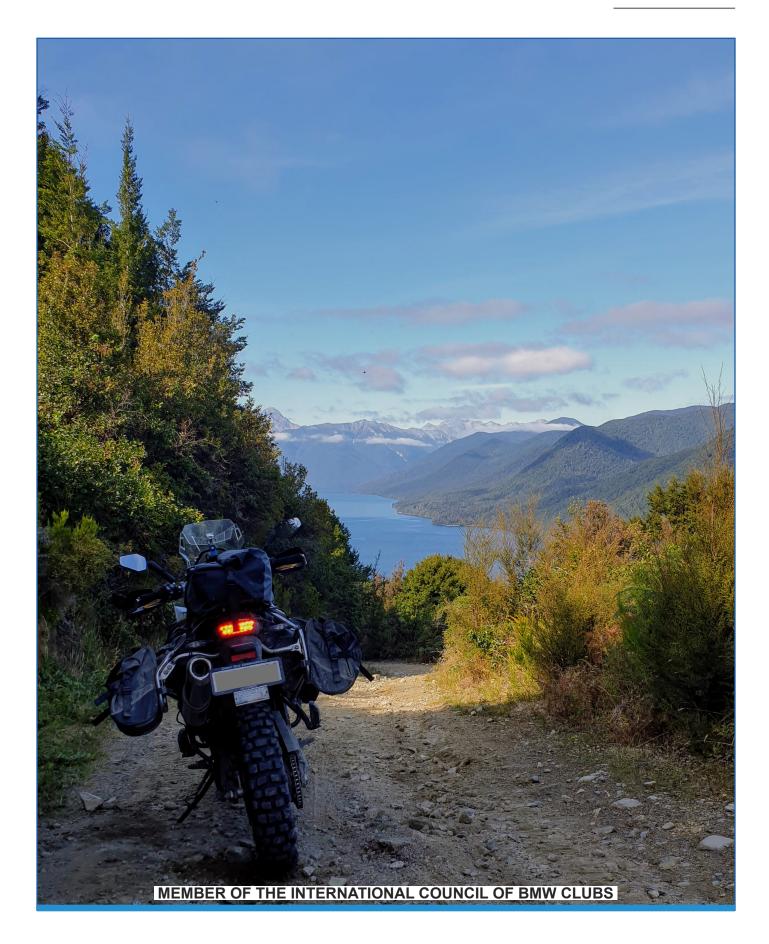


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We hope you'll take part in many of your local and national events. Your Area Rep will be pleased to introduce you to other members in your area. Our monthly newsletter is an open forum for all members. If you fancy a story and/or photos published 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 please email/phone the Editor no later than the 23rd day of the month preceding publication. We welcome your contribution.

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Presdents Podium Garry Williams



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President's Podium June 2021

'm pondering what's more depressing; turning 60 or being effectively made homeless at the end of May. After a couple of days of torrential rain, a new branch of the Okuku River ended up cleaning out half our property and that of 4 other neighbours. Council white stickered our house, which meant it was useable but not really a place to live in when there's been 70mm of flood water through it.

Three weeks on and the builders are pretty much done taking the house apart. No floor coverings, no kitchen, no bathroom, no doors, not much of the walls left, and still some debate about whether the HWC must go. Chem Dry will come back to clean and sanitise the place ready for the rebuild, but that will take time. Jo is already re-designing the bathroom, which as it happens was next on the list for renovation.

We're now residing in rather salubrious temporary accommodation just 500m up the road while the house is repaired so at least can keep an eye on things.

Our dogs and cat are farmed out with various friends and we've found a temporary home for our Arapawa bucks on a deer farm up the road. The does and wethers have moved into buck's original paddock, pretty much the only dry one on the property.

Scott Mcintosh, our local BMW dealer principal at Avon City Motorcycles, arranged for Eliot and Declan to pick up our bikes to look after them for a bit so we can store furnishings in the garage. The HP2 needed its 220k service anyway, so that was a bonus!

Making some progress on the property now that it's dried out a bit. I've spent a couple of days on the tractor collecting many 44 gallon drums washed in and returning them to their rightful owner, picked up most of the big tree trunks lying around the place and stacked them on our ever growing burn pile, moved the corrugated iron shed that found its way into our boundary hedge to dismantle and get into the skip, and dragged the goat shed off the fence around to the front ready to waterblast when we get water back on. Next job will be tackling the eastern boundary fence, which has mostly collapsed under the weight of all the silt and rubbish backed up on it. Think I'm going to need a wee digger for a few days.

I guess age is something one doesn't have too much control over. Neither I suppose is the sort of devastating flooding we've just been through in Canterbury, especially on our little corner in Okuku, but at least we can get on with recovery in that space, and largely only because we happen to be well insured.

It's a funny thing, insurance. I often hear people asking how much others pay for their motorcycle insurance or where's the best place to get it. Drives me crazy! Insurance is just a financial product that reduces or eliminates the cost of loss or effect of loss caused by different types of risks. That risk then determines the premium charge by insurers to underwrite the consequence of the risk materialising. It is very much an individual assessment so comparing what someone else's insurance costs are with yours is nonsense.

You are of course free to choose your own insurer but the club has entered into its partnership with Aon so you, as a member, not only get the full benefit of an individual risk assessment and the

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Presdents Podium
Garry Williams



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President's Podium June 2021 cont...

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proportionally excellent premium discounts for a product that covers virtually everything you'd want or need in case of something unforeseen happening.

Life goes on. Planning is well underway for the 2022 Annual Rally in Methven. The venue is locked in and the registration form has now been published. We may need to re-think some of the GS routes we had planned (some roads have just plain gone!) but it'll still be fun.

The Top of the South team appear to have the South Island RAG Rally sorted for the weekend of 20/21 November. Details and a registration form for this have also been published.

I was looking forward to the Area Reps meeting at the end of June, but with the Covid Level 2 in Wellington the meeting has been postponed until August.

If you're a relatively new member it would be great to see you at our club events. There is plenty going on at a local area, so do yourself a favour by looking out for the details from your Area Rep, the club website, or our <u>Facebook page</u>.

And, if you haven't already, how about joining our BMW Motorcycle Club NZ Group page on Facebook? Simply head to the BMWMC Facebook Page (Link below), click on the "Join Group" button, answer a simple question and join the banter and post photos and anything else you like about your riding experiences. It's a great way to share!

If you made it to the Brass Monkey over Queen's Birthday weekend, good on you. I'm told it has been quite warm but very wet – story of the last few weeks for us.

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





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.



A letter from a new member

t has been almost two months since I wandered into the exclusive premises known locally as PWMC to meet a group who share my interest in riding a BMW Motorad. It was a good experience, and after chatting to Peter N and the group, enjoying the fine cuisine and economical wine, ultimately it was a no-brainer that Sue and I should join the club to get some good kilometres under the rubber.



Wellington Group monthly riders Motomart Le Man's start

What has happened since?

Well, my first club outing was a very well attended Sunday ride over the Remutaka Hill to Featherston for brunch and a chat. A format that I have become more familiar with since.

However, before joining the weekend Remutaka GP we first conquered Whiteman's Valley via the Blue Mountain Road. No not the NSW version, but an equally spectacular local road enhanced with the Mazda MX5 club also enjoying their downhill outing.

At the appropriately named Everest Café there was a lively conversation about international motorcycle touring and the joys that COVID has brought us with cancelled tours a common occurrence.

Next was an impromptu ride, mid-week for those of us for whom every day is a Saturday, and once again over the Remutaka Hill – our new friend. Peter N's itinerary took me somewhere new in the Eastern Wairarapa, I would say along roads less travelled, but a dude on a Ducati quickly proved that wrong.

However, the Autumn vistas and otherwise quiet roads certainly made for an enjoyable ride ultimately over the Pahiatua Track to Shannon for, yes you guessed it, coffee, and a chat at the Horseman's Café.

Since then, David R and I have reconnected after too many years; we have got to know Dennis & Annie over even more wine and food; and I have revisited the Herb Garden Café in Ashhurst. Yes, it is true, I have been there over 20 years ago.

Sue and I are now looking forward to many more trips meeting more people and chatting over our common love for motorcycling BMW style.

It was a good decision to join this club – thanks everyone for your warm welcome.

Martyn & Sue Wright Petone (emailed 15JUN21)





Area Report: Taranaki



Brass Monkey - Revised Poster! 2021





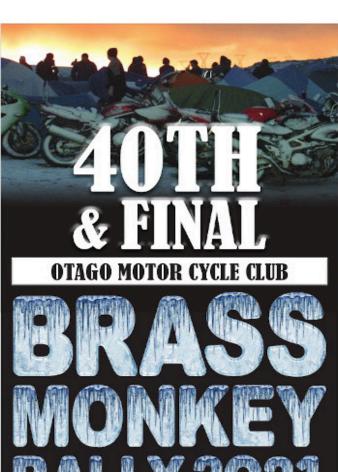












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Area Report: Taranaki



Brass Monkey 2021

Taranaki Tales

"I'd quite like to go to the Brass Monkey" Ray Senior in 2019...

"Righto, let's go next year" Scott Mills in 2019 2020 the year everyone wants to forget meant we had to fast forward to 2021.

"Let's got to the Brass Monkey" Scott Mills 2021 "Nah, it'll be too cold, and I don't want to sleep in a tent on the cold ground" Ray Senior 2021...

Well, I wasn't going to let Ray get away with that,

so I had a quick ask of the club members in Taranaki and before you knew it, I had a group of ten signed up and booked on the Ferry. Ray included as there is no worse ailment than FOMO. A pre-ride meeting was held a couple of weeks prior and a route was loosely decided upon. New Plymouth to Wellington, Ferry to Picton and the first overnight at Blenheim Bridges Top

Ten. There was an accident on state highway one between Sanson and Wellington that threatened to hold us up so we wouldn't make our ferry, but the Blue Bridge delayed the sailing knowing that there would be a lot of people running late. Can't fault the Blue Bridge's commitment to motorcyclists. They're brilliant.

The next morning, we set off up the Wairau Valley towards St. Arnaud. There's a coffee caravan in the middle of nowhere that we had spotted on a previous trip to the Rainbow, so we made it a plan to stop there and rug up for the Lewis Pass. Luckily the lovely owner arrived as we did and got the coffee pot brewing. We decided to breakfast in St. Arnaud, but nothing was open, so we carried on, stopping to admire the lake and the eels that live under the jetty. Spectacular views. The Lewis pass road is a beautiful ride. Lovely views, sweeping bends and not much traffic. Our nights stop was Methven. It was a long day and our accommodation was fantastic. A short walk to the pub for dinner. It was probably the coldest night

we had all journey, but the fire was stoked up and we were warm and comfortable. We waited for the sun to come up before setting off to Nasby for our next night. It was sobering to see the devastation wrought by the storm that ravaged Canterbury the week before. Roadsides washed away as they became rivers from the water that had cascaded down the hillsides. It was amazing that they managed to get so many of the roads opened so quickly afterwards.



Garry, I can only imagine what you and Jo went through as the waters rose and flooded your home and property. Your attitude to this shared through Facebook was amazing. Cool, calm, collected and positive. Truly an inspiration. Kia Kaha.

I've got to say, the ride down the coast to Palmerston is less than

spectacular. Why have they let industrialisation ruin this lovely coast?

Heading inland through the pig route to Nasby more than made up for the coast. That road is beautiful. Sweeping corners, ever changing vistas. I loved it. We stayed at the camp in Nasby which is a lovely little place. The pub there did a roaring trade that night as the kitchen had just been refurbished and all of the locals had come out to support the grand opening. Safe to say there were guite a few new locals to town, even if they were only there for one night. The publican was a bit overwhelmed to start with, but soon warmed up to the occasion when the till overflowed. The food was great. A great range of beer on tap and an amazing collection of Whisky to be enjoyed. A very enjoyable night was had by all. Next morning, we were treated to the most amazing sunrise. A short ride down to Ranfurly for breakfast.... which turned out to be a pie, as none of the food vendors in town were really set up for the number of hungry bikers that turned up looking for food. The fuel

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Area Report: Taranaki



Brass Monkey - Taranaki Tales 2021 cont...

station owners were very switched on though with extra staff helping to get everyone through the station with minimal waits and fuss. Good job. We arrived at the Brass Monkey site just after 10am. Made camp up on the hill, away from all the others tents.... or so we thought. The wind got up about lunchtime and many of the tents were struggling to stay up. The camp soon filled up and we were surrounded by campers and bikes from all over the country. Small fire pits were dotted around, and these proved to be great meeting points for everyone to tell their stories around. The wind soon settled down so that the rain could begin. It didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits though as most of those were being drunk straight. (lol) The organisers were not as prepared for the numbers that turned up as they could have been. It was amazing to see how they coped though and quickly changed their methods to try and cope. Beer was on hand and the ques, although long, moved quite quickly. Soooo many stories were told and so many new friendships made. It was a great event. It's a shame that it won't be held again, but to be honest, I can stand around drinking beer, talking sh#t about bikes, listening to music anywhere I go on my bike. Central Otago is taking it to the extremes though.

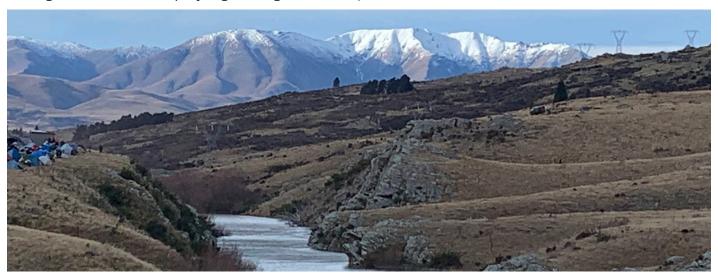
We woke early the next morning and a pleasant if not somewhat damp ride was had through to Wanaka for brunch. A well-earned rest and a couple of coffees later, back on the road through the Haast Pass and onto Harihari. Stunning road through here followed up by a great nights rest at

the Harihari pub and one of the best lamb shank meals I've had in a long time. Next morning, we headed off towards Picton. We stopped at the Mitre 10 in Greymouth for breakfast and to pick up some steel wire and a couple of clamps to make repairs to a nearly broken clutch cable. Luckily it hung on until Chris got home the next day and we didn't have to put our mechanic skills to the test. The ride through the Queen Charlotte sound road is lovely. We overnighted in Picton and had our farewell, end of trip feed at a nice pub down at the Marina.

The next day the ferry ride was calm, as had the previous one, and we made Wellington with enough time to shoot up to Motomart to get a proper clutch cable and to look at the great bikes and gear they have on offer. It was an uneventful ride back to Taranaki. I think everyone enjoyed their 3000+km ride but were certainly feeling the effects of the alcohol and long ride days by the time they got home. A big sleep and a nice long hot shower sealed the deal for me. A perfect week away with the perfect bunch of mates.

The following weekend I was still feeling a bit jaded, so I only organized a café ride. It was a bit last minute, but we still managed to get 12 or so riders out. The weather was nice and the Old Town Hall Tea Rooms at Urenui supplied us with some lovely food and even better tea.

Yours wafflely, Scott Mills - Member #3542



Area Report: East Coast



Museum Visit - 20th June

From the East Coast Region we had 6 hardy souls (it was not motorcycling weather!) ready to undertake this trip organised by Peter Tibbs; Folker, Joe and Wendy in one car, Stella and Walter in another, and I took my own because I had to be back early in Napier. We set off just after 10 am from the BP station at Stortford Lodge and made Dannevirke's Forge Café in good time.

Already a contingent from Rangitikei and Wellington were there and not long after we arrived, Peter and the Wairarapa crew turned up as well. Shortly after 1 pm Peter led us through a variety of back country roads to our destination, but not before he had explained the corner man system to everyone. It worked a treat, even in cars.

When we arrived Allen and Justin welcomed us and gave us the run down on how their collection of vehicles had come about. At that stage the rain started to make a nuisance of itself so we moved indoors to be gobsmacked at what had been hiding under the corrugated roofs!

It appeared nothing was ever thrown away, and it was hard to see any unused nook or cranny. It was a petrol head's paradise. We were free to roam the whole place at leisure, and if you like Harley's, Indians or even steam powered bicycles, this place was heaven.

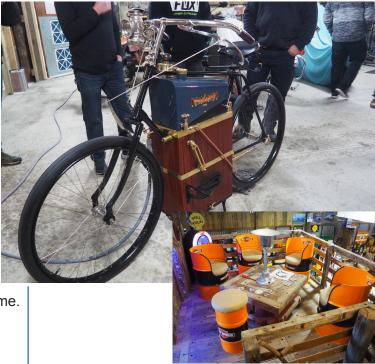


Once everyone had their fill, we thanked our gracious hosts and made our way home.

John Wuts #1867, East Coast









Motorcycle.com reports "Spy shots: 2023 BMW R1300GS Spotted!"

"All together, what we see here is a radically different R1300GS, with a new liquid-cooled engine, new exhaust system, new styling, an inverted fork and likely an entirely new frame".

Dennis Chung



Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup



Social Ride - 13th June 2021

Arelatively short ride was planned for our monthly ride on 13th June, influenced in part by the days being relatively short at this time of the year.

Plan was to meet at the Ginger Bird Café in Colyton then travel via a series of 'back' roads to Upokongaro, on the banks of the Whanganui River, for lunch.

A good turn-out of nine bikes and fifteen bods, including new members Terry and Pam, met at the café for a pre-departure coffee and chat. During the chat Barry P called in to say his 'new' 1250GS had thrown up a warning message, was running really rough, and he would be seeking roadside assist to get them back home. (Have included a copy of the message in case anyone experiences something similar)



In this case it turns out that one of the ignition coils had failed, effectively taking one cylinder out of action and giving the on-board computer a bit of a challenge!

After coffee we made our way through Feilding, Mt Biggs and Halcombe to Hunterville where we took a brief leg stretch. Peter and Ann T left us from there to return home for a family gathering. Onwards, then, via Fordell to Upokongaro. The trip through a series of winding valleys was uneventful although Scotty did say later that his bike 'stepped out' briefly a couple of times through shady corners where there were a few patches of damp, green tinge on the road. (That ride is a particularly good one in Summer when roads are dry).

Met up with Lance and Barry H at Upokongaro and enjoyed a convivial lunch session at the Riverboat Bar and Café. The day was fine and mild, with midday temps heading towards 20o, so lunch became a slightly protracted affair! After lunch some of the group headed homewards and Lance lead the remainder on a backroads, sight-seeing tour round Brunswick Road, through Wai-iti then back to Whanganui along the coast side of the highway. Brief stop at BP to say our farewells then headed home.

Thanks Team, another good day out.

Murray Petherick #2690 Area Rep.



Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup



Tibsy's June 20th "Drive-In"

feel obliged to pen this report because although

It relates to an event that Tibsy organised he gave me the distinct impression he would not be providing a report! An opportunity too good to resist!!

The event was mooted some weeks ago when Tibsy raised the idea of visiting a private machinery collection/museum at Maharahara, west of Dannevirke. Since it seemed the visit would appeal more to the blokes than to the

members of the fairer sex we decided to add it into the ride calendar as an extra event rather than to hold it as a regular monthly ride.

The proposal was to meet at the Forge Café

Dannevirke late in the morning for a lunch gathering and chat and then to ride out the collection for a 1.30pm start to the visit. The idea was well received and in response to the open invitation a good number of members from Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Rangitikei indicated intentions to take part. Ultimately 20 members (including four of the fairer sex. well done ladies!) attended from the various

regions, including Tibsy himself from Wairarapa.

As the day drew nearer it became apparent the weather was going to be pretty rough but rather than postpone or cancel Tibsy, in his typical positive

fashion, insisted the event should go ahead come hell or high water (which in some ways was a pretty close to reality). The result was not a single bike to be seen and everyone arrived in 'tin tops'!

With the number in our group there wasn't much room left in the Forge Café for others of the public but we had a convivial get-together and a good chat. I don't think we upset too many

other patrons. Rather than simply head down the

main road to our rural destination Tibsy decided we needed to take a more circuitous route via local back roads, using the corner-man system to ensure no one got lost! Well, the idea was OK in principle but playing corner-man in cars is not as simple as doing it on bikes, specially when you are not sure which cars are in your group or what model of car tail-end-charlie is driving! Despite all that we all

arrived safely at the destination.

The collection is privately owned and is an eclectic mix of old motor bikes (mostly Indians), including a beautifully restored steam driven bike, a huge

> collection of fuel and oil containers, an impressive collection of old fuel pumps in various states of repair, and three well restored Kenworth trucks that were amongst the earlier ones imported into NZ. The entrance to the main shed that houses the collection is via a small room which is a replica of the original Harley Davidson workshop in the States. In addition to the main groups of items on display there were also

a few 'random' items including some older model Morrison reel mowers, a small International bulldozer and a restored tractor that had been rescued after being burnt out. All-in-all an impressive collection

> that has been gathered up over a long period of time and the items variously restored and presented with a lot of TLC.

> Thanks go to Tibsy for organising the visit and to Justin and Allen for hosting us at their place.

Tibsy's mate, Murray Petherick #2690. Area Rep.





Area Report: Wellington



Impromptu Ride - Herb Garden Café - Ashhurst - 9th June 2021



This ride had 3 Wairarapa & Wellington riders who departed the BP Mana for the ride up SH1, Kimberly Road, SH57, SH3, to Ashhurst and the Colyton Road to the Herb Garden Café for lunch. We were joined by 6 Rangitikei Members, 2 from Levin and 4 from Whanganui.

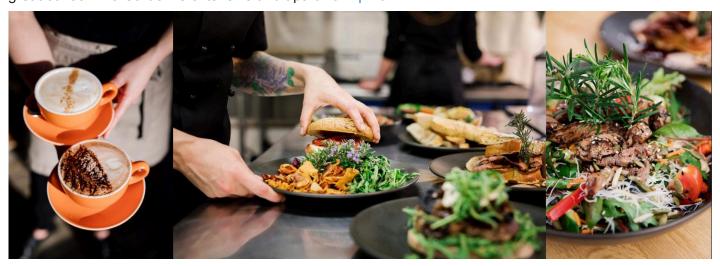
The morning was cold and clear with sun strike being a constant issue until the sun had lifted in the sky making it an excellent day for a ride.

The road works on SH1 continue at McKays Crossing – Northern end of the Transmission Gully project and at Te Horo and Otaki on the Otaki bypass. At both sites, the current road has been reduced to 1 lane each way, along with the roundabout in Otaki which at peak times and weekends results in traffic tailbacks. We look forward to using the new dual carriageways when these projects are completed.

The Herb Garden Café is on Grove Road off the Colyton Road and is relatively close to Ashhurst. They have an extensive range of quality food and great coffee. The Garden is extensive and apart from

herbs contains garden ornaments, trees, and a water feature well worth a visit.

It was great catching up and enjoying the company of our fellow members from the Rangitikei Area. The discussion covered off the North Island RAG rally and local rides. One of the Rangitikei members noted that he had sad feedback on the rider and pillion who were fatally injured in an early morning accident in the Manakau area that apparently involved a van driver going to sleep at the wheel and crossing the centre line. This is another hazard we all need to be mindful of as a lot of us leave in the early morning to catch ferries or to get some kms under the wheels before the volume of morning traffic starts grow or travel to work.



The ride back from Ashhurst was uneventful and because we left after lunch were able to get through the choke points before the late afternoon traffic began to build. This was another enjoyable midweek ride in calm, cool, sunny weather with like mind motorcyclists.

Peter Nash #3184 Area Rep



Area Report: Top of the South



Sunday 9th May 2021

Organiser John O'D and his friend and guide for the day, Gerry, called it 'A Banjo Country' ride but I prefer to call it 'Gerry and John's Magical History Tour'. We saw heaps of history but narry a banjo insight!





Twelve of us ignored the bad weather forecast and the grey, damp morning and headed off from Motueka through roads less travelled, for most of us, and then exotic sounding places like Jacob's Ladder and Orinoco (really greasy clay, challenging a few of the road bikes) to Tapawera where the history tour began. We went through the old Kiwi Railway station and WW1 hut next door, then down the road to the Area School to see the Wahine anchor chain (each link representing a local school that had been closed). Lunch stop was at the Matariki Hall (the former school) where we had a few real drops of rain, but we were inside and it had stopped by the time we had eaten. Then we rode to the site of the Tadmor

Railway Station, T a d m o r ' s version of Smash Palace in a farm paddock, past the site/sign of the Kiwi Railway Station, onto



Dry Weather Road (the day's big gravel) to a private farm at Kaka where there's a great example of the rail embankment and bridge pier remains (built by hand in 1877) finally reaching SH6 and the Glenhope Railway Station and station master's house.

As it was getting a bit late most of us headed for home but John and a couple of others heading to the Moutere Pub for a debrief.

A big thanks to John and Gerry for such a great day topped off by gorgeous autumn colours everywhere we went!

Those on the ride were - John, Gerry, Murray, Tony, Stuart, Philip, Dale, Darren, Hilary, Reuben, Jaimie, Gretchen (scribe). And if you were one of those who looked out the window and went back to bed you missed a really great day!



Area Report: Top of the South



Sunday 13th June 2021 -

Destination: Queen Charlotte Tavern, Linkwater



ow many ride reports start off with the weather? Well, this is be no exception... The forecast was scrutinised from about Wednesday on. Would that rain predicted on Sunday remain or turn into nothing as it often does – when a ride hasn't been scheduled? The decision was made that we wouldn't melt, that it might be better over the hill in Marlborough, that even if just Tony and I turned up it would still be nice to go out for lunch etc, etc. So it was a nice surprise to see Anja, Peter W, Richard, Darren and about-to-be new member Gary waiting at the QE2 layby. With Tony and me it was a respectable 7 bike turn out and with Ross and Teresa joining us at Pelorus it got even better.

We donned out wet weather gear (those who didn't leave them on the kitchen table.....) and it started raining and no, it didn't stop when we got to Marlborough! There were no other Marlbourghites waiting at Havelock so we proceeded to the Queen Charlotte Tavern at Linkwater for really good food and coffee served in mugs. They had a large undercover area for easy gear removal and dripping.

and chuncky that a couple of bikes turned back. Richard came home via Blenheim and Tony via the Wairau Valley/St Arnaud loop. Even at 4pm it was pretty dark coming back over the hills and it was good to get home and light the fire and hunker down. But it was a great day for riding and socialising – despite the wetness.



We all headed off home – via Q Charlotte Drive to Picton and the Kaituna Tuamarina Road short cut through to SH6. This has a short 'gravel' section but today it was pure hard packed wet clay. Over an icecream at Rai Valley we remembered a time when that particular gravel stretch was so thick



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Area Report: Canterbury



Sunday 27th June

A North Canterbury jaunt that nearly didn't happen. Ralph had great plans for 20 June but the weather forecast was that dire it was postponed to the 26th. Roll on another week and he was sadly called away for a family funeral (and I bet Denise did not agree to travel all the way to Te Anau on the motorbike)

• Not to be foiled again Ralph had Garth step up to lead the ride. Thanks a heap Garth, the day was weather perfect once we got north of the early fog. A small group set off from the appointed meeting spot...ten minutes early...oops we left Rodney behind! He caught up to us at Greta Valley and we may never be allowed to forget we left him behind! As we were all dedicated GS riders we spent a lovely day hopping from one awesome gravel road to another, no dust and just a bit of mud (when the signs said road closed) and some fun splash as we forded



Area Report: Canterbury



Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) 2021

INTRO: I have a distinguished bike and most people who know me say I am far from a distinguished gentleman (unless you count my very distinguished whiskers!) Each year I participate in the DGR charity ride for men's



health. I started out on a friends Triumph scrambler in 2018, rode my modern F800GSA in 2019 trailing along at the back.... suitably dressed. Last year due to covid I completed my own 100miles on my recently acquired 1971 R60 custom GS. Finally this year I rode a true classic bike dressed as a gentleman...still working on the gentleman bit though.

Sunday 23 May started fine and crisp -2.5degrees so I rode to Geoff's, first in modern thermal gear, then changed into gentleman's attire for the day. 11:30 we arrived at First European to meet up with the other participants. There was a great turn out of all makes and models, custom and standard. Everyone had a good look around before Andy the ride leader gave a quick briefing... be careful, enjoy yourselves and thanks for the money raised. Obey the rules of the road at all times.

We started at Ferry road and off to Sumner then up Evans Pass and over to Lyttleton

for a catch up /regroup before travelling back trough the tunnel....What a noise... large thumping, small screeching echoing through the tunnel and round the hill, Centaurus Avenue and up Colombo street to Smash Palace for drinks and hot chips. Great way to spend Sunday for a great cause. Thanks to all my sponsors. Total ride 70 miles of pure rumbling fun.

Grant Hyde Member #1599.



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History of the Register - Part 14 which concludes the series

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Acceptance of the K Series into the Register.

Some words of advice from Ern McBryde's article "On Falling Off' — "By the way, have you heard of this method of getting out of trouble? The story goes that when you see a collision is unavoidable, you jam on the back brake, lock the back wheel and pull the bike hard over to the left. The bike goes down, the left footrest digs in, and you step off, letting the bike slide on alone. I practiced this method some years ago with a BSA and could step off at a fair old rate of knots, and since I was doing it on wet grass, the bike suffered no damage at all. How this would work with a BMW I wouldn't know, and have no desire to find out"!

Annual General Meeting 12th October 1983 — 42 members attended at the Vintage Club Rooms and the Election of Officers saw Bob Pinker become President; Stu Marshall re-elected Secretary; Clare Newcombe Treasurer; Ian Walker Editor and Walter De Beurs to continue as Parts Manager. Congratulations were also passed on to Walter and Meryl, on the arrival of their son, Marten.

The meeting heralded a few cautious remarks on the arrival of the K Series. This viewed "breakaway" breed was decidedly unacceptable to some folk, as BMW Owners Register machinery. That the Constitution did not mention the word "Twins" became an "oversight" — and "let them start their own Club" was seriously a consideration. It could be said that The Register at this time in history, was seen, wrongly, as an exclusive-type club for people with money (!), and the group had its share of bigots. Some advertised the fact that they would not wave to other motorcyclists on the open road were obviously afraid of the impact "the Fours" would have and perhaps felt that BMW ownership would lose its place as the "ultimate" goal in 2-wheeled status.

The newsletter continued to update on the latest from abroad, and the first British Road Test headlined, "The New Breed of Fours will be BMW's Future", was published. An assurance was added for the faithful Twin owners — "BMW traditionalists need not despair. The K100 is the first European motor cycle to take the Japanese on at their own game, and come up trumps.

As a sophisticated sports tourer, it makes a good buy, but not for fans of say Suzuki Katanas or GPz Kawasakis, as the K100 is likely to win most support from riders who want a practical superbike, backed by BMW's reputation for quality". And after all, it was to be the buyers who would decide if BMW were heading in the right direction. The factory was predicting that 60% of sales were expected to go to traditional BMW owners. It was a brave gamble at a time of world-wide falling sales yet ultimately it was the "Twin Faithful's" who ensured that the gamble paid off. (Who would guess what might happen 10 years on.)

The coming months would see the Woburn Rally (organised yet again by Ivan and Diane), the National Rally at Lake Rotoiti in Nelson, a Register Barbecue to Whangarata and a March run to Paihia. It was also hoped that a K100 demonstrator would be available at the National Rally.

A total restructuring of BMW dealership was occurring at this time, in both Auckland and Wellington. Bavarian Spares would be moving into the Wholesale Only business, Jensen Motors was no longer the Agent, and The Register waited to see the direction of BMW in NZ.

We had been well aware of many spares problems in the past yet it was appreciated that no other motorcycle club had such input, or working relationship with Dealers as had the BMW Owners Register. Much of this "interchange" was the result of constant liaison and constructive diplomacy by our Executive committee. At times it was no easy task and not all members realised the groundwork these people established for the future.

It was hoped that the reconstruction of BMW throughout NZ, plus the increasing number of BMW motorcycles, and the new model, would create a settled and satisfactory spares arrangement.

The December/January newsletter noted the launch of the "K" in Palmerston North, with Bob Pinker, Simon and Stuart invited along for the preview, prior to the public "showing" at Manfield. The monthly meeting once again discussed, "whether the new 4 cylinders, and riders, would find much, or little, in common with the present Register. The general view was that the Register would welcome

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the new machines and their riders, although it was realised that they might rather follow differing interests from ours". !!

The newsletter also printed a letter from BMW NZ Ltd outlining the appointment of regional BMW dealers. These dealer networks would provide a spares stocking service throughout the country. Their correspondence also reinforced the situation between BMW NZ and The Register — "BMW Distributors in NZ have obviously enjoyed a good working relationship in the past with BMWOR and our wish is that this continues".

The Rotoiti National Rally again showed the way to friendships, relaxation and the fun times of Register get-togethers. This delightful scenic location hosted 80 members to a full weekend of entertainment — a film selection; a sing-song with Neil McCartney on guitar; a tune-up session; the advanced braking lesson; and an imaginative gymkhana well thought out by Don Thorpe. Thanks were also expressed to Barry Stephens whose hospitality in providing a barbecue for those travelling from the North to the rally site, was so much enjoyed and appreciated.

The early '84 programme would include a roadrally in March arranged in conjunction with the ever-enthusiastic Graduates Motorcycle Club and a further trip to Cook's Lookout Motel. The South Island members had a run to Jim Sullivan's home at Otaio in April and to Akaroa

Jim Sullivan's home at Otaio in April and to Akaroa in May.

The March meeting followed up a variety of investigations on motorcycle Insurance. It was felt that 11% of the total insured value would he an expected charge but to date there was little willingness by the Insurance Companies approached to enter into group deals.

The 1983 Literary Award was won by Barry Stephens for his 3-month serialised story on his travels through the USA and Europe. The detailed description of this journey made excellent reading and fired up much interest.

The thought that anyone would ever consider

stealing a BMW motorcycle never entered any helmeted head. The Register during these earlier years knew most machines around, and kept track of number plates. Confidently it was felt that if someone was so foolish as to joyride the breed, it would soon be tracked down. Hence, the shattering news that Brent Mander's 90/6 disappeared from his workplace car-park shook the very foundations of The Register and brought all members up with a jolt.

Brent's prompt actions in notifying all sources of sale brought results. The bike was taken Monday night; by midday Tuesday it was being offered in pieces, to hike shops and by Wednesday afternoon he had a positive lead. (An alert motorcycle wrecker gave a good description of the culprit plus the van and registration number). Midday Friday the police notified him that the machine had been dismantled and buried. Many major components were missing and no doubt the smaller ones had been thrown away but it all showed evidence of strength and ignorance. It was a random theft where a couple of guys had got drunk and looked for a bike to steal with devastating results for the owner.

That was the Final part of Jean's original writings on the early days of the 'Register'.





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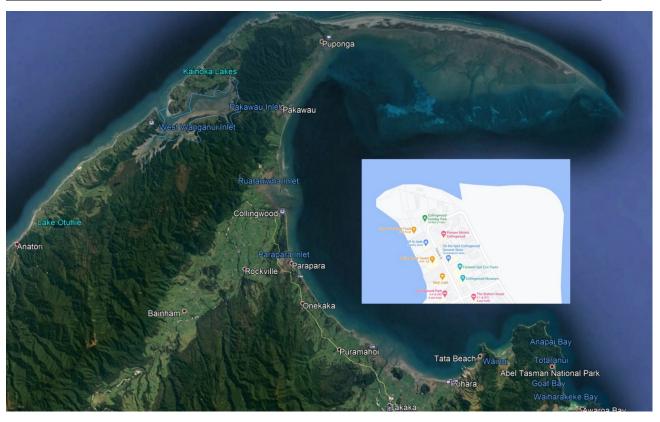
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Surcharge for Non Cl	ub Members – per person	\$20.00			\$
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