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# president's podium



Here we are in August already and here on the farm the grass has not stopped growing this year despite the fact that we have had some cold periods to contend with. Bike tucked away in the shed. I guess we are all looking forward to the warmer weather and lots more riding while joining in the fun to be had with fellow members while out and about on your bike.

In June the Executive held a meeting, the minutes for this meeting were not available for your July Newsletter. However you will be able to read elsewhere in your Newsletter the minutes of this meeting. With the Executive dispersed around the country it is always good to hear that the general feeling within your Club is so positive.

In order to improve the opportunities your Club provide you with, in August there will be an Area Representative

Meeting held followed by an Executive Meeting where Area Representatives are welcome to sit in on, this all in an effort to provide better opportunities for you all to participate in your Club at the same time strengthening communications between Area Representatives, Executive Members and yourselves.

I recently had the pleasure of attending a committee meeting of the Rangitikei team working on your Annual Rally. I was very impressed by their commitment to producing a very interesting event with many options built into this event for you all to choose from. Such a positive team of people working for us all must surely be the envy of many clubs.

If you haven't got around to registering for the Annual Rally yet then how about seeing what you can do about it? Early registration will make it so much easier for the Rally Team's planning. Register now and join in all the fun in January 2015. For more information contact Barry or Jeanette Hawthorn telephone 06 3448063 or email [jeanandbarry@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jeanandbarry@slingshot.co.nz)

After some discussion at the last Exec meeting it was decided to embark on a revamp of both the national Web and Forum sites. This will be done in order to bring the general culture of the website more in-line with the spirit of the constitution and more in keeping with something that a larger cross section of members would feel comfortable with. Hopefully the website will also become more central to BMWOR activities. To run this, we will be looking for members interested in taking up one of various roles in a small internet linked team who will be responsible for it. If you are interested in playing a part of this revamp, please contact Peter Bath, Vice President to discuss what skills you could offer, or a role you could play in the team (not everyone will need high level computer skills). After our next Area Reps get together, they will also have a clearer idea of what the various roles might be so you could discuss it with them.

As part of the website becoming more central to our BMWOR activities, it was also agreed that we should start putting all our club photos onto a nationally shared picture site. Links to this will be regularly given on the website which will also enable our international visitors to get some idea of the type of rides we do. As Canterbury had already put all their ride photos for the past six years onto a Flickr site, it was decided to expand this. The site can be found at the following address [www.flickr.com/photos/bmwor-cantab/sets](http://www.flickr.com/photos/bmwor-cantab/sets) (Unfortunately at this stage the word Cantab cannot be removed from the web address but once in the site you will see it is BMWOR NZ - definitely a national site). Guidelines as to how to go about getting your photos onto this site can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please go ahead and submit them.

**ARCHIVIST:** As we all know Paul has been looking after our archives for a long time now and would like to take a break. If you feel this is something that you would like to

## Corrections:

Yes, yes, I know, O eagle-eyed readers, I had a boo-boo in the South Island RAG dates. Hopefully they are correct this issue: Fri 21 to Sun 23 November.

Mr Ecks in the photo of the Auckland ride to Town Basin was Grant Aislabie on his new toy (old toy still in Marketplace).

## Cover:

Lance Nixon explains that the Moa is, in fact, only a Weka, but one that has been extremely well fed at the Woolshed Cafe.

take on in this digital age then how about giving me a call on 06 3782242 or drop me an email at [president@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:president@bmwor.org.nz)?

The new R Nine T and S1000R have arrived. Why don't you call into your local dealer and take a look? I was lucky enough to have been invited to attend the launch of both these models at Motomart in Lower Hutt. Put simply they are different from anything we have seen before.

The R Nine T has been made for fun with plenty of power thrown in for good measure. Now as for the S1000R, well if you find yourself sitting at a red light when it turns green there is no question about it once you let that clutch lever go you go straight to the wild side of life. I think a bit on the fast side for me. I will be sticking with the G.S. But don't let me stop you trying out one of these new models.

Huzadick – July's Newsletter. In defence of the dick I would ask you all to have some sympathy for the dick. After all

what's a fellow to think about if it's not all the bits and pieces one can attach to a large four wheel drive tractor? His Commander in Chief doesn't stand a chance.

As always- wheels down, feet up

Peter

Two engines, two operators, half a handlebars each. Peter wants one of these new GLs to replace the GS.

Spotted during the Wgtn ride to the Short Straw Cafe. Photo by Peter T.



## BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

### 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, pillion, 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

### South Island RAG Rally

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### other events

**BRONZ Ride Right, Ride Safe.** A great way to get to know your new bike. Usually third Sunday of the month at the Whenuapai Airbase. Contact Finn on 09 625 5533 or 027 484 6326 for details.

**More detail at [rrrs.org.nz](http://rrrs.org.nz)** - and they can **BRING THE COURSE TO YOU** if you can come up with the numbers and a venue: speak to Finn.

### 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

(<http://bmwor.org.nz>) for current information on events or contact the local Area Rep if you have any questions.

### northland

**Sunday 10 August - Pub Grub, Paparoa Hotel** Leaving Kawakawa War Memorial Car park at 1000, Main drag to Otaike Shops. Leaving 1100 from there, then Oakleigh/Paparoa. Or make your own way to Paparoa for midday. (Recycled from last month's flood affected attempt.)

**Sunday 17 August** - I'll be sitting on my wallet ahead of the Area Reps Meeting coming up, but you may like to meet up with Auckland at the Pizza Barn: see below.

### auckland

**Monday 11th August 7-30 pm. Meeting,** Vintage Car Club rooms. Fairfax Ave Penrose.

**Sunday 17th August. Tiki Tour.** Destination, Pizza Barn Waipu Lunch.

Meet. 9-00am Starbucks West Gate. Depart. 9-30am RIC TBA

### bay of plenty

**9th-10th August HOT AUGUST NIGHT** – this will be nearly underway when you receive your magazine and is our main event for this month. Looking forward to a great night.

**Next ride & pot luck dinner** coming up in September ..... info to come

### rangitikei

**Sunday 10 August Ride** Otaki Shopping Gals, Sue Cross. Studebaker display Otaki Guys, Don Cross.

**Tuesday 26 August 7.00 pm.** Dinner Movie & Meal, Feilding. Joy Wood.

### east coast

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

**Friday 8 – Sunday 10 August** – East Coast attending **Hot August Night** at Omokoroa. Make your booking separately and contact John on 844 4751 to let him know.

**Sunday 14 September – Ride to**



**Tarawera Café** (Napier Taupo highway) for lunch. Meet at BP Bay View at 11:00am. All enquiries to John on 844 4751.

**Sunday 12 October – Ride to Chook and Filly Café** for lunch. Meet at Caltex Omaha Road at 10:30am. All enquiries to Norm on 877 3383.

**Sunday 9 November – Ride to Waiouru Army Museum** for lunch. Meet at Caltex Omaha Road at 9:30am. All enquiries to Dan on 06 857 7058.

**Sunday 14 December – BMWOR East Coast Christmas** barbecue lunch hosted by Robyn and Warren Welch.

## area reports

### northland

Our ride for July was gazzumped by weather: sure it was fine and sunny on the day, but our roads have been left in an atrocious state, so I think we are all better off to ride by ourselves until some repairs are done. That way you don't get sucked into the old school trick of following the bike in front into the pothole or washout.

Ride 'n' Dines are not a happening thing, just us two from Kaikohe turning up, so I'll park them up until Daylight Savings and see if we get some uptake then.

Stay shiny side up. Luv n XXXX

Bwucie and Rusty

### auckland

#### Puhoi.



Past President /Auckland area rep, Ian Hawken, at Puhoi on the mid week ride for the retired and tired.

Ian still rides his K750s he bought new in 1988.



Left to right: Jennifer, Diane, Jean... "Young and retired".



Part of the 18 Bike, 23 strong, contingent who turned up for the tiki tour ride to the Puhoi Pub Lunch ride on a typical Auckland Day!!

Terry.

## bay of plenty

June continued to bring us some more stunning sunny days and warm temperatures in the Bay of Plenty, which prompted a good turnout of 13 bikes for our June ride. With quite a range of bike makes and models (plus a range of types and models of riders!) After a hearty brekkie feed and chin-wag at Café Nourish it was up the back roads to check out Whiritoa beach, and loop around the back of Whangamata and over the Kopu hill. Enjoying the warm weather so much we continued down to Pareoa One3One Bar for a well earned beer & light lunch. Still blessed with good weather we extended our ride home via the old Te Aroha Rd.

Then came July with massive easterly storms and rain. But the Bay of Plenty was kind to us again and turned on a stunning day for our July ride. A leisurely brunch at the AvGas Café looking out at the classic flyers gave a good time for catching up with a dozen old and new faces. The riders enjoyed a short run via Ohauiti Rd and Oropi Rd (through the storm debris and a bit of gravel), picked up another rider, Stuart from Rotorua, Oturoa Rd and finished up at the Okoroire Hotel – always a good selection of bikes to view there. Good to enjoy the best part of the winter days and meet up with riders from other areas.

Mike Long and Geri Goodman

### rangitikei

We gathered at the Halikarnas Turkish Café just a few steps from the Square in Palmerston North. A dozen enjoyed the chatter and the food selection. Robin and Joy were home from a big OE, so were able to share their memorable days. Robert J won the Jam award ... he is the fastest member to respond to all emails. Barry gave us an update about the Rally ... we will soon be assigning tasks to

willing members. We voted for our Christmas Dinner options, and a sit down meal has been selected. Yes, Yes .. early days but we are past the shortest day already after all.

Robin is looking for marshals to help with the push bike racing in Manawatu early in 2015. (After Christmas! After the Rally!!) He is keen to hear from anyone who would like help for one or some or all of the days of racing.

Rob G asked for help with site photos for the upcoming TT2000. Mike Hyde is preparing locations and a route map and he had asked Rob for a hand. Barry, Roger, Peer and Neville volunteered and have already accomplished this assignment on a day that, while sunny, was cold enough in patches to trigger ice warning flashes on the dash. Hardy dudes indeed!

Everyone has been sent their June - December riding and dining calendar.

Our plan to go to Thompson's Motorcycle museum in Rongotea morphed into a visit to the Coach House Museum in Fielding as the Thompsons were going off to a swap meet in the Waikato on the day. We will reschedule this event as it is great collection of bikes going back to 1904.

Shane was at the Woolshed Café coffee stop rendezvous a bit early as he had to connect with his family who have recently returned from a big OE. His very new red 800GS looked fantastic, drawing an appreciative audience in the car park.

At the Coach House Museum one member (no names please) tripped and hurt her wrist. A swarm of Dr Kildare and Nurse Hoolihan lookalikes took excellent care of her. We then had a guided look around the huge hall full of forms of transport dating from to the pre car era, along with John Deere tractors of all shapes and sizes. Then we went off for munchies at the Murrayfield Café near





The bike is a Douglas: the riding apparel of the day would not pass OSH approved standards today, and would have been seriously challenging to keep white on the roads "back in the day".

Shannon. We started with 9, and ended with 6, but no one was actually lost during the day.

Our July meal is to be at Speights Alehouse in Palmerston North. The next ride event, chaperoned by Sue and Don Cross, is to the Otaki shops (for the Gals) and the Guys are going to a Studebaker museum. This is our first "split" event so there should plenty of pillow talk that night.

I must say that I am really looking forward to our meeting with the other Area reps.

Lance Nixon

## east coast

Having lunched outside in the sun at the Duke of Edinburgh, Porangahau many times, we were hopeful of a good day for our July ride. During the week leading up to our Sunday ride, rain was predicted for the morning but, as so often happens in Hawkes Bay, it dawned a simply beautiful day.

A number of us met in Hastings – the Pearces in their car in the company of grandsons, the Changs on their new F800 GT, new member Wade, and others. We set off down SH2 and crossed over to Middle Road on Te Aute Trust Road, then out to the main Road again at Waipawa, and turned off to Porangahau at Waipukurau. It was remarked that there was more traffic than usual, but that really doesn't mean there was much. Some of us continued on to have a quick look at the beach, but the majority stopped at the Duke and met up with the Youngs and van Berlos. By the time we were all together, there was a total of 16.

As usual, we were able to sit out in the sun and enjoy our lunch, admire the bikes parked up and while away a couple of hours. There were only two complaints – the meal portions were too big and it was too hot in the sun! We all headed home separately to conclude a nice 18 degree winter's day in the sun.

Marie Nichol



Blue sky and bikes at the duke of Edinburgh.





Porangahau Beach: no birds to be seen, because they left no tern unstoned.

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# welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

- Fred and Deb Carter, Silverstream, Wellington
- Kevin Simpson, Gisborne

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.

## area reports wellington

The monthly ride for June was on Sunday 15 June to the Lake Ferry Pub on the South Wairarapa Coast ably led by Bruce Frost with his wife Virginia as pillion. Ten riders, two with pillion assembled at the Rimutuka Caltex for the 10 am start. The riders were Al Keane and Frosts – R1000GSPD's, Dave Thompson – F700GS, Nash's – F650GS(800), Roy – Honda, Dave Morris – Cruiser, Fred – Moto Guzzi, Deb – Honda Hornet, Brian Zamenek – R1200ST, Dave Oldenshaw – 1200GS. Peter and Ann Tibbs joined us for lunch at the Lake Ferry pub arriving by Toyota tin top. Ann did say that they had considered wearing their riding gear in the Toyota but thought it would have attracted undue attention and probable questions from the Constabulary.

The ride over the Rimutuka's was in light rain, a strong northerly wind and light traffic the gathering point being in Featherston at the start of the Western Lake Road all arrived without incident. The ride down the western side of Lake Wairarapa was in a strong gusting side wind. The writer filmed quite a lot of this part of the ride and the buffeting by the wind was picked up in the resulting video. The overcast weather did not detract from the scenery with the road going close to the lake in a number of places. This road goes past Cross Creek which is the Wairarapa end of the old Rimutuka railway which is now a walk way and a popular mountain bike ride. In a previous life I have ridden a mountain bike over this track which includes a 750 metre tunnel at the summit. The 9km ride or walk to the summit from the Kaitoke (Hutt) side is very scenic and well worth the effort.

From the Western Lake Road we turned



Dad and Dave<sup>2</sup> - Stephen Oatley, Dave Morris (scared of heights, has a short bike) and Dave Oldershaw.



Tibsy talking with long time 'Air Head' enthusiast Stephen Clark and his wife Mandy. Beside Stephen - Dave Morris, Anne Tibbs and Dave Oldershaw (obscured).



A misty shot of Upper Hutt from the top of Wallaceville Hill.





I am pleased to report that there is absolutely no truth to the rumour, which I just made up, that Stephen stopped here to get a new battery for his ankle bracelet. He stopped to photograph the rainbow in right of frame.

left on the East West Access Road which crosses the outlet from Lake Wairarapa into Lake Onoke turning right on to Kahutara Road and right again on to the Lake Ferry Road and onto the pub.

We arrived at the Lake Ferry pub just as they were opening so we had the place to ourselves for a while and enjoyed the refreshments served and the good natured banter that goes with these outings. The fish and chips were great however there could have been more fish. This Pub is clearly a popular destination as a steady stream of people arrived including some other bikers. After lunch we all made our own way home. We rode with Dave O and we passed a couple of groups of bikers heading toward Lake Ferry.

Another great ride in this area is the ride off Lake Ferry Road over to Cape Palliser and the nearby Seal colony this is a picnic ride and best left until the summer as there is no shelter and standing around in the rain eating a cut lunch is not my idea of a good time!!

The Lake Ferry pub ride was a success and provided an opportunity to catch up with fellow members and enjoy the company of kindred spirits thanks to Bruce Frost for taking the lead.

Until next time

Cheers

Peter Nash

Sunday 13 July.

A damp day here in Wellington and not a lot of enthusiasm from Register members for either ride that was on offer: a relatively long ride to join Lance Nixon et al in the Rangitikei on their jaunt to an agricultural museum at Feilding; or a leisurely pootle from BP Mana (Paremata) over to the Hutt Valley - specifically the Short Straw Cafe in Whiteman's Valley.

Thanks Bruce Frost for organising this ride. Bruce had visitors so he came the start to get us underway before returning home to entertain his and Virginia's guests

Stephen Oatley. (And thanks to you, too Stephen, for the photos.)

### nelson

Some say that great friendships and stronger bonds are formed when we share time, share food and share stories together and that is exactly what we did. The location was Ngakuta Bay in the Marlborough Sounds at Peter and Liz's house.

At 11'oclock sharp there were six bikes gathered at the meeting point and as usual Dale had a familiar pillion that is becoming a regular traveller with the group, his son, Ethan.

Just as we were about to leave Tony realized that he had no earplugs so he took off to the chemist to purchase some and that he will catch up with us. He did arrive as we all settled down to eat. Mark had made his own way there earlier.

Getting to Ngakuta Bay is a wonderful ride through the Whangamoia Saddle, then through the Grove Track which is a bit rough in places as the ground is not too stable, so there are a lot of bumps and big drops in the road and some were challenging. We did have a couple of showers as expected this time of the year but nothing too serious.

Once we were at Ngakuta Bay it was a different story. The sun was at it's best for a winter day, no wind, no fizz boats down the bay to disturb the peace and more so Peter and Liz's neighbour had the courtesy not to use his noisy weed eater.

It was my first ride without "Mission Controller 2014" as she was at her parent's place looking after her parents

and sorting their affairs. Since she did not accompany me I forgot to take the camera and our cameraman Nigel doesn't register/ride his bike over the winter, there are no pictures of our ride.

We spent about two and a half hours enjoying a BBQ lunch and catching up before heading home separately. Hans decided that he hadn't had a long enough ride, and decided to ride the long way home via the Wairau Valley and St Arnaud. I am sure he had a magic day's ride just like all of us.

Many thanks to Peter and Liz for your hospitality and sharing your magic piece of the Queen Charlotte Sound.

Revti Verma

## Reminder

**It is that time of the year, folk.**

**If you have not yet renewed your subscription, this will be the last Newsletter you get delivered until you are once again financial.**

## Another reminder! PHOTOS.

If you are going to send photos for inclusion in the Newsletter, please send a larger, rather than a smaller file. (Unless you are in the habit of taking 10Mb pictures like I often do: in that case, put them on the cloud somewhere and send me the URL to retrieve them.)

What looks like a nice photo inline in an email just won't, normally, cut the mustard in print.

**Hint:** a lot of email programs will automatically downsize your photos before sending the message, if you include the images in the message body. **Attach** the images instead.

**Another Hint:** Peter Bath has a notice elsewhere in the Newsletter (Page 14) about Digital Images for the internet. Print sized images are probably going to be too big for him!

Viva la difference!

# Disclaimer:

Darryl has asked for an edit in his letter, which I have made. Despite the edit, I still think it is worth replying to the points in his letter.

**The reply is entirely mine, and should not be considered to be the collective opinion of the Committee, or the other individuals who comprise the Committee.**

## Letter to the Editor

I have been a member of the BMWOR of NZ for over 20 years. Each month I look forward to reading my Newsletter. Along with reading articles, I also expect to be kept up to date with the running of the Register.

In the past all meetings were minuted and reported in the newsletter, however for the last few years there have been no Executive minutes, nor Area Rep meeting reports.

I have always felt the newsletter has been the main source of information sharing for all Register members, yet this doesn't seem to be happening with the new way of running the Register.

We seem to be spending money on the Executive and Area reps to have these meeting (which is fair enough) however one would expect minutes to be kept and a report on the discussion to appear in the next available newsletter for all members to read. I have yet to see this, surely this is common practice in any club/Register?

Disappointed member

Darryl Applegate

Dear Darryl,

In reply to the points in your letter:

1 Executive Committee Meeting minutes are included in the Newsletter in the first issue published after the meeting.

2 Area Rep Meetings are a new initiative of the previous Committee. I personally think they are a brilliant idea, and I cannot think of anyone who has actually attended one who does not think that. The output from the second meeting has been available since September the tenth last year at <http://bmwor.org.nz/publications/> (Look for "BMWOR – GUIDE TO BEING AN EFFECTIVE AREA REP")

It was a collaborative effort put together from the collective wisdom of all the attendees, and will help save future Area Reps having to invent the wheel all over again. It is not the sort of document you whip up during tea break on a slow afternoon at work.

3 As made clear above, this is happening with the "new way" of running the Register, therefore your last paragraph is redundant, and I do not need to address it particularly.

The requirements for meetings are set out in our **Constitution and Rules:**

(iv).2 The Executive Committee will meet at least four (4) times every year.

Meetings may be held in person or by any other means of communicating as decided on by the Executive Committee from time to time. All members of the Executive Committee will be given at least (7) days notice of the meeting by the Secretary, verbally or in writing.

(iv).3 The Secretary will ensure that a minute book is maintained which is available to any member of the

Society and which, for each meeting of the Executive Committee, records:

(iv).3.1 the names of those present;

(iv).3.2 all decisions which are required by the constitution or by law to be made by the Society; and

(iv).3.3 any other matters discussed at the meeting.

We discharge that responsibility, and of course there is a constant background exchange of information going on via phone, email and internet chat between Committee Members.

All of which parallels what happened before the governance changes that established the current Executive Committee. Previously the Officers would turn up on meeting night with all business largely worked out, and (mostly) the members present who made up the balance of the Quorum would rubber stamp their proposals.

The current Committee does not enjoy that instantaneous "thumbs up/thumbs down" vox populus feedback on Meeting Night, but we are not tied to one part of the country to provide the quorum to authorise our decisions: we cannot be captured by geography. All our decision making has to take into account all members, whether they are in Auckland, Wellington or Waikikamukau.

And, of course, all our members, including those in Waikikamukau, decide at the AGM each year whether our performance has been up to standard.

All the Committee members have their contact details on Page 3 of the Newsletter, and all the area reps on the back cover. "When you have doubts, give us a shout." We are not monsters, and we are not a Secret society.

Kind regards,

Bwucie

## An Act Of Poesy\*

What is life,  
If full of care  
You don't take time  
To drive a Chair?  
Have a Chromedome?  
Grow Dreadhair?  
Ride through life  
With a happy grin,  
Pack of stubbies,  
Glass of gin?

Without those disappointment thrives.

Get onya bikes, enjoy your lives.

\* Our Poet Floreate, Dave Morris, will explain to you the difference between his poetry and my poesies. Or grab a dictionary.





## Motorcycle Marshals' required. 2015 NZ Cycle Classic 28th January -1st February 2015

From Wednesday 28th January to Sunday 1st February the **New Zealand Men's Cycle Classic** will again be raced in the Manawatu. Race promoter, Jorge Sandoval, has once again asked the BMWOR to act as motorcycle marshals for the event.

**The following link will give you more information:** <http://www.cycletounz.com/>

### What does this mean?

To give you some idea of the size, there will be approximately 100+ riders (local and international) taking part and of course there will be many officials and assistance crews.

We are being asked to act as race marshals, ensuring that road closures and traffic hazards are controlled.

We will be controlling a rolling road closure in conjunction with Police and race officials.

So, not only do you get a close up view of the racing but also get to do some 'creative and exciting' riding.

### What do we need?

What we found from past events is ideally at least 8 riders are required each day (apart from the Wednesday TT's when only 3-4 will be needed).

They do not need to be the same riders each day, so, if you can only spare a day or two then we still need you.

### FAQ's.

**Insurance:** Whilst you are part of the race convoy you will be covered by the race organisers 'Public Liability' insurance cover but, of course, you should also hold your own comprehensive cover.

**Petrol reimbursement:** The race organisers will make a donation to the BMWOR that in turn will be distributed equitably among those taking part.

**Pillions':** Marshals are not to be carrying a pillion. Some of the route is over narrow winding roads. You will at times be negotiating through the race peleton and support vehicles so there is a need to be nimble and agile on the bike. Like was said above 'some creative and exciting' riding!!

**Accommodation:** Anyone from out of town wanting to be a part of this and in need of accommodation just let Robin (treasurer@bmwor.org.nz) know.

### What now?

Register your interest now by email to Robin.

This is a great opportunity for us to promote the BMWOR and be part of a fully televised International Cycle event. So please, put these dates into your calendar now and email Robin asap if you will be available.

In the past we have had riders from as far away as Dunedin, Nelson, Wellington and Auckland. Just ask anyone who took part if they enjoyed the experience. I'm sure you will get a positive response.

PS: Please note that this event is being held the week following the National Rally in Wanganui. You may want to consider extending your stay to this area!!



2013 Marshalls ready to rumble.  
Photo from Robin Woods's "Box Brownie" which mysteriously announces itself in file properties as a Konica. Robin! You fib!

## RALLY UPDATE

1. The accommodation at the Wanganui River Top Ten Holiday Park (06 343 8402 and ask for Ben) is filling fast. Thanks to those who have made their booking. The public are now able to make their own bookings. As at 4 July there was only 2 Motel units, 3 Kitchen Cabins 1 Family room and 7 Bunk rooms available. Be quick!!!!

2. Todd at Motomart is willing to bring a few demo bikes to the site on Friday afternoon. Book your ride on the day at the Rally

3. On both Saturday and Sunday we will be offering rides with all sealed and mostly unsealed options. Each ride will get you back to base in time for the next event on the programme. Sunday's rides will be the longer than the Saturday rides

4. Short "excursion rides" to local points of interest will also be available on Saturday and Sunday.

5. At the AGM the Exec will be presenting awards. The process for selection of each of these awards will be published later this year for:

A The Fly Trophy for the longest distance covered in a year (presented at Annual Rally)

B The Lady's Fly Trophy for longest distance covered by a woman (presented at the Annual Rally)

C The Gun Trophy for the most popular article published in the newsletter (presented at AGM)

D The Oops award for the biggest mishap (presented at December meeting or AGM)

E The Mitchell Janssen 2UP Award for the most rides by a pillion. (presented at the AGM)

F The Concourse Trophy for concourse d'elegance (presented at the Annual Rally)

G The Rick Kirkman Memorial Award for Gymkhana (presented at the Annual Rally)

6. Wanted: Member to act as our official photographer throughout the weekend. If you can help please contact Barry.

Barry Hawthorn

Chef de Mission

06 344 8063

021 263 7576

[jeanandbarry@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jeanandbarry@slingshot.co.nz)

# BMWOR REGISTRATION FORM



23-25 January 2015

Name:..... Partners name:.....

Address:.....

Email:..... BMWOR#:.....

Phone:..... Mob:.....

Bike:..... Model:..... Year:.....

Please make your accommodation bookings direct with **Whanganui River Top 10 Holiday Park** by **Telephone, 06 343 8402**, (to be part of the BMWOR group).

☐ Please tick the box to indicate your interest in gravel rider training.

					Number	Cost	TOTAL
Registration						\$25.00	
Badge						\$12.00	
	Small	Medium	Large	X Large			
Men's polo						\$46.00	
Women's polo						\$46.00	
Friday Evening Dinner						\$15.00	
Saturday Breakfast; Continental together with 2 hot options						\$12.50	
Saturday Cut lunch						\$10.00	
Saturday Rally Dinner						\$38.00	
Sunday Breakfast; Continental together with 2 hot options						\$12.50	
Sunday Cut lunch						\$10.00	
Sunday BBQ Dinner						\$25.00	
Monday Breakfast; Continental together with 2 hot options						\$12.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Banking (preferred)					<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque Enclosed	TOTAL	

All Registration Forms (and Cheques) to:

BMWOR 2015 Rally  
C/- Neville Parker  
10 Hampton Place  
Wanganui  
4501  
027 630 1838  
[nevinkay@gmail.com](mailto:nevinkay@gmail.com)

Payment by Internet Banking to:  
TSB BMWOR RALLY Account:

**15-3973-0032424-00**

(Note, this is NOT the account you pay your sub into!)

Enter your Name and BMWOR Membership number with 'Rally' in Message /Reference.

General enquires to:

Rally Coordinator  
Barry and Jeanette Hawthorn

06 344 8063  
[jeanandbarry@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jeanandbarry@slingshot.co.nz)

Registrations close on  
15 November.

*Disclaimer: This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as in the Register's official Newsletter. By registering for this event participants agree to abide by all the conditions of the said Management Plan*





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## GUIDELINES FOR HAVING PHOTOS UPLOADED ONTO OUR NATIONAL PICTURE SITE



The hosting site Flickr, is intended for members to share original photos and video that they themselves have created. We can't really upload anything that isn't ours. By submitting a picture for upload you are in fact gifting it and the rights to it to the club so that it can become ours. You therefore need to have personally taken or own the photos that you submit. Photos collected or copied from around the internet (e.g. a great pic of Michael Dunlop riding to victory in the Isle of Man on his S1000RR) can't be uploaded onto our site unless one of our members actually took it themselves. (It will be possible to share other interesting photos found on the internet through the Forum site)

To maintain some uniformity and enhance viewing pleasure (especially those viewing slideshows) the following file size is required: **1024x768 ("Large" Windows Explorer resize)** greater than 1 MB is getting too large (in JPEG format) Photos to be emailed to - **photos@bmwor.org.nz** Photos on USB memory sticks posted to - BMWOR NZ, P O Box 109-

245, Newmarket, Auckland, 1149 (No video will be uploaded to Flickr at this stage)

Photo files pertaining to a ride or event need to be grouped into a set/album and each set/album given a - Area code - (NLD, AUK, BOP, ECO, RAN, WEL, MRL, NEL, CAN, OTA etc.) (groups from different areas could do the same ride e.g. the Molesworth) Brief name - for ride/event Date- (same ride/event may be repeated annually) (When selection for an album takes place, this will be done on the basis of what is learnt from viewing stats)

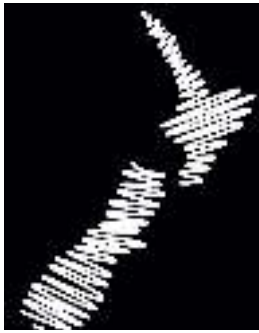
Title/caption given to photo by renaming the pic file (Once uploaded more details can be provided by the person submitting it by their adding a comment from within Flickr)

Lastly, you need to indicate who you would like to be able to view the photo: Public - anyone in the wide world if the web who comes across it on Flickr (through open search engines) Friends/Family only - present and past members of BMWOR NZ only. This selection will be made much easier if it is for the whole set/album rather than for individual photos in the set.

If photos are submitted according to the above, we will do our best to get them uploaded with the minimum of delay.

Peter B





## NZ Distance Riders

Lest anybody wonder if we have any members left that still look forward to "Endurance" type rides, Folker Liebenow and Al Keane can both testify there are still some "Good, Keen Men" around: their emails about NZ Distance Riders arrived fairly close together.

So, from their July newsletter, here is your first opportunity.

### North Island 1,600 Registrations and Entry Forms

Come on distance riders. There's a 1,600km-in-24-hours event starting in Turangi in October. If you'd like to ride in it, you'll need to officially enter. You can do this online here <http://www.distanceriders.org.nz/the-north-island-1600.html>. There's also a downloadable form on that page that you can print off, complete and post to us at PO Box 29017, Ngaio, Wellington 6443. Bank account details for online payments are on the web page and on the printed form.

In our last newsletter we said we won't be starting the event with less than 30 riders. We're still short of that target but the Organisers have had a change of heart, and we'll go with whatever numbers we get. If there are fewer than 30 participants, then there may be some nipping and tucking in terms of some of the advertised features we've been promoting, but there will be a ride. Any financial surplus after all costs have been paid will be divvied up and returned to participating riders.

We'll advise in our August newsletter whether we'll be going with the currently advertised plan or whether a Plan B will apply.

We will need to start incurring costs on your behalf soon if we're going to deliver a worthwhile event. So if you're a serious Distance Rider, please get your entry forms completed and returned and your entry fees paid ASAP.

Please spread the word – and this newsletter – to your riding buddies and any biker organisations you're involved with. The more riders we get, the more of a social occasion October's ride will be and the more services and benefits can be offered.

#### The Route

The Route is only known to the Organisers at the moment and may be

shared with some of our Volunteers' Team. It will remain a secret until 7:00pm on Friday 10 October when it will be revealed in the event's control centre at Turangi.

We've had some enquiries about whether the route will be available in some sort of downloadable format for riders with GPS devices. The Organisers are still pondering that one. Whatever happens, all riders will be provided with detailed route instructions outlining all of the intersections where turns are needed and the distances between. That should make things straightforward for riders who

use old-fashioned maps as well as those who prefer to let a machine show them the way home.

We will share one important thing with you about this year's route. One section will entail a 240km gap between fuel stops. So if your ride's range is going to be troubled by that, then you will need to carry fuel, or have a generous riding buddy. Or perhaps both!

#### Volunteers needed please

July is event volunteers' month.

A successful event in October will need more than just riders. We're after a team of volunteers to help be part of a roster at the Control Centre in Turangi; be motorcycle scrutineers before the start; take on checkpoint monitoring duties; and help with catering and any other things that may be needed to be done.

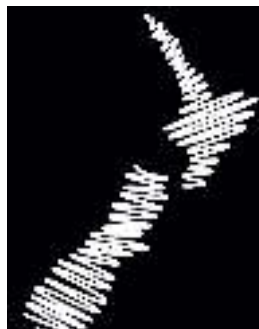
If you're keen to be involved but not to ride, or know people who enjoy being part of the behind-the-scenes activities at events like these, then please let us know. Not all volunteers will be needed at Turangi. There will be manned checkpoints at a handful of locations around the North Island, so could people with geographic preferences please let us know so that we can mix and match.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Turangi

If you have any questions, please drop us a line, either to [distanceriders@gmail.com](mailto:distanceriders@gmail.com) or write to us,

NZ Distance Riders  
PO Box 29017, Ngaio  
Wellington 6443.

Mike Angell  
John Maroulis  
James Riley  
Brett Sangster



## Praying for Help

A woman received a call that her daughter was sick. She stopped by the pharmacy to get medication.

Got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her help. Within 5 minutes a beat up old motorcycle pulled up. The driver was a bearded man wearing an old biker skull rag. The man got off his motorbike and asked if he could help.

She said, "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open.

She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank You SO Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday, I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again sobbing, "Oh, thank you God! You even sent me a professional!"



## SOUTH ISLAND RAG RALLY

HAAST..... November ..... Friday 21 to Sunday 23.

This is the weekend preceding the Burt Munro. Have a pre silly season break & join us at

Haast River TOP 10 Holiday Park

Reservations – 0800 624 847 [www.haasttop10.co.nz](http://www.haasttop10.co.nz)



Details are still being refined but expect a great selection of riding roads to converge on the venue, a ride down the gravel to gaze at the Cascade River and dream of a through-route to Te Anau, lunch at Jackson's Bay (crayfish, anyone?), food drink and conversation within staggering distance of bed, maybe the odd sandfly, and hopefully some sunshine (pack the mossie repellent and waterproofs just in case...)

**Accommodation should be booked directly with Haast River TOP 10**, but please let us know if you're planning to attend (email to [otagosouthland@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:otagosouthland@bmwor.org.nz) would be great) so we can keep track of numbers and plan to get enough craypots out to ensure lunch. We'll also do our best to run a clearing service for spare beds through the same email address so let us know if you've got part of a cabin or unit you'd like to share, or if you're looking to share and wondering if anybody already has a booking you could add yourself to; we'll put potentially compatible parties in touch with each other and leave it to you to work things out.

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BMWOR OF NZ INC. EXECUTIVE HELD IN PALMERSTON NORTH SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2014.

**MEETING** commenced 10:30 am

#### **Present:**

Peter Tibbs (President), Peter Bath (Vice President) via skype, Bruce Crowther (Editor), Robin Wood (Treasurer), Folker Liebenow (Membership Secretary), and David Oldershaw (Secretary).

President opened the meeting by welcoming all members of the Executive to the Meeting.

#### **Minutes from Previous meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting, held on

15 March 2014 were approved

#### **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Rally wash up. A summary of income and expenditure from the Nelson Rally was tabled by Robin Wood.

#### **Life Memberships:**

It was proposed that a certificate be presented to all life members. The certificate would be presented to all past life members.

Moved Peter Tibbs seconded Robin Wood

#### **President**

Peter reminded everyone to;

- ensure tasks are completed asap to keep things running smoothly, and
- The need for teamwork and communication.

#### **Vice President:**

The issue of the website was discussed and the following points were noted:

- The website is the gateway to BMWOR and in its current format the website appeals to only a small section of members. The Forum often appears to be an unfriendly and aggressive site where newcomers/outsideers can easily feel excluded.

- Going forward it is proposed to change the culture of the website to bring it more in line with the spirit of the constitution and more in keeping with what a larger cross section of members would feel comfortable with. The website needs to become more central to BMWOR activities.

We can increase the appeal of the website locally and internationally by:

- Moderation and rules for posts. At least two moderators will be required but moderation by peers becomes the



goal.

- The use of open and closed areas on the website,
- Open areas include – all past newsletters in digital format, photograph site, regular new articles of interest, and
- Closed areas include – Current Month Newsletter, posting of future rides, Proxy forms, Renew subs, shop, and "member viewing only" photos.

Action Peter B/Bruce/Robin

#### Membership:

- Database issues are still a major issue,
- It is proposed that the database issues be resolved by moving to a simple spreadsheet and decreasing our dependence on Microsoft access. It was proposed that this work be completed early 2015.
- Folker away 25 Aug – 8 Oct. Dave to step in whilst Folker away.

Action Folker/Dave

#### Treasurer:

Treasurer's report tabled Moved Robin  
Seconded Dave

The BMWOR public liability insurance was discussed. Robin to discuss details of the public liability insurance with the AON representative Leonie Steadman and email his recommendations to the executive for their decision.

Action Robin

#### Constitution

Robin advised that the IRD has reclassified BMWOR to a nonprofit organization or charity and the remit to the constitution approved at the AGM in Nelson in January 2014 is now in effect.

#### Christmas subsidy

The \$6.00 subsidy for Christmas functions to be discontinued to comply with the requirements of our constitution and tax status.

Moved Bruce Seconded Robin

Bruce to draft a letter for inclusion in the next newsletter, to explain the removal of the Christmas subsidy in line with the requirements of our constitution and tax status

Action Bruce

#### Secretary:

- The issue of the GUN Trophy has been resolved. The GUN Trophy was dispatched to Jill Evans on 16 June along with a letter of apology.

- A letter is to be written to Garry Williams thanking him for his article about a group of New Zealanders who followed the Dakar Rally which appeared in Clubs International

Action Dave

#### Editor:

- It is proposed to change the paper the newsletter is printed on from the current 100gsm paper to 80gsm

paper. There will be a reduction of cost to BMWOR as a result. The change to 80gsm paper will make the newsletter easier to fold and allow us to comply with the 6mm gap for postage.

- A remit to remove the editor's role from the executive has been received from Bruce.

#### General Business:

##### Area Rep meeting:

Peter T. has proposed an area rep meeting to be held in conjunction with the Executive Meeting is to be on 23-24 Aug at Omori close to Turangi. An email has been sent to area reps inviting them to attend this meeting.

Action Dave

##### Shop

First Aid kits are to be removed from the Shop as they are time expired.

##### Life Membership Certificates

A number of draft life membership certificates have been produced. They have been returned for further amendments. A final version of the life membership certificates will be emailed to the executive for approval. This final version is to be submitted to BMW for approval.

Action Dave

##### Closure:

Meeting closed at 2.05pm

## Effects Of Our Current Tax Status And Constitution

In order to obtain from the IRD the status of "Non Profit Making Organisation" it was first necessary to amend our Constitution and Rules. Particularly, under Rule 8: Finances, sub para (vii) was amended to read thus:

"No member, or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the Register in respect of the payment to, or on behalf of, that member or

associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever. Any such payment shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being the open market value). The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document, and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document."

This changed requirement means that the subsidy previously available for Christmas functions is no longer tenable. To continue the practice would place the Register at risk of being penalised by IRD - it could lose us the "Non Profit Making" status. It is the opinion of the Committee that such a "gift" could not be seen to be at arm's length. Accordingly, at the Committee Meeting on 22nd June it was moved and passed that the practice of subsidising Christmas functions cease (which you will notice in the minutes of the meeting.)

There was some discussion about this. The fact that, for instance the Cancer Society, Child Cancer Foundation, and other charitable organisations of similar ilk fund functions and small gifts to thank volunteers was mentioned. That does not comprise a parallel to a subsidy to members for a Christmas function. Volunteers have to be thanked and cultivated, or there would very soon be next to no volunteers. A function to thank them, some flowers or a cuppa tea and a sticky bun are part of the operating cost of the charities: a small recompense for the volunteers' time and the sacrifices they have made in time and effort to support the charity.

We were fortunate that we managed to fulfil the IRD's requirements to formalise our status without getting our ticket clipped as we passed through the process. It would be wise to give the Tax Man no reason to reassess that status by making gifts to members.

#### Summary of Income & Expenditure - 2014 National Rally

Income:	
Rally registrations	\$ 11,119.00
Ex main account re share of venue hire for AGM	\$ 450.00
Raffle proceeds	\$ 448.00
Total Income	\$ 12,017.00

Expenses:	
Catering and Venue Hire costs	\$ 10,880.00
Badges & engraving	\$ 852.66
Stationery & postage	\$ 198.74
Miscellaneous expenses incurred by organisers	\$ 642.67
Total expenses	\$ 12,574.07

Operating deficit: (\$ 557.07)

I have extracted figures from the transactions channelled through the Register's Event account to give us this breakdown. Although there is a small deficit this can be more than accommodated by accumulated surpluses from previous events.

Robin Wood  
Treasurer  
BMWOR of NZ Inc

## BMWOR Treasurers Report

I am pleased to present to the Executive meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 the following report outlining the financial position of the organisation as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

### 1. Current and Investment accounts – Balance as at 31/5/2014:

TSB (00) Cheque account - Main:	\$ 1,476.62
TSB – Event account:	\$ 6,096.30

#### TSB Term Deposits:

71-0001	Matures 28/08/14	\$10,000(3.80%)
71-0003	Matures 25/07/14	\$10,000(3.80%)
71-0004	Matures 25/01/15	\$10,000(4.00%)
71-0005	Matures 02/09/14	<u>\$ 5,000 (3.70%)</u>
Total		\$35,000

### 2. Reconciled Cash Position after allowing for Creditors/Transfers due June \*14:

Main A/c	Balance as at 31/5/14 (TSB)	\$ 1,476.62
	LESS:	
	Accounts due 20/6/14	\$ 2,405.46
	PLUS:	
	Subs received June to date	\$ 1,571.00
	Reconciled Cash (Main A/c) up to 13 June	<b>\$ 842.16</b>
Event A/c	Balance as at 31/5/14	\$ 6,096.30
	LESS:	
	Accounts due	\$ 134.90
	PLUS:	
	Nat Rally Rego's received June to date	\$ 1,435.00
	Reconciled Cash (Event A/c) up to 13 June	<b><u>\$ 7,396.40</u></b>

### 3. Revenue/Expenditure YTD (31/5/14):

Below is a summary of Income/Expenditure for the financial year to date (for simplicity and brevity I have extracted the major items and lumped the balance under 'Remainder'). If the Executive requires further information this can be supplied.

		12/13 Full Year	
- Main Account:	Cash In-	\$ 17,340.00	\$ 20,973
	Sub's		
	Advertising	\$ 4,295.00	\$ 5,335
	Remainder	<u>\$ 5,439.26</u>	<u>\$ 1,300</u>
	Total Income	\$ 27,062.26	\$ 27,508
	Cash Out-	\$ 14,395.91	\$ 22,459
	Printing		
	Postage	\$ 3,997.57	\$ 5,753
	Remainder	<u>\$ 6,851.40</u>	<u>\$ 8,571</u>
	Total outgoing	\$ 25,234.00	\$ 35,783
	Surplus for YTD	\$ 1,847.30	Deficit \$ 9,175
- Event Account:	Cash In-	\$ 15,252.00	
	Cash Out-	\$ 15,616.01	

### 4. Current financial matters:

a. IRD. I am very pleased that after almost 18mths of negotiating swathes of red tape we finally have IRD confirmation of 'Non-profit organisation' status along with a RWT Certificate of Exemption. A copy of the latter has been lodged with our bankers.

This 'Non Profit' status carries with it some financial responsibilities that the Executive needs to be aware of. Particularly in terms of the amendments made to our constitution as ratified by members at the last AGM.

### 5. Term Deposit Maturities:

Maturities spread throughout the next twelve months. Deposit #0003 maturing 25/07/14 to be rolled over for a further 6 months as incoming subscriptions should be adequate to cover normal outgoings.

I table this report and move that it be accepted as a true and correct record of the current financial position of the Register.

Robin Wood  
Treasurer  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014.



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## Letter To The Editor

Hi Bruce,

Trust you're recovering from the storm - must have been a big one, looks like a big cleanup when I get back. Been following on Herald site & see road at Maromaku trashed.

Had a great couple of days at the BMW Event, well worth going to.

I've taken lots of pics. Met plenty of interesting people and all very friendly just not enough time to see it all. BMW certainly invest heavily in putting this Event on and don't even charge an Entry Fee.

We're in Torbolino, Lake Garda heading back to Garmisch today after a couple days around Lake.

So much traffic on roads, lots of bikes but hard to get a clean ride. Italian Autostrada and roads in general need a lot of concentration as they're quite narrow and inside lane is end to end trucks.

Have enjoyed Italian food but used up my annual quota of Pizza & Pasta.

Catch up on return.

Cheers,

Ian Macartney

We won't too much go into how Ian happened to make it to Garmisch: could cause trouble with Her Indoors and the whanau. Wasn't a happy time for them, and pure coincidence that it was right place, right time for Ian.

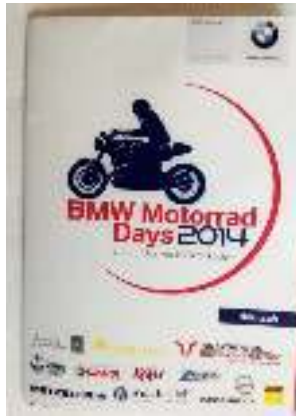
The event he refers to was the Munich/Garmisch-Partenkirchen BMW Motorrad Days, and they don't come a whole lot bigger for Beemer fans.

From BMW's press release:

Anyone who has been to the BMW Motorrad Days at least once is familiar with the basic atmosphere: by day there



(BMW press photo)



Photos off Ian's phone: bikes on the right are "just a few" demonstrators for rides.



is a great celebration of motorcycling and at night people on the same wavelength simply celebrate life itself - and both parts are as relaxed and open-minded as is typical of the very best motorcycle parties. This year there were once again some 40,000 two-wheel fans present in Garmisch - the same figure as for the record year 2013. There was simply something to suit every mood and every kind of motorcycle culture. Those with a rockabilly hairstyle went to see the rock 'n' roll bands playing at the Motodrom in the evening. Those in search of party music found it in the beer tent. Those who prefer things to be simple went to see Byron play his guitar by the camp fire.

The trend towards motorcycling as a lifestyle - already clearly in evidence at Hausberg last year - was even more pronounced this time round, with Ace Cafe, Motodrom and some great BMW conversions reflecting a richly varied motorcycle culture. And in spite of the fact that the show rate at the Motodrom was increased to one every half hour, the shows were full every time.

It's worth keeping your eyes open at the BMW Motorrad Days because there are always a number of special guests who make the trip out to Hausberg. This year's celebrities included:

**Michael Dunlop**, who secured three victories this year at the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy on this BMW S 1000 RR - in the Superbike and Superstock classes and in the Senior TT.

**Valerie Thompson**, America's fastest woman who recently set a straight-line speed record on her BMW S 1000 RR - and loved the winding rounds around Garmisch.

**Katrin Matsushita**, world champion in table football, who was happy to challenge table football hopefuls in the Football Tent.

**Troy Corser**, two-times superbike world champion, pole position record-holder, BMW Motorrad brand ambassador and

development rider involved in the success of the BMW S 1000 RR

**Roland Sands**, designer, who brought along a converted BMW R nineT - the superb BMW Concept Ninety was there again, too.

**Jolandie Rust**, adventurer, author, long-distance cyclist and motorcyclist, who rode around the entire continent of Africa on her own on a BMW F 650 GS Dakar, covering a total of 45,000 kilometres!

**Ryan Pyle**, multiple award-winning photographer, TV presenter, film-maker and author, who rode through China with his brother on two BMW F 800 GS, covering a distance of 18,000 km.

**Alena Gerber**, model, presenter and motorcyclist, who demonstrated in the Event Arena that there are more alternatives to black than you might assume when it comes to motorcycle clothing.

**Makani Terror**, piercer, model, living tattoo art canvas, who presented popular merchandising articles on her own body. (Say what? - Ed.)

**Rene Changuion**, brand ambassador for BMW South Africa, who lives out the connection between motorcycling and Christianity.

**Hannes Jaenicke**, actor, who comes to Garmisch every year even though he lives in the USA. He offered a tour for women only. (Say what, again?)

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More from Garmisch: Clockwise from top left - Get them young, they are yours for life. Nekmimmit you have the Polizei chasing them, in industrial numbers. And when the sun sets, they will still be partying. (BMW Press photos)



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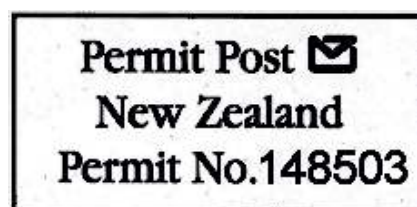
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