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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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Presidents Podium Gary

President's Podium December 2020

Wow, the last newsletter for 2020 already and thoughts are turning to a new year, hopefully better than this one.

I hope that, like me, you're following the 40th GS Anniversary relay via Facebook and thoroughly enjoying it. Starting in October, our "Baton" has been making its way from Bluff to end up at Cape Reinga in mid-December. It's been a fabulous effort by Area Reps so far as they've co-ordinated the handover each side of their regions and, as the journey has progressed, it's been great to see members showing it off in their photos. As I write, the baton is currently in the care of Team Waikato but there's still time to be involved if you're a member in the Bay of Plenty, Auckland or Northland. Have a chat with your Area Rep if you're keen.

Labour Weekend saw a great turnout for another excellent South Island RAG Rally, this time in Glentui, North Canterbury. It's always good to catch up with old friends and meet new ones at these events. It was quite a special reunion for Kevin Wong and Garth Brookland who grew up together as young lads in Timaru but had not seen each other in nearly 55 years.

The Glentui Meadows Lodge was well setup for couples and for guys/girls on their own but who knew the Council would grade and re-gravel the 1 kilometer stretch to the lodge on the morning of the Rally? Bit of an extra adventure for some!

And what a ride we had on the Saturday! A hot and dusty day out through Lees Valley, Mac-Donald Downs Station and over the Lowry Hills Range returning to an amazing dinner, and cold beer!

Thanks to everybody who pitched in to make the weekend as good as it was, but especially Julie and Jo for their excellent organisation and, along with Marnie, Sharon, Rodney, Ralph and Tu, for the brilliant catering!

Jo and I headed north on Thursday 5 November making our way up to the 2020 GS Rallye hosted by our friends at KiwiRider and supported by BMW Motorrad NZ. The Rallye was based at the Martinborough Rugby Club where we met up with close to 120 other adventurous folks, more than half riding a GS of some sort. Dinner was catered brilliantly by Kiwi Coffee & Kai Catering with quite a few beers consumed courtesy of the club's bar. Saturday's 330km ride on a mixture of gravel and sealed roads was epic followed by a group dinner (and more beer) before Sunday's departure in torrential rain. An excellent weekend had by all.

On the same weekend, crazy man Rodney Faulkner and his son rode their stand-up scooters from Christchurch to Hokitika in the Tranz Alpine Scooter Safari. Far as I can tell, these contraptions came about after a Lime scooter ride back from the pub one day and the notion that a stand-up scooter might be a good idea. If you know Rodney, it's no surprise it was a complete success.

Jo and I are 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 This Annual General Meeting will see the end of the second term of a maximum of three (as per the constitution) for all six current Board Members. There will be a couple of retirements, although all positions are contestable, so we're looking for new Board Members. It's an ideal opportunity to reduce 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.

For many, it's been a pretty average year in the main. I do want to thank all the members of the Board for the way in which each has undertaken their responsibilities 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 all our Sponsors, our Area Reps, our Editorial team, our Gear Shop administrator and all the other great people who volunteer to 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 of our club is very much appreciated.

The next round of events will no doubt include local Christmas gatherings. 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; 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 theWeekend 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 uffering 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.





East Coast Christmas Luncheon 2020

We were very privileged once again to be able to gather at the residence of Maria and Tony Jericevich for our last function of the year. It was a wonderful occasion thanks to the effort made by members who contributed to the communal pot. On top of that, we enjoyed the culinary skills of Tony on the bbq, who had the patties and sausages cooked in no time at all. The setting made it all the more memorable as we were entertained by quail marching across the back lawn. It was a wonderful conclusion to a year many of us will want to forget. Safe riding and a Merry Christmas from all of us on the East Coast!

In the picture are from left:

Les, Peter, Bronwyn, Walter, Stella, Maria, Tony, Warren, John W, Robyn, Leonie, John F, Wendy and Joe

Wairarapa & Wellington November Monthly Report

The November Monthly Meeting was held at the Petone Working Men's Club on Monday 9th November and was attended by 15 Members. Talk covered the 40 years anniversary GS Rally held over the previous weekend based in Martinborough which appears to have been a great success, in spite of the marginal weather.

Also celebrating the 40th GS Anniversary is a relay where a baton is being passed between areas having started in Bluff and moving up the South Island and was passed to Peter Nash in Wellington by Peter Brandon from Blenheim at the Motomart premises in Lower Hutt on Thursday 5 November. Photos of the baton have been taken in each area and posted on the BMWMC Facebook page. The baton was passed on to Barry Petherick from the Rangitikei area in Otaki on Monday 9 November. This rally will end when the members from Northland take it up to Cape Reinga. Thanks go to Ian Macartney the Northland Area Rep for organising this event.

Wairarapa & Wellington November monthly ride was to the Gladstone Pub for lunch on Sunday 15 November. The ride offered both a sealed and gravel road options and 7 riders turned up 4 did the sealed road option led by Dave Oldershaw and three did the gravel option led by Dave Thomson.

Posters promoting club membership were given to Ian Shiner, Dealer Principle, at Motomart to be displayed in the showroom. This is part of the ongoing relationship club members have with Motomart as the local BMW agents for bikes and service.

The Christmas BBQ at the Kaitoke Regional Park is confirmed and a booking for the venue has been made for Sunday 13 December. An Email will be sent out closer to that date seeking numbers planning to attend for catering purposes. This event is being funded by the Club, so it is free to members. An invitation will also be sent to the Rangitikei Members as they have supported several Impromptu Rides over the past year.

Peter Nash



Wairarapa & Wellington Christmas BBQ

This event was on Sunday 13 December at Kaitoke Regional Park to which 26 Members attended, 21 from Wellington 3 from Wairarapa and 2 from Rangitikei. The weather was fine with a light southerly wind which was a little cool however the venue is sheltered.

This was a great function as members. not seen for a while attended and it was a great opportunity to catch up. Thanks go to Jenny Nash for making a couple of salads and Christmas cake and for her tireless work at the venue. Thanks also go to Cheryl Morris for her Chocolate cake and her help given to Jenny. It was most appreciated. All who attended enjoyed themselves and this was largest attendance at this BRO we have had in the 5 years we have run.

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Peter Nash



Taranaki Tales

Well, it has been a busy month of riding! Our monthly ride was postponed due to the Martinborough GS Rallye being on the same weekend as our normal club ride. Rob and I decided to take the road less travelled to the Rallye in true GS fashion. A trip across the wind farm road at Palmerston North was planned along with a "look at" the North Range Road. It had rained the week of the Rallye but was fine on the Friday that we rode over. Turns out the North Range Road is a bit of a fair weather track.

The views from the ridge were amazing. There are a load of wind generators up there that you can't see from the main road. It's well worth a visit. If you are going to do the North Range Road, I suggest nobly tires if it's wet and a truck ton of courage! Rob and I got through with a bit of blood sweat and tears.







The Rallye was great. There was talk of 180+ participants. The Rallye was very well organised. Food was great. The ride was awesome. Ray, Rob and I stuck together and managed to stay out of trouble. If you haven't been before, this is a great Rallye to attend.

Our National AGM/Rally is coming up in January. We currently have 44 registered, 43 paid. If you're going to come to the Rally, please register as soon as you can. There is a lot of planning that is being done and we are now getting to the point where we need to know numbers. If you are worried about the lockdown status of the country, refunds will be given (except on the shirts as they have been ordered and paid for already due to short supply of shirts out of China)

As you will have seen on the FaceBook page, Ray, Rob and Collin have been giving the 40th GS Baton a very good tour of Taranaki. I only wish I was as well travelled as the Baton will be once it has completed its journey. Congratulations to those involved on making this an event to be envied by our global BMW MC companions.

Happy travels, Scott









All things have a beginning... Jean Hayes

History of the Register – Part 8

(Re printed from the August 1992 Newsletter)

EXPLOSIVE DEVELOPMENT

New Year's Eve and yet another night of fun and laughter this time at Toad Hall, home of Neil Barnard.

The New Year opened to much motorcycling "promise". The Register over the last year had become a very social group with new members continuing to filter through. Request for Associate membership were coming through by word of mouth, and correspondence, and the BMW Owners Register was definitely a

vibrant, enthusiastic and long distance riding club not available elsewhere for the motorcycling fraternity. It was also recognised as a "family group", incorporating activities (like the soccer matches) and in fact it led many of the families growing up together to remain in friendships.

Early in 1979 also were whisperings of a new 'explosive' development on the drawing boards at the BMW factory.

By the late 1970's the motorcycle section of BMW was in big trouble. To re-tool and re-develop a brand new model in such a climate meant they could not afford 'to get it wrong". Josef Fritzenwenger (on experiments carried out with a watercooled, four cylinder engine from a Peugeot car) convinced the powers-to-he that this configuration had several great advantages. The management were thrilled with the idea. For here was a longitudinal and horizontal in-line tour, never seen in the motorcycle business before.

In 1977 Fritzenwenger got the go-ahead. This radical and exciting decision made with much courage, was to come to fruition in October 1983. It was at that time greeted with stunned silence and a tumult of acclaim and criticism. Its effect was felt world-wide and in the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand.

January opened with discussions on the National Rally. Organised by Walter and Meryl, it would he held at Waimate North A. & P. Showgrounds during Easter.

The monthly run took riders eventually to Kaukapakapa; an article in the Newsletter from Brent Mander on "all things motorcycling"; Homemade Gauntlets (complete with pattern) and entry forms for the European Race meeting at Pukekohe.

Organising this Pukekohe event had not been without problems for somehow the A.C.U. became involved and we had to race under the banner of an A.C.U. Registered Club. The day was well organised, ending with an after-race barbecue at the Mander's.

With the February newsletter came a report from John Samson on the racing. The day was highly successful, with many surprises! Outstanding were:

Keith Robinson on the R100S,

Mike Hampton aboard a CBX was having wheel spin problems down the back straight (at 130mph), Neil Barnards' 900, with straight through pipes, was delightful to listen to, Brian Bird showed a few Ducati owners what flat twins were all about. Hugh Anderson made the racing look easy, Ernie Williams aboard his 750 Ducati, led the way on many occasions. It became a "fun day" for Pete Butterworth and John Samson, who shared the incredible joys of a Mach 1 Ducati. It was reported later that 7" of rain fell this day. It failed to deter both the racing and the great grins of pleasure evident everywhere.

Saturday 3rd February was a Barbecue-Films-Sing-a-long evening (noted as a Summer Social) at the Oldfield

Residence. Highlight of the evening was the Hula-hoop contest and after much hilarity Maureen Oldfield was proclaimed winner.

The New Year heralded much light-hearted bantering about the President of the BMW Owners Register and his brand new machine. A poem in the February newsletter said it all....

A BMW is a gentleman's breed,

It's not ostentatious and not built for speed;

But 2-up for travelling, what could be more fun

Undoubtedly Presidents should stick to this one.

But hidden away in the President's shed,

Lurks a Tiger so shiny; outrageously red.

Built .for a Scotsman to fulfil a dream,

Not "milk in the coffee" - but "Galiano and Cream"!

Alone on that seat with knees tucked well in,

Not a quiet exhaust, but a pulsating din; At Register runs we will see him go by,

And many a member will heave a great sigh.

For Darmahs are Tigers, and Tigers are proud,

They attract much attention and sound awful loud,

Like red rag to a bull, you are asking for trouble,

The Ministry Men will he round on the double.

So beware Mr. President, you are now a marked man, If the Law doesn't get you, the Register can.

For BeEms are always the gentleman's breed;

Ducatis go rusty, and fill men with greed.

The Register men will keep you behind,

At the .first sign of trouble I'm sure you will find The R's and the S's will come alongside,

The Tiger shall back off, and the President hide.

For BeEms aren't noisy, or showy or such, We'll stick to our breed - so thanks very much. So, who wants a red hike with a beautiful beat? And a lovely flared tank, and a thin racy seat?

The April meeting discussed further correspondence received from David Lange MP re our continued concern on the A.C.C. levy question. Further to this letter contact would now be made with the Minister of Transport. This month also saw the advent of the "fuel crisis" and its implications.

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

GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Then onto the Tasman - Dale Grover

Baton handing over ceremony at Murchison to Revti Verma, Acting for Tasman Area Rep.

Thanks to Kevin Hewitt and equally big thanks to Revti Verma, Raefe Murrie and Murry Poulter for going out in this crappy weather to collect the baton. I hope it doesn't mind getting dusty this weekend during its visit to Nelson.

Tyres fitted & baton received, life is good.



30 October 2020

What better way to start the baton's journey through the top of the south than a visit to an iconic Nelson landmark, the whale at Tahunanui beach playground



I thought that seeing as the baton was travelling the length of NZ, then it was only fitting that we took it up to the centre of NZ monument, somehow I also convinced the Nelson City Council that it was a good idea & they gave me permission to ride up the walking tracks for our photo shoot.



We took the baton on a trip around our region's favourite tourist spots & a bit of history thrown in for good measure. Thank you to Odette, Tony & Matthias for your help today.

A young Ernest Rutherford kindly held the baton to start us off, then working on a tan!





Flying the flag in Golden Bay.



At the entrance to Abel Tasman National Park



The start of the Abel Tasman Track



The Takaka Valley





Nelson Cathedral Steps



1 November 2020

Today was spent riding in the rain to Nelson from Blenheim.

We meet up with Tony Haddon to pick up the 40th Anniversary Baton to deliver to Peter Nash in Wellington on Thursday. This gave us an opportunity to take the Baton to Han's place and get a photo with Hans and Anja.

Tony, Sacha and I then meet up with Richard, Stu, Murray and John @ Three Brothers Corner who then followed us to Hans and Anja's.It was a special hour with the Claus's. And a big thanks to Anja for allowing us to visit.



4 November 2020 Site seeing in Marlborough first.





The 40 Jahre GS Baton is travelling to the North Island First Class with Peter Brandon on behalf of Tasman.





5 November 2020

The 'Hand Over' from Peter Brandon to Peter Nash, Wellington Area Rep



GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY Then onto the Wellington – Peter Nash

5 November 2020

Baton handing over ceremony at Motomart, Lower Hutt. Peter Brandon, Acting for Tasman Area Rep hands over to Peter Nash, Wellington Area Rep.



First port of call. Top of the Wainuiomata Hill.



The Baton is shown Wellington Harbour by Peter Nash. Also shown the Hutt Valley by Keith Thomson



Petone Foreshore looking towards the Wellington Heads and Matui Somes Island.

Saturday 7 November

A wee tiki tour around Wellington. First we visited a wee chap who invited us to meet his young chaps at Weta Workshop. He had to 'deal with' one of them who tried to take the baton.



The next of his wee chaps was more interested in hearing the story behind the Baton. The third wee chap was a little grumpy.



We were going to pop in and have tea and cake with Dame Patsy, but alas, she was not home.



So off to Parliament we went, but double alas, the Prime Minister was also not available. Unperturbed we decided to have a nice cuppa tea at Ashton Norwood Café on the South side of the Rimutaka Hill.



Suitably refreshed, we set off in the rain to the Summit.



Then was the final day's run to the 40th GS Anniversary Rallye being held at Martinborough. We arrived about 20 minutes after the last rider had departed on their runs. However, we found a Motomart stand and eventually two familiar looking blokes turned up to take away the demonstrator bikes.



Most will know Gareth and Ian from Motomart. Gareth looks like the previous night was a good one, and Ian looks like he recovered better!



By 4.00pm that afternoon, just over half of the 143 riders had returned, so the line-up of GS Bikes was limited.



We thank our Host, GS Rallye Organiser and Publisher of Kiwi Rider, Peter McPhee (aka Veg). All of the comments from riders suggest that the course was exceptional and all enjoyed. Unfortunately Ben Wilkins, Editor of Kiwi Rider was Tail End Charlie and like a good shepherd was still bringing the stragglers of the flock back in.



Monday 9 November 2020

GS Relay baton handover at Otaki from Wellington Area Rep (Peter Nash) to the Rangitikei Area Rep (Barry Petherick).



GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY Then onto Barry Petherick- Rangitikei

9 November 2020

GS Relay baton handover at Otaki from Wellington Area Rep (Peter Nash) to the Rangitikei Area Rep (Barry Petherick).



Lake Horowhenua



11 November 2020

Took the baton on tour today. Started at The Woolshed Cafe which is effectively our Rangitikei club HQ, then a few backroads to the Stormy Point lookout, which on a good day offers a spectacular vista including Ruapehu. We adjourned for lunch at The Ginger Bird Cafe in Colyton which is another favourite spot. Next stop was Te Apiti windfarm on top of the Saddle road. Finally we paid our Armistice Day respects in the PN square. Thanks to the great company we enjoyed today. Back on tour tomorrow.





The GS Baton on a tour of the Rangatikei with Don Cross, Barry & Barbara Petherick, Murray & Jeanette Petherick, Robert Joe, John Christie and Joy & Robin Wood.











12 November 2020

The GS baton went on tour again today as Rangitikei riders showed it a few scenic spots. We were delighted that Folker was able to accept our invitation to join in. Folker rode over the Gentle Annie and we all met at Taihape



Earlier we had taken pics at Bulls BP (the bull) (3 Guys talking Bull....!)



The DC3 and the historic bridge at Mangaweka.





Once Folker joined in we snapped the Taihape gumboot



Before heading on to Waiouru Army Museum



Ohakune,



Taylors Lodge





The Chateau



Then to The Station Cafe at National Park for a late lunch



... and here he is banging it in! Folker headed for the Taupo/ Napier road and home while the rest of us returned via the "last spike",





and Durie Hill.



The three wise men? Nah just three old buggers with nothing better to do

Back to Whanganui tomorrow to pass the baton on to Ray. We've had a fun time with all this. Well done all involved with it.

13 November 2020

Off to the Pukeko's Nest Café for the Changeover.



From Rangitikei (Barry Petherick) to Taranaki (Ray Senior). Well done to the Rangitikei Team.



GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Then onto Ray Senior- Taranaki

13 November 2020

Colin Clarkson and I headed for Wanganu to pick up the GS Baton from the Rangitikei Boys.

The plan was to meet at the Pukeko's Nest Cafe at 1100-1130 but we got sidetracked at Stratford Glockenspiel Clock we found was due to do its thing at 1000. Even though we didn't have the Baton yet it was probably the only chance of a pic while operating.



We found Barry Petherick and his Merry Men and Women settled in some cosy lounge chairs at the cafe and the Baton was duly transferred.

GS Relay baton handover at Pukeko's Nest Café, Whanganui from Rangitikei Area Rep (Barry Petherick) to the Taranaki Area Rep (Ray Senior)



4 State Highway 3, Whanganui

Colin lead on Rapanui Road towards Kai lwi beach involving a few k's of gravel re- entering HW 3 at Maxwell.

A bit short of time we bypassed Butler's Reef hotel at Oakura but will go back for a pic later.

Tomorrow is Whangamomona Hotel area so catch up then



We stopped in Patea(Home of Poi E) for a shot of the Maori canoe which was unfortunately under maintenance with scaffolding all around it.



Then to (Guess where this is)



At Hawera we took Surf Highway 45 and stopped outside Manaia at the Bread sign representing Yarrow's the Bakers who were long time sponsers of Taranaki Rugby. 'The Giant Loaf' (or hungry Relay Riders)



Hot work so Ray's thinking about a nice cold beer!



After a quick beer..... Ahh.....pic at Rahotu Tavern it was down to the Old Cape Egmont lighthouse. (World Famous in Taranaki)

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Tomorrow is Whangamomona Hotel area so catch up then

My Egmont/Taranaki had been very elusive today but just after dinner I looked out the window and there it was so not wanting to miss it off we went to give the Baton a look. Success!







Then downtown to Len Lye Museum,



White Hart Hotel



Clock Tower,



'... At the going down of the Sun....'



Wind Wand,



Coastal Walkway to finish the day.



Saturday 14 November 2020

Rob George had a plan. Head for Aotuhia and Bridge to Somewhere then back to Whangamomona Hotel for lunch then Mr Damper, Kiwi Road etc, leaving Inglewood at 0800.

We duly arrived at the bridge and Rob said "It's a long way back and hasn't rained for a bit why don't we look at a short cut thru Aotuhia and Okara Stations to Tangarakau.

We ventured in a bit with the homestead deserted and came across Lizzy on her quad bike coming back for more fencing supplies for hubby who was up the valley somewhere. She looked us in the eye and said " you guys should be sweet on those bikes. They have done quite a bit of work up there and it's almost like a main highway"

Rob looked at me and I agreed to give it a go. Long story short even the dry looking bits could be very deceptive and I think my gsa must be related to a pig as it wanted to jump into all the bog holes that I could not dissuade it from and lie down.

Just when things were seeming ok and I relaxed off we went again. Rob was not having anywhere near as much fun so he insisted on jumping in too and helping me up and out even doing all the gates so I could get a head start to the next slide.

After a very long shortcut when I had given up all hope of seeing my family again and having thoughts of no locator beacon or satellite phone or defibrillator we managed to get to the gate at the end.

A major lack of pics through this area due to being otherwise engaged but I learned quite a bit.

- don't fill your 30 lt tank to the brim ever even if you have no intention of going off road.
- Don't trust wide eyed farm girls
- TKC 70 tyres don't like mud much and it doesn't take much moisture for that stuff to be massively slippery
- I have a new appreciation for my X challenge at almost half the weight that I should have been on.

Anyway now that box is ticked I don't think I will be back there anytime soon and I sincerely thank Rob for his perseverance in getting me through. The Baton has been places I never imagined I would be taking it.







Wednesday 18 November 2020

Here is the final Taranaki segment of the Baton's journey. My Damper Falls and Moki Tunnel pics.



A quick stop at Butler's Reef hotel Oakura,



Pukekura park missing the elusive Mounga, then the handover trip.



Rob George, Graeme Chris West and myself headed North amidst heaps of traffic we struggled to get through safely, and lots of stop/go sections so limited time for photo stops.

The Whitebait Inn, Mokau, Awakino Pub then Fat Pigeon Awakino to pass the Baton to Paul & Joy Quilter and their Merry Men.







Handover!



Thank you Ian McCartney for organising this celebration of 40 years GS.

We have had a lot of fun participating and enjoyed following the journey from Bluff. Good luck for the rest of the trip to Cape Reinga.

GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Then onto Paul Quilter- Waikato

18 November 2020

Fat Pidgeon Café – Awakino. The 40th Anniversary GS baton was handed over to the Waikato group yesterday in a very simple ceremony accompanied by coffee and food. Trevor Martin accepted it on behalf of the group.



Kevin Ormsby discussing with the baton in Te Kuiti with Pinetree Meads.



One more iconic Hamilton landmark was visited by the Quilters en-route to Boyds.. The GS baton found its way to Boyds Motorcycles where Greg Boyd, the owner of this 1986 R80GS, personally autographed by Gaston Rahier, was sitting next to the latest R1250GS..



Quite a contrast in adventure bike history. Thanks to Greg for finding the original seat and headlight surround & fitting them for our pictures.

Our newest BMWMC club member - Johan Hamman is pictured with older club members Tony and Paul.



19 November 2020

So the Baton is off again around the Waikato with our two intrepid members. Where will it go today?



But first Lunch!



More pics from the Waikato baton tour. It's been to the Big Apple – world famous in Otorohanga!



What could represent the Waikato better than a dairy herd?



The boys have been busy today - 222kms of Waikato roads and a lot of sights on the way.





Hey! They got the BIG Guns out for this one!



20 November 2020

The GS boys are out & about again. The Morrinsville Mega Cow and of course World Famous (in New Zealand) L&P bottle at Paeroa.





The Hobbit I-site and a painting of the real thing!



My Precious! (Gollum is the one on the right!)



And a visit to an interesting site and the memorial to the Lost Aircraft and 23 soles. A DC3 Skyliner operated by NAC

21 November 2020

Last morning with the baton. Here we are at Arapuni dam where one of our club members is involved with the drilling rig in the background



Last few stops with the baton before passing to the BOP group to take over the mission.

The Team and the Mighty Waikato!



Some blokes hanging out by the Bike Shed!



Just a few more pictures from our Baton ride this morning, including the most important hand over to the BOP group from our lunchtime meet-up at the Kaimai Cafe.



Well Done Waikato. **GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY Then onto Phil King- Bay of Plenty** 21 November 2020

Kaimai Café. Paul Quilter (Waikato) hands the 40th Anniversary GS relay baton to Phil King (Bay of Plenty)



Phil and his Body Guards

23 November 2020

The Baton visited the spiritual home of BMW in the BoP and met a guru of the brand.





24 November 2020

Needed some chilling after a Big Day Riding. Hmm Noticed a 'Hitch-hiker''!





Then some more chilling by the pool!

26 November 2020

The 40th Anniversary GS Baton tour continues. Various iconic locations in Bay of Plenty... Minden lookout and of course a few shots with Barry the 'reader' in Katikati mural town. Then on to Waihi beach - Flat white cafe (recognised by Trip advisor as one of the best in world recently). Waihi town and the gold battery... onward to Waikino Rail cafe.. in the Karangahake Gorge. Hand over to Auckland mob.. the Baton enjoyed its stay in BOP even though a couple of days enforced rest was dictated by bad weather... thanks to those that made the effort to join us...



A view to the Mount



A day at the beach



Arriving to see Barry the Reader



Barry and the boys.



Let's go to Waihi! There's gold here somewhere!



Hello! Hello!



The Official Hand over took place at the Waikino Rail cafe in the Karangahake Gorge.

Well Done Bay of Plenty.

GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Then onto Max Kenny on behalf of the Auckland Area Rep

26 November 2020

The Waikino Train Station was a good place for the handing over of the 40th Anniversary BMW GS Baton and it was good catching up with the BOP boys. Welcome to Auckland!!



The Official Hand over took place at the Waikino Rail cafe in



Prepping for the Big Job ahead!

27 November 2020

Here are a few photos of where the baton visited today.

North Head is the highest point in Devonport on Auckland's North Shore. It is where the artillery guns were placed to defend Auckland against attack from the sea.





Hello! Hello!



Some historic buildings in picturesque Devonport as well as the Naval Base.



Also shown are Cyclespot motorcycle shops and The Garage Cafe where everybody meets in Takapuna.







From there it's over the Auckland Harbour Bridge to Experience Motorcycles to hand over the baton.



The 40th Anniversary GS Baton has had a big day out hunting out photo ops in Auckland but at the end of a rigorous schedule still has the energy to connect the next generation with a bit of history and love of riding.



Baton's day is done so it's a spa, a pinot, a big sleep then back on the road tomorrow.



28 November 2020

Following Max Kenny's Friday delivery of the 40th Anniversary baton to Kelly Green at Experience Motorcycles, we paid this BMW dealership a visit early Saturday. Along with a bunch of shiny new BMWs you can purchase like right now, what we also found was a perfect encapsulation of the essence of "Experience".

Neil Walsh is member #214 and our newest Auckland member is David Laggiard member #3924 that gives you an idea of Neil's "Experience". He has also worked at Experience for approximately 100 years and nobody knows more about BMW parts than Neil. We were lucky enough to photograph Neil with his 2002 GS and if you want more essence of "Experience" then check out the odometer, 331589kms. We also met a customer taking delivery of his new F750, he was one happy dude, clearly loving his experience of Experience and itching to jump on his new bike.



The 40th Anniversary GS Baton has traversed great swathes of our country and this has all been documented with iconic photo ops on its way to Auckland. Auckland is renowned for







29 November 2020

On miserable wet Auckland Sunday, Baton reminds us that not all are fortunate.



30 November

The GS we know today owes a lot to the GS of yesterday, as Kiwis we owe a lot to the Kiwis that have gone before.



Bike Maintenance Shop are generous sponsors of this Club donating money, time and expertise so the 40th Anniversary GS Baton dropped by Saturday to honour that




Good to catch up Dean Colleen Jamieson, love your work.



The 40th Anniversary GS Baton had hooked up with more riders at Bike Maintenance Shop and the contingent headed west to Titirangi for coffee then onward to Arataki Visitor Centre and one of West Auckland's crown jewels, Piha Beach.







1 December 2020

Moving on from The Domain and Winter Gardens our baton discovered a cathedral, some famous rugby types, a bridge









Sunday was just an overcast drizzly uninspiring kind of a day but the 40th Anniversary GS Baton continued on the journey and found that worthwhile stuff is out there regardless of how the day looks.



2 December 2020

It's time for the 40th Anniversary GS Baton to head north and bid farewell to Auckland, but not before a last little look







3 December 2020

After 8 weeks and 11 Regions of excellent photos & rides the Official GS 40 Relay Baton was transferred to Northland from Auckland in a Handover ceremony at the Waipu Cove Cafe with 17 Club members in attendance.



GS 40TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Then onto Ian Macartney – Northland Area Rep

3 December 2020

After 8 weeks and 11 Regions of excellent photos & rides the Official GS 40 Relay Baton was transferred to Northland from Auckland in a Handover ceremony at the Waipu Cove Cafe with 17 Club members in attendance. Members had ridden from Blenheim, Bay of Plenty & Auckland for a 3 day ride around Northland including Cape Reinga. Several club members are joining enroute as we head north to Opononi tomorrow.

Waipu to Opononi on Baton Cape run. 4 seasons in one day. Some good gravel, twisty seal & native Bush. Suns out looking good.



Norton GS model at Packard Museum , Maungatapere. BMW R4 Second World War model.



Jakesy thinks he's won lotto now dating a model. Wilson's Road Classic bridge



Parakao Cafe good food slow service



Tane Mahuta??



Hokianga Harbour and Sand Dunes 4 December 2020



Lighthouse Motel Opononi – recommended



Opo the Dolphin statue after a top night at the Hotel.



Yes the Vice President up early to meet his commitments



Rawene Boathouse. What a spot!



Route Planner



JR harbouring Classic All Black aspirations



Group stop just south of the Cape



Well I'm sure the Baton did a LOT more than 1452 km from Bluff !



Northland crew celebrating the final leg - fantastic turnout , Cheers team!

We're actually there even though it says 90m to go



3 Area Reps and the Vice Pres!



Well I'm sure the Baton did a LOT more than 1452 km from Bluff !



The Excitable Team! Sacha from Blenheim after a long ride in at times extreme conditions (read Wellington)



Well Otago Rep Andy Hutcheon took the Baton on the Rock shot at the beginning so thought it apt to finish with a Baton Shot on the Big Dunes at Te Paki



Ian Macartney's epic GS Rallye (with an 'e') at Te Paki sand dunes

Bluff to the Cape , done and dusted. Top ride twisties , a ferry across the Hokianga Harbour , the stunning ride to the Cape sans tourists and a huge crew of 21 bikes. Thanks to all the Regions Area Reps and members who got involved put the spade work in to make it work. Great pics and a ton of fun to celebrate 40 Years of GS history and lineage. NB not sure what's happening but we're heading south again ...with the Baton

Ian Macartney Northland Area Rep BMWMC

MY RIDE

Photo of 2003 BMW 1150 GS. Bought new August 2003 and currently has 211,650km travelled. Photos are taken during TT2000 February 2020 (2000+km in 48 hours.).

Great BMW M/C model and performance. New tyres every 18-25,000km; Currently great tyre performance from one of your great customer service advertisers Heidenau Kiwi Motorcycle Rentals Christchurch and Auckland.

Only final drive bearings and drive shaft bearings have been renewed. Still 20km/Litre and smooth performance. Always a great ride.

Barrie Ridler – Napier.





Travel Arrangements

Before I joined the BMWOR, riding was essentially commuting. When I bought my first Beemer, I moved into bigger bikes, and going greater distances. I joined my first motorcycle club (BMWOR) and participated in the rides. Then the day-trips changed into more than a day: Overnighters and weekend trips.

Now with about 25 years of motorcycle travel behind me I believe I have stowage for the adventure down to a fine art. The R80 came with carrier racks but sans saddle bags. I bought a throw over canvas set and that got me going. I think I used bungee cords to secure an overnight bag.

As bikes' ownership change so too does the luggage systems. It is almost never that frame and side bags can be switched over.

That was the case when I moved up to the Cruiser (R1200C). The bike came with saddle bags. It also sported a Ventura rack. But the standard Cruiser bags were really 'around town' bags. (Identified by a leather finish.) A BMW larger 17litre touring side bags were available through the dealers. Nice and large. After dreaming about it for a short time, I bit the bullet and bought a pair. (Identified by a vinylonly finish.) It was up in the 4 figures, so decision to buy wasn't made lightly.

Now I had a flexible luggage system that is tailor-made for my purposes for the Cruiser. - Luggage space for two people. If I was with a pillion the large touring bags were utilised; – one for each of us. And a 'backpack' style bag was slipped over the Ventura frame. A good arrangement and worked for us for a long time. The pack is still in my ownership, but has changed from a rich black to a light purple (Faded by the sun!) One of the twin zips on the main flap has broken, but never-the-less it is still usable as a last resort. I haven't used it for a number of years now as the luggage soft bags have changed.

Some time ago about when BMW introduced their Luggage roll, I bought a 'first generation' version. – My description. It's still available from BMW, but different.

When I travel solo, this is my preferred choice. The amount of gear I carry tweaked by size: - Large or small, or an overnight bag smaller than the Roll. Originally I secured the roll bag with a cargo net. To a newcomer using a cargo net, it might be a little frustrating, with the hooks getting tangled in the weave and the net getting all caught up in it. Eventually I tweaked the system and use two colour coordinated short bungee cords. It looks so much tidier.

This is how I handle the tangled cargo net: The one I have has six hooks – 3 on either side. As a habit when deploying it, I have the three hooks in line with the bike – a north/ south orientation.

1. I find a corner hook, turn the hook to a facing down position and hook onto a convenient anchor point. (The pillion grab-rail is the usual place)

2. Pull out the net with one hand and unhook any tangle with the other hand.

3. From there, I start to secure the bag already placed over the rear seat.

My bags are waterproof, but I still pack everything into supermarket bags; suspend by the handles and spin. No knot needed just fold over and place the bag upside down. Its own weight keeps the bag closed. Bags really don't have to be tied in a knot, and they can be used again. I asked myself, 'Why do I knot them?' And never found an answer.

I used to place all the socks in one bag and shirts in another. But now I find it far more convenient to place a day's clothing 'set' into a bag each. So; a bag a day. A set usually consists of a shirt, pair of socks and underwear. A trip for 5 days will have 5 bag sets. After use they go into a common laundry bag. On longer trips I will throw in a small sachet of soap power. Other things carried in separate bags are, cold weather gear – e.g. Thermals. 'Civee gear – non motorcycle clothing – e.g. shorts, jandals. Although, footwear generally are separated and fill the empty areas. Each in an individual bag and definitely in the same saddle bag.

Frequently used items like map, wet weather gear, camera, drink etc. I will place in the left side saddle bag (nearside). I always have some muesli bars or similar on board.

A very useful link is: http://micapeak.com/checklists/

Everyone has their preferred way; I've seen and heard of many ways other riders arrange their luggage. It's an individual thing and at the end of the day, it's what works best for you.

'Bon voyage!'

Dave Morris



Motorcycle Touring Checklist RAG Rally 2 x nights

Bike Gear: Bike cover Bungee cords Cargo net/Ties Security Lock **Motor Cycle Clothing:** Jacket w/fluro vest Gloves Neck tube Helmet Boots Raingear Accom/Sleeping: Pillow, blow-up Mattress Sleeping bag Tent **Day Clothing:** Clothes daily-bag; Shirt u-wear socks Sweater Underwear Thermal set Jeans Shirt Socks Shorts Footwear **Emergency/First Aid:** First aid kit Tylenol

Creature Comforts:

Food: Muesli Bars/nuts Coffee Margarine Water bottle Memory Stick Paper & pencil/pen Camera (& Tripod) Cable ties Duct tape Book, A Maps Headlamp Comb Towel **Essentials:** Cell phone Tickets/passes Toolkit Phone List, BMWOR Travel guide(s) Leatherman tool Sunglasses Last-Minute Packing: Wallet Cash Driver's License Credit card(s) Medications Toilet bag Shaving kit Toothbrush & toothpaste

Obituary Bill McLellen

Bug repellent

We're very sad to hear from Bill and Enid McLellen's daughter that Bill passed away recently.

Bill was an active and long-time member of the Club and he and Enid took part in many rides and rallies before moving to Coolangatta, Australia a few years ago.

Bill had not been well for a while and was admitted to hospital a few weeks ago after suffering a heart attack but sadly never recovered. He had just turned 90.

Our thoughts and condolences to Enid and family.



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.

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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
	2 – GS 40 th Anniversary Relay – Canterbury	from the Club's Facebook.
Dec 2020		

Dave Ross National Secretary BMWMC



AGM 2021 – NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE

Details of the Member making the nomination

Name:	Membership Number:
Address:	
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2. Details of persons nominated	
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I nominate the above Nominee for the Board Position of: (Write the Board Position in the box below)	
3. Nominee Acceptance	
I acknowledge and accept the nomination shown above.	

SignatureDate:

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.

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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.





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