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A felcome to our 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 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 25th day of the month preceding publication.

We welcome all contributions.

Welcome to:

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Chris Souness



October 2022

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the warmer weather ahead of us. As I write this, I'm down in Queenstown working on a business project. We have just experienced snow showers, and my phone is telling me it's just 3 degrees outside. Roll on summer I say!

One of our tasks as a board is to regularly review our member benefit partnerships and to continually seek new opportunities that will deliver additional value to members.

Last month, our member insurance offer was up for renewal. This created the opportunity for us to start discussions with our current partner AON and seek expressions of interest from other providers in the market.

As a result of this review, I'm very pleased to announce that we have secured an agreement with Star Insurance. Star presented the board with an excellent proposal that delivers significant benefits to you as members through a very comprehensive and feature-rich rider policy as well as support to the club via event sponsorship and rebates.

Please see their advertisement included in the magazine for further information and a link to request a quote from Star.

We have had a long-standing partnership with AON Insurance over recent years and we appreciate and thank them for their support of the club and members over that time.

This change does not impact any existing member policies held with AON and they will continue supporting members going forward.

It is of course, up to individual members to decide who they choose to use for insurance services. However, regardless of who you are with currently, when your policy is due, we recommend you consider this new offer through Star Insurance and see if it's right for you.

The dates for our next three events are looming. You will find in this edition, details and/or registration forms for the GS Rally 29-30 October in Rotorua, our South Island Rag Rally 18-20 November in Geraldine and our Annual Rally and AGM 20 to 22 January in Tauranga. Please refer to the specific details relating to each event in our newsletter or website and remember to book as soon as you can.

We are looking forward to summer and catching up with everyone. With the exciting events we have planned, what better reason to get away on your bike, meeting up with old friends and making some new ones. If you are considering coming along to any, or all of them please book as soon as you can.

All the best and safe riding everyone.



BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand - Risk Management Plan

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

Riding Code:

1. All Club members on Club rides shall do so as individuals responsible for their own safety and shall take into account the safety of others they encounter on the ride.

2. Club members are responsible for ensuring that their motorcycles are in a safe and legal condition, the minimum being to Warrant of Fitness standards.

3. Riders, Pillions and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum standard New Zealand Approved Motorcycle Helmets, and stout footwear, gloves and clothing that will be capable of protecting their body in the event of a mishap.

4. Club Members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.

5. Rider organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride

as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for the other riders' behaviour or safety.

6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.

7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.

8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.

9. The Ride Organiser and or the Club are not responsible for the participants' safety, and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are travelling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with the Road Rules and Laws.

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Area Report: Taranaki Tales

by Scott Mills



Morning/Afternoon Tea and Lunch Loop - August



Well, September was a month of riding for me, distance-wise in any case.

It had been a while since my last gravel ride, so I organised a ride impromptu style at the start of the month. It was a very wet day, so I was not expecting many to turn up for the ride. Because it was raining, and I'm useless at taking photos, I don't have any to share with you. From memory, there were 6 of us





that decided that a wet day on the bike was better than no day on the bike. We set off towards Whangamomona via Tarata Road. This is a regular route for us, so no time was wasted zooming through to Whangamomona. We stopped for coffee at the pub then set off through the Tangarakau Gorge towards Taumaranui. We ducked off the Lost Highway onto Kururau Road and enjoyed some breathtaking scenery and some of the best gravel roads in the region. The rain continued to make its presence felt so there were no views of the mountains today from the top of the saddle. We wound our way through to state highway 4 and headed northwest. A little way up the road we ducked off again on a road that heads towards Ohura. The road warned of closures due to a big slip, but that didn't deter us as the slip was close to Ohura and we weren't planning on going that far up the road. We turned off at Matiere and took the gravel road through to Aria. I hadn't been that way for a while and had forgotten just how nice it was to ride through there. I had neglected to stop

Area Report: Taranaki Tales by Scott Mills



for lunch and some of the team were turning mutinous so we high-tailed it to Awakino pub for a burger and a beer. From there we cruised home on the tar as it had been a pretty full day.

My next ride was to Linton for the ride organized by Tibsy. It was a great tour of the workshop at the base, but I won't go into detail as I am sure it will be covered by others that attended. It was a great opportunity to catch up with others in the group and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Cheers Tibsy.

Keep the shiny side up and make life a ride.

Scott Mills # 3542



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Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup



By Murray Petherick

September -



Having in mind that the August ride turned out to be a fairly long haul (at least for some of the participants), I decided to select a rather more modest route for the September ride. Although some of the team experienced showers prior to their respective morning departures the weather for the trip turned out to be a bit better than expected, free of precipitation, so that simply added to the enjoyment of the ride.

The plan was to meet at the Moomaa Café on SH1 for morning coffee and then to head up SH1 and take a couple of loops into the Rangitikei area before heading to Taihape for lunch. Those coming from south and east had to option of meeting at Sanson on the way to the Café and when The Pillion and I arrived there we found half a dozen bikes already assembled, including those of Denis and Neil from Wellington. John arrived shortly after so 8 bikes with 11 peeps headed for the Café. On arriving there we duly headed in for coffee and a chat and met up with Peer and Neville, from Whanganui, who were already well 'settled in'.



Following coffee we headed off up SH1 towards Ohingaiti, having added Peer and Neville but farewelled Joy and Robin, with Robin having home duties (associated with his role as a judge in the local 'business awards') to attend to. We took the Otara Road turnoff and headed round the Mangamako Road loop towards Mangaweka, via Rangiwahia. Before re-crossing the Rangitikei River we headed up the Kawhatau Valley Road, where we were treated to some impressive views of the snow-capped Ruahine Ranges, then out via Toetoe Road to SH1, just south of Utiku. Unfortunately, I hadn't set up the GoPro so some good scenery shots went begging: note to self to be better prepared in future. The roads were good, secondary, sealed roads and made for some enjoyable riding although we did encounter a couple of slips across the road, where the papa cuttings above the road had 'let go', and tracks had been forged through the slip

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup



By Murray Petherick

September cont. -





slip debris by local resident's vehicles. Denis revealed a secret from his past when he noted that he used to drive a school bus in that area (in the olden days) when the roads were still gravelled!

Enjoyed a pleasant lunch break at the Brown Sugar Café in Taihape, during which

Toetoe Rd. Photo Denis H

various riders proposed and discussed options for their respective homeward journeys. Don headed off early, presumably to get home to mow the lawns, and the rest of us from the Palmy and Levin areas decided to take the Vinegar Hill route to Halcombe and Sanson and then head homewards. Somewhat logically the Whanganui team decided to head to Waiouru and then take Field's Track through to the Parapara Road, then on down to Whanganui. Denis and Neil decided to go via the Parapara route with Peer and Neville and finally, including a diversion through Fordell to skirt Whanganui, reached home in Wellington after a 600km marathon effort.

So much for my idea of a shorter, cruisy day but good work Denis and Neil!!

Murray #2690

Area Repot: Wairarapa

by Peter Tibbs

Linton Army Camp 17th September



his all started with a rush of blood to the head, something I don't experience very often.

Now while all this fluid is rushing around in the top two inches, it's time to get on with the logistics involved with a ride to Linton Army Base, the home to Headquarters 1 Brigade. Once the requirements for us to enter Linton Base were established an email was dispatched to four other BMW Area Reps for expressions of interest, which resulted in five BMW areas and Wairarapa Ulysses checking in at the pre camp briefing.

Once the briefing was out of the way we rode as a group to the camp gates where an Officer was waiting for our arrival. We were led to the # 2 Mechanical workshop canteen for a welcome to the Base and a short briefing. From here the group was then taken to the weapons maintenance section which proved very interesting as we were treated to Q/A about the weapons on display. From here we had free range around vehicles which were parked in the repair area, then onto the maintenance optical and communications equipment. Proceeded into the workshop and finally back to the canteen for a debrief.

Many thanks to the NZ Army and our host Major who took time out of a busy schedule to accommodate our group.

Some of our riders had a long ride home and were unable to join us for lunch at the Salt & Pepper Cafe just south of Levin where many stories were told and that's where they should stay. My friend Laurie, who just happens to be in his nineties led myself and Colin through the Akatarawa Rd at a nice quiet pace for some. At Akatarawa we split, Colin turning right for Wellington, Laurie and I turning left for a lovely ride back to the Wairarapa.

All in all a great turn out and an excellent and privileged insight and tour around the camp. A great day out on the bike with good company made even more special meeting up/riding with five

BMW Area riders and members of Wairarapa Ulysses. (Note to self, remember to take a group photo 😳

Until next time.

Wheels down & Feet up.

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Area Report: Wellington



By Denis Hulston

SANSON, KAUWHATAU VALLEY, TAIHAPE, FIELD TRACK, TURAKINA VALLEY, MARTON AND HOME



Lunch stop, Brown Sugar Café, Taihape

Two Wellington riders, Neil Bartlett and Denis Hulston, joined a great Rangitikei turn out to make up nine bikes and riders with three pillions at Sanson, on a ride organized by Murray Petherick for Rangitikei. We rode to Moomaa on SH1 for coffee and then to Ohingaiti for the turnoff to Otar, Mangamako Rds to Rangiwahia, Kawhatau Valley, Toetoe and Utiku before rejoining SH1 at Utiku. We had lunch at the Brown Sugar at Taihape before continuing with Peer and Nevil from Whanganui to Waiouru, Karioi and down the Field Track to the Parapara near Kakatahi. Peer and Nevil continued to Whanganui. Denis and Neil bypassed via backroads to Okaoia, Fordell, Kauangaroa Valley to Turakina Valley and Marton before riding home via SH3 and SH1. This was a great day out in perfect riding weather on remote backroads – a 620km day's riding - absolutely inspiring! Thanks, Murray for organizing. Neil was preparing for the 1600km rally – here's to great rally event riding, Neil. This was a great weather ride. By contrast, the weather in the Wairarapa was miserable, so being in the Horowhenua and Rangitikei was the place to be.

12th September - Club Meal And Get Together

Great turnout! Seventeen club members got together over a meal on Monday evening at the Petone Working Men's Club. Thanks to all who attended, an enjoyable evening.

Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



15th September – Sealed Road Ride To Turakina Valley, Hunterville, Return Via Sealed Back Roads Halcombe, Rongotea, Glen Oroua, Shannon And Home



Refuel, Masterton – Fine weather impromptu 15th September – Ian, Keith and Peter

'd promised an impromptu ride on the first fine day, so here it was. Four Wellington riders, Denis, Peter, Keith, and Ian met at BP Mana for a ride on the newly re-opened Scenic Highway road through Pukerua Bay and Paekakariki to join SH1 at the north end of Transmission Gully. There has been extensive slip control on this road which has been closed for several weeks.



It's impressive work that probably could not have been carried out if Transmission Gully wasn't now the main route in and out of Wellington.

It was cold 8-degree riding, so a coffee stop at Shannon was welcome, where we joined Murray and Barry Petherick. Two sets of brothers riding – Ian and Denis, Murray and Barry made for an auspicious day. We rode the Pahiatua Track through Mangamaire to Eketahuna for lunch. Murray and Barry rode back home to Levin. Wellington riders continued to Mauriceville, Opiki and home via the Remutaka Hill, a 325km ride in great weather.

Denis #3184

By Denis Hulston



Wellington Midweek Ride Report – Turakina via Ashhurst

Two riders from Wellington went on this ride Geoff Holegate and Peter Nash. The ride assembly point was the BP Mana Service Station which was found to have all the pumps fenced off for what looked like annual service. Fuel, topup, was changed to the Zed Station along the road.

The plan was to ride Ashhurst for a coffee stop at the Back Garden Café (formally The Fusion Café) but it was closed so we rode on to the Herb Farm Café and Garden a little way up a side road off the main road through to Colyton and the Kimbolton Road. The ride took us to Vinegar Hill via Cheltenham. We stopped at the 'Windy Point' lookout for the spectacular view as it was such a clear day. We continued to Hunterville for Petrol and lunch our normal café was closed. This being the second closure encountered with no signs of permanent closure it was thought the staff might be on holiday prior to the start of the school holidays. We found another café for lunch.

The ride took us up Ongo Rd onto Mangahoe Rd to the Turakina Valley Rd for the ride through to Turakina. The first part of this road is sealed, hilly and with great twisties, as you move towards Turakina the country flattens out and the road straightens. From Turakina we rode on SH1 to the turn off SH1 onto the Rongotea Rd and then onto Kellow Rd which runs parallel to SH1 but has virtually no traffic eventually joining the Foxton Shannon Rd. We stopped briefly in Shannon before continuing South and using the new Transmission Gully Motorway which has only been open for a few months and already is showing signs of wear and tear, one thing is for sure nobody could go to sleep at the wheel due to the bumpy, uneven road surface.

This was a great day's ride and for Geoff and Peter which was about 405km home-to-home ride for Peter.

Peter Nash Acting Area Rep



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Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

By Gretchen Holland

Rotherham overnighter on - 10th-11th September



A fter our last two months of life-gettingin-the-way (covid and flooding to name a couple) Tony was ready for a bigger bike ride and suggested this overnighter to Rotherham Hotel.

In the past, our destination in North Canterbury has been Waiau but the campground is no longer operating (we found out why later – the Rodin racing group has bought it, and the Mt Lyford Lodge also, for staff accommodation. Check them out <u>HERE</u>.

On Saturday everyone was nice and early and the trip to Blenheim took about the usual time despite the recent flood damage and road closures. The road was pretty good considering what it's been through. We stopped for coffee in Blenheim to meet up with Sacha (no Peter as he was sick) and Ross and Teresa who joined us on the ride to Kaikoura. Most of us donned our wet gear and it did rain a bit but was mostly appreciated for the extra warmth. It was fine in Kaikoura and our resident member Paul had ridden his '85 R80 the 200 metres up to the café to join us for lunch. That made two older airheads in the car park – nice to see for a change.



We split into two groups after lunch -



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Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

By Gretchen Holland





adventurers went down to Spotswood and through the hills to Culverden while the roadies went via the Inland Kaikoura road. We settled into the Rotherham Hotel – nabbed the long table in front of the fire in the bar and didn't move all night. They filled the wood box from a trailer which pulled in outside and passed the wood through the window. The meal was very nice too.

We 'negotiated' an earlier breakfast time (the delightful Scottish owner had printed off a BMW roundel for the table) and headed for home early enough for the roads to be completely traffic free until we got closer to Murchison. Two groups again – road riders and the others who went through the West Bank and Maruia Saddle roads. The latter was a bit greasy in places I believe. Trudi met us in Murchison for lunch. The riders were a bit scattered by traffic on the way home and Tony and Peter W couldn't help themselves and tacked on the Braeburn and the Dry Weather Road to complete their weekend.

Riders who made this into a great weekend were – Rick, Peter W, John, Tony, Lew, Rod, Murray, Gary, and Gretchen. And it was great that some who couldn't overnight day tripped instead (on



Saturday – Ross and Teresa, Sacha, Paul and on Sunday – Trudi). Rod was a visitor on his '76 R100RS. He is a flag nut (has a collection of about 250 country flags and flies a different one each day) and brought along his BMW flag which was displayed at various photo opportunities.

Gretchen # 949





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Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



Take Care on our remote roads

A timely reminder to keep your wits about you and ride defensively on our remote gravel roads, particularly when entering blind bends.



This collision happened recently on a blind bend on a remote South Island Road.

Fortunately, the motorcyclist was riding slowly into this bend but met a fast-moving Ute and trailer coming the other way and hogging the narrow road. The bike sustained damage to the right front plastic panels. The rider was unharmed.



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Ralph #3082

Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore

Ride to Akaroa...



The line-up of F800s at the Sign of the Kiwi

The weather only promised to be marginal for our ride to Akaroa for lunch. We met up at the sign of the Kiwi cafe and headed out along the Summit Road to Gebbies Pass. The weather looked like it might stay fine for us at this stage as we rode around the head of Lyttleton harbour and through Purau to Port Levy. From here we hit the one of the beautiful stock routes which traverse the peninsula. By the time we sat down for lunch at Akaroa the rain arrived. From Akaroa

we headed out through French farm and onto the Bossu Road to follow the tops of the southern hills of Banks Peninsula. By now the weather had closed in and werode through heavy mist along these narrow precipitous roads and down onto Little River eventually. From here we headed over Western Valley and down to Port Levy again, and then headed for home.









Quick note:

Of note is the number of new members just in September. Eighteen is, if not the highest, certainly very close - Fantastic News!

Thank you to anyone and everyone contributing to our Newsletter. If you see a photo of low resolution and you have the original or a much better picture, please email it the editor and we'll have a chance to update it. We are using the highest resolution we have at the time and don't always now the source.

We have a few events coming up and the best way to check for the latest details is to check the website. Links and updates will be added throughout the month.

Registration for the SI RAG is now live, so please the events page for the latest update. <u>Click for the Registration Form</u>

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Area Report: Southern

by Tharon Knoetze

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