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Welcome 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 28th day of the month preceding publication.

We welcome all contributions.

Welcome to:

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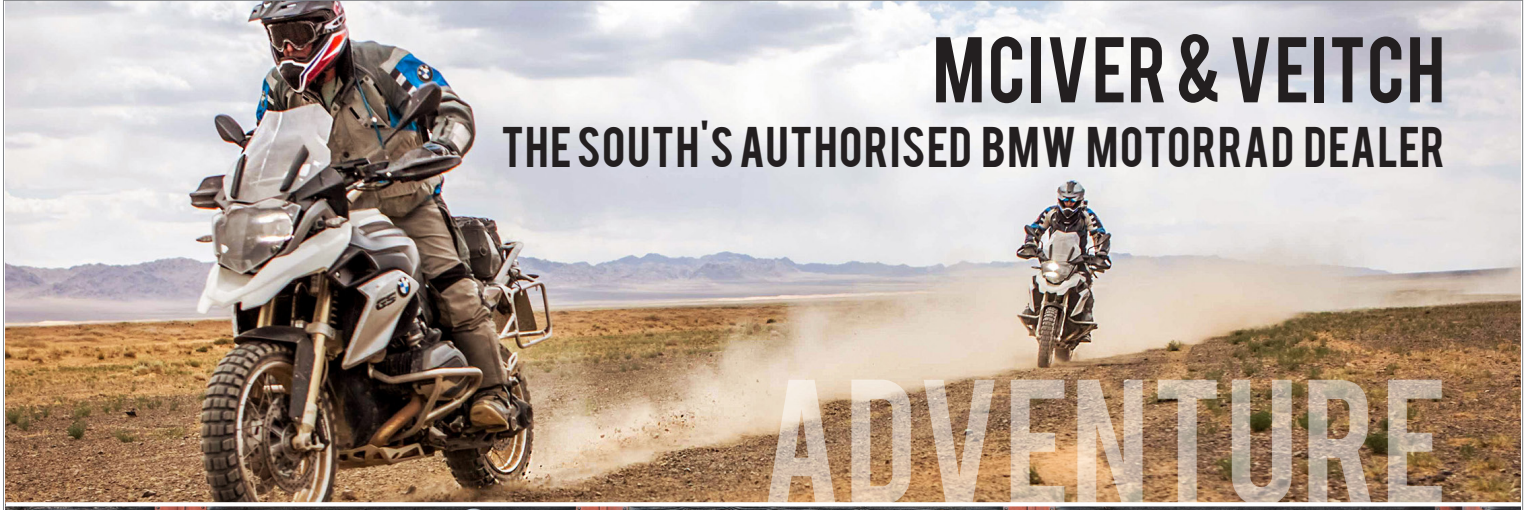
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President's Podium

Chris Souness



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I start this month's podium with some very sad news. Folker Liebenow's son, Christiaan collapsed and passed away suddenly last week. Christiaan was an avid motorcyclist like his father, was an active member of the Italian Motorcycle Owners Club and was the owner of Retroscooter in Auckland. Our deepest condolences, thoughts and support go out to Folker and all the family at this very sad time.

Early in January this year, I received an email out of the blue from Tony Gray the President of the BMW Motorcycle club of Queensland. He and Jane, his wife was planning a major trip around New Zealand starting on the 23rd of January in Christchurch. Tony was keen to get some advice and guidance ahead of the trip. Their plan was to tour the South and North Islands on their trusty R1200GS which they shipped from Queensland to Christchurch. They planned a six-week tour and had to get back to Christchurch in time to pack the bike up ready for its departure on the 2nd of March. Their route planning was very flexible, which proved especially handy when Cyclone Gabrielle decided to come our way.

We finally managed to catch up and have a chat over lunch and a coffee the day before



they had to cross the Cook's Strait to head back to Christchurch. It was interesting to hear first-hand their observations about New Zealand and the riding, which they described as awesome! They did, unfortunately, have their touring plans impacted by both Cyclone Gabrielle and the Interisland ferry disruptions. On the way back down south the ferry delay meant they arrived in Picton so late that they ended up having to stay a night in a single-bed shipping container at a truck stop 10 k's south of Blenheim! Ahh, it's all part of the experience. In the end, they did manage to make it back to Christchurch in time to pack up the bike ready for the return journey and catch their flight back home.

I'm very much looking forward to our North Island RAG Rally at the end of this month, 31st March - 2nd April. Please register if you are attending and haven't yet done so, as it a great event and as is now tradition, we are grateful to again welcome Clifford along with his trusty rotisserie to cook the meat on Saturday night. We also have several spot prizes available which have been generously provided by our club sponsors.

Looking forward to seeing you there... Registration details follow and on our website.

All the best and ride safe.



Area Report: Bay of Plenty

By Alan Belworthy



Following on from a great BMW Club AGM weekend, we had a local BOP area ride, Sunday March 5th. 6 bikes Ddarted from the BP station at Tauriko heading for Rotorua. We joined up with another 2 at the South end of Old Taupo Rd ridden by Ian and Neil Belworthy respectively. This was Ian's first ride out with the BMW club on his newly acquired 2012, R1200GS. From there we rode through a myriad of roads through the Waikite Valley and stopped at Ohakuri Dam for a quick break and some obligatory pictures.

It was a short 20-minute ride from the dam to the Dam cafe at Whakamaru (yes another dam).

After lunch, we rode along the Waikato river through to Cambridge as the Karapiro Dam remains closed for maintenance, and wound our way through the Cambridge Hills on the way to the Big Cow Tavern at Te Poi for a debrief. From there we all made our way home from, a great day out with the BOP riders

Alan #3269



Area Report: East Coast

By John Wuts



From the left:
John F (elbow only, sorry),
Danny and Rosemary,
Bronwen,
Stella and Walter,
Robert and Carole,
Pam,
Les,
Peter
and Leonie.

After suffering blackouts and no contact for days, the Napier/Hastings/Havelock North members and supporters were only too pleased to be able to visit the restaurant Off The Track in Havelock North on Wednesday 1 March. Everyone was keen to relate their

experiences but as a group, we were lucky as nobody had suffered serious material damage, unlike the many homes and businesses that were destroyed by cyclone Gabrielle.

John #1867

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Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



January - (the missing bit... my bad. Ed)

Being the holiday period January and typically a fairly quiet month for our group.

Our normal ride day, the second Sunday falls inside the busy holiday period when many people are engaged with other activities so because of this we didn't organise a 'formal' group ride.

However several of our group took the opportunity to join Denis and his Wellington team on an impromptu ride, meeting up with them at Shannon and then heading over to Pongaroa for lunch. Following lunch, the Wellington riders headed southwards and homewards while the Rangitikei boys headed up Route 52 to Weber and then on to Dannevirke for a coffee stop. From Dannevirke, it was over Saddle Hill Road and from Ashurst, we headed homewards, two to Whanganui and two to Levin. Thanks, Denis, for a good day out.

The last Sunday in January saw us gather at the Woolshed Café in Sanson for a brunch session (pictured) to catch up on news and other chat. We had booked a room space



but the attendance was so good that we overflowed into the main café area. It was good to meet up with new members Tina and Ian and also ex-members Alan and Judith (who attended as guests but as you may have noticed subsequently re-joined the Club). Total attendance of approx. 20 bods; a great turnout!

Murray #2690

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Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



Group ride, Sunday, February 12th



The line-up on arrival at Apiti.

We were fortunate to get reasonable weather, ahead of Gabrielle, for our monthly ride. Don had suggested it was time we did the Akatarawa Road, since 'we' hadn't ridden it for quite some time. This is a route I know only by reputation (narrow, tight and winding) but after discussion with a couple of other members we decide it was probably not a very suitable route for a club group, several bikes likely with pillions, and that it may be better treated as an impromptu ride sometime in the near future. Members had also commented that many of the local state highways are currently a minefield of roadworks, in particular, SH4 (the Parapara Road) and SH1 in the area south of Waiouru. In light of these complications, I elected to ride through the Rangitikei area, using predominantly secondary roads.

The weather was cloudy but dry when we gathered at the recently opened Rusty Radiator Café in Halcombe, and fortunately remained pretty much that way for the rest of the day. As suggested by the name the café is based in an old garage/service station and has a distinctly automotive theme. I'm not sure but I suspect the garage was owned by a distant relative

(possibly a cousin of my mother), back in about the late 1950's, although it had obviously stopped trading some time ago. From the Café 12 bods on eight bikes headed via Mangaone Road and Colyton, Valley Road and Pohangina East Road to Apiti, for lunch at the Tavern and Eatery. As we parked the bikes on arrival at Apiti we were joined by another couple, who shall remain nameless, who admitted they got the times wrong and missed us when we left Halcombe!

After an extended lunch and chat session we headed south through Kimbolton and Feilding from where we split to our various home destinations. Most of the Palmerston crew headed to town via Rongotea Road and Don led the Horowhenua crew home down through Taikorea and Himitangi Block Road to Shannon and on to Levin.

Murray #2690

Area Report: Wairarapa

By Peter Tibbs



A Great Day out on the Bikes.

Thanks to Denis H. Wellington Rep.

Wairarapa and Wellington Riders teamed up at The Neighbourhood Cafe in Martinborough this is where we all stopped off for a quick coffee not to mention a few stories.

From here we all set off for Lunch at the Cafe and Bar Waimea Camp, Ngawi. It was a real surprise to find we pretty much had the cafe to ourselves as there was a fishing contest on over the weekend. The sea conditions were spot on for fishing I guess everyone was out in their boats making the most of the conditions. I have not seen the hills this green for many years, and to top it off Bob C Airhead matched the surrounding countryside. The whole scene was fit for a Postcard. After lunch, we rode around to the Lighthouse where those that hadn't gone out in the boat fishing were taking up all the parking spots. We elected to move onto the Seal Nursery there were more Seal here than I had seen on previous trips. Time to mount up and ride back around the coast we rode across the Causeway and head off to Ocean Beach where we spent more time chatting away the day. It's places like this and times like this that remind us how lucky we are to be out and about on our bikes and share the fellowship that goes hand in hand with these rides.

Many thanks to all.

Tibbs #2806
Wairarapa Rep.



Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Club Social Meal 13th February 2023

Twelve members met for a meal at the Petone Club, with apologies from others who were out of Wellington and unable to be there. Plenty to talk about, and no competition from the karaoke when we run this on the second Monday of the month. If you're new to the area or a member in the area, pop along, it'll be great to see you there.

Club Rides 2023

Saturday 11th February - A Great Day Out!

Route: Wellington – Martinborough – Cape Palliser, return via Ocean Beach, Western Lake Road to Featherston and home

It was stunning weather – sunshine and calm for a ride to Cape Palliser Light. Ten riders from Wellington and the Wairarapa met at in Martinborough at In the Neighbourhood café for coffee following a measured trip behind a line of campervans over the Remutaka for Wellington riders. After coffee and catch-up we rode Palliser Bay for an

early lunch break at the Waimeha café and bar near Ngawi. We had thought we might miss out on lunch because there was a three-day fishing competition based at Ngawi, but we practically had the café to ourselves. We continued to Palliser Light and returned to see young nursery seals in a pool along the coast. We took the East-West access road to cross to the western side of Lake Wairarapa and took a 15

km diversion to Ocean Beach before returning to Featherston via the western lake road. This route is an excellent day's riding when there's great weather. The landscape is stunning and great to see a good turnout of riders. (Sorry to have missed the two riders who showed up a day late).

Cont...



Ocean Beach

Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Saturday 18th February

Roadsafe Gold Rider Course for Club members

Six riders attended a Ride Safe Gold Course arranged for the club to polish up our riding and awareness skills. The course was run by Andrew Templeton, whose training experience, practical knowledge of motorcycles and riding experience made for a great day. I particularly enjoyed Andrew's understanding of the physics of motorcycling and traction management, and his ability to convey that to us as riders.

The focus of the Ride Forever advertising campaign over the last twelve months has moved to riders getting more enjoyment out of their riding when their skill and competence come together. This approach certainly showed through in this course. There was still a safety message (the training is an ACC initiative) but the message was being competent, skilled, and safe riders and enjoying riding because of that. The course included tyre technology, traction management, bike control, throttle and braking management, cornering and the review of low-speed riding and turning and emergency braking. I've personally completed three of these courses over several years, but they still are a very worthwhile day, and the bonuses are no charge for participants (on this occasion) and \$100 off bike registration for the next two years - good value for an enjoyable day with club mates.

Denis #3184



More Airheads: World's first integrated airbag helmet unveiled by Airoh - Article from Motorcycle News / Dan Sutherland



"Airbag systems are nothing new in biking. Once a safety net reserved for the MotoGP elite, they're now found in everything from standalone vests to adventure jackets, to bespoke leathers.

However, Italian company Airoh wants to take this a step further by integrating the explosive safety technology into a motorcycle helmet – revealing a striking prototype model at this year's Milan show in early November.

"Since the birth of our company 25 years ago we have always focused on safety," said CEO and founder Antonio Locatelli. "This obsession has led to the development of the helmet with an integrated airbag."

The design has been produced in collaboration with Swedish safety firm Autoliv, which has been developing safety products for 70 years – previously working on airbag vests, plus inflatable solutions to be integrated into the front of motorcycles.

Their research is said to have saved 35,000 lives in 2021, with 44% of all cars featuring Autoliv products.

President and CEO of Autoliv, Mikael Bratt, added: "To substantially reduce the number of rider injuries and fatalities, we need to take a holistic approach.

"Our insights into crash data, biomechanics and tools for injury assessment, in combination with expertise from Airoh is an opportunity to enhance head protection and save more lives."

The collaboration is inspired by the work of young Italian engineer Roberta Descrovi, who studied the idea of airbag integration in helmets during her studies at Sheffield Hallam University.

The prototype design is the result of multiple virtual crash simulations to produce both structural and biomechanical evaluations of the lid in an impact – known as CAE tests."



www.motorcyclenews.com/news/new-tech/airoh-helmet-airbag/

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

by Peter Brandon



Sunday 12th February



Peter, Sacha, Ant & Gary

This Sunday was a bit of rinse and repeat from the ride we had a month ago.

All meeting together in Rai Valley at the Brick Oven Café for a coffee, chat and a bite to eat. Sacha, myself, Ant from Blenheim and the rest from Nelson made up a collection of 12 bikes and 13 riders/pillions.

Our destination for today was Penzance out in Tennyson Inlet. French Pass and Tennyson Inlet after the 2022 Marlborough/Nelson floods are the only accessible roads left in the sounds. The rest are closed to the public or as Queen Charlotte Road with Stop and Go traffic lights.

While the condition of the road is very average out to Penzance it's a fun road to ride. Most corners offer a view at the apex allowing you to keep a bit of speed on. Concentration on the road keeps you from taking in the



Anja & Gretchen - two brave soles about about to get in the water.



The Sweet Tooth Brigade @ Petros Cafe.
From left to right: Sacha, Peter, Gary, Ant, and Peter.

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

by Peter Brandon



views offered to you on your way out.

Our arrival at Penzance for lunch heralded a warm & sunny calm day. While having lunch, three brave soles got into the water for a swim proclaiming superior status in their efforts.

Unfortunately, the wind arrived, ruffling our feathers a little while having lunch. Not to be unexpected out here in the sounds.



Paul on way to Penzance



GH at Opouri Saddle looking into Harvey Bay Tennyson Inlet

On our departure, the subject of getting an Ice Cream on our return at Pelorus Bridge was mentioned. Those of us with a sweet tooth thought it was a good idea so a few of us meet up at the Café before returning home.

Peter # 3055

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Member Report: Anja Claus



long distance motorcycle rally 2023 as experienced by Anja

To quote TT2000's Website:

"Simply put, the TT2000 is an annual challenge thrown out to any motorcyclist who is interested in long-distance riding and would like to join others in a road ride covering 2,000 kms in a weekend. It is not exactly an Iron Butt Rally nor is it the Long Way Down Under. However you could use the word 'endurance' when comparing it to a normal weekend's outing. Each year the route changes."

This year the event started in Gore on Friday 24th February at noon and finished in Picton on the Sunday after at noon. 48 hours

to ride 2000 km and collect 2000 points from several photo locations around the South Island.



Westport South Tip

My preparations for this event started in August last year when the registrations opened. That is the time when the rules and photo locations with matching points for the next event become available. The choices seemed to be endless this year. I know that for me keeping it simple does work. One rainy weekend was used to roughly plan a route. This showed I had to book accommodation in Timaru for the first night and I could stay at home for the second night. This would leave me with 360.4 km @ 5h25m (Takaka hill x 2 and Whangamoas) to finish in Picton. All very doable.

One week before the event a detailed route with timings, kms and photos of the checkpoints was made. Digital as well as a paper copy. I decided to go for big points only as that means fewer stops and stopping takes time. On the Wednesday before the event, I made my way to stay in Rolleston with my daughter. It was raining heavily through the Lewis and continued the rest of the day. Thursday's destination was Milton, via Karitane to visit friends. I like these far-away trips as I use them to catch up with friends not often seen. Friday, I made my way to the start of



Lake Brunner

the event. The start was a hustle and bustle of bikes and riders. Nice to see some familiar faces amongst the 196 bikes that started. I also met up with my son, Daniel, who arrived from Wanaka to do the event with me.

The start is taking a photo of your bike's odometer with your personal rider's card. We chose to do the Captain's theme. That included 10 compulsories, and 100-point locations to do with water and that set us up for a rough route to follow. Picking up 10 more 100-point locations on the way. The weather was stunning, while we were cruising to Bluff, through the Catlins to get to Waipapa and Nugget point lighthouses, Port Chalmers to Timaru. We planned to get the Fisherman memorial before turning in for the night. But seeing it was 21.30 and I was getting tired, we decided to leave that one for the morning. The sunset had been absolutely beautiful with snow on the mountains, the fantastic colouring of the sky and the sickle moon. It was picture-perfect, but no

time to stop to actually take that picture.

The next morning saw us on the road again by 6 am. First the Fisherman memorial then through to Akaroa. We had a stunning sunrise, but it was cold. Happy with the heated handgrips at 3 degrees C. Google maps send me the shortest way. That includes gravel as I have a dual-purpose bike and I don't mind. Daniel was very surprised when I took: Shortcut road, gravel indeed, when he could see the sign for SH1 already. He is not a fan of gravel but can if he has to. Oops. Over Arthurs Pass, Lake Brunner, Greymouth, Westport, Waimangaroa, Murchison and Kawateri Junction. There

discovered that we would be some kms short so took a long way home over St Arnaud to add some distance and it is familiar terrain anyway. Arrived for the night at 9 pm.

6 am on the road again to go over Takaka Hill for a photo at Waitapu Warf. Same way back on to the Nelson Car Museum. I would be 20km short if we went straight to the finish. Daniel would be only 3km short. Time was ticking and rather than dealing with it in Picton, I decided to do a fast stint on the motorway back to Richmond and return to the Car museum, twice as that is only 10 km. We finished in Picton with 15 minutes to spare and for me exactly 2000 km on the odometer.

This event is so much fun. Right from planning your route, finding the actual photo points and making sure you do the required kms. You visit places you normally would not go. It certainly is addictive and I am wondering where the next one will take me...

Anja #3706



NN Car Museum



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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.
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For Sale – \$13,500 for the bike and all parts.

1991 R100GS, US Import

39,000 Miles (original as far as I can work out from carjam)

New clutch, engine rear seal, gearbox seal, aftermarket stainless side stand, lowered foot pegs, new starter motor in bike.

Newish battery.

Luggage racks but no panniers.

Spare tank and side covers and seat.



Quiet on startup, some drive train play but goes well.

Inc. parts not yet installed: new high output alternator, full set of stainless spokes front and rear, spare new starter motor.

General condition is average for the mileage - it appears to have been stored outside so aluminum slightly corroded in places.

Contact **Bruce** – 021 636 629 (only selling to buy my dream Vincent Rapide).

WANTED

A replacement frame wanted for an 2008 F800GS as I suspect a bike purchased has been in some sort of fontal accident that has taken the steering head out of alignment.

If you know of one or could help, please call or text me:

Mark - 021 356 170.



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