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# president's podium



As promised in the August newsletter, I will mention the journey north that Secretary David and I made last month to touch base with members about how the Executive see the Register taking on the challenges and opportunities of the future. Our first call in Tauranga was hosted by Peter and Catherine Lyner. This meeting allowed Treasurer Phillip, Secretary David and me to mix with local members and discuss many aspects of the Register. I was impressed to see twenty or so members there and to see their appreciation of the need to keep moving with the times. It was a very good evening shared

with fellow members of the Register. Many thanks to Peter and Catherine for organising the meeting and thanks to all those who were able to make it.

The following morning saw Phillip, David and me, accompanied by two brave souls, riding through moderate to heavy rain to the Ironique Café in Te Aroha, where our former Auckland Rep had thoughtfully booked us a quiet section away from the general hubbub of the café. Hardy souls rode down from Auckland in the rain and our Area Rep from Waikato, Mike Amphlett, also joined us. Again it was great to be able to chew the fat with those interested in our future - and many thanks for turning out in such atrocious weather conditions. After the meeting we all left for our homes - back out into that rain.

David and I rode through the afternoon and some of the night back to Wellington. The next morning I was sitting down with the folks at Motomart in Lower Hutt to discuss their involvement with the demo bikes which will be available at the AGM in Palmerston North.

Next, well done and many thanks to Paul Edlington, our Register Historian, and his team of helpers who pulled together an amazing BMWOR stand for the 1<sup>st</sup> National Classic Bike Show in Auckland earlier this month. With models ranging from 1937 through to 1992 and fantastic promotional banners (BIG THANKS to Malcolm Sargent for the custom-made BMWOR banner and to John Glasswell at BMW NZ for their corporate support) the stand looked a treat - have a look at the photos later in the magazine. Events like this are fantastic opportunities for us to show prospective members the depth of experience and passion for the BMW marque that we have in the Register - and that's a real strength we should all be proud of. So, let's keep our eyes peeled for more events like this around the country that we can participate in - I'm certainly looking forward to seeing the BMWOR stand at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Classic Bike Show.

You might recall that earlier in the year I told you about a mail-out the Executive was going to do to invite back members who had not renewed their membership. I'm very pleased to tell you that we've welcomed back nine members as a result - welcome back to you all.

Many of you may have heard stalwart Membership Secretary John's call at successive AGMs to find someone interested in taking over his role. Well, it looks as if he will finally get his wish! Two members have approached me offering their services to the club through the Executive and both have expressed an interest in the position of Membership Secretary. I have discussed this with John and he will be very happy to assist whichever candidate is voted in at the AGM.

So, it is with MANY THANKS that I want to say well done to John Wuts for the outstanding service he has given to the Register over many years - first as Treasurer and then as Membership Secretary. And we all know that John could not have given so much without his own support crew - many thanks to Pam for her encouragement and support for John during their time with the club. I look forward to seeing you both out on the road enjoying that lovely Beemer of yours.

Wheels down feet up - stay safe and have fun.

Peter.

## 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, pillioners, 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

### bmwor national events

**National Committee Meeting: Monday 10 September** - Monthly National Committee meeting in the Anzac Lounge, Petone Working Men's Club, 47 Udy Street, Petone, Wellington at 7:30 pm. All BMWOR members welcome. Sign in noting BMWOR as your member club. Bistro dining available from 5:30 pm. After the meeting, a guest speaker.

**Annual General Meeting: 4:00 pm, Saturday 13 October 2012** at the Kingsgate Hotel, 110 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North.

**SI RAG Rally: Friday 9 - Sunday 11 November** at Hanmer Springs. Good gravel and road options. Details in the next newsletter.

**Annual Rally: Friday 4 - Monday 7 January 2013** at "The Park", SH4, National Park township. Bookings open. Registration form on page 19.

### other events

**BRONZ Ride Right, Ride Safe.** A great way to get to know your new bike. Usually 3rd Sunday of the month at the Whenuapai Airbase. Contact Peggy on (09) 638-9227 or Finn on (09) 625-5533 for details.

**Learners** - Rider Training & Basic Skills Testing for learner license, Thursday evenings @ A.M.C.C Club's premises in Ellerslie. For bookings and information contact: Craig (09) 444 6261

**Cover:** BMW Motorrad's "C evolution", a near-production prototype of an e-scooter as it might soon go on the market. Since it was conceived as a future-oriented vehicle for commuting between the urban periphery and the city centre, there were two particular requirements for its development: performance figures comparable to those of a maxi scooter with a combustion engine and a long range in realistic conditions of use. See page 13 for more.



## 4th annual southern rider escapade

The Escapade is a road rally with a slight difference. You are given a route to take, and along this route you must answer questions that are given on a question sheet. You then return the question sheet with your answers, and your badge is sent out to you after the close off date for completing the Escapade.

The dates are not set in stone for a weekend that you do it on. You have from 1 September until 30 November, a period of 3 months, to complete it. You can do it in your own time, by yourself or with a group. You can do it in one day or a couple of days and make it a holiday away. You can do it in any order you like as long as you get all the questions. You can start the loop anywhere and finish anywhere.

The important things are;

You must get as many of the answers as you can. (Don't be too worried about getting a question wrong or missing one...)

You must have fun doing it.

FAQs that will help answer any questions you have can be found here:

<http://southernrider.co.nz/ocportal/index.php?page=catalogues&type=category&id=32>

The Entry Form for 2012 is here:

<http://southernrider.co.nz/ocportal/index.php?page=downloads&type=entry&id=4>

### 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

([www.bmwor.org.nz](http://www.bmwor.org.nz)) for current information on events or contact the local Area Rep if you have any questions.

Rides are generally led by a Rider in Charge (RIC).

If you think of, or fancy leading, a ride and would like it published as an event ask your Area Rep to let the Editor know by the 15th of the month prior.

## northland

**Sunday 9 September** - Dinner and meeting at the Sun Wah, Bank Street (opposite the Grand), Whangarei from 7:00 pm.

## auckland

**Monday 10 September** - Social night at Experience Motorcycles, 625 New North Road, Kingsland from 7:00 pm. View the full range of BMW models. John Glasswell and Henry Plowright will be there to tell us a few things about what's on display.

**Sunday 16 September** - Main ride to the Tirau museum and lunch. Also a short ride to stop at either Te Aroha (Café Ironique) or Morrinsville (café to be decided) depending on the route taken to Tirau. Both rides start at BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway at 9:00 am. Spouses and partners welcome.

**Sunday 21 October** - Main ride to Kawhia for lunch, gravel and sealed road options. Also a short ride to Pirongia, with brunch or lunch at the Persimmon Café. Both rides start at BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway at 9:00 am. Spouses and partners welcome.

**Sunday 18 November** - Main ride is the Coromandel Loop, gravel and sealed road options. Also a short ride to Tairua, café to be decided. Both rides start at BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway at 9:00 am. Spouses and partners welcome.

## bay of plenty

**Friday 7 September** - Social night at Spuntino's on Wharf Street, Tauranga from 7:00 pm, a great place with fine food so come along.

**Sunday 23 September** - Club ride; your choice! Yep, relying totally on you to pick where to go, what time to meet and the route we will take. The week prior, watch for an email with the information you will need to know.

## waikato

**Wednesday 5 September** - Lake Taupo Loop, depart Cambridge BP at 9:30 am.

**Thursday 13 September** - Mystery ride, depart Cambridge BP at 9:30 am.

**Sunday 23 September** - Taumarunui and the Forgotten Highway, depart Cambridge BP at 9:30 am.

**Sunday 30 September** - Coromandel loop. Depart Cambridge BP at 9:30 am.

**Sunday 7 October** - To the Republic of Whangamomona, only 12kms gravel, depart Cambridge BP at 8:30 am.

**Saturday 17/Sunday 18 November** - East Cape loop, depart Cambridge BP at 8:30 am.

## taranaki

**Sunday 23 September** - Ride to Mothered Goose Café, Bulls. Meet 9:30 at McFarlane's Café, Inglewood.

## rangitikei

**Sunday 9 September** - Club ride, try again for the 'Tour of Rangitikei' travelling through Marton, Mt Curl Road, Rangiwahia Road through to the Apiti Tavern and Café for lunch. Depending on weather, we may proceed home via the Pohangina Valley. Meet at Sanson Z (which is still under construction so don't rely on gas there) fuelled up ready to go at 10:30 am. (Wanganui riders can meet us at corner of SH3 and Pukepapa Road around 10:50 am).

**Tuesday 25 September** - Tea meeting, venue and details to be advised by email and on the Forum calendar.

## east coast

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

**Sunday 9 September** - Roundabout route to Tuki Kitchen, Te Mata Road for lunch, including a detour for the stunning vista and photo opportunity missed in August because of the weather. Meet at Caltex Omaha Road at 11:00 am. Enquiries to Norm on (06) 877 3383.

**Saturday 13 October** - Ride to Palmerston North for the BMWOR AGM. If you intend going and would like to ride with a group, please phone Norm on (06) 877 3383.

## wellington

**Sunday 9 September** - Ride to the Hau Nui Wind Farm followed by lunch in Martinborough. Meet at Caltex Rimutaka for a 10.00 am departure.

**Saturday 10/Sunday 11 November** - Overnight camp at Mt. Holdsworth campsite. Participants should plan to be self-sufficient and self-supporting on this adventure. Brunch on Sunday in Carterton to meet up with Sunday riders. Departure details to be advised.

**Sunday 11 November** - Brunch at Wild Oats Café, Carterton. Departure details to be advised.

## nelson

**Sunday 16 September** - Ride to Penzance for a picnic, BYO lunch. Meet 10:00 am at QE2 Drive lay-by.

## canterbury

**Friday 21 - Sunday 23 September** - GS weekend adventure at Moetapu Bay in the Marlborough Sounds. Accommodation to

# 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.

be confirmed, house can sleep 8 plus there's tent space. Routes and further detail to follow via email.

**Sunday 30 September** - Brunch, meet at Route 72 Café in Cust at 10:30 am.

# BMW Motorrad Demo Days

On 15 August, BMW Motorrad announced its 2012 Motorrad Demo Days, a series of New Zealand dealer-run demo days to be held across the country between September and November.

This is an opportunity for riders to ride the BMW model of their choice as well as talk to the dealer about the technical details and options and accessories that are available.

On offer are a variety of motorcycles, including the legendary R 1200 GS Adventure and the luxury high-class touring K 1600 GTL.

The exciting programme kicks off at Experience Motorcycles in Auckland and it will move around the country until November, where it will conclude at Cyclespot Euro in Auckland. The tour will visit BMW Motorrad Service outlets in Nelson and Dunedin, so there is a great opportunity in the South Island to climb on board. The tour will also combine a visit to the BMW Owners Register AGM in Palmerston North, with the opportunity for local motorcycle enthusiasts to take in a test ride.

Check with your dealer for the particular models that will be available at your preferred event.

Participants need to pre-book their test rides with the dealer. [bmwmotorrad.co.nz](http://bmwmotorrad.co.nz) lists more details on dates and locations.

# area reports

## northland

Greetings from a saturated North, as with everywhere else at the moment. Sorry about the lack of communication last month, I just plain ran out of time. All my friends and acquaintances have needed some attention since I arrived back from the UK and Scotland. I'll catch up with what's going on at dinner on 9 September at the Sun Wah, please note that this is a meeting as well.

Iain (Mac) MacLean

## bay of plenty

The Classic Bike Show, feature of our August club ride, turned out to be an excellent show to attend. It was just a shame more of you didn't come along. On the morning of the ride the weather looked far from perfect but of course, once over the Kaimai Ranges, we had dry weather all the way there - and half the way back! The Auckland BMWOR members put on a good show of bikes and won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for their stand - well done to them! Experience BMW also had a stand attended by Henry Plowright and John Glasswell, which featured some of the latest and greatest bikes on show.

I would like to thank all of you who turned up at our July social to meet our national President, Peter Tibbs, and Secretary, David Thomson. The night was enjoyed by everyone who attended and the food that was put on by our partners was superb - thank you all. Perhaps we should have more social nights at our homes as this allows far more socialising without being confined to a chair at some restaurant. What do you think? If you like the idea and want to volunteer your home for an evening let me know.

On another note, I have just returned home from our Area Rep's meeting at Omori near Turangi, which was well worth the effort. Our current Executive team is certainly doing everything possible to make your club work so next time you meet one of them be sure to tell them what a good job they are doing.

Peter Lyner

## taranaki

The weather gods smiled once more. A group of five bikes left Inglewood for Te Kuiti - strangely only two returned! On the plus side I was one of those that returned, so it's not all bad. The route to Te Kuiti was fairly standard with a short diversion along Troopers Road and Oparure Road just to throw in some corners.

Boscoe's in Te Kuiti was up to its usual standard and the three of us that had made it that far enjoyed a nice coffee and snack.

For the return trip we ventured back via Oparure Road and Mairoa Road to Pio Pio. By now it was down to two bikes! Perhaps I should wash my riding gear?

After refuelling it was out to Aria then via Totoro Road back to Mahoenui. Another small diversion through Papakauri Road was followed by a "sensible" (lacking shortcuts) ride home.

We all enjoyed another great mid-winter ride. In fact the rider who came with me all the way commented he normally didn't ride much during winter but this had been an eye opener for him.

Our next ride is off to the Mothered Goose Café in Bulls. Yes, I know it's all those straight boring roads - but I may know some shortcuts. See you there.

Colin Lister

## rangitikei

Well, what a fantastic Tea meeting venue for July. At the suggestion of a couple of our female members, 13 of us met at 'Bubbles' restaurant and bar in the Regent Arcade, Palmerston North. This is a relatively new establishment and what a find it turned out to be. We enjoyed fine fare at very reasonable prices and would certainly recommend this venue to anyone looking for a good place to dine in Palmerston North. Everyone enjoyed it so much that I have been 'ordered' to arrange another outing there later in the year.

Our club ride for August was really the ride that wasn't. We were supposed to take a 'Tour of Rangitikei' ending up at the Apiti Tavern for lunch. Unfortunately the weather conspired against us and we felt it wise to cancel this outing until next month.

Robin Wood

## east coast

Our August ride was to Tikokino with a planned side trip for a stunning vista and photo opportunity. On the day Norman phoned around to garner interest from members it was overcast with rain predicted. At 11:00 am, three bikes and their riders and two people in a car met at Caltex Omahu. As we were about to leave the rain set in with cloud hanging low around the hills, so we decided to

East Coasters embrace the ambience of the Sawyers Arms Hotel, Tikokino



ride/drive direct to Tikokino down SH50. There was very little traffic and by the time we arrived at the Sawyers Arms in the car Dave, Rob and Les had hung their jackets and gloves around the fire to dry and ordered coffees.

Dan and Rosemary arrived by car, we all ordered lunch and settled in for a couple of hours of chat, watching re-runs of the Olympics on the big screen. During this time the rain stopped and we had a relatively dry ride/drive home.

The next ride is a short one to the Tuki Kitchen for lunch on what will hopefully be a fine sunny day when we can also take in the stunning vista and photo opportunity we missed out on this month.

Marie Nicol

## wellington

The ride postponed from last weekend was a success; considering it was a different Sunday, the wet weather still threatened and the other commitments members have.

While waiting to depart at Mana, three ambulances went racing past in the direction we were headed. We started discussing alternative routes (extremely limited). Around here, State Highway 1 has not got a good reputation, but essentially it is the only road north. We got a snippet of information from somewhere. We decided to carry on with our original plan.

Our destination was short; an hour's ride to the Winemaker's Daughter just south of Otaki. What surprised us on arrival was the broken glass spread over the area. We were early too, so conversations around the bikes evolved and they were ready for us when we did go in. We were given reserved seating as a wedding dinner was in progress. This did not detract from eating or our conversation at all.

Te Horo's best kept secret is out! For a mere \$10, you get a good size meal. The \$10 menu selection is also quite extensive, you can still look at another full meal menu. I believe I am right in saying today, everyone chose from the low cost selection.

Wet weather gear was worn heading home.

David Morris

## nelson

Our July club ride was a little and local one on a cold, overcast day but we had a great turnout. F650s proved the most popular bike again with Graham, Tony and I aboard two Funduros and Strada. We were joined by Don F800ST, Gerrit F800GS, Philip K1200GT, William R1200GS, Mark R1200GT, Trevor R1150GS and Dale and Odette on their R1100R.

We left from Richmond taking the longer and more scenic route to Mapua, which was even longer for some who failed to turn off at the prearranged corner.

We weren't having much luck with our destination either. Our café of choice was closed for winter and every man and his dog was at the Mapua wharf for some event or other. Even our second choice was out.

Third choice was back to the Naked Bun Café in the wee village of Mapua where we had a nice, cosy, chatty lunch after which we all went our separate ways to get home.

Gretchen

## otago/southland

Winter is now in the past and, while it has been dry but cold in Central Otago, it wasn't quite as good elsewhere. All that is now over we hope! The new riding season starts off with the traditional spring ride-in to Lawrence on Sunday 9 September where we will have lunch at "The Wild Walnut". This will give all of us, old and new members, the chance to catch up on the events of the past three months, and to find out who has a new bike!

Barry Richardson

## photo archives



Got photos? The B M W O R 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?

You can digitalise your old photographs (present pictures are fine too!) and email them to [pauleddlington@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pauleddlington@xtra.co.nz) or hard copies of photos can be sent to:

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Hard copies will be returned if a self-addressed, postage paid envelope is included with the original.

Carpark at the Winemakers Daughter, Te Horo



# president and secretary tour - 21/22 July

words: Philip King

photo: Peter Lyner

As promised, President Peter and Secretary David have continued their journey around the country, putting plenty of kilometres on the big, blue whale (K 1600 GT-L with a full-on stereo!) and Dave's nice shiny black R 1200 ST.

In July, Bay of Plenty members were entertained at Peter and Catherine Lyner's lovely home on Plummer's Point. It was a great night of food, fun and a fair bit of laughter by the twenty or so that made the effort. Doug Kerr was in great form, as usual entertaining the women's table for much of the meal and, as you would expect, tall stories of many recent exploits both local and afar were shared.

Tibsy and others 'overheated' in the balmy Bay of Plenty weather and had to eat 'alfresco', but then we got to the serious bit of the night which was the President and Secretary giving a nice summary of the BMWOR this year - the challenges faced and the opportunities being explored.

The next day was not great weather wise with a rain bomb fast closing in from the North, but we had



The Bay of Plenty team assembled post dinner. Photo: Peter Lyner

committed to meet with the Auckland delegation at Te Aroha for brunch. Five of us made the wet trip across and six or seven hardy souls made up numbers from Auckland. Again a good meeting with some of the more meaty issues being given a good airing. All in all useful time spent.

Homeward bound, via a bit of a detour to see our Executive safely off our patch, the weather just deteriorated steadily over the next few hours - Yuk! while the visitors made good

time, staying pretty much ahead of the weather front - they found home in Wellington by about 9:00 pm.

As a BoP member it is great to see the Executive getting out and around to local events - and I do not underestimate the commitment needed for that. As I noted, the blue whale already had near 9,000kms on the clock and at about 50 cents to \$1.00 per km in depreciation alone that is some investment in the BMWOR - thanks Peter and David.

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## 2012 national classic bike show

words/photos: Paul Edlington

The 1<sup>st</sup> National Classic Bike Show was held over the weekend of the 4/5 August and I decided to put my hand up to organise the Register's stand.

With the help of a small band of Register members we set to. First we decided on a theme of BMW motorcycles over the decades then set about finding suitable models from each decade to display.

Former member George Lewis suggested that he might be able to borrow a 1937 R5 model from a friend of his. That started the ball rolling as the earliest model and covered the 1930s as we couldn't find a model from the 1920s here in NZ. I suspect that there isn't one in the country unless you know different.

Into the 1940s and I made contact with a guy in the car repair industry who I knew had a 1944 WW2 R75 sidecar outfit. It was still in the process of being rebuilt but after having a chat with Tony the owner, he agreed to have it finished in time for the show, which he did getting it to the stand by the skin of his teeth, wheeling it in at midday on Friday with the paint work still a bit wet,

great stuff! This was the most "looked at" machine on the stand by a long way.

For the 1950s it was another former member, Paul Van Beusekom, who came to the party agreeing to put his lovely 1952 R51 on the stand (and to lend a hand over the weekend).

A phone call to life member Paul Hayes about having his immaculate rebuilt R69/S on the stand dealt with the 1960s. Paul was only too happy

to represent that era of BMWs, resulting in a quick and positive yes to the question.

The 1970s was down to me and my 1972 R75/5 Toaster, which I purchased from a fellow BMW owner in the States who wanted it to go to a good home. He told me that he always named his BMs after American female singers and to that end he named the R75 "Ella".

This 1944 WW2 R75 outfit was the most looked at machine on the stand



We represented the 1980s with Neil Walsh's lovely, and very original, 1982 R100RS in its very attractive metallic smoke-red livery. This bike created a lot of interest as the model was an iconic turning point in the BMW range.

From the 1990s we had 2 models; Nick Arnott's 1991 K1 in the stunning colour scheme of red and yellow and original BMW NZ fleet bike of the time and Rob Hargreaves' immaculate and well travelled 1992 R100GS, which he had just finished doing a rebuild on only days before the show. In 2007, Rob and wife Linda shipped the GS to Europe for a trip to the Isle of Man TT races and went on to do a trip to mainland Europe and the Middle East.

The show itself was a great success and all credit to the organiser, Graham Viall, who was always at hand to give help and advise. There was a wide variety of makes and models with some really mouth-watering bikes that we all would like to have in our sheds.

A good band of members arrived on the Friday and set about setting up the stand. By the end of the day we had everything in place and the stand was looking really good. Malcolm Sargent had done a really great job on making up a new banner for the Register, which I think was the highlight of the stand display (other than the bikes of course) and will be a real asset for the Register in the future. We also had a good selection of regalia on display and hired a TV monitor to run a selection of BMW related DVDs and of course the obligatory tea and coffee making on the stand.

On Saturday morning we had a steady flow of people through the stand once the doors opened. Quite a few current members turned out along with a fair amount of people who own BMWs that were really interested in the bikes on the stand and what the Register was about. Around 20 application forms and a large amount of new and old newsletters were handed out, so hopefully we will get a good response from that. Overall there seemed to be a good number of people though the show on Saturday with Graham saying that there had been around 1,400 people through the door, so he was very happy.

Sunday was certainly a busier day with a good lot of people through the stand with more Register members turning out from as far as Wellington and Whangarei. It was great to catch up with everybody for a chat and a cuppa.

At around 4:00 pm Graham called everybody to order and announced the prize winners in all the categories. The Register took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the club stand category along with a cheque for \$100 and Paul Hayes took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the class 1 category so I reckon we did okay amongst the stiff competition from the other clubs.

The best bike in show was a 1973 Laverda SF1.

The day finished pulling down the stand and returning the bikes to their various owners. I would like to say a big thanks to everyone that helped and/or contributed to the event in any way, particularly to Malcolm Sargent who really went beyond the call of duty.

Photos top to bottom: Best bike in show  
1973 Laverda SF1; BMWOR stand; Nick  
Arnott's 1991 K1; Paul Edlington (left) - good  
job that man!



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# classic dinner

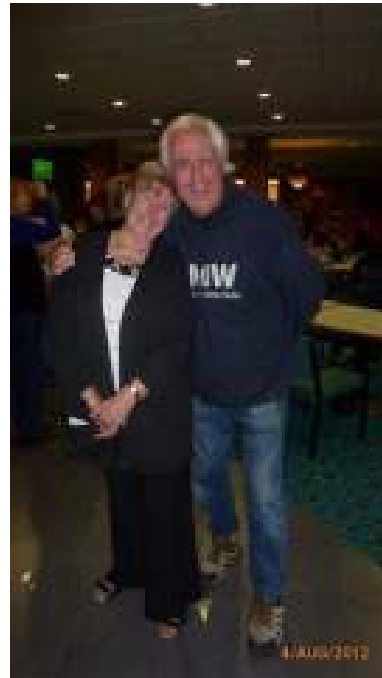
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On the evening of Saturday 4 August, a dinner coinciding with the Classic Bike Show was held in South Auckland. There were seven ex - Presidents together in one place - and it wasn't a rest home! John Samson (Founder and President 1977-1979 plus Editor and Parts Manager), Paul and Jean Hayes (1986 - 88, Founders and Life Members), David Newman (1988 - 1990), Martin Draffin (1992 - 1994), Terry Ellis-Smith (1992-1994 and Life Member), Noel Walker (1998 - 2000; 2007 - 2009 and Life Member) and me, (2010 - 2011 and Treasurer 1987-1989; 2009 - 2010). There would have been eight present if Bob Pinker (1984 - 1986 and Life Member) had not tripped off to Boston!

Also attending were plenty of current members many of whom contributed time and expertise enabling the BMWOR stand at the show to be a great success. We were awarded third place, with the Triumph Owners Club coming first and the Waikato Classic Club second. I reckon we were robbed and next time they should take a leaf out of the Olympic book and conduct random drug testing for the winners!

The collective Register knowledge and commitment gathered in one place was immense (combined membership years totalling over two hundred) and all except one person (due to health reasons) are still riding regularly. The evening was deemed to be a great success and, along with the renewed social theme of the Auckland area membership, we will try and repeat a 'classic' event sometime in the not too distant future.

The classic bike show bought a great many people out of the woodwork visiting our stand, one person, who introduced me to the Register, I had not seen for twenty-five years. As well, it was great to see ex-members Gunter and Mary Kubler who we had not caught up with since the last century. The venue was the Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club and we spent the evening socialising, reminiscing and making plans for the future.



# getting all e-motional

words/photos: BMW Motorrad

More than ever, individual mobility is being defined today in terms of sustainability. Growing traffic volumes, rising energy costs and constantly, increasingly stringent CO<sub>2</sub> restrictions on vehicles in inner cities are the challenges of now and the future. This means drastic changes in the requirements for individual mobility concepts, in particular for conurbations.

BMW recognises these challenges and is developing its vehicles to meet the mobility needs of today and tomorrow. In 2011, BMW Motorrad expanded its activities with the addition of an "Urban Mobility" facet, presenting two serial production vehicles - the maxi scooters 'C 600 Sport' and 'C 650 GT'.

Following BMW Group's sustainability strategy, BMW Motorrad aspires to consistently pursue electromobility, especially in the urban environment, in a similar way to the 'i' in BMW Group's car division. BMW Motorrad will be launching another appropriately premium product on the market reasonably soon.

The concept vehicle E-Scooter was presented at the BMW Motorrad Innovation Day 2011 as the first development stage in this direction. Due to their limited performance and range, purely electrically powered scooters had up until then been suitable almost solely for inner-city use but with its sustainable technological solutions the E-Scooter demonstrated a significantly extended range of operation. Shortly after, the second development stage saw the BMW Concept-e premiere at the IAA in Frankfurt. The third development stage now follows. With its "C evolution", BMW Motorrad presents a near-production prototype of an e-scooter as it might soon go on the market.

Since it was conceived as a future-oriented vehicle for commuting between the urban periphery and the city centre, there were two particular requirements for its development: performance figures comparable to



The near production prototype of BMW's e-scooter as it might soon go on the market

that of a maxi scooter with a combustion engine and a long range in realistic conditions of use.

With its deployment of five fully rideable "C evolution" scooters in a pilot phase, the scooters are being operated in real conditions and within areas which reflect their intended environment. The aim is also to explore the infrastructure, such as establishing a network of e-mobility providers, which might include vehicle rental companies and car-sharing firms.

## Technology and design

With 11 kW continuous output and 35 kW peak output, the "C evolution" has a powerful motor, which should make riding fun! The top speed is electronically limited to 120 km/h. The scooter handles motorway riding and overtaking with ease - even with a passenger. In terms of acceleration from 0 to 60 km/h, it comfortably holds its own against current maxi scooters a capacity of 600 cc or more.

Compared to conventional combustion engines, the electric drive of the "C evolution" also offers significant advantages - at low speeds in particular. Thanks to elaborate power electronics settings, the alternator offers the rider an instant, spontaneous response. There are no delays in torque build-up at all as are typical in combustion engines due to the clutch engaging and disengaging.

At 8 kWh, the storage capacity of the battery is extremely generous and ensures a range of up to 100 kilometres. This means that realistic zero-emissions riding in the big city and in urban environments is no problem at all. As in other areas, BMW Motorrad has been able to draw on synergy effects with BMW automobiles. For example, the "C evolution" uses the same lithium-ion storage modules as are installed in the BMW i3.

One of the main technological challenges was optimum cooling of the high-voltage battery. In electrically powered cars a cooling agent is normally used to cool the battery, however, air cooling is used in the "C evolution" in order to save space and weight. The die-cast aluminium battery casing not only holds the cells with their special cooling architecture but also the entire electronics unit for monitoring the cells. It also acts as a load-bearing chassis element.

The "C evolution" is powered via a drivetrain swing arm. The alternator is positioned behind the battery casing and integrated in the swing arm. Due to the proximity of the alternator output shaft and the swing arm axle, the moment of inertia around the swing arm centre of rotation is minimised. This also provides optimum suspension/damper settings and a sensitive response.

The secondary drive is via a tooth belt from the alternator to the rear belt pulley on the output shaft. From here, power is transferred to the rear wheel via a planetary gear. The total gear reduction is 1:8.4, while the maximum rotational speed of the alternator is 10,000 rpm. The alternator and power electronics are liquid-cooled.

### Energy recuperation

BMW Motorrad has developed a form of energy recuperation which is unique in single-track vehicles. The "C evolution" is ridden in exactly the same way as a scooter with combustion engine. The rider does not have to actively initiate energy recuperation since the vehicle does this automatically whenever possible.

For example, energy recuperation commences when the throttle grip is closed and - as in a combustion engine - the generator function of the alternator creates drag torque which depends on the degree of recuperation. The drag torque generated by the alternator is like the familiar "engine brake" that takes effect when removing the accelerator with a combustion engine.

Recuperation is also carried out during braking, converting kinetic energy to electrical energy so as to charge the battery. Here, a system of sensors is used to tap into the brake pressure on the front and rear wheel brake. When the power electronics detects that the rider is braking, the alternator builds up drag torque, thereby supporting the brake manoeuvre and recuperating energy. By regaining energy during coasting or braking, the range can be extended by 10 to 20 per cent, depending on riding style.

### Short charge times and charging technology based on the car model

The battery is charged via the integrated charging device, either at a regular household socket or a charging station. When the battery is completely flat, charging time ideally lasts less than three hours.

### Technical safety standards

As a company of the BMW Group, BMW Motorrad is one of the very few motorcycle manufacturers to be able to draw on in-house experience and expertise in the automobile field in the development of electrically



Innovative electric drive via drivetrain swing arm with liquid-cooled alternator, tooth belt and planetary gear

powered vehicles. The synergies available here range from the use of the same technical components through to high-voltage technology and the associated safety requirements in terms of cables, plugs, battery electronics and safety shutdown.

This also includes the insulation monitoring device, the high-voltage indicator, the high-voltage distributor and the DC-DC converter which serves to convert high voltage to low voltage so as to feed the 12-volt vehicle power system and the control units.

### Hybrid chassis

Unlike existing maxi scooters with combustion engine, the "C evolution" does not have a main frame in the usual sense. The chassis design makes full use of the advantages provided by an extremely low centre of gravity and is based on a torsionally stiff hybrid composite structure made up of a load-bearing, torsionally rigid battery case (made of cast light alloy) with integrated mounting for the single-sided drivetrain swing arm. Bolted onto this are the steering head support and the rear frame in steel tubing. In urban traffic in particular, the riding experience is characterised by extremely light handling and excellent slow-running properties. The weight is at a level comparable to maxi scooters with a combustion engine.

Wheel control as well as suspension and damping is taken care of at the front by an upside-down fork with a generous fixed fork tube diameter of 40 mm. The rear wheel suspension consists of a single-sided drivetrain swing arm with suspension and damping performed by a spring strut placed on the left-hand side, directly controlled and adjustable at the spring mount.

### Lightweight tyres

At the front, the "C evolution" rolls on a 5-spoke light alloy die-cast wheel, size 3.5 x 15 inches, while the size of the rear wheel is 4.5 x 15 inches. In order to reduce rolling friction and thus make the most efficient use of the electrical energy stored, the "C evolution" has lightweight tyres. These are special Metzeler Feelgreen tyres with optimised rolling resistance in the sizes 120/70 R15 at front and 160/60 R15 at rear.

The battery casing in die-cast aluminium not only holds the cells with their special architecture but also the entire electronics unit for monitoring the cells. It also acts as a load-bearing chassis element.



At the front, a twin disc brake system with 270-millimetre diameter and 2-piston floating calipers ensures powerful, safe deceleration. At the rear there is a single disc system also with a diameter of 270 millimetres and 2-piston floating caliper.

A high level of active safety is ensured by ABS. Weighing just 700 grams and extremely small in size, the Bosch 9M dual channel ABS allows separate regulation of the two brake cycles for front and rear brakes. However, the ABS software has also been adapted so as to control the recuperation process in line with the specific requirements of the "C evolution". The hold brake is activated automatically when the side stand is folded out.

#### Multifunctional instrument cluster

The instrument panel of the "C evolution" has a large, easily legible TFT display which is conceptually based on that of the BMW i3. It has the obligatory speed display as well as offering a wealth of other information, including the battery charge state and the energy balance. The latter is displayed by means of a progress bar, indicating to the rider whether energy is currently being converted into forward propulsion or being recuperated. This information helps the rider in efforts to ride as efficiently as possible.

The front lighting unit encompasses headlamps with high and low beam. The "C evolution" also features a centrally located daytime running light. At the back there is a rear light in LED technology.

#### Colour concept and design

The "C evolution" draws on the innovative styling of the BMW Motorrad family, offering a thrilling, inspiring design. As in other BMW motorcycles, the so-called 'split face' runs across the upper trim section, giving the scooter a distinctive and dynamic front view. The combined effect of the colour "Light white" and the highlight colour "Electric green" reflects the vehicle's specific properties, such as maximum environmental compatibility, supreme dynamic performance and simple handling.

The end



#### "C evolution" technical highlights:

- 11 kW continuous output (homologation according to ECE R85) and 35 kW peak output.
- 120 km/h max. speed.
- High range of up to 100 kilometres due to large battery capacity.
- High-voltage battery with high capacity (8 kWh) and innovative air cooling.
- Intelligent recuperation in coasting mode and when braking.
- Short charging times.
- Synergy effects with BMW automobiles and electrical safety standards.
- Hybrid chassis with agile handling due to low centre of gravity.
- Powerful braking system with ABS.
- Lightweight Metzeler Feelgreen tyres.



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# letters

Dear Editor

It's a strange thing. Tonight I sat down to send in an Area Rep report on a great Auckland ride today. We had over 30 members and their partners, some lady riders and we had 25 bikes in total. We rode to South Head and finished up at the Shelly Beach Café on the Kaipara Harbour. The weather was great, the ride was great, the food was great and the company was great. The GS riders got some gravel. What more could I ask for?

Then I found myself thinking. And the more I thought about this the more I felt the need to bring this to the Auckland members' attention as their official representative. I decided to make it an open letter, without prejudice, to all members who can make up their own minds regarding my opinions and observations.

I do this with some reluctance, but I care very much about the Register and its members, and I do take very seriously the Life Membership given to me.

Will we be riding with the freedom we motorcyclists so treasure in 1, 2, 9 years time? Will the Register still be in existence in 38 years? Or will we be leaving future BMWOR riders so bogged down and saddled with bloody rules, regulations, Area Reps Hand Books!, President's rules, Area Rep meetings in Turangi, Executive meetings in Ohakune, and Area Rep meetings in the South Island? Are we and future Executives going to be tied to a ridiculous Action Plan which I cannot remember approving? Correct me if I'm wrong. Never mind the political ministrations of some members of the current Executive whose main objective appears to be hell bent on moulding the Register into something it was never set up to be. All under the guise of "IT'S GOING TO BE GOOD FOR US, AND WE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD". And if you don't agree with this you're a pariah and a malcontent.

My question is, if our Register is so much in need of these major constitutional changes, why don't you go form you own club and leave the majority of us to do what we like doing? Our organisation has been around for 38 years. Most of us like it the way it is. Just because the Executive is now based in Wellington, do we really need to get all political with what has been a happy, stable club?

If the President had been in the Register for more than 12 months, he may have noticed the constitution has been tweaked from time to time. Indeed, it was Garry our Editor who not very long ago spent an enormous amount of time working on it so we were able to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act. I have yet to find a past President (I met six last Sunday week) who can remember a challenge to the Constitution regarding Rule 5. They were unanimous in their condemnation about the major changes to OUR constitution.

I am bound to wonder what the comments would be if, when the going got tough, an Auckland President came with a statement "WE HAVE HEARD YOU" and changed the AGM venue to somewhere closer to Auckland! By the way, who and how many members did you hear Mr President? Or is it a convenient generalisation?

Does anyone realise, or care, that it will now cost most Auckland/Waikato/Northland/Bay of Plenty members 2 nights' accommodation and Friday off work to get to OUR AGM this year. I know the South Island members have always had this problem. Maybe it will be fixed this year with Barry's remit, and that's ok.

Taupo was and is a fair AGM venue for ALL North Island members to get to in one day! Yes, I know we had an AGM in New Plymouth and Napier and one in the earlier days in Rotorua but they were not contrived for nefarious reasons and were mostly closer to the Wellington region. None involved major Constitutional changes.

I know I am putting myself in the firing line (again) but, in my opinion, moving the AGM to Palmerston North is totally contrived by a few people who do not care about the membership as a whole and are conducting this as "democracy at work" – ram it through at any cost boys! Now where have I heard that recently?

Why on earth in this day of amazing communications are the President and his Secretary travelling around NZ drumming up support for the AGM remits, under the guise of explaining them to us and meeting the members socially?

Surely an AGM in Taupo, a Christmas rally in the South Island and North Island, and a yearly RAG Rally in both islands would give ample opportunity to those who are so inclined to meet them? Are we are paying for this out of our carefully invested subs?

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Our immediate Past President, Rob Hargreaves asked the President for a detailed profit and loss account and sent a letter to him in May 2012 asking that it and another letter be published in the minutes along with the detailed (money in money out) report. He is, and we are, still waiting for a reply and a report. Come on Mr President, what, who and how much are you spending our subs on? Are you holding off to the AGM? Are you changing OUR Constitution to suit the Executive action plan? Are you going to shift "General Meetings" anywhere to escape the heat?

I will close this off now as I have probably said too much. I apologise in advance to any of my friends in the Register for any upset I may have caused them. This needed to be brought out into the open.

Terry Ellis-Smith

Auckland Area Rep  
Past President  
Life Member

## AGM awards

**Mitchell Janssen 2UP Award:** Recognises the effort, commitment and bravery of our pillion riders. The award is for the number of rides rather than distance travelled, since rides of any length can be an ordeal for pillions. To apply for this award, please advise the Secretary of your name, membership number and the number of rides completed by Friday 5 October 2012.

**Oops award:** Carefully selected by popular vote of those present for an off or particular cock up unusual or funny circumstances. The hard part is how to present it so the recipient is glad to receive it!

**Editor's choice award:** Best Area Rep contribution to the newsletter for the year, totally at the Editor's discretion.

**Concours d'Elegance:** Henry Plowright's formal presentation of the trophy for best in show at the preceding Annual Rally.

## 2011/12 gun trophy

### October 2011

Upper North Island harbour tour - Peter Truter

### December/January 2011/12

Lesotho mountain passes - Roger Hogg

BMW G650GS - Cameron Ellery

### February 2012

South Island RAG Rally - Ross Williams

Beware the risks of winter hibernation - Trevor Wilmott

### March 2012

Cromwell concours d'elegance - Garry Williams

East Coast at the 2012 Rally - Marie and Norm Nicol

Gymkhana - David Caesar

Road rides - Noel McCrostie

Wine Trail - Wendy Zemanek

A ride in the country - Richard Cullingworth

GS lites - David Caesar

### April 2012

Hard riding, good fun: the black art of cycle tour marshalling - David Thomson

You can teach an old dog - Floker Liebenow

Alp touring - George Jones

### May 2012

Daves' excellent adventure - Dave Morris

RAG Rally on a tank of gas - Darryl Applegate

BMW got it right - Peter Tibbs

Annual Rally souvenir - Denise Carr

### June 2012

Riding the roads of Thailand - Cameron Ellery

Staying alive - Folker Liebenow

Watch the birdie - Lance Nixon

Tech talk: ethanol and oxygen sensor - Trevor Wilmott

### August 2012

Your new motorcycle is ready sir - Dave Morris

USA May 2012 - Peter Lyner

21st Century conquistadors - Joe Vella

### September 2012

President and Secretary touring - Philip King

2012 national classic bike show - Paul Edlington

Classic dinner - Rob Hargreaves

## Gun Trophy (2011/12) nomination

Please send to the Secretary by Friday 5 October 2012 or hand in just prior to the AGM



Name: .....

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Author: .....

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# 2013 annual rally

The 2013 Annual Rally is in National Park on the afternoon of Friday 4 January and concludes on the morning of Monday 7 January. Put these dates in your diary now and get your registration form in.

We have managed to get a discounted rate for you at at The Park Travellers' Lodge, and there will be ways for you to cut down the cost still further by sharing a room. All rooms have ensuite facilities. Please book directly with The Park.

When completing your registration form, nominate and pay for the meals you wish to have on-site.

To provide increased flexibility for the "long rides" we have a "packed lunch" option. These lunches are currently provided for "hungry mountain bikers" and they come securely packed, and contain good quantities of food. Coffee stops will be included in all the long rides, but a




picnic lunch is probable. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available in the packed lunches and we will ask riders to identify these preferences at a later date.

We have also arranged for a buffet meal to be available for booking on the Friday evening you arrive at the Rally. Please include this option on the form, however, if you prefer to eat

out, there are two excellent restaurants in National Park, but it would pay to book ahead.

Over the Rally Weekend there will be road rides, adventure rides and other events you won't want to miss.

Once you have registered, you will be sent a Rally Pack, which will give you advance notice of what you can expect.



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**Great Kiwi Alps Tour 2013**  
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Arrive 27th June 2013 - Depart 13th July 2013  
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**Programme**

<i>Friday, 4 January</i>	<i>Registration from 2:00 pm</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
<i>Saturday, 5 January</i>	<i>Group photo Concours d'Elegance Gymkhana Short rides – road and gravel Prizegiving</i>	<i>Breakfast Rally Dinner</i>
<i>Sunday, 6 January</i>	<i>Rides (road and gravel) or free day All Sunday gravel riders should order a packed lunch as there will not be a café lunch stop. Optional for road riders, but recommended as a picnic option.</i>	<i>Breakfast Packed Lunch Evening Barbecue</i>
<i>Monday, 7 January</i>		<i>Breakfast</i>

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						Sat – Breakfast	.....	
	Small	Medium	Large	X Large		Cooked	.....	\$15
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White						Sat - Rally Dinner	.....	\$40
						Sun – Breakfast	.....	
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						Continental	.....	\$10
						Sun - packed lunch	.....	\$16
						Sun BBQ dinner	.....	\$25
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*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 said Risk Management Plan.*

# post AGM tour

Rangitikei member Graeme Flyger has kindly organised and offered to lead a leisurely five-day tour of the central/southern North Island departing Palmerston North on Sunday 14 October – the day after the Register's A.G.M. – culminating in Wellington on Thursday 18 October. The tour features some of the best back roads in the region and will be stopping along the way at points of interest including Stonehenge Aotearoa, Oruawharo historic homestead in Takapau, Puketitiri Museum Napier, the Silky Oak Chocolate Factory in Taradale and a scenic homestead set on the Whanganui River.

This tour is designed for South Island riders and partners but will equally suit North Island riders and partners, to join and leave at will.

All roads are sealed with the exception of a short section of hard pack gravel on the Forgotten Highway.

There will be adequate stops for comfort and coffee. Accommodation for the Monday to Wednesday nights will be tourist cabins with en suite.

Graeme will be endeavouring to choose the most rewarding back road routes available.

If you wish to be part of this tour, it would be helpful to indicate your intention to participate by Friday 21 September so that sufficient accommodation is organised. Just let Graeme know your coming by dropping him a line at [gracar1@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:gracar1@slingshot.co.nz) or phone (06) 357 3424.

## Itinerary

**Sunday 14** - Depart Palmerston North riding through Esplanade Gardens, Massey University Campus, Te Aiti wind farm, tour through Oruawharo Historic Homestead at Takapau, lunch at McCauley's Store, Otane followed by a ride to the top of Te Mata Peak at Havelock North.

**Overnight** in Hawkes Bay.

**Monday 15** - Ride to and visit Puketitiri Vehicle and Machinery Museum followed by lunch at Silky Oak Chocolate Factory near Taradale. Afternoon ride over the Gentle Annie to Taihape and visit the Waiouru Army Museum.

**Overnight** at Ohakune or National Park similar to Hawkes Bay.

**Tuesday 16** - Travel the Forgotten Highway – Taumaranui to Stratford, lunching at the Mountain House, riding to Wanganui to have late afternoon tea at a rustic homestead set overlooking the Whanganui River.

**Overnight** at Wanganui.

**Wednesday 17** - Leave Wanganui mid-morning to ride scenic back roads including some of route 52 (eastern side of the Ruahine Ranges) arriving in the Wairarapa late afternoon. Lunch spot yet to be chosen.

**Overnight** in Wairarapa.

**Thursday 18** - 10:00 am visit and tour of Stonehenge Aotearoa followed by lunch at the famous Gladstone Pub. Afternoon ride over the Rimutaka Hill into Wellington, ready to depart for homes near and far on Friday.

**Overnight** in Wellington – make your own arrangements.



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# register business

**Minutes of the National Committee** meeting held Monday 13 August 2012 at the Petone Working Men's Club, Petone, Wellington.

**Meeting commenced:** 7:35 pm

**Attendance:** President Peter Tibbs, Secretary David Thomson and 12 Members. The required quorum of 15 was not met. The meeting proceeded.

**Apologies:** Christine and Doug Stuart, Heather Nixon, Jo Buckner and Garry Williams, Bruce and Virginia Frost.

President Peter thanked members attending, with special welcome to Lance Nixon from Wanganui.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** A motion put that the minutes of the National Committee meeting held on Monday 9 July 2012, as published in the August 2012 newsletter, be confirmed as a true and correct record passed. (D Thomson/D Boyes)

**Matters arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:** Correspondence includes membership renewals; four Australian BMW Club magazines; and a BMW Club of Nth America magazine.

**Treasurer's report:** Written report from Philip King.

Current Account balances

ANZ (00) Acct	\$5,805
TSB (00) Acct	\$11,795
TSB Event Acct	\$3,792
Term Deposits (2)	\$16,000 due 27/9/12
	\$10,000 due 13/8/12

Accounts payable – current

Event Acct – opening funds deposited and reserve from 2011 accounts, \$1,275 yet to be transferred.

Insurance – current for 2012/13 year

Cash movements – 2013 member renewals slowly coming to hand, payments coming to both ANZ and TSB accounts. Large gear shop stock order recently made.

TSB Electronic Payments Banking system – in place with FOBs to hand for signatories.

**Editor's Report:** Nil.

**Membership report:** Written report from John Wuts. Attached the spreadsheets with renewals so far. There are still 38% of our members who haven't renewed yet. I also report that our database now is active until 2043, and we have fields for 30, 40 and 50 years anniversaries. The cost for this software change was \$250.

Pam and I are leaving on holiday tomorrow and there may be members asking where their membership cards/name are. They have to be patient until I get back.

Member renewal rates at 8/8/12 are Northland 50%; Auckland 61%; Waikato 64%; BOP 56%; East Coast 76%; Taranaki 58%; Rangitikei 68%; Wellington 74%; Nelson 67%; Marlborough 28%; Canterbury 53%; Otago/Southland 60%; Total 62%.

**Gear Shop report:** Nil.

**Area Rep's report:** Dave Oldershaw reported that the last Wellington ride was postponed because of a poor weather report. Carried forward to next weekend. Planning for the proposed overnight camp for our November ride is progressing and if successful should result in further overnight camps. Participants will need to be self sufficient.

**President's Report:** President Peter reported that:

1. The Classic Bike Show recently held in Auckland went very well, and our stand was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> prize by the organisers. Sincere thanks due to Paul Edlington and his local team for putting

on the BMWOR stand. 20+ membership forms were taken away by prospective new members. A new BMWOR banner was made for this event and will be made available for other BMWOR events.

2. President, Secretary and Treasurer met about 20 members in Tauranga over weekend 21 July, and five members from Auckland and Hamilton braved a wet and wild day to meet them in Te Aroha on the Sunday. Thanks to Peter and Catherine Lyner for hosting an excellent evening at his residence in Tauranga, and to the Auckland and Hamilton members who rode through to Te Aroha.

3. Five North Island Area Reps are meeting with President and Secretary next weekend. Motel accommodation in Turangi became difficult so we have booked a bach in Omori which should be more economic for the Register and those attending. Downside is that we do our own cooking and bring our own sleeping bags!

4. The AGM is being advertised in the newsletter. Accommodation bookings direct with the Kingsgate Hotel, Palmerston North. Members staying on for a meal are asked to book either at the time they are booking their accommodation at the Hotel, or direct with the Secretary if staying elsewhere. Cost \$35 pp for buffet meal. The Hotel has offered to match up single stayers who wish to keep costs to a minimum by sharing rooms with other single stayers (same gender!). Members can discuss their requirements with the Hotel if interested in this option.

5. National Rally also being advertised in the Newsletter. If Members have already booked their accommodation but have not yet registered, please do not overlook this required notification. We would not want a repeat of the recent "non-registration" hooah that arose at the London Olympics!

6. Graeme Flyger is hosting a five day motorcycle tour of the central North Island, for Members of the Register. The tour leaves from Palmerston North after the AGM, and has been structured so that members can participate in part or all of the Tour. The establishment of regular Register tours is on the Executive Action Plan, along with rider skills training via a professional track-based training facility. Graeme is an experienced ride leader and we are grateful to him for getting the first one off the ground. Full details in the next Newsletter.

## General business:

1. Lance Nixon reported that he had come down to the meeting to discuss the finer detail of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, with President Peter. He reported that he met with Peter prior to the meeting, and has received a full briefing. He will now forward his thinking to Peter by way of feedback.

2. In relation to the proposed five day tour and rider skills training (commented on above), Lance also reported that the Ulysses Club is putting on skills training at three levels – observation; riding skills; and first aid. He is to send President Peter his notes on these activities.

3. Secretary David reported that he is behind in sending out certificates and badges to members due membership anniversary acknowledgements who did not receive them at the last AGM. He is to try and get this completed over the next month.

**Next meeting:** Monday 10 September at the Petone Working Mens Club, Petone.

**Meeting closed:** 8:26 pm.

**Guest Speaker:** Member Brian Zemanek.



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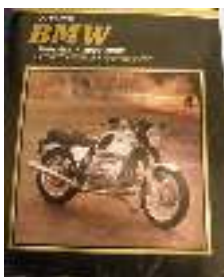
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## FLY spots

Have you recorded FLY spots from your annual rally trip? It's a good start to accumulating points between 1 Dec 2011 - 30 Nov 2012.

- 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.

## AGM dinner

A buffet meal at a cost of \$35 per person will be available at the Kingsgate Hotel, Palmerston North following the AGM.

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Members staying elsewhere, but wishing to participate in the buffet, can book a place by contacting the Secretary, David Thomson by phone 04 2381 505 or email [Secretary@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:Secretary@bmwor.org.nz) no later than the evening of Monday 8 October.

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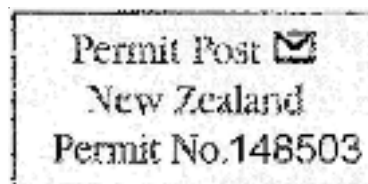
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