

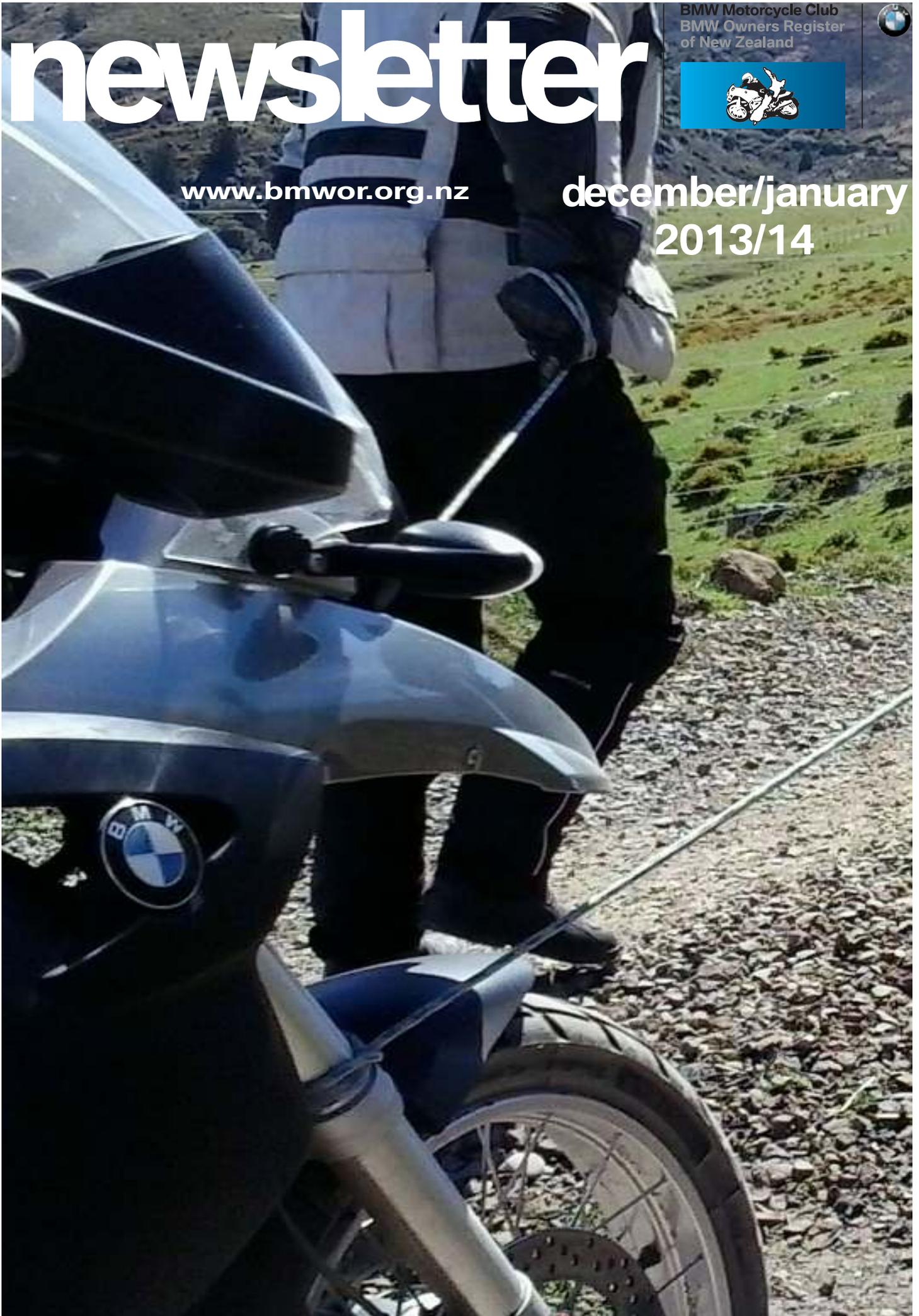
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# president's podium



Here we are then, Christmas rolls around once again and as usual we wonder where the year has gone. Time certainly flies when you are out and about having fun on your bike.

I guess that's one reason why we all belong in our club. Through our Area Reps, we're given great opportunities to share good times with like-minded people. Some of the rides have been knocked around a bit by the exceptionally bad weather lately but not to worry. Our weather systems tend to even out over the year and summer ought to provide some very good riding weather.

I'm especially looking forward to the Annual Rally in Nelson.

This year the judging of the Concours d'Elegance will be a bit different with Rally participants voting for their bike of choice and I'm sure there will be something to suit everyone in the programme. All the information you need about everything that's going on will be in your Rally Pack.

Last year, we acted on increasing calls to move the AGM to the Annual Rally so that more members could take advantage of the one opportunity in the year to give effect to matters of the Club's administration. The AGM will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at the Rally venue.

If you're at the Rally or in the area on this date, I do encourage you to attend. Even though it might seem like "just another meeting", our AGM is important for a number of reasons. The business of the meeting complies with legislative requirements around financial accountability and is the vehicle to communicate accomplishments, challenges and plans for the coming year. It's also where we set membership fees and elect the people you want to see around the Executive table next year.

Even if you feel there's no need to be involved in the decisions taken, by attending you'll at the very least help achieve the quorum required for matters on the agenda to be resolved. You might even influence how high or low your annual membership fee will be next year.

I'm delighted we've received an expression of interest in the Editor's role from Bruce Crowther. Many of you will know Bruce; he's our current Webmaster and has spent time previously as our Auckland Area Rep. There's a brief profile further on in this newsletter.

Ann and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. Our sincerest thanks for your goodwill and support over the past year; we look for to seeing you in the New Year.

Don't forget – wheels down; feet up!

Peter

**Cover:** BMWOR member, KTM Geoff, sets the tone for the report of the Bossu Road GS ride through exclusive pictures from an official test of an Economy Aid that BMW has been testing here in Christchurch. According to official sources it is to be called "The Optimizing Economy Rider Operated Propelling Extra", which is guaranteed to at least double the kilometres available from each litre of fuel. The "TOEROPE" will soon be available as an official BMW part.

A quick call to other manufacturers about this remarkable breakthrough resulted in the following statements:

A spokesperson for Honda said, "As the first Honda 50 Cub made in 1953 is still running reliably and just topped up with fuel for the third time in 100,000 kilometres, it is unlikely that Honda will be offering such a product"

Despite an undeserved reputation that their bikes cannot be ridden past any open fuel station, a spokesman from KTM said, "We cannot see changing our motto from "Ready To Race" to "Ready To Economise" anywhere in the near future, but if KTM were to offer a similar product it would be only available in Orange."

A spokeswoman for HD, who wished to remain anonymous, said the TOEROPE is unlikely to be strong enough, as you usually required a 500bhp Mack to tow a Harley. Many Harley owners have "The Rider Activated In Line Emergency Rescuer" which can also be used as an HD economy aid, with the advantage that parts of it could be chromed. She thought the addition of tassels could make the TOEROPE a more attractive addition on the Harley Accessory List.

A spokesperson from Aprilia said somewhat sternly, "Smettere di sprecare il mio tempo idiota!"

# 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

### bmwor national events

**Annual Rally 2014:** Friday 17 - Monday 20 January at the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park, Nelson. For all enquiries contact Revti and Sue at [nelson@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:nelson@bmwor.org.nz)

**RAG Rally 2014:** Saturday 5/Sunday 6 April. Registration form and booking instructions on page 21.

### 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 Eilerslie. For bookings and information contact: Craig (09) 444 6261

### 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.

### auckland

**Sunday 8 December** - Auckland Christmas BBQ at Malcolm and Sue Sargent's Ranch.

### bay of plenty

Have a great Christmas holiday. Look forward to riding and socialising again in 2014.

### taranaki

**Sunday 15 December** - Ride to Matiere via Whangamomona and Ohura. Leaving Windsor Café, Inglewood at 9:00 am.

**Sunday 20 January** - Ride to Ohakune, returning via Taihape. Leaving Windsor Café, Inglewood at 9:00 am.

### rangitikei

**Sunday 8 December** - Christmas BBQ at Annedion Lodge, Wanganui starting at 11:30 am. Lance and Heather (06) 345 6607.

**Sunday 12 January** - Ride to be decided on the day. Depart Church Café, Sanson at 10:30 am.

**Tuesday 28 January** - Dinner at the Station Hotel, Hunterville from 7:30 pm.

### east coast

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

**Sunday 8 December** - Barbecue at Dan and Rosemary's, 588 Onga Onga Road, Waipawa from 12:00 pm, wet or fine. BYO drinks, plates and cutlery, and bring bread, salad or dessert to share. Meat will be supplied. For catering purposes, please let Dan and Rosemary know if you are able to come and what you are bringing (06) 857 7058.

### wellington

**Sunday 8 December** - Wellington to join Rangitikei for a Christmas BBQ at Annedion Lodge, Wanganui. Meet at BP Mana for a 9:00 am departure. RIC Dave Oldershaw (04) 477 6773.

### canterbury

**Sunday 1 December** - Christmas BBQ at Garry and Jo's, 24 Inglis Road, Okuku starting at 12:30 pm. Everything supplied, \$12 per person.

### post rally - day tour

After the National Rally in Nelson, Peter Unger is kindly offering to show anyone who is interested the beauty that north-eastern Marlborough has on offer.

Starting in Picton, you'll ride a loop of approximately 250 kilometres, traversing the Port Underwood Road to Blenheim before heading over Taylor's Pass Road to the Awatere Valley for a stop at Yealands vineyard.

You'll then scoot out to Lake Grassmere, past the salt-works, and back to SH 1 to take Tetley Brook Road and an inland loop back to Seddon before returning to Blenheim across the Redwood Pass.

Passing through vineyard country, you'll then cruise back to Havelock before returning to Picton along Queen Charlotte Drive.

All the roads are listed in the Kiwimaps South Island Atlas on pages 98 & 106. There are some unpaved roads in this loop, but none are difficult.

If you're interested, get in touch with Peter at the Rally, or give him a call on (03) 573 9006 or by email at [peter.unger@xtra.co.nz](mailto:peter.unger@xtra.co.nz)

## THE ANNUAL

### WELLINGTON OVERNIGHTER

will be on the weekend of

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.

#### **DESTINATION: NAPIER**

Depart from McDonald's Restaurant Upper Hutt

7.15am 

Fuel stop at Masterton. Mobil, north end of

Masterton. 

Short break at Pongaroa to stretch the legs grab an  
ice cream at the store. 

Lunch stop: Wimbledon Tavern. 

Break: Patangata Tavern. Stretch & coffee. 

Accommodation is available at the Bay View Snapper  
Holiday Park 

<http://snapperpark.co.nz/>

Different options for room choice are available.

Please make your booking directly with the Holiday  
Park and mention BMWOR.

 0800 287275 or (06) 836-7084



## welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

Richard Harvey - Upper Hutt

Darryl Payne and Simone Boulton - Paraparaumu.

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.

## 2013/14 continuous membership awards

### 30 YEARS

# 360 Rob Hargreaves

### 20 YEARS

# 1171 Malcolm and Sue Sargent

# 1209 Graham Lewis

# 1223 Peter and June Standing

# 1237 Michael and Liz Alston

# 1252 Kevin and Karon Sargent

# 1269 Peter Archer

# 1314 David and Barbara Lee

# 1316 Campbell MacFarlane

# 565 Bruce Taylor

### 10 YEARS

# 1885 Sue Wilkins

# 1945 Bruce Pemberton

# 2244 Stewart Lockhart

# 2264 Stewart and Aileen Oliver

# 2269 Jim Young

# 2315 Mark and Karen Greer

# 2318 Steve Bill

# 2325 Dan and Rosemary Young

# 2326 John Stewart

# 2329 Trevor and Anna Smith

# 2342 Gordon and Jill Evans

# 2343 John Mortimer

# 2356 Colin Gauld

# 2378 Graham and Sue Smith

## "Six Days on the Road" Tour

22<sup>nd</sup> March - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

A six day tour for those who want to join in. Starting in Upper Hutt with breakfast before joining the Wellington Area Members on their overnighter.

Registrations close 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

The average distance travelled per day will be 322 kilometres and we'll visit Pongaroa, Wimbledon, Patangata, Elsthorpe, Te Mata Peak, Tiniroto, Captain Cook Lookout, Tokomaru Bay, Hicks Bay, Te Kaha, Awakeri, Murupara, Mangakino, Benneydale, Aria, Awkino, Tarata, Te Popo, Mount Taranaki (taking in the view from the eastern side), Rotokare, Ohangai, Ngutuweru, Brunswick, Fordell, Mount Te Kapu, Hunterville, Kakariki, Rongotea, Paekakariki Lookout

The tour finishes in Petone with a wind down dinner.

For more information and to register contact Peter Tibbs, a.k.a Tibsy, on (06) 378 2242 or email [peterantibbs@wise.net.nz](mailto:peterantibbs@wise.net.nz)

This tour is limited to the first twenty registrations.

[Why not join the tour group now!](#)



# area reports

## bay of plenty

The request for people to let me know their intentions on upcoming rides is working well and certainly makes life a little easier when it comes to numbers attending. November's ride to Coromandel town is drawing at least 6 bikes and around 9 people, and the weather looks favourable too.

Our recent overnight ride to Taihape was the start of my quest to find more gravel roads of interest. From Taumaranui we headed south on back roads where we eventually came back out onto SH 4, but there was at least an hour's worth of good gravel. Then it was a quick trip through National Park down to Raetihi where we again peeled off onto numerous gravel roads heading generally south east and back to SH 1 near Taihape.

After a good nights' accommodation in Taihape (\$40 per person) we took to the road again travelling along the Gentle Annie, then back onto gravel for the rest of the morning before looping back onto SH 1 at Waiouru for the return journey home.

In brief, this area has some outstanding gravel roads and scenery to match. I have every intention of returning with a group of others to enjoy the area again, watch this space.

Peter Lyner

## taranaki

Due to organising and riding in the 'Cape to Cape' ride this month I was slightly more disorganised than usual. I sent a text out to members who have given me their cell phone numbers inviting them to join the ride at Whakamaru for lunch. A couple replied they were unable to attend, however, the ever reliable Colin was as keen as mustard.

The Cape to Cape ride started 7:00 am at Cape Egmont so I'd arranged to meet Colin at our first fuel stop in Inglewood. About a dozen riders and bikes assembled at Cape Egmont; a good mix of BMWs too with a couple of airheads (in various states of modification), my 1100GS, Stephen from Wellington on a very nice 1200GS and our international entrant, Jose and his partner Pila, on a fully laden 1200 GSA. As promised, I met Colin in Inglewood and informed him of our 1:30 pm ETA at Whakamaru.

As we all know, the best laid plans of mice and men often turn to custard. The Cape to Cape ride was meant to be by GPS navigation. Unfortunately a few riders had problems with this modern technology. As riders had travelled quite some distances



Bay of Plenty scenery

to be on the ride, co-organiser Phil and I decided to run the corner man system for the rest of the ride.

One unfortunate side effect though was the pace of the ride slowed down a bit. With a stopover in Whangamomona, a few photo stops and a flat tyre (on a KTM of course), it meant that around 1:00 pm I sent Colin a text to inform him we were still in Taumaranui! Apparently he had a nice lunch and a good ride so not all was lost.

Unfortunately, my beloved Beemer had a final drive failure on day two and is currently in Tauranga lightening my wallet. I hope she will be back in time for this month's ride. I will let you know in the next newsletter.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Colin Lister

## rangitikei

We assembled at the Rathole in Bulls for our first ride'n'dine for the season. Not all came by bike, and my excuse was that we brought Paul R with us as three would not fit on the bike.

The meals served at the Rathole are big - really big! President Peter had joined us from the Wairarapa and can attest to the size of Rathole steaks.

We presented the Marmalade Award to Don C for services to the Weta Workshop ride last month.

While we were together we looked at the rides for the first six months of 2014 and assigned some to keen members to manage. We also voted for our Christmas meal on 8 December to be at Annedion Lodge, Wanganui as we were not keen to guarantee a fine day for the original idea of a barbecue at Bason Reserve. This change means that the day will be fine and clear!

Our monthly ride was across the Gentle Annie (anticlockwise). Robin W shepherded us from Woodville following his GPS through some seldom used sealed back roads to Hastings. Robert J kept a professional eye on us from his spot as TEC and, at each change of direction, a corner marker was easily spotted. The ride flowed well.

Taranaki - Jose and Pila





Above: Rangitikei ride n' dine at the Rathole, Bulls. Clockwise Sue, Peter, Heather, Ester, Robert, Grant, Roger, Gillian, Ann, Peter, Rob  
 Below: Robin W checking his GPS waypoint on the Gentle Annie ride. Left to Right: Neville P, Gill C, Robin W, Joy W



Lunch was at a café that was fortuitously not too busy and soon we were getting petrol just up the road. Then the real thrill of the journey began. It is about 145 kilometres from Hastings to Taihape and very little of that road is straight or level. Think "rider paradise" and you'll get the picture. About half way over we stopped off at the campsite and checked the displayed map and the clear steam that runs alongside.

We said farewell to Roger A and Barry H at this point, as they were about to embark on a separate three day adventure in the area, exploring unknown

roads. For the other eleven bikes, the Wild Bean at Taihape was a welcome chance to re-infuse caffeine.

We went in three directions from there; some to the Manawatu, some to Horowhenua and some to Wanganui. Riders and pillions we grinning all the way home, it was a great day on the road.

Our 2014 draft ride list signals some ideas well in advance, and plans may change. We recommend that you check the details closer to the time.

Sunday 8 February - Chairlift Chateau or Waiouru Museum (weather dependent)

Tuesday 25 February - Dinner in the Foxton area

Sunday 8 March - Mike Hyde experience

Tuesday 25 March - Dinner at Brick House Wanganui

Saturday 5 April - Ride to the RAG Rally, Ohakune and visit the Chateau or Waiouru Museum

Tuesday 29 April - Dinner at the Ashhurst Inn (7.00pm Daylight Saving has ended)

Sunday 10 May - Ride to Gravity Canyon, Taihape

Tuesday 27 May - Ride n' Dine at Rangoli, Levin

Sunday 10 June - Poker Run (of sorts) starting at the Woolshed Café, Sanson at 10:30 with brunch

Tuesday 24 June - Ride n' Dine at Halikarnas, Palmerston North

Rangitikei members wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Lance Nixon

## east coast

We were going to meet with riders from Wellington at the Bridge Café on Sunday 10 November but Wellington changed the date to accommodate a local event. We elected to stay with the original date and six people on three BMWs set off from Caltex Omaha Road.

We stopped for smoko in Dannevirke and by the time of departure our number had risen to 13 on eight BMWs.

It was a perfect day for riding with Gerard leading us from Dannevirke, turning off the main road at Oringi. We had the road pretty much to ourselves until we rejoined the highway north of Mangatainoka. We then headed south on SH2 into Pahiatua through to Ballance and the Bridge Café via country roads.

The café was very busy and we were pleased to have made a reservation. Everyone seemed to enjoy their lunch. There was much talk about bicycles and the trails around Hawkes Bay. Other motorcyclists were enjoying a day in the countryside, and at the Bridge Café, including a nice green R series café racer.

Most went their separate ways for the journey home with Norman and me following Dan and Rosemary to the Onga Onga turnoff. Dan led us through the back streets of Dannevirke, which was a pleasant change and definitely to be done again. It was a 315 kilometre ride for us and a little more for Pam, John, Les and Barbara.

Our next event is the Christmas barbeque at Dan and Rosemary's on 8 December. We hope to see you there.

Marie Nichol



East Coast at the Bridge Café

## wellington

After getting a text on Saturday 2 November reminding us of the ride to the Bridge Café (which we had forgotten about) it was a mad rush to see if we could find a babysitter for our two littlies so we could enjoy a much needed break away with the club for a ride, good food and company not to mention finding new roads. I'm pleased to report the babysitter was found and off to bed we went, fingers crossed that the next day would dawn bright and sunny to make for a great day riding.

We woke on Sunday to a fantastic day and, kids duly dropped off, headed off to meet at Caltex Rimutaka at 10:00 am. After the obligatory chat about our route, we headed over the hill with the first pause at Featherston to re-group and confirm it was straight down SH2 to stop at Solway College to pick up some new bodies.

Once at Solway College everyone took the opportunity to hop off, grab some sun and enjoy the warmth before heading north taking in some fantastic roads out

the back of Masterton. We passed through Rangitumau, Kopuaranga and Mauriceville before joining SH2 again for a short while before turning off and passing through Rongokokako, Mangatainoka River Rd, Newman, Hukanui, Nikau, Ballance and Ruawhata, all the while making our way to the Bridge Café.

It seemed to take forever and I'm sure a few new extra twists and turns were put in just to lengthen the trip, but the weather was so good it didn't matter. By the time we arrived at the café everyone was both eager for food and drink as well as getting the leathers off to grab some sun.

The service at the café was great, as always, and the food amazing. We absolutely recommend stopping here again. Silence reigned as we all sat and ate and then the stories started with good discussions about the roads travelled and about what everyone was doing for Christmas.

After a good chat and fantastic food, slightly different routes home were decided amongst the group and for those

that took the Pahiatua Track and home via the back roads of Levin and Shannon, thanks for a good, fun ride.

Thanks to everyone for making the day a safe and fun trip and for opening up some new routes and roads to us. It was a great day out and a well-deserved break from the kids. We are already looking forward to the next ride - and trying to find that allusive babysitter.

Pip and Rob Visser

## canterbury

It's not often the destination and the route is one and the same but that's the case with Bossu Road. It's a route that takes you on an interesting ride from Little River to Akaroa and, when the weather gods are smiling, it's a great ride!

We departed Little River Café, having had our fill of coffee and cake, and headed along Kinloch Road, which starts just west of Little River. If you are coming in from Christchurch you'll be turning right.

Wellington riders joining up at Solway College for the ride to the Bridge Café





East Coast - coffee time!

Kinloch Road winds its way towards the hill and, as it climbs, it morphs into Bossu Road. Jeff Louwman suggested a side trip to a place that afforded us a splendid view of Birdlings Flat.

Back down the road, we motored down Peraki Road to admire the bay where the first settlers arrived way back when. KTM Geoff had already spoken to one of the owners of the farms through which you have to navigate your way to get to the site of the whaling pot and anchor.

We were reminded that folks aplenty were on foot around the farm in pursuit of the ticket to win an Isuzu D-Max 4x4. We only counted a handful of hardy souls so maybe the majority had given up and headed home.

We rode past the farm house and onto the gate. While we were waiting quietly for the remainder of the crew to arrive, a farmer screamed up to us on her quad bike launching into a verbal assault giving us what for. Once she had had her say, we explained we had called ahead and were given permission to enter the farm. She calmed down a bit then and even opened the gate for us such was her embarrassment.

Hot work for Canterbury members on Bossu Road



Wellington at the Bridge Café

Peraki Bay is picturesque and would make a good camping spot, save for the nutty locals. Although first settled by whalers in 1837 it is also well known because it's the resting place of the MV Holmbank which sank in 60 metres of water in 1963. The anchor from the ship sits proudly at the head of the beach as a custodian of the site.

We started back along Peraki Road in pursuit of Jubilee Road and, as we got towards the top, Jeff Louwman's bike broke down. Now, I have to smile to myself for two reasons; firstly because the day before I received confirmation of my membership renewal and within the document was some prose which I can't recall in detail but the tenet was "you appreciate fine engineering, BMW quality and reliability." I pondered this as Peter,

Jeff, Sam and yours truly started pushing and pulling Jeff's bike towards Akaroa, uphill I should add! For good measure that bloody man on his KTM started taking pictures as we used his tow rope.

Once over the brow of the hill, Jeff coasted down to Wainui after which Sam took Jeff home to bring a trailer to recover the bike. The rest of us headed for the fish and chips in Akaroa before heading home in warm sunshine.

Warren Taylor

## photo archives



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

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

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

### How can I send photos?

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

4/774 Beach Road  
Browns Bay  
Auckland 0630

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

# south america top 10

words/photos: Compass Expeditions

San Martin de los Andes, San Pedro de Atacama, Ushuaia - never heard of these places?

How about Uyuni, Paraty or Lago Espero? These are just some of the places that feature highly on Compass Expedition's list of the top 10 rides on the South America continent.

South America is a continent of absolute superlatives; the world's greatest rainforest, largest rivers, longest unbroken chain of mountains, all exist here, and we haven't even mentioned the world's largest salt flats, driest deserts and fantastic ruins.

Yet this is a continent that still remains largely unexplored by today's adventure bikers. South America is screaming out to be "discovered". Undertake one of these rides and the experience will stay with you forever.

## 10 SACRED VALLEY.

Where: PERU  
Begins: CUSCO



Ends: OLLYTAYTAMBO

Beginning in the ancient Incan capital of Cusco the ride climbs sharply out of town and passes the first group of Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman before winding and twisting its way through the Andes to Pisac located at the head of the Urubamba Valley.

The ride continues onto Ollytaytambo across the valley floor bordered each side by incredibly steep sided mountains with views of the snow capped peaks in the distance. From "olly" it's a train ride to one of the world's most recognised sights, Machu Picchu. The sight of this stupendous ruin will blow you away.

## 9 HUARAZ

Where: PERU  
Begins: HUARAZ



Ends: CHIMBOTE

The ride takes you along some of the highest mountains in South America, from Huaraz you can see 23 snow capped peaks all over 5000m. The road continues north through the Cordillera Blanca with staggering mountain scenery all around before reaching Caraz. From Caraz you descend toward the Pacific but not before riding through the spectacular Canon del Pato where you pass under massive walls of bare rock and 36 tunnels. The ride continues onto Chimbote at sea level on the Pacific.

## 8 SERRA RIO DO RASTRO

Where: BRAZIL



Begins: SAO JOAQUIM  
Ends: BOM JARDIN DO SERRA

Ride this amazing mountainous region of southern Brazil. The ride begins in Soa Joaquim and finishes in Bom Jardim do Serra passing through Araucaria forests as the road clings to the mountainside as it winds and twists its way down the valley. If twisting roads with numerous hairpin bends and a sheer drop is your thing you will love this ride.

## 7 COROICO

Where: BOLIVIA  
Begins: LA PAZ  
Ends: COROICO



Often referred to as "the most dangerous road in the world" this incredible road drops over 3000m in 80 kms. Starting in La Paz the road circles skywards and crosses the La Cumbre Pass at a dizzying 4725m, all around are towering snow-capped peaks. The "good" road soon ends and you are on dirt all the way down to the semi-tropical forests of the Yungas, all that in 80ks. This isn't a ride for novices, it is impossibly narrow and when you meet an oncoming truck or bus the rider must stop, alarmingly close to a vertical drop, safety barriers on this road are considered a silly extravagance and one mistake will mean death.

## 6 SEVEN LAKES DRIVE

Where: ARGENTINA  
Begins: SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES  
Ends: BARILOCHE



The road that "Che" passed through on riding La Poderosa 11" an old 1932 Norton. This is one of the world famous rides that some bikers may know of. A dirt road that passes through the stunning Nahuel Huapi National Park. Crystal clear rivers, stunning alpine lakes and towering snow capped peaks all feature on this ride. You eventually hit the pavement again and follow the shoreline of the magnificent 100k long glacial lake of Nahuel Huapi to Bariloche, scenically set at the foot of Cerro Otto. Do yourself a favour and take your time on this one maybe even camp lakeside at one of the seven alpine lakes. Its magnificent.

## 5 UYUNI to SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Where: BOLIVIA / CHILE  
Begins: UYUNI  
Ends: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA



This ride has to be one of the most extreme, remote, yet visually stunning rides anywhere on earth. You ride across the biggest salt pans in the world, the Salar de Uyuni. Riding across these flats is a fantastic, if not slightly hallucinogenic experience; it is as if you are in another world. You pass by Laguna Colorado then Laguna Verde some of Bolivia's most spectacular and remote sights. The ride is staggering in its beauty and remoteness; you cross a 5000m pass, ride amongst volcanoes, geysers and pass numerous flamingo filled lagoons on the way to the adobe village of San Pedro in the Atacama Desert of Chile. Remember don't try this ride alone, some people have tried and died.

#### 4 COSTA VERDE

Where: BRAZIL  
Begins: BERTIOGA  
Ends: ITAGUAI



Often described as one of the world's most beautiful highways, the BR 101 travels south from Rio de Janeiro hugging the forested Emerald Coast allowing views of white, palm fringed, sandy beaches from the steep passes, before dropping down to the beachside itself. Beautiful little red roofed villages cram into protected bays that are dotted with tropical islands. The ride passes the wonderful colonial town of Paraty whose entire cobblestone centre has been declared a national monument. The nearby beaches are absolutely stunning. Get off your bike and spend a day on a schooner sailing the clear calm waters of the countless bays. This ride is a tropical wonderland.

#### 3 CAMINO AUSTRAL

Where: CHILE  
Begins: PUERTO MONTT  
Ends: PUERTO YUNGAY



This is a region of fjords, mountains, glaciers and rare forests, but be prepared to get wet, very wet. The region experiences over 2000ml of rain per year, but the ride is worth it for the unbelievable scenery. The road is referred to as "Camino Ripio" or "paved with gravel" and you will be riding amongst stunning fjords, past waterfalls, turquoise lakes, hanging glaciers and icefields before stopping off at one of the few small communities surviving in the wonderfully remote part of Chile. Don't worry about the wet, you will dry out.

#### 2 RUTA 40

Where: ARGENTINA  
Begins: SALTA  
Ends: USHUAIA



Technically speaking this legendary road RUTA NACIONAL 40 starts in Salta, Northern Argentina and finishes in Rio Gallegos in the south of Argentina and becomes RUTA 3 on Tierra del Fuego, but for the purposes of this list we shall include the ride to the very end of the road at Ushuaia as RUTA 40. This is "the mother road" of South America and has it all, but primarily we are concerned with it as it cross the lonely windswept vastness of the near mythical Patagonia. The rider will have to contend with ferocious winds and vast distances on "ripio" riding through the lands of expansive estancias, sweeping views and a horizon that seems to go on forever. Those who stick it out will be amply rewarded as they cross onto

Tierra Del Fuego and ride the stunning mountain region riding to the very end of the Pan American Highway and RUTA 40 in Tierra Del Fuego National Park, just south of Ushuaia. This is a ride of accomplishments.

#### 1 TORRES DEL PAINE

Where: CHILE  
Begins: TORRES DEL PAINE  
Ends: TORRES DEL PAINE



The deserved number one ride on the South American continent is, in our opinion, the stunningly beautiful Torres Del Paine National Park. The 180,000 ha UNESCO bio-sphere park has been described as a mini Alaska and is crammed with soaring granite peaks, royal blue icebergs, turquoise lakes, glaciers and wandering wildlife. Every corner presents a scenic wonder and you will be awestruck by the sunrise over the towers (torres) as the view is reflected off Lake Pehoe. It will take you at least three days to explore all corners of this jewel in the Patagonian crown. Riding here will leave you with memories that will stay with you forever.

All of these rides are included as part of [www.compassexpeditions.com](http://www.compassexpeditions.com) extensive range of tours, the most comprehensive offered in South America.

Go on do yourself a favour and get there, you won't regret it.





The new BMW R 1200 RT raises the bar yet again for dynamic touring bikes.

The initials RT have always been synonymous with supremely comfortable, highly dynamic touring on two wheels. With its latest rendering in the form of the R 1200 RT featuring a new drive unit and carefully honed profile, BMW Motorrad is once again showing how things are done when it comes to fusing effortless travel abilities with sporty performance.

### More powerful boxer engine

Derived from the boxer unit on the BMW R 1200 GS, the new engine produces a peak output of 92 kW (125 hp) at 7,750 rpm and its maximum torque of 125 Nm (92 lb-ft) at 6,500 rpm.

To ready them for use on the new R 1200 RT, the centrifugal masses of both the crankshaft and the alternator were increased, resulting in even smoother engine running. Comfort has been given an additional boost by using a longer secondary transmission ratio to keep the revs lower.

### ASC and two riding modes as standard

The new R 1200 RT is equipped as standard with two riding modes along with Automatic Stability Control (ASC). The two riding modes, "Rain" and "Road", allow the R 1200 RT to be adapted to most road conditions. The optional extra riding mode Pro, meanwhile, includes the additional riding mode "Dynamic" plus the Hill Start Control function. The sporty nature of the R 1200 RT can be experienced to the full in "Dynamic" mode, while Hill Start Control helps to make light work of stopping and starting on an uphill slope.

### Gear Shift Assistant Pro

The BMW Gear Shift Assistant Pro that is available as an option ex-works represents a world first for production motorcycle manufacture. It enables upshifts and downshifts to be made without operation of the clutch or throttle valve in the load and rev speed ranges that are of relevance for riding, resulting not just in even greater comfort but in added dynamism, too.

Also, an even more agile chassis offers superior handling precision and comfort. Dynamic ESA for optimum riding dynamics in any situation is an ex-works option.

The new R 1200 RT features a new, continuous main frame to give it even greater directional stability. And when fitted with the optionally available semi-active suspension BMW Motorrad Dynamic ESA (Electronic Suspension Adjustment), the new R 1200 RT attains unprecedented levels of riding safety, performance and comfort, with the damping being automatically adapted to

the prevailing conditions to suit the riding situation and the manoeuvres being carried out.

### Optimised comfort

Seating comfort and ergonomics have likewise been further improved for rider and passenger alike. The ergonomic triangle formed by the handlebars, seat and footrests has been lowered by 20 millimetres to make it even easier to reach the floor, something which shorter riders and passengers especially will appreciate when manoeuvring or getting on and off the bike. Thanks to their outstanding comfort and effective wind and weather protection, BMW RT models have always been renowned for their excellent long-distance capabilities, now further improved by the addition of an optimised windshield. The front headlight assembly is based on the headlight design featured on the BMW Motorrad K 1600 models and lends the new R 1200 RT a highly dynamic appearance. A safety-enhancing daytime running light can be fitted as an ex-works option.

### Multifunctional instrument cluster

The instrument cluster has undergone a complete makeover, with the new R 1200 RT now featuring a large 5.7-inch TFT colour display to provide the rider with an even greater wealth of data.

This is where the extensive information from the standard-fit BMW Motorrad Pro onboard computer can also be called up. The display is supplemented by the analogue speedometer and rev counter dials. And for the ultimate in touring comfort, the list of available factory-fitted options includes an audio system with innovative operation via the multi-controller.

### New colour scheme

The model's dynamism, class and comfort are brought to the fore by three new colour compositions: quartz blue metallic and callisto grey metallic matt are combined with the contrasting colour dark slate metallic matt, while the ebony metallic finish forms an eye-catching contrast with monolith metallic matt.



# Sloan (Choppa) Frost - S1000RR Bike Racer

words/photo - Bruce Frost



Virginia and I first met Sloan (Choppa) Frost (no relation) at the 2010 Hot August Night event at Omokoroa. He had been invited to show and talk about his then quite new BMW S1000RR race bike.

We came across Sloan racing at the Phillip Island MotoGP event held in October. He was competing in the Australian Superbike/Prostock class along with two other riders on S1000RRs and two on HP4s. He was the sole New Zealander competing in any class at this year's event. Sloan was a bit disappointed with his performance at Phillip Island. However some good news for BMW, Glenn Allerton, NSW, managed 2nd place on his HP4.

We caught up with Sloan in the pits following his last race.

## Highlights of the new R1200RT

- ◆ Air/liquid-cooled twin-cylinder boxer engine with a displacement of 1,170 cc. Output 92 kW (125 hp) at 7,750 rpm, maximum torque 125 Nm (92 lb-ft) at 6,500 rpm.

- ◆ Crankshaft and alternator with increased centrifugal mass for even smoother engine running.

- ◆ Two riding modes ("Rain" and "Road") plus Automatic Stability Control (ASC).

- ◆ Riding mode Pro with "Dynamic" riding mode and Hill Start Control as an option.

- ◆ Gear Shift Assistant Pro as an option for added comfort and dynamism when changing gear.

- ◆ New chassis with a continuous frame that is even more agile and more comfortable.

- ◆ Semi-active suspension Dynamic ESA (Electronic Suspension Adjustment) as an option.

- ◆ New bodywork in more dynamic design.

- ◆ Optimised comfort and aerodynamics.

- ◆ New, adjustable windshield for even better wind and weather protection.

- ◆ New headlight concept.

- ◆ LED daytime running light as an option.

- ◆ Multifunctional instrument cluster with large TFT colour display.

- ◆ BMW Motorrad Pro onboard computer offering a wide range of information.

- ◆ Innovative audio controls.

- ◆ New colours.

- ◆ Optional extras and special accessories made to BMW Motorrad's customary high standards of quality.

# 2012/13 gun trophy nominees

## December 2012

My S1000RR - Geoff Kelly

Tour de Whitemans - Garry Williams

A presidential ride around the block - Bill Croasdale

## February 2013

2012 South Island RAG Rally - Garry Williams

A Beemer rejuvenated - Neil Barnard

Waiouru – Switzerland of the South Pacific (the diary of a third class tourist) - Grant Aislabie

Sat nav - Robin Wood

## March 2013 (Annual Rally Edition)

Gymkhana - Jo Buckner

Saturday Ruapehu ride - Wendy Zemanek

2013 Annual Rally - David Thomson

Saturday 'mystery' GS ride - Justin Ryan

An unofficial day - Virginia Frost

Sunday road ride - Dave Oldershaw

Sunday GS ride - Garry Williams

## April 2013

Riding Torres Del Paine National Park - Brendan Barbetti

Motomart adventures - Garry Williams

From AJS to GS - Stu Burrows

Rainbow adventure - Tony Haddon

## May 2013

Return Trip - Dave Morris

Resurrection of a fine motorcycle (part 2) - Folker Liebenow

Vietnam-style; a motorcycling holiday - Shahrir Ariff

## June 2013

Three amigos in South America - Kevin Sargent

Pillion's point of view - Jill Evans

Nelson - Kaikoura overnighter (gravel option) - Matthias Otto

Aftermarket screen (F 700 GS) - David Thomson

## July 2013

There's hope yet - Wahid Ahmed

## August 2013

Down south for the shortest day - Rob Gardner

Adventure time - Linda Glasswell

Cracking up - Lance Nixon

## September 2013

Southern Cross road rally (March 2013) - Neil 'Barney' Barnard

Book review (Twisting Throttle New Zealand) - Lance Nixon

## October 2013

Danseys Pass mid-winter adventure - Garry Williams

## November 2013

Wanganui's motorcycle awareness day - Lance Nixon

There's a Beemer in our suburb - Dave Morris



## Gun Trophy (2012/13) nomination

Please send to the Secretary by Sunday 12 January 2014 or hand in when you arrive at the Annual Rally



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Membership #: .....

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# letters

Dear Editor

A huge thanks to Garry! (and the team!) for the outstanding effort on the club newsletter. We've particularly enjoyed the contributions from travellers on their overseas trips - inspiring! Also high on the list, the wonderful colour photos of members' adventures - occasionally ours. Attached are a few from THAT adventure during the 2008 Annual Rally.

While in a congratulatory frame of mind, many thanks to the elected officers of the club, riders in charge, TECs, and Rally organisers for all their effort in making a numerically small club punch well above its weight.

Green with envy, we hope Garry and mates have a truly adventurous trip to the Dakar and look forward to reading about the highlights.

Roll on the Nelson Rally, Merry Christmas to you all.

Warwick and Vicki Ison

[Many thanks for your kind words Warwick and Vicki. I remember our ride - it was brilliant! - Ed]

Garry parks the HP2



Alex considers the meaning of life



Perhaps a poor choice of tyres by Warwick

All hands on deck



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# 2014 Annual Rally Programme

## Fri 17th Jan

1.30-6.30 pm – Registrations  
 4.30 pm – Pilates/Drinks/Gear Shop, Archives desks open  
 5.30 pm – Brief Motorcycle Accident First Aid demo  
 6.30 pm – Welcome/Dinner/Ride Promos and selection

## Mon 20th Jan

7.30-8.30 am – Breakfast/Farewells  
 9.00 am – Venue closed

## Sat 18th Jan

7.30-8.30 am – Breakfast/Registration desk open  
 8.30 am – Official Opening/Official Group Rally Photo/Ride Briefing  
 9.00 am – Concours de Elegance  
 9.30 am – Ride Briefing/Departures Golden Bay/St Arnaud/Gravel  
 10.00 am – Planned non-riding activities/Suit yourself activities  
 4.00-5.00 pm – Ride returns  
 5.00 pm – Gear Shop Open/Pilates/Drinks/Rides Slide Show  
 6.30 pm – Rally Dinner/Raffle/Awards

## Sun 19th Jan

7.30-8.30 am – Breakfast  
 8.30 am – Briefing  
 9.00 am – Gymkhana  
 11.00 am – Ride Briefings/Departures Marahau/History Ride/Gravel  
 4.00 pm – Ride returns  
 4.30 pm – Pilates/Drinks/Gear Shop/Rides Slide Show  
 5.00 pm – AGM  
 6.30 pm – BBQ Dinner/Prizes

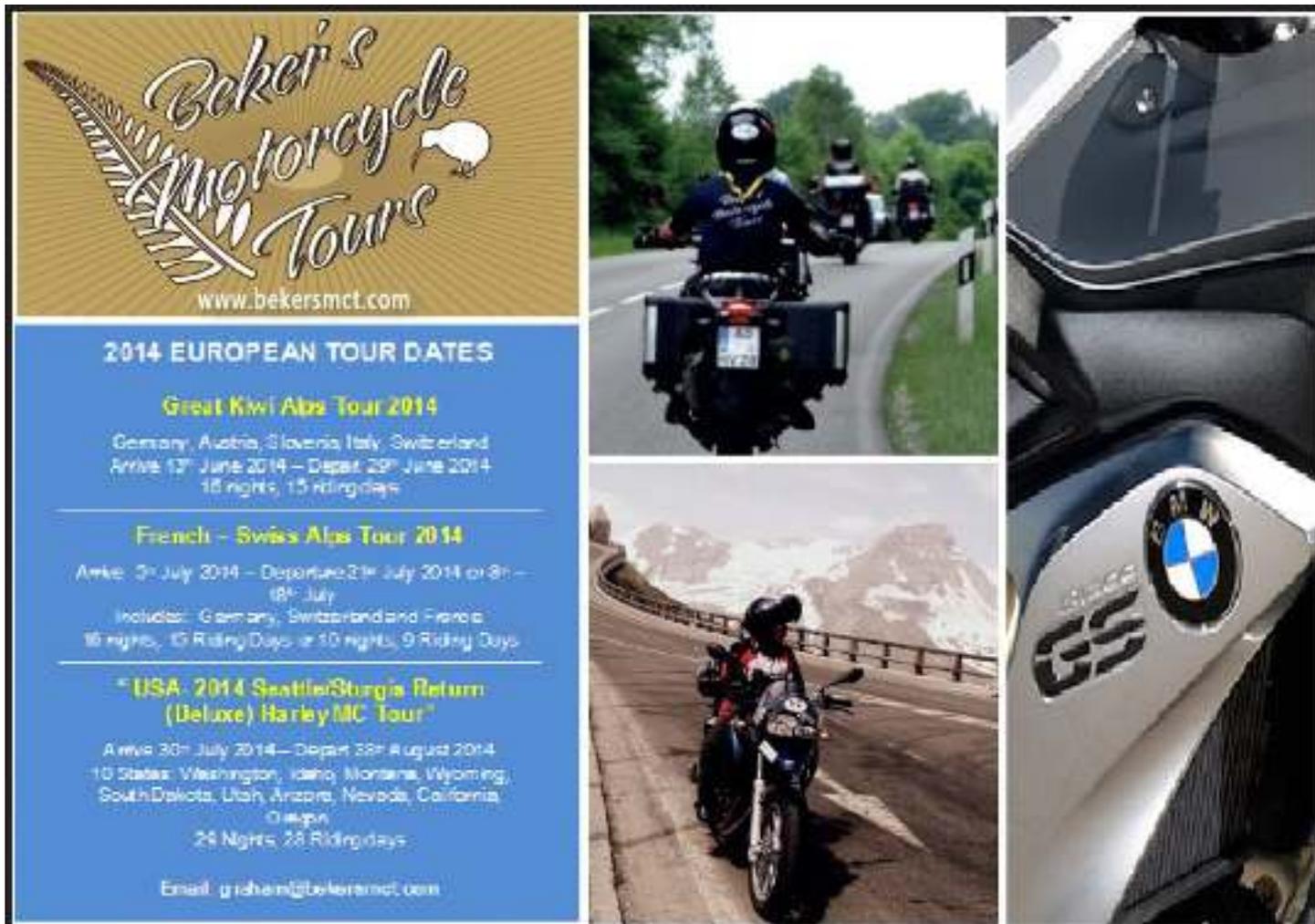
## OTHER INFO

Pilates – Revti's specialty, designed to unknot the body after a ride.

First Aid Demo – Kathy from Red Cross will give a brief demonstration on what to do as a first aider at a motorcycle accident. No charge to the Register but donations gratefully accepted.

Non-ride activities – Walk up to the Centre of NZ, Founders Park for look and coffee, possibly Saturday Market, possibly visit to WOW/Car Museum, possibly Sturgess Motorcycle Collection.

Slide show – we are planning to set up a slide show of photos that riders have taken on the rides.



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# business

## Remit

Following feedback that there is no such organisation as the Intellectually Handicapped Children's Society's Inc (it is know as IHC New Zealand Inc.) and a minor duplication typo in the same clause, the first clause of the proposed remit has been amended. The remit amending the BMWOR constitution at the next AGM will satisfy the IRD that we are indeed a non-profit organisation despite being an Incorporated Society. The remit proposes:

1. That Rule 8 (vi), which currently reads: "Should the BMWOR of NZ Inc. cease to exist, the funds shall be donated to the Intellectually Handicapped Children's Society's Inc." be amended to read: "Should the BMWOR of NZ Inc. cease to exist the funds remaining after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Register but shall be donated to IHC New Zealand Inc."

2. That a new rule be inserted as Rule 8 (vii) that states: "No member, or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the Register in respect of the payment to, or on behalf of, that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever. Any such payment shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being the open market value). The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document, and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document."

3. That Sub rule 1 of Rule 8, which currently reads: "The Society shall operate a banking account with a trading bank within New Zealand. All monies received by the Society and all monies paid out by the Society shall pass through the Society's banking account." be amended to read: "The Society shall operate a banking account with a trading bank within New Zealand. All monies received by the Society and all monies paid out by the Society shall pass through the Society's banking account. No private pecuniary profit shall be made by any member of the Register, except that any member may receive full reimbursement for all expenses properly incurred by that member in connection with the affairs of the Register."

4. That a new rule be inserted as Rule 10 (iii) that states: "No addition to or alteration of the aims/objectives, payment to members clause or the winding-up clause shall be approved without the

approval of Inland Revenue. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any replacement of this document."

## Using your proxy vote

If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may wish to have someone who is attending vote for you on the business of the day. To do so, you will need to fill out the form published in this newsletter and get it to the Secretary before 5:00 pm on Sunday 12 January.

There are two types of proxies; a general proxy and a limited proxy. A general proxy gives the proxy holder the right to vote as he or she sees fit on any business on the agenda that requires a vote. A limited proxy includes on the proxy form the matters where the particulars of a vote are known in advance of the meeting. There's a section for the member to tell the proxy holder the way to vote on that matter. The proxy holder is then required to cast the vote the way he or she has been designated by the member.

For the purposes of the 2014 AGM our proxy voting is, by necessity, a combination of the two types. Because we adopt reports presented at the meeting and allow nominations to Executive positions from the floor on the day it means you don't know what's in the reports or who is standing for Executive positions so you cannot tell your proxy holder how to vote in advance.

You can, however, instruct your proxy holder to vote specifically on the known nominations for the Editor and Secretary roles or the final remit proposed to address the Club's Resident Withholding Tax status (as published in this newsletter). If you select any of these, that is how your vote will be cast for those three matters.

For the adoption of reports or nominations to any Executive positions from the floor at the AGM, your proxy holder will vote for you as he or she sees fit.

## Nomination for Editor - Bruce Crowther

I am recently retired and have had to rethink what to do with my spare time in the heart of Northland. For some years now I have acted as Web Administrator for the BMWOR website and online forum, and I have made the decision that I will not be available to continue in that role after the end of this financial year. That means I will have even more time to fill in between meals.

I am prepared to throw my hat into the ring to take on the Editor's role, if the members of the Register are prepared to risk having me as a part of their Executive. Carry leaves giant boots to fill, and I would



necessarily have to pack them with extra socks, or shredded newspaper to fit them. I think it is better that I bring to the job my own, rather smaller, footwear. I can also bring a reasonable measure of ability to hammer new (to me) software into submission sufficient to make the pages of a newsletter. I have only done a small amount of pagemaking, and not with the flavour of software the Register possesses: the last few newsletters I edited were literally cut and pasted - scissors and PVA. I've spent enough time 'learning myself' new software for [bmwor.org.nz](http://bmwor.org.nz) to be confident of mastering the tools provided for newsletter production.

Why would I want to volunteer? Because I think the newsletter is critically important to the Register. It is the primary source of information about the organisation to its members and, in the shape that Garry has it now, it more than holds its own in presentation and content with any similar publications. The Register could get along without a website (and may have to if somebody doesn't put their hand up before 30 June 2014) but it NEEDS the newsletter.

I do not own a BMW since my last one was written off and I will not be getting another. I never turned a rider away from any BMWOR ride I took if he or she was on another brand of two wheels. We are all bikers of one form or another, and I am still prepared to serve the Register.

Bwucie #1861

(The geriatric biker's caregiver, Jean the Scoot, says, "Good grief, he does bubble on, doesn't he? However he is good at

## spare room

Bruce and Virginia Frost have booked a 2 bedroom unit at the Tahuna Motor camp for three nights checking in on 17 January and out on 20 January. They are keen to have the second room occupied. The unit costs \$160.00 a night so the payment would be half of this. If that sounds like you, phone (04) 971 6654 or email [frostpad@paradise.net.nz](mailto:frostpad@paradise.net.nz)



what he does and he does need to have something to do other than drive me crazy!")

**Nomination for Secretary - David Oldershaw**

I am standing for the position of Secretary. I was born in Lower Hutt and grew up in Wainuiomata. On leaving school I joined the NZ Army and, over the next 10 years, I spent time in Linton, Waiouru, Singapore, Papakura, and finally at the Defence Computer Centre in Porirua.

After leaving the Army, I settled in the Wellington area and went back to school for three years, attending Hutt Valley Polytechnic where I gained a National Diploma in Business Computing and embarking on a career in the IT industry.

I have spent the last 10 years as the Wellington Area Rep and I am currently doing the registrations for the Nelson Rally. It is time to step up and serve the club in another capacity.

David

**Awards**

The following awards will be presented at the Annual Rally:

- .. Fly Trophy for the longest distance covered in a year
- .. Lady's Fly Trophy for longest distance covered by a woman
- .. Trophy for concours d 'elegance
- .. Rick Kirkman Memorial Award for Gymkhana
- .. Gun Trophy for the most popular article published in the newsletter
- .. Oops Award for the biggest mishap
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**Ciao**

This is my last newsletter as your Editor. It has been an honour and a privilege. The role has been hugely rewarding and seeing each edition out in the post to members is the highlight of the Editor's month, particularly when there are such great stories to be shared.

Much of the credit for it being as good as it is goes to many others though. A heartfelt "thank you" to Jo, my very patient proof reader, and to the folding team, in particular Cheryl for the marvellous job she does in coordinating it all.

For everyone who has taken the time to contribute to the newsletter, or to comment on it, my thanks to you - and keep it up. It is, after all, your newsletter.

Garry



**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.**

**BMWOR Executive team**



# Proxy Vote AGM 2014

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of New Zealand



If you are unable to attend this Annual General Meeting but wish to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf please complete this form.

## 1. Member details

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Membership number:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

## 2. Appointment of Proxy

The proxy must be a Member of the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand. You may appoint the Chairman as your proxy.

I appoint either the Chairman of the meeting ( tick) **or**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Membership number:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

as proxy to exercise my vote at the Annual General Meeting of the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand to be held on Sunday 19 January 2014 at 5:00 pm, and at any adjournment of that meeting. If the person I have appointed is unable to be my proxy then I appoint the Chairman of the meeting.

## 3. Voting Instructions

Please complete this section if you wish to instruct your proxy how to vote. If you want to give your proxy a free hand as to how he or she is to vote then leave the section blank.

I direct my proxy to vote in the following manner:

Vote with a tick	For	Against
Editor – Bruce Crowther		
Secretary – David Oldershaw		
Remit – as published Dec/Jan		

Signed ..... Date .....

- For this proxy form to be valid, you must complete it and make sure it is received by the Secretary no later than 5:00 pm on Sunday 12 January 2014. If you return this form without directing the proxy how to vote on any particular matter, the proxy will vote as he or she thinks fit.

**Either:**

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# RAG\* RALLY 2014



## Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka Saturday 5 April - Sunday 6 April 2014

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person (plus \$15 for a badge). Includes lodge accommodation/camping and the spit roast on Saturday night.

**You will need:** a tent and bedroll if you're camping (dormitory accommodation is available for about 50 people - first up, best room), sleeping bag, cup, plate and eating irons.

**Please note:** Each person to bring vegetables and/or salad for the community pot.

**How to get there:** Pokaka is on State Highway 4 between National Park and Raetahi.

**From the North:** From National Park, pass through Waikune and Erua. After passing under the Makatote Viaduct, look for road sign 'Taylor Memorial Lodge and Pokaka' on the right side of road, pointing across the road, in the direction of the mountain.

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Kings and Queens of the Nevis, Cromwell Rally 2012



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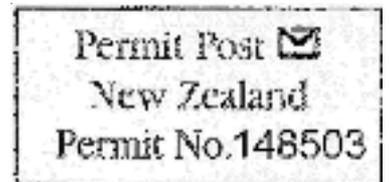
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