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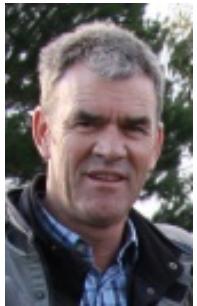
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President's Podium

It's been cold here in Canterbury, on June 5th Timaru recorded its coldest morning for the year, with the mercury dropping to minus 4.1 degrees Celsius. You'd have noticed if you were one of the 1500 or so participants enjoying a frosty camp under the stars for the 36th Brass Monkey Rally further south at Oturehua in Central Otago. By all accounts it was a great weekend and if you made the trip, good on you!

Just recently, on behalf of the club, I took great pleasure in congratulating Rangitikei member Barry Petherick (3104) on receiving Membership of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2016 Queens Birthday honours. It's terrific to see that Barry has been recognised by the Crown for his services to education.

I was very sad to hear of the passing of Wellington member Noel Trustrum (2636) in April after battling cancer for five years. While I didn't know Noel well, he'll be remembered for his extraordinary work with Indonesian communities as they recovered from the 2004 Boxing Day earthquake and tsunami. Our thoughts are with his wife Helen.

It is with regret that we've accepted the resignation of Philip Longley (236). Phil has been a member since the 1970s and, in his younger years, really enjoyed the events and the camaraderie the Register offers. He recently sold his precious R60/5 and his F800ST, much to his reluctance, but wanted to let you know he is still fully supportive of the club and hopes it continues in its friendly way.

Despite being cold and damp, ergo quite slippery, I very much enjoyed our May coaching day with Chris Birch at the Fosters' farm in Scargill. Chris is a pretty relaxed fellow with a great coaching style, and I certainly learned a few things about me and my bike. I've reassessed the set up on my HP2, putting into play his recommendations around lever position, the use of bar risers, lowering tyre pressures etc., and took the bike up Coopers Creek near Oxford the following weekend to practice. I must say the difference is pretty sweet! Not only did I feel much more in control, I wasn't nearly as tired as I previously would have been after that sort of ride. I probably wouldn't have ventured as far up the riverbed on my own either! I'm looking forward to the next time we get Chris down to Canterbury; hopefully Jo will be back on her bike by then. Top tips; if you think you're running tyre pressures low enough for slippery conditions, take another 5 psi out - and don't follow anyone wearing a Red Bull helmet!

We've committed to a club stand at the Ride Forever Motorcycle Show 13-14 August at the ASB Showgrounds in Auckland. Area Rep Stephen is pretty excited about this and has some great ideas for what our stand could look like. He's put a call out for help to make it happen so please get in touch with him if you are willing.

As you'll have read in our June newsletter, Danny, Rosemary and the team are working on the 2017 Annual Rally to be held in Napier. The club's 2017 Annual General Meeting will also be held over the weekend of the Rally. Jo and I are looking forward to a chance to head north. More about the planning and programme will appear in your newsletter as it develops.

The team in Napier donate their time and effort freely, as have those who organised previous Annual Rallies and other events and who have been or are in Area Rep, Executive or other voluntary roles within the club. Regardless of the motivation, if you speak to members who volunteer to do the things they do for the rest of us, they will likely tell you they do it simply because they love it. In my experience, despite the fact it can sometimes be challenging, the common denominator is that the donation of their time and energy is a meaningful and rewarding experience for themselves as well as for the club. A true win/win situation!

As a member, you are the most important resource our club has. Everybody is good at something, and the ability of people with different skills to work willingly together for the betterment of the club and themselves is a powerful thing.

I've mentioned previously that Bruce intends to stand down as Editor at the end of the year and Folker is looking to hand over the baton of Membership Secretary in the not too distant future. If you want to help make a difference in the club, either of these roles would be a great place to do that. Give me a call.

Garry Williams

Cover Photo

Geoff Gover, the Northland member that can walk on water, gallops in "International Rescue" mode towards the downed "Motu Guzzler". Note that the Guzzi rider has been kind enough to leave the lights on so Geoff can see where to place his feet.

More of Ian Macartney's photos and story on Page 18

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BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

Introduction:

The BMW Owners Register is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser nominates the destination and regrouping stages along the way, but otherwise has no influence upon the way that riders behave on the road. There is no element of organised competition in the rides.

Riding Code:

1. All register members on register rides shall do so as individuals responsible for their own safety and shall take into account the safety of others they encounter on the ride.
2. Register members are responsible for ensuring that their motorcycles are in a safe and legal condition, the minimum being to Warrant of Fitness standards.
3. Riders, pillion, and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum Standards New Zealand approved motorcycle helmets, and stout footwear, gloves and clothing that will be capable of protecting their body in the event of a mishap.
4. Register members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.
5. Ride organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for other riders' behaviour or safety.
6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.
7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.
8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions, and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.
9. The Organiser and/or the Register are not responsible for participants' safety, and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are travelling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all Road Rules and Laws.

events calendar

other events

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

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

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

bmwor area events

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

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

Note – In addition to the events posted here Wellington also undertake ‘Impromptu Rides’. These are offered via email to the membership with a couple of days notice when the weather looks like being favourable. **Contact Peter Nash wellington@bmwor.org.nz** if you are outside their Area but wish to be notified of these runs (handy for an excuse to put off mowing the lawn if they are coming your way.).

july

Sunday 3 Auckland: Café meeting - The Corner Kitchen and Bar 1 North Road Clevedon. Arrive 10am.

Sunday 3 Bay of Plenty: Kawhia Fission Chips - Details Page 9

Sunday 10 Rangitikei: As I will be at the area reps meeting in Porirua I need someone to organise and lead a ride

Monday 11 Auckland: Monthly Meeting. 7.30 pm Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms Penrose.

Monday 11 Canterbury: Club Night on the second Monday of each month at the Styx and Stone restaurant and bar in Belfast

Wednesday 13 Auckland: Free Range Elderly Run. Leaving Cyclespot BMW 10am destination in the lap of the Gods.

Sunday 17 Auckland: Monthly Ride. Coromandel with gravel option. Meet BP Service Centre 9.00am for 9.30 departure.

Sunday 17 East Coast: Ride to be advised by email.

Tuesday 26 East Coast: Dinner, Duke of Gloucester, Taradale, 1800 onwards.

Tuesday 26 Rangitikei: Dinner at Rendezvous Palmerston North

august

Sunday 7 Auckland: Café meeting 10am. Venue TBA.

Monday 8 Canterbury: Club Night on the second Monday of each month at the Styx and Stone restaurant and bar in Belfast

Sunday 14 Rangitikei: Apiti Loop, with options for adventure bikes.

Wednesday 17 Auckland: Free Range Elderly Run. Destination in the lap of the Gods.

Sat 20 - Sun 21 Canterbury: a weekend to celebrate 100 years of BMW.

o Saturday – morning drop-in event to celebrate the marque – details to come

o Sunday – club ride to Iron Ridge Quarry sculpture park outside Amberley – complete with Raymond, metal sculptor, providing a demonstration of the art of iron-forging

Sunday 21 Auckland: Monthly Ride. Waipu (gravel option) TBC

Tuesday 30 Rangitikei: Dinner at Essence Cafe Feilding

september

Sunday 11 Rangitikei: Around the Mountain depending on weather conditions on the day

Monday 12 Canterbury: Club Night - 6.30 pm, second Monday each month - Styx and Stone, Northwood Super Centre, Belfast

Tuesday 27 Rangitikei: Dinner at The Brick House Wanganui

area reports

nelson

I decided to try something a bit different this month and run two separate rides on the same day, one gravel and one road.

Hans and Anja Claus offered to help out, an offer much appreciated by me.

I woke up on Sunday to heavy rain, but decided to go to our meeting point anyway and see who turned up, especially as Tony H had emailed me the night before saying he and Gretchen were going rain or shine. Well, we had 7 riders turn up in the rain. Anja and Gretchen went on the road ride to St Arnaud (see Anja's report below) and the rest of us went on the gravel ride.

We gravel riders left Richmond and went through the Wairoa Gorge, up Pig Valley before popping out the back of Wakefield where we then made our way on the seal towards the Spooners Hill where Hans had organised the permits to go into the privately owned forestry: thanks Hans.

We turned off just before the hill, into Shultz Rd, through the forestry then onto Stanley Brook Rd, Berrymans Rd, Olivers Rd, Rabbit Gully, out onto the seal and onto Kohatu for brunch where we sat for a while and who should turn up but the ladies on their road ride - great timing.

Now this sounds pretty straightforward and it would have been if not for the rain and mud. We were all taking it pretty easy but some of the little water runoffs were not so little anymore. Tony gave it a bit too much gas on the exit of one and dropped his bike (don't worry it's only a V-Strom), this time instead of helping him, I got the camera out. We had picked up his bike, assessed the damage, cable tied the indicator remains on and carried on for a bit.

We had been going for some time and stopped at a junction for Peter and Tony to catch up, After 5 minutes they were still not there, so I backtracked and came across a funny sight; Tony's bike headfirst in a ditch with a friendly pig hunter trying to pull it out backwards with a tow rope. When Tony saw me the first words out of his mouth were, "No pictures!"

Yeah like that was going to happen.

Peter was behind him when it happened and said it was amazing watching the mighty Suzuki slip sliding on the muddy track, hitting a small log on the side of the track causing the bike's front wheel to launch into the air and then come down into the ditch. No damage this time. We went on our merry way and waited at our next arranged junction stop to regroup.

Now I don't know how it happened but when Peter rolled on up, his whole right side was covered in mud: hmmm interesting.

While we were having coffee it was



agreed that even though we had some "incidents", we all had a great time. I put this down to the fact that we were all riding well within our limits, were looking out for each other and had reduced our speed accordingly, just like you would on the road in bad conditions.

While we were having our coffee stop, a nice young tourist lady came up and said she was having car problems. Tony and Peter went over to help her, an apt way of paying back the help handed out earlier.

I should point out that most of the forestry roads we went on are through working forests and are only open on the weekends with the correct permits.

Dale Grover

After Dale suggested to do a slightly different format for our June ride by having a separate road and gravel ride, I offered to take charge of a road ride to St Arnaud for a coffee, then back via Kawatiriri, Hope Saddle and hopefully meet up with the dusty (or muddy) ones in Tapawera for lunch.

It was raining early in the morning and I thought the ride would be cancelled, but at 8.25 we got an e-mail to say we would still have our ride. At our meeting place there were six others on their bike and Trevor who turned up in his car to check where we were going so he could still have a coffee with us.

Photos by Dale, this page top to bottom:

Tony's #2 oops.

Peter in the wheel wash.

Didn't wash his gear though.





Tony's Ooops#1: seems obvious to me that the extra weight of the roundel on the fairing makes his Suzuki top-heavy, hence his problem with gravity (Ed).

At this stage it was dry so Gretchen and I set off to St Arnaud via 88 Valley road, Golden Downs and Kikiwa. The road was a little wet and some gravel in a few corners, nothing too bad, so overall a very enjoyable ride.

We had some very nice pumpkin soup at the newly opened restaurant in St. Arnaud. We stayed a bit longer as it had started to rain again.

After one hour decided we had to keep going. Instead of taking the long way home, we decided to go back via Kikiwa and

take the turn off to Korere and check in Kohatu where the others were to catch up or keep going home. By now the rain was really falling and when we turned up at Kohatu the gravel riders were already there looking pretty settled. We joined them for another hot drink and heard some stories of their day. After this we all made our own way home.

Anja Claus **rangitikei**

Congratulations are in order to Barry Pethrick who was mentioned in the Queens Birthday Honours list. He has been made a Member of the Order of Merit for his services to education. Barry has recently retired as Principal of Waiopehu College.

We were due to visit Mt Bruce bird reserve on 12 June for our monthly ride. I received a call from Barry at 7.00am to discuss our planned ride. The weather forecast for Wairarapa was for gale force winds and heavy rain.

We decided to cancel the ride which proved to be the correct decision. I made a few phone calls and sent off emails to our group regarding our decision. However I decided to ride to our designated meeting point just in case someone might not have seen the late notification.

As no one had arrived at the cafe by 11.00 am I decided to carry on to Manfield as the Victoria Motorcycle Club was holding a race meeting. My son in law is a coach for the California

Superbike school and he was at the track coaching junior riders. During the lunch break a training session was held. Neil was able to ride his race bike which has had a major rebuild, so he was able to check the modifications while doing his coaching. By early afternoon I could see the weather forecasters had got it right as the southerly arrived with heavy rain so I packed up and set off home. We will try the Mt Bruce ride another day.

Don Cross

east coast

Our ride was listed in the Newsletter for Sunday, 12 June as a Mystery Ride at 10am from Clive. The mystery deepened the day before when an email message was received listing it for a 10.30am departure from Omaha Road, Hastings, with details of a ride around country roads to the Paper Mulberry for lunch.

On a winter's day, that felt more like summer, we met at Omaha Road – three bikes and Warren, Robyn and granddaughter Bianca in their 1984 Capri. Heading towards Maraekakaho we picked up Barry and then we were four bikes. The ride was stunning – lovely sweeping corners with the Capri being the only car in sight.

We found a table for eight at the café and had a lovely lunch and pleasant time chatting about this and that. When it was time to leave, most headed up the highway to home. However, John, Norman and I went south to Otane and then back home via some more nice quiet country roads. All in all it was a lovely day to be out on a motorcycle. Later, in an email, John Wuts summed it up beautifully, "We are so lucky in Hawke's Bay to have these wonderful roads to cruise along!"

Marie Nichol

Lunch at Paper Mulberry, photo by John Wuts.



auckland

Our scheduled run to Karapiro and environs on May 15 attracted 16 bikes and three pillions. The sight of a grandfather and grandchild on one bike was an absolute pleasure to see and issued me a challenge regarding my own grandchildren and building experiences and memories for them. The ride included some new and prospective members, one of them communicating to me weeks later that this was his first ever group ride and was one of his best riding experiences ever. The salary for being Area Rep is pretty shit, actually it's non-existent (not even a company bike dammit), on the other hand this kind of feedback is one of the priceless benefits on offer. There was also an accident event on this ride (bike vs car), fortunately this was a low (pretty much no) speed affair which kept consequences to a minimum. Cops and insurance companies focus on allocating blame but reality is just not that cut and dried. These situations tend not to result from a catastrophic fault by one party, they are rather the result of numerous small factors which taken in isolation amount to nothing however in this specific time and space they have combined in a particular way and produced an awful outcome. This highlights the enhanced awareness we need as bikers. For our own self defence we need to be better than the road users around us, we need to read body language, observe / discern what we can from the landscape unfolding before us, and develop a vivid imagination around what could possibly happen next (ball from a nearby park, dead wild horse around the corner, dogs running onto the road). To be fair if you

are imagining dead wild horses around the corner in Auckland, you're riding skills are not what you need help with.

The café meeting at Ginger Crunch

Helensville 5th June presented another opportunity for like-minded folk to meet up. The food must have been pretty good because everybody opted to take a quick run home afterwards for a wee rest and a lay down rather than heading off on a ride. I wasn't there but I well know that if something is exquisitely pleasurable, all you want to do is go to sleep afterwards. I think we should revisit this café.

Our June meeting was held at Cyclespot BMW. The team there were great hosts, going the extra mile by returning to work for our 7.30 start time. It was clear that these folk are committed to understanding and meeting client expectations. Europe Imports were present and talking about some exciting new releases for the brand, it was also clear that Europe Imports are driven to forge close cooperative relationships between the brand, dealerships, and the user groups. As far as the brand goes, the next year or so is something to look forward to. If you hunt down the people at Cyclespot you'll hear about a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 finance option, not a bad way to hook yourself up with a shiny new thing which, if you think about it long enough, you both need and deserve.

Auckland has committed to flying the BMWOR flag at the **Ride Forever Motorcycle Show ASB Showgrounds 13th & 14th August.** The BMW brand is intrinsic to who and what we are but we are not there to sell BMW's, we are there to showcase us, the people and culture of our rider community. This is an exciting opportunity, I'd love to think that other

areas may want to be present on the stand, turn Auckland into a ride destination for that weekend. This is not about Auckland, it's about all of us. I'm particularly interested in any ride footage you may have, I need to put together an AV presentation to run on the stand. If you have footage (which is allowed to be used) please send it to my personal email address steve@ctnsider.co.nz (I'll email it back when I'm finished).

On a personal note, I had no idea of the world I was plunging into when I got into riding and hooked up with BMWOR about 18mths back. Ian and Geoff from Northland might spin this particular story a little different but here's the truth. Just this last weekend I was lured away from my home and support network by individuals I trusted and counted as friends. I found myself largely surrounded by strangers, led into a remote location and deprived of communication. I had to travel SH38 to Waikaremoana in the rain; this twisting slushy unsealed ride with sheer drop offs necessitated frequent utterances of a fairly religious nature. I was never able to be alone, I even had to sleep with others in the room. Emerging from our rudimentary accommodation the following morning I was suddenly bathed in a blinding light from the heavens. Later that day I unwittingly found myself being baptised in the Motu. What is going on here, is it too late for an intervention, am I forever damned to travel the road even less travelled than the road less travelled? I should probably seek out some sort of 12 step program but it all feels so damn good, maybe later.

Stephen



The moment Stephen saw the light at Tuai, which led to his subsequent baptism. Hallelujah! (Page 18)

canterbury

Our second Club Night was held on Monday 13 June – with 13 people, both members and guests, sitting down for dinner at the Styx and Stone Restaurant and Bar in Belfast. (Many thanks to Grant for reminding me to count myself! 8-D) It was great to meet a number of our members for the first time and to again catch up with some familiar faces. Hope to see all there again on Monday 11 July.

Looking forward, planning is underway for a couple of events on the weekend of 20-21 August to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of BMW engines. Pencil in a morning coffee / brunch drop-in get-together on Saturday 20 August to celebrate the marque. The following day, Sunday 21 August, we will head up to the Iron Ridge Quarry in Amberley, which will include an iron forging and sculpture demonstration – you can write that one in ink.

Stay warm and keep it shiny side up.

Jo Buckner

wellington

Wellington's regular social dinner took on a different turn this month. Traditionally, we have met at the Petone Workingmans' Club on the second Monday of a month. The downstairs has a large common room for most events; social drinking, café style meals, a game of pool or darts etc. The Public Bar, if you will. This time our meeting was in a **more pleasanter** setting in the upstairs 'Kensington Room'. Here, a booking is made for the occasion. The dining room has its own kitchen.

Our party consisted of some 22 members sitting at 2 x large round tables. Yes, 11 at each table.

The buffet style serving reminded me of the mess life in the military; move along and pick out what you want.

The evening drew in some first-timers to this meeting. I hope we see them again.

Dave Morris

huzzadick?

You will notice in Dave Morris's report above the phrase "more pleasanter". This is a double comparative. Dave would do this: he's ex Ordnance. As an ex Infantryman, I would use "pleasanter", which is cludgy at best, or "more pleasant".

That said, I must emphasize that even though he is ex-Ordnance, Dave is a most pleasant fellow.

In fact, he is such a fine fellow, perhaps I should promote him by awarding a double superlative: he is the "most pleasantist".

bay of plenty

The big event for June was the **Waipukurau 3 day road ride** lead by Peter Lyner. Although it took a while for the registrations to roll eventually over 17 riders and 4 pillions assembled at the The Lakes Service station early Friday morning 13th June to begin a full 3 day ride to Waipukurau.

There has been great reports of fabulous roads with outstanding new and varied landscapes. Havelock North was the first port of call which gave everyone a taste of a fabulous scenic ride for the next two days.

Although the planned overnight was to have been at the Pukeora Winery Estate, it was not possible due to the late registrations that Peter could not confirm to hold the Winery accommodation. However it appears all were well bedded at the Motel of choice. I was reliably informed that the girls did get a good time to do the customary "Shopping Stint" that only girls can appreciate.

The next days were spent visiting the various beaches in this region, Kairakau Beach to Pourerere, then Pourerere To Blackhead Beach, then Dannevirke to Waipukurau via various back roads.

The return journey home on the Sunday had a variety of directions on offer, Over the Gentle Annie, backtracking, some took the off road option and cleared out to exit back into home territory via Waikaremoana and Minginui.

Everyone made the trip safe and arrived home in one piece.

Thanks, Peter, for sorting this great ride. Perhaps an annual event Peter??

28th-29th June: This next ride was run by Darryl and Pete Rogers and other helpers for Mount Motorcycles, which was presented as a gravel riders heaven - and as a sickie I wasn't ALLOWED TO GO!!! There was a full group of over 35 riders. Who wouldn't with endless gravel for two days!!!!

It was run by hard copy route sheet directions which appeared to work very well as groups or individuals were able to ride with whom they teamed up with at whichever pace they felt comfortable or frenetic about. Of course with Pete Rogers and Darryl coaxing there would be few stragglers but all in all great reports of fun was had by all.

Pongakawa then Stanley Road well known by locals reached Matawai via Waioweka Gorge it was bucketing rain wet wet & wet! But Matawai is great place in the dry where you used to be able to get first class accommodation in a window less, electric less 40 foot container to share with 10 other riders at a pitiful rate of \$25 per night. It was very stuffy just imagine! But you were dry!!!

The ride passed Rere Falls, always a nice scenic spot for a breather. Gus on a previous ride stripped down to take a

magic carpet ride over the falls and it did look fun and refreshing. Once on the various back roads rain stopped and dustless gravel thereon a fabulous ride was had by all to Pehiri to the Tiniroto Pub which gave great bikers' hospitality with plentiful food and drink and parking on any space anywhere you could find.

Following the refreshments the ride took to Ruakuri Road, Eripeti to Lake Waikaremoana Road all the way to overnight at the Masonic Hotel in Napier. Riders were so enthused by the day's ride that it was the topic of conversation all night with plenty of lies and embellishments. The Masonic staff were outstanding in their hospitality; certainly a recommendation for ALL RIDERS in Napier.

Sunday was again a mix of routes as each group found their own way home, many via Minginui and Murapara, but all without incident.

Thanks Darryl and Mount Motorcycles.

Watch this space as Darryl has another trick ride up his sleeve but I have an inkling it will be to a hotspot in the backwoods of Taranaki.

Now back to more mundane agendas

Sunday 3rd July: A BIG but Leisurely RIDE DAY

Meet at Tauriko Service Station 8.00 am for riders briefing & route sheets, for start at 8.30am.

This next BMWOR ride day will be a run to Kawhia for an early Fish n Chip lunch then on to Raglan which will allow for an early afternoon return home to Tauranga, so you can still mow the lawns at 5pm before it gets damp.

After lunch there will be a gravel coast road option to Raglan or a sealed route. Both will be well designated in the route sheet and all will rendezvous in Raglan a pretty seaside town for a chat/tea/coffee break at a designated Coffee shop.

Return home about 1.30pm will be as per route sheet or everyone for themselves for scenic or fast road home.

Target home time 4pm.

Please contact me, Kevan, by mob email or text or other if you are wish to join this ride at least a week before the ride.

For those out of town happy to arrange meeting points and approx time to join the ride.

That's all for now. Get involved, come on these rides & have lots of fun!!!

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Stephen Parkinson being baptised
on the Motu. Lifeguard Geoff Gover
looks on, but his services were not
required: until the next in the queue!
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Accommodation is \$110 per person for three nights (stay two you pay for three, no pro-rata).

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Tea, coffee, milk and sugar will be supplied in each villa.

For the gravel riders, there will be no opportunity to buy lunch on the rides so, order a packed lunch or arrange your own.

For the road riders there will be interesting rides on both days and they will include a café stop for lunch. No need to buy a packed lunch.

A rally minibus is planned, so you can do supermarket shopping for essential supplies.

EIT campus and the student village are completely non-smoking venues.

Apart from tea and coffee, all refreshments will be BYO and this includes the rally dinner. BYO alcohol is permitted in the student village and EIT campus.

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Waikaremoana And Motu Ride

Words and Images, Ian Macartney.

Last weekend (10 - 12 June) four BMWOR members and two 'prospects' joined seven other bikes of dubious lineage and rode 1100 - 1400km over three days.

Friday's destination was Lake Waikeremoana and Tuai. Tirau for morning tea, on through Rotorua with lunch in Murupara. I now know that three places sell Chicken and Chips on the main drag. The one we stopped at was very clean, had excellent staff and very happy that we stopped to experience their culinary delights.

I'm a firm believer in spending your money locally where you can so the petrol station and takeaways did the business.

Not the best of weather today with on/off showers and wind gusts. The next section was always going to be interesting: 100km to Tuai with 70km of gravel, but what a ride! Stunning bush, magnificent rivers and lichen covered trees - the land that time forgot. However the incessant rain towards the latter half proved a challenge to "waterproof gear" and the road surface became a tad greasy here and there inducing some lateral movement and muscle tightening.

Briefly stopped at the Lake where some decided to remove the copious quantities of mud off their machines with the nearby hose. Some preferred to leave it on as a testament to their GS credentials.

Few more clicks to the Whakamarino Lodge in Tuai, our classic Kiwiana digs for the night - a top spot on the lake edge. Originally construction workers' accommodation in the 60s and perfect for a bike tour. After 400km everyone was ready for a couple of ales, review of riding styles, bikes, tyres and near misses. Dinner and breakfast was excellent home cooked fare. Bike gear was hanging everywhere drying out.

Saturday brought a spectacular blue sky day and we cruised down twisting roads to Wairoa and on to Mahia. Gizzy for lunch at the Poverty Bay Club Café located in a heritage two-storey villa opposite Harvey Normans - top spot but get in early.

At this point the Motu track was being bandied about as an option. Most seemed keen so we assembled at Matawhai. Everybody incl the five road warriors elected to have a go.

Fantastic run up the valley to the start where a sign indicated 64km to Opotiki of which about 14km was the remaining seal after the track. The first couple of km up hill were a slippery mud challenge, not surprising after the previous day's heavy rain. I did wonder if the road bikes would turn back, however about 20km in



Whakamarino Lodge, Tuai.



RT heading for an encounter with local Real Estate: left-hand-down urgently required!



Cue: Mick Jagger. "I'll never be your beast of burden..."

at a rest stop, lo and behold, every bike turned up as well as our support vehicle the amazing Mitsubishi Diamante!

The Track was something else, amazingly rugged bush, relentless corners, steep climbs and descents. On top of this the biggest challenges were the blinding sunstrike, dodging loose rocks and boulders, potential of oncoming vehicles and the sheer drop offs into the never-never.

About three quarters of the way through we arrived at a wee water crossing with a reasonably fast flow, some deep holes and a submerged rock.

The two early riders on the other side were waiting with cameras and grins for some action. To their credit they vaguely indicated the best route. No worries for the four GS riders, the Aprilia, Multistrada, Honda Transalp or the KTM 990.

Then came the Road Warriors - 700mm depth was definitely a challenge with one even carrying his pillion through - take that adventure junkies.

For the Motoguzzi Lemans it all turned pear shaped about midstream when the bike became an Italian submarine. I must say though, I was impressed at how the headlight stayed working as their electrics aren't good at the best of times.

Geoff Gover literally leapt into action, boots and all, to recover the "Motu Guzzler". The bike was dragged out and copious amounts of attention lavished on this classic machine to coax it back to life, plugs out, pumping fuel, turning, turning, a small cough, sputter, another, then finally she gripped and hung on sending up huge clouds of steam into the late afternoon chill.

It was now a race to get out before dark, past isolated farmhouses in remote valleys where families were tuning up their banjos and bringing their favourite sheep in from the cold. (Baaaabara or

Baaaasil? Ed.)

We emerged right on dusk for a quick blast into Opotiki. The seal felt amazing after two hours on the Motu Trail.

Hot showers at the Eastland Pacific motel, then the salubrious surroundings of the RSA for dinner and All Black Test on the big screen. After 60 min the Welsh were done as the ABs turned on the afterburners. Wallabies game next and it was brilliant seeing two Aussie coaches duelling with a deserved win over the yellow team !

Day 3 up and away early for the 470km back to Northland. It was 3°C at 7am, breakfast at The Bean Café in Whakatane (opposite the visitor centre): highly recommended and the owner rides. Top day, good roads, and home by 4pm.

The ride was organised by Robert Scott of www.twowheeltouring.co.nz

Robert runs a guided motorcycle tour company for paying clients as well as restricted number runs like this for his email list. Always well run, good people and very fair cost for accomodation. Check out his website.

Grant Asalbie, Stephen Parkinson, Geoff Gover, myself and the prospects, Tony and Sue on their RT, had a brilliant three days.



Above: Not every day an air-cooled bike boils. Anyone got teabags?

Below: Mighty Mitsi Semi-Submersible on the charge.



Is This The R nineT Custom Alex Breig Would Like?



Munich/Biarritz.

Exciting custom bikes, real characters, the Atlantic coast, arts and music – that is what Wheels & Waves is all about. Within a period of only five years, the festival near Biarritz has become the epitome of a unique type of motorcycle culture. Here festival visitors celebrate a special feeling of freedom which goes beyond the conventions of everyday life. The setting is laid back and the atmosphere is characterised by creativity, individuality and mutual respect. The deeply engrained passion for motorcycles, both on behalf of organisers and visitors, has made Wheels & Waves a legendary event within a very short time.

Inspired by the past Paris-Dakar Rallye heroes and their victorious BMW machines, BMW Motorrad is showing a completely new interpretation of the BMW R nineT perfectly in line with the spirit of the Wheels & Waves Festival. Its name: the BMW Motorrad Concept Lac Rose.

"Since it was first introduced on the market, the BMW R nineT has become a popular bike for customizers and finishers as can be seen at Wheels & Waves. This makes us very proud and spurred us on to create something special for this festival, something no one has seen from us yet", says Edgard Heinrich, Head of Design at BMW Motorrad explaining the background of the concept bike. "The BMW Motorrad Concept Lac Rose is our laid-back and very individual interpretation of the bike that won the Paris-Dakar Rallye in 1985 - fully in line with the spirit of Wheels & Waves and its visitors. It puts the BMW R nineT into an exciting new context and shows what passion for our brand heritage, imagination and a few modifications can achieve."

Lac Rose – the last stage of the Paris-Dakar.

Lac Rose is the French name of the rose-coloured Retba salt lake, located 35 km

North East of Dakar and less than one kilometre from the Atlantic coast. The legendary Paris-Dakar rallye ended here following the many strenuous stages through the desert. The podium is located right at the lakeside and the

winners receive their awards amid the crowd of enthusiastic fans. The BMW factory machines, modified by the company HPN, rode to victory three times in a row in the middle of the 80s. Gaston Rahier took the third win in 1985



with start number 101.

BMW G/S meets BMW R nineT.

The BMW Motorrad Concept Lac Rose has the typical features of the former victory bike based on a modern, street-oriented version. Outstanding off-road qualities are consciously omitted. "Essentially the bike is a cool and laid-back roadster with a few typical off-road features which allow you to leave the street and follow a dirt track into the unknown", says Edgar Heinrich. "It is this combination of customizing, coolness and unconventionality which make this bike so special."

The windshield with typical rallye equipment, the characteristic headlamp design with the high mudguard, a large fuel tank and a short rallye seat bench are all reminiscences of the legendary bike. All these elements are responsible for the characteristic horizontal flyline of the BMW G/S bikes of the time, giving the BMW Motorrad Concept Lac Rose its essential proportions. Longer suspension travel as well as spoke wheels with studded tyres are as mandatory as the colour combination of

signal red on alpine white and the start number 101.

The hallmark BMW two-cylinder flat twin engine with shaft drive is located at the centre of this well proportioned bike. It is held in tubular frame with contrasting colour design which also harks back to the successful off-road bike. Elements such as the protective headlamp grille, the oil cooler protector and the distinctively perforated underride guard pick up the uncompromisingly functional design of the race bike and transfer its design features into the modern era. High performance parts as well as exclusively designed details such as the valve covers illustrate BMW's claim to workmanship and manufacturing quality thereby rounding off the high quality appeal of the BMW Motorrad Concept Lac Rose. The exclusively designed BMW rider equipment consisting of suit and helmet - based on the BMW enduro helmet - gives the BMW Motorrad Concept Lac Rose design study a further stylish touch.

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