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NEW MEMBERS

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.

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'Kom ry met ons.' (Afrikaans)



Cover

Launch: The BMW K 1600 Grand America

"To ride, to sleep: - To sleep, perchance to dream - ay, there's the rub, for in sleep what dreams may come..." (Inspired by Shakespeare - Hamlet.)

BMW take on the North American touring fraternity with the release of the BMW K 1600 Grand America. This top end motorcycle has evolved from the now classic K1600 series of bikes first introduced in October 2010. (But is it Available in NZ?) More on Page 13.



BMWOR 2016 Motorcycle Insurance Scheme

Aon has a new Policy Wording with a new Underwriter

In collaboration with NZI, Aon has a new improved policy wording for Motorcycles. This Prestige Motorcycle Policy gives you the best of the best in cover for all types of On-Road Motorcycles including 3 wheelers, Off-Road Motorcycles including Quad Bikes, Competition Motorcycles (not covered whilst racing), Motorcycle Collections and Classic/Vintage Motorcycles.

Some of the Benefits

New replacement Motorcycle if a total loss occurs within 12 months of the insured motorcycle being first registered as a new Motorcycle up to 20,000km – this increases to 24 months and 30,000km for BMWOR members.

Windscreen/shield, headlights or **tail lights** covered – Nil excess.

Roadside Assistance is provided on comprehensively covered motorcycles.

Automatic **Riding Apparel** cover – \$5,000 (indemnity value) any one claim per year.

Option to have **Replacement Riding Apparel** cover – \$5,000 (replacement value) any one claim per year. Premium for BMWOR members \$50 plus GST. (Normally \$75+GST).

Discounts Discounts Discounts

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

Lower Excesses

The standard policy excess is now \$250 (plus underage excesses applying), \$500 theft excess and on approved track days a \$750 excess only will apply.

Ride Forever

If you complete a Ride Forever training course, provide us with your certificate and we will apply a NIL excess for one claim within 12 months of completing this course.

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President's Podium November 2017

Wow, the last newsletter of 2017 already and I'm not entirely sure how the year has gone by so quickly, maybe it's an age thing, but what a year it's been!

This time last year we were still shaking in the wake of the 7.5 magnitude earthquake that struck near Waiuau causing considerable damage to homes, businesses, roads and other infrastructure throughout the Hurunui and Kaikoura Districts. On top of that, heavy rain and severe gale north to northwest winds hit parts of Wellington, Wairarapa and Marlborough.

The 2017 Annual Rally in Napier was just the best event to start the year. Jo and I really enjoyed the fabulous company, brilliant rides and excellent accommodation and catering. It was great to catch up with friends we'd not seen for a while and to meet quite a number of people new to the club. The AGM saw the adoption of a new constitution, which formed a new Board of Directors and set the context in which the club is governed.

March wasn't that flash with the "Tasman Tempest" hammering Northland, Auckland and Waikato and dumping more rain in six days than is usually expected for the entire month. Nevertheless, the brave and hardy made a good fist of the RAG Rally at Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka near National Park at the end of daylight savings.

The Bay of Plenty didn't miss out either, with a local state of emergency declared even before the heavy rain expected from Cyclone Cook arrived in April while, shortly after that, South Island members were enjoying a get-away in summer like conditions at a RAG Rally in Hanmer Springs deferred from November due to the earthquakes, and a great chance for people to catch up with others from points north, south and west of North Canterbury.

Winter sucked for the most part, it was colder than usual with plenty of roads closed and travel as treacherous as it is spectacular, I don't think I put more than 100 kilometres on my bike over three months.

Sadly, we lost three very dear friends to their various illnesses over the year.

As spring emerged, it was great to see many members getting on board for the Distinguished Gentlemen's Rides happening around the country in September and heading out to peruse all things on offer at the NZ Motorcycle Show at the ASB Showgrounds in Auckland. ACC also declared September as Motorcycle Awareness month.

Down in Canterbury, we had a great time at the annual Kickstart event at the Agricultural Showgrounds at the beginning of October and, just this last month, the South Island RAG Rally was held in St Arnaud.

I've got to say, this latest South Island RAG Rally was one of the best I've been to. Nelson Area Rep Kevin pulled a masterstroke in securing the Red Deer Lodge at the top of Lake Rotoiti, accommodation befitting the nature of a "rough as guts" rally. It was great to see a contingent from Taranaki make the journey down to join us, and few others joined in on the riding as well. The Porika Rd is challenging enough to be interesting with truly spectacular views from the ridge, and the group who did it (some more than twice over the course of the weekend) had a huge amount of fun. There were lots of laughs over the weekend, and a bit of silliness from time to time as well. Just like it should be!

No trip northwest would not include the Maruia Saddle and the Braeburn Track and, ridden solo north and with a couple of others on the way back, neither was disappointing. Dinner at the Clinker Café in St Arnaud on Saturday night was brilliant, the food delicious and the company outstanding.

On reflection, the year that has been simply reinforces for me that what's important about being a member of this club is people getting together and having a great time. And that folks is the basis of the Board's strategy, which includes an overarching business goal to reduce print costs associated with generating the club newsletter and focus our investment in supporting more national and area events that meet the core objective of our club.

During the year we launched our new website, which is mobile friendly, more responsive to membership needs and linked to a newly developed, specifically designed 'cloud based' platform for members to manage their own membership data. There's more work to do, but the platform is set for a transition from print medium to online, real-time content in a number of formats in the middle of 2018. The Board's goal is simply to have the most cost effective communication to the right people, at the right time and in the right place across all devices so we maximise the investment in supporting the opportunities for members to be riding together and catching up with like-minded people across a range of social activities.

I want to thank the Board for the way in which each member has undertaken their responsibilities and particular tasks over the year. We work well together as a team, partnering up and bringing our collective strengths to our purpose. I also want to acknowledge and thank our Area Reps, Editor, Gear Shop administrator and all the other great people who help our club operate in the way it does. It is a real privilege to be part of such a great team!

And a big "thank you" to you too. Your commitment to membership within the club is very much appreciated.

The last call for registrations for rooms at the Annual Rally venue is 12 December 2017 when any unsold rooms will be released back to the hotel. You can still register for the Rally from 13 December 2017, but you will then need to find your own accommodation. The Cromwell rally will be a cracker way to start 2018!

No matter how you celebrate it, I wish you all the happiness the Christmas season can bring, and may it follow you throughout the coming year. Wherever your travels take you; be safe and have fun!

Garry

A flea and a fly in a flue,
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"
"Let us fly," said the flea,
And they flew through a flaw in the flue.

A certain young fellow named Bee-Bee
Wished to wed a woman named Phoebe.
"But," he said, "I must see
What the clerical fee
Be before Phoebe be Phoebe Bee-Bee."

Consider the Worm
Consider the worm - humble as he,
At a ball, or fancydress par-ty,
Looks just like a lip, I'm sure you will agree.
Doesn't he look, very not smarty.

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

National Motorcycle Events (Non-BMWOR)

8 - 11 February 2018. 12th. Annual Burt Munro Challenge. <http://www.burtmunrochallenge.co.nz/>

National BMWOR Events

5- 8 January 2018 Annual Rally and AGM. Cromwell. See page 16.

March 2018 Annual RAG Rally. Pokaka, National Park.

Dawn Chorus, Ruatiti Domain, National Park.

Northland

Contact Area Rep

Auckland

Sunday 3rd December. Café run. Ciao Bella 439 Papakura – Clevedon Road, Clevedon Akl 2582. Make your own way there for 10am or pay attention to your email for a "ride there" option.

Monday 11th December. Monthly meeting 7.30pm. Vintage and Veteran clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose.

Sunday 17th December. Monthly Ride, destination Leigh. Looking forward to our Northland counterparts turning up just in time for lunch.

Jan and the rest of 2018. Pay attention to your email, there will be stuff going on. BMWOR annual rally and AGM Cromwell will take a few of us out of the picture Jan 1st to about 10th or 12th. If you don't get the regular event emails, hunt me down (steve@ctnsider.co.nz) and get on the list.

Waikato

Contact Area Rep

Bay Of Plenty Contact Area Rep

Taranaki Contact Area Rep

Rangitikei

Sunday, December 10th. Ashhurst Herb Garden Café Christmas luncheon, 12 noon.

January. No functions scheduled.

February. TBA.

East Coast

Contact Area Rep

Wellington

Note – In addition to the events noted here we 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.

Thursday – 14 December Petone Workingmans Club from 6:00pm. Christmas get-together.

Nelson

Contact Area Rep

Marlborough Contact Area Rep

Canterbury

Wed 13 December

Club Night – Christmas Party

Forward dates - 2nd Wednesday of every month: 13 December.

Saturday Morning Coffee – Avon City Motorcycles. You're always welcome to drop in and have a coffee and a natter at Avon City Motorcycles – especially on Saturday mornings. Rob Newton and other stalwarts will see you there – remember to take some chocolate bickies to share with Eliot and the Avon City team.

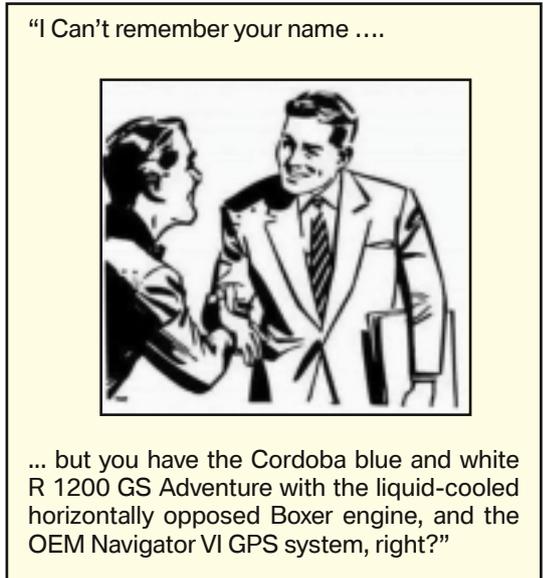
Mid-Week Get-Togethers

Not bound by the 9 to 5 workaday grind and looking for something motorcycle inclined to do during the week? Let me know your ideas for a regular mid-week get-together and I'll get it advertised.

Jo Buckner. - Area Coordinator – Canterbury.

Otago & Southland

Sunday 10th December Black Forest Cafe, Naseby.



Area Reports

Auckland

Sunday October 15th happened to be the third Sunday of October, to many this would be a meaningless detail, however to the BMW Auckland family it meant we would be riding, destination (lunchtime-ish) Matamata (or at least slightly nearby). Some days we operate with smooth precision, other days things defy the best planning in the world and end up being a tad "fluid", none of us would want it any other way. Turns out that Arne Rohde was going to intersect with us at our intended lunch venue, it's always a welcome occurrence when other members meet up with us on the road. The only problem with this developing picture was the bit where the lunch venue wasn't open. Not having lunch was never going to be an option so our wee group of around 12 to 18 rode back into town to see what we could find. The staff at Osteria (an Italian eatery located on the main street) were only too happy to grab anything available and create a table for us that stretched quite some distance along the footpath. The food and coffee was outstanding so, all in all, a good outcome. If you package this up with some meandering Waikato roads to and from, you've got a good day out on your hands.

Olivers Café in Orewa was the target of our November café run and I only booked for about 8 of us as the weather was looking kinda sketchy on the lead in. The day actually turned out to be a picture perfect summer's day complete with a real risk of sunburn. The usual deal is that everybody makes their own way to the venue and we discuss ride options over brunch, in this instance one member turned up at my place about 9.00 and we turned the getting there bit into a ride. Probably a good idea to make that an option going forward, not necessarily my place but somewhere half sensible depending on our destination café. People and bike numbers swelled a bit beyond the 8 we had booked for and started looking a little more like 12, including an ex English Police Bike. So there we were seated outside within touching distance of our bikes lined up along the curb and staring out over Orewa Beach. Conversation was flowing and at one point came around to matters of our membership demographic. The focus was around initiatives to perhaps promote a larger base of younger people coming through. The heat of the summer sun and a constant parade of suitably attired youth passing inspired the best idea in the world. What we needed was a breeding program. There was a bit of a gender imbalance in our group and it would have been nice to have had our wives present to assist with identifying potential candidates but we nevertheless managed to flesh out some suitable criteria. In order to remain professional, what we need now is to get the criteria worded up with illustrations, incorporate the BMW roundel and Club logo, then have the application form printed as a hand out.

Our monthly meeting 13th November unfortunately didn't have another London to Beijing instalment from Trevor and Audrey as they were being South Island tour guides for friends and family visiting from the UK. Conversation points were; upcoming logistics around travel to and from Cromwell for the rally and AGM (one or two people like me need to actually get their \$#!? together and get registered), the relative merits of GPS (a dangerous distraction or an aid to riding), and inviting ideas around ride destinations for next year.

In finishing, I've recently returned from a 4 day trip around East Cape with 7 other bikes, at one point we encountered a police breathalyser check point and I discovered something quite useful. To start with you need to have had no alcohol, but beyond this, when the nice lady policeman who suits her uniform really well asks you to count to ten and you respond with something like "021989092" you dramatically increase your chances of being told you can leave now.

See you out there, Stephen.

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South Island RAG Rally. - St Arnaud

The weekend of the 10th November a group of us fellow BMW (and 1 KTM) riders descended upon Red Deer Lodge in St Arnaud. A fantastic weekend was had by all in attendance. Five riders made their way down from Taranaki to join us, three came up from Canterbury and there were three of us from Nelson. We also had a guest in attendance from Nelson, Jacques, it was great meeting all of you and thanks for making the effort to come along.

On the Friday night we had a few drinks and nibbles, exchanged stories and planned Saturdays riding.

Eggs and bacon for breakfast, followed by a nice walk by Lake Rotoiti and in some of the Native Beech forest, then onto the bikes for a trip up to Mt Robert car park for some exceptional views across the Lake to the Wairau. This required all of us to travel about 3km up a well formed gravel road.

Soon after this the Gravel riders (separate report by Dale) and the road riders headed off in their separate directions.

Ray and Anne, Val, Dave, Cliff and myself rode a big loop via Kawatiri Junction, Murchison, Berlins (in the Buller Gorge) where we stopped for lunch at the Berlins Cafe overlooking the Buller river, then onto Reefton, across to Springs Junction and back to Murchison and St Arnaud. Dave went straight onto Murchison to catch up with the Gravel riders after lunch.

This was followed by beers and relaxation before heading to the Clinker Cafe (which kindly stayed open after hours for us, as the Alpine Lodge had double booked) for dinner. A very good meal was had and we were joined by Gretchen and Tony from Nelson for the meal.

The following day our Taranaki members were on the road just after 7am heading for the return ferry home. The rest of us made off about 8am. I headed home and the others headed to Murchison via some gravel for breakfast.

Kevin.



Left:
Mt Robert car park.



Right:
Red Deer Lodge.

Kevin has asked me to write one for the tough guys :)

This years South Island RAG rally was held right at the top of the Island in the village St Arnaud on the edge of Lake Rotoiti.

We had time up our sleeves first thing Saturday morning, so I took the whole group up the gravel road to the carpark on Mt Robert which has an awesome view out over the whole valley, only 15 mins on the bikes but with a big elevation gain.

We had 8 riders choose to do the dirt option, Garry had arranged to meet us in Murchison for lunch, originally we were going to do the Porika Track, but Chris had done it the day before so I volunteered to show a bit more of the region, unfortunately we had to do a bit of tarseal via Golden Downs & Tapawera to get to the gravel section (sorry Chris) this was worth it though as Sherry River road through the forestry was in great condition, but a bit like riding in talcum powder apparently, as ride leader I was probably to blame for some of that too, after the Sherry River we turned off into Dry Weather Rd. which is also a great back country road, just watch out for the locals in their Hilux's, the guy I came face to face with probably needs to buy some new pants judging from the way he got all crossed up sideways when he saw me coming towards him.

When this road finished we came out onto the main highway near Glenhope, from here it was a blast on the seal into Murchison to meet Garry at the Rivers Cafe.

After lunch we took the brilliant Braeburn track towards Lake Rotoroa with Garry leading, the first ford was a bit deeper than it looked, so I slowed down slightly for the second one, bad move as Jacques decided to put the move on me halfway though, so not only did I have my own bow wave to worry about, I also has an 800GS sized wave hitting me from the side, very wet but still funny.

At Lake Rotoroa we took the Porika Track, I have never done this route before, but Tony Haddon said it was not too bad & told me what it was similar to, well I spent the whole time riding up the bumpy rock strewn pylon track looking for Tony's not too bad bit, it never came. We finally got to the top & took the r/h fork as Garry had never done/gone that way before (more on that later) we carried on down the other side through the beech forest & eventually came out onto farm land. Here we sat & waited & waited & waited for the others, finally Chris came into sight, he had stopped to tackle a bug in the eye & then took the l/h fork to the summit to find us, well we were not there so he backtracked, could not find us, so went back the way he had came & found us, the other 2 guys at the rear had turned back after an altercation with the bank which led to them spending 40 mins trying to get the bike upright & turn the beast around.

We all met up again a bit later & swapped stories over a beer or two.

On Sunday morning the NI riders had to leave early, so we all got up to say our goodbyes which left us with a lot of time to play with, Peter & I decided to go back over the Braeburn track with Garry & Chris to have breakfast in Murchison with them, after a nice feed we went our separate ways & we were back in Nelson by lunchtime.

We had an awesome weekend, thank you to the folks that came up from Christchurch & down from Taranaki, it was great to meet you all.

Dale.



Clockwise (From top)

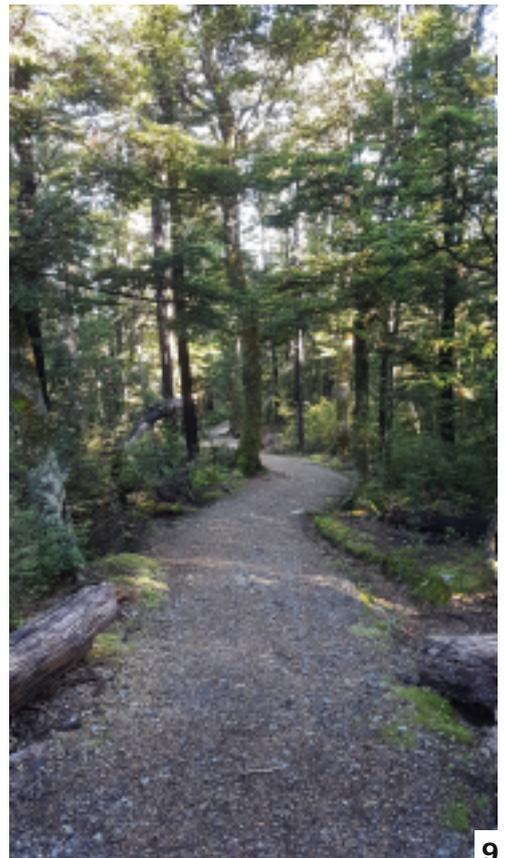
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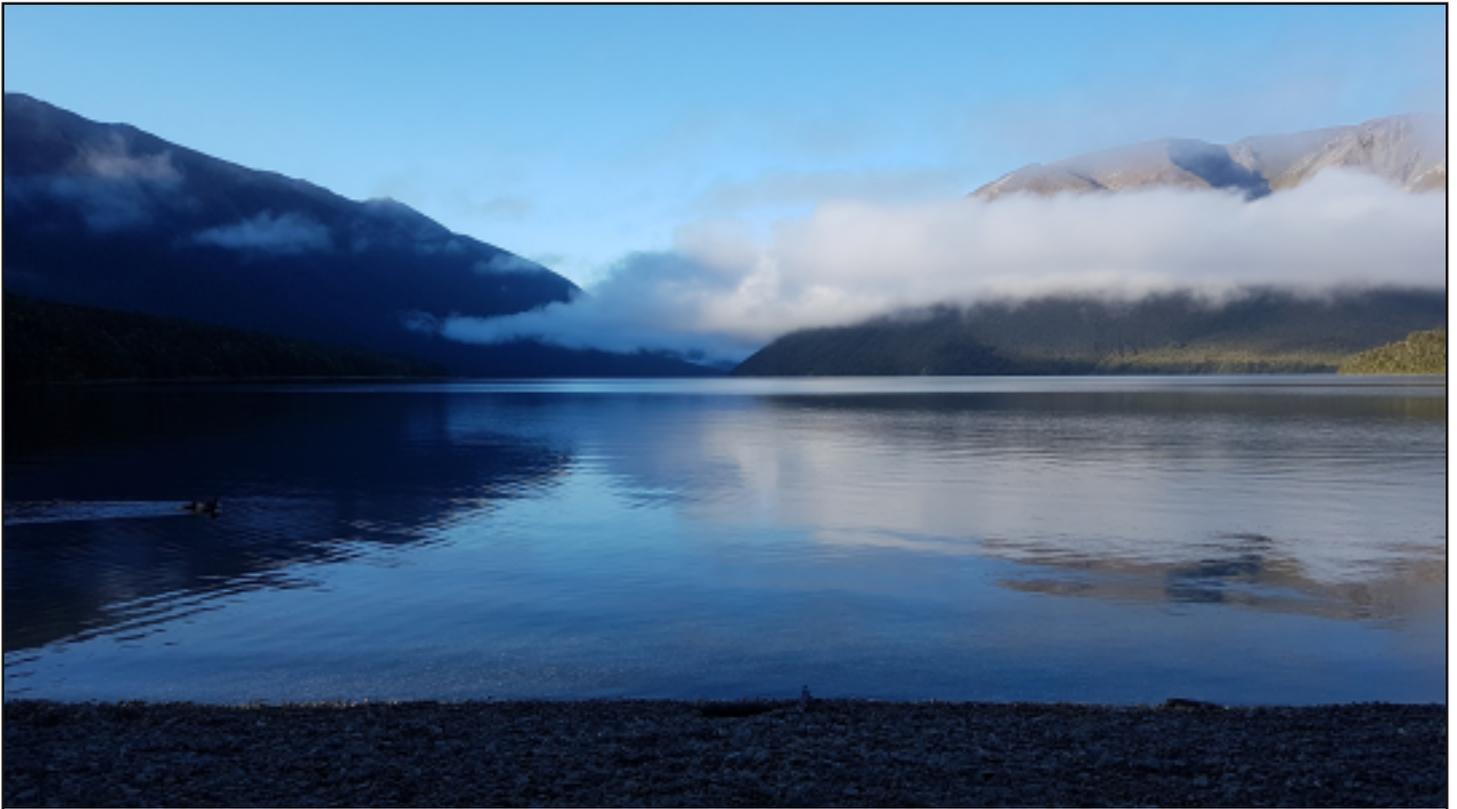
View of Lake Retoiti HP2.

Berlin Cafe.

Beech lined path.

Dale rides on water.





Haunting beauty of Lake Rotoiti -SI Rag (See page 8 for story.)

REMINDER FOR THE BMWOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The BMW Owners Register Annual General Meeting is to be held at 5-00 pm on Saturday 6 January 2018 at 'The Gate' complex in Cromwell, Central Otago.

As of the date of this publication there have been:

IMPORTANT

- NO REMITS received,
- NO Notice/s of motion to alter, add to, rescind or otherwise amend the our Constitution,
- NO nominations for the Election to any of the current Board Positions. Nominations must comply with Section 7.2.1 of the Constitution:
 - o 7.2.1 Each year the members of the Club eligible to vote shall, by ballot, elect the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary and the Members' Representative. Nominations shall be by way of written nomination signed by a current financial member and endorsed with the consent of the nominee. Nominations must be received by the secretary to enable publication in the last newsletter distributed before the day fixed for the annual general meeting. Nominations may be received at the annual general meeting provided that no member can be elected who has not consented to being nominated.
- NO other business that has or is to be considered at that meeting. Notice of any item or business to be considered at the AGM by comply with Section 9.1.5 of the Constitution:
 - o 9.1.5 Any member wishing to bring before the Annual General Meeting any notice to be included in the business of the meeting shall give notice in writing of such motion to the Secretary before 5 p.m. on the 20th day before the Annual General Meeting and no such motion shall come before the meeting unless such notice has been given or unless the Board shall see fit to dispense with this requirement in any particular case.
- Formal Notice of the Annual General Meeting, along with an agenda, will be published on Saturday 23 December in accordance with Section 9.3.1 of the Constitution:
 - o 9.3.1 Fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given of all Annual and Special General Meetings and the notice shall state the business to be considered at the meeting.

Any inquiry should be directed to the undersigned:

Dave ROSS
National Secretary - BMWOR

.... From page 7.

Rangitikei

After a few miserable months weather wise the November ride was hopefully going to allow us to get out for a spin. The Manawatu and Horowhenua riders met with our Wanganui pals at The Hunters Café, Hunterville, and over coffee the catch ups started.

Ten fine motorcycles and fourteen fine motorcyclists headed north into the cooler temperatures (lowest seen was 6C around Waiouru) with a first break at the Tangiwai

Memorial. This memorial is well done and it was quite easy to imagine the terrible scene that must have unfolded there on Christmas Eve 1953.

Lance N led us into Ohakune for lunch at the Sweet Pea. A great little Café that had seen BMW patronage before when the annual Rally was held in Whanganui.

After the cruisy roads to Ohakune the Paraparas offered a bit more spice and the ride to our break at Upokongaro was particularly enjoyable. Now the temperatures were much more pleasant and we all enjoyed a good leg stretch. Much time and discussion was invested in John C's recently acquired late model R1200GS, out on its first club ride. This bike has been seriously pimped out and is literally a mobile Givi catalogue. All the bling was noted and considered. The gel seats too were scrutinised and John is particularly enamoured with these, likening some of their best attributes to aspects of the female form.

All in all a good day out on the bikes; great riding and great company.



Rangitikei riders at Hunterville.

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Above: Ower: Time to eat!

See Area reports - Auckland, to fit these pictures into a story.

Below: 'Legs 11.' The East Cape part: Dropping in at Cussie/Bro's place.



The new BMW K 1600 Grand America.

07.11.2017 Press Kit

BMW Motorrad expands its range in the full dresser touring segment with the addition of a model designed specifically for comfortable travel. The BMW K 1600 Grand America sees its premiere at the world's biggest motorcycle trade show, the EICMA in Milan (7 – 12 November 2017). Derived from the BMW K 1600 B, the new model combines the supreme performance of its 6-cylinder engine with exclusive equipment features that make long-distance rides both comfortable and fascinating in American highway cruising style, whether solo or with a passenger.

The American way of travelling.

The design of the BMW K 1600 Grand America embraces the passion for relaxed, luxurious travel on two wheels that is especially widespread in the USA. For this purpose, the styling developed for the bagger concept of the BMW K 1600 B has been modified and a number of distinctive features have been added. In addition to the dynamically elongated side line that slopes evenly down to the rear, another clearly recognisable feature is the drop-shaped silhouette created from the visual link between the high-rising windshield and the low positioned side cases.

Chrome-plated rear silencers arranged parallel to the road are harmoniously integrated in the elegant, flowing design. The authentic look of the BMW K 1600 Grand America is rounded off with a topcase complete with integrated passenger backrest. In addition to expanded transport capacity, the BMW Grand America offers significantly enhanced travel suitability due to the additional seating comfort for rider and passenger.

American style: additional brake light integrated in the topcase.

The design of the BMW K 1600 Grand America is inspired by US custom bikes, and this is also reflected in other details at the rear. An additional brake light integrated in the topcase gives the rear view a distinctive presence. It also visually harmonised with the lights integrated in the side cases, which act as brake lights and turn indicators. All lighting is produced by means of LED units.

Maximum exclusivity: Style Package with paint finish in Austin Yellow metallic and Blackstorm metallic.

As standard, the new BMW K 1600 Grand America is finished in the powerful, elegant colour Blackstorm metallic. In addition to the BMW logo, the vehicle trim also bears a model designation with reference to the engine type. In addition, a high-quality badge is positioned centrally on the fuel tank with the inscription "K 1600 Grand America".

The Style Package specially created for the BMW Grand America ensures even further enhanced exclusivity. It consists of a two-colour paint finish combining Blackstorm metallic with the highly expressive Austin Yellow metallic, as well as chrome applications on the front wheel trim.

6-cylinder engine with distinctive performance characteristics.

Supreme drive power makes travelling long distances on the new BMW K 1600 Grand America a relaxing pleasure. The latest version of the distinctive BMW Motorrad 6-cylinder engine delivers its performance effortlessly in every situation on the road. The most compact 6-cylinder engine of its kind has an output of 118 kW/160 hp at 7 750 rpm, generating a maximum torque of 175 Nm at 5 250 rpm. In the new BMW Grand America it offers not just the familiar, apparently inexhaustible power reserves but also distinctive performance characteristics. Based on the principle of "The American Way of Riding", the top speed is limited to 162 km/h or 101 mph. This takes into account the fact that customisation with additional fittings in the rear section – as is popular in this vehicle segment – can impact significantly on wheel load distribution, so in terms of riding dynamics, stability and safety are guaranteed in all situations.

Electronic suspension Dynamic ESA and reverse assist as standard.

In addition to the engine, the standard electronically controlled suspension Dynamic ESA also contributes to the supreme riding qualities of the new BMW Grand America characterised by dynamic performance, comfort and stability. In the standard setting "Road" it provides fully automated damper adaptation, ensuring the very highest level of comfort and excellent traction on virtually all surfaces. What is more, "Cruise" mode can be activated for a very soft damper set-up and pronounced comfort.

Reverse assist, also a standard feature, facilitates manoeuvring of the new BMW Grand America. It is activated by pressing a button on the left-hand handlebar panel. The rider then uses the start button to set the bike in motion.

Relaxed "feet forward" position for long-distance travel.

The relaxed seating position available to rider and passenger is a feature that contributes to the incomparably comfortable ride feel offered by the BMW K 1600 Grand America – even over extremely long distances. The model is fitted as standard with footboards, allowing the rider to adopt a convenient "feet forward" posture. The passenger can also enjoy a comfortable seating position thanks to the low rear frame and a seat height that is reduced by 70 millimetres. Footboards are also available for the passenger as an optional extra.

Perfect weather protection due to high windshield.

The standard equipment of the new BMW Grand America also includes high-quality engine protection bars, heated grips, seat heating, cruise control and a model-specific windshield that is especially high. In conjunction with side trim that reaches a long way to the rear, it ensures perfect protection from wind and other adverse weather conditions. The integrated air ducting elements also supply the rider with fresh air as required. An audio system complete with navigation preparation is another feature on board the new BMW K 1600 Grand America as standard.

Meanwhile the selection of optional equipment items available ex works includes Shift Assistant Pro, the eCall system Intelligent Emergency Call available in European markets with ConnectedDrive capability, the Comfort Package, the Safety Package, various seat heights and forged handlebars. The program of Original BMW Motorrad Accessories enables further customisation.

H/Link: <https://www.press.bmwgroup.com/global/article/detail/T0275470EN/the-new-bmw-k-1600-grand-america>

Gun Trophy Nominees



The qualifying articles are those submitted by Register members writing under their own hats, not that of an Area Rep or other Officer of the Register. Articles sourced from news services are excluded. So some months may not have qualifying articles.

If you wish to refresh your memory of the articles, and have not retained your paper Newsletters, all of them are in one document at: <https://www.bmwor.org.nz/archived-newsletters/>

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| | Rubbernecker's Gallery | Tony Haddon |
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Gun Trophy (2017) Nomination

Please send to: The Secretary, BMWOR, PO Box109-245, Newmarket, AUCKLAND 1149 to be received no later than Friday 17th December 2017, or secretary@bmwor.org.nz, or by hand at the Rally not later than 1000hrs Saturday 6th. January 2017.

Voter Name:

Membership Number:

Title of Nominated Article:

Fly Spot/Lady Rider's Claim Form

1. 1 point per km traveled to, during and from an event.
2. 150 points for the crossing of the Cook Strait (300 return).
3. 200 points for attending a Charity Run.
4. Up to 300 points for promoting the Register in a positive way.

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Date of Event: _____ Name of Event: _____

Details of what you did to earn a bonus: _____

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Rules for the award of Trophies

THE GUN TROPHY

Presented at AGM

Members to vote for best article of the year from a list published in the December newsletter. Votes are to be sent to secretary@bmwor.org.nz to be received no later than Friday, 17 December 2017 or by hand at the rally, no later than 1000 hrs, Saturday 6th. January 2017.

THE OOPS AWARD

Presented at AGM

Stories of a particular cock up under unusual/funny circumstances.

Members to send articles for the oops award to the secretary@bmwor.org.nz to be received no later than Friday 17th. Dec 2017, or by hand at the Rally, no later than 1000 hrs, Saturday 6th. Jan, 2018

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Presented at AGM

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THE RICK KIRKMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Presented at AGM

For the winner of the Gymkara held at the National Rally.

THE FLY TROPHY

THE LADY RIDERS TROPHY

Presented at AGM

For the most points scored between 1st Dec and 30th Nov.

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“Gateway to Paradise”

2018 Rally and AGM

The 2018 Annual Rally and AGM are going to be held in Cromwell in the heart of Central Otago, commencing on Friday afternoon January 5 and concluding on Monday morning January 8. Don't leave your decision to register any longer! The end of the year is not far away!

The venue is “The Gate” which is booked out to us for that period. It is a terrific venue which has just been refurbished and developed, as has much of the Cromwell town centre across the road, and you will be able to be as busy or as lazy as you like in this fantastic location! The Gate is an upmarket motor lodge with very comfortable, quiet rooms, all with great views of the surrounding mountains and vineyards, and of course there is plenty of safe parking for our BMWs. It is also close to Lake Dunstan and there are great walks in all directions for those whose bottoms are sore from lots of riding!

The Gate has its own cafe, “Forage”, which is open from early morning until late in the day, and which caters for all tastes and wallets. If you want to stretch your legs a bit, cross the road and check out the cafes, bars and eateries of Cromwell.

Over the Rally weekend there will be organised road rides and adventure rides—we can even organise for you to hire a trail bike if you come on your road bike. There will also be a wine tour for those wine lovers amongst you. If you want to do your own thing, the choices are huge, from Highlands Park to the many cafes and historical townships and sites that abound in Central Otago.

Later in the year we will send you a Rally Pack which will give you advance notice of what you can expect in Paradise---and yes, we can even take you there!

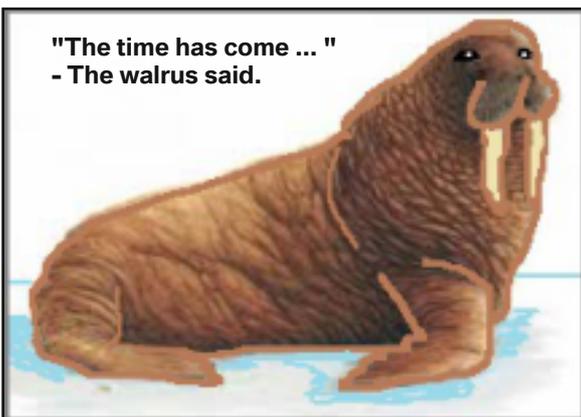
Please do not contact The Gate yourself because all room bookings will be done as part of registration which will close on 12 December.

So, watch for developments—January is closing in!

REGISTER NOW - SEE NEXT PAGE



IF YOU DON'T DO IT NOW -
YOU'RE NOT COMING.



"The time has come ... "
- The walrus said.

CHECK LIST



Register for Cromwell Annual Rally/AGM.



Book bike in for service.



Check accommodation and ferry bookings.

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."



REGISTRATION FORM - 2018 ANNUAL RALLY
'THE GATE', CROMWELL, CENTRAL OTAGO.
Friday 5-Monday 8 January

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| Name/s |
| Address |
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| Email |

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| BMW OR Number | Area | |
| Phone | Mobile | |
| Bike / Model | Year | |

| | NUMBER | COST | TOTAL |
|---|--------|---------------------|-------|
| Registration (non-refundable) | | \$25-00 | |
| 2018 Rally Badge | | \$12-00 | |
| Friday evening 'Meet & Greet': Rolling Pizza | | \$18-00 | |
| Saturday evening: Dinner | | \$47-00 | |
| Sunday evening: 'Burger-fest' | | \$18-00 | |
| Polo shirt: circle size / s S M L XL 2XL 3XL | | \$45-00 | |
| Accommodation at The Gate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rooms have en-suites & tea/ coffee making facilities Rate per room is for 1-2 people per night Some rooms can have an extra person. Cost per night Please tick type of room and dates required: <input type="checkbox"/> Queen/King <input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> 3/room <input type="checkbox"/> Fri 5 Jan <input type="checkbox"/> Sat 6 Jan <input type="checkbox"/> Sun 7 Jan <input type="checkbox"/> Want to share a room? We'll try to arrange it. | | \$145-00 \$25-00 | |
| TOTAL | | | |

Cancellations - Registration fee is non-refundable. Other fees refundable, depending on costs incurred

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| <p>Please mail all Registration Forms - (including cheques made out to BMWOR) - to:</p> <p>Barry Richardson 25 Boundary Road ALEXANDRA 9320</p> <p>Or SCAN and EMAIL to: sn.btrichardson@extra.co.nz</p> | <p>Payment by Internet Banking</p> <p>BMWOR Event Account 03-1519-0034447-001</p> <p>NB - This is NOT the subscription account</p> <p>Please reference with: NAME, BMWOR Member Number Rally</p> | <p>General enquiries to:</p> <p>Rally Coordinator Barry Richardson 03 448 8681 sn.btrichardson@extra.co.nz</p> <p>All entries will be acknowledged</p> <p>Registrations close: Tuesday 12 December 2017</p> |
| <p>DISCLAIMER: This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as in the register's official newsletter. By registering for this event participants agree to abide by all the conditions of the said Management Plan.</p> | | |

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There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"



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DAWN CHORUS 2018

The popular Dawn Chorus will be held once again in the idyllic and peaceful Ruatiti Domain. The nearest town is Ohakune and Raetihi.

This overnigher has become the established harbinger for the RAG Rally.



There is no standing accommodation at this domain. Camping, caravan or motor-home is the only choice. There is no cost for a site and toilet and shower facilities are there.

More info about the Domain can be found here, including maps:

<http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/SiteCollectionDocuments/Brochures/Parks%20and%20Reserves/parks%20reserves%20-%20ruatiti%20domain.pdf>

Date: Friday March, 23rd 2018.

You will need to be self-sufficient with shelter, appropriate clothing, bedding and food, including cooking and utensils. Usually we have breakfast 'down the road'. Some of us carry on to BMWOR RAG Rally from there.

Join up with riding mates and make your own way to the venue. Preferred camping area is down toward the junction of the two rivers.

Contact for questions and info: editor@bmworlorg.nz

The Best-laid Plans

Ah, the best-laid plans etc..... Having lived in Palmy for 4 years and Hawke's Bay for 17, I'm reasonably qualified to say that the weather at Manfield on Saturday October 28th was exceptional. Sunhats and sunscreen had been thrown into the top box more out of habit and irony than the expectation they would actually be required. But the gods clearly love motorcycling because they turned on a stunner of a day just west of Palmy, for the first day of the 2 day NZCMRR Spring Classic. 4 riders & 3 bikes set off optimistically from BP Stortford Lodge, anticipating a great day out. SH50 through Tikokino is a nice stretch of road, in good condition & with just enough corners and one-way bridges with curly approaches to keep things interesting. We'd struck a deal to all stop at Dannevirke for a coffee but John pulled up lame at the SH50/SH2 intersection, complaining his handling wasn't too flash. Earlier he'd been observing that it had been a while since he'd been on the bike, so was a bit rusty on corners & please keep an eye out for him as tail-end Charlie just in case. So we weren't quite sure what we'd find when we doubled back, to discover John peering intently at his back wheel and talking about calling for a trailer. A quick prod and a hastily-withdrawn finger confirmed the rear on his F700GS was running without the luxury of air pressure and he definitely didn't need tyre warmers. Dipping into the cavernous front compartment on the R1100RT & proffering a car-sized can of tyre sealant prompted John to whip out his own battered slimline version 'that he'd been carrying around forever' and got to work (see photo). A couple of minutes later, all

was slightly better with the world and variously venerable riders and we were ready to go, 3 of us onwards to machinery defying their years around a well-earned coffee and John, with the track, John's txt confirmed that discretion the better part of valour, he'd made it back without incident. deciding to limp back to Napier. Later Next month's ride challenge - all the as we basked in the Manawatu way there and back without losing sunshine watching a fine collection of anyone! Xan





2018 RAG* Rally - Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka

Sat/Sun 24 - 25th March, 2018

Cost: \$50.00 per Member or \$75.00 per Non-Member (plus \$15 for a badge). Includes lodge accommodation/camping and the spit roast on Saturday night.

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

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

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

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

From the South (Raetahi), pass through Tohunga Junction (joins up with highway 49 and Ohakune) Horopito, 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 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 031519-0034447-01 (please include your surname as the payee and 'RAG' as a reference).

Please note: 2018 RAG Rally badges will only be available for entries received by 5:00 pm Friday 23 February, otherwise bookings must be received by Friday 9 March for catering purposes.

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RAG* Rally Booking Form



Name

Membership No.

Please book me and the following people:

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Number of Members attending . . . @ \$50.00 each = \$.....

Number of Non-Members attending . . . @ \$75.00 each = \$.....

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

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

I have paid via Internet Banking..... Please tick one.

*RAG stands for Rough As Guts, but it isn't really.

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Pr. Chevalier

The Editor

B.M.W. Owners Register

As a past Editor of the group, I am just writing to inform you of Paul Hayes recent death.

Paul had purchased an orange B.M.W. whilst in Singapore, whilst serving in the Army & he was delighted to hear of the formation of the B.M.W. Owners Register, when he came home.*

As Secretary at that time, he was able to track down my address on his return, & before long his bright orange machine duly joined us. He was a keen & careful rider, & on a fine day & a fair wind we were off & away. We never missed an opportunity for a ride & we were fortunate to have the use of a house at Woburn. They were wonderful days & his orange machine duly joined us on every occasion.

*Yours sincerely
Jean Hayes*

(* R90S - Ed.)

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