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# president's podium



Browsing through our August newsletter it is easy to see why we are the club of choice. When you compare our newsletter with other like-minded club publications, we're right up there at the top of the game.

I like the fact that a lot of emphasis is placed on sharing our experiences whether we're out on our own, away on the bike with other members or taking part in one of the local social events. The BMWOR newsletter has it all. Crikey, even the adverts make for

interesting reading. If you weren't a member and just happened to get your hands on one of our newsletters and read all the positive tales sent in from across the country, you'd find yourself filling out a membership application pretty quickly.

Thank you all for your contribution to the club and its newsletter. It's heartening to see that you not only make the most of your time with the club, and riding your bike, you're willing to share those often unique experiences with others. Live life to the full I say, you only get one chance at it on this planet.

Member Dave Morris has started the process of researching the club's history and gathering information for a book that celebrates its 40-year anniversary. Dave, as a past Editor and an author in his own right, is well placed to start the first phase required to produce a record of our first 40 years but is going to need help. As he is located in Wellington, a fellow researcher in the north and one in the south would be of great help to Dave. Give him a shout if you'd like to be involved with this.

Otherwise, your experiences and photos throughout the time you have been associated with the BMWOR that may not have made it into the archives would be a great start in assembling an accurate overview of our club. Dave needs your help, through your contributions, to enable him to start off the process of compiling this 40-year history of the Club. Please put your thinking caps on as I am sure there are plenty of stories out there. Contact Dave on (04) 565 3592 or 021 189 4396 or drop him an email at [daverobertmorris@gmail.com](mailto:daverobertmorris@gmail.com)

Our thoughts are with Rangitikei members Paul and Debbie Roxburgh. Paul had an awful 'off' near home recently during some pretty atrocious weather conditions. No other vehicles were involved. Debbie tells me Paul will be in hospital for a bit, although the prognosis is for a full recovery. We all wish you a speedy recovery Paul.

After holding the role for the best part of five years, Warren has let me know that he and Lex have decided to resign as BMWOR area reps for Canterbury at the end of this year. Canterbury members will need to find another area rep. Warren and Lex will not be lost to the club as they intend to maintain their membership and hope to continue riding with the friends they've made over the years. If you're interested in becoming the next Canterbury Area Rep, give them a call. They'd been happy to talk with you and let you know what is involved.

As always, wheels down - feet up! Stay safe out there, and let's hear about your travels.

Peter

**Cover:** Another beautiful day in North Canterbury for the July brunch ride to Hamner Springs. Photo courtesy of Peter Bath.

## 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

**Annual Rally 2014:** Friday 17 - Monday 20 January at the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park, Nelson. Early accommodation bookings essential, see page 5. Rally registration form on page 21.

### 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 9 September** - Meeting at Cyclyspot European, Barrys Point Road, Takapuna from 7:00 pm. Come along to view the newest European bikes. Ask Henry questions. Supper, coffee and tea provided. Good company with lots of happy people. All welcome.

**Sunday 21 September** - Ride to the Bikeshed for lunch. Meet at BP Southern motorway 9:30 am for a 10:00 am depart and tiki-tour through the Waikato. All welcome. RIC - Richard Kuysten.

### bay of plenty

**Sunday 8 September** - Keeping to the northern regions whilst winter is upon us, this month's ride will circumnavigate the Hunua Ranges with plenty of great sealed roads and scenery. We'll travel up through Morrinsville and the Maramarua back roads with lunch at either Clevedon or Kaiaua. Meet at Z Bethlehem, fully fuelled, for a 9:00 am departure.

**Saturday 21 September** - Social night any time after 5:00 pm at Carol and Ian Sowden's, 359 Hot Springs Road, Katikati. Heading south from Tauranga, take a left turn opposite Claymark Sawmill a bit north of Katikati and head along Hot Springs Road until it forks. Keep to the left then go a further 1 kilometre and you're there. Please bring the usual plate, drinks and gold coin donation. See you there.

### taranaki

**Sunday 15 September** - Leaving Windsor Café, Inglewood at 9:00 am. Let's try to get to Hunterville this time.

**Saturday 26 October (Labour Weekend)** - Cape Egmont to East Cape Ride. Organised through the ADV Rider website (advertised surprisingly enough as the "Cape to Cape Ride"). Big bike friendly so very suited to the GS bikes. It is not, however, being organised as a BMWOR



## Southern Rider Escapade 2013

By successfully touring the "Escapade" Route laid out on your "Escapade Sheet" and returning your completed sheet to the organisers, you will receive your 2013 Southern Rider Escapade Badge. No badge if you don't complete the questions in the set time.

Having received your entry form and fee, we will send you your Escapade Sheet in the week after entries close. You then have until the 30th November 2013 to return your completed Escapade questions to the organisers.

The "Escapade" can be travelled at any time after you receive your Escapade Sheet until the closing date. This allows you to journey in your own time and at your own pace, or to join with others to travel together and make a holiday of it.

We anticipate that the actual Escapade will be a distance between 900 - 1200 km, but you need to ride any distance required to get to and from the Escapade route.

**When:** From 1st September 2013  
until 30th November 2013

**Where:** South Island New Zealand



**Prepaid Entries Only**

for more info

[www.southernrider.co.nz](http://www.southernrider.co.nz)

# Annual Rally 2014

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NELSON

## Tahunanui Beach - January 17-19

There has been some muttering about the cost of meals at the Rally. We have every confidence that John and his team at the Function Centre will provide good value for money. The food will be fresh, healthy and delicious!

If you want ensuite facilities in your accommodation and have yet booked, these motels are all very close to the camp (all ensuite units at the camp are booked):

- ◆ Arrow Motel - [www.arrowmotel.co.nz](http://www.arrowmotel.co.nz)
- ◆ Courtesy Court Motel - [www.courtesycourt.co.nz](http://www.courtesycourt.co.nz)
- ◆ Arcadia Motel - [www.arcadianelson.co.nz](http://www.arcadianelson.co.nz)
- ◆ Fountain Resort Motel - [www.fountainresort.co.nz](http://www.fountainresort.co.nz)

Let them know you are with the BMWOR when you book.

There is still cabin accommodation available at the holiday park and units that are very comfortable but do not have bathrooms.

We have a member who is happy to share accommodation. If this suits you, email us and we can forward his email address.

So make your booking ASAP!

Revti and Sue - [nelson@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:nelson@bmwor.org.nz)

ride due to a large number of people wanting to attend on all sorts. Posted on the BMWOR Forum and contains a link to the ADV site for those interested.

### rangitikei

**Sunday 8 September** - Towards Mt. Taranaki starting at Westmere Caltex (formerly BP) at 10:30 am. RIC Neville (06) 345 2588.

**Tuesday 24 September** - Ride n Dine at Sage Café, Feilding from 7:00 pm.

**Sunday 13 October** - Weta Workshops Wellington. Members from Wellington to lead us through the CBD to Miramar. Start at BP Otaki 10:30 am. RIC Don Cross (06) 367 9124.

Tuesday 29 October - Ride n Dine at the Rathole, Bulls from 7:30 pm.

**Sunday 10 November** - Gentle Annie via Hawkes Bay. Assemble at Caltex Fitzherbert Avenue at 9:30 am. RIC Robin (06) 355 0911.

Tuesday 26 November - Ride n Dine at Rangoli Restaurant, Levin from 7:30pm.

**Sunday 8 December** - Christmas BBQ at Bason Botanical Reserve, Wanganui starting at 11:30 am. Lance and Heather (06) 345 6607.

### east coast

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

**Sunday 8 September** - Ride to Tarawera for lunch. Meet at BP Bay View at 11:00 am. Further information from John on (06) 844 4751.

**Sunday 13 October** - Ride to Mahia for lunch. Meet at BP Bay View at 9:30 am. Further information from John on (06) 844 4751.

**Sunday 10 November** - Join with Wellington members for lunch at Bridge Café, Ballance (formerly Beyond the Bridge).

### wellington

**Sunday 8 September** - Meet at Petone Wharf for a 10:00am departure to the Makara Café via Moonshine/River Road. RIC Dave Oldershaw.

**Sunday 13 October** - Wellington to host Rangitikei in a ride to Weta workshops. Details TBA. RIC Dave Oldershaw.

**Sunday 10 November** - Ride to Bridge Café, Ballance (formerly Beyond the Bridge). Meet at Caltex Rimutaka for a 10:00am departure. RIC Peter Tibbs.

## welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

David Ross - Wellington

Mark and Robyn Tootill - Palmerston North

Alasdair Keane - Upper Hutt

Alan and Jenny Dempsey - Canterbury

Eric Ibararan and Tania Hetz - Auckland

Philip Palmer - Nelson

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 **15th** day of the month preceding publication. We welcome your contribution.

### canterbury

**Sunday 1 September** - GS route through Glenfalloch Station. Meet at Café Primo, Methven 9:30 am. RIC Jeff Louwman (03) 351 8109.

**Saturday 14/Sunday 15 September** - West Coast Weekend; Road and GS routes. Saturday, ride over and stay at Kumara Theatre Royal Hotel ([www.theatreroyalhotel.co.nz](http://www.theatreroyalhotel.co.nz)) Sunday, black powder shooting at Kopara. Routes and departure points to be confirmed. RIC Warren and Lex (027 256 0677).

**Sunday 29 September** - Brunch at Cafe51, Oxford ([www.cafe51.co.nz](http://www.cafe51.co.nz)). Meet at café from 11:00 am, option for a ride through Rakaia Gorge in the afternoon.

**Sunday 6 October** - GS/Road ride to Akaroa (GS riders via Bossu Road/Wainui/Akaroa) Road via normal road route. RIC Peter and Lesley Bath (027 228 7564).

**Sunday 27 October** - Road ride to Mt Lyford Café for brunch. Depart Norwester Café, Amberley at 9:30 am.

# area reports

## auckland

Something different for our August monthly meeting; it was back to school for us. We were given a demonstration of 3D printing; how it is used in Technology classes and its applications in the areas of industry and medicine. Though most were interested in how the technology could be used to produce motorcycle parts, some members were more curious about how it could be used to produce replacement body parts, such as new hip and knee joints! Those of us that left school a (long) while ago were pretty amazed by what some of today's students are up to at school and how 'tech savvy' they are. A couple of Rob's thirteen year old technology students are developing a cat door that uses the facial recognition application of an iPhone to check the cat's profile and determine whether the cat flap should open, thus allowing only the family cat to enter.

A couple of advance notices for your diary. Our next meeting on 9 September will be at Cyclespot Euro on the North Shore and in October we will be holding a 'bring and buy' night. So start sorting all that stuff you have been hoarding away and turn it into cash, which you can then use to purchase someone else's 'treasure'. A small percentage of each sale will go to the 'ice-cream container' bank that our dodgy lawyer (Grant) looks after.

Terry Ellis-Smith

After months of wet ride-day forecasts, we finally got a good weather forecast for our July ride to Coromandel. 17 bikes with



Auckland members at the Umu Café, Coromandel

their pilots and passengers gathered at the Papakura BP station for our 10:00 am departure. The group ride, led by Terry, travelled together (more or less) to the township for lunch at Umu café. Despite the promising forecast, there was an hour of steady moisture to Miranda, which seemed more like moist fog rather than light rain but it was enough to dampen bodies and spirits for a while. The conditions improved nicely after a refuelling stop in Thames and the sun come out from the clouds by the time we arrived at lunch.

The return journey saw the group split with seven bikes taking the gravel option over the 309 Road to Coroglen, then on the Coroglen-Tapu Rd to return to

Thames. The unsealed surface was mostly moist with minimal loose gravel and it seemed the team enjoyed the day's ride, other than a mild ankle injury to a 1200GS rider who was pushed into a bank by a stroppy car driver with a bad attitude coming the other way! Hopefully it's a minor injury that heals soon.

I'm looking forward to next month's regular ride, which is destined for Whangarei. Hopefully the weather is kind for the last group 'winter' ride for the season.

Peter Zink

## bay of plenty

July's club ride around the Coromandel saw five bikes and six people enjoy themselves. The day didn't look that attractive initially with dark clouds looming. But it came to nothing, just a little overcast as we headed off through Paeroa onto Kopu then over the Kopu – Hikuai Road into brilliant sunshine on the east coast.

Our first stop was Tairua before heading onto Coromandel where we had lunch. After a little discussion, we decided to return back down the east coast as this is where the best roads are and, on this day, the best weather to go with it. Summing up, five riders had big smiles on their faces most of the day so I guess it was another successful ride!

A few weekends ago Catherine and I decided to do an overnigher in Waiuku so we could have a good look around the Awhitu Peninsula (southern Manukau heads). This is an area so close to Auckland yet largely uncluttered and with very enjoyable roads; all sealed by the way. Places to visit are Big Bay, Orua Bay, Wattle Bay and the lighthouse, where you

Auckland's GS contingent



can stand and look out to Titirangi across the water and even see the Skytower in the heart of Auckland!

On the Sunday we returned down the ever pleasing SH22 with all its glorious bends. We called in at Nikau Caves Café then headed down to Raglan, through Pirongia and eventually home.

For those of you who have never been over that way we strongly recommend it. Just give yourselves an extra day and enjoy it more.

Peter Lyner

## taranaki

Sometimes I wonder if, in some small way, I have annoyed Mother Nature. The weather forecast was not good for the weekend of our monthly ride again!

However, Sunday dawned to an absolute cracker day. Full of happiness I even managed to get myself down to Windsor Café at the right time for the ride.

Bob, Colin and Dave had all decided to join me on this jaunt. I had a chuckle at the range of bikes on a BMWOR ride; a Triumph, a KTM and two BMWs. Bob decided to bring his orange bike and Colin's choice of weapon was his Triumph.

We headed off towards Hunterville in fine spirits. Just south of Hawera I noted the ominous looking sky ahead of us and wondered to myself if this was really such an awesome plan? At Patea we rode into a light shower. We ducked onto the footpath and, under a store veranda, put on some wet weather gear. After a few "what happened to our nice day" statements, we decided that it may just be a passing squall and we could ride through it (yeah right).

We decided to keep heading south and to stop and review the situation at Westmere. We duly stopped for coffee and food at Pukeko's Nest Café where, after some thought, we reckoned home was the best direction to head, with maybe a few Colin shortcuts thrown in just for fun.

We headed off around Rapanui Road coming out at Kia Iwi then headed north to Waitotara where we did a lap of Block Nine.

After rejoining the main road, I decided to divert to Waverley Beach and found a short gravel section; just enough to make the Triumph dirty but not enough for the GS bikes and that KTM that was following us around.

We had been running with a strong tail wind since leaving Westmere but only realised how strong it had become when we turned toward the beach and started heading across it. It was quite amusing watching the swell getting thrown against

the cliffs. With the spray whipping across the tops and then inland by its strength, the Triumph and KTM owners sprawled across their respective bikes to stop them blowing away while the two BMWs stood there arrogantly on their side stands with absolute German precision.

I experienced a first when we turned to leave the beach though; accelerating across the level grass in neutral, so strong was the wind by this time!

In light of the worsening conditions I decided we'd had enough fun and, apart from a stop for fuel at Hawera, it was home to a warm place.

Thanks you Colin, Bob and Dave for your company on the ride. I will try and get this weather demon sorted before the next one.

Colin Lister

## rangitikei

We endured the storm on the day we planned to hold our poker run and an earthquake heralded the quiz night at Peter's house. But a good time of chasing distant and escaping memories saw Grant, Peter, Jill and Sian declared the winners by a single point. Joy, Rob, John and Caitlin were the runners up. Peter was very proud of the time and planning that Anne and Sian had put into making the night a success.

We must be jinxed! Neil had sent out a great route for our monthly ride around the Rangitikei and Waimarino; and it rained! Not as stormy as the poker run, but wet from lunchtime onwards. Neil had seven brave souls to start the day at Robert Harris in Feilding and a great ride to the first break at Wanganui. Some made a dash for home at that point but four brave souls soldiered (splashed) on up the Parapas. It seems poignant to point out that Neil lives at National Park, so just getting to the start point is a ride in its own right - and afterwards he rides home! That man deserves a medal.

We have planned events in September and have clear expectations that Neville's skirmish into Taranaki on 8 September will be held in fine spring sunshine. The start point is the Caltex station, formerly BP, at Westmere just north of Wanganui. Heather and I will catch up on the stories of that day when we all gather again at the Sage Café in Feilding on 24 September.

It is time to plan ahead already. Let's not count the days until Christmas as that is a bit scary. But ideas for 2014 are beginning to float to the surface, including ride and dines to Foxton, Hunterville and Marton and rides to the River Road, Hawkes Bay, Waiouru and the RAG Rally.

Lance Nixon

## east coast

In the week leading up to our August overnigher the weather was just perfect, but rain was predicted for the weekend. Unfortunately, the weather forecast proved correct and it was raining on Saturday. Nevertheless, most of those booked in opted to ride to Ormondville with six of us on four bikes meeting at Caltex on the Saturday afternoon.

We rode out to Maraekakaho in drizzle and waited at the monument for about 10 minutes until Folker arrived on his R60. It was a pleasant ride down SH50 to Takapau and we then rode alongside the railway track on minor roads to Ormondville. Track maintenance was being carried out, so we guessed we wouldn't be kept awake by trains on Saturday night.

Gerard and Cathy met us at Ormondville and Colin, Diane and Poppy (the Border Terrier) were there as well, in their motorhome. We parked the bikes out of the rain on the station platform and hung our riding gear up to dry under cover. The sensible ones grabbed the best beds in the station building and there was much fun checking out the memorabilia and reminiscing about train travel in the good old days. There was plenty of firewood for the weekend and the former Boy Scouts in our group soon had the fire blazing. We had brought snacks to go with pre-dinner

## 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 [pauleldington@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pauleldington@xtra.co.nz) or hard copies of photos can be sent to:

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drinks and eventually we made the short walk to the Settlers Arms for dinner, where Dan and Rosemary awaited.

Mine host was a character and gave us the choice of eating in the bar or restaurant. We opted for the restaurant, which we had to ourselves. When we were seated he appeared with the "wine list". The meals were country size – large, with plenty of chips! Desserts were ice cream sundaes with a choice of topping.

In good time we headed back to the station for the in-house entertainment; music on the iPod, phone calls to Vladimir Putin and a whistle blowing guard. The guard just happened to find a uniform in the wardrobe that fitted, but had brought his own whistle with him.

Although we had been warned to bring ear plugs, because of trains passing in the night, they were unnecessary and we all slept well. It was still raining next morning and, after cups of tea, toast and cereal, we rode the 7 kilometres to Norsewood in the rain to a café for further chat, coffee, all day breakfast, soup and toast – you name it. Later, with some reluctance, we all headed home.

When it was first suggested we go to Ormondville, we thought it was too short a ride. In the event, with the weather as it was, it was perfect. Top marks to Folker

for suggesting it and John's organisation. As for the ride on Sunday – did anyone go to Waimarama for an ice cream as advertised in the newsletter?

Marie Nichol

Ormondville Station - bike parking only!

A real motorcycle





Clockwise from top: John the Fat Controller, drinks at the Settlers Arms, happy diners, the wine list, warm and snug at the railway station, a trio of ladies, Folker on the line to President Putin





Nelson members on a winter's day at Lake Rotoiti

## nelson

A clear morning greeted us and, despite being on the cooler side of the temperature gauge, eight riders met up at the Three Brothers' Corner for our July ride to try the new café opened up at St Arnaud. The café is part of a new business that stores boats and includes a boat museum. We are always keen to support local businesses and St Arnaud has had its share of struggles with the inevitable seasonal fluctuations.

When all the riders had gathered, we took off South on the Kohatu-Kawatore Highway. Someway past the Quinney's Bush camping grounds, we turned left at Korere and headed on the road known as the Korere -Top House Road. On this road we came across few vehicles. The road is only about 11 kilometres longer than straight through to St Arnaud but it is certainly more interesting. In parts there are no road markings and the road is quite narrow, but it is a lovely road to ride. I for one will be using it a bit more often when heading to St Arnaud in the future.

After a pleasant ride, we arrived where the Top House Road meets the road from the Wairau Valley. We saw a few other bike riders heading west. As it transpired

they were the Ulysses riders from Blenheim and they too had the same idea to try the new café.

Of course the café was full and we had to queue for about 10 minutes to be served (something we are not used to doing in our neck of the woods). It was worth it in the end as the coffee was great, the food was tasty, the sun was still shining and it was quite warm; even outdoors surrounded by stunning mountain scenery.

We exchanged a few pleasantries with other riders amongst which were two on 3-wheelers, one brand new and another about two years old. Well, what to say about them? Maybe best nothing, just in case when I am old enough I may have to get one.

We went down to the lake for a group photo then headed home on the normal route. In the village of Wakefield we could see disco lights from the distance, one of our own was picked up for going over the 50 km speed limit. When I talking about our next ride with this rider recently I was told emphatically that he would not be riding with us any longer as every time he comes out with us he collects a speeding ticket. I do believe it was all in jest - but.

Revti Verma

## canterbury

Our July brunch ride was up to Robbies in Hanmer Springs. Robbies is well known for its great atmosphere, friendly staff and a huge selection of Kiwi cuisine with meals to suit anyone's appetite. They have a great range of quality beers and wines, including several from the award winning Torlesse Winery in Waipara. After brunch, we rode back via Waiau and the Leader Road, some 30 kilometres of the most twisty and scenic of North Canterbury's roads, heading east towards the coast and a quiet coffee at the Two Rivers Café in Cheviot before heading home. A great day out!

The August GS ride through Glenfalloch Station was postponed to September due to wet weather.

Warren Taylor

Oposite top: Outside Robbies, Hanmer Springs

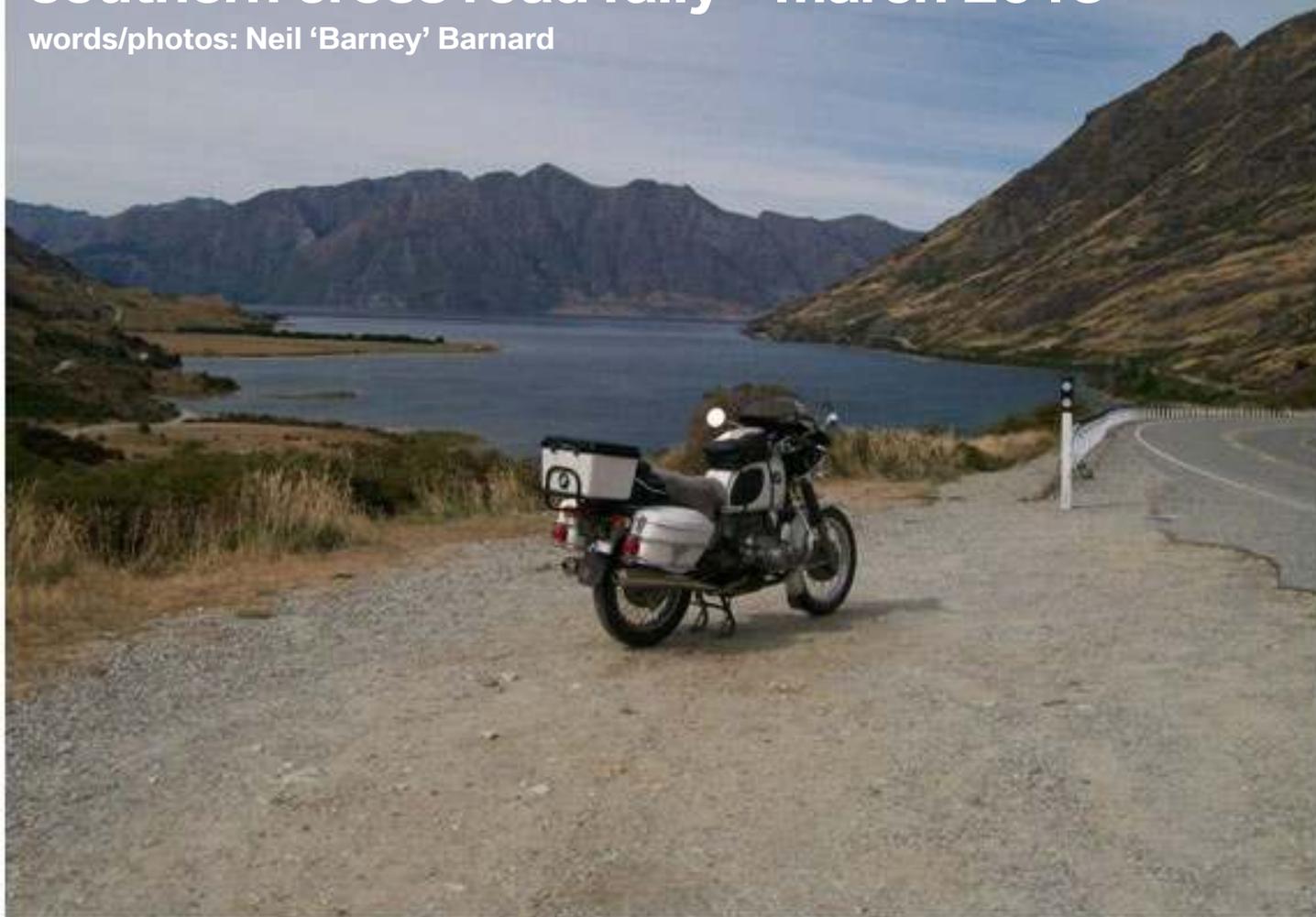
Oposite bottom: The Leader Valley on a gorgeous day

Photos: Peter Bath



# southern cross road rally - march 2013

words/photos: Neil 'Barney' Barnard



Lake Hawea heading for Queenstown

It has been 10 years since I last rode a Rusty Nuts Southern Cross Road Rally. I'd done an earlier SCRR on my original 1972 R75/5 BMW. Having recently refurbished the old girl, the thought of another riding challenge was most appealing.

The 2013 rally ran from Cape Reinga to Cape Egmont to East Cape and ended in Bluff. This sequence was ideal for me, allowing an overnight stop at home in Whakatane. It also seems most appropriate to finish at the Rusty Nut "clubrooms" at the New Eagle pub in Bluff.

As this rally involves covering significant daily mileages, I decided to break into the ride in a leisurely manner. I also planned each day's ride and booked all my accommodation in advance. This took all the hassle out of trying to find a place to stay after a hard day's riding.

## **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Whakatane to Snells Beach** (350km - 5hrs)

The adventure began with a relaxed jaunt up through Waihi to Auckland on to a friend's place at Snell's Beach. Brilliantly clear skies with little wind, just perfect. We had a great evening meal at the renowned Salty Dog pub, their steaks are certainly recommended.

## **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> (PM) - Snells Beach to Kerikeri** (200km - 2½hrs)

An even shorter ride today. Lots of those travelling towards me on the long straights near Waipu were flashing their lights; seems the local police were out in force. Patrol cars, a van mounted speed camera and radar guns were all spotted, fortunately without incident. It would appear that there are lot of travellers who don't agree with this obvious revenue gathering exercise under the guise of road safety.

## **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> (PM) - Kerikeri to Kaitaia** (110km - 2hrs)

My brother escorted me out of Kerikeri on his delightful Vincent Comet. I have an almost identical machine and have been an avid Vincent enthusiast for many years. Did a loop detour off SH10 to Matauri Bay, great biking back road with superb views out over the Cavalli Islands.

In Kaitaia I found some fellow Rusty Nutters in the local pub. With the Far North famous for its sea food, an evening dinner of crumbed scallops at the local Orana Motel Restaurant was absolutely scrumptious.

## **Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

**(AM) - Kaitaia to Cape Reinga** (112km - 1½hrs)

**(PM) - Cape Reinga to Huntly** (560km - 7¾hrs)

This was the real start of the adventure with some more serious riding involved. Enjoyed warm slightly blustery conditions on the way north. The warmth from the sun generated a slightly sulphur smell characteristic of the native manuka prevalent in this area.

Cape Reinga continues to have a mystical aura and it is easy to see why the Maori consider it has such religious significance. The fury of the waters as the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean meet is quite spellbinding.

As the bikes began to assemble, it was interesting to note quite a range of machines. With a 40 year old BMW I fully expected to be on the oldest bike, but not in this case. Folker Liebenow arrived on his 1964 R60 BMW, surely the oldest rider on the oldest bike. He was accompanied by Alasdair Keane on a slightly later 1976 R75/6. As the riders of the three most mature BMWs we naturally teamed up and were destined to meet up many times during the subsequent ride.

It was pleasing to see that there was some degree of organisation with the ceremonial book signing, which would occur at each of the 4 corners of the Southern Cross. There were 2 separate books in order to speed up the process (A to M and N to Z by surname). It was also pleasing that in deference to us older riders the names were in large easily read bold type awaiting our rather flamboyant signatures. With the adrenaline starting to pump it was down through the twisting Mangamukas, always a challenging ride.

In Kawakawa my brother appeared on his Vincent Comet with a rather appropriate large placard "Don't get Rusty - Ride".

Not gassing up since Kaitaia on the way north proved a little worrying as I was onto the second reserve before finding fuel in Moerewa.

Once successfully clear of the Auckland traffic it was into the Bombay BP servo for a well earned Big Mac and then a weary arrival at the motel in Huntly. Being right on SH1, and adjacent to the main trunk railway meant a rather noisy night, but being slightly buggered helped the sleep.

#### **Tue 12<sup>th</sup>**

**(AM) - Huntly to Cape Egmont** (270km - 3½hrs)

**(PM) - Cape Egmont to Whakatane** (420km - 5½hrs)

A relatively early start was required. In order to avoid the traffic on the main road I took SH39 from Ngaruawahia through to Otorohanga, and then back onto SH3 to New Plymouth. I then had three separate goes at finding the correct road out to the Cape Egmont lighthouse at Pungarehu. Nice part of rural Taranaki to ride through though!

On the way back through New Plymouth, Folker's gestures indicated that he needed fuel and, sure enough, about 50 metres short of the next petrol station he ran completely out!

As I planned to take the short cut at Kopaki Road off SH4 towards Bennydale I was in the lead for Folker and Alasdair. At some road works Folker jumped the queue and missed the turn off. Alasdair headed off in hot pursuit, but it was a full half hour before he returned with the errant Folker.

Little did we know what this delay meant for subsequent events!

On turning right at the roundabout in Rotorua, I realised that a car entering from my left was not going to stop. I thought:

"He isn't going to give way...."

"He hasn't seen me...."

"There's no bloody way he's going to see me because he's looking the wrong way..."



A bleeding Beemer - Opotiki

By this time I was on full right hand lock and still on a collision course with the errant tin top. A grab on the front brake then resulted in a slow speed high-side and the BMW was converted to a vertical twin; one cylinder up and the other down.

After this rather undignified exercise, I was confronted by a rather panic stricken German tourist. He was most apologetic and began waving rental car accident report forms at me. Once I explained in clear and concise English that I did not intend to punch him on the nose and that there did not appear to be any significant damage to either me or the bike, he slowly calmed down. I asked for his name and home address; "Wolf Andreas, Munich, Germany."

Once home in Whakatane for the night, I gave the bike a very quick look over. All seemed fine, although there was some oil visible on the left hand side of the engine, probably due to the bike having been lying on that side.

#### **Wed 13<sup>th</sup>**

**(AM) - Whakatane to East Cape** (240km - 4hrs)

**(PM) - East Cape to Masterton** (630km - 8½hrs)

I knew that this going to be the "longest day" with nearly 900 kilometres to be ridden, a lot of it over very tight and twisty roads. I left home early with the prospect of a relatively leisurely ride down the coast to East Cape ready for the mid-day book signing. On gassing up at the petrol station in Opotiki, however, there was a puddle of oil on the forecourt under the engine. Sh\*t! The oil pressure switch body had split and, while the engine was running, a significant leak was occurring. This damage must have been caused by

my boot during the previous day's tumble in Rotorua. I could see my Southern Cross adventure disappearing.

Being "prepared", I had a full socket set on board and proceeded to try and remove the switch unit with a view to plugging it up with something else. Maximum socket size in the kit was 22mm - required socket size for the pressure switch was 24mm. Sh\*t again. Shot into Magnus Lennie, the local Mitsubishi dealers. "Got a 24mm socket?", I asked. "No problem, just park the bike over there and go for it, mate."

There is no apparent correlation between BMW motorcycles and Mitsubishi vehicles, and there was nothing in stock with the same thread. I was obviously more than a little reticent to risk butchering the tapped hole into the oil gallery in the crankcase and set off on foot at a more than brisk pace to scour Opotiki for a plug, bolt, or whatever to blank off the hole. Typical of small town NZ, I found a most helpful team at Eastern Bay Motors. They sifted through a vast range of bits before finding a brass sump plug that looked a likely solution.

I endured another run back to the bike, which was quietly dropping its black life's blood onto the workshop floor. Yep, with the help of a soft washer the plug fit. We were mobile once more.

What I'd planned to be a rather leisurely ride to East Cape now became a rather spirited dash. It was now less than two hours before the first bikes would be leaving the checkpoint at midday. Knowing what a rumpty goat track the road out to the lighthouse was, I was keen to get there without meeting too many bikes coming the other way.

Fortunately I arrived just as the first half dozen bikes were leaving and so avoided too many head-on confrontations. I had forgotten just how rough some bits of this road are, with sections almost completely washed away by the pounding surf.

The engine was now oil tight. As most of the spilt lubricant had now dissipated I felt a little more confident in the corners and was in a more relaxed mode down through Wairoa, Gisborne, Napier and through to Dannevirke. By now the light was fading and so was the concentration. It was nice to just tuck in behind a rather enthusiastic local driver who obviously knew the road. I was basically on "auto-pilot" when Masterton was reached for the night.

After covering nearly 900 kilometres, the longest day was over!

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup>**

**(AM) - Masterton to Wellington**  
(100kms - 2hrs)

**(PM) - Picton to Greymouth** (360kms - 5hrs)

It was a cool, slightly foggy start for the ride over the Rimatukas. This became rather more challenging than anticipated when the Beemer developed annoying tank slapper tendencies under braking into the very frequent tight corners, especially on the downhill sections.

It was with some relief that the ferry terminal was reached, in spite of the frustration of the Wellington rush hour traffic.

I was 4<sup>th</sup> in line for the ferry and the check-in clerk said there was a total of 38 bikes booked on this sailing. Wonder where they are all going?

Tyre pressures were checked and the rear was down to 16 psi. The valve must have been leaking slightly since I had checked the pressures at a gas station the day before. That certainly aggravates the shakes.

It was nice to catch up with some fellow Rusties on the ferry, and swap a few yarns in the bar.



Beemer stop - Top of the Crown Range

Cook Strait was behaving itself, a very welcome change from some of the crossings I've endured. A welcoming committee in the form of a pod of dolphins accompanied us into the Sounds. Gee, they make swimming look so effortless - beautiful creatures.

As I had gassed up relatively recently (or so I thought) in Dannevirke, I rode straight through Blenheim and headed for the West Coast. I expected to get petrol at Wairau Valley but, alas, there was only a pub. Not the right sort of gas! The barman advised me that the nearest petrol station was at Saint Arnaud, a full 90 kilometres further on. As I was already on reserve, this was not going to be a happening thing.

Now cruising sedately, and lying on the tank to conserve fuel, I was really regretting my stupidity. This is the South Island, not a lot of people, and correspondingly fewer gas stations. The

thought of having to push the bike or hitch a ride to Saint Arnaud were not appealing options.

I stopped and talked to a farmer herding a flock of sheep explaining my predicament. "You'd better come up to the shed, then," he said. A rather dilapidated tin can was produced and several litres of this now rather precious liquid were tipped into the near empty bike. When I produced my wallet he said, "No money required, mate. Good to see someone riding a real bike."

Even with the top up, I was on second reserve when Saint Arnaud came into sight. From then on, I hardly passed a gas station without at least planning ahead. Back up to speed now with peace of mind, it was a great blast towards the setting sun.

In the Buller Gorge, however, the road was completely blocked by a very large fallen beech tree. It had actually landed on the bonnet of a German tourist's car,

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fortunately without serious injury. Are German tourists accident prone or something? With fire engines, ambulance and police cars in attendance there was no option but to relax for half an hour or so while one lane of road was cleared.

Greymouth was the stop for the night. After a Guinness or two and a massive West Coast steak burger it was into bed once more.

#### **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Greymouth to Queenstown** (583kms - 8hrs)

On a fine day (which does happen occasionally) the run down the West Coast is marvellous. Although there was a small amount of patchy high cloud, the roads were dry, the sun was shining, the bike was humming and all was right with the world. I had forgotten how many one-lane bridges there are down SH6. A few times the brakes were pretty much on the limit when approaching these narrow bridges. A lot have obscured approaches and, if suddenly seen to be blocked with one of the many logging trucks in this part of the world, quick retardation is advisable. Now 40 years old, the drum front brake is really tested under these conditions.

Up over the Haast Pass the clouds had all dispersed and the temperature began to climb. Haast in the sunshine with a slight westerly tail wind and perfectly dry roads, now that's bloody great motorcycling.

The road along the shores of Lake Hawea is a real dream and it was nice to be travelling at a relaxed enough pace to actually take in the aura of this utterly magnificent part of our national heritage.

I passed through Wanaka and took the road over the famed Crown Range to Queenstown. While stopped at the top for a photo or two, Alasdair and Folker rolled up on their trusty BMWs.

Upon arrival into the now absolutely bustling metropolis of Queenstown I was amazed at the concentration of thrill seekers from all around the world. Gone are the days of a sleepy hollow on the shores of the tranquil lake. No problem as accommodation all booked and confirmed - except my booking was for the previous month. Sh\*t! Most motels were booked, but I managed to get a room in a 3 bedroom chalet with shared ablutions for a reasonable fee before a short walk into town for a well deserved "bangers and mash" meal and a few beers.

#### **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> (AM) - Queenstown to Bluff** (220kms - 3hrs)

The road out of Queenstown along the edge of Lake Wakatipu was shrouded in early morning mist which rolled across the surface of the water, generating a truly ethereal air to this part of Middle Earth.

All too soon it seemed we were at Bluff in plenty of time for the ceremonial final "signing of the book". As the bikes began to assemble the sky darkened and it began to rain. However, this was insufficient to dampen the spirits of all those who had risen to the challenge and had successfully completed another memorable ride. The Eagle Tavern was soon crammed with thirsty souls, all with tales to tell of their adventures.

Rides like this are seldom without some excitement, some more than others. It was great to make some new acquaintances and renew friendships made on previous rides.

#### **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> - Bluff to Christchurch** (605kms - 8hrs)

As I had a plant visit for work planned in Christchurch on Monday morning I elected to ride straight up SH1. I left Bluff

in cool dismal fog which gradually improved with the increase in distance from Antarctica. This was a generally moist ride rather than downright wet, with even some dry patches of road in places.

In the small hamlet of Hampden, near the Moeraki boulders, I spied Vanessa's Cottage Café. A warm welcome was followed by equally warm and rather sumptuous seafood chowder. A highly recommended venue.

The traffic steadily increased on the approach to Christchurch. Being a wet cold Sunday I guess most of the truckies would be wrapped up in bed or ensconced in front of the television.

#### **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Winstones Wallboards visit Christchurch**

A day of work - enough said!

#### **Tue 19<sup>th</sup> - Christchurch to Picton** (340kms - 4½hrs)

My original plan was to head up over the Lewis Pass to Nelson. By now the weather had turned quite miserable and the soft option was to head straight for Picton.

However, on the way out of Christchurch I decided on a little pilgrimage to a site on Tram Road where motorcycle world land speed records were broken back in 1955, which had always fascinated me and certainly deserved a visit. I had met the record breaking rider Russell Wright many years ago and had heard of his recent death. I have always been rather in awe of the heroism shown by people like Russell. I am also well aware, as an avid Vincent enthusiast, that in order to achieve a speed of 185 miles per hour on a motorcycle of that era, it certainly took a lot of preparation, not to mention shear guts and determination.



The BMW crew, Stirling Point, Bluff



A pair of thoroughbred steeds. Tram Road near Christchurch.

The day was distinctly cool with threatening skies as I headed inland near Swannanoa just north of the city. Sure enough, on a long straight section of Tram Road, I found the large cast plaque commemorating this prestigious event. A cabbage tree and flax bush with bark surround further complement the plaque and stone plinth.

As I took a photo of my old trusty BMW in front of the monument I noticed a car parked across the road. Shortly after another car arrived and then, lo and behold, a beautiful Vincent Rapide came into view ridden by Neville Baker from Christchurch.

By absolute sheer coincidence, and without any prior knowledge whatever, I had arrived at precisely the right time to attend the ceremonial scattering of Russell's ashes at the scene of his most memorable triumph. Was my chance attendance a case of pure "coincidence" or possibly "divine intervention"? Food for thought.

Also in attendance were fellow Vincent Owners' Club members Owen Byfield and Andrew Rackstraw.

Russell's widow Elaine scattered some of the ashes around the monument area. Neville then fired up the Vincent and, with

Owen as pillion, did quite a high speed blast down the road leaving a distinct cloud of dust in their wake. Russell had indeed requested that his ashes be scattered in this way.

This seemed to be such an appropriate final ride for someone who achieved such international recognition for his achievements. I felt honoured to be part of this very moving experience.

Andrew Rackstraw and I rode together as far as our refuelling stop in a bleak and cold Kaikoura. Andrew had decided to try to catch the next available ferry and was keen to make it home to Wellington. I was happy to take a more leisurely approach with a night in Picton before catching the mid morning sailing.

On arrival in Picton I received a text call from the Interislander advising me that the morning sailing had been cancelled and that I was automatically booked on the afternoon one. Buzzer!

#### **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> (PM) - Wellington to Otaki (75kms - 1hr)**

Another pleasant trip across Cook Strait and also a good chance to meet up again with some of the other Southern Crossers, and other motorcycling enthusiasts. The later sailing dumped us

into central Wellington right on rush hour, with significant delays getting out of the capital.

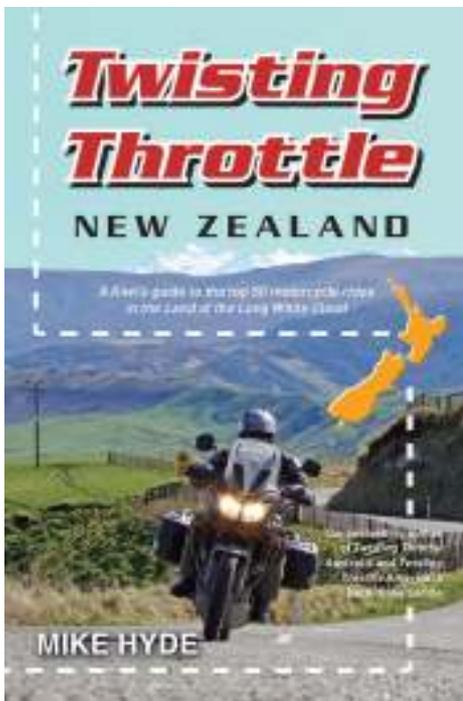
I had arranged to visit a fellow vintage Norton enthusiast in Otaki and had a pleasant evening looking at and discussing beautiful old motorcycles.

#### **Thu 21<sup>st</sup> - Otaki to Whakatane (500kms - 6½hrs)**

A relatively short ride straight up the centre of the North Island with a single stop at Waiouru for fuel and a feed. Home in time for tea!

Considering that the combined age of bike and rider is 105 years, I think that this ride is ample proof that some of the older machines (and riders) can indeed perform very well in the touring stakes. The total distance travelled was in excess of 3,500 miles (5,700 kms).

At no point was the riding really arduous, although it did generate a reasonable challenge at times, and all in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable experience.



## book review

Lance Nixon

Twisting Throttle New Zealand

Mike Hyde

ISBN 978 1 86950 978 1

Harper Collins

262 pp

RRP \$39.99

Mike worked his storytelling magic around America after his fascinating trip around Australia.

He's done it again ... but this time his tales are about rides around selected parts of NZ. The same wicked humour, the same quirky observations and the same deferential references to pies and the purveyors thereof.

He has chosen 50 rides all able to be ridden in a day. If you want to "armchair" your way round these routes, then sit back and don't spill the coffee as you burst into laughter. Many riders have ridden parts, if not all, of each route, but seeing them through the eyes of Mike Hyde is a new insight.

So clever is the rhetoric, that you may well be seen putting the book down and diving off to the shed, clutching your diary and putting large crosses over several weekends with a 'do not touch' finality. And Mike has thought of that; there is a two way schematic map with each ride for those who need one. And there are coordinates for your sophisticated tracking system if reading maps is a challenge.

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and has even included a photo of his family. He refers to Sandy as his Throttlette. Cute.

Look for the weta/wetter stories. One is about a large insect, and one is about getting wetter for the camera. God bless his mate Aaron on the Nevis ride. And Mike has a couple of moments that he is quite open about. One was on the Desert Road, and one had his V Strom becoming a < Strom in the Molesworth.

Plenty of coloured photos abound in the text and credit must go to those around him for their photographic contribution.

With a bit of luck, you will not be lonely on these rides. After the motorcycling public reads the book, it could get a bit crowded out there.

Also by Mike Hyde





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# notice of annual general meeting

For the first time in its history, the BMWOR's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held as part of an Annual Rally.

The AGM for the 2012/2013 financial year will be held at 5:00 pm on 19 January 2014 at the Tahunanui Holiday Park Conference Centre in Nelson.

The following business is to be conducted:

- ◆ Receive the minutes of the previous AGM
- ◆ President's Report on activities over the last year and priorities for the coming year
- ◆ Balance sheet; annual statement of accounts; 2013/14 budget
- ◆ Area and Activity reports
- ◆ Notice or notices of motion to alter, add to, rescind or otherwise amend the rules of BMWOR of NZ Inc
- ◆ Election to Executive positions
- ◆ Any other business that is resolved to be considered

## Voting

Those admitted to membership under Rule 3 of the BMOWR of NZ Inc constitution are entitled to vote at the AGM. A member whose annual subscription is in arrears is not precluded from attending the Rally but will not be entitled to vote at the AGM.

At this AGM, votes may be exercised by proxy as per Rule 5(ix)5 of the constitution. Proxy votes will be used for matters of national significance, i.e. changing the constitution or electing Executive members where there is more than one nomination to a position.

If a member cannot be present, and would like to exercise their vote, they will only be able to do so by completing a proxy form. A proxy form will be printed in the October and November newsletters and will be available from the Secretary on request.

Proxies must be in writing and received by the Secretary on the Proxy Form by 12 January 2014.

The Proxy Form requires the appointment of one individual to vote on behalf of another by proxy. Therefore, members wishing to appoint a proxy must ensure that the individual appointed will be attending the AGM. If an appointed individual does not attend the AGM, and has been authorised to vote by proxy on a member's behalf, no other member in attendance may vote instead, and the vote will be declared invalid.

## Elections

In accordance with Rule 5(iii)1, all Executive Committee members retire at each AGM but are eligible for re-election at the same or subsequent meetings.

Nominations are now being called for the following Executive Committee positions:

- ◆ President (Incumbent – Peter Tibbs)
- ◆ Vice President (Vacant)
- ◆ Secretary (Vacant)
- ◆ Treasurer (Incumbent – Robin Wood)
- ◆ Editor (Vacant)
- ◆ Membership Secretary (Incumbent – Folker Liebenow)

Nominations should be made in writing, signed by a current member, endorsed with the consent of the nominee and received by the Secretary in time to be published in the last newsletter to be distributed before the AGM (January/February edition).

Nominees are asked to provide a photo (head shot) and a brief profile to the Secretary for publication in newsletters running up to the AGM. Members want to know who they will be voting for and why they should vote for them.

Nominations may be received at the AGM provided that the nominee has consented.

Executive Committee members are elected by members in accordance with the Rules at the AGM.

## Remits

Submission of proposed remits for consideration is open and remits must be received by the Secretary no later than **Sunday 20 October 2013**.

## Obituaries

Obituary notices may be registered with the Secretary up to 12 January 2014.

To register a nomination to the Executive Committee, submit a remit or register an obituary, please email the appropriate details to [secretary@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:secretary@bmwor.org.nz) or post to The Secretary, BMWOR, PO Box 109-245, Newmarket, Auckland. (Note that you should allow 10 working days for NZ post to action the delivery of mail to the current Secretary's Wellington address.)

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## bikes for sale



**BMW R100RS** - (1992). This BMW has been fastidiously maintained, covering only 71,000 kms from new. Has BMW panniers, crash bars, new battery, fluids, filter, brake pads and rear tyre. Receipts for previous service work. New WOF and registration. \$6750 ONO. Contact Rob at [airheadrob@gmail.com](mailto:airheadrob@gmail.com) or phone (09) 533 8283 (3)



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Paris Dakar bikes to be manufactured and in BMW motor sport livery is unique and, as you know, PD's are becoming more sought after especially one presented in this condition. Extremely well maintained and cared for with accessories and modifications that make the bike a cut above the rest, including Nissin twin pot calliper front disc brake (with new pads), Progressive fork springs, BMW digital clock, handlebar risers, heated handle bars, front driving lights, Fiamm twin tone horns, Nippon Denso (Moto Elektrik US) starter motor 2012 (super strong, ensures no Valeo starter motor seizure problems), HPN higher ratio fifth gear (100 KPH @3,750 rpm), White Power (BMW) rear shock absorber, low profile front mudguard, original full tool kit, extended silencer pipe, currently fitted with the standard collector box but has a stainless steel 'Y' piece (lighter but slightly more rorty sound). The bike comes with the correct model tank bag, tank side panniers, small front pannier boxes and rear pannier frames. The aluminium panniers are not included though the frames are standard BMW and aftermarket panniers are readily available. As it stands, this bike would take you around NZ or around the world. If you're seriously interested a full photo gallery is available. Contact Rob on (09) 533 8283 or email [airheadrob@gmail.com](mailto:airheadrob@gmail.com) (2)

## for sale

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**Corbin seat** - R1200GS riders seat, very good order. \$300

**Final drive** for R1200GS, new main bearing, unmarked. \$1000

Contact Richard on 021 993 708 or email [richard.kuysten@hotmail.com](mailto:richard.kuysten@hotmail.com) (1)

## 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.

## reflections



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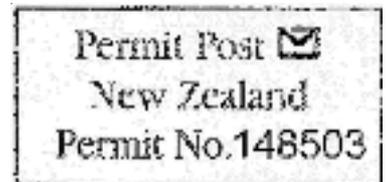
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