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president's podium



While the country is being battered about by the bad weather the work continues on in the background on the Annual Rally which is to be held in Hanmer Springs in the last weekend of January 2016. The effort Garry and Jo along with those assisting them in organising the Rally is gathering pace and will undoubtedly make this an outstanding event. The Rally is one you should not miss. For not only will the weekend be one to remember as the location of Hanmer Springs opens up so many possible options in terms of the journey to the Rally and your journey home. In order to take some of the last minute

pressure off the Rally organisers why not send your Rally registration off now and at the same time secure your accommodation for it is better to dot the I's and cross the T's now than get caught up in the last minute rush?

The places available on the **After Rally Tour** are filling up and as there are only twelve places available why not now contact me now if a tour of the South Island immediately following on from the Rally with a small group of fellow motorcyclists is something you have on your bucket list?

Renewals. By now you should have received your 2015-2016 renewal notice via our data based email address as supplied by you. Please check and correct any details that do not apply as of now and return to our Membership Secretary (Folker). If you have not yet received an email re your renewal then please contact Folker by emailing membership@bmwor.org.nz this would be very much appreciated.

Area Representatives. An Area Rep meeting will take place in September. These meetings provide the opportunity for Area Representatives to come together and exchange ideas and solutions to any concerns a Representative might have. If you are based in an Area that does not currently have a Representative representing your Area and you feel you could make a difference to the way your Area functions I would very much like to hear from you. If you are able to attend the next Area Rep meeting I am more than happy to discuss any detail that may concern you.

This is a good time of the year to have the bike checked out, those tyres, lights along with all the bits and pieces that keep your bike in good condition and keep you and your pillion safe. While you are having your bike checked out, why not run your eye over your riding gear! Make sure your riding gear is up to standard. Don't forget your pillion passenger also needs to have good riding gear.

As always – wheels down, feet up!

Peter

Aka. Tibsy.

THANK YOU!

Wayne and Dale Painter, who have for many years been otherwise known as Apex Trophies and Engraving, have decided to retire and go travelling. It has been their effort and skills that have produced our badges over the years, fulfilling the requirements of successive Membership Secretaries, Secretaries and Event Organisers. They are good people, and both of them have put a lot into motorcycling in Auckland and now, particularly, North Harbour.

Their services have been greatly appreciated, and they thoroughly deserve some travel time without having to rush home to meet their next customer's deadline.

Enjoy the change of lifestyle, and enjoy the ride.

Cover

Parking lot on the Australian BMW GS Safari Enduro: the Darling-Murray River Run.
Story and more photos P16.

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

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 - and they can **BRING THE COURSE TO YOU** if you can come up with the numbers and a venue: speak to Finn.

15 - 16 August - Star Insurance Classic Bike Show.
<http://nzmotorcyclideshow.co.nz/> (see Bay of Plenty below.)

<http://www.motorbikeventures.co.nz/> for more info and contact

10-11 Oct: North Island 1600, NZ Distance Riders.

The ride that occupies the evolutionary niche that was once the domain of the Rusty Nuts.

<http://www.distanceriders.org.nz/the-north-island-1600.html> to book. Enjoy, and say, "G'day," to volunteer Folker as you pass through his checkpoint.

11 - 13 Dec: South Island R.A.G. Rally (Page 15)

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 19 Jul, Lunch at Whangaroa Pub. Find your own way there for a burger after 1200 (I may rock up in a kayak rather than a motorsickle, depending on the weather.)

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auckland

Sunday 19 Jul, Whitianga or Coromandel (North Loop). leaving Southbound Motorway Service Centre, SH1 Papakura, 0930.

bay of plenty

Sunday 26th July - Short Winter Ride to Tirau via Lake Rotorua Meet Caltex Greerton. Depart 10:30am

15th-16th August - Classic August Night - Ride - Lunch at Kaiaua - Ride -

Stay Miranda Holiday Park & Hot Springs overnight with camp BBQ - Sunday, visit the Classic & Custom Bike Show in Auckland - Ride home. Ph 0800 833 144 to book your own accommodation asap - www.mirandaholidaypark.co.nz - and email us your interest for more details for this event (bayofplenty@BMWOR.org.nz). All Area members welcome.

rangitikei

Sunday 12 July - Ride Highway 52 to Waipukarau. Don Cross

Tuesday 28 July - Dinner, Levin venue to be arranged. John Christie

Sunday 9 August - Ride Highway 52 to Masterton and on to Martinborough. Neville Parker

Tuesday 25 August - Dinner, Palmerston North Speights Ale House. Robin Wood

Sunday 13 September - Overnight to New Plymouth. Depart Saturday and stay at Belt Road Holiday Camp, visit Tawhiti museum on the way home. Don Cross

Tuesday 29 September - Dinner, Carolines Boat Shed, 181 Somme Parade, Wanganui. Peer Nielsen

Sunday 11 October - Ride to Rotokare Lake for a picnic. Lance Nixon

Tuesday 27 October - Dinner at Essence Café & Bar Feilding. Peter Truter

east coast

Monthly gathering at the Puketapu Hotel, 679 Puketapu Road, Puketapu. Last Tuesday of each month from

6:00pm onwards.

Sunday 12 July - Local ride for winter, taking in the British car museum at Haumoana and then on to a lunch venue. Meet at Caltex Omaha road 10.30am. For further information contact Norm on 06 877 3383

Sunday 9 Aug - TBA

wellington

Note - In addition to the events posted here we also undertake 'Impromptu Rides' these are offered via email to the membership with a couple of days notice when the weather looks like being favourable.

Sunday 12 July - Club ride to the Wool Shed Cafe - Sanson for lunch - RIC Peter Nash

Monday 13 July - Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

Sunday - 09 August - Club Ride to Red House Cafe - Te Horo for lunch

Monday - 10 August - Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

Sunday - 13 September - Gladstone Hotel - Gladstone for lunch

Monday - 14 September Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

area reports

wellington



Sunday 07 Jun

It was a beautiful day for riding. Debbie and I arrived at Caltex Rimutaka at 9.45 for a 10.00 am departure to Lake Ferry. We were soon joined by Brian and Wendy and their friend Keith. Headed over the Rimutaka's to our rendezvous in Featherston where we had arranged to meet up with Tibsy and Ann.

Travelling over the Rimutaks's I noticed that my centre stand was scraping on the road during cornering. I put it down to the extra weight of carrying a passenger, however on investigation later in the day it was found that the tension spring on the centre stand had broken and the stand had subsequently dropped slightly. Further investigation by Rob at Motormart revealed that the pin holding the springs onto the centre stand was also missing.

We met up with Tibsy and Ann at Featherston and headed out to Lake Ferry via the Western Lake Road and Lake Waiarapa and then turning left onto the East West Access Road and then onto Kahutara Rd and then joining the Lake Ferry Road for the ride into Lake Ferry.

The Lunch stop was at the Lake Ferry Hotel famed for its Fish and Chips. We enjoyed an excellent meal and a chat over lunch. After lunch it was decided that we

would ride out to Cape Palliser as it was such a beautiful day for riding. The last seven k's from Ngawi to Cape Palliser were gravel and we passed a large number of seals basking in the sun. Tibsy used his modified camera stand to take photos of the group at Cape Palliser. Leaving Cape Palliser we headed to Martinborough and a much needed coffee.

We left Martinborough at 4.00 pm heading for home over the Rimutaks's.

Debbie and I arrived at Churton Park just after 5.00 pm feeling satisfied after an enjoyable days ride.

Dave Oldershaw

Above: Cape Palliser lighthouse.
(Wikipedia Public Commons)
Below: Dramatis Personae (Tibsy)
Over: Mr Tripod being too slow to get in the shot :) (Tibsy)





bay of plenty

A great turnout of 18 members enjoyed our Yum Char lunch on a very cold and windy day at the end of May. A huge variety of Chinese food (including some very strange looking offerings!) gave us all some new taste sensations. Many thanks to Kevin for organizing this event!. Our June ride to Hot Water Beach is after this goes to print, so hoping for some clear weather. We already have members booked for the Classic August Night, so get your accommodation sorted if you can come (details under BOP Events calendar). We'd love to meet up with any members from other areas too.

Mike Long and Geri Goodman

The Omnibus Report (nothing to do with public transport) east coast, rangitikei and wellington.

Sunday 14 June was the date for our ride to the Wheelwright in Gladstone. Following the success of our last combined ride I invited East Coast members to join with us for our June outing. As we were in Tibsy's territory I made a phone call and invited him also, he told me he would visit the Wellington members for their club night on 11 May and would mention our ride.

The Rangitikei group gathered at Summerhill shopping complex at 9.00am. Lance and Neville from Wanganui, Peter, Robert and Robin from Palmerston North and Barry, John and Don from Levin. This was a good turn out considering it's winter but there were no pillions. This time BMWs outnumbered other makes five to three.

I had organised for us to meet at the Entice cafe in Masterton. When we arrived I could not believe the numbers gathered. We had a total of 19 bikes and

15 were BMW. They made an impressive sight parked outside the cafe.

We departed for Gladstone at 10.30 am and on the way rode through the 'Avenue of Oaks'. This is a war memorial of 36 oak trees planted to honour the war dead from the Maungaraki area. There is also an obelisk that lists the names, one of which was my uncle.

Our hosts at the Wheelwright were Greg and Ali Lang. My wife Sue gathered the entrance fee of \$14.00 and we were seated in front of the workshop for the demonstration of how a wooden wheel is made.

Greg told us he uses Ash, Oak and Elm and depending on the grain of the wood and how long the wood has been seasoned he will decide which wood he will use for the various parts. He showed us how he shapes a spoke so that the tapered end will flex and give the wheel the ability to absorb shocks. The hub, spokes and the outer part are then held together when the steel rim is heated and put in place. As the rim cools it pulls the spokes into the hub.

Greg learnt his trade while on his O.E. in England. The forward thinking government paid the equivalent of the unemployed benefit so that people could be trained in trades that may have been lost. His wife helps with the restoration as she can paint and pin stripe the finished articles. Greg is also restoring railway carriages and Wellington's sole surviving electric tram that was built in 1904.

We departed at 12.45pm to return to the Entice cafe for lunch and Tibsy took the Wellington riders to show them the way to Castlepoint beach.

The Rangitikei riders returned via Mauriceville and then the Paihiatua Track. By all accounts, everyone had a fantastic day out.

Cheers

Don Cross

In June, Rangitikei members invited us to join them for a visit to the Wheelwright in Gladstone. It would have made a long day of it, so we decided to stay overnight in Masterton. With most of us being retired and so no reason to rush home for work on the Monday, it morphed into a two night stay.

On Saturday, the East Coasters met Cathy and Gerard for lunch in Woodville, after a wind-blown ride from Waipawa onwards. After Woodville the wind moderated and Gerard led us (six bikes in total) from Pahiatua out to Alfredton down Route 52 and into Masterton. Carole and Pam drove down SH2 in the car and we all met up at Mawley Park. The Wairapa laid on a lovely sunny afternoon and Sunday was just as nice. With the ladies heading off in the car for some retail therapy and lunch in Greytown, the men joined the Rangitikei group and others from Wellington.

/snip

Gerard and Cathy headed home late Sunday afternoon, while the rest of us enjoyed a social evening. Rain greeted us on Monday morning and we all headed home, some taking the direct route and others along Route 50. Thanks to Don Cross, Rangitikei Area Rep, for organising an interesting ride and destination.

All in all it was an enjoyable weekend for the East Coasters – around 500 km of riding (much more for Kevin from Gisborne), five bikes, one car, eight people.

Marie Nichol

While other BMWOR members listened attentively, Tibsy, no mean wood-butcher himself, picked up a scrap of wood, whipped out his Swiss Army knife, and whittled a spare spoke for his GS. (Rangitikei)

Difficult to ascribe photo credits for this report. Several cameras have been used in several areas. So they have only an area as reference.



Sunday 14 June:

The ride started out with 5 riders assembling at the Caltex Rimutaka for the ride over the 'Mountain' linking up with Peter Tibbs and the members from Rangitikei and East Coast at the Entice Café in Masterton for a coffee and then moving on to Gladstone.

/snip

Greg is one of four wheelwrights in New Zealand and as his reputation has grown so has his business which has branched out into restoring or rebuilding old Trams and Railway carriages as well as horse drawn vehicles of all kinds. For those familiar with the restored original Cable Car in Wellington this was one of Greg's projects.

Greg gave a very educational talk on all the aspects of the Wheelwright trade the quality and type of wood used being paramount. Elm, spruce, oak and other varieties are used with the grain needing to be straight and knot free. He demonstrated the shaping of spoke's with a spoke shave. He explained how these fitted into the hub and into the 'fellow' or what would now be called the 'Rim'. Steam is used to shape the fellows. He went on to describe the method used to heat the metal band that was fitted to the outside of the wheel and then cooled to shrink on to the wheel, no nails, screws or glue are used in any part of this process.

A lot of the tools used are original hand tools and original methods and designs as used back when horse drawn vehicles with wooden wheels were the means used to transport people and goods.

Greg encourage the gathering to have a look around the work site which was interesting looking at two restoration projects in progress one being an old railway carriage and the other is an old Wellington tram. He also has an extensive quantity of wood stored.

This visit was well worth the \$14 entry cost and was a great insight into how the old Wheelwright trade is being kept alive.

After the visit the Wellington members went their various ways with the writer heading home in time to watch the TV replay of the Senior Isle of Man TT.

Thanks go to Don Cross and the Rangitikei members for the opportunity to join them and the East Coast members for this ride.

Peter Nash



Top: Maungaraki Memorial (East Coast)

Centre: Hawkes Bay contingent at Woodville (East Coast)

Bottom: Musta been a FILTHY joke by the look of Al's laugh. (Rangitikei)



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Top: "Are we there yet?"
 "Yes we are, dear." (Rangitikei)
 Centre: Greg Lang - he's the 'wheel' deal. (East Coast)
 Bottom: Restoration of railway carriage in progress. (East Coast)

The Wheelwright Shop was established in 1994 by Greg & Ali Lang. Greg served an apprenticeship in the UK and has a City & Guilds of London qualification in Wheelwrighting & Carriage Building. Ali learned the art of traditional Coach Painting & Lining while in the UK

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Folker's Perspective

Being a Hawke's Bay person, I rode to Masterton with my fellow members of the BMWOR, meeting Gerard and Cathy at Woodville, thence on to Masterton via Route 52. Good choice of motel by our organiser Norm Nichol, allowing us to have a relaxing evening. Sunday morning's turnout at the café meeting point was quite outstanding with members from Wellington, Rangitikei and Taranaki making for an interesting display in the middle of town. An interesting ride followed and was made even more so by our visit to the wheelwright at Gladstone.

Riders dispersed from there and President Peter Tibbs, Al Keane from Wellington and I took the interesting ride to Castle Point lighthouse. In typical Folker fashion, I had forgotten to wait for Kevin Simpson from Gisborne at a pre-arranged spot, but he caught up with us, having spied our bikes on the beach at Castle Point. Huge surf was running, with waves crashing over cliffs many metres high, the locals expecting conditions to worsen, as we had to move our bikes out of the way to enable them to pull up their boats a little higher. A lunch stop at the Whakataki was obligatory and we settle in for one of the best fish and chips meal one could hope for. On the way back to Masterton, Tibsy pulled off to head for his home nearby and Al Keane headed home to Upper Hutt, leaving Kevin and me to head back to Masterton.

The weather deteriorated overnight, with steady rain setting in. I had arranged with Kevin to go home via Route 52, that being a slightly more challenging/interesting ride. We had picked up Gary, just a young fellow riding a bike, who had arrived at the motel the night before on his early model F650. It turned out he was also going to Gisborne. I know Route 52 quite well, but had always ridden it in fine, even warm, sunny weather. This time the weather was not nice at all. The steady rain made the narrow road quite slippery, particularly the centres of each side covered with lichen and the innumerable farm exits, often with dung or extra mud on the road. Encountering logging trucks was OK, as you'd expect that on this road. Pongaroa pub was shut, so no hot coffee there, so we thought we'd try Wimbledon. I cannot recommend their coffee, nuff said. The rest of the ride was uneventful for me and I had a text from Kevin advising me that he and Gary had arrived safely in Gisborne.

Great weekend.

Folker Liebenow

Here endeth the Omnibus Report.

**Area Reports continue
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Above: L to R, Folker, Al Keane, Peter Tibbs and Kevin Simpson at Castlepoint.

Below: Tibsy must still have his wooden spoke in the topbox, don't see it on either wheel of his GS.

Both photos, Peter Tibbs.



welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month:

- Jonathan Powles from Hamilton
- Paul Marshall from Carterton
- Tania Langen and Hubert Muisers from Maungatapere
- Bill Ackland from Lower Hutt.

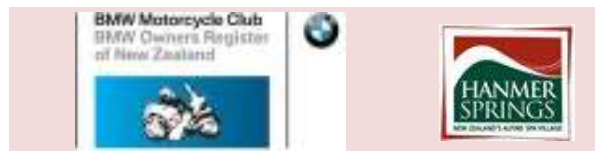
We hope you'll take part in many of your local and national events. Your Area Rep will be pleased to introduce you to other members in your area.

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.

REGISTRATION FORM

ANNUAL RALLY

29 - 31 January 2016



Name: Partner's name:

Address: Postcode: _ _ _ _

Email: BMWOR#: _ _ _ _

Phone: Mobile:

Bike/Model: Year: _ _ _ _

Special accommodation rates apply at the Rally Venue. Bookings can be made directly by calling 0800 315 000 or by email at stay@hotspringsmotorlodge.co.nz At present, all rooms at the Hot Springs Motor Lodge are blocked for the Rally, so if you try to book through an online site it will show as fully booked.

					Number	Cost	Total
Registration						\$25	
Badge						\$12	
	Small	Medium	Large	XL			
Men's Polo						\$46	
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Saturday breakfast - buffet (any style)						\$18	
Saturday cut lunch (you'll want this on the GS ride)						\$18	
Saturday: Rally dinner						\$40	
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Sunday cut lunch (you'll want this on the GS ride)						\$18	
Sunday: BBQ						\$40	
Monday breakfast - buffet (any style)						\$18	
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Please mail all Registration Forms (including Cheques) to: BMWOR 2016 Rally C/- G Williams & J Buckner 24 Inglis Road RD3 Rangiora 7473 Or email registration forms to: vicepresident@bmwor.org.nz	Payment by Internet Banking to: TSB BMWOR RALLY Account 15-3973-0032424-00 (Note, this is not the account you pay your membership subscription to!)	General enquiries to: Rally Coordinator Garry Williams & Jo Buckner 027 242 7799 027 241 0611 riversidebend@scorch.co.nz
	Enter your Name and BMWOR Membership Number with 'Rally' in Message/Reference	Registrations close Friday 20 November 2015

Disclaimer: This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as set out in the Register's monthly newsletter. By registering for this event, participants agree to abide by all the conditions set out in the aforementioned Risk Management Plan.

This form is available as a pdf at: <http://bmwor.org.nz/2015/04/27/2016-hamner-rally/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

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PAYMENT IS DUE ON 1 JULY 2015

This form is not to be used for a new application. Please contact the Membership Secretary membership@bmwor.org.nz if New Member application forms are required.

Note: Partners may be registered if they actively participate in Register activities. Both names appear on Register records but only one newsletter will be posted to the address.

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TOUR GUIDE

A Tour Guide listing services members may wish to provide to other members is issued to all Register members. If you wish to offer any services, please indicate by ticking the appropriate squares. The Tour Guide lists your name, area and contact telephone number. Please indicate below if you do not wish your contact details published.

☐ I **do not** wish my contact details to be listed in the Tour Guide; OR

☐ My Tour Guide details are the same as last year; OR

☐ Please include the following details in the Tour Guide:

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- ♦ I / We have a workshop / tools for emergency repairs..... **ws** ☐
- ♦ Any club member is welcome to drop in for a coffee and chat (phone first)..... **cc** ☐
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Please allow reasonable time for reply. Executive members of the BMWOR are unpaid volunteers and have other commitments. The Post Box is cleared at least weekly. Some replies, particularly during holiday periods, may take a couple of weeks.

An older lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 70th birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel. When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250.00.

She demanded to know why the charge was so high. "I agree it's a nice hotel, but the rooms aren't worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the 'standard rate', and breakfast had been included had she wanted it.

She insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, announced:

"This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said.

"Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which they were so famous. "We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the Manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes discussion, and with the Manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him.

The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But madam, this check is for \$50.00."

"That's correct. I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

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South Island R.A.G. Rally 2015 Lake Ohau Lodge - 11th to 13th December

This year's **South Island "Rough as Guts" Rally** is in early December in the heart of the Mackenzie Country. The area offers a wonderful selection of most types of riding. Over the Lindis Pass for lunch in Wanaka? Gravel and fords through the Hakataramea valley, maybe make a loop of it and take in the Black Forest Station Road? Or that lunch in Wanaka then back over Dansey's Pass? There are options to suit every taste.

Accommodation includes dinner, bed and breakfast at the Lake Ohau Lodge (<http://www.ohau.co.nz/ohau/OhauLodge/>). The food is good, the bar well stocked, the rooms comfortable and the view from the hot tubs spectacular! The Lodge have been kind enough to hold some rooms until the end of August for BMWOR members to book, best to get in quick before they all go or are opened back up to the general public. The rooms on offer are several of each:

- Huxley (outside wing where there are twin or quad (2 sets of bunks) Single \$150; Twin share \$109; Quad share \$97.50
- Temple (queen and single beds and fabulous views) Single \$191; Dbl/Twin share \$153
- Upper Temple (best, rooms have a queen bed only so suitable for singles or couples) Single \$245; Double \$165

Rates are per person, per night, for dinner, bed and breakfast.

Please arrange accommodation directly with the Lodge: email reservations@ohau.co.nz or phone reception on (03) 4389 885 with the following information:

- Advise that you are with the BMW group.
- First and Last Names
- Home Address
- Cell Ph
- Email
- Will they be there for dinner on the Friday night?
- Do they have any dietary requirements?

If you can also let me know at otagosouthland@bmwor.org.nz that you're planning to attend I'll keep you up to date with any details as they emerge. General plan is to make our own way there to gather for dinner on the Friday evening, spend the Saturday riding in groups or whatever takes peoples fancy before returning for dinner, then head off on Sunday. Look forward to exploring some of the iconic local landscapes together!

Footnote for the brave/foolhardy: If you get in too late to arrange accommodation at the Lodge (or you like it really rough) there are a few campsites along the edge of the lake. The DOC one in the Temple valley is a lovely setting amongst a remnant of native beech forest, and free. But there's no hot tub. Or bar. Or food. Or tap. Just a long drop, a creek you can cool your beer in, and a few fords to negotiate on the way to the road end.

Andy Hutcheon

The Hawke's Bay contingent changed their May dinner venue from the Puketapu Hotel to Scholars, the training restaurant of the Eastern Institute of Technology. We were honoured to have amongst us Christine & Myles Treacher all the way from Mount Maunganui, Rosemary & Danny Young from Waipawa and a happy Barry Ridler who is the proud owner of a new hip which was still being run in. The 3 course dinner was appreciated by all (see Norm Nichol with his cutlery poised like a picador at a bullfight!)

Text and photos, John Wuts.



BMW Motorrad GS riders complete the quintessential outback adventure - the Darling-Murray River Run.

The BMW GS Safari Enduro kicked off at Bourke, NSW last month, with 110 riders embarking on an incredible adventure following the Darling River from its headwaters in central New South Wales to the mouth of the Murray in South Australia.

Riders were taken to the heart of Australia's agricultural past to experience the ultimate outback adventure. The Darling-Murray River run provided riders with a lifetime of friendships and memories.

In true Safari style, riders were faced with challenging terrain, open plains and an abundance of wildlife. The group travelled north towards the famous border track, following the Murray River to Victor Harbor in South Australia. The ride was a scenic run criss-crossing the Murray all the way to the mouth, where participants were able to smell the salt air and see the Murray flowing into the ocean after six days of dusty outback riding.

Camping along the way allowed participants to travel to remote destinations and explore tracks less travelled. Highlights included stopping at beautiful riverside stations, sitting around the fire and hearing stories of the amazing history of the remote areas.

The catering was popular among riders and being fed like a king was the perfect way to end each day. Participants were even treated to comfy beds and a beer at the pub in the bigger inland cities of Mildura and Renmark.

Riders were pushed to their limits, with days four and five being the most challenging tracks ever offered at a BMW GS Safari Enduro.

The epic sand sections tested each rider's technical ability and off-road endurance. The buzz at Renmark was unforgettable as riders celebrated the completion of a hard day's riding on their trusty GS motorcycles.

Day five to Swan Reach was a memorable ride, where the open terrain echoed an African landscape. Riding through the Dangali Conservation Reserve, an elephant or giraffe wouldn't have looked out of place. The remote ride looped north with close to 300km of nothing before arriving at the small town of Morgan, where riders were grateful for a fuel and food stop before the final camp night on the side of the river at Swan Reach.

The final day was a great scenic tour into the Adelaide ranges with an option to see the mouth of the Murray before wrapping up at Victor Harbor after an amazing

week of riding in some truly incredible country. While the GS Safari Enduro focused on riding ability, a lot of the time the adventure was about the places and the people.

As usual, the farewell get-together was a mix of excitement and sadness that it was all over. But for some, there were still thousands of kilometres to ride before they reach their home bases. As with most GS riders, this was an opportunity to continue the adventure by exploring more of what this country has to offer.

One of the great things about the BMW Safari is that it always brings such a wide mix of people together. This year's GS Safari Enduro included four father and son teams, riders from across the globe and an age range from 17 to 73 years.

The BMW GS Safari Enduro is an event where riders can escape the daily grind, enjoy the freedom of travelling by bike and make life a ride with a great support network.

The next BMW GS Safari is in November, with bookings opening soon. To receive information on BMW Safari and other BMW Motorrad events please register for BMW Rider newsletter by clicking [here](#), follow [BMW Safari](#) on [facebook.com/bmwsafari](#) or call 1800 813 299.

Right: Amy was the only woman rider.
Below: Entering Dangalli Reserve.





Top: Not all of the desert was bone dry.
 Middle row: It's not the R.A.G. is it? The riding may be tough in places, but there's a flash truck to carry your gear, and the dining looks pretty flash.
 Bottom: Riding along the edge of the Murray River.





Top to bottom:
The aptly named Enduro Road intersection.
Rolling Adelaide Hills.
Journey's End, the mouth of the Murray.
Victor Harbour, before the Aftermatch Dinner.



Text and photos: BMW Motorrad

Yet another concept based on the R nine T

(This one looks a lot more practical than shuttling my mates and their old-school malibu boards along Sunset Beach at Port Waikato on a little 100cc twin Yamaha YL1 - where did my youthfulness and joie de vivre go to?)

BMW Motorrad, the Munich-based automaker's motorcycle-building division, has introduced a new concept bike called Path 22.

Based on the existing R nineT, the Path 22 is BMW Motorrad's first-ever Scrambler, a type of bike designed to venture far off the beaten path.

The concept was named after one of the best-hidden surf spots in Europe, a stretch of beach located on the Atlantic coast in southern France. The spot can only be reached by trekking through a pine forest either on a motorcycle or by foot, so the Path 22 concept is fitted with studded off-road tires wrapped around five-spoke milled-aluminum wheels, a long-travel suspension, a protective grid in the front the headlight and raised exhaust pipes.

And true to its surfing inspiration, the right side of the bike is fitted with a removable surfboard holder crafted out of machined aluminum and leather. To demonstrate how it works, BMW asked San Diego-based surfboard manufacturer Dyer Brand to design and build a long-board and short-board specifically for the concept.

BMW paid an exceptional amount of attention to even the finest details when building the Path 22. In spite of its off-road aspirations, the bike features a seat upholstered in beige stitched leather, turn signals integrated into the handles, a back-to-basics digital instrument cluster and a custom paint job designed by an artist named Ornamental Conifer.

Full technical details have not been published. The R nineT is powered by an air-cooled flat-twin engine that makes 110 horsepower at 7,550 rpm and 87 foot-pounds of torque at 6,000 rpm, so it's safe to bet the engine has been carried over to the concept with few or no modifications.

What the future holds for the BMW Path 22 is up in the air. It could simply be a one-off bike built to showcase the talent of BMW Motorrad's design department, or it could serve as an accurate preview of the company's next two-wheeler.



northland

Left the start point at Kawakawa on the non-BMW, at Whangarei got all the messages to say I was gonna be on my own, and kept going as Lead Rider. Rusty hung on behind as TEC.

Just as well the rest stayed at home, wouldn't have got a feed at the Salty Dog till half past late: a bumzillion Mustangs turned up just as I did, all at least doublecrewed.

Met up with my Bro-in-law from Pukekohe and found a local cafe: he had the roast of the day which was massive, my lunch was offal, not awful, damn fine liver and bacon.

Rusty and I rode home: good (if lonely) day out. Tomorrow I'll see if Rusty will wash the bike.

Bwucie

auckland

On 25 May 2015, 23 members braved the very inclement Auckland weather to meet in the Vintage Car Club rooms in Penrose and mark 40 years of the BMWOR. John Sampson (BMWOR member number 1, Life Member and now aged 80) was not able to join us but later recalled how the Register started.

In the old days (his words not mine!) getting BMWs had been difficult and with

no dedicated motorcycle dealers, parts were hard to come by. Martin Booten had ridden a 500 cc BMW 5/5 overland from the UK and had the idea of getting riders together. He wrote to those he knew, organised a meeting and things started to grow from there. 1975 saw Ross Oldfield as the first President and the agreed objective was to support each other and enjoy riding bikes.

Support meant cooperation and the development of a supply chain for spares. John remembers leaving work early on a number of occasions to go to the railway station to pick up boxes of spares and tyres that had just arrived. The first new BMWs were imported into NZ by Grand Prix motorcycle road racer John Hempleman and this was followed by BMW car dealer and ex-car racer Ross Jenson being awarded the first motorcycle agency.

With meetings taking place in member's houses, organised rides started to be planned with the first being to Orere Point on the Firth of Thames (a ride repeated by Register members on the 25th anniversary in 2000).

John recalls that whilst a number of riders started the group, having put so much time and effort into its formation he was given the honour of being member number 1, something he is very proud of.

John concluded by recalling that the founding members wanted to be in a grouping that avoided taking a corporate approach. One of those members was a solicitor for the Police and his advice was that the group should be a Register of owners not a club. This name would avoid various legal requirements and reflect one of the aims of supporting members (by the provision of spares).

40 years on (but with a modern, more structured organisation) it is good to see that we still retain that original objective to support each other and enjoy riding bikes. To that end, 7 current members (Grant Aislabie, Peter Zink, Tony O'Connor, Richard Kuysten, Joe Booyens, Iain Ogilvie and myself) have just met to develop this aim and plan forthcoming rides and events. The copy date for this edition of the Newsletter has not given us the time to develop our proposals but we will be in touch with Auckland BMW Riders by email.

I have now taken over as the Area Rep for Auckland and my contact details are on the back page. I would be delighted to hear from any member who wishes to contribute.

Richard Cullingworth



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wanted_____

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

Interested? Give President Peter a call.

Checklist:

Justin Kase

(And anybody else, as well as Justin)

Did you notice in his President's Podium that Peter's Post 2016 Rally Tour of the South Island still has a number of spaces available next year?

Pay no money, send no steak knives, but if you want to get in on it, contact him!

(Hint: You'll find his contact details top of the middle box in the left column, Page 3. We try to be helpful.)

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