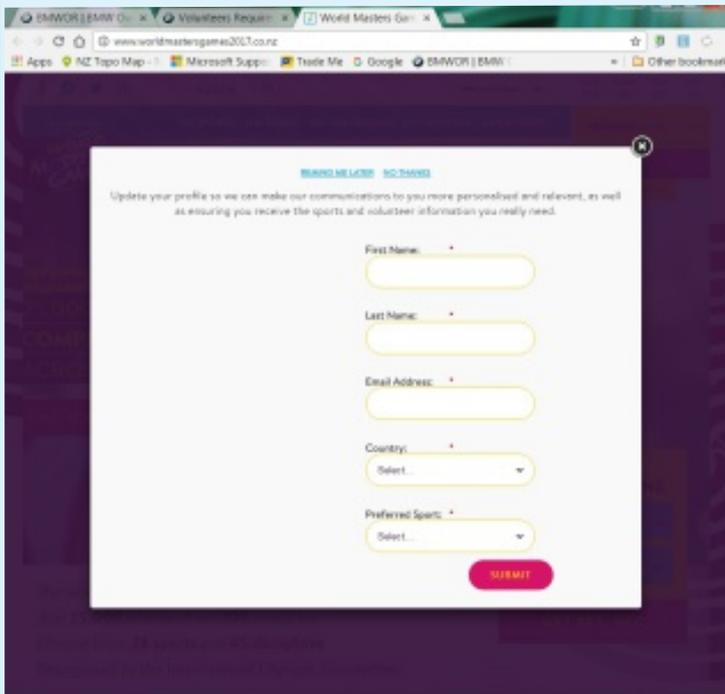
the Brazilian flag in a modern interpretation. The spectacular neon green and yellow colour and material design is certain to attract attention. The bright neon colours extend along the entire body thereby emphasising the dynamic lines and surfaces of the bike. The core of the bike, the drivetrain, features darker colours and moves the visual centre of gravity even lower. Edgar Heinrich, Head of BMW Motorrad Design sums up: "The BMW Concept Stunt G 310 is a real eye-catcher. Everything on this concept seems to be shouting out to ride it and defy the laws of gravity."

(Henry, can you get one in for V-P Grant: help him dance around those legal niceties?)

Spotted on the Forum, on our website, posted by Treasurer, Robin (also a Cycling New Zealand Commissaire):

"The 2017 World Masters Games is being held in Auckland 21-30 April 2017. The organisers require approx 4,000 volunteers across a wide range of sports. Cycling is one sport where some of our members may be interested in volunteering as motorcycle marshals. If so go to:"

<http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz/>



The link will take you to a screen where you can sign up as a volunteer: many of whom will be required across the complete range of sports, not just cycling. (Obviously they ain't gonna need motor cycles for swimming or lawn bowls, but you may be interested in helping sports other than cycling!)

The Masters Games seem to cover the gamut from extremely high performing and deadly serious 'mature' athletes to extremely social, hard-partying, not so seriously athletic individuals. It should be a great festival to be part of.

...and finally.

A few thoughts triggered by stuff I've read in the earlier pages:

Jo Buckner appointed to the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council.

Win/win: good for the MSAC, and good for BMWOR.

Hoping for support from the Automobile Association.

It's worth trying, but after lots years of being both a motorcyclist and an AA member, I think that's like poking soft butter up a porcupine's butt using a red-hot knitting needle as a ram-rod. Good luck!

Still no BMWOR member prepared to take over from me as Editor after December.

Disappointing.

Three years ago I was about done with my time in the Register. I wasn't riding a lot, and I had become BMW-less after drunkie-girl had totalled my R-eleven-hundy-ess. If I had bought another to replace it, I would have needed to carry out the same future-proofing mechanical rejuvenation I'd just finished giving my bike, at a cost of lots, and the Bank of Bwucie didn't run to that.

\$o I had returned to the dark\$ide, for \$everal rea\$on\$, and wa\$ intending to head off into the \$un\$et on my \$panking new V-\$trom.

But my retirement from the Register didn't quite work out. I put my hand up to take over the Editor role when Garry stepped down after his marathon term, there being nobody else wanting to do it. The intention was to do the job for a year until a bona-fide BMW Owner took over.

Why did I? I thought (and I still think) that our Newsletter was important to the Register. It is an instrument with which to share the common culture of appreciation of BMW bikes, to communicate to members about matters affecting their Club, and to skite the things we get up to amongst ourselves. I thought it was important that the person doing the editing was part of the culture, and understood the mores and customs of the Register. I thought I was close to qualified in that regard: I'd been a member for quite a while, and although I'm not the most social creature around I'd gathered some of what the Register is about by watching.

Now I am finding it a grind: it is a chore to stand in my garage each month looking at a screen full of BMW stuff while my under-utilised Suzuki sits plugged into the solar life support behind me.

For lack of a volunteer, you are staring down the barrel of paying somebody outside the Register to edit your Newsletter. Chances are you will get a much more professional publication than my efforts achieve. You may even be lucky enough to find a hired gun writer that used to be in the Register, who might still have an awareness of the culture. Or you may not... .

I hope it all works out well, but right now I'm sad we can't find a member volunteer that still has the passion for BMW to step into the role. Maybe my assumption that the Newsletter was important was wrong. Maybe we should put the whole shooting box on "social media". That would definitely leave me outside the pale.

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