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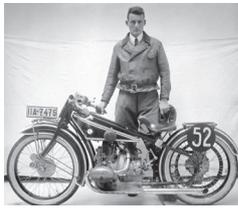
R 32
1923

R 37
1925



WR 750
1929

R 2
1931



RUDOLF SCHLEICHER
Entwicklungschef, Rennfahrer und Rennleiter, 1925



JOSEF STELZER
Werkstahler, 1928

R 52
1928

R 62 GESPANN
1928



R 4
1932

R 7 PROTOTYP
1934

R 12 GESPANN
1935



R 5
1936

R 9
1936



RS 255 COMPRESSOR
1939

R 75 „WEHRMACHT“
1941



ERNST JAKOB HENNE
Rekordfahrer (278,503 km/h auf R 255 Compressor), 1937



RS 500 COMPRESSOR
1937

R 55
1937



R 66
1938

R 62 GESPANN
1938



R 10
1951

R 68
Kraus-Hüser Gespann



R 68
1952

R 67/2 ISDE „SIX DAYS“
1953



R 25/3 GESPANN
1953

RS 54
1954



R 50/2
1960

R 60 US
1967



R 60/5
1969

R 75/5
1969



KURT TWEESMANN
Rennfahrer (ISDE), 1969

HANS A. MUTH
Designer, 1971



WILHELM NOLL & FRITZ CRON
Gespannweltmeister, 1954



HELMUT DÄHNE
Production Tourist Trophy, 1976



HELGE PEDERSEN
Motorradweltmeister

R 45
1978



**REG PRIMMORE (163), GARRY FISHER (24) UND STEVE MCLAUGHLIN (83) AUF BMW R 80 S
AMA Superbike Championship, 1978**



R 100 RT
1978

FUTURO
1980



K 75 „POLIZEI“
1985

K 1
1988



LASZLO PERES
Entwickler der G/S



F 650 „FUNDURO“
1993

R 1100 RS
1993



R 1100 GS
1994

R 80 GS BASIC
1996



K 1200 RS
1997

K 1200 LT
1998



JIMMY LEWIS
Rennfahrer



JUTTA KLEINSCHMIDT
Siegerin Damenwertung Rallye Paris-Kapstadt, 1992



F 650 RR
1. Platz Rallye Paris-Dakar 1999, Vierfachsieg 2000

R 900 RR
2000



R 1150 GS ADVENTURE
2001

R 1200 GS
2003



R 1200 RT
2004

HP2 ENDURO
2005



K 1200 S
2004

CONCEPT E
2011



C 600 SPORT
2012

C 650 GT
2012



HP2 MEGAMOTO
2006

F 800 S
2006



HP2 SPORT
2007

S 1000 RR
2009



K 1600 GT
2011

CONCEPT CE 02
2021



CHRIS PFEIFFER
Skandifahrer



R 1200 GS LC
2013

R NINET
2014



S 1000 XR
2016

M 1000 RR
2020



VISION NEXT 100
2016

LCR F1 GESPANN
Pekka Räsänen & Kirsti Kämäläinen, 2016



C EVOLUTION
2016

G 310 R
2016



VISION DC ROADSTER
2019

M 1000 RR
2020



R 18
2020

MICHAEL DUNLOP
Sieger Tourist Trophy auf S 1000 RR, 2014



R NINET URBAN GS 40 JAHRE
2021

CONCEPT CE 02
2021



CE 04
2021

M 1000 R
2022



100 JAHRE R 18, R 32 & 100 JAHRE R NINET
2023



R 25
1950

R 51/3
1951



R 50/2
1960

R 60 US
1967



R 60/5
1969

R 75/5
1969



R 100 RT
1978

FUTURO
1980



R 80 Q/S
1980

R 65 LS
1981



K 100 RT
1984

K 1200 C
1997



R 1100 S
Bayer Cup, 1997

R 1200 C
1997



R 80 ST
1982

R 80 RT (MONOLEVER)
1984



R 80 Q/S PARIS-DAKAR SERIE
1984

R 80 ST
1982



K 75 „POLIZEI“
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Bayer Cup, 1997

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2006

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2006



HP2 SPORT
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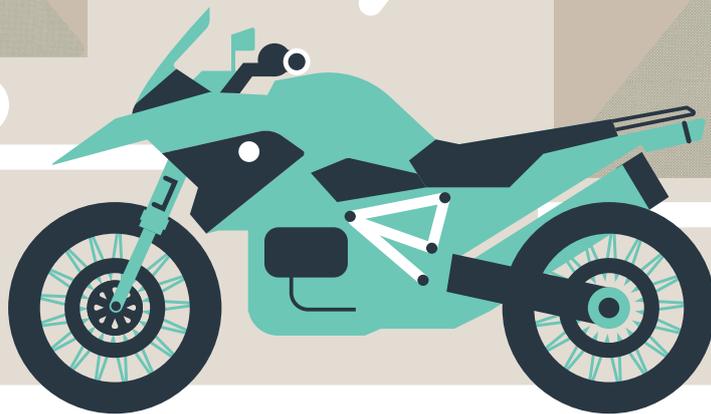


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2020



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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 2nd day of the month.

We look forward to your contributions.

A Very Warm Welcome to:

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Paul	SPANBROEK	ROTORUA
Chen	WANG	AUCKLAND
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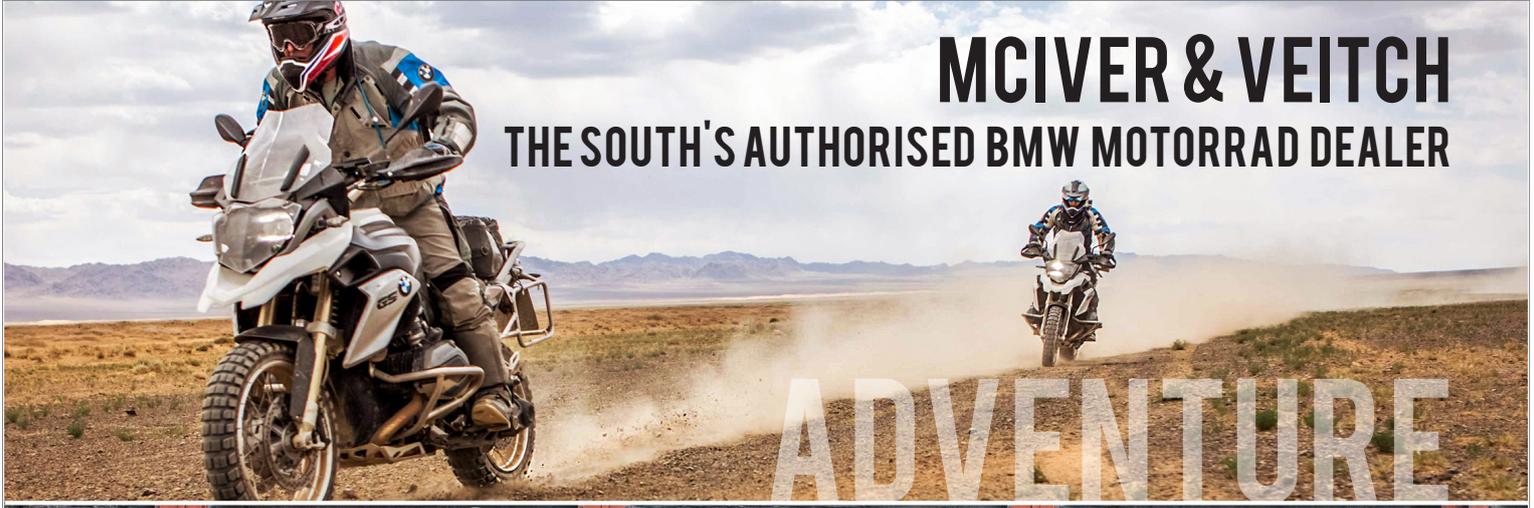
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President's Podium

Chris Souness



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September 2023

I can't believe it, we are now officially in spring and things are starting to warm up. It's getting lighter in the mornings and the temperatures are starting to rise.

September is Motorcycle Awareness Month, each year, ACC and central government push to profile motorcycle safety through nationwide campaigns. Surprisingly, I haven't yet seen any promotions this month apart from a new billboard promoting (ATGATT) "all the gear, all the time", so I am sure things will ramp up.

Last weekend the Board gathered for a meeting in Taupo. As part of our constitution, we are required to meet at least four times every year (we meet more often via Zoom) and we try to ensure that at least two meetings are face-to-face. Zoom meetings work well but they are typically held later in the evening, so time is limited. The opportunity to gather for a full-day meeting was welcomed and we had the opportunity to work through our agenda items thoroughly with valued input from all the board members. I'm pleased to report that the club is doing well from an operational and fiscal perspective.

August marked the 1st anniversary of our insurance partnership with Star Insurance. Colin and I met virtually with the key members of the Star Insurance team to review the past year and discuss opportunities for the next 12 months. Star Insurance has been very proactive in its support of the club and the overall offer provided to members is comprehensive and competitive. Adding further benefit to the club, Star Insurance established the club as an Agent. This agent structure is very common in the insurance industry, and it enables independent organisations such as ours to receive a small commission for each policy sold through them. This commission is paid for by the Insurance company centrally and does not in any way adversely affect the rates offered to policyholders.

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President's Podium

Chris Souness



BMW Motorcycle Club
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September 2023

Here are the key events scheduled for the next few months.

- GS Rallye, 28-29 October at Lakes Ranch, Owhata, Rotorua
- South Island Rag Rally (SIRAG), 24-26 November at Top 10, Akaroa, Banks Peninsula, Canterbury
- Combined National Rally & AGM, 19 – 21 January 2024, Methven Resort, Methven.

Registration forms are in the Newsletter and on our website under "Events" for the South Island Rag Rally and our AGM/National Rally and links to these and the GS Rallye for online booking/registration.

In addition to these key events remember that there will be monthly club rides happening in your region so keep an eye out for the regular emails from your local Area Representative. You can find your local AR's contact details on our club website.

If you are one of those riders who chose to take a break during the colder winter months, remember to complete your safety checks on both your bike and riding gear before you head back out onto the road.

All the best and ride safe.





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Area Report: Auckland

by Stephen Parkinson



August 2023

Our August event schedule managed to accommodate a café meet and our monthly ride. Communication around upcoming events is sent by email to every Auckland member so if you are an Auckland member and you are not receiving the event notices then please check your junk folder as this may be where they are ending up. Since our bulk email provider rebranded, some emails appear to have been affected. So, if there's nothing turning up in your inbox and nothing in your junk folder, then please pop an email through to auckland@bmwmc.nz and we will sort it out.



Hunua Falls Café was our destination in August. It was the first time we had selected this café and it didn't disappoint. There were only a handful of members present but still a great catch-up. There's probably some truth in the bit where nobody gets too enthusiastic about going out when the weather is rubbish and then there are too many chores to catch up on when a good weekend turns up. We did have one member turn up two weeks late. It's fair to say we don't mind a bit of waiting time but there are limits.

August's ride north was well supported, and we were joined by a stack of Northland members for lunch at the iconic Mangawhai Tavern. Mangawhai is not far from Auckland, so a fairly circuitous route is required to keep everybody amused between leaving at 9.30 and lunch around midday. The route northward involved a bit of SH16 then cutting through to Matakana

via Woodcocks Rd where Liz joined the ride. From there it was a case of over Matakana Hill, Whangaripo Valley Rd, over the Brynderwyns to Waipu where Northland types were lying in wait and then the conjoined group rode south to Mangawhai. One of our riders ended up with a flat battery by the time lunch was done and a demonstration around how futile it is trying to run start a 1200GS on gravel ensued. Fortunately, Greg had a mate who lived across the road so a few moments later a set of jumper leads appeared and life was good again.

The southward leg saw some hitting the quickest route home and others electing to find some gravel over Kaipara Hills back through to SH16. A top day out.

Regards

Stephen #3201

Area Report: Bay Of Plenty

by Alan Belworthy



August's Ride



We caught a gap in the weather for an impromptu ride on Sunday, August 27th after cancelling our last 2 scheduled rides due to weather.

A great day for a gravel ride with 7 riders starting from Tauriko BP (including 2 ladies who had ridden to Tauranga from Cambridge to join our ride), over the Kaimai ranges to the Rhubarb Cafe in Arapuni for morning tea. From there it was off to Barryville on the western side of Pureora Forest via some very smooth gravel roads on the way. We had to stop for 5 minutes for our new member, Leon to put his chain

back on his F700GS.

The Pureora Forest road was in good shape and once out the other side at Tihoi, we rode to Tokoroa for a lunch stop. There was another great gravel road to be enjoyed on our way home going from Tokoroa to the south side of Mamaku, then back to Tauranga.

A fine debrief was had at the Good Local in Pyes Pa. Great day out team, thanks for the company!

Alan #3269



Area Report: East Coast

By John Wuts



Warren, Robyn, Danny, Rosemary (obscured), Stella (obscured), Walter, Alan, Ann, Pam, Carole (obscured), Robert, Leonie, John and Les.

Our August get-together at Karanema (Havelock North) at the Starlake Thai Restaurant was well attended by members and

ex-members of the BMWMC. A total of fifteen people enjoyed their dinner here

John #1867

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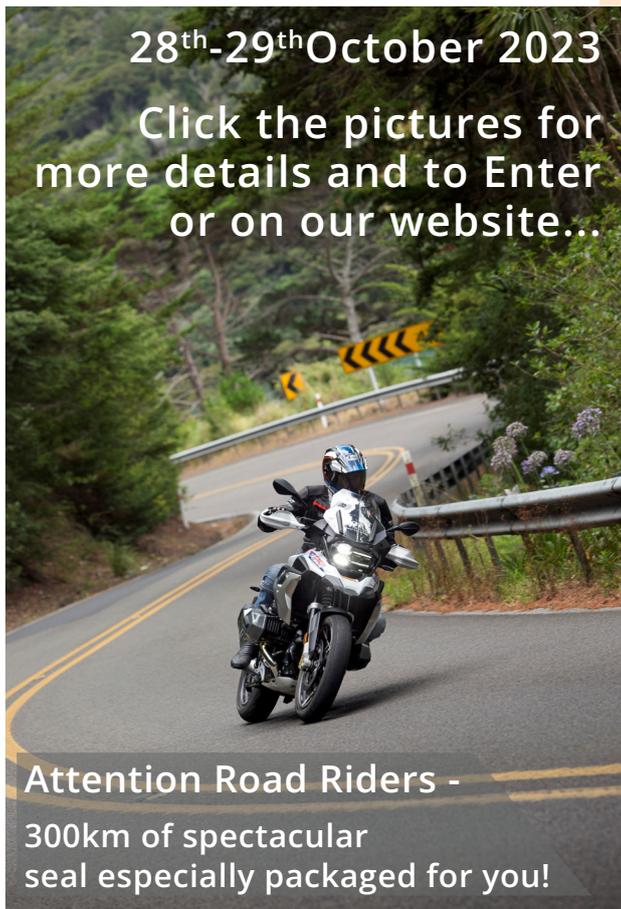
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November 2023 - South Island RAG

South Island RAG - 24th-26th November

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January 2024 - AGM/National Rally

AGM/Nat Rally - South Island - 19th-21st January 2024.

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Area Report: Taranaki Tales

By Wayne Higgins



July 2023 *(repeated for those who only read the first edition)*

I have been away for the last month and missed the bike so much that while in San Francisco we hired a Go Car that is registered as a motorbike (150cc). Had lots of fun hooning around (no more than 35 mph) San Francisco seeing the sites. Including Golden Gate Bridge and even driving down the famous Lombard Street. What a hoot!



Luckily, I made it back just in time for the July Ride organised by Phil D'Ath. And what a great ride this was, a perfect day for a ride with no wind and fine weather.

Around eight of us met in Stratford and left late morning, to ride the back roads down to Waipipi



Stop and a chat at Waipipi then headed to Phil's Ohangai Events Venue where we had the most amazing lunch that was to die for, cooked by Phil's wife Helena.

It was great to discover some roads I had not yet ridden in Taranaki. **Wayne #4097**



(Waverly) beach. Riding a little over an hour on nice twisty scenic back roads past the wind farm. Roads, which most of us had never been on previously.



Area Report: Taranaki Tales

By Wayne Higgins



August 2023

This month's ride was a great turnout of nine bikes and 11 riders. We all met at the 3A junction. The ride took us through two tunnels, always fun to do.

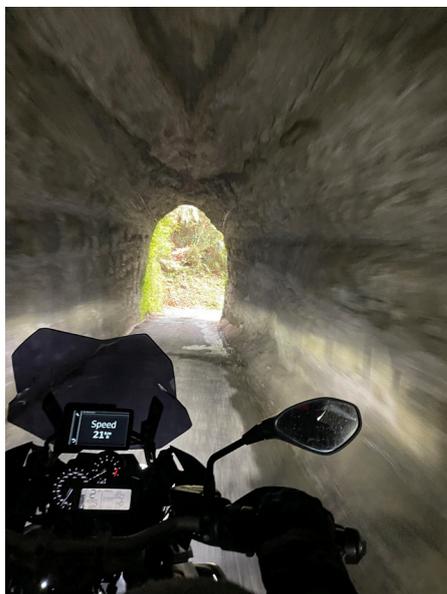
First, we rode to Awakino Pub for lunch, over the twisting Mt Messenger and through the first tunnel of the day.

After a relaxing lunch and catch up we headed back and turned off the main road at Ohanga Road, through to Tarata and the second tunnel of the day.



To end the ride we stopped outside the Tarata Hall for a chinwag then headed home. Some peeling off Kaimata to head back to South Taranaki while a couple of us headed back to New Plymouth via Inglewood.

Wayne #4097



Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Peer Nielsen



August 2023 - The Watershed road adrenaline buster



Impromptu gravel ride on Wednesday 9th August.

Neville and I made a start from Whanganui on a very nice but chilly morning, and sunshine for a change.

Back roads through Fordell and Kauangaroa Road, Mangahoe Road and Ongo Road to Hunterville were, as expected, wet in places and with gravel in the right places to make the bends interesting and provide a touch of a challenge. Oh, and not to speak of the sheep and goats, typical back road riding.

The plan was to meet with other BMW motorcycle club riders in Hunterville for a 10:30am departure.

On our arrival, Barry, Murray, Ray and Miles were already there getting stuck into their coffees, so we felt obliged to join them.

After a quick coffee and a 10:45am departure, 3 BMW bikes, 2 Suzuki V-Strom and a Honda set off towards the turnoff just a couple of K's up SH1, into Murimotu Road a narrow sealed country road, into Kiekie road and finally Watershed Road where the fun

really started.

As the recent rains had softened the road somewhat we had to negotiate quite a few muddy areas as well as potholes with accumulated water and to add, to the excitement, a couple of trucks and of course, road works, complete with their work machines, loose gravel and workers to spectate any mishaps that could happen in such a place. Fortunately, all made it through without running out of talent.

Regrouping at Tiriraukawa where a lovely fairly clean winding sealed road took us to Mataroa. Lots of fun on this road without worrying too much about back road obstacles as described earlier on.

Regrouping again by Mataroa school before carrying on onto Ruanui Road which was also a nice sealed back country road. Regrouping at the intersection to Turakina Valley Road and from there it was an excellent ride of good gravel all the way to SH49 where we briefly discussed lunch options.

Ohakune was the lunch destination and Mountain Rocks café seemingly the best

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Peer Nielsen



option for food and drinks.

The return ride route was not pre-determined so it was decided that Barry, Murray, Ray and Miles return home via SH49 and SH1, while Neville and I decided to give Burma Hill Road a nudge.

Whangaehu Valley Road from SH49 was a good, but narrow, no traffic, sealed road down to Burma Hill Road which we turned into and the gravel fun started again. Expecting challenging areas of this approximately 15 km long gravel stretch we were surprised to find it in better condition than Watershed Road,

with only minor slips on Burma Hill, which is standard on this bit of road.

Onwards into Mangamahu Road which is a narrow sealed country road with the usual interesting bits to negotiate, but fun it was, so much so, that not one photo was taken on our return ride.

Returned to Whanganui at about 4pm, after 280 km of good times and in good company.

Now, to clean the bike.

Peer #1905



Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



August 2023 -



Lunch stop at Kimbolton (photo credit to Barry)

The weather leading into our scheduled ride day of Sunday 13th was, to say the least, cool and unsettled. Having missed our ride in July I was keen to go ahead with this ride, if at all possible, so spent quite a while on Saturday checking various weather forecasts around the proposed ride area. Best conclusion that I could come to was that we might get a bit of rain in the Horowhenua but further north, into the Rangitikei area, it looked like only a 20% chance of showers. On the basis of that info I decided to bite the bullet and commit to the ride, so sent a confirming email out to the group. One seasoned member replied that he wouldn't be coming as he preferred to 'stay home, warm and dry'. OK, your call.

Listening to heavy showers through the small hours of

Sunday morning I wondered if I had made the wrong call but by dawn, the showers had eased although it was still heavily overcast, here in the Horowhenua. I duly headed off at about 9:00am to the meeting point at Viv's Café in Sanson and by the time I reached Foxton most of the heavy cloud had dissipated to leave blue sky and a bit of light, wispy cloud. The temperature was up to around 12C by that stage. I was first to arrive at the café and while I was having my coffee I was joined by Barry P and Ian W, then a short while later the numbers swelled to four when Nev P arrived for his usual 'short black with extra hot water'.

Having discussed and established that the group was happy to proceed with the planned ride route we headed to Ohakea and then took a couple

of side roads to skirt Bulls and re-join SH1. Heading towards Hunterville we took a couple of diversionary loops into the river plain area between SH1 and the Rangitikei River to get a bit of time off SH1. The roads were sealed, and generally in Ok condition, but a bit of care was required when navigating the patches of cow manure and the stretches of mud left on the road by farm vehicles. The weather continued to hold fine and mild and although we got a few spots of rain heading out of Hunterville towards Ohingaiti it was hardly enough to make anything wet and we soon left it behind.

From Ohingaiti we headed eastward over the Rangitikei River to Pemberton Corner; a quiet, cruisey ride being mindful of a bit of moss on shady areas of the road and a bit of low-speed stuff as we made our way

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



August 2023 - The Watershed road adrenaline buster



Lunch at the Mint Cafe

quietly through a mob of sheep. From the Corner, we headed down Rangiwahia Road to the café at Kimbolton for lunch. We have visited the café before and found it to be quite Ok but this time we seemed to hit the Sunday lunch rush period and a couple of the boys waited over an hour for a toasted sammy and an omelette. While that was pretty frustrating the upside was that a reasonably long shower came and went while we were in the café and it was well gone by the time we were ready to get back on the bikes. Temperature by then was a balmy 150.

From Kimbolton, it was a straight ride down to Feilding, and fuel for some, the home to Whanganui for Nev and the Horowhenua for the other three

of us.

Brunch Gathering

Sunday, August 27th saw a large contingent, 19 bods in all, gather at the Mint Café in Bulls for the monthly brunch get-together. The weather forecast included a few showers so transport to the café included a variety of two and four-wheeled machines.

I had booked for the usual 12 to 14 bods so we had to snaffle another table or two but we managed to set ourselves up around a long set of pushed-together tables. The fairer sex members elected to gather at one end of the table which enabled them to hold their own conversations, presumably about 'women' types of things, and not have to endure cross-table talk of interesting things like motorbikes and rugby.

Despite some minor confusion over a couple of food orders we were generally looked after pretty well and enjoyed a good bit of chat and a catch-up on what others had been doing. Despite a fair bit of bull being tossed around inside the café, I don't think the boys really managed to sort out the larger issue outside the café!

Murray #2690



Sorting out the bull (photo credit to Lance)

Area Report: Wellington

By Keith Thompson



For most of August (returning mid September), Denis Hulston (our Area Organiser) and Annie Scott are away doing, amongst other things, a motorcycle tour of Ireland. I am covering for Denis while he's away and whilst I have always appreciated the work that the area organisers do. I do so, a lot more now!

Club Social Meet & Eat 7th August

A good turnout for our monthly meet and meal at the Petone Club – good food and company, although we were all missing Denis and Annie at the table.

Club Rides July 2023

Makara Beach Café for brunch - Sunday 13th August

This was meant to be a short ride to Makara Beach Café for morning tea/brunch. All started well, meeting at the Waitomo fuel station on Hutt Road at 9:30. But learning that the café didn't open until 11am, a change of plan was necessary.

Four of us, Peter N, Dave O, Michael M and I, rode out through Karori and Makara towards Makara Beach. I was a little sceptical of the weather as riding through Karori, the sky ahead looked somewhat threatening.

Shortly after turning onto Makara Beach Road, we turned up Opau Road and rode to the lookout and the parking area for the West Wind – wind farm. Near the top of the road, we followed a car through a gate until the car stopped at a couple of houses. That gate, which closes the road at 6pm each evening, was open. We rode into the car park, not lingering for long due to it being cloudy and windy.

Riding back down the road we passed another car coming up before arriving at the gate – which, to our dismay, was now closed! Looking all around it, we couldn't see any way of opening it as it was an electrically operated sliding gate. Even climbing over the wooden fence and finding a control box, there was nothing any of us could do.

I decided to ride back up the hill to the two houses and see if someone there could open the gate for us. Because of the steepness and narrowness of the road, I didn't find it easy turning my bike around. I had to go off the seal a bit and was still partway through my manoeuvre when Peter



Dave, Peter & Michael at Makara Beach

and Dave started shouting because the gate was opening. They and Michael got their bikes through the open gate. But I had only completed turning my bike around to face uphill and now, had to turn around again, stalling my bike in the process. I saw the gate starting to close again, when Michael stood to block the electronic eye, stopping the gate long enough for me to get through too.

After that bit of excitement, I led the ride onto Makara Beach and got the bikes parked, lined up in a row with their backs to the sea. Here, I grabbed the chance to take a photo.

Again, we didn't stay long and rode back along Makara Beach Road turning left onto Takarau Gorge Road. This narrow winding road had suffered a lot from the past flooding, but we could see that much had been done and a lot was still being done to repair the road.

A little rain along the way as I led the ride to Johnsonville where Peter took the lead to Tawa via Ironside Road. We rode past the Borough Cafe on the main road but there was no parking to be had, even for motorcycles. Peter continued the way

Area Report: Wellington

By Keith Thompson



taking us to the New World car park where three of us availed ourselves of their café. Michael decided to head home and we, Peter, Dave, and I ordered coffee before doing the same soon after.

Denis and Peter N have led us on many interesting and sometimes challenging rides. But neither led a ride where we got incarcerated for a while!

Impromptu Ride: Thursday, 31 August

Bad weather meant that we needed to cancel an earlier planned ride to Waikanae. To compensate, Peter N suggested an impromptu ride there.

Riding to Z Remutaka, the meeting place for the ride, I was amazed at the long queues of traffic crawling into town. Arriving at exactly 9:30 (the intended departure time), I met with Peter N, Martyn W and Ian M.

Rather than leave straight away, we chatted for about a quarter of an hour, and I commented on the queues of traffic crawling into town. They knew of it and said it was down to more public transport protesters who had stuck themselves to roads thereby hindering traffic.

Leaving for Waikanae, Peter led this particular ride, as it was his idea and so I took Tail-End Charlie. He took us via Akatarawa Road, which I had forgotten just how narrow and winding the road was, especially after passing Staglands. With rain accompanying us, we took it very carefully as

Later, Michael told us that there was a sign saying that at the time of our ride, the gate would be closed. Unfortunately, none of us noticed that message as we rode merrily up the road and now surmise the gate was open when we arrived, only to let the car ahead of us through! 😬



Ian & me (Keith) at the lookout

the roads could be quite slippery.

From Waikanae, we rode to the Long Beach Tavern at Waikanae Beach where we enjoyed refreshments and conversation.

We split up for the ride home, where Ian and I rode over Paekakariki Hill Road where we stopped at the lookout for about half an hour to admire the view and to chat about social and political problems. This might have been triggered by my picking up some litter to dispose of properly. After a good ride through to Pauatahanui, we went our own ways home.

Keith #3366



Ian admiring the view from Paekakariki Hill Road

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tauihu

by Gretchen Holland



Winter Arrives - Sunday 13th August 2023



Finally, winter has arrived in our part of the country – frosts for most of the week before the Sunday ride and a couple of snow dumps on the mountains so I was a bit worried about the conditions of the roads up to St Arnaud. It was all Peter W's fault – he wanted to find some snow and take photos 'like some of the other clubs have done this winter'. We had a civilised 10:30am start and nine bikes turned out (exceeding Tony and my morning 'bet' by three....) on the mildest morning of the week. The roads were fine – no frost and not much grit. We set up in the Alpine Lodge and had our late morning tea or waited half an hour for the kitchen to open for lunch. The decision was made to carry on to the lower Rainbow Ski field car park and assess the road up to the ski field. Dale led off as it's his old stomping ground and he's biked up there over many previous winters. Two of us headed for home and I'm really pleased I didn't attempt the road because the others only got a few kms up before they had to turn around when it got too icy. But photos were taken, and Peter W is a happy Chappy.



Ride leader & scribe –
Gretchen #949



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Riders were - Peter W, Rick, Murray, Gretchen, Dale, Revti, Tony,
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Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



Spring is here - Let's ride! 2nd September. Lees Valley

On a sunny Saturday morning, seven riders assembled at the Peg Hotel carpark.

Our focus for the day was Lees Valley. To get there we decided to ride along the north bank of the Waimak River for almost 50kms to reach Oxford.



It was very pleasant riding along the river bank road with several flooded sections to negotiate, and bring smiles to everyone. We stopped in Oxford at the Sheffield Pie Shop for a pie and coffee, We left Oxford and climbed onto Lees Valley Road ignoring a Road Closed sign at the start of the road. Turned out that there was one minor washout on the road making it One Way for ten metres.

We dropped into Lees Valley and cruised along the Valley floor on smooth gravel, then over the Okuku Saddle and down to the Okuku River Ford. The unknown bit of the day.... As hoped, the river was running at normal height and the ford was in good condition, so there were no dramas crossing the main course of the river.



Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



KESTA McLAUGHLAN
CROSSING THE OKUKU
(on 800GS)

23/09/02 07:40:21

HANS SHUHMACHER
CROSSING THE OKUKU
(on a 650GS)



23/09/02 07:39:53



After the river, we climbed over Lees Pass and Blue Mountain and wound our way through the hills to eventually drop onto flat farmland at Whiterock. At this point, while still on the narrow gravel road, we were surprised to see a mufti cop in a Skoda wagon. We headed out to Rangiora for coffee and a chat before heading home.

Ralph #3082

Left: Coffee at Rangiora

Member's Story - Sharing their travel tips

by Dave Morris

Accommodation En Route

With the spring and summer arriving, there will be many of us who will be going for extended rides: Rides that involve accommodation. This then is what I do when I go away. If you are new to long-distance travel on a motorcycle, welcome. This may help you. An overnighter is good for the soul.

At one stage, I used to take a small 2 man tent. (Why? Simply more room, for me and my luggage.) A tent that was high enough to sit in. The sleeping bag was a 3 season tramping grade. (i.e. Not a caravan grade.) - I still have it and use it. What I started to realise was that (almost always) the tent was wet in the morning and invariably stowed that way. Rain or no rain! Now I use backpacker accommodation and eliminate all the camping gear. After Covid, the rules for accommodation houses changed. The dorm room was adequate and I met some interesting people. But since Covid, I have avoided the dorm and opted for a twin room. (Travelling with a riding buddy works out the same cost as a bunk in a dorm anyway.)

The first place I go to when looking for accommodation are the websites for Youth Hostel Association (YHA) (www.yha.co.nz/hostels/) and

Budget Backpacker Hostels (BBH) (www.bbh.co.nz)

I have never become a member as the amount of travel I do in a year didn't work as a saving for the member's discounted rate against the subscription cost. Another thing I always do is check I am going directly to their website and not a third party. You might have to scroll past the screen-visible list to find the one you want. Motor Camps and Camping grounds are a good place to look for a cabin. (Increase your list and DOC has Camp-only sites - some free! - In isolated locations. Another place I look for accommodation is Google Earth. Zooming down, at around 2.1/2 kilometres altitude (bottom right corner) the names of businesses will appear and one can see how close (or far) cafés etc. are. Do you ride or walk for a meal?

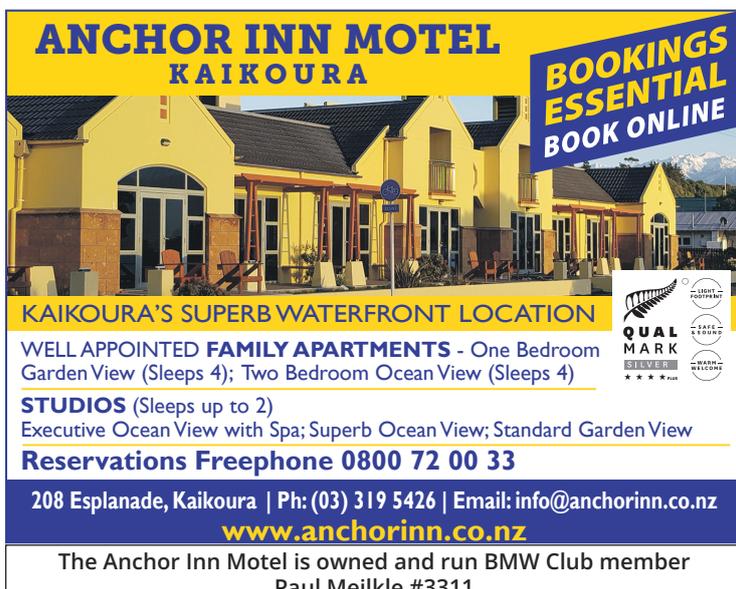
I always plan my trips and have included an example (but authentic) itinerary showing the information I need/use for the trip.

Another thing to think about is the availability of fuel. I ride an 'Independent' with a 17-litre tank and the engine pinks with 91 rating. If one goes into a company's website, look for a list of the outlets on the route you are travelling. Print it off and take it with you. Some areas do not have 95. I am aware of some areas with only 91. East coast BOP to Gisborne, the Catlins area in South Island and a lot of self-serve card-only outlets too.

Itinerary next page...

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1	Wed 16 Nov	Wgtn/Picton – Rotherham	260	(Bluebridge) \$200 Pd 8.15am sailing	Rotherham \$55ea.	Phone booking cabin 3.20pm 9 Oct
2	Thu 17 Nov	Rotherham – Oamaru	340	Empire Hotel B/Pkrs	13 Thames St. (03) 434-3446	
3	Fri 18 Nov 12.00	Oamaru - Geraldine	120	Top 10 https://geraldinetop10.co.nz/	-- \$69 deposit Pd. 0800 393693 / 03 693 8147	
4	Sat 19 Nov	Rally	—	Top 10		
5	Sun 20 Nov 5.00	Rally - Geraldine	—			
6	Mon 21 Nov	Geraldine – Kaikoura	354 +/-		Dusky Lodge (03) 319 5959	
7	Tue 22 Nov	Kaikoura – Picton/Wgtn	<u>150 +/-</u>	(Bluebridge) (above)		7.15 sailing
			Total: 1,010 approx. +			

Notes: Ammunition dump at Albury. Where? 14 Km south/east of Fairly SH8 to Timaru.

Mileage Calculator between towns: https://distancecalculator.globefeed.com/New_Zealand_Distance_Calculator.asp

Peel Forest Homestay Google Earth Just past village.

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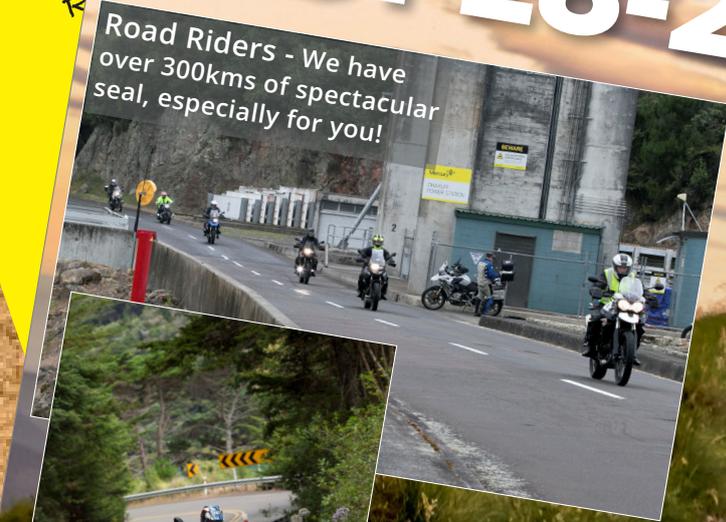
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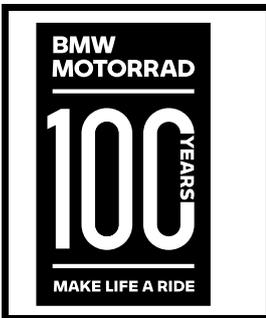
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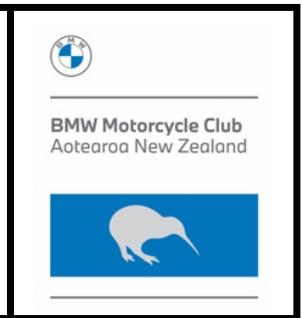
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• RAG RALLY Badge		\$20.00	
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The BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser 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.
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