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# president's podium



I trust you have all had a good time over the Christmas break. A chance to catch up on all those want to do jobs, paint the fence, mow the lawns, fix the shed roof and so on. Good stuff. Yeah right! We managed to get off to the Annual Rally and A.G.M. in Nelson during January. Ann and I teamed up with five other members on the early Thursday sailing to Picton. What you think! It took them two days to get to Nelson! But it did. We all set off from Picton heading not for Nelson as most sensible people might do. We instead headed for Hanmer via the Molesworth of course. Now I have been though the Molesworth many times as have many of our members. I guess it is the impression that the terrain leaves you with that brings you back to the Molesworth time and time again. If you have not travelled this road before I recommend that you put it on your bucket list. Anyway we all made it through to Hanmer safe and sound after

many photo stops along the way. Next morning saw us all up bright and early and on our way to Nelson via the Lewis Pass. At Springs Junction we met up with other BMWOR members on their way to Nelson. After saying our hellos, our riding party moved onto Murchison but not before making a detour to cross the Maruia Saddle. This is a narrow road through Beech Forests with half a dozen or so fords to cross. This is a fantastic piece of country to ride through. We left Murchison for Nelson but wait, first there was another detour. This time we rode through the Mangles and on to the Braeburn Track. The fords on this road have been concreted or been bridged. This is yet another road that you should have on your list of roads to ride.

Nelson Rally. Well there should be plenty of stories about the 2014 Annual Rally elsewhere in this Newsletter. I will just say Revti and Sue along with the Nelson Crew turned on a superb weekend for us all. On behalf of the O.R., I thank them all for a memorable weekend. We can all look forward to catching up once again in Wanganui next year.

A.G.M. Our A.G.M is recorded elsewhere in this Newsletter. However I will just say thank you to David and Cath, and Garry and Jo. All four of them have made my job so much more enjoyable. Bruce Crowther has stepped up to take on the Editor's role and David Oldershaw has become our new Secretary.

Following on from our Annual Rally and A.G.M. four members from the East Coast area took the opportunity to have a tour of parts of the South Island. During this tour Barbara Ennor became unwell and was admitted to the Greymouth Hospital. It is with great sadness that I report to you the loss of Barbara who suffered a fatal heart attack. Both Barbara and Les have given so much to the Club, our thoughts are with Les and his family at this time.

I recently took part in an International Cycle event in the Manawatu. My role was to carry a cameraman on the back of my bike. This provided me with the opportunity to observe our BMW Club members riding as Marshals. What really impressed me was the way our riders have improved their riding skills since the BMWOR riders have been marshalling on this event. This improvement has not gone unnoticed by the organising officials along with the cyclists. If you get a chance to participate in one of these events then grab the opportunity. Not only will your skill levels improve you will also have some fun along the way. Marshals came from as far away as Dunedin in the south and Auckland in the north. An unexpected bonus occurred when Paul Roxburgh turned up on the start line Saturday morning to run an eye over what we were doing. Now this was great to see Paul back on the bike after having a really awful off and then having to spend a long time in hospital. Paul just didn't leave it with a look he actually fronted up on the start line Sunday morning to marshal for the day. A great job guys, you all did the Club proud. I hope to see you all next year and hopefully a few more new faces also.

I must get back to work now, lots to do.

As always – wheels down feet up, and stay safe.

Peter.

**Cover:** Illustrations were "borrowed" from some of the excellent images Rally goers have posted in the Web Forum at <http://goo.gl/tkuJB6>

Upper image: Compulsory scenic stop, Takaka Hill on the way to Farewell Spit - William Robertson. Panorama from the balcony, Tahunanui - Nigel Heath.

**Apology:** I published an unattributed article in the February issue, "Into the Wild: Riding the Road of Bones". Words and photos were from Compass Expeditions. There can be no greater crime in publication than not citing sources: goes by the name "plagiarism".

# 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

**RAG Rally 2014:** Sat05/Sun 06 April. Registration Form and booking instructions on P21.

### other events

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

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

### bmwor area events

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

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

### auckland

**Monday 10 March** 7-30pm.. Vintage car club Fairfax Ave Penrose.

On Monday March the 10th we have our regular Auckland area monthly meeting. Our guest this month is Andrew Senn who is a co proprietor of Adventure Power Sports in Silverdale. ADVPS is a specialist motorcycle dealer with a focus on touring motorcycles and accessories with an adventure leaning but including road and dual sport motorcycles. One of their intentions is to organise adventure riding events that will cater for a wider range of riders who are not afraid of gravel riding but don't want the 'thrill' of participating in rides that require the off road skills of Josh Coppins, much like

the original BMW Safari's which saw seal and gravel riders socialising together.

New initiatives deserve our support so make an effort to come along and enjoy the banter.

**Sunday 16 March.** Ride to.. Tirau.. Back Roads..Lunch. Meet.. BP Southern Motorway Time..9-00am Depart..9-30am Details... Will be advised on the Auckland BMWOR Site closer to the date. (Think this means BMWOR Forum, Rides Calendar/Auckland - Terry will confirm this next issue, I'm sure. Ed.)

Wive's and Partners welcome  
Terry

### bay of plenty

**Saturday 8 March** - Will be our social night to be held at a venue yet to be determined, however I'm sure it will be a great night. Watch out for my emails for full details and times.

**Sunday 23 March** - Club ride around Lake Taupo passing through the Waikete Valley, then back around Turangi, Taumararui, Bennydale and Wharepapa South. As usual good (sealed) roads, great scenery and of course superb company. Contact me for departure venue and time, see you there. Peter.

### rangitikei

**Sunday 9 March** - Mike Hyde experience. Rob Gardner.

**Tuesday 25 March** - Dinner at Brick House Wanganui 7 30pm. Neil Ross.

**Saturday 5 April** - Ride to RAG Rally Ohakune and visit Chateau or Waiouru Museum. Barry Hawthorn.

**Tuesday 29 April** - Dinner at Ashhurst Inn 7.00pm. Peter Truter.

**Sunday 11 May** - Ride to Gravity Canyon Taihape. Don Cross.

**Tuesday 27 May** - Ride n Dine Rangoli Levin 7.00 pm. John Christie.

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

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

### east coast

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

**Sunday 9 March** - Ride to Waimarama for lunch via Patangata and Kairakau Beach. Meet at McDonalds, Havelock North for a 10:00am departure. Phone Norm on 877 3383 for further information.

**Sunday 13 April** - Autumn ride to Waipawa to visit the Settlers Museum and then on to the Art gallery/Coffee shop for lunch. Meet at Caltex Omaha Road for a 10:30am departure. For further information, contact John on 844 4751.

### wellington

**Sunday 9 March** - Life Education Trust Charity Scenic Wairarapa Motorcycle Ride, leaving from Copthorne Solway Park Hotel, High Street, Masterton Registration from 9.30am. Departure 10.15am Sharp. Cost \$10. This is a 'ride in' to the venue. President Peter and Area Coordinator Stephen will both be away at this time.

**Monday 10 March** - 6pm Social Tea Meeting at Petone Working Mens Club, Udy Street, Petone - Non Members sign in as 'BMWOR'. Guest Speaker to be confirmed.

**Sunday 16 March** - 9am - 4pm Trentham Memorial Park - The Great Upper Hutt Truck and Transport Show - a Lion's Club Fundraiser for the local Life Flight Helicopter. Intent is to have a display of members (and other BMW enthusiasts) machines on display. Hope is the local members will support this worthwhile cause - stimulating awareness of and interest in BMW motorcycles and this Club in the process. Contact Stephen Oatley ([wellington@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:wellington@bmwor.org.nz) or 021 058 1094) to register your commitment to being part of this worthwhile cause.

**March 22 & Sunday 23 March** - Wellington Overnighter Saturday. Ad Page 8.

Opportunity to participate in your Club: Future rides and Tea Meeting speakers: Contact Stephen Oatley (wellington@bmwor.org.nz or 021 058 1094) if you'd like to lead a ride or provide a speaker for a tea meeting.

## area reports bay of plenty

February's social night was held at our house (Lyner's) and we couldn't have picked a better evening. The weather was perfect, the food perfect (well done again ladies) and the company very relaxed and enjoyable, even though the numbers were slightly down due to holidays etc. One or two even took advantage of the swimming pool whilst with us, which is a real asset to our sub-division.

With very little activity over the month of January there is little to report and our February ride scheduled on the 23rd is over a week after my deadline for our new editor, so I can't comment on that either!! Since my previous report I have had no feedback at all regarding suggestions for rides, so please if have any ideas at all let me know about them. Peter.

## rangitikei

The AGM is a distant memory, but this edition of the newsletter will bring alive those memories lost and found after 3 glorious days in Nelson. Congratulations Sue Revti and the team.

We had our first BMWOR ride on 12 January. It was a DIY event, with a group of six choosing to get to Cross Hills via as many back roads as Shane O'B could take us on. All went well until Peter & Anne (Truter, not Tibbs) had to return to base in Palmerston North with an insistent ABS warning light on his RT. This event, just days before the South Island trip to the Rally was nearly a disaster. Peter was able to hire a GS and so all his bookings were

left intact. He liked the GS experience so much that he has decided to swap their RT for a GS. He will be very thorough about the servicing of the braking system. He does not want a servo to fail again for whatever reason.

We gathered again at the Station Hotel in Hunterville for our first ride 'n' dine for the year. Heather was the DIC. (Diner in Charge). A great collection of BMWs (most popular colour was blue) were parked outside, while we were well treated by the staff inside. We presented Paul R with his well deserved OOPS award, with a clear mandate not to seek a second go at this trophy (please).

We gathered for our second ride, with Barry and Barbara P at the helm, at the new BP in Bulls. The idea was to go for a ride to the chairlift on Ruapehu. The practice was to have lunch at Ohakune while the thick cloud made its way down the mountain side. Another day perhaps. The Paraparas were dry for our ride home. Well, nearly all of us. Robin and Joy W went home the way they came, and Mark G did not get under way at all. His bike tyre pressure sensors would not stop flashing and 3 free air devices in a row would not work. As we said on the day, another time perhaps

Two rides this year and two BMWs giving a Christmas Tree exhibition. Too much technology???

A small local group has been formed to guide us to and through the 2015 Rally and AGM. Barry and Jean Hawthorn have put up their hand to be our Chef de Mission. Mark your diary for Friday Saturday Sunday 23 24 25 January. Note that this is the Auckland Anniversary Weekend. See advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are all set for monthly events through to June.

In the next month ( March) we are riding

## welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

Kevin and Helen Petrie - Rangiora  
Koos Schipper - Auckland  
Bruce and Eleanor Morrison - Wellington  
Giles and Teresa Sullivan - Paraparaumu  
Don Rule - Christchurch  
Jenny and Neil Gilmore - Paraparaumu  
Phil Lunnon - Auckland  
Owen Snow - Otorohanga  
Peter and Jenny Nash - Wellington

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.

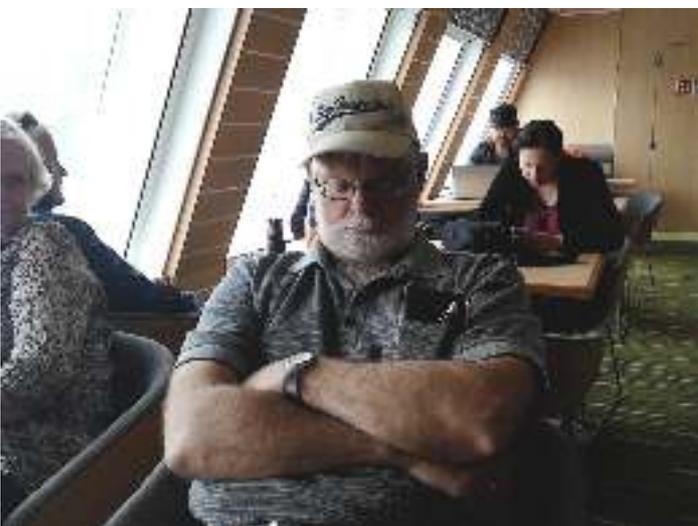
Our monthly newsletter is an open forum for all members. If you fancy having a story (and photos) published about your ride, the rebuild of your bike, a book you might have read or a movie you have seen lately, or just want to get something off your chest about how the club is going, then get in touch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

around one of Mike Hyde's rides from Twisting Throttle ( Rob G in front) and a dinner at the Brick House in Wanganui (Neil R at head of table). April will see us pestering the folk at the RAG for a while, and gathering for dinner at Ashhurst.

Lance Nixon 1550  
Area Representative

## east coast

What has happened to summer? The day of our February ride was overcast with



Even Men of Action need downtime. Rangitikei Area Rep, Lance, snapped "resting his optics" on the ferry after getting all rallied out. (Watch out for payback, Joy.)

## BMWOR RALLY AND AGM 2015

### Update #1

Wanganui is to hold the 2015 Rally and AGM on 23 24 25 January 2015 based at the Whanganui River Top Ten Holiday Park, 460 Somme Parade.

Website [www.wrivotop10.co.nz](http://www.wrivotop10.co.nz)

Email [wrivotop10@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wrivotop10@xtra.co.nz)

Phone 06 343 8402

Hosts Ben and Jeannie

This is the weekend of Auckland Anniversary

Booking should be made directly with Ben and Jeannie. You need to mention BMWOR

There is a 5% discount up to 1 June so get in early

Please endeavour to use the accommodation to maximum benefit of the group. Some cabins hold up to 8, so be ready to share. Better still, become a group and book as a group. In that way will all be able to be on site by choice. But do be quick!

Barry Hawthorn

Chef de Mission

drizzle. We rode up to our meeting point at Bay View and were joined by Bronwyn and Peter, Margaret and Dave, in their cars. When it became apparent that there were no other takers, we decided to abandon the planned ride to Wairoa for lunch and rode/drove to Snapper Café at Bay View for coffee and muffins. Norman took a photo of the only bike on the ride and was asked by an elderly gentleman why he was taking photos of cabbage trees. After coffee and chat we departed our separate ways for home and lunch.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of local member Barbara Ennor. Many of us attended Barbara's large funeral on Waitangi Day. Barbara was a much loved member of our riding group in Hawkes Bay and will be remembered for her service as National Treasurer of BMWOR a few years ago. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Les and family in their loss.

Marie Nichol



A photo of some fine examples of Cordyline Australis, spoiled by some Erk parking a motorcycle in the way. (Norman Nichol)

## wellington

Greetings readers - Stephen Oatley here assuming the reins as Area Coordinator, for a while, from Dave Oldershaw who has stepped up to become National Secretary of the Register.

No ride report this month since the scheduled picnic ride on Sunday 8 February to Tukurumuri in the Southern Wairarapa for a picnic lunch was cancelled due to wet weather. Whilst dismayed that this ride was cancelled in what was to have been my first appearance in a while at a monthly ride, I resolved that this was a good call by President Tibbsy since the rain would have made for a pretty damp picnic!

As one who prides himself in having ridden a lot of less well known places I was curious as to where this Tukurumuri place is. For those interested take a look at the following link <http://tukurumuri.wordpress.com> Looks like it would have been an interesting place - another day perhaps.

The tea meeting at Petone Working Men's Club on Monday 9 was a pleasant sociable evening attended by the regular supporters. Bruce and Virginia brought a couple along who are owners of an F700GS. We're we'll see more of Peter and his wife Jenny at future events. (Check "Welcome" box.)

On the subject of future events, we have no ride organised for March. By the time readers read this, those on the Wellington members list will have been canvassed for volunteers to lead road oriented rides. In stepping forward in the absence of others willing to assume this mantle I explained that my riding is gravel and adventure focussed.

## nelson Rally Thanksgiving

Firstly thanks to everyone who attended. Having decided early on we would treat the rally as one big sleep over with trimmings we wanted members to feel like our guests and you were all the best house guests ever.

The Nelson riders who were able to, all put their hands up early in the piece. There were no frozen shoulders, bruising or crush injuries from arms being wedged up backs. We would like to recognise them personally. Tony Haddon, Nigel Heath,



Dale Grover and his son Ethan, William Robertson, Graham Rogers, Steve Mills, Jerry and Ellie Reuhl, Matthias Otto, Gretchen Holland, Ken Adams and Louise Bell, Peter Wood, Laurie and Yvonne Hope, Mark Borwick, Peter and Heather Lawler, Philip Palmer, and Peter Unger from over the hill in the Queen Charlotte who is one of the family. Thank you one and all.

Without David Thomson's generosity with his time, his patience and wealth of experience we wouldn't have even got started. Thank you David

Thanks also to David Oldershaw who man-handled the registrations - a difficult

task that we had the foresight to forsake. Many thanks Dave.

Then of course there is 'His Nibbs, the Tibbs'. Peter said in the early days, "The Annual Rally is the president's responsibility - don't worry." Of course the temptation was there - "It's all yours Peter!" That didn't happen and the reins were held steady. Thank you Peter.

We owe a huge debt of thanks to John and Yvonne of the Function Centre. The venue was perfect, and the food delicious. Unbeknown to most of you there were last minute changes to numbers and John and Yvonne simply gave a sigh and nodded, "OK". (See why, "Huzadick" P22.)

Thanks also to the Nelson Red Cross, Susan and Kathy for providing the First Aid Demo. We now know when and how to remove a helmet, man-handle the big fellas and do chest compressions to the 'Cancan' without the leg lifts! It really was useful and thought provoking.

Thanks to the generosity of Pacific Motorcycles (no longer in existence), local members Nigel Heath from AML and Dale Grover from Placemakes, and John Glasswell Euro Imports and Henry Plowright Cyclespot Euro the raffle was a great success. We also had enough prizes to award Oops awards for those unlucky enough to be spotted off beam.

A big thanks also to Kate Bradley, Nelson Remax Elite for sponsoring the rally crew T-shirts.

Again thank you to you all for swinging your legs over and making the journey to our neck of the woods. It was a pleasure having you.

Sue and Revti Verma



Paul Roxburgh was not at the Nelson Rally to receive his OOPS award. It was later presented to him at the first ride 'n' dine of the year. He has promised to see that his name is not going on that trophy again. He is using his trusty BMW 90S as a back up bike while he thinks about a replacement for the BMW 1150 RS, slightly(!) damaged. Errr ...written off!!!!



Hori Bay - parked up for a view. Back in the day, before motorcycles evolved into the specialised wonders they are now, they used to be available largely in one colour, black, and one, one size does all, model. They were a cheap form of utility transport, and if you were man enough, your bike would do it all. To prove they are still alive and kicking, here is Folker (in the hi-vis) and his lovingly rebuilt bike out among the gravel scratching chook-chasers. Folker is man enough, and ladies, his contact details are on Page three. (Mattias Otto took the photo, not Otto Phocus.)



Henry Plowright presents Bruce Watt with more product to keep his bike in the condition it was in to win the Concours d'Elegance. And yes, Henry did give him the Trophy as well.



Peter Tibbs presents 10 year pins to Rosemary and Dan Young. (Bill Croasdale)



I would like to thank the members of the BMWOR for kindly sending their condolences on the recent sudden and very unexpected passing of my lovely wife Barbara. We were nearing the end of a holiday in the South Island and like previous motorcycling trips 'down south' were having a fantastic time. The Rally had been great and it was really good catching up with old friends.

After the Rally we travelled further afield with our good friends Carole and Robert. Our final night together was spent at the Theatre Royal Hotel in Kumara, a beautiful place.

Sadly Barbara had a heart attack the next day as we were preparing to leave for Picton and passed away in Greymouth Hospital on Tuesday January 28.

Thank you all for making life slightly more bearable.

Les Ennor #2166

Matthias Otto on the Hori Bay ride. (Tony Haddon.)



Looks like dwarf throwing, but it's actually a demonstration of how to get an unconscious motorcyclist into the recovery position single-handedly. Helps to keep him breathing, and makes it much easier to pick his pockets. (When you are looking for ID, whatever did you think?) (Photographer A.N. Onymous.)

## 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 Pongeroa 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

Those intending to take part in the Overnighter should confirm their intentions with Dave Oldershaw  
04 477 6773



Mark Borwick and Fran Croasdale were told to hang around together, so they comprised an "average unit of humankind" to prevent the world getting out of equilibrium and spinning off its axis.

And that's the long and the short of the story. (Bill Croasdale.)

## Obituary

Barbara Gay Ennor 21/3/1944 - 28/1/2014

Barbara passed away suddenly at Greymouth Hospital while touring, following the Nelson Rally.

She was a well known figure in the club, especially in the East Coast region, where she took part in regular club activities, loving nothing more than joining Les as his pillion. Barbara enjoyed many South Island tours after attending various rallies. She just loved the beauty of the South Island.

Les and Barbara joined the Register on 12 February 2002. Barbara served as treasurer from 2004 - 2005.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Les and family.

This is one Lady that will be sorely missed.

(Photo: Bill Croasdale, words: John Wuts.)



## New Life Memberships awarded at the AGM.

From left to right: Anne Tibbs presenting Jo Buckner with her (and Garry Williams, off playing at the Dakar) badges. Peter Tibbs presenting Barry and Sue Richardson's badges to Barry. Bwucie Crowther proffering his potae to Peter, "No way you are sticking that bloody pin in me, Tibbsy!" (Warren and Lex were not around for photos, unfortunately.)



### 2014 EUROPEAN TOUR DATES

#### Great Kiwi Alps Tour 2014

Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland.  
Arrive 13th June 2014 - Depart 29th June 2014  
16 nights, 15 riding days.

#### French - Swiss Alps Tour 2014

Arrives 5th July 2014 - Depart 21st July 2014 or 8th - 18th July

Includes: Germany, Switzerland and France  
16 nights, 15 riding days or 10 nights, 9 riding days

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### Ten Beemer Motor Riders

Ten beemer motor riders, meet at ten to ride

One's pride a GSA, "Don't touch or woe betide!"

Nine beemer motor riders, dressed up in their gear,  
But one turned up in shorts and tee, his motive was unclear.

Eight beemer motor riders, ride off in the dust,  
Last one chokes so turns around; attitude nonplussed.

Seven beemer motor riders, loose ends at where to ride.  
Now on the road: An ego rush, - bike 4 goes in a slide.

Six beemer motor riders, itching for the road,  
Decide to try some twisties in their neighbouring zip code.

Five beemer motor riders, live up a Kiwi dream,  
a K-sixteen (crème de la crème) the rider is 'the cat, that got the cream'.

Four beemer motor riders, each bike a different use,  
But touring cruising, sports or dirt, turns riders into Zeus.

Three beemer motor riders, ride the alphabet,  
There's F and K and R and yet (each to his own,) - All whet.

Two beemer motor riders at odds to kill the day,  
"Red" elects to see his girl, and revving rides away.

One beemer motor rider, can't find a riding buddy,  
Time to surf the Internet, and Google BM Dubby.

By: Dave Morris - Poet Floreate

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### King Canute's Corner

Terry E-S writes:

"Auckland Area February Midweek Ride for the Retired..

To Shelly Beach on the Kaipara Harbour for lunch, to view the mid day KING TIDE.. Great disappointment?? It (The Tide) was 3 bloody hours late!!!"

Hmmmm..... Shelly beach is Cornwallis+53 minutes. Cornwallis is Onehunga-20 minutes. On 5 Feb, Shelly Beach high tide was 1507 hours. King Canute was maybe early, rather than the tide late, or he could have been late, last "King" tide was Sunday 02 Feb, 4.40 Metres. Tell the truth, guys and cut out the spurious excuses: you just went for a ride because you could.

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## letters to the editor

### (The story behind last month's photos from Molesworth.)

On Sunday 10th November, I went on a ride thru Molesworth station with a small group of BMW club riders.

After an enjoyable morning and lunch in perfect conditions I stuffed everyone's day up by riding off the road avoiding a car (on my side).

Anyway the injury I sustained looked serious, foot pointing 90deg from knee, (later to find out dislocated ankle.)

I was assisted by my fellow riders.

I would like to acknowledge the care, respect and assistance I received, which I felt very humbling.

Canterbury Rep Warren Taylor had the foresight to bring his Emergency Beacon,

which he activated, and co ordinated my extraction, his partner Lex (also Canterbury Rep) ensured I was comfortable, caring for me until the helicopter arrived.

Peter Bath and Geoff Stott also assisted and helped with scene security and my bike! Never did I hear anyone complain that their ride was ruined.

Finally to Ralph Moore, after ensuring my condition was stable, rode back to Hanmer 50kms, drove back with his 4WD and trailer. Transported my bike to Christchurch.

To you all, I would really like to thank you, look forward to riding alongside again and hope to never be a "inconvenience" again.

Cheers Phil Bohnenn.

Dear Ed,

Belated congratulations on your appointment to such an auspicious role.

Back safe and sound from the Dakar, more about that later.

Trust the Annual Rally in Nelson was fun, I'm looking forward to reading about it in upcoming newsletters

Surprised to hear Jo and I bestowed Life Membership, we're honoured and humbled to be included in such an esteemed group.

Many thanks to the Executive Team, our best to you all for the coming year.

Garry Williams

Jean and I were as gobsmacked as Jo and Garry with a Life Membership: we're just folks as does what we does.

Bruce Crowther

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BMW Owners Register of NZ Inc. held on Sunday 19 January 2014 at the Tahuna Beach Motor Camp Conference Centre, Nelson, in conjunction with the Annual Rally.

tStart: 5:00pm

**Opening** - President Peter welcomed all members to the meeting.

President Peter advised that Proxies will feature for the first time at a BMWOR AGM and five have been completed by members and received by the Secretary by the cut-off date. Two of these proxies are held by attending members and three have been allocated to the Chair.

**Attendance:** President Peter Tibbs, Secretary David Thomson, plus 61 members.

Quorum requirements were met.

**Apologies:** Neil Barnard, Garry Williams, Jim Young, Jean Crowther, Paul Roxburgh, Trish Plowright, Terry Ellis-Smith, Noel Walker, Marie Walker, Neville Parker.

**Minutes Of The Previous Meeting:** It was moved that the Minutes of the previous Annual general Meeting held on Saturday 13 October 2012 as published in the November 2012 newsletter are true and correct (J Wutts/I Sowden).

**Matters Arising:** Nil

**Reports:** Secretary read the following reports from Area Reps...

## **Auckland.**

The Auckland members continue to support our activities in good numbers. What was our new radical committee type structure, is now coming up to its 3rd year and proving to have been a successful change.

No small effort being put in by the following..

Ride Committee...Peter Zinc, Tony O'Connor, Richard Kysten.

Social ...Rob Hargreaves, Paul Edlington.

Treasury ...Grant Aislabie, with Sue and Malcolm Sargent contributing and catering for our monthly meetings, and of course our highly successful Christmas Hoedown at their ranch on Island Block Road.

We have had two enjoyable Pub nights and one well attended night at Cycle Spot European.

Rob as always organises an excellent speaker, a DVD, or both, for the monthly meetings.

Our monthly rides have been well attended with gravel options being available on most rides. We are now also able to offer an additional monthly gravel ride, thanks to Linda and John Glasswell.

The monthly mid-week rides continue to be very popular with up to 15 bikes joining us to celebrate the freedom of weekday roads, the joy of being retired, or just escaping from work for a few hours. I must say our partners who join us enjoy the company as well.

Our main event this year was a hugely successful two-nighter to Opononi, Northland. This was a sell-out and we hope to do something similar this year.

Terry Ellis-Smith

## **Bay Of Plenty.**

The past year has been a year of change for our BOP club. In particular our social nights we hold once a month are now being held at our own homes.

This was brought about by members looking for a better way to socialise whilst attending and when in the confines of a restaurant this simply became a struggle. After a few members volunteered their homes and were put to the test it was unanimously agreed that the nights were so much better and more enjoyable, and this was reflected in the amount of people attending. Our ladies do us proud with the food that turns up on the night and never a complaint have I heard since. I recommend other areas might look at this to strengthen their club socials.

We hold one club ride per month which is generally attended by 5 or 6 bikes which I admit is not exactly a huge turnout, but is reasonably consistent and then there might be more "last minute" rides if the weather looks good over the odd weekend. What is good to see are the friendships that strike up as a direct result of meeting on our rides/socials and where they go to from there.

Our members have a definite affinity towards gravel roads of late and of course their bikes have changed to suit this type of riding. Certainly most members have GS versions in one form or another and some like me have bought second bikes to get the best of both worlds.

I have to mention the great support we get from our local BMW dealer Mount Motorcycles along with their enthusiasm to also arrange rides. This gives us more variety to choose from and also people we meet on their rides.

Finally, as with most clubs today we are seeking more new members to keep our club strong. If you are listening or reading this and don't currently partake in our club you are missing out seriously. We have a great bunch of guys and girls and of course the best country in the world to enjoy on two wheels. Don't sit there wondering "what if" just come along and enjoy. I look forward to another memorable year in 2014.

Peter Lyner.

## **Taranaki.**

It has been an interesting and sometimes frustrating year for me, a number of rides have had to be cancelled or postponed due to weather. A couple of rides should have been postponed due to weather! The wind on the return trip from the first attempt to get to Hunterville was a serious test of man and machine.

We have however had some excellent weather for riding and I had hoped to provide an interesting variety of

destinations and journeys for member's enjoyment.

It has been a hugely challenging year for me personally. My wife has been unable to ride with me due to an ongoing health issue, we are in the process of building a new house, we sold the house we were living in and are currently in a rental property, and work has been absolute bedlam. All this coupled with other rides I am involved in organising and friends I share enjoyment of riding with. There has not been a lot of spare time for Colin this year.

I have endeavoured to commit to being a good Area Rep for BMWOR. Sadly numbers attending the rides has shown a steady decline. It would appear that either Taranaki members have other things to do, or the rides I am organising are not what they want to do. Either way I feel the time has come for me to step aside and give someone else a chance. I have a ride scheduled for January and have had a request for a ride in February (which I haven't forgotten Colin ;-). This will be my last ride as Area Rep for BMWOR Taranaki.

I would like to thank those who have supported me during my time as rep, I consider it a privilege to have been allowed to serve in this position. I look forward to continuing my involvement in the register all be it at a lesser level.

Cheers

Colin Lister

## **East Coast.**

The East Coast Area continues in good heart with a monthly ride and also a monthly pub night.

Most months, around 20 members meet at the Puketapu Hotel for dinner on the last Tuesday. On a lovely evening in January we varied that with a ride/drive to the Sawyers Arms in Tikokino for dinner. On another evening, Tony and Maria Jericevich hosted us at their home in the Eskdale hills. Members have also enjoyed dinner at Valley d'Vine, Linden Estate and a mid-winter dinner at the Scholars Restaurant, Eastern Institute of Technology.

Our monthly rides are organised by committee and we have ridden all around the area - to Wairoa, Mahia, Taupo, Tarawera, the Severinsen Museum at Ashley Clinton, Waihi Falls and the Bridge Café at Ballance, and finally in December, a barbecue at Dan and Rosemary's.

We had three interesting overnights - to the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Masterton, to Omokoroa, and a short ride to stay at the Ormondville Railway Station, which was fun.

We look forward to some interesting rides in 2014.

## Rangitikei.

Fellow BMWOR members

We have had a change of Area Rep this year. Lance Nixon filled the shoes that Robin Wood left when he stood down to become our national treasurer... and big shoes they were.

There has been a regular pattern of events develop that sees us gathering for an evening meal on the last Tuesday of the month at a café in our area (we have been to Palmerston North, Feilding, Wanganui, Bulls, Levin so far). We try to give members a chance to have a "my town" dining experience and so share the amount of travelling we do. Of course, riding to the café if an option!!! Grant McR is the one who arrives on his bike most often.

We go for a ride on the second Sunday of the month. Destinations vary, and are becoming well attended. We have seen the inner workings of the Weta Workshops, RiC Don C; crossed the Gentle Annie, RiC Robin W; traversed the lower Ruapehu area, RiC Neil W; and even tried a poker run with Wellington, RiC Lance. These last two were rain affected, but the brave and fearless gave it a go.

We also flew our flag ( a banner, really) at the inaugural motorcycle safety expo held in Wanganui.

Several members put their bike on show, and Barry H kept an eye on them throughout the day. The Memorial Hall with 75 bikes from the local motorcycle interest groups on show was well received by the public.

Rangitikei members receive a somewhat irregular missive called a Fridge Magnet ... it is an email listing the events in the near future, any event updates, and includes the events planned up to June 2014. It is not chiselled in bronze, so it always pays to check out the latest details before you put a helmet on to join us. And please feel free to ... we welcome contact with other areas.

Lance Nixon 1550

## Wellington.

Wellington has had a number of successful rides this year. Highlights include our annual weekend away in February which saw us heading to Pukeora Estate Winery in Waipukurau.

This year has seen us make a greater effort to co-ordinate and combine our rides with Rangitikei.

The end of daylight saving signalled the start of our winter program of shorter rides. The rides have been somewhat constrained by the weather.

A number of regulars have continued to gather together once a month to fold the BMWOR magazine and enjoy a meal together. This is an opportunity for us to meet new members to the register and show them what we are about.

I would like to thank:

- Cheryl Morris for helping to organise the magazine folding. She has done an excellent job.

- Garry Williams for his role as

editor and ensuring the magazine is always printed and delivered on time. Garry's time as Editor has come to an end and we wish him all the best for the future.

- David and Elizabeth Boyes our hosts for the magazine folding and for making their home available

- Lastly thanks to members of the folding team who continue to make their time available each month.

Monthly social meetings were held in the Petone Working Men's Club in Udy St, Petone. For most attendees the meeting starts with dinner and a catch up at the Bistro before proceeding to the meeting proper. The meeting has included a number of excellent guest speakers.

Dave Oldershaw

## Nelson.

Despite the usual weather disruptions we managed to get around to places we wanted to such as St Arnaud, Marahau, Lake Rotoiti, Liger Bay, Penzance, Elaine Bay, Ngakuta Bay (with fine hospitality from Peter Unger), Marfells Beach in Marlborough, Takaka, Ariki Falls, an overnigher in Kaikoura and finally for the month of December we had our Christmas ride to Mapua for fish and chips by the sea.

As far as off road rides are concerned we had strong support and one person mainly responsible for organising rides is Tony Haddon. On many rides there were off road options and some of the memorable were the ride through (up, down, sideways, long ways) Porika to Murchison and we (tar babies) had to wait for two hours for the off roaders to arrive. Another one was the overnight ride through the Rainbow and on to the Molesworth. A big thanks to Tony.

Rides were suggested by the members and we had great fun on all the rides. It was also interesting catching up with Marlborough riders occasionally, especially those from Kaikoura.

In 2013 we also managed to get six more members to join the BMWOR.

And finally as of July 2013 Sue has been very busy with organising the Rally for 2014. Her computer skills surpass mine by a mile so she has been heading and managing all aspects of the rally. I have now named her as the "mission controller for 2014 Rally".

We had a very successful 2013 and hope that 2014 will be even better with more rides and riders.

Revti and Sue Verma.

## Otago/Southland.

Having just taken on the role of organising Otago/Southland rides I can only officially report on one low-key December ride to visit the rather fine Otago Museum REvolution: 100 Years of Motorcycling exhibition. I know that before the winter break there were a good selection of rides last summer and autumn. I remember Arrowtown in the sunshine, I remember being by the sea at Kaka point the same day as a gathering of nifty fifties, I remember a couple of forays into

Southland and several stops in Lawrence (some of these might have been the same rides). But I wasn't taking notes, and I didn't get along to every gathering.

Mostly I want to take the chance to say thanks to Barry for all that he did as Otago/Southland rep over the years. He was already in the role when I arrived in Dunedin almost a decade ago, so there's much more to celebrate than I'm aware of. I've been introduced to a wide selection of great roads and great people, eaten more than a few great lunches, and seen some places and events that I would never have found by myself (there's more to Naseby than curling, it turns out). Like a duck, I suspect the surface serenity belies the effort that goes in underneath. Chapeau! (as the French would say).

Andy

It was moved that the Area reports be accepted (L Nixon/D Oldershaw).

## The following Executive and non-Executive Officer reports were read: Membership Secretary.

When it became obvious at our last AGM in October 2012 with the withdrawal of two nominees and no further nominations for the position of membership secretary, I put my hand up and was duly elected. I made the decision to take this on, knowing that my predecessor John Wuts lives only 40 km away from me and knowing John - I first got to know him in the late 80s - would be as helpful as he could be. This has indeed been the case and I want to thank John for his trips to my place, fielding my calls and generally helping to ease me into this position.

Upon taking on this task we counted 762 members and partners and as I write this we have 612 members and partners. I have enrolled some 43 new members and partners since the AGM. All told, 246 members had not renewed their membership by the deadline of 1st August. A mail-merged letter was then sent out to non-renewers and I have since processed 149 members and partners for renewal.

## Editor.

Hi everyone.

I trust Nelson is treating you well and you're enjoying the Annual Rally. I haven't missed a Rally for a very long time although Jo is there to catch up with our many friends, some who we don't see from year to year otherwise.

But - another sort of rally has been on my bucket list for quite some time. The opportunity to chase the Dakar this year was too good to pass up.

As you're hearing this, the 35th Dakar Rally has just finished and we're resting up in Valparaiso, Chile's third largest city and one of the country's most important seaports.

And a rest is what we need! Following thirteen stages through North West Argentina's canyons and sandy valleys, Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni and the dunes of the Atacama Desert in Chile, we covered a total distance of over 8,000 kilometres, all

on a 650!

Tomorrow, we've got about 120 kilometres to Santiago where we overnight before flying home.

By now, you'll probably know I'm not standing for the Executive this year. I've spent more than half my 15 years membership with the club in one Executive role or other, the last six as Editor. I've had the pleasure of working with a number of Presidents and their teams, each bringing a unique perspective to governance and how things should be done. Nevertheless, all have been committed to doing what was best for the club at the time.

The Editor's role has been hugely rewarding. It really has been an honour and a privilege bringing our newsletter to you. Seeing each edition in print and posted out to members is the highlight of the Editor's month, particularly when there are great stories to be shared.

All of the credit for our newsletter being as good as it is goes to others though. First and foremost; a heartfelt thanks to my wife, Jo. Not only for the marvelous job of proof reading but also for the patience and support she has as deadlines loom, and often pass.

Also, you would not get anything without the folding team, particularly Cheryl who does such an amazing job coordinating it all, and to Dave and Elizabeth Boyes for putting up with everyone each month. These are the ones who make sure the newsletter gets to you. We've certainly missed joining in on these evenings since we moved south. You're such a well organised and motivated bunch. I do hope that whoever the Editor is you'll continue the folding and posting to support him/her in the future. There really is no reason that the Editor cannot be based anywhere with such a great system in place.

### **Gear Shop**

It has been a slow year for gear sales although the fluoro vests have proved a popular item. There is plenty of stock on hand for anyone interested.

The "gear" section of the web site is up to date thanks to Bruce Crowther. Management of the shop is now much easier and more accurate with the implementation of the spreadsheet system.

It is coming up to four years since Virginia and I took over the Gear Shop roll and we feel it is time to move on. Anyone interested in taking on this, not too difficult roll should contact me or one of the management team.

Bruce Frost.

### **Web Administrator.**

Faced with pressure to provide a Content Management System that a layman could use to update our website, and of requests for a Shopping Cart to be incorporated into the site, I invested some time looking at low cost/no cost solutions that would suit our needs.

Our previous venture down that path had been less than wholly successful. The

platforms our site was built on used external servers to generate our site, which provided a site that was slow to load, and extremely slow and tedious to update. The Shopping Cart solution, while robust and reasonably well suited for our modest needs, was deemed to have too high a financial overhead with PayPal's cost. I provided a low cost, not very elegant, plain vanilla html and css solution while we looked for a "better thing".

I eventually made the decision to go with WordPress, because I knew:

- There were Shopping Cart solutions which would work with WordPress.

- Content can be generated, updated and deleted in WordPress as easily as using most "normal" social media blog tools.

- All the required software could be installed and run from the root of our web, on our own server.

- Our Web Forum could (if anybody required it) be incorporated into WordPress.

- The Shopping Cart package I selected would be able to run subscriber only distribution lists for electronic delivery of our Newsletter.

- It was free, as in beer! (Our operating costs for the website tend to get lost from view, because they are paid in advance for years at a time. Currently, Domain Name and Hosting \$382/year. Hosting due Nov 2014, Domain Name 2015. Plus, of course, my massive salary and development fee, \$0.00)

There was one flaw that I was aware of: The version of WordPress I installed required that we had to change our web address from [bmwor.org.nz](http://bmwor.org.nz) to [bmwor.org.nz/wordpress](http://bmwor.org.nz/wordpress) unless we paid a fee to purchase a licence. I am very pleased to report a recent software update has made it possible to revert to our naked address. I make no apology that everybody has had to change their browser bookmarks again, it just looks better.

So, today we have a reasonable looking site (not a prize-winner, but OK), with reasonable page load times, a Shopping Cart that will add up the customer's purchases, adjust inventory in the database in line with sales (electronic, inventory needs occasional updating after manual transactions) and advise the customer how to pay. Content Management across the Site and Shop are simple. The Web Forum has remained the same. I consider the Forum is the greatest risk to security our server has. The software it uses has several anti-spammer plugins already installed that I would need to find WordPress equivalents of if I merged the Forum with the Site. The Forum database is separate from the WordPress database, and that also mitigates our risks. All of the software that runs the show is acceptably stable and it updates at the click of a mouse.

I have endeavoured to provide advice and

services to other [bmwor.org.nz](http://bmwor.org.nz) users in the Register in a timely fashion, and this year I've been able to give myself a pass mark for that. All is now shipshape and easily managed: it would be a good time for somebody else to take over. Any takers? (I am making myself unavailable beyond the end of the financial year.)

Bruce Crowther #1861.

### **Treasurer.**

It gives me pleasure to present to our members the Treasurers Report and Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30th June 2013.

Members will appreciate that this is the inaugural report presented in conjunction with the Annual Rally and as such the position is now somewhat dated although it does give an accurate picture of the income and expenditure over the period in question.

Also in an endeavour to further give members a more accurate picture of the Register's financial transactions I have separated 'Event' income and expenditure away from the day-to-day operation income and costs. I trust this will give a much clearer view of the overall picture of our Register's financial health.

### **Operational Income & Expenditure:**

#### **Income:**

Total operating income for this financial year \$27,608 compared to equivalent income stream of \$27,965 for year to 30/6/12 (i.e. after eliminating Event income). Subscriptions constant at \$20,973. Advertising up \$1.695 compared to last year.

#### **Expenditure:**

Total expenditure this financial year amounts to \$36,783 compared to \$29,296 for the 2012 financial year. A variance of \$7,487.

This was largely due to an error in payments to our printing supplier. There had been some confusion about our account with the print supplier dating back to previous financial year. After much time & effort spent on reconciliation it transpires that we overpaid them by an amount of \$3,659.30. The supplier has acknowledged this error and is to reimburse us in full.

#### **Other matters of note are:**

a/ Admin \$913 up \$563. Includes costs associated with the preparation of 2011/12 financial accounts \$431.

b/ Travel & Meeting Expenses \$3,027 up \$1,337. Includes costs of Exec & Area Rep meetings (accommodation & food) together with petrol reimbursement to participants required to travel to the venue. Also includes petrol reimbursement to President & Secretary travelling on Register business.

#### **Surplus/Deficit:**

On first glance the resultant deficit of \$5,951 seems alarming but we must make allowance for:

1. Credit we hold at our printers as explained above, \$3,659.30

2. The fact that the account for twelve magazine print runs are included

this year compared to ten last year, an extra cost this year of approx \$1,400.00.

3. Production costs of our bi-annual Members Tour Guide, \$1,428.00.

4. A one off payment of \$702.00 for the purchase of a large club banner initially used at the Auckland Motorcycle Show and now available for all future events as well as associated costs of \$272.

If we therefore take into account the \$3,659 (credit owing from printer) and approximately \$1,400 being late payment of a magazine print run from previous financial year our notional net loss comes down to approximately \$892.

Further one-off payments of \$702 for new banner to support Auckland and associated costs of our participation in the Motorcycle Show of \$272.00 would leave a small notional cash surplus of approximately \$82.00 for the year.

This result, when considering we have absorbed the biannual cost of production of Tour Guide (\$1,428), means the accounts remain in a relatively healthy position.

#### **Capital purchases:**

No capital purchases were made this year.

#### **Cash Reserves:**

At year-end we held \$30,000 on Term Deposit that is essentially our Cash Reserve. It is common practice for incorporated societies to hold approximately 12 months operating costs in reserve

#### **Gear Shop:**

Sales for the year amounted to \$975 and closing stock is up \$2,056 compared to last year.

#### **Event Income & Expenditure:**

From the summary of Event income and expenditure you will see that all nationally run events over the past 12 months generated a surplus.

#### **Treasurer's recommendations:**

I am sure that you will all be able to deduce from the Operational result that the Register, whilst in a very healthy financial position, must still be very vigilant and manage its finances in a very prudent and efficient manner. With this in mind I make the following suggestions for members to ponder over:

##### **1. Subscriptions:**

I see no need to increase the current annual subscription amount but I do believe that we should look at increasing the 'Joining Fee'. Currently this stands at \$10.00 single and \$15.00 joint. This cost is designed to cover the extra expenses associated with new members joining the Register (Badge, Membership Secretary stationery/postage etc). It does not. The badge alone costs approx \$13.00 (incl courier costs).

My suggestion would be to increase this fee to \$20.00 and \$30.00 respectively.

##### **2. Accounts:**

The Treasurer's role is a vital part of any major organisation, particularly an incorporated society with the relevant compliance requirements. It is therefore imperative that it is done right. To produce

the accounts this year Secretary David and myself invested considerable time and effort to bring you a set of accounts that we considered and hoped would give a clear picture of the Registers finances. Whilst neither of us in any way begrudged this time investment I feel that to future proof the organisation we should look at investing in contracting a professional bookkeeper to undertake part of the accounting function. Namely the production of the Annual Accounts sourced from the Cashbook compiled throughout the year by the Treasurer.

Many people back away from standing for the Treasurer position. Even though they have the financial skills to manage the funds they feel uncomfortable about the time commitment and their ability to maintain and complete a set of annual accounts.

I have made some tentative enquiries of such a bookkeeper. She seemed to think that once the set-up process is completed there would be a relatively small annual cost. Her charges are \$35.00ph and on the basis that the Treasurer accurately completes a Cashbook she should be able to complete annual accounts for a sum less than \$400.00pa.

The benefits of such a move would be:

a/ Improve the presentation of the accounts.

b/ Leave the Treasurer free to manage the finances and complete reports without getting bogged down in the annual accounting detail.

c/ Negate the need to purchase any accounting software and the training involved when new Treasurer is appointed.

d/ Make the Treasurer's role a more attractive proposition for someone to undertake.

f/ Provides continuity as Treasurers change.

I table this report and move that it, along with the Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2013, be accepted as a true and correct record of the financial position of the Register.

Robin Wood

Gretchen Holland asked if members might agree that a \$20 joining fee would be too high for new members, and if a badge was essential as part of the joining package. Grant Aislabie commented that \$20 is a very small amount in today's terms. Comment from the floor that Ulysses Club charge \$35.

It was moved and carried that the Club increase the joining fee to \$20 Single \$30 Joint, and that new members be advised that the joining fee covers the actual cost of administration and badges. (G Aislabie/J Wuts).

It was moved that the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's report be accepted (J Wuts/I Sowden).

**(Financial report images excised from here, and appended on Pages 18 and 19)**

**President.**

It is with pleasure that I table my report

this being our 39th year. This A.G.M. marks a milestone in the history of our Club, with this being the first time we have combined the Annual Rally with our A.G.M. The rationale behind this is to allow members from both North and South Islands to share equal opportunity in attending this important occasion in the governing process of the Club.

Now is a good time to place on the record that we are all here this weekend enjoying the 2014 Annual Rally as a result of the hard work put in by Revti and Sue along with the Nelson team. Their efforts have made this a memorable weekend for all of us.

Proxy voting for the first time allows members the opportunity to have their voice heard. Voting by Proxy is not a perfect solution to being heard but still better than not having any voice at all. We should all be mindful that the proxy vote could be misused by manipulation in the way of block voting. Any attempt to manipulate your vote in this way should be rejected for the wellbeing of your Club. We should now let the changes settle in, in-order to give them a chance for us all to reap the benefits of change.

I am well aware that the past is very important to members and that we make the past readily accessible to our membership. In order to establish an easy to access record to our first 40 years, Dave Morris is currently in the process of researching our first forty years from our archives. In addition to this he will need help from any member willing to assist with compiling past events. This way we will have at least captured the material necessary to produce a 40 year book in the future if we so choose to. So how about making contact with Dave. He is here today. You could start by swapping contact details.

I, along with your Executive must also be able to focus on the present and plan for the future for without an Executive team that is able and willing to plan ahead our Club could cease to have a future. Each and every member one way or the other has a role to play to ensure our Club's future and I thank you all for that.

Special thanks must go to those who aid the Executive in a more direct manner in order to make this Club the Club of choice. For starters Area Representatives and those who assist them with putting together rides and social occasions. The Club's Web Master who works away in the background to keep the website up and running. The folding team who prepares your Newsletter for posting out each month under the guidance of Cheryl Marquis and hosted by David and Elizabeth Boyce. Gear Shop team of Bruce and Virginia Frost and Archives under the watchful eye of Paul Edlington. These are just some of the people that form the glue that holds the Club together. This glue is embedded in a motorcyclists DNA. It allows us to wear a right way up smile when faced with adversity. You know

what I mean. When you're miles away from anywhere, and your tyre punctures the bike then shuddering to a stop, you step off just as your mates come to a stop alongside your bike. It's then that you manage a big smile and ask them what's going on here – all the air in my tyre has gone to the top. A great laugh is had by all and then everyone pitches in and restores the air to the bottom of your tyre. It's not really a big deal to a motorcyclist.

The message here is clear. If you choose to belong to a Club such as ours there is no place for an upside down smile. It's all about having fun sharing rides and fellowship with others and helping each other where possible rather than just helping oneself. If it's, good times you want then leave the upside down smiles with the Executive and those who share some of the load in managing this Club's future. After all that's what they put their hands up for, it can't always be fun for them.

As I wrote this report, changes to the Executive that I know of are your Editor Garry Williams who has spent six years in the roll, this after serving eight years on the Executive, two being as Secretary. Garry comes in for judgement with every issue of our Newsletter, and with your contributions he has brought our Newsletter up to a standard that most Clubs today would envy. For now I would just say thank-you to Garry and Jo. You have both done us all proud.

Secretary David Thomson. No reasonable President could ask for a more conscientious Secretary. David has been an astute professional in his approach to his role. When I ask something of David it was almost never too much trouble. I am very sad to see him moving on. Special thanks must also go to Cath for her support for David and the Club. Not once was she put out when she found me on the end of the phone wanting to take up some more of David's time.

From a Presidents perspective I could not have wished for a more committed Executive Team. They have all served us well beyond their respective roles. Their commitment to serve has never failed to impress me. They put so much of their own time into this Club for the benefit of us all. On your behalf I thank them all.

I must also acknowledge Ann for her understanding and support, when it would be so much easier to be away doing our own thing.

It is a combination of your support coupled with Ann's support and that of the Executive team that my enthusiasm to serve as President is as strong today as it was when I first stood for the position. I therefore offer my services as president for the coming term.

Peter Tibbs

It was moved that the Executive and Non-Executive Officer reports be accepted (B Crowther/I Sowden).

#### **General Business:**

1. Norm Nichols spoke to the meeting on

the subject of electronic delivery of the monthly newsletter. He recommended that the Club consider the cost savings available and modern mechanisms available, for members who are happy to receive their newsletter not in hard copy. He sees such members being able to access a lower level of subscription. He put the case that the Club has had this option for some time and whilst it has been discussed, to date no firm action has been taken. He has considered the impact on advertising revenue and believes that it would have no impact on the attitude of advertisers in the newsletter.

The Webmaster (Bruce Crowther) responded that the Club has the facilities to provide e-copy now, but he does not agree it is in the Club's best interests to tie it to a reduced subscription.

Norm proposed that the meeting charge the incoming Executive to investigate options for electronic delivery of the newsletter and report its findings back to members at the next AGM. Carried with a strong show of hands.

2. Grant Aislabie spoke on the subject of badges.

He stated that it occurred to him that the Club should issue the new style of badge to all members at the next subscription renewal time. He felt that the Club should have a standard badge style and not the new and old styles that are in evidence whenever members meet together.

Marie Nichol advised that members currently have the option of getting an updated badge style through the Membership Secretary at any time they wish to make the change, so the situation is covered adequately with current policy.

Secretary advised that the new/current badge design was approved by BMW Clubs International, and that over time there is an expectation that this design be the only badge design used by members. But we have time to make this happen.

Tony O'Connor spoke against the proposal.

Grant Aislabie concluded the discussion saying he was happy with the outcome of the discussion.

#### **Life Membership:**

President Peter conferred Life Membership on the following members. In explaining his rationale, he made the point that the recipients had all contributed to the Club at an exceptional and national level.

Barry and Sue Richardson – Otago/Southland

Garry Williams and Jo Buckner – Canterbury

Warren and Alexis Taylor - Canterbury  
Bruce and Jean Crowther – Northland.

#### **Remit:**

Treasurer Robin Wood outlined the rationale behind the remits - that the Inland Revenue Dept would not issue a Tax Exemption Certificate to the Club under our current Constitution. The change would make it clear in the Constitution that no member could obtain

a financial benefit membership of the Club. The wording of the change to the Constitution had the approval of the Inland Revenue Dept.

Robin asked if there is a need for discussion. Answer from the floor – No.

The following Remit (Proposer R Wood/ Seconder G Williams) was put to the vote, and approved. (P Tibbs/G Aislabie).

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 the 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.”

#### **Elections:**

##### **President**

The incumbent Peter Tibbs advised that

he is willing to stand as President for a further year.

No further nominations were received from the floor.

Peter's appointment was approved by acclamation.

**Vice President**

President Peter spoke of his desire to have someone stand as a Vice President of the Club to bring a broader perspective to the Executive. The current Executive has no South Island representation. He invited nominations from the floor.

Tony O'Connor asked what the financial implications were of appointing a South Island member to the Executive. President Peter responded that most Exec meetings were now held using electronic communication rather than in-person, but that from time to time there would be additional costs involved as a result, and that the Club should be prepared to meet these costs as a cost of having wide representation on the Exec.

It was agreed that over the coming year a Vice President would be head hunted from the South Island to give the Club a little more balance between the North Island and South Island on the Executive.

**Secretary**

The incumbent David Thomson is standing down from the role.

David Oldershaw has accepted a nomination to stand as Secretary, and his bio notes have been published in the newsletter.

There being no further nominations, David Oldershaw was appointed and approved by acclamation.

**Treasurer**

The incumbent Robin Wood advised that he is willing to stand as Treasurer for a further year.

There being no further nominations, Robin Wood was appointed and approved by acclamation.

**Editor**

The incumbent Garry Williams is standing down from the role.

Bruce Crowther has accepted a nomination to stand as Editor.

There being no further nominations, Bruce Crowther was appointed and approved by acclamation.

**Membership Secretary**

The incumbent Folker Liebenow is willing to stand as Membership Secretary for a further year.

There being no further nominations, Folker Liebenow was appointed and approved by acclamation.

**Long Service Awards;**

10 year membership badges were presented to Rosemary and Dan Young, from East Coast.

**Other Awards:**

The Gun Trophy for most popular newsletter article in 2013.

The Editor's Choice Award for best Area Rep contributions over 2013.

The Mitchell-Jansen Two-Up Award for outstanding pillion.

The Ooops Award for an outstanding

mishap in 2013.

The Henry Plowright Concours de Elegance Award for best bike on show at the rally.

Presentation of the above awards was held over to take place later in the evening at the rally BBQ.

**The Annual General Meeting Closed at 6:37pm.**

**And the winners were:**

**The Gun Trophy** for most popular newsletter article in 2013 Jill Evans for her "Pillion Point of View" article.

**The Editor's Choice Award** for best Area Rep contributions over 2013 - Marie Nichol on behalf of East Coast.

**The Mitchell-Jansen Two-Up Award** for outstanding pillion - Vicki Ison.

**The Ooops Award** for an outstanding mishap in 2013 - Paul Roxburgh.

**The Henry Plowright Concours de Elegance Award** for best bike on show at the rally - Bruce Watt.

**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:

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

**BMW Owners Register of NZ Incorporated**

**Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2013**

	2013	2012
<b>Assets:</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Stock	\$ 5,461	\$ 3,405
ANZ Chq a/c		\$ 19,567
TSB Chq a/c	\$ 4,629	\$ 3,235
Event a/c	\$ 6,426	
ANZ Term Deposits	\$ -	\$ 26,000
TSB Term Investments	\$ 30,000	
<b>Total Current Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 46,516</b>	<b>\$ 52,206</b>
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>		
Computer Assets	\$ 546	
Less Accum Dep	\$ 262	
<b>Total Fixed Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 284</b>	<b>\$ 546</b>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 46,800</b>	<b>\$ 52,752</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
	nil	nil
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 46,800</b>	<b>\$ 52,752</b>

**MEMBERS FUNDS as at 30 June 2013**

Net Assets 30 June 2012	\$ 52,752
Less Cash Loss year to 30 June 2013	\$ (5,951)
<b>Assets 30 June 2013</b>	<b>\$ 46,801</b>

## BMW Owners Register of NZ Incorporated

### Statement of Income & Expenditure 12 months to 30th June 2013

	2013	2012
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	\$ 20,973	\$ 20,991
Advertising	\$ 5,735	\$ 1,640
AGM	\$	\$ 2,034
Donations	\$ 100	
Interest Gross	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,299
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 27,808</b>	<b>\$ 27,965</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Printing Costs	\$ 22,459	17657
Postage	\$ 5,753	3783
Administration	\$ 913	350
Advertising		550
AGM Costs	\$ 772	1967
Badges	\$ 1,008	1746
Christmas Subsidy	\$ 674	610
Insurance	\$ 460	460
Website costs	\$ 518	1182
Travel & Meeting Exp (incl Area Rep Meeting)	\$ 3,027	1650
Bank Fees	\$ 197	584
Stationery		1646
Banner for Eleralia Bike Show	\$ 702	
Publicity Eleralia Bike Show	\$ 273	
RWT on Interest Received	\$ 79	71
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 36,733</b>	<b>29296</b>
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ (9,175)</b>	<b>\$ (1,331)</b>
<b>NET CASH CONTRIBUTION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR FROM SPECIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		
Shop	\$ 158	1778
2013 National Rally - Nat Park	\$ 2,017	
2014 National Rally - Nelson	\$ (1,091)	2192
North Island RAG Rally	\$ 430	
2013 Marshalling (NZ Cycle Classic)	\$ 20	
2012 Marshalling (NZ Cycle Classic) exp held over from previous year	\$ (280)	420
	\$ 3,466	4390
<b>NET DEFICIT/SURPLUS FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES</b>		
Equipment Written Off	\$ (5,688)	\$ 3,058
Depreciation	\$ (262)	504
<b>NET DEFICIT/SURPLUS AFTER DEPRECIATION AND WRITEOFFS.</b>	<b>\$ (5,951)</b>	<b>\$ 772</b>

### Another Oooops!

Our members seem to delight, sometimes, in finding novel and interesting ways to damage themselves. This from Colin Lister, poor fella:

Hi Bruce

I intended to send a ride report for my final ride but due to a wee motor vehicle accident (no I didnt fall off my bike, a truck ran into my tractor) I am on restricted duties until further notice! No driving, lifting, reading, computers etc.

I will send it for inclusion in next month's Newsletter

Cheers

Colin

Geez Louise, that has to smart. Hope you heal up soon, and the tractor is not beyond redemption.

<b>SUMMARY OF NET CASH GENERATED BY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	
<b>SHOP GEAR</b>	
Opening Balance	\$ 3,432
Purchases	\$ 2,873
	\$ 6,278
<b>ISS.</b>	
Sales	\$ 975
Closing Stock	\$ 5,461
	\$ 6,436
<b>CASH SURPLUS GENERATED</b>	<b>\$ 158</b>
<b>NATIONAL RALLY (NATIONAL PARK 2013)</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Registration	\$ 12,716
<b>Less Expenses</b>	
Accommodation and Meals	\$ 8,436
Admin plus Raffle prizes	\$ 1,288
Teeges	\$ 182
Shirts	\$ 368
	\$ 10,719
<b>CASH SURPLUS FROM TRANSACTIONS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 2,017</b>
Note: These transactions took place within this financial year. They do not include transactions for the rally that took place in the previous financial year.	
<b>NATIONAL RALLY ( NELSON 2014)</b>	
<b>Advance Transactions</b>	
Registration	\$ 1,554
Expenses	\$ 1403
<b>CASH FLOW IN ADVANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,091</b>
Note: These are advance transactions for the next rally.	
<b>NORTH ISLAND RAG RALLY</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Registration	\$ 1,056
Teeges	\$ 105
	\$ 1,160
<b>Less Expenses</b>	
Accommodation	\$ 300
Coffee	\$ 315
Badges	\$ 63
	\$ 678
<b>CASH FLOW SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 480</b>
Note: This is the net result for this event.	
<b>2013 NZ CYCLE CLASSIC (Marshalling)</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Event Proceeds	\$ 2,000
<b>Less Expenses</b>	
Accommodation	\$ 380
Rider reimbursement	\$ 1,600
	\$ 1,990
<b>CASH FLOW SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>
Note: This is the full result for this event.	
<b>2012 NZ CYCLE CLASSIC (Marshalling)</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	
(All income accounted for last financial year.)	\$
<b>Less Expenses</b>	
Rider reimbursement not claimed from previous year	\$ 280
<b>CASH FLOW DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ (280)</b>
Note: These transactions took place within this financial year. They do not include transactions for this event that took place in the previous financial year. Overall, the event came out "in square".	



**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 (domitory accommodation is available for about 50 people - first up, best room), sleeping bag, cup, plate and eating utensils.

**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 Raetihi.

**From the North:** From National Park, pass through Waikare and Piria. 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.

**From the South:** From Raetihi, pass through Tahurangi Junction (joints up with highway 49 and Ohakune) Hospital, then look for road sign 'Taylor Memorial Lodge and Pokaka' on left side of road, pointing across the road, in the direction of the mountain.

To secure and pay for your entry, **either:**

- ◆ fill out the booking form below, attach your cheque and post it to RAG Rally, PO Box 109-245, Newmarket, Auckland 1149; **OR**
- ◆ send an email to [secretary@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:secretary@bmwor.org.nz) with RAG Rally in the subject line with the details required on the booking form below in the text and pay by internet banking to the BMWOR "Event" account 15 3973 0032424 00 (please include your surname as the payee and "RAG" as a reference).

**Please note:** 2014 RAG Rally badges will only be available for entries received by 5:00 pm **FRIDAY 7 MARCH**, otherwise bookings must be received by **Friday 21 March** for entering purposes.

## 2014 RAG RALLY BOOKING FORM



BMW Motorcycle Club  
BMW Owners Register  
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Name ..... Membership No .....

Please book me and the following people:

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Number of people attending ..... @ \$35.00 each = \$ .....

Number of badges required ..... @ \$15.00 each = \$ .....

My cheque for \$ ..... is attached

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**Gore-Tex Adventure riding jacket** size XL, MSR I.S.D.E. 6 day enduro model. Included body armour shirt, Fly MotoX pants 38" and knee guards. \$300.

Ph Richard Kuysten 021 993 708 richard.kuysten@hotmail.com (1)

## wanted

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## Huzadick?

**A column for silliness, when space permits:** feel free to serve up your mates! ([editor@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:editor@bmwor.org.nz))

So, there I was, just before the AGM, standing talking to an odd Dutch fella from the East Coast, and he was busy telling me he booked his accommodation and travel, and duly turned up at Tahunanui. Then he found out he hadn't registered for the Rally. Oops!

My question at this point was, "John, you do know what position I'm up for at the AGM, don't you?"

You just let the Editor know, Mr Wuts, good onya.

The same editor flies back to Auckland after the AGM, goes to pay to get his car out of the parking, puts in his brand-new Mastercard, and enters the PIN for his old, sliced, and diced Visa three times, wondering what is wrong. Oops!

**March favourite typo (since corrected):** Garry Williams, Editor Report to the AGM, "It really has been an honour and a privilege **brining** our newsletter to you." Oops!

No wonder it sometimes read as though the Editor was pickled.

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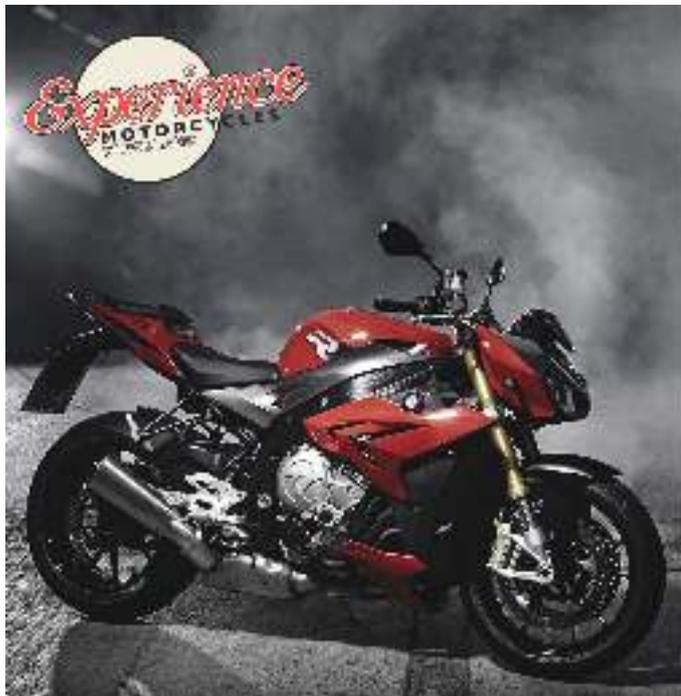
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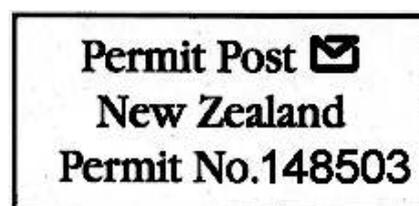
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