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# president's podium



Well, I am pleased to report a full turn out of the Executive at our first quarterly Committee Meeting held at Omori.

As our Club is constantly evolving with the everyday changes that are taking place around us so is the Executive. We are very much focused on the road ahead. Whilst the past is very important to understand, it is our future the Executive must look to.

It is for this purpose that we have an Executive action plan. It's comforting to see that so many sectors of the plan have been achieved. Those still left to be completed are progressing well. Therefore they should be termed as work in progress. The plan has to remain flexible enough

to allow for the constant changes within the environment we work within.

Your Executive demonstrated over the weekend their ability to see the many different situations they must take into account in order to maintain a club that everyone wants to take part in. Putting their efforts into practice takes time, sometimes for me too much time. But hey, that's life. If we stop to take a breath and realise how lucky we are to have what we have, tomorrow will be so much better.

The handbook for Area Reps will make for a much smoother means of guiding them into their key roles while, at the same time, allowing us all a better understanding of the Area Rep's role. We have only one more contribution to add to the draft of this guidebook before we move to the next stage.

Editor Garry and his wife Jo are moving to the South Island where I am sure they will experience a totally new and exciting lifestyle. At our next AGM Garry will be taking a break from the Executive in order that he and Jo may get on with their new found freedom. Garry has kindly offered to school up any prospective Editor, which is in line with our succession plan to make the changes within the Executive as efficient as possible causing the least disruption to the Club.

The Executive is keen to see the changes to the Club's Access database, started under John Wuts' time as Membership Secretary, completed. To this end members of the Executive, including our past Treasurer Phillip King, will work with our new Membership Secretary, Folker Liebenow, to ensure the most efficient process we are able to obtain is put into practice.

This has been a snapshot view of the Executive Meeting. The full minutes are available for you all to read within this newsletter.

Next, Paul Edlington has been keeping our archives up to date. Paul is in the process of moving house and would like to take a break from the archives. We thank Paul very much for his conscientious efforts in maintaining the Club's archives.

If you feel like you would like to take care of our archives, please contact me. You will find this a very rewarding role to undertake.

By the time you all read this newsletter I would have returned from the South Island having caught up with Daniel at Jeff Gray BMW Motorrad Christchurch and our BMW service provider in Nelson, along with some of our Canterbury and Nelson members. I'll finish up with a catch up with Revti and Sue, the co-ordinators of the 2014 Annual Rally.

This last year has seen me travel well over 20,000kms each one of them enjoyed whilst working with members of the Club.

As always – wheels down, and feet up!

Peter

**Cover:** Todd's (Motomart) new favourite bike. Fresh back from the BMW Safari in Australia, he's raving about it. BMW is beginning a whole new chapter in GS history. The 2013 R 1200 GS is totally new, boasting a completely reworked engine that incorporates air and water cooling, vertical flow-through cylinder heads and re-engineered crankshafts. The engine develops 92 kW and 125 Nm of torque and drives through the six-speed gearbox which incorporates a multi-plate wet clutch with anti-hopping feature, integrated for the first time into the engine housing. Should be arriving in NZ in April sometime. Get down to your local dealer to check one out. Photo courtesy of BMW Motorrad.



## Introduction:

The BMW Owners Register 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 register members on register 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. Register 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, pillioners, and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum Standards 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. Register members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.

5. Ride organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for 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 Organiser and or the Register are not responsible for 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 all Road Rules and Laws.

## events calendar

### bmwor national events

**RAG Rally: Saturday 6 - Sunday 7 April 2013** at Pokaka Lodge, SH4, National Park. See page 21 for details.

### other events

**BRONZ Ride Right, Ride Safe.** A great way to get to know your new bike. Usually 3rd Sunday of the month at the Whenuapai Airbase. Contact Peggy on (09) 638-9227 or Finn on (09) 625-5533 for details.

**Learners - Rider Training & Basic Skills Testing** for learner license, Thursday evenings @ A.M.C.C Club's premises in Ellerslie. For bookings and information contact: Craig (09) 444 6261

### bmwor area events

**Please note** that rides start at varying times and/or places. Read the event notices carefully and, if in doubt, contact the Area Rep (details on rear cover) or ride organiser (if noted) for assistance. On most rides there is a rider briefing 5 minutes prior to departure, at which point riders are expected to be ready to go with bikes fuelled and bladders empty.

Every effort is made to ensure that details of events are correct at the time of printing. Please check the website ([www.bmwor.org.nz](http://www.bmwor.org.nz)) for current information on events or contact the local Area Rep if you have any questions.

### auckland

**Monday 8 April** - BMW new bike launch at Experience Motorcycles, 7:00 pm at 625 New North Road, Kingsland. Three new models. Which ones? Be there to see and hear the latest from the experts.

**Sunday 21 April** - Ride north to Maungatapere/ Whangarei area with lunch at the Office Café. Depart Starbucks, West Gate at 9:00 am. There will be a good gravel option for GS Riders. Spouses and partners most welcome.

**Black Dog Ride** (raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention)

**Sunday 14th of April 2013**

**CHRISTCHURCH TO HANMER**

The Black Dog Ride is all about raising community awareness of depression and suicide prevention and raising funds for LifeLine. Mark it on your calendar and tell your mates - this will be a ride not to be missed!

8.30am	Riccarton Race Course Lions' breakfast (enter off Steadman Rd)
10.00am	Ride leaves for Hanmer
10.45am	Coffee break at the Mud House Winery & Cafe
12.30pm	Finish with lunch at Queen Mary Hospital grounds Hanmer Springs

Register to be there at  
**[www.blackdogride.com.au](http://www.blackdogride.com.au)**

Contact: Islay McLeod, LifeLine NZ Fundraising Manager  
Mobile: 0274 424 799 • Email: [islay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:islay@xtra.co.nz)

Join us for a great ride and support a very worthy cause!

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## bay of plenty

**Thursday 18 April** – Social evening from 6:30 pm at Clive and Jean Dominy's home 3, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue (the last house before you enter the harbour). Please bring a plate and drinks, a BBQ is provided.

**Sunday 21 April** – Club ride to the Waikato Classic Museum, Lincoln Street, Hamilton. Bikes and cars from the good old days should make for some interesting stories if we are lucky. An interesting ride there and back so don't miss out on this one.

## taranaki

**Sunday 21 April** – Mangakino Pie Cart revisited returning via Otorohanga. Leaving McFarlane's Café, Inglewood at 9:30 am.

## rangitikei

**Sunday 14 April** – Club ride. Details to be advised by email and on Forum Calendar.

**Tuesday 30 April** Ride n' Dine. Details to be advised by email and on Forum Calendar.

## east coast

**Last Tuesday of the month** – Monthly gathering at the Puketapu Hotel, 679 Puketapu Road, Puketapu from 6:30 pm onwards.

**Sunday 14 April** – Autumn Colours ride. Leaving BP Clive at 10:00 am and Mangateretere at 10:05 am, travelling via Middle Road to Patangata then returning from Elsthorpe on Kahuranakiki and Tuki Tuki Road to Te Awanga for lunch at Clearview Estate. Further information from John on (06) 844 4751

**Friday 3 – Sunday 5 May** – Ride to Omokoroa staying at Omokoroa Thermal Holiday Park. Go to [www.omokoroa.co.nz](http://www.omokoroa.co.nz) for contact details and book your own accommodation. Group dinner on Saturday night. Further information from John on (06) 844 4751

## wellington

**Sunday 14 April** – How fuel efficient is your bike compared to other BMW models? Find out by leaving Caltex Rimutaka at 9:00 am with a full tank, empty bladder and a packed lunch for a long ride to Riversdale. The "how" will be explained at the start, just be ready with a full tank of gas and a steady hand. Prizes for the leanest fuel consumption per cc capacity when ridden at open road speed limits and for the best prepared lunch (*bribes for the best lunch will be considered on their merits*). There is a good gravel option to get to Riversdale for those wanting to ride the pebbles and eat some dust. Be at the start but make your own way to Riversdale after that. Members wishing to travel by tin-top are welcome, they will be able to carry especially attractive lunches. Ride Leader - David Thomson (04) 238 1505 or 0274 506 605.

## canterbury

**Sunday 7 April** – GS ride Lees Valley-Okuku Pass. Depart 10:30 am from the Station Café, Rangiora.

**Sunday 28 April** – Brunch at Café Primo, Methven. Meet at café 10:30 am.

**Saturday 11/Sunday 12 May** – Curling at Naseby. Road and GS ride/over nighter departing Rolleston BP 8:30 am. Lunch at the best Fish 'n' Chip shop in NZ (Lockies in Hamden) then to Naseby via the Pig Route. Curling from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. *Book your own sheet (ice) at [www.curling.co.nz](http://www.curling.co.nz) and make your own accommodation arrangements.*

**Saturday 26 May** – Brunch road ride to the Bakery or Eat Café, Fairlie – Depart BP Rolleston 9:30 am.



## archivist wanted

Hi. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Paul Edlington and for the last 10 or 12 years I've looked after and up-dated the club's photo albums.

It has been an enjoyable and rewarding job but it's now time for me to pass the mantle on to another member who could put their own stamp on what I consider is a vital and important part of the BMW Owners Register history.

Over the years I have renewed and reorganised the albums, especially during the time of the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2005. They are now in a good, manageable state and just need up-dating as photos arrive from members recording various events from around the country. It's the kind of job that can be done as and when you have the time and inclination. You can suit yourself as it puts you under no pressure regarding deadlines, etc.

There are six albums starting from day 1 in 1975 through to 2011, plus two new empty albums which all fit into a purpose made lockable aluminum box

I'm sure someone out there will be keen to have a go, it's a great way to put something back into the club.

Contact me for a chat or to answer any questions on (09) 478 3903 or e-mail [pauleddlington@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pauleddlington@xtra.co.nz)

## welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

Bryan Fergusson - Wellington

Tony and Tess Strange - Palmerston North

Jordan Melcalfe - Palmerston North

Richard Fan - Auckland

John McAtear - Auckland

Ian Jowsey and Tania Wilson - Auckland

Rhys and Jan Hanna - Auckland

Paul Duxfield and Shona Henderson - Wellington

Donna Beker - Queenstown

We hope you'll take part in many of your local and national events. Your Area Rep will be pleased to introduce you to other members in your area.

Our monthly newsletter is an open forum for all members. If you fancy having a story (and photos) published about your ride, the rebuild of your bike, a book you might have read or a movie you have seen lately, or just want to get something off your chest about how the club is going, then get in touch with the Editor no later than the **15<sup>th</sup>** day of the month preceding publication. We welcome your contribution.

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## policy statement

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Only the current Executive can approve any capital expenditure from the Register funds.

Debt incurred outside proper authority as defined in the Constitution and Club policy, is the responsibility of the individual concerned.



# area reports

## auckland

Our numbers were down to 29 at our March meeting due to several members being away at the Southern Cross marathon ride as well as a couple of regulars who are on the road to recovery; look forward to seeing you back soon Mal and Malcolm.

To kick off, we had a presentation from Finn Nielson, past BMWOR president, instigator of the FLY Trophy and current Auckland President of BRONZ. Finn puts an enormous amount of time and effort into championing the rights and interests of all NZ motorcyclists. At present he is involved with how the fund the Transport Ministry is hoarding on our behalf to promote improvements to riding safety is being spent, or not spent, as there is not a lot of evidence of pro-activity around at present; unless you count planning to install more cheese cutters along our roads.

BRONZ also run the Ride Right, Ride Safe courses held at Whenuapai Air Base on the third Sunday of every month. These are aimed at the intermediate rider who wants to improve their techniques for cornering and braking as well as many other aspects of motorcycling.

For our second item, we settled in to watch Mondo Enduro, the story of a 42,000 mile, 400 day journey around the world by a group of blokes on second hand DR 350s. They did the whole trip sleeping rough and cooking their own grub on open fires. At the beginning several members thought they may not stay for the whole thing but in the end they couldn't leave. If you can get hold of a copy it's a great adventure. Henry turned up riding a new BMW scooter and he has invited us to hold our next meeting in April at Experience BMW for the launch of three new bikes.

March's Mid-Week Ride for the Retired and Tired saw ten bikes and 12 people arrive at Experience Motorcycles for proper coffee and chocolate biscuits before leaving for a great ride to the Shelly Beach Café for lunch. The weather was brilliant and the tide was in. It was great to have two of our wives riding pillion with us.

Rob Hargreaves and Terry Ellis-Smith

## bay of plenty

It's great to see more enthusiasm within club members at present in regard to ride suggestions, group rider training and social events. A strong club will come from the efforts of many - well hopefully anyway!



*Mid-week at the Shelly Beach Café*

A great night was had by everyone who attended the social at Phil and Jane King's house in February and of course the weather being so perfect all summer certainly helped - so many thanks, Phil and Jane. With the help of Clive Dominy, our social events organiser, we will be alternating between people's homes and restaurants hopefully throughout the year.

Our club ride to Kawhia in March was well attended with 8 bikes and 12 people. The first stop was Pirongia at the Persimmon Café then it was on to Kawhia down one of the most interesting and scenic roads, SH31, where you certainly give both sides of your tyres a good workout! On our return trip we headed back in the direction of Wharepapa South and Arapuni where our final stop was at the Rhubarb Café. The roads were all in good shape, the weather absolutely superb and the company beyond question. Don't miss out on next month's ride. Peter.

## taranaki

What a great February day for a ride it was! Panniers packed and on bike, tyre pressures checked, fuel topped up. A quick visual of the rest and it all looks good.

Now off to McFarlane's Café to wait for the rest. The cheek of some people! First comment I get is, "Goodness me, you're on time. What's wrong?" Fortunately I have a thick hide. Must be some busy people in Taranaki we decided as the two of us headed down to Stratford where we met up with Alan. "Hang on" he said, "I just need breakfast" and proceeded to wolf down a pie. They breed them hard in Stratford!

So then it was onto the bikes and off towards Wanganui. Two minutes out of Stratford I noticed we were back down to

two bikes. We stopped, we waited, we wondered? It turned out Alan had put on his helmet and upon closing the visor found himself staring (in a cross-eyed pattern apparently) at a large white tail spider!! Worse yet, the spider was on the inside of the visor. Apparently the pie nearly exited.

Dramas over we headed down to Wanganui then up S/hwy 4 then onto Fields Track. From there to Waouru where we stopped for lunch.

Both Colin and Alan had decided to make a day trip of the ride leaving me to continue over the Gentle Annie alone. The first time I rode this particular road it was a metal surface for almost its entire length. Sadly (yes I do ride a gs) it is now fully sealed. It is still however a spectacular and fun road to ride on. Put this road on your bucket list, you won't be sorry.

A thoroughly enjoyable night was spent then at the Pukeora Estate. Catching up with new and old friends from the other regions. Why wait for a rally to occur?

Next morning it was back to Inglewood via the Gorge then that terrible SH3. Why did they make that thing so straight south of Wanganui?

An apology to the Taranaki BMWOR Members. Unfortunately (brain fade) I missed the cut-off date for the last news letter. I have texted as many as I have phone numbers for informing you of the next ride. By the time the rest of you read this the ride will have been. I will endeavour not to allow this to happen again.

Colin Lister



## east coast

Nineteen members turned up to enjoy our monthly get-together at the Puketapu Hotel. It would have been 21 but Norm was at work and he and Marie couldn't make it.

John Wuts

## wellington

Our annual overnighter in February was a ride to the Pukeora Estate in Waipukurau.

Six bikes, nine riders and one couple in a car left Caltex Rimutaka at 10:15 am heading to Pukeora Estate with riders making their own way over the Rimutaka Hill and regrouping in Featherston. The weather for the ride was fine with little wind, which is rare for Wellington.

From Featherston, the route saw us travelling up SH2 by-passing Masterton and turning onto the road to Mauriceville



*Folker's 'tech talk'*

and Pongaroa. Travelling these back roads provided excellent riding and the scenery was magnificent. We stopped at Pongaroa for lunch and petrol giving us a chance to catch up with Bill and Fran who were waiting for us there.

After lunch, the group headed off to Pukeora Estate via Porangahau arriving at 300 pm to afternoon tea: coffee, tea and muffins provide by the staff at Pukeora Estate.

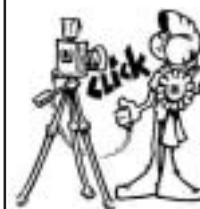
After finding our rooms and a quick change of clothes, we relaxed in the bar where we were joined by Rosemary and

Dan Young who live nearby. A little later Colin Lister from Taranaki joined us. A number of Taranaki riders accompanied Colin as far as Waiouru before heading back home. It was good to catch up with Colin again as I last saw him when he

*East Coast members at the Puketapu Hotel*



## photo archives



Got photos? The BMWOR maintains photo albums as a record of the social fabric of our community.

We welcome all photos (electronic or printed) of members and events, in particular from 1999 onwards, for the Register's photo archives.

Please include the DATE, the PLACE and the NAMES of any people in the photograph.

### How can I send photos?

You can digitalise your old photographs (present pictures are fine too!) and email them to [pauleddlington@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pauleddlington@xtra.co.nz) or hard copies of photos can be sent to:

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*Otago/Southland members at the Roayl Hotel, Naseby*

accompanied the riders on the long road ride at the Annual Rally in National Park in January.

Somewhat later in the day we were joined by eight dusty but smiling souls all riding BMWs. Garry Williams was leading one of his monthly Motormart off-road adventure rides and they were staying at Pukeora Estate as well. There was just time for a quick beer and a shower before dinner at 7:00 pm.

On Sunday, we left Pukeora Estate at 9:00 am heading to Waipukurau to refuel with the adventure riders heading out to the coast for the trip south. For us it was onto Takapau and Ormandville, rejoining SH 2 just north of Dannevirke and stopping at Beyond the Bridge Café south of Woodville for coffee. We headed back to Wellington via Ballance and Mangamaire an excellent route to end the day.

Dave Oldershaw

## nelson

We had a stunning day for our February ride to Takaka to check out the Anatoki Salmon farm.

We met at Three Brother's Corner; two R1100Rs, a R1150 RT, a R1200 GS, a R1150 GS, a R1200 GS, a F650, a R100 GS, and a F650 GS. Steve informed us there were Bike Trials on in 88 Valley too but had made the hard decision to ride out with us instead – difficult but glad you stayed with the pack, Steve.

No one was waiting at the clock tower in Motueka so we rode through the bounty of Riwaka. Trees laden with fruit then

watermelon, corn, onions, hops, kiwi fruit etc - a pleasant distraction along the roadside.

Then it was up, up, up and over the magnificent marble topped Takaka Hill. This is very like Wellington's Rimutaka Hill without the wind. As with any hill road there are the usual "slowbies" mixed with frustrated locals but the scenery is breath taking – that is if you can spare a second from concentrating on the road, pillions included! It is no wonder Peter Jackson and his team chose this location for his Hobbit films. The view on the Takaka side is like entering another world.

Dale did a 'Uie' as planned at the bottom of the hill and rode back giving us all a royal wave as he rode past heading for home.

We rode into Takaka to meet up with Graham and Denise on their F650. They are now locals so it was a short ride from Pohara for them.

The Salmon Farm is back up the road a short way so we headed back together through hobbit-like countryside to this gem surrounded in bush. Gretchen and Graham gave the fishing a go and caught a beauty each while the rest of us relaxed. The fishing is free but you have to keep/pay for what you catch – no releasing back! The fish can be filleted to take away or cooked/smoked to take away or eat in the café.

After the usual chinwag and delaying tactics, riders ambled off, mostly to head home. Mathias was in need of a sugar fix

after the café ran out of sweets so a few of us met up at the Elevation Café in Motueka – a great way to end a great ride.

Sue Verma

## otago/southland

Our March ride-in was to the old gold-mining town of Naseby for lunch at the historic Royal Hotel. We had a coffee meeting at "The Sidewalk Cafe" in Alexandra, and it was great to welcome new member Peter Dobbie from Clinton who rode up on his new R1200GS. Also there looking a bit peckish was "Backpacker Bob" who runs Bob and Maxine's Backpackers in Te Anau. By the time he arrived home, Bob ended up travelling 720 km, not a bad ride at all for a day.

There was a touch of autumn in the air, but conditions overall were very good, with virtually no wind, and of course no rain! By the time we reached Naseby it had become quite warm, and we were met by Bruce Watt from Oamaru who had ridden down on his beautiful R50. We had only been there a short while when Alistair and Grant arrived from Invercargill, and they would have rivalled Bob's mileage by the time they got home. No one from Dunedin in this time though.

We all enjoyed our lunch and a yarn at the Royal, and then it was back on the road home with most going through Alexandra via the Ida Valley. Our next ride will be the always popular "Colours of Autumn" ride early in April.

Barry Richardson



# riding torres del paine national park

words/photos: Brendan Barbetti – Compass Expeditions



Everything I had heard about the 181,000 hectare Torres Del Paine National Park sounded like an exaggeration until I experienced it for myself. Nothing could have prepared me for the saturation of senses that first afternoon as I approached the park from the south on my trusty BMW R 1150 GS ADV.

The main range appears on the horizon like a mirage as you ride in on gravel roads through sweeping bends. The road rises and falls like a rollercoaster, dipping to the level of the ultra-marine waters then rising to high windswept passes where you have a few seconds to take in your breath and stare in awe before leaning into the next cambered corner, dropping back to lake level again. This landscape gives a new meaning to exhilarating motorcycle touring.

Of course, it's not a place to ride at great speed. It is a National Park and, around the majority of bends, you're likely to come across some of the local wildlife; guanacos (wild members of the camelid family, closely related to llamas) grazing close to the road and the ever-curious Patagonian fox.

Just when you think you couldn't be any happier on such a buzz of a ride, you are greeted by the best view of the park as you near the main range from which the vertical pink granite Torres (towers) del

Paine rise and, below them, the Cuernos (horns) del Paine, sprawling buttresses of lighter-coloured granite under strikingly darker caps of sedimentary rock. Luminous against this dramatic backdrop is one of the park's many lakes, formed by melted ice from one of the four glaciers. The radiant light-blue colour is created by mineral particles suspended in the water.

Bringing a new group of bikers to the park is always exciting, as I anticipate those sweeping bends on the superb winding road from which the true grandeur of the park can be viewed for the first time.



Individuals react in different ways but the overriding response is one of awe and disbelief.

The ride from Puerto Natales towards Torres is on excellent pavement for the first 19 miles then, as you head north-west, the road turns to firm packed gravel, which rolls over hills and along sweeping bends all the way into the park, making the ride a sheer delight. Inside the park, a series of roads and tracks traverse small wooden bridges up through the four different vegetation zones of this region; the Steppe, pre-Andean shrub land, Magellanic deciduous forest and Andean desert. Anywhere in the park, it is always worth keeping an eye out for the local king of the skies, the majestic Andean condor.

After riding several thousand miles to get there, many riders cannot resist the opportunity to get off their bikes and stretch their legs by taking a hike along some of the many trails throughout the park.

People arrive via bus, car and plane but they are missing out! Riding in on motorbikes is about as great as riding can get. It has to be number one on a biker's bucket list. Whatever way you choose to enjoy Torres del Paine, one thing is guaranteed; this UNESCO biosphere reserve with its outstanding scenery will stay in your memory long after your visit.

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# motomart adventures

words/photos: Garry Williams



*Ian (left) and Grant and Carol waiting at first re-group Seaview Forest*

I've been running a series of monthly GS rides for Todd over the summer (tough job but someone has to do it) and couldn't have asked for a better weekend for the February Motomart Adventure. Stunning weather, great company, an excellent overnight destination and a decent amount of gravel (roughly 45% of the 750 kilometres travelled over the weekend).

I met up with Ian (1200GS), Grant and Carol (1200GS ADV), Paul (800GS), Dave (1150GS), Mike (650GS) and Geoff (650GS) at 10:00 am on the Saturday at Motomart for a quick briefing before setting off over the hill. I had an idea of a somewhat loose figure eight between SH2 and the east coast as far north as Waipukurau, our overnight destination, as

a decent route. Accommodation was at a premium as it was Mission Weekend in the Hawkes Bay but, fortuitously, our Wellington members had booked Pukeora Lodge, so an extra eight beds were no problem to find. Saturday was to be a bigish day, as we didn't need to be at Pukeora Estate until dinner at 7:00 pm, with Sunday being a bit more relaxed and aiming to have everyone home around 4:00 pm.

Once over the hill (just full of mind-numbingly boring traffic) we made a more decent speed to Martinborough, heading to Gladstone on the seal then turning onto Te Wharau Road up to our first gravel stint of the morning - through the Seaview Forest and Homewood out to Riversdale. A left at Riversdale Road took us west to Whareama and a scenic ride up to Tinui for (quite a long) lunch at the pub, before heading north to Alfredton on the gravel up though Castle Hill. Brilliant!

By this time a couple of us needed gas (guess who?) so a quick trip to Eketahuna to fill up meant we had to give Pori Road a miss (we'd pick that up on the way back) instead heading up to Pahiatua and east to Makuri to head over Coonor Road and down into the Waitahora Valley a bit earlier than expected.

*First re-group Seaview Forest*







*Saturday lunch stop at Tinui*

With it being so dry, stock on the road was a real problem. It seems farmers let their stock roam on the roadside verges when their feed is particularly low. Mike collected a sheep at the Towai end of Coonor Road, fortunately not coming off too worse for wear; Mike that is, nobody is too sure about the sheep. Ian also had a moment with a wasp flying up his jacket sleeve and stinging him 5 or 6 times before he managed to get the jacket off. Again, not coming off too worse for wear; Ian that is, nobody is too sure about the wasp.

After Mike settled his nerves, Ian washed down an antihistamine or two and the rest of us generally larked about for a bit, we set off towards Dannevirke turning north just shy of the township onto Tipapakuku Road, which eventually turns into Maunga Road (one of the most spectacular gravel roads the Manawatu has to offer).

*Mike (front) and Geoff on Coonor Road*



*Pukeora Estate*



*Coonor*

By the time we exited onto the Ormondville-Te Uri Road it was getting on a bit, actually 6:00 pm or thereabouts. In order to make it for dinner, we put the hammer down and headed straight up Tourere Road to Hautuma where a left turn took us to Pukeora Estate.

Over the course of the day we'd managed 443 kilometres so a much needed beer (or three), a shower and the best roast beef dinner I've had for a while set us up well for a good sleep.

Sunday breakfast was a treat, if you'd ordered a cooked breakfast that is. Man it was huge! We knocked that back after a quick repair to Mike's bike and headed off for gas in Waipukurau at 9:00 am saying



*Above: Dave on Coonor Road*

*Below: Paul on Coonor Road*





goodbye to Pukeora Estate. Kate and Max and their team looked after us very well as usual. Great to catch up with a good group of about 12 or so BMWOR guys and girls as well.

First up, an amazing sealed road out of Waipukurau, which got everyone's attention, as we headed out to the coast on Farm Road. Thirty kilometres of twisting, turning, uphill, down-dale type of stuff that'll catch out the unaware! Motuere Road follows, turning to gravel at the Blackhead Beach turnoff. It's only a couple of kilometres down to the beach so a short visit to this marine reserve was a no-brainer.

Our plan was a coffee in Porangahau, but we got there at 10:30 and the pub didn't open until 11:00 (despite the publican and all his staff sitting outside in the sun - go figure). Still, he was gracious enough to let people use the loo before we set off for lunch at the Pongoroa pub via the simply amazing Birch Road and Tahuokaratu Road. And what a lunch! Burgers the size of a dinner plate I kid you not.

Heading west toward Pahiatua had us back at Makuri where a left turn at the gorge allowed us to pick up Pori Road, which we'd missed the day before, back to Alfredton, the middle of my somewhat loose figure eight. A short run down Route 52 and a left turn onto Deggs Road (one of the best gravel roads around the Masterton District if you ask me) took us through to Bideford and into Masterton for fuel.

Everyone went their own way from there; Grant and Carol to Carterton to catch the Superbikes on telly; Mike to Greytown to catch up with a mate; Dave, Paul and Geoff into Wellington and home; and Ian to my place to enjoy a well earned Pilsner. We got home at 4:30, so not bad going covering 307 kilometres for the day.

Many thanks to Geoff for taking on the role of Tail End Charlie for BOTH days and many thanks to all who came along for being such great company. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

*Pongoroa Pub - great burgers!*



*Group shot Blackhead Beach*



*Above: Grant and Carol exit Tahuokaratu Road  
Below: Ian*



# from AJS to GS words/photos: Stu Burrows



My first bike was a 1953 AJS 350 purchased off a school teacher in 1963 in my last year at high school. I have great memories of riding to work and around the top half of the South Island, plus being the only student at school with a motorbike!

When winter (and girls) came along, it was time for a car, a 1956 Austin A30, then marriage, children, houses and business. In fact it was 37 years in the central North Island with no thoughts of motorbikes until 2004 when, at the age of 57, I retired home to Kaikoura.

In 2006, we built a new home with a double garage and workshop with a bay for a motorbike. After months of reading and talking to others I reached a decision; a BMW, now to find one.



On 4 January 2007, Ray at Mt Maunganui Motorcycles picked me up at the airport in Tauranga and took me to the showroom. There's my new purchase, a 2004 R1150RT with 7000kms on the clock. It was deep blue, polished to a high shine with a top box, panniers and all the RT extras, ready to go.

Fitted out with new helmet, jacket, pants, boots and gloves, given lunch and a cup of tea, I was told to turn left at the end of the street. By the time I found the courage to take my eyes off the road and look for the indicator switch, I was riding around Lake Rotorua. Turned left and headed back to Whakatane to spend time with our son.

During the next week I wandered down through the North Island making my way home. Once off the ferry in Picton I could really relax and enjoy the ride home. What a beautiful bike to ride around the country over the next 6 years. I managed 31,000kms mostly around the South Island along with a few rallies and tours. Great company with friends and meeting many others in the motorcycle community.

With the old hips not as they used to be, it was soon time to think about what bike next. Something a bit smaller and lighter with the ability to keep going when the seal ends.

In November last year I was over in Melbourne to visit our daughter and spent time on Elizabeth Street where every bike that is available is there to see and find out about.

Triumph 800 triple (too much scream), Yamaha Tenare 650 (too tall), Suzuki V-Strom 650 (not bad), Victory Tourer (wow, daughter loved it! Very smooth, but this bike's for me). I headed down the end of the street, across the river and around to BMW.

What a line up! There's the new 6 cylinder Tourer, if only I was 10 years younger. A 1200 GS (too big), an F800GS (far too tall, that darn hip again), G650GS (too short) and then the F650GS, just right!

I got home and put an ad on Trademe, sold the RT in in two days (wow!) and headed to Jeff Gray BMW in Christchurch for a talk to Daniel. "Get me a F650GS", I said. "But wait", said Daniel, "there's is a new 2013 model out next month, the F700GS."

"I want one. Red and black, Canterbury colours?"

"Yes, of course. You want a nice crackle sound? Fitted with the entire electronic package; heated grips, ABS, traction control, three-set suspension with tyre pressure monitor?"

"Well, okay"

"Tall screen, hand guards, bash plate (may get to need it), engine guards?"

"Why not?"

"Comfort seat?"

"But of course"

Daniel phoned early in January, all ready to go. I rode it home on the 8th and a couple of days later rode it down to Gore Bay. It was 28 degrees so the screen informed me, so cool, covered in dust. Great ride!

It's so very different from the RT, so manoeuvrable, easy to handle and 60kgs lighter. A real fun bike. I now volunteer for anything needed down town.

I have clocked up 881kms on my new bike and I'm loving it. Oh, and there's a top box to be fitted at the 1000km service.

Another six years of riding? "Absolutely!"

*Stu and his latest pride and joy*





# rainbow adventure

words/photos: Tony Haddon



Saturday morning early January, Three Brother's Corner, five bikes, one RAV and trailer and eight, eager adventure-bound souls. The usual banter, "Is it going to rain?" "Nah, it'll be fine over there." "Where's Matthias?" "He said he'd probably be late." Then it was a scramble onto machines and off to the Rainbow ski area turnoff where, fortuitously, everyone had gathered.

This was to be a trip with a difference, a laid back jaunt stopping over at Acheron Bridge.

Lees Creek rapids, Connors Creek goat track and the Sedgemere lakes are not usually visited in the course of a one day Rainbow-Molesworth blat but we managed.

Island Gully Hut, Lake Tennyson, the usual shingly bumps and hollows and a slightly higher than usual water level kept interest high through the Rainbow. A side trip over Maling Pass didn't eventuate, so adept were we at passing the time.

After an unexciting trip over a marbled Jacks Pass to Hanmer for petrol and caffeine and a more invigorating ride back over Jollies Pass, we found the RAV crew well into their set-up routine at the Acheron Bridge DOC camp. At this point it has to be recorded that Alan's riding was so rough and unthoughtful (in spite of resorting to manual means getting his bike up a particularly soft gravelly patch) that his poor pillion Miriam was so battered that she insisted on spending Sunday at Kaikoura Beach. They missed out on all the sandflies at Acheron, as well as the drag down the Awatere.

It turned out that the support trailer wasn't allowed on Molesworth but the Ranger said we'd be okay if we left before he came on duty at eight, which we did.

DOC has built a number of shelters with lots of informative reading along the road. One of these was particularly studied while we waited for a couple of monster truck and trailer units full of hay to get a significant distance up the road so we wouldn't sit in their dust. Shortly after this, a solid shower soaked everyone - except Gordon who somehow had contrived to wear waterproof gear.

The Awatere was its usual self; never ending. Our afternoon tea picnic by the Hodder Bridge over-lapped with a local social event of some sort, it was quite busy for a while. Then home via Taylor Pass and the most amazing, quiet, unrepeatable, urban journey from Taylor Pass Road to SH6 courtesy of Matthias.

Special mentions for Gordon, who was publicly spotted on his bike up to his knees in the water table, Greg who officially dropped his bike once on each side during one event, Alan who was the only one who stopped in the middle of the Six Mile, Tony who gracefully lowered his bike managing to bend the brake lever, and Nigel and Matthias for both manfully admitting they'd each had their private moments too.

Special thanks also to our support crew, Gretchen and Bobbie, without whom the BBQ wouldn't have been possible.

A particular disappointment was filling my Funduro at Hanmer to the tune of \$28.00 to the great amusement of the fuel injected F650 team who all paid between \$15 and \$17 for the same privilege. Bugger!

*Clockwise from top: river crossing, paying the road toll, Island Saddle, Lake Tennyson, river crossing on bridge, Tony's goat track*



# register business

**Minutes of the BMWOR Executive meeting** held 1:00 pm on 16 February 2013 at 15 Mohi Street, Omori, Lake Taupo.

**Present:** President Peter Tibbs (Chair), David Thomson (Secretary), Garry Williams (Editor), Folker Liebenow (Membership Secretary), Phillip King and Robin Wood (Treasurer, outgoing and incoming respectively).

**Apologies:** Nil

**President's welcome and scene setting:** President Peter welcomed participants and set out his expectations and agenda for the meeting. Peter paid tribute to the past strategic work for the Executive by Jo Buckner, who was unable to attend this meeting.

For planning purposes, he advised that he would like to offer one further year to the Register as President to see through the various changes underway. These include changes to the annual rally structure and the annual awards in areas where aspects are not meeting the needs of members.

He reminded the Executive team that it should work for the good of the Register and to focus on the future rather than the past.

## Reports:

**Editor Garry** reported that adding colour to the newsletter has resulted in members submitting many more photos than in the past. A problem is photos being sent in without captions or covering words. The March newsletter will be about the Annual Rally. The publishing software upgrade will be completed over the winter months, cost estimated to be around \$200. Garry concluded his report by saying that for

planning purposes he advises he will be moving on from the role of Editor at the conclusion of this term. He hopes to help source a replacement before the end of the year and leave them with a manual and other helpful collateral rather than a cardboard box.

**Treasurer Phil** provided a full briefing, and a written report, as part of his handover to the new Treasurer and asked that his written report be printed in the newsletter for all members to see.

Garry spoke thanking Phillip for his contribution over and above the Treasurer's role stating that it was a loss to the Register to have him with us for only a short period. His contribution has been at the highest level and will be missed putting in place strategic initiatives for the Register. The Executive agreed that it would publish the outgoing Treasurer's report with the Minutes.

The following motion was carried unanimously: *"That under Rule 5, section iii (2) of the Constitution, the Executive now appoint Robin Wood as Treasurer for the remainder of the current term."* (Tibbs/Liebenow).

**Membership Secretary Folker** paid tribute to previous Membership Secretary, John Wuts, for his patience during the hand-over. It has taken longer than desirable over the Christmas period for membership cards and badges to be printed for new members. He is keen to further improve the information flowing between his role and the Treasurer.

Discussion on the Access database, which is seen to provide poor reporting from the extensive information it stores. In particular the Treasurer and Membership Secretary (and possibly Area Reps) need a monthly report showing changes to membership. It was agreed that Phillip King, Garry Williams and Folker Liebenow would write up their list of requirements for reporting, share it with fellow Executive members and Area Reps and

the Executive will look to have someone build the required reports in the Access database.

The following motion was passed unanimously: *"That following proper analysis of needs, the Executive will approve employing/sourcing talent to construct a series of reports in the Access database to give the required Register Member information."* (Williams/Tibbs).

**Gear Shop Bruce Frost** provided a copy of the stock sheet showing gear on hand to the value of \$3,081. Sales YTD \$1,509 and Purchases YTD \$334. He advised he is about to order caps, fluoro vests and poloshirts, which are all popular items. He advises that work is required (and is planned) on the website to improve the on-line offering.

## Agenda items

**Executive Action Plan** Garry tabled the current iteration residing on the website. Request that Secretary turn the plan in to a reportable form on which Executive meeting would have a summary of the changes and that summary then be attached to the published Minutes.

It was noted that the "completed" list at the end of the Plan be kept as a history of items addressed.

**Dropbox facility** The Executive agreed that all Register Officers would use a Dropbox account for permanent Register records and to improve communications. Hardcopies will still be provided in the meantime to President Peter and Membership Secretary Folker because they have slower speed rural email services. The rationale for using Dropbox is that it can become the holding place for all Register permanent records, rather than the numerous cardboard boxes that exist in various member's places of residence. President Peter recorded his thanks to Jo Buckner for her work in establishing this facility.

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Annual Rally 2013 David Thomson advised that his report would appear in the March newsletter. Numbers attending were similar to the 2011 North Island Rally in Masterton. The weather was excellent throughout and there were no reported major accidents. The Rally concluded with a financial surplus of \$897, which will be placed in the Event Reserve account.

### General Business

Website – Garry initiated discussion on the work remaining to complete the website, in particular an on-line shop with a proper payment facility and whether it's worth investigating a 'members only' portal.

Garry and Bruce Crowther have reviewed the weaknesses of the current on-line offering and recommended that we move to a more easily managed site built along the lines of the Canterbury Branch web site. It would include a Home Page, Shop and possibly the Forum. The Shop would include Events and Member Renewal. Discussion around what the fish-hooks were in relation to time, the monthly cost of a payment system and key man scenario.

The objective is to get Members paying on-line for the products they use. That is, have a second attempt at what the Register tried to put in place about 3 years ago, but which was pulled because of costs.

Resolved that Garry would investigate how we could set up such an e-commerce site if the new site would be built in WordPress.

Garry extended his thanks to Bruce Crowther for his continued support in developing and mangaing the website functionality.

Change of BMW importer – It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the new importers of BMW motorcycles for NZ, advising them of the aims and objectives of the BMW Owners Register of NZ Inc.

Area Rep handbook – Robin advised that all Area Reps have completed writing up their nominated topics for the handbook and once one remaining contributor had finished their piece it would be circulated to Area Reps.

Use of BMWOR credit lines – The Register recently had a case of a member ordering and charging product to the Register without Executive knowledge or authority. It was agreed that a newsletter article would be written setting out the correct procedure for incurring debt in the name of the Register.

Register handbook – Lance Nixon has offered to update the contents of the Register handbook that is on the website. His offer was accepted with thanks. Lance has also offered to do concept work (only) on a book celebrating the first 40 years of the Register, which is fast approaching. President Peter is to liaise with Lance to scope out this exploratory work, which will then come back to the Executive for consideration.

2014 Annual Rally – President Peter is visiting Sue and Revti in Nelson in March to help with the planning of the 2014 rally. He wishes to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of recent rallies so that the best bits can be carried forward.

Motorcycle Marshalling of Cycle Events – The Register has received an invitation from CycleNZ to consider providing marshalling services on a wider basis than at present. Their representative suggested we may provide training to a wider geographic group of riders and that the current role could be expanded to include other services within a race.

It was agreed that Secretary would set up a face-to-face meeting between Robin Wood, President Peter and CycleNZ to see where that takes us.

Silverstream Lions – The Register has received an invitation to assist Silverstream Lions in the Hutt Valley with the production of a Car and Bike show. President Peter is having follow up discussions at this stage without commitment.

Area Events – Discussion on problems that arise from time to time (especially for new members) with monthly organised rides finishing straight after lunch, with no wrap-up of the day or an invitation to attend again. A question for the Area Reps as to whether it is good form to cut people loose at a lunch or coffee destination rather than complete an end-to-end ride as a group

BMWOR Awards – Discussion on the falling popularity of annual awards. Most of the annual awards are dying through lack of interest. This includes some of the Annual Rally awards. The Executive agreed that we should try to maintain all current awards although there is some work to do to make them attractive to current members perhaps through freshening the criteria. Most awards have



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been granted to the club by members and it was felt by the Executive that a change to criteria to bring the recognised activity in line with current members interests was in the best interests of the club.

Secretary to respond to Malcolm Sargent regarding his letter on the low 2013 Concours de Elegance participation rate.

**Meeting Closed:** 7:00 pm. There followed long discussion into the night on the requirement for the Register to improve its offering to members in the field of gravel riding – both through organised rides, and training. There is an ever increasing level of interest throughout the country in off-road riding. Dealers of all brands in many centres have large groups attending monthly organised rides and usually BMW bikes are dominant as a make.

In the BMWOR Canterbury catchment, monthly rides are predominantly gravel oriented with road rides being an ancillary offering. At our Annual Rally, participation in off-road activity is increasing at the expense of road riding.

Over recent years national sales of GS type bikes vastly exceeds any other type. So, lots of discussion and an acceptance that we are asking a lot of Area Reps to try and manage both fields. No conclusions reached in the night but an understanding that if the Register does not do more to address this need then it will become increasingly irrelevant to new owners of BMWs.

## treasurer's report

As we have now, subsequent to the 2012 AGM, moved away from monthly committee meetings I am pleased to present my report to the first quarter 2013 Executive meeting.

### Current revenue accounts at 15 February 2013

ANZ (00) Cheque Account (net of un-presented)	\$ 721.44
TSB (00) Cheque Account	\$7,311.21
TSB Event Account	\$3,379.79

### Term deposits

71-0002 25/04/2013	\$ 5,000
71-0003 25/07/2013	\$10,000
71-0004 25/01/2014	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$25,000

### Current financial matters

#### 1 Outstanding accounts:

Status: Current

#### 2 Imprest accounts:

Status: Current

#### 3 Event Accounting:

Status: January 2013 National Rally – All accounts paid.

David Thompson has event cheque book – summary of Rally to come.

#### 4 Insurance:

Status: Current for 2012/2013 year.

#### 5 Budget preparation for year 2013:

Annual membership income system to be reviewed to integrate analysis into budget.

Status: – Draft budget completed - WIP.

#### 6 AGM: Nelson/Tasman

Status: WIP

#### 7 Advertising 2013: Editor has control work sheet.

Status: Appears Aon and Experience accounts yet to settle.

### Cash requirements:

2013 Membership renewals are now dribbling to hand.

Payments are coming to both TSB and ANZ accounts despite efforts to close off ANZ.

Event account operating as planned.

Funds need analysis and transfer from 00 account – to do.

Full hypothecation of event funds will quickly show the short-coming of the current subscription levels.

### TSB Electronic Payments Banking system:

Status: In place with access fobs to hand for signatories.

Fob system implementation and close ANZ accounts.

### Maturities February 2013

1 Maturing term deposits: – Transferred to TSB as above.

Treasurer will assess market opportunities and reinvest funds at best rate.

Status: Current reserves \$25,000.

### Matters to consider 2013 -2014

At the last AGM, the Treasurer tabled for consideration a review of subscriptions and/or member benefits. This review clearly identified an annual shortfall in all categories of member subscriptions against reasonable costs and benefits provided or attributed to each subscription. The appetite at the meeting to consider this in a balanced manner, or at least reasonably, was apathetic at best.

A review of Minute and Treasurer's records since 2005 has clearly identified that the matter of member subscriptions and the shortfall in covering costs has been tabled on numerous occasions with no clear consideration or actions implemented. Indeed one could fairly argue they were 'swept under the mat'.

Sue French, in 2007, maybe puts it best when she writes (paraphrased) 'At the last AGM, the President wanted to put up the costs by \$5.00 but could not clearly state why. After a lot of debate the motion was lost. Within two weeks of holding the Treasurer's books I found very good reason why subs should increase – we are spending too much!'

I reiterate that the BMWOR subscription structure is not well balanced and needs action and the Treasurer's subscription recommendations of the 2012 AGM should be remitted and implemented.



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Along with the subscription review, the Christmas rebate should be abolished as it is simply unfair by any measure. Most regions do not request reimbursement, yet some do hold a Christmas event – others may not hold any Christmas event at all. The payment obligation *for these events* is a contingent liability (+/- \$4,000 per annum if all members claimed) on the balance sheet and should be recorded as such. Again, as stated at the last AGM my recommendation is to abolish this payment.

As suggested and stated above, full hypothecation of event funds will quickly show the shortcoming of the current subscription levels.

Poor cash handling has also been a matter highlighted over time, with not all funds banked and some payments made from cash. And there is still an issue with membership renewal controls and systems that are isolated from the Treasury role – the accountability and integration has been poor.

However, it is clear from our review that in the past many expenses covered by the BMWOR have been beyond what would be reasonably expected of a national membership. For example, rent has been paid for a meeting room in Auckland (now ceased) and expenses such as food and drink consumables at these events have also been paid for along with a home internet connection for one member. These payments are far from appropriate today.

Recently a member took it upon themselves to order the manufacture and supply of product, and therefore incur a debt liability for the BMWOR with a supplier, without any form of authorisation. This is simply unacceptable practice in any organisation, particularly an Incorporated Society where all members are personally, jointly and severally liable for the debts of the organisation.

### Accounting

The accounting systems of the BMWOR have evolved over time from a simple arrangement to the use of MYOB. The MYOB system was used and delivered reports up to 2009, and that data can be found in the Treasurer's laptop.

However, from July 2009 to October 2011 the input data supporting the hardcopy reports in that period are lost to the system as confirmed to the President soon after the AGM 2011, when the Treasurer's records were reviewed.

There is no backup available to restore the 2009-2010, 2010-2011 accounts material. To achieve an ongoing audit trail the Treasurer has reconstructed these accounting years, as best possible, from the bank statements of the time.

In concert with this reconstruction, I have now also scanned electronically all historic accounting record data (from 2005-2006) and archived annually the same for future reference and to provide a copy to the incoming Treasurer with this report. A copy of this history will also be held by the President.

### Appreciation of effort


It is totally congruent with the history of the BMWOR for folk to criticise the Executive. Reviewing AGM records back to 2005, the motives of the Executive team have been questioned over and over with respect to minutiae. From "What are we doing with all this money?" to "If we keep spending money at the present rate the coffers will be bare well before the next subs come in, savings and all!", among many others have been constant criticisms of virtually every Executive team.

Yet the effort that the Executive team puts in barely get recognised. The review of the constitution to bring our club into

the current century required a huge body of work by the Executive – Garry Williams assisted by his wife Jo in particular. The display from the floor at the 2012 AGM, where those remits to modernity were voted upon, was so appalling we have lost the support of a number of very good members for little good reason.

Then the uninformed have taken the Executive, in particular our Editor, to task over the change in our monthly newsletter to full colour production. The reality was far from the supposition of "8 cents per page cost increase". The fact is that we now have an outstanding monthly presentation at a cost cost increase of 8 cents per copy, or around \$44 per month in total.

Mileage (or is the term kilage now?) reimbursement has also been muttered about. The President and Secretary have travelled much during the year. To date the Treasurer has had to bludgeon both of them to make any claim. You all know the steep depreciation on new vehicles today, it's likely to be around \$1.00 per




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kilometre travelled – a reimbursement rate of 20 cents per kilometre and folk complain?

The current Executive, in my view, can hold their heads high for their New Zealand wide, inclusive approach to the BMWOR membership. The current initiatives that fully include the South Island and the smaller regions, include the development of the position of Vice-President from the 'other island', support the spreading of events around the country, and providing for a New Zealand wide representation on the Executive is exactly what is required.

At the 2012 AGM I had to withdraw my nomination for the role of Treasurer. I belatedly present my apologies to those that felt I should have stayed and

supported the remits though, and to those that later contacted me to express their own frustrations at the situation.

In closing my last report I simply restate a plea, "How about giving your Executive some creditability, some autonomy and your support. Appreciate that their intelligence is at least equal to yours and that they are doing their best to provide (at no or little financial reward), a well-resourced, stable and financial club along with events to be enjoyed by all members of the New Zealand wide BMWOR.

Phillip King. Treasurer (resigned).

## motorrad news

BMW has sold its Husqvarna holding to Pierer Industrie AG (Austria), the company owned by KTM CEO Stefan Pierer.

BMW bought the Italian-based bike maker with centuries-old Swedish roots in 2007 – the rest of the Husqvarna company remains based in Sweden – and has invested huge sums to integrate the smaller company into the larger parent.

Now undertaking a "strategic realignment" of its Motorrad division, BMW is explaining that it sold Husqvarna to Pierer Industries in the context of changing motorcycle markets, demographic trends and increasing environmental demands. BMW Motorrad will expand its product offering to exploit future growth potential with a focus on urban mobility and e-mobility.

By restructuring the segment, the BMW Group will concentrate on expanding and utilising the resources of the BMW Motorrad brand.

BMW says it will expand its interests in "core segments from the 650 single-cylinder entry-level bike to the six-cylinder luxury tourer."

The sale is pending approval from European anti-trust authorities.



**2013 EUROPEAN TOUR DATES**

**Great Kiwi Alps Tour 2013**  
 Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland.  
 Arrive 27th June 2013 – Depart 13th July 2013  
 16 nights, 15 riding days.

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**French - Swiss Alps Tour 2013**  
 Arrive 19th July 2013 – Depart 29th July 2013  
 Includes: Switzerland - Beatenburg/Interkaken, Andermatt, Brig  
 France - Annecy, Grenoble, Lons le Saunier  
 10 nights, 9 days riding.

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 Harley Anniversary Tour 2013**  
 Arrive 7th June 2013 – Depart 24th June 2013  
 Includes: Munich, Trento, Maranello, Near Siena, Rome, Bogna Di  
 Romagno, Venice, Villach, Salzburg, and back to Munich.  
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Email: [graham@bekersmct.com](mailto:graham@bekersmct.com)







**Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka**  
**Saturday 6 April - Sunday 7 April 2013**

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person (plus \$15 for a badge). Includes lodge accommodation/camping and the spit roast on Saturday night.

**You will need:** a tent and bedroll if you're camping (dormitory accommodation is available for about 50 people - first up, best room), sleeping bag, cup, plate and eating irons.

**Please note:** Each person to bring vegetables and/or salad for the community pot.

**How to get there:** Pokaka is on State Highway 4 between National Park and Raetahi

**From the North:** From National Park, pass through Waikune and Erua. After passing under the Makatote Viaduct, look for road sign 'Taylor Memorial Lodge and Pokaka' on the right side of road, pointing across the road, in the direction of the mountain.

**From the South:** From Raetahi, pass through Tohunga Junction (joins up with highway 49 and Ohakune) Horopito, then look for road sign 'Taylor Memorial Lodge and Pokaka' on left side of road, pointing across the road, in the direction of the mountain.

To secure and pay for your entry, **either:**

- ◆ fill out the booking form below, attach your cheque and post it to RAG Rally, PO Box 109-245, Newmarket, Auckland 1149; **OR**
- ◆ send an email to [secretary@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:secretary@bmwor.org.nz) with RAG Rally in the subject line with the details required on the booking form below in the text and pay by internet banking to the BMWOR "Event" account 15 3973 0032424 00 (please include your surname as the payee and 'RAG' as a reference).

**Please note:** 2013 RAG Rally badges will only be available for entries received by 5:00 pm FRIDAY 8 MARCH, otherwise bookings must be received by Friday 24 March for catering purposes.

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**BMW Owners Register**  
**of New Zealand**



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Please book me and the following people:

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**R1200GS** - (2009). Blue. One owner from new, dealer serviced at scheduled intervals.

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88,000 km. Colour coded and key matched panniers and top box. ABS, heated grips and radio. Lovely touring bike. \$5,990. Contact Les Ennor on (06) 843 2543 or 021 022 42122 or [barbles@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:barbles@hotmail.co.nz) (3)



**K1100LT** - (1993). 40,500 km. Serviced every 10,000 km at Mount Motorcycles, engine oil, filter and gearbox oil every 5,000 km. Brand new battery, tyres 50%. \$6,100 no offers. Contact Iain MacLean (Mac) on 0272378197 or 0223781977 (2)



**R100LT** - (1994). 107,000 km. All fluids, tyres and battery brand new. \$6,100 no offers. Contact Iain MacLean (Mac) on 0272378197 or 0223781977 (2)

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Final drive unit, new main bearings, unmarked \$1,000

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## wanted

**Tour Leader** - for potential multi-day rides on or off road either side of BMWOR national events. Must have own bike, excellent communication skills, practical route planning ability, outstanding navigation skills and loads of patience. Interested? Give President Peter a call.

**Company at the Isle of Man TT** - Grant and Lis Johnston are heading to the Isle of Man TT this year with another mature motorcycling enthusiast.

They have a house in Crosby for two weeks with a twin room available for another two people. If this trip is on your bucket list and you're a non smoker, then contact Ron Milbank (the organiser) at [Milbanke@paradise.net.nz](mailto:Milbanke@paradise.net.nz)

The dates are 26 May to 7 June 2013 and the room cost is \$50 NZ per person per night. Ron has been to the TT before so knows his way around. There is also an opportunity to share the cost of a car while on the island.

**Company on a supported and affordable motorcycling trip in Northern Thailand** - based in Chiang Mai with time in and around the city at the beginning and end of the trip. Explore and experience food to die for; the most wonderful elephant experience where you train as a Mahout for the day; cuddle the big cats; cooking classes to introduce or hone your Thai culinary talents..... and of course visit the markets (and the more 'local' markets) at absurdly cheap prices.

As a guide, you will spend about NZ\$50 - NZ\$60 per day on fuel and food for two, including drinks. All accommodation will be part of the package as will a cooked or tropical fruit continental breakfast, most days.

Dates are 9 to 26 May 2013, estimated cost for 16 days is around NZ\$4,000 for a rider and NZ\$2,500 for a pillion (subject to currency change and final accommodation costing - but maybe less). This will include all accommodation and breakfasts - motorcycle hire and insurance - final farewell dinner and our company of course. *Flights NZ to Chiang Mai return excluded.*

There are two places left. To register your interest or for more information contact Philip King on +64 7 543 0787 or +64 21 311158 or email [Pr.king@extra.co.nz](mailto:Pr.king@extra.co.nz)

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