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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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starting the 40th GS
Anniversary Baton Relay
at Bluff



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Presidents Podium

Gary

President's Podium November 2020

Honestly, where has this month gone? Seems like just yesterday I was writing last month's podium. Looking back there's been quite a bit going on though, and I've at least been riding the bike most days.

By all accounts it was an excellent weekend for those attending the North Island RAG Rally. Thanks to the organisers and to everyone who contributed to making it such a great event. I'm told everything ran very smoothly and all were blessed with beautiful, warm days despite very cold starts to the mornings.

The South Island RAG Rally is an event I'm really looking forward to, and I know of quite a few North Islanders making the trip down. Grant and I were out last weekend with Rodney and Geoff tagging along to scope out the route for the GS ride. It'll be a treat for those who haven't spent much time in North Canterbury, and there will be some challenge or other that will no doubt stand up to the notion of "adventure" riding.

You'll be aware of the 40th GS Anniversary relay that kicked off in Bluff early October and hopefully following its journey via Facebook. Over an eight-week period encompassing other club events, we're aiming to get our "Baton" to Cape Reinga. Area Reps are co-ordinating the effort across their own areas to make the links either side of their regions for the baton handover. The baton has already made it to Canterbury thanks to the efforts of the several members who seem to be having a great time showing it off in their photos. There's plenty of time to be involved in the relay if you want to, have a chat with your Area Rep or catch up with us at the SI Rag Rally or the GS Rallye in Martinborough.

Unfortunately, this year's BMW Clubs International Council delegates didn't get to meet in person in Austria as the event was cancelled due to Covid-19. I did however attend the Council meeting via a 4-hour virtual hui starting at 2:00 am our time on Sunday October 11th.

Aside from missing out on the usual "social networking" opportunities and getting to try out the best of the BMW fleet over a week away, it was great catching up with club delegates from around the world, especially those we got to know better in Palm Springs last year.

It was evident from the start of discussions that the impact of Covid-19 has been a challenge for all clubs. What was most interesting is how clubs around the world have dealt with it, some with no communication with members for almost 8 months. It's fair to say there's a certain amount of envy around the way in which Aotearoa has responded to the pandemic, and for the most part us being able to provide some continuity with club activities. The Council Chair called on me to talk to my report, noting with interest that our membership growth hasn't flat-lined or declined like many other clubs. Others on the Council commented positively on our move to carry out Board meetings virtually and more frequently, and the use of social media and Zoom meetings to keep people in touch. Other motorcycle clubs were particularly interested in our 40th GS Anniversary relay, and many wanted to know what "RAG" meant, and kind of liked the spirit of it.

One of the things delegates talked about included a desire for more pressure from the Council to be put on BMW AG to direct dealers to better support official BMW Clubs. This is not a new thing and is raised by the same people every year. As I've said before, it's my view that the relationship between clubs and dealers is a two-way street. If we want to retain exclusive support from our dealer network as a club, we need to be prepared to support our dealers through everything from purchasing bikes though to servicing, parts and accessories.

The last agenda item was the introduction of new guidelines detailing Corporate Identity basics for official BMW Clubs. BMW introduced a new roundel and logo design earlier this year for its European spring launch of the new M series. After more than 20 years of using a very familiar roundel, BMW says “we have now taken yet another and clearly visible step into the automotive future with the modernisation of its appearance”. The upshot is BMW Clubs will be required to adapt their own logos to accommodate BMW’s new design parameters. This will not materially affect the current imagery we’ve just recently agreed for our logo, it’s just a new layout with the new roundel. We’ve got until the end of 2021 to get that done.

Jo and I will be heading north on Thursday 5 November making our way up to the 2020 GS Rallye that our friends at KiwiRider are hosting in Martinborough on the 7th, we’re looking forward to another great weekend.

We’re also booked for the club’s Annual Rally in New Plymouth and very much looking forward to spending some time in Taranaki. If you’re thinking about it, registration is still open. The form is published in this newsletter and you’ll find it on the club website at www.bmwmc.nz

There are plenty of other local area events happening. Do yourself a favour and get in touch with your Area Rep, or keep an eye on the club website or our Facebook page. There’s plenty to be getting on with!

Finally, another reminder that the Annual General meeting in January 2021 will see the end of the second term of a maximum of three (as per the constitution) for all six current Board Members. It is highly likely there will be a couple of retirements at the end of this term, although all positions are contestable. It’s an ideal opportunity to have new people involved thus reducing the risk of all positions vacating at the same time in 2024. If you’ve been thinking about standing, or have been approached by someone because they think highly enough of you to ask you to stand, I’d encourage you to have a chat with any of the Board Members about their experience over the last few years. It’s a real privilege and not at all as scary as it might seem.

Wherever your travels take you in this month; have fun and make good decisions!

Garry

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START PLANNING NOW!

RAG Rally is next on our Calendar after the AGM/Annual Rally. More detail to follow next month, but this meeting usually falls on the Weekend of Daylight Savings eve.



BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand - Risk Management Plan

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand 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 Club members on Club 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. Club 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, Pillions and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum standard 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. Club Members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.
5. Rider organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for the 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 Ride Organiser and or the Club are not responsible for the 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 the Road Rules and Laws.

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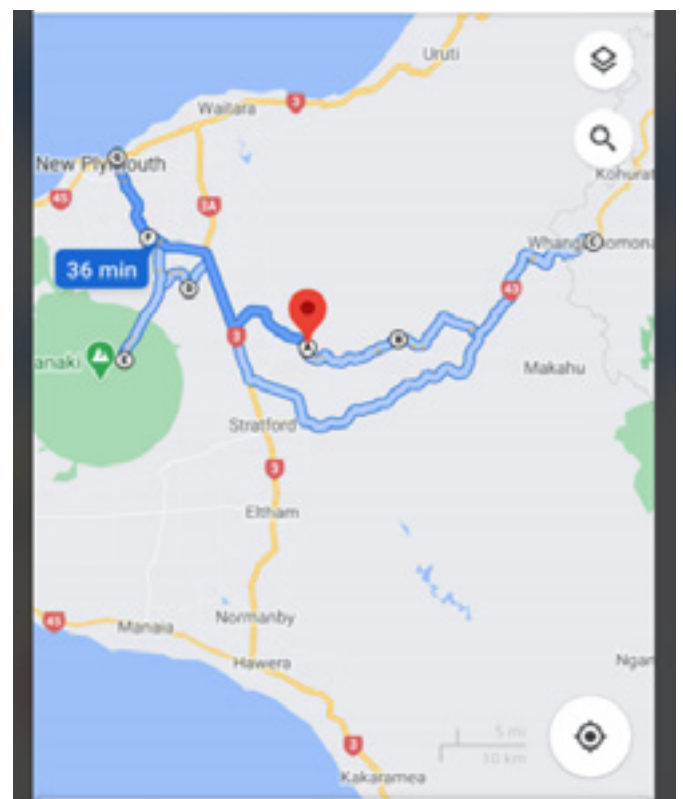
Area Report



Taranaki Monthly Ride Sunday the 11th of October

A great day out was had by all as we inspected a proposed road ride for the upcoming National Rally/AGM in January. It was beautiful weather and the views were great. Whangamomona Pub put on a great feed as usual which set us up for the ride back. Some members of the Ulysses joined us for the day which was great. I'm not going to say too much or post too many pictures as it will spoil the surprise for those joining the Rally.

3 from Taranaki attended the NI RAG Rally at Taylors Lodge the weekend after. What a fantastic event! The weather was stunning. The rides around the central plateau were magnificent. The Saturday night meal, delicious and nutritious. Congratulations to the organisers on putting on a great event. If you haven't been before, make sure you get along to the next one.



Area Report

Rangitikei BMW ride report October.

As planned a number of us assembled at Dublin Street Z in Whanganui mid-morning. Some Ulysses riders were gathering there too so notes were compared. They were heading up the Paraparas and our intention was the River Road.

The River Road is a very scenic meander offering some lovely rural views and interesting riding. It follows the Whanganui River up to Pipiriki and is for the most part

tight and windy. At the height of spring, as it is now, the roadside foliage is fresh and bright and a joy to ride through. At Pipiriki we turned away from the river and soon were at Raetihi for lunch.

A discussion over lunch and our route back south was decided upon. We took the road across via Ohakune, Waiouru and Taihape to Mangaweka. Turning off here we opted for the Manawatu Scenic Route which passes through Rangiwahia and all the twists and turns which encourage a leg stretch at Kimbolton. From here we gradually split up and endured the straight roads back to our respective homes.

Ride conditions were really good and it was 440km of motorcycling pleasure.

Barry Petherick



Wairarapa & Wellington Monthly Report

The October monthly meeting at the Petone Working Man's Club on Monday 12 October saw 10 members attend for a social get together. The weather was cold, windy, and wet and the PWMC was not particularly crowded, so a pleasant time was enjoyed by those who attended with the up coming RAG rallies being the main, focus of discussion. We are all looking forward to some kinder weather.

Peter Nash

All things have a beginning... Jean Hayes

History of the Register – Part 4

(Re printed from the October 1992 Newsletter)

Shell 500 in thick pea soup BMWOR scores.

March saw a well organised Register road trial take riders through a variety of back country roads to Kaukapakapa. Winners were Phil & Gail Scott on a Moto Guzzi. The return journey saw some cause for concern when a rear tyre blow-out sent the Southern's 695 literally "down the road". Rider, pillion and machine suffered a few dents!

An interesting article appeared in the March issue, on motorcycle loading. This question had been discussed previously when a rider carried one only loaded pannier on a journey, and was convinced that this caused a cornering tumble. Quoting a BMW 75/7, 2-up with all accessories, the chart gave a manufacturers recommended maximum load of 871bs. They also recommended a maximum per axle with 3961bs front and 6191bs rear. "Presumably this may have something to do with maximum tyre loads, spoke loads, axle loads or handling properties. Whatever the case you cannot afford to ignore such recommendations in the long run, and get away with it".

This Newsletter also saw a detailed article on the necessity for ear-plugs. Wind roar was the problem and it did contribute to hearing loss over the years. Cottonwool was only 11 % effective, moulded wax 50% effective. (It is interesting to note a recent 1992 article on the subject where helmet manufacturers have been approached on their lack of progress in this area).

The Shell 500 saw riders again take to the back roads from Helensville, Huntly and Hamilton, much of it in thick pea-soup fog. The Register had 9 riders entered and the end result showed Pete Butterworth (90/6) second place overall, and the BMW Owners Register Team also placed 2nd.

The April '78 National Rally yet again showed the enormous popularity of this event with attendance increasing. Forty-nine members attended with numerous visitors calling in over the weekend. Scoutlands at Wanganui the venue with Ross Glenny putting in much effort to ensure success. The first of our serious gymkhanas provided a great afternoon of entertainment with Ray Holmes taking the leader board and Ross merely a couple of points behind.

The April newsletter also saw an article on the Accident Compensation Commission intended levy increase, and the effect on motorcycles. It was the beginning of an on-going saga which involved Walter de Beurs in considerable research in his efforts to dis-prove the many "headline" figures on the seriousness of motorcycle accidents. The full analysis of these reports left many a motorcyclist, subdued.

The half-way house at Taupo yet again bulged at the seams as BMW owners rode from far and wide to attend. The cool, damp weather had little effect on attendance. Unbeknown to all, it was to prove the last get-together here with Phil being transferred to Auckland. The Scotts personally had contributed greatly to Register interaction and friendship. Their central North Island home created a store-house of happy memories and strengthened our N.Z. links.

During May a presentation was held at Jensen Motors for the Shell Trial, with Peter Butterworth receiving a pair of BMW cufflinks, and the Register overall thanked for their participation in this highly publicised event.

The June newsletter saw the first of many detailed articles on BMW ownership, long distance touring and the overall maintenance of these machines. This contribution came from Barry Williams, owner of the first /5 model in N.Z. (cost \$2,260, from John Hempleman Motorcycles in 1972), and highlighted his trouble-free long distance touring (apart from clutch problem at 16,000 miles).

An article from Brent Mander on "The problems of Associating", added to his list of welcome contributions to the magazine and a continuation of Walter's survey of BMW owners in relation to accidents. It also pointed out that although it sounds nice to blame other vehicles for much of our ill fortune, it proved to be a very weak argument vis-a-vis the A.C.C. From their point of view, motorcyclists are at fault for choosing to ride, instead of drive.

During July, an interesting Social occasion took place at the Auckland City Council. The BMW Register, with the Italian Owners Club, made the most of an opportunity to meet up with the Traffic Dept. An evening of films and talk benefitted all present. An article from Massachusetts, and Neil Barnard's 512 mile trip to the Niagara BMW Rally, and North around Lake Superior made enthralling reading somewhat over-riding the Club run write-up to Waingaro Springs.

The major event during August was a weekend trip to McLaren Falls at Tauranga and September heralded the beginnings of the AGM and National Rally arrangements. It was also decided to hold a rather more ambitious Christmas function and an evening at 'Pinesong' was decided upon.

Thirty-six members attended the AGM at Kay Drive in October. John Samson accepted a further term as President, with Jean Southern as Secretary. Discussions revolved around the National Rally at Woburn on November 11. The year had also been one of much activity for Meryl with hulk purchasing, the A.C.C. issue taking up much time and investigation. Thanks were expressed to her as Secretary for a year of constant workload.

Fifty-seven members and friends participated in an evening of colour slides at Neil Barnard's. It highlighted a dream for many and the evening was a memorable one. Paul Clements wrote of his 22nd birthday present (to himself) - a 750 BMW. And the 2/3rd December would see a trip to the new Army Museum at Waiouru.

December 1978 - A New Year Thought was printed on the front page of the Newsletter -

"The Register must take its course in growth, and hopefully it will always succeed in this respect where others have failed. No doubt there will be problems, but only you, the members, can show the way to the continuing success of the BMW Owners Register".

Thirty-members attended the meeting and correspondence had been received from Parliament in answer to our protests. It was decided to approach the Transport Minister direct once a Cabinet re-shuffle was completed. An organised event between the Register and the Italian Owners Club was agreed upon and February 17 would see a "fun day" at the Pukekohe Race Circuit.

The Saturday Club run to Waiouru, with the Army (in the form of Paul Hayes) showing the way gave riders a round trip of 520 miles and an enjoyable day out.

The Christmas party at the 'Pinesong' Restaurant Night Club proved to be a huge success for the 45 folk attending. Highlight of the evening was the Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs production featuring "Dopey Hayes and Doc Robinson" in a convincing performance. Well after midnight the group headed back to the Southern's house and hospitality for a night-cap or two.

Part eight of Jean's original writings will be in next month's Newsletter.

Other Stories

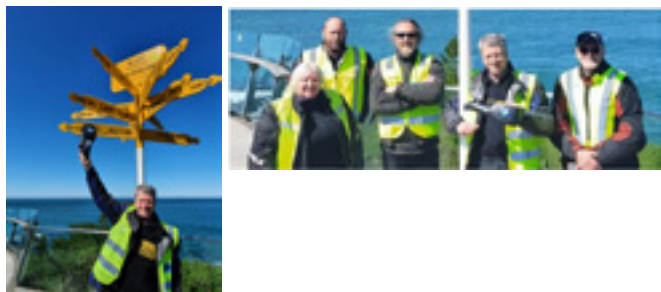
GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Starting at Bluff with Andy Hutcheon - Southern
11 October 2002

40 years ago BMW pretty much shoehorned the R80 boxer motor into the R65 frame, fitted longer travel suspension, and gave us a bike that worked way better than the sum of its parts: the R80 G/S. They've been exceeding expectations with the GS range ever since, which is why I'm riding my bought-new-in-2003 1150 to Bluff tomorrow. The Club is celebrating 40 years of the GS by relaying the baton in the picture from the bottom of the south to the top of the north, via the SI RAG, the GS Rallye, and as many other interesting places as we can find.



We're planning to be at the Bluff signpost a little after midday on Saturday to start the baton's journey and to take the first photos documenting said journey. Keep an eye out here to follow progress.



Full credit to Ian Macartney for making this all happen, I'm just the first temporary custodian

Up the road from Invercargill is of course Gore, the town where they have both types of music: Country and Western. As you see, Wynn couldn't resist catching the giant fish with the baton. I'm pretty sure nobody's thought of doing that before!



And at the other end of the Presidential Highway (Gore - Clinton; the signs really do use the P-word) we find these fine chaps.



My final shot from Saturday's first leg of the odyssey is of the sign pointing to all the places in Dunedin that Richard Emerson has brewed beer. All within a comfortable walk of the current brewery, if you'd rather spend the time walking than enjoying a pint. I got a refill of American Graffiti so as to balance the baton in my left hand. A very nice American IPA. And the bottle will fill yet again, perhaps en-route to the SIRAG. Cheers!



We rode up through country populated by giant lizards and gold mining old and new. A dusting of fresh snow atop the Rock and Pillar range reminded that winter isn't quite finished with us yet; I had to set the heated grips to high for a while. Photo stop at the memorial for the 1943 Hyde railway disaster.



Other Stories

17 October 2020

Getting close to the handover now! Wynn isn't taking his hat off because the day is none too warm. Some of that white behind him is the sky, some is the snow on the Hawkdun Range.



The GS 40th relay continues! Quick coffee at the Wobbly Goat in Outram while meeting up with Wynn for the ride to Dansey's for the baton handover



Rendezvous at Dansey's! The GS 40th baton is now with its next keeper. Ride safe, Ralph

I feel like Frodo at the end of his quest, relieved of the burden of responsibility yet missing the feel of something precious in my hand. Also I have space for an extra bottle of Emerson's in my bags on the way to the SIRAG on Friday (although that bit didn't make it into the movie. Or, come to think of it, the book.)



Thanks again to Ian M for making this all happen. See lots of you at Glentui in a few days.

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GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Then onto Canterbury

Ralph Moore

17 October 2020

The Baton has been handed on. At the Dansey's Pass Hotel. Thanks to Andy Hutcheon

for carrying the Baton through Southland. Headed north now to the Waitaki Valley Rally tonight. Then heading over Meyer Pass tomorrow. Today, Le Baton visited all the Dams along the Waitaki on the way to the Rally site at Otematata.



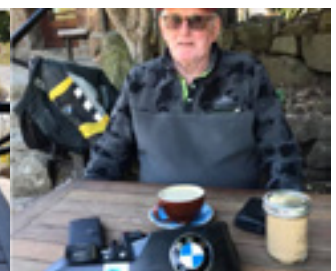
18 October 2020

The GS 40th pattern continues its tour. This morning we left the Waitaki Valley and headed north up the Hakataramea Valley and then turned east through the Campbell Hills. A quick stop at the Wiaho Forks hotel to inspect the new bronze sculpture of the soldier. Then more delightful gravel riding up the back line road to Cave, then across the Fairlie highway and onto more back roads through Hanging Rock and Kakahu. Our next stop was at Rakaia to check out for



19 October 2020

Today I took the GS baton for a visit to the Sign of the Kiwi cafe above Christchurch. I met up with Geoff Stott and Garth Brookland there for coffee and lunch. I passed the baton on to Geoff Stott. Geoff will be the carrier of the baton for the next few days until the SI Rag Rally. The change of baton took place at a secret shady spot high above the village of Christchurch, where Ralph handed it over to Geoff !



Other Stories

20 October 2020

Today being a typical sunny Canterbury day, I, myself with Jeff Louwman and Garth Brookland went for a ride taking in Boccus Rd, Akaroa for a late luncheon and home via lyttelton

Getting close to the handover now! Wynn isn't taking his hat off because the day is none too warm. Some of that white behind him is the sky, some is the snow on the Hawkdun Range.



The forgotten cathedral, open space caused by the earthquake where the new stadium is to be built

19 October 2020

At Glen Tui. It's had breakfast, now we're off through Lees Valley



The baton's had a pretty good day out around North Canterbury; Lees Valley, Macdonald Downs and over the Kaiwara Range. Hot & dusty



25 October 2020

Club President Garry Williams at the baton handing over ceremony at SI RAG Rally to Kevin Hewitt, West Coast Area Rep



Other Stories

GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Then onto the West Coast

Ken Hewitt

25 October 2020

Baton handing over ceremony at SI RAG Rally to Kevin Hewitt, West Coast Area Rep.

The 40th Anniversary GS Baton made it's way to the West Coast today from the SI RAG via the rather wet and windy Lewis Pass and Sunny Reefton. 1st pic at Springs Junction before heading through the Rahu to Reefton. Then through



Not content with a simple trip from the SI RAG Rally back home, Kevin ventured out with the baton for a ride up the Coast a bit as the weather cleared up for a minute. Starting at The Scullery in Waimangaroa for one of the best pies in Aotearoa, he even snapped a cheeky shot of the lovely Rosa posing with the Baton in the pie cart. Then a few photos in the sculpture garden before heading up to the Denniston Historic Coalfields, unfortunately completely smothered by cloud. Back down out of the cloud, he continuing up the coast to Buller Bay getting a snap with the Dolphin Sculpture in Hector. Then on to the Seddonville end of the Old Ghost Road, which gets around 12,000 trampers and cyclists traversing the challenging terrain every year. Well done Kevin, a great day out solo.

28 October

I went for a ride up the Coast a bit this afternoon in a fine weather window. I'm back home now writing this with the rain pattering on the caravan roof.

I started by having one of the best pies on NZ at The Scullery in Waimangaroa, and Ian Macartney you were remembered for your 2 day double helping. The lovely Rosa posing with the Baton in the pie cart. After having my pie I took a couple of pics in the sculpture garden, there are a few miniature motorcycles in the cabinets, unfortunately the light was reflecting on the glass too much to get a good picture.



Then I headed up to Denniston Historic Coalfields and was completely smothered by cloud.

Back down out of the cloud, and continuing up the coast to Buller Bay, getting a snap with the Dolphin Sculpture in Hector.

Then to the Seddonville end of the Old Ghost Road, which gets around 12000 trampers and cyclists traversing the challenging terrain every year.

Other Stories



29 October

A very wet ride to Murchison today, the roads were like polished black glass where I normally like to ride, so I stuck to the raised centre bit as much as possible. I had a toastie and cuppa whilst waiting for team Nelson at the Beechwoods Cafe in Murchison.



It was great to catch up with Revti Verma, Murray Poulter and Raefe Murray, now on their way back to not so Sunny Nelson with the Baton.



I look forward to seeing the upcoming photos of the Batons journey to Cape Reinga.

Other Stories

BMW M has created a seriously fast motorcycle



Ever wanted BMW's M division to make a proper motorcycle? Your wish has been granted.

BMW's high-performance M division has diversified into two wheels. Meet the first-ever M 1000 RR.

Based on the current S 1000 RR – which isn't a slow machine by any means – the M 1000 RR pushes power up from 152kW to 156kW thanks to a higher redline, forged pistons, adapted combustion chambers, higher compression and longer, lighter titanium conrods, among other changes.

Torque remains at 113Nm but a slight retune has resulted in a wider mid-range between 6000rpm to 15,100rpm. Along with BMW's ShiftCam variable valve timing system, the M 1000 RR should be a proper rocket on the track,

This is the M division's first proper go at a motorcycle. If the standard S 1000 RR is anything to go by, this will be absolutely insane.

Weight has been reduced by 5kg to 192kg fully fuelled, thanks to carbon wheels as standard and a new lightweight titanium exhaust system for more decibels.

You'll notice the presence of winglets, a first for BMW and likely the result of wanting to use them in its World Superbike racer where regulations state the racer can only use winglets if the street bike has them too. Apparently, they create 16.2kg of downforce at unspecified speeds well north of 200kmh.



Carbon winglets up front, a lighter titanium exhaust and more power? Sign us up.

The chassis has been tweaked with "optimised" front forks and a revised central spring strut at the rear. The rear swingarm is lighter and longer than the standard S 1000 RR too.

M has given the bike its own blue M-branded brakes, though it's unclear if these are actual M-spec brakes or rebranded third-party units from a player like Brembo.

The normal S 1000 RR has an M Performance package and, surprisingly, so does the M 1000 RR. Called the 'M Competition' pack, it basically applies the entire options list to turn the bike into a proper race machine.



The M division has been quite busy recently with the new M3 and M4 debuting last week.

New Zealand pricing and availability isn't confirmed yet but Americans are bracing to pay a starting price of US\$32,900 (NZ\$50,200). That is roughly double the cost of a standard S 1000 RR, which starts at US\$16,995 (NZ\$25,923).

The vanilla bike costs \$35,590 here, to give you an idea of the differences in price between a currency conversion and actuality.

Other Stories

Club Clothing is now available. They are in the current Club Colours and have our current Logo.

The Club has partnered with NZ Uniforms to create this line of clothing.

Please remember when ordering these items that they are being made for you personally. There is no stock of items held by the club. Each item is hand picked then embroidered with our current club Logo. Therefore there are no returns if you get it wrong. Please read the sizing charts prior to making your order.

If you think that there should be other items that club members may also be interested in, please contact the Club Secretary.



Limited Edition 40th Anniversary Tee Shirts

These are the Custom 40th Anniversary GS Tee Shirts that orders are being taken for a limited run. Cost is \$50-00 each which includes delivery to your address.

To Order do the following things:

Email idmacartney@gmail.com

Include Tee Shirt size, your name and delivery address

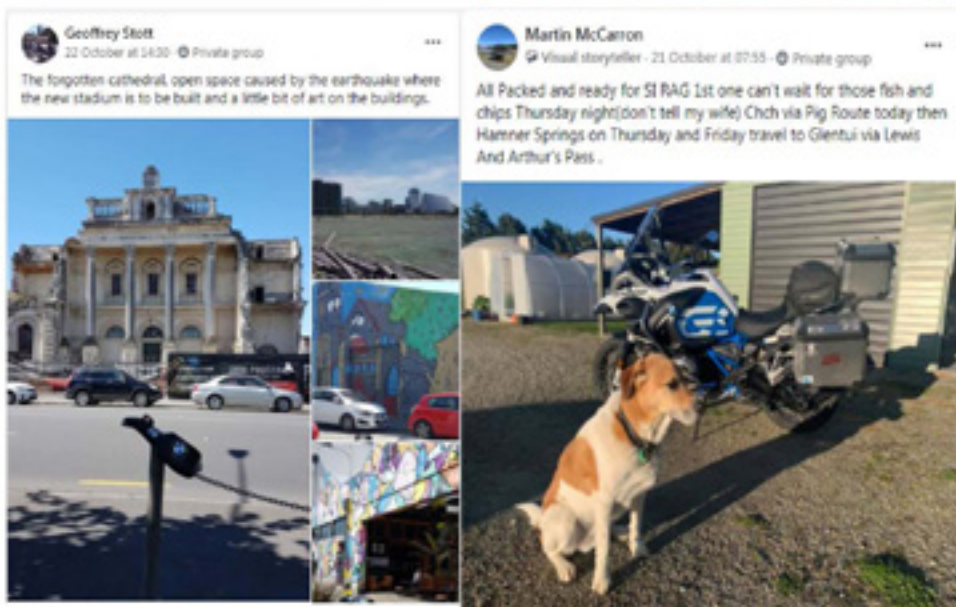
Payment (\$50-00) to BMWMC Account 03 1519 0034447 00

Reference GS40T and your name

This is a very limited run and order close on 28 November 2020.



Other Stories



REMINDER FOR THE BMWMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand's Annual General Meeting is to be held at 5-00 pm on Saturday 23 January 2021 at 'The Plymouth International', 220 Courtney Street, New Plymouth 4312

As of the date of this publication there have been:
NO REMITS received,

NO Notice/s of motion to alter, add to, rescind or otherwise amend the our Constitution,

Nominations for the Election to any of the current Board Positions. Nominations must comply with Section 7.2.1 of the Constitution:

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.

Nomination Form is available- [Click HERE](#)

NO other items of business that has or is to be considered at that meeting have been requested. Notice of any item or business to be considered at the AGM must comply with Section 9.1.5 of the Constitution:

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 (3 January 2021) 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 9 January 2021 in accordance with Section 9.3.1 of the Constitution:

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 - BMWMC

GUN TROPHY NOMINATIONS

(Excludes Area Reports and Re-printed articles)

The following list contains the articles written for the Club Newsletter that should be considered for the Club's Annual Gun Trophy. For the first time in its history, the Gun Trophy was not awarded at the 2020 Rally.

This list will be updated next month and will have any articles written for the December 2020 Newsletter.

Please consider the submitted items and a voting form will be published in the December Newsletter.

Feb 2020	2 Wheels, 2 Panniers, 2 Up	Sue and Graeme Duncan
Mar 2020	Sealed Road Ride to Penzance Bay	Dave Morris
Apr 2020	*No submissions*	
May 2020	SAMA Tours – Best South African Road Trip – Part 1	Peter Nash
Jun 2020	BMW R1150R Clutch Woes	Bob Cumming
	SAMA Tours – Best South African Road Trip – Part 2	Peter Nash
Jul 2020	Geoff's shortest day ride	Grant Hyde
	SAMA Tours – Best South African Road Trip – Part 3	Peter Nash
Aug 2020	*No submissions*	
Sep 2020	A Tail (light) of Woe	Dave Ross
Oct 2020	The Hugger Saga	Keith Thomson
Nov 2020	1 – GS 40 th Anniversary Relay – Southern	Composit Cut and Paste from the Club's Facebook.
	2 – GS 40 th Anniversary Relay – Canterbury	
Dec 2020		

Dave Ross
National Secretary
BMWMC



AGM 2021 – NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE

Details of the Member making the nomination

Name: Membership Number:
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Address:
.....
.....

Signature Date:
.....

2. Details of persons nominated

Name: Membership Number:
.....

Address:
.....
.....

I nominate the above Nominee for the Board Position of:

(Write the Board Position in the box below)

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3. Nominee Acceptance

I acknowledge and accept the nomination shown above.

Signature Date:
.....

4. Constitutional Requirement

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5. Nomination Delivery Options

Either

- **Post the physical form** to The Secretary, BMWMC, Post Box 109-245, Newmarket, AUCKLAND 1149, (Allow 10 working days from posting for mail to be received by the Secretary). **or**
- **Scan and email** the completed form to secretary@bmwmc.nz

Rally 2021 Update

With New Zealand now approaching something closer to normal it is time to resume your planning for our 2021 Annual Rally.

The Registration Form is now in the Newsletter and will shortly be on the Club's website. We have an awesome deal on Rally Polo Shirts. These are 100% polyester Sports Polo's with interlock weave and weight. Material rated 155gsm.

The features are the Grid Mesh underarm panels for breathability, a unique sleeve print feature, contracting panels and piping with a knitted collar with contrast placket.

Please get your order in and paid early to secure one as with the World's Covid19 situation, supply is limited.



SIZING CHART

These sizes are half chest measurements in centimetres

Mens:

S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
52	55	58	62	65	71	79

Womens:

8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	62	65	68

The Plymouth Hotel is standing by for your reservations so why not stay on site and be right amongst it. There are Limited Rooms so get in quick and with full breakfasts included, the prices are pretty amazing.

If you'd rather save a couple of dollars, check out the other options in the Newsletter for Hotels, Motels, Cabin or Camp Sites.

There are lots to do here, lots to see and plenty of great riding to keep you occupied.

We look forward to greeting you all in January.

Ray Senior – Taranaki Area Rep.



BMW Motorcycle Club – Rally 2021 Registration Form

Friday 22 January - Monday 25 January 2021

Plymouth International Hotel - 220 Courtney Street, New Plymouth 4312

Phone (06) 759 9128 - Email: reservations@plymouth.co.nz

Name 1			Membership Number	
Name 2			Membership Number	
Address			Post Code	
Contact Phone				
Email				



Rally Fee (Includes Saturday Night Dinner) - per person	\$110.00	
Surcharge for Non Club Members – per person	\$30.00	
Friday Night 'Meet & Greet' – per person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casual 'Mix and Mingle' Serviced Bar for guests to buy their own drinks Light Buffet 	\$32.00	
Saturday Night (Included in Registration Fee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serviced Bar for guests to buy their own drinks Dinner – 3 course option Venue has round tables / 10 guests per table Bar Leavers 	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sunday Night - As per Friday Nights – per person	\$32.00	
Rally Polo Shirts (See sizing Chart in the Newsletter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders received prior to 20 August will be \$48.00 each Orders received after to 20 August will be \$55.00 each 	\$55.00	Order Size Mens
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Womens 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 46.5 49 51.5 54 56.5 59 62 65 68 (cm)		

TOTAL PAYMENT FOR THIS RALLY

Payment to BMWMC's Account 03-1519-0034447-01

Use your Name and Membership Number – Reference Code R2021

\$0.00

HOTEL SPECIAL

Special Hotel Rate - Bed and Breakfast (Book Direct)

- \$ 199.00 per 2 nights (Single/twin/double room)

- \$ 189.00 per night for a three night stay

Special Dietary Requirements

Send completed Registration Forms to: ray.senior@xtra.co.nz or Post to:
Rally 2021 c/- 206 Seaview Road, Westown, New Plymouth 4310
All registration forms will be acknowledged.

Disclaimer: This rally will be run under the BMW Motorcycle Club Aotearoa New Zealand (Inc) Risk Management Plan as published in the Club's Official Monthly Newsletter. By registering for this event, participants agree to abide by all the conditions of the said Risk Management Plan.



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