

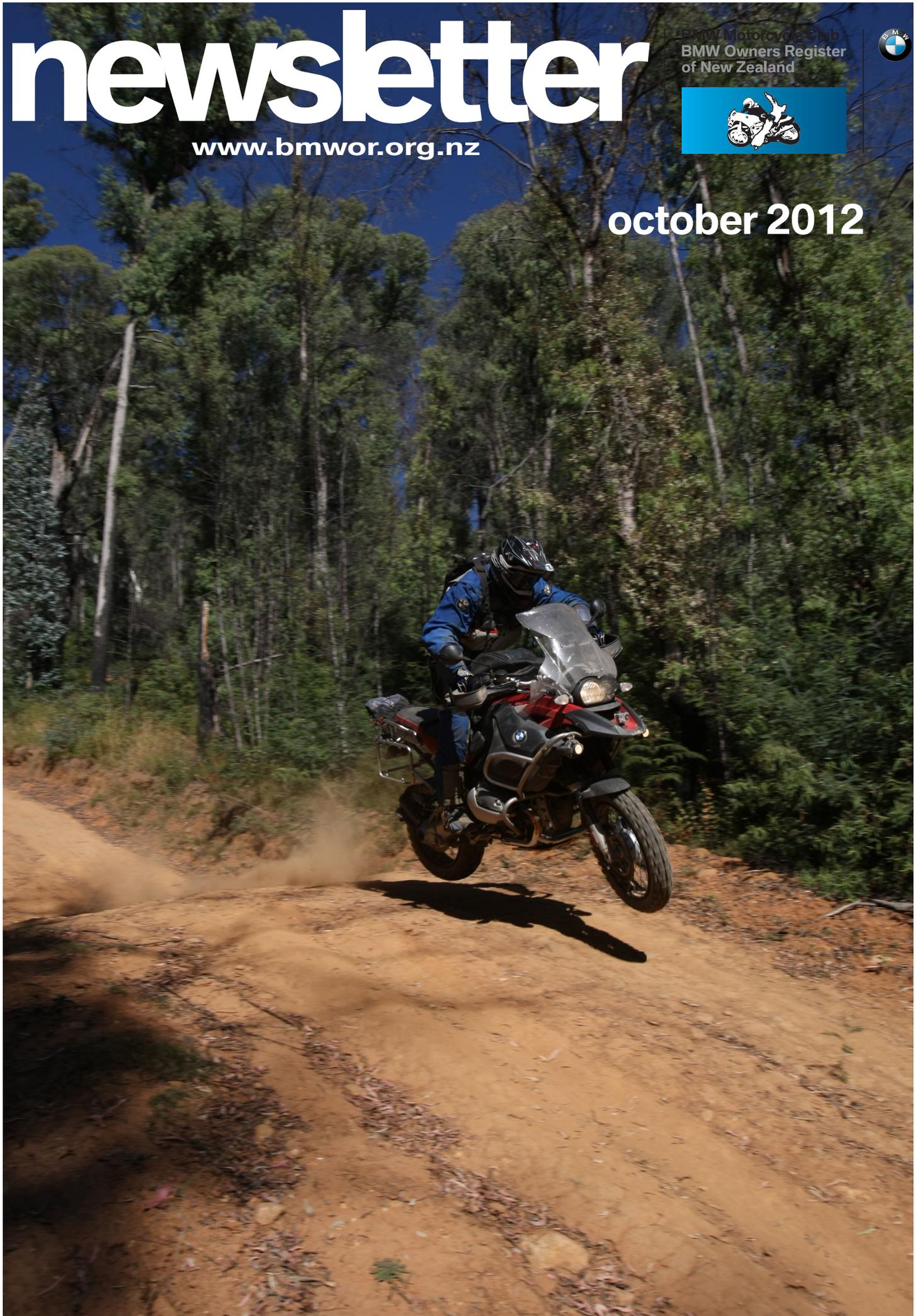
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president's podium



I've been doing a bit of reading lately.

Let's start with the October 2012 edition of Kiwi Rider – have a look at the full page ad for the BMW Motorrad Demo Days on page 21. I hope you are as pleased as I am to see our Annual General Meeting in Palmerston North listed as one of those days.

This was just one of the reasons why we moved the AGM to a new location this year. Being able to have everyone mix and mingle under the same roof again was an important factor. We already had the precedent of holding the AGM elsewhere and the venue in Palmerston North ticked a lot of boxes with everything under one roof, good riding in the area and plenty of shops and cafés for those who want to spend some time in town. And maybe, having the AGM further towards the head of Maui's Big Fish might help a few more of our southern members get across that ditch for a weekend of fun with other Register members. And then I was just thrilled when the opportunity came up for us to work directly with BMW Motorrad and their lower North Island dealer, Motomart, on dedicated demo rides for our members. And what do you know, the Register gets some nationwide advertising thrown in!

So, what else have I been reading? Well, a few wet days gave me a chance to re-read a lot of old newsletters with fresh eyes. And that just keeps showing me how the Register continues to change and is now a fundamentally different beast from what it was when it was first established.

It's been a case of evolution – not revolution. Year by year, ever so quietly, the "job" of the Register and what it offers its members has evolved. We don't really need to keep a list of BMW engine numbers on our membership database anymore as the NZTA now hold that information for every vehicle owner. While there is definitely still a place for the Register to support its classic members, we no longer need to operate a "parts bin" for those repairing their own motorcycles. Modern technology means that most of us now make regular visits to a local service agent. The role of the Register and the needs of its members have changed; we're now a national club for BMW enthusiasts that offers the camaraderie of like-minded people in our local areas, on the road and online as just one of the broader benefits of membership.

It's clear to me that the Constitution was never intended to be so prescriptive that people are trapped by rules – and as long as I am President it will stay that way. And it's also clear that our Area Representatives should be given all the support they need to do that most important job of running local events that bring in new members and keep our existing members coming back for more. It's not an easy job and stepping up to take over from someone else might be scary for the uninitiated. This is why **all** our Area Reps were invited to get together to learn from each other – which led to the opportunity to develop their own Guidebook with the support of the Executive. And remember folks, it is a guidebook, not a rule book. No-one is stopping anyone else from riding their motorcycle.

Now, back to the reading list – yes, the Executive's action plan. You know there's nothing like being able to work with a good team of people who can set out what they want to achieve and then get on and do it. The action plan sets out what the people you elected to run the Register want to achieve during their time in office – it's a great touchstone for our efforts. There is no expectation that any incoming Executive would be bound by it.

Our member's interests are the top priority – you should be able to see evidence that your club is running well and is set to keep running well. For elected officers, they need to know they are not exposed to any undue risks. I made sure we published the action plan so people would know what the Executive was working on – it's all part of having the right checks and balances in place and making sure things can keep running, even when key people are out of action. Simple as that – nothing underhand going on. As always, I'm happy to talk to anyone about what the Executive is working on - but I'm guessing most people would rather just get out and have some fun riding their bike!

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM and Motorrad Demo Day – let's not forget, wheels down, feet up!

Peter

Cover: Fancy that? BMW Motorrad Australia are running Off-Road Training Courses over October and November in most states if you're visiting. Filling fast though and at \$685 on your own bike, or \$985 with BMW G 650 Sertão, pretty good value. Booking at www.bmwmotorrad.com.au

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

bmwor national events

Annual General Meeting: 4:00 pm, Saturday 13 October 2012 at the Kingsgate Hotel, 110 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North.

SI RAG Rally: Friday 16 - Sunday 18 November at Hanmer Springs. Good gravel and road options.

Annual Rally: Friday 4 - Monday 7 January 2013 at "The Park", SH4, National Park township. Bookings open. Registration form on page 19.

other events

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

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

bmwor area events

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

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

Rides are generally led by a Rider in Charge (RIC).

South Island RAG* Rally



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- ◆ Explore Hanmer Forest on a horse trek or hire a mountain bike

* Rough As Guts - but it's not really!

Friday 16 – Sunday 18 November
Alpine Adventure Holiday Park
200 Jack's Pass Rd, Hanmer Springs
For more information phone Warren or Lex on (03) 313 0929



If you think of, or fancy leading, a ride and would like it published as an event ask your Area Rep to let the Editor know by the 15th of the month prior.

auckland

Sunday 21 October - Main ride to Kawhia for lunch, gravel and sealed road options. Also a short ride to Pirongia, with brunch or lunch at the Persimmon Café. Both rides start at BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway at 9:00 am. Spouses and partners welcome.

Sunday 18 November - Main ride is the Coromandel Loop, gravel and sealed road options. Also a short ride to Tairua, café to be decided. Both rides start at BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway at 9:00 am. Spouses and partners welcome.

bay of plenty

Friday 5 October - Social night from 7:00pm at the Thai Palace in Bethlehem. Good food, great company and easy parking so don't miss out.

Sunday 28 October - Club ride to Te Kaha on one of the best roads in New Zealand, Opotiki - Te Kaha, with an option for gravel riders up the Motu. Meet at Caltex Greerton 9:00 am ready to go.

waikato

Sunday 7 October - To the Republic of Whangamomona, only 12kms gravel, depart Cambridge BP at 8:30 am.

Saturday 17/Sunday 18 November - East Cape loop, depart Cambridge BP at 8:30 am.

taranaki

Sunday 21 October - Ride to the Fat Pigeon Café, Pio Pio. Departing McFarlane's Café, Inglewood at 9:30 am.

rangitikei

Sunday 14th October - Club ride taking part in the 'Post AGM Tour' with the group as they head towards the Hawkes Bay. Meet at the Kingsgate Hotel, Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North at 10:00 am.

Tuesday 30th October - Tea meeting, details to be advised by email and published in the Forum calendar.

east coast

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

Saturday 13 October - Ride to Palmerston North for the BMWOR AGM. If you intend going and would like to ride with a group, please phone Norm on (06) 877 3383.

Sunday 11 November - Ride to Cross Hills Gardens to view the rhododendrons and have lunch. There is a \$10 entry fee for the gardens. Travelling over the Gentle Annie and back via the Manawatu Gorge. Meet at Omaha Village, Fernhill (SH50) opposite the Marae for an 8:30 am start. Enquiries to Norm on (06) 877 3383.

wellington

Saturday 10/Sunday 11 November - Overnight camp at Mt. Holdsworth campsite. Participants should plan to be self-sufficient and self-supporting on this adventure. Brunch on Sunday in Carterton to meet up with Sunday riders. Departure details to be advised.

Sunday 11 November - Brunch at Wild Oats Café, Carterton. Departure details to be advised.

canterbury

Saturday 20/Monday 22 October (Labour Weekend) - A weekend away at the Greymouth street races in conjunction with Jeff Gray BMW Motorrad. Selection of demo bikes available - contact Daniel on (027) 440 0179 for a ride on a new F650, F800, F800GS, or 1200GS. Departing BP Rolleston 8:00 am Saturday. Riding Christchurch through Wanaka and overnight at Franz Josef (organise your own accommodation, try www.58oncron.co.nz/ - Lex and Warren are staying here). On Sunday ride to Greymouth for Street Races then ride to Nelson, organise your own accommodation in Nelson. On Monday we ride home.

Sunday 28 October - Brunch at the Hororata Café. Meet at Café 10.30am

Saturday 3 November - Jeff Gray BMW Motorrad Demo Day. Contact Daniel for more info (027) 440 0179.

welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

Gerard de Rooy - Christchurch

Denis Hulston - Lower Hutt

Shane and Jill O'Brien - Feilding

Brent Sherriff - Mount Maunganui

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.

Saturday 10/Sunday 11 November - Working bee at Mesopotamia Station. Painting, lopping trees and general chainsaw work. Bring your trail bike. Accommodation provided but self catering. Book your space by contacting Warren and Lex.

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 November (Show Weekend) - South Island RAG Rally, Alpine Adventure Holiday Park, Hanmer Springs. See advert on page 4.

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area reports

northland

Greetings fellow riders, I am resigning my position because apparently I can't organise much, Paea can now do it. My life has changed considerably since returning from the UK. I don't have time for organising dinners, etc.

Also, the red bike is for sale. It's a 1994 R100 LT, with brand new tyres, battery and all fluids. This is a beautiful bike wasting away as a lounge ornament. And it's a rare bike, only two of this model in New Zealand. Reasonable offers will be considered and, if you're truly interested, you'll appreciate the true value of this genuine machine. Absolutely no tyre kickers - I don't have time.

Iain (Mac) MacLean

[Thanks for looking after Northland and your contributions to the newsletter to date Mac - Ed]

bay of plenty

Not too much to write about this month as the weather hasn't been that appealing for two-wheeled vehicles. My bike is back having been repaired after a little mishap and I'm eager to explore its capabilities.

This month is our AGM and it looks like we could have a good contingent attending. As always, it's the ride there and back that makes it a great weekend so I am planning interesting roads to get there. Should you want company riding down to Palmerston North, please give me a call. You're welcome to join us.

I am still somewhat mystified why, when there are so many BOP members on our mailing list, so few join in on our socials or rides. You really are missing out on some great fun so come on, get the bike out and join us.

Peter Lyner

waikato

After meeting at Cambridge BP with Chris and Phil, my daughter Courtney and I headed off under fine but damp looking skies for the August "round the lakes" ride. It started to rain lightly around Arapuni and, coming into Whakamaru, Chris noticed that Phil

had disappeared off the back of the line. Chris headed back to find Phil with an empty fuel tank!

After regrouping for a coffee at Whakamaru, we left for Rotorua where we stopped for lunch then after circumnavigating Lake Rotorua headed home.

We had a great day out.

Graeme Duncan

taranaki

What's that you ask - no Area report from Taranaki this month?

No, sadly, having not done our ride yet I can't report on it. However the 23rd approaches, there will be a report in next month's mag.

However, just so Taranaki members don't think I have been slacking, best I give an outline of what I have been up to since my last report.

On the 18 August I attended an Area Rep's meeting held at Omori. For those who don't know it, Omori is a small settlement at the southern end of Lake Taupo. It was an interesting ride to Omori as I opted for the route through the Forgotten World Highway, then over SH 41. Factor in that it had been raining heavily leading up to the trip and there was extensive road work on the Forgotten World Highway and you realise it was a dirty, slippery bike ride - just the sort I like!

I managed to arrive safely at Omori and spent an enjoyable time there meeting other Area Reps, Peter Tibbs (our President) and other members of our (BMWOR) Executive.

Not that it was all play! We had been invited to a meeting and it was pretty full on. Following introductions and a brief outline of what individual Area Reps wanted from the meeting, the work started in earnest.

One area of focus was to prepare an Area Rep handbook; I liken this to a job description. A strong message came through repeatedly; we want BMWOR to be the club of choice for all past and current BMW owners, we want BMWOR to grow and, most of all, we don't want to tie it up with rules and regulations!

The handbook is to be a resource for all Area Reps, it will outline the current structure of the Register, how the Executive works, available

resources and other information required to allow the Reps to interact within the club.

Following much discussion we reached the hard part. Who would take responsibility for putting forward initial drafts of each section? And here was me thinking it was all about a ride on the bike and a weekend in Omori.

I volunteered to draft a section on group riding guidelines and also the section on participation in BMWOR rides by non-BMWOR riders. Both are areas I have an active interest in as I have been the victim of poor choices made by other riders in a group riding situation. Also, I have a number of friends I ride with (as I am sure many of us do) who may from time to time wish to join with others in BMWOR rides. A tricky area indeed, because if we go for "open slather - anyone can join in" type rides we risk becoming just another bike group. If, however, we are intolerant of non-members on our rides, we risk becoming elitist and won't attract many new members. With all that in mind I duly sat down and drafted my ideas and have sent these off to the Executive for further discussion.

It was also good to hear what was working for other Area Reps and what problems they were facing. Lack of feedback from the great unwashed (that's you lot) is a common problem. I try and organise rides that I believe will be interesting but not overly stressful for participants. I have stated before, and reiterate, that I am not interested in organising road races or "Pie n Pint" type rides.

One scheme that seems to be working well in some areas is a "ride-in" with all the riders finding their own way to a common destination, social nights are another popular happening. So keep an eye on the newsletter for this to happen in Taranaki in the near future.

Many of you will be aware the AGM is being held in Palmerston North on Saturday 13 October. A number of remits pertaining to changes to the BMWOR Constitution have been tabled. If any Taranaki members are intending to attend the AGM I suggest you make yourselves familiar with the Constitution, Guidelines and Remits. I am sure that through informed choice and your vote the

BMWOR will continue to grow and provide enjoyment for ourselves and future BMW riders.

Hopefully, following a successful ride on the 23rd, I will have a ride report for you in next month's newsletter.

Colin Lister

rangitikei

Our August Tea Meeting moved to a Wednesday night for the month as our chosen restaurant did not operate on a Tuesday. Nevertheless, a good crowd turned up at Tomato on George Street, a very popular venue where we enjoyed good company and a good meal.

Would you believe it! The weather gods cancelled our September ride once again. We decided instead we'll travel to Wanganui and meet up with the Taranaki members for a short ride together followed by lunch at The Mothered Goose Café in Bulls later in the month.

Robin Wood

east coast

The lower North Island was battered by wind on the weekend of our September ride. Fortunately, the wind in Hawkes Bay was just a breeze and we were able to ride around the hills south of Hastings, on little used country roads, taking in some lovely views.

We passed close by where Folker lives and he pointed out the scene of his recent accident. Pillions had a lovely view of rolling green hills,



Overlooking the back of Folker's farm

sheep and newborn lambs while riders kept a close watch out for calves, not wanting to repeat Folker's experience.

Joining SH 2 at Te Aute, we headed north, and then turned off past vineyards and orchards in blossom. The ride ended at the Tuki Kitchen on the outskirts of Havelock North where we were joined by several other members.

All up, 15 of us enjoyed a leisurely lunch on a fine, warm and sunny Sunday. Thanks to Dave for leading us around roads we hadn't been on previously.

Marie Nicol

Pam, Carole, Robert and Folker sharing a joke



Nelson

On a wet, dreary, cold August day, six hardy (mad) riders huddle together at Three Brother's Corner before the decision was made to continue as planned to the Kohatu Pub and Café. This ride is a favoured short ride with several options to head further afield and the return journey. Well, we thought, as we're already wet we might as well carry on.

photo archives



Got photos? The B M W O R maintains photo albums as a record of the social fabric of our community.

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

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

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Trevor demonstrates a 'Cat Crap' application

Tony was well prepared for the weather having painted his gear with waterproofing – 'buy it by the litre and paint it on with a 4-inch brush!'

Mark, on his K1300, was given the pleasure of leading. Now Mark is a big lad so in his fluoro vest he is easy to keep track of - just as well given the conditions! Mark's salute to the Territorial Army all-terrain truck was recognised as just that and not the sign for 'pull over', thank goodness.

We arrived bedraggled and in dire need of warming up. Having discovered the inside seats would not cope well with our wet rear ends, we opted for the veranda seating. Four Ulysses riders arrived shortly after and the BMWOR conversion kicked in with the solo BMW rider getting a reminder about the club.

Trevor, the mentor to all riders, gave us a demonstration on how to 'Cat Crap' your visor to stop it misting up. Peter was in like Flynn and suggested Trevor try it out on his helmet. Hope it worked on your long ride back to Ngakuta Bay Peter!

Decisions, decisions!

We ambled (is there such a thing in cold rain?) off after lunch, mostly back the way we came; except Tony on his F650 who headed off on a local 'dry weather' road, read hard yakka!

Sue Verma

canterbury

The original plan for our September Lees Valley GS ride was a route through Arthurs Pass to Moana where we had planned to have lunch

at the Station Café. Our meeting point was Springfield, a town reunited with its iconic pink donut (think "The Simpsons" and you'll get the picture). However, the ever vigilant Peter Bath noticed neon road signs advising that chains were required on the pass as there had been a good dumping of snow overnight. We decided instead (another one of Warren's great ideas!) to take an off-road option through the Lees Valley and Okuku Passes.

Nine GS bikes and Steve on his Yamaha TDM headed back through Oxford to the Lees Valley turnoff. Richard Callagher and Geoff Davis, who was running in a Yamaha Tenere for Motorcycle Rentals, didn't think it would be a good idea to take this new bike through rivers and fords, etc. (poofers) so followed us to the turnoff and continued on road through the Ashley Gorge instead, now known as the "girls" option.

Most of Lees Valley Road is entirely do-able on a road bike, albeit slowly and dependent on weather conditions. With no rain this side of the island it looked to be a pretty good decision although the wind gusts that greeted us as we ventured further in to the valley became quite unnerving at times, causing a couple of minor incidents. We won't mention any names, but Geoff Stott did enjoy a spot of mud wrestling with his motorcycle. He has bruises to prove who won, the mud made him do it.

Most of the fords were easily navigable and we were hoping that the Okuku River would be as well, allowing us to continue our loop





Above: Overlooking Lees Valley
 Below: Jeff getting the mud off his jacket



through the Okuku Pass. But it wasn't to be. On arriving at a rather fast flowing river, over the bonnet at least (Jeff walked in as far as his waterproofs would let him), we had to turn around and make our way back. With the wind behind us most of the way it made riding a lot more comfortable.

Beaten by the river we made our way back to Oxford where we had a rest and a bite to eat at Café 51 before heading home.

Warren Taylor

otago/southland

Our first ride-in of the new season was to Lawrence on Sunday 9 September where we had lunch at the Wild Walnut Café. In spite of a less than promising forecast, five bikes met up at Two Wheels in Alexandra in beautiful weather. Steady Eddie, Murray, and I were all on our BMWs, Bruce was on a Harley Sportster and our friend Neville was riding his beautifully restored 1963 AJS 650.

Looking at this little bike, which once was a big bike, is a revelation as to how motorcycling has changed over 50 years. However, it kept up very well on the often windy ride to Lawrence. It's a really beautiful old bike, which brought back a lot of memories to us older riders.

In Lawrence we met up with five more riders from Dunedin. It was good to catch up with Tharon and Irene Knoetze again; and Ken with his very "trick" GS.

After a good lunch and yarn, we left for home by different routes. All in all, a great ride through the blossoms of Central Otago on a sunny spring day.

Barry Richardson

Otago/Southland members enjoy the first gathering of Spring



you are invited

In case you had not worked it out for yourself, the Auckland Area co-sponsored "Tour de Waiouru – an off road ride through the Switzerland of the South Pacific" Tussock Adventure takes place over the two days immediately preceding the Annual Rally.

Waiouru is a mere 64.6 kilometres from 'The' Park in National Park where the Rally is to take place so at the conclusion of the Tussock Adventure you can be registered for the Rally and partaking of relaxation and recovery within an hour.

The Tussock Adventure is limited to 90 riders. To avoid disappointment it would be wise to register for this ride early as unallocated places will be offered to riders outside the Register in October to keep faith with the organisers and to ensure a full complement.



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BMW HP4 - words/photos: BMW Motorrad

With the BMW HP4, BMW Motorrad presents the lightest 4-cylinder supersports bike in the 1000cc class to date. Based on the BMW S 1000 RR the new HP4 has an output of 142 kW (193 hp) and weighs just 199 kilos including Race ABS and with a 90% full fuel tank (169 kg dry weight with Race ABS).

The new BMW HP4 sees its world premiere in 2012 and is a continuation of BMW Motorrad's HP model series founded in 2005. After the boxer models HP2 Enduro, HP2 Megamoto and HP2 Sport, the BMW HP4 is the first 4-cylinder motorcycle in the HP family.

The HP label stands for high performance, and the HP4 embodies outstanding agility, power and riding dynamics. But it also reflects the use of extremely high-quality materials and intelligent technology, carefully conceived down to the last detail. In short, the HP4 stands for perfectly controllable power and sporty perfection.

BMW High Performance motorcycles are truly outstanding: exclusive and authentic, they will always remain relatively rare. This applies equally to the new BMW HP4. Each motorcycle is issued with its own HP4 serial number which is engraved indelibly in the upper fork bridge.

A genuine highlight: due to its extensive range of fittings and excellent set-up, the new HP4 is immediately ready for use on the race track ex works, requiring no elaborate modifications. But at the same time it offers great potential for dynamic riding on country roads. Still, the HP4

is entirely uncompromising, combining athletic flair and riding dynamics at the very highest level - to an even greater extent than the S 1000 RR.

Technical innovations for enhanced sports performance

The HP4 provides the homologation basis for the use of BMW motorcycles in motorcycle racing, especially in the superbike and superstock category. The new model features numerous technological innovations, which highlight its orientation towards racing and the race track. The standard passenger seat cover ensures the monoposto look so characteristic of the race track. But for riders who would like to travel with a passenger, BMW Motorrad also offers a passenger package as an ex works option. In addition to the passenger seat this includes the passenger footrest system.

Dynamic Damping Control DDC

The new HP4 reflects its status as a high-performance motorcycle in terms of its suspension system with a world first for serial production motorcycles: it is fitted as standard with Dynamic Damping Control DDC. This system allows dynamic damping adaptation of the upside-down fork and spring strut to the specific situation on the road. The damping is adapted to the current manoeuvre or road surface by means of sensor-supplied parameters via electrically controlled regulation valves. In this way, the HP4 offers optimum damping in every situation, handling

long and short shocks virtually perfectly so as to provide maximum traction and safety.

Race ABS

With the introduction of Race ABS in the S 1000 RR, BMW Motorrad underscored its pioneering role in the area of ABS. For the first time ever, an antilock brake system was consistently tailored to sporty needs.

With the new race-oriented HP4, BMW Motorrad now takes the next step in this area. In keeping with the HP4 use profile of race track and dynamic country road riding, the new bike not only has Brembo monoblock brake calipers and 9x floating brake discs at the front but also a further developed and refined Race ABS. As before, this ABS has four different modes for wet surfaces ("Rain"), roads ("Sport"), race track with supersports tyres ("Race") and race track with slicks ("Slick"). Racing experience gained from the IDM (International German Motorcycle Championship) has been fed directly into the Race ABS fitted in the HP4. In "Slick" mode, the so-called IDM setting with refined regulation impulses now gives the skilled rider the option of maximum possible deceleration.

Dynamic Traction Control

The Dynamic Traction Control DTC already used in the RR has been optimised for supersports use in the HP4: now the effect of traction control can be adapted in "Slick" mode to changing conditions and the rider's individual preference while on the move.

Launch Control

The HP4 is the first BMW motorcycle to have a so-called Launch Control function which provides active support for the rider in "Slick" mode to achieve maximum acceleration from standing - for example on race starts. Launch Control limits engine torque so as to provide the maximum torque transferable from the rear wheel whenever the front wheel is under no throttle. This means the rider has to focus less on the throttle because acceleration is controlled solely using the clutch. In addition, when Launch Control is activated engine torque is reduced as soon as the system detects front wheel lift. This prevents unwanted wheelies when accelerating.

The HP4 allows the rider to make instant gearshifts with virtually no interruption of tractive force by means of the shift assistant, fitted as standard. This helps gain valuable fractions of a second on the race track too.

Weight reduction.

New finely wrought 7-spoke wheels in forged light alloy and a new, lighter sprocket carrier give the HP4 a weight reduction of 2.4 kg as compared to the RR.

The exhaust system is made entirely of titanium and saves as much as 4.5 kilograms as compared to the RR, thereby contributing to the HP4's enhanced handling qualities. The new exhaust system has an interference pipe between cylinders two and three, a controlled acoustic valve and a closed-loop catalytic converter. It has been possible to optimise the torque curve thanks to the new exhaust system, with the engine application adapted accordingly.

Sharpened engine set-up and more torque in the mid-range.

The new HP4 is fitted with the water-cooled 4-cylinder in-line engine of the S 1000 RR with a peak output of 142 kW (193 hp) at 13,000 rpm and a maximum engine speed of 14,200 rpm. As in the RR, its maximum torque of 112 Nm goes on stream at 9,750 rpm. The torque has been perceptibly increased in the 6,000 rpm to 9,750 rpm range. In "Rain" mode there is now a smoother output and torque curve available between 2,500 rpm and 8,000 rpm.

Unlike the RR, the 4-cylinder in-line engine in the HP4 provides the full output of 142 kW (193 bhp) at 13,000 rpm in all modes - "Rain", "Sport", "Race" and "Slick" - with an identical throttle curve and thus the same response, making it perfect for use on the race track.

Supersports fittings

The HP4 has numerous special features to meet the needs of sports and racing riders. For example, the instrument cluster not only has a newly designed dial face with HP4 inscription but also provides an extended range of information and functions. The information display now shows the DDC set-up menus as

well as the figures for DTC fine adjustment and Launch Control activation.

In visual terms, too, the new HP4 is consistently in line with supersports aspirations for the race track and for dynamic country road riding. In addition to the monoposto look there is a dual-section engine spoiler - elongated as compared to the RR - and a tinted windshield, both of which highlight the increased dynamic performance of the HP4. The small, light LED turn indicators are discreetly integrated and the laser-engraved HP4 logo with serial number on the upper fork bridge underscores the bike's exclusive character. An elaborate multiple colour paint finish in Racing Blue metallic/Light White creates an appropriate racing-oriented appearance.

Competition Package

For anyone who wants even more than the functional sophistication and extreme riding dynamics of the HP4, the HP4 with Competition Package is an especially exclusive version of the motorcycle. Refined HP carbon parts including a long, closed HP engine spoiler in carbon, an adjustable HP rider footrest system, folding HP brake and clutch levers, wheels finished in Racing Blue metallic and a sponsor sticker kit provide additional enhancement of the new HP4.

Technical highlights:

- Fork bridge with engraved number and HP4 logo.
- Lightest 1000 supersports bike with four cylinders: 199 kg (90% DIN unladen weight).
- Innovative suspension with Dynamic Damping Control DDC.
- Race ABS with IDM setting.
- Dynamic Traction Control DTC with fine adjustment in "Slick" mode.
- Launch Control.
- Adapted wheelie detection.
- New rear wheel tyres, 200/55 ZR 17.
- Shift assistant as standard.
- Light titanium exhaust system with controlled acoustic valve and interference pipe.
- Forged light alloy wheels, anodised in black.
- Radial monoblock brake calipers by Brembo with special brake pads.
- 9x floating brake discs at front.
- Extended, dual-section engine spoiler.
- Seat in monoposto look with passenger seat cover.
- LED turn indicators.
- Tinted windshield.
- Lighter 7 Ah battery.
- Performance-oriented engine set-up.
- Increased torque in the medium engine speed range.



Motorcycling safety initiatives in force from October

Changes to the graduated motorcycle licensing system, to ensure novice motorcyclists are better prepared to drive safely on the road, will come into force over the next couple of months.

Effective from 1 October are the following:

- Introducing a power-to-weight restriction for novice motorcycle riders. This replaces the current cc limit for novices, which is no longer adequate for the range of high-powered, but low cc, motorcycles on the market.

- Requiring all motorcyclists, regardless of age, to be subject to the same minimum time requirements at the restricted licence stage. Currently, riders aged over 25 have a shorter time requirement on the restricted licence before they can progress to a full licence.

- Removing the option for motorcyclists to complete an approved driving course (such as Defensive Driving) to reduce their time on a restricted motorcycle licence. These courses are generally car driver focused.



And effective from 1 November:

- Strengthening the basic handling skills test to ensure riders have a higher level of basic skills required to ride on the road than the current test provides.

In addition, NZTA expects to introduce a new competency-based training and assessment option for novice motorcyclists in late 2013, as an alternative path through the licensing stages.

So why is this of interest to you? Well, research shows that motorcyclists are 20 times more at risk of suffering death or serious injury than car drivers over the same distance travelled. These measures will help motorcyclists have a safe start to their "riding careers" and when it

comes to riding careers, the Register's members are typically experienced riders and of a more mature outlook on life. Yet, have a look at what's happening with the range of motorcycles that BMW Motorrad is now offering. There is more diversity on offer and more entry points into the range for both experienced and less experienced riders. For those entry level riders who may aspire to own a BMW one day, other marques offer a number of high-powered, but low cc, bikes.

We are a club for BMW enthusiasts – you can become an Associate Member without owning a BMW. We want to see this new generation of BMW owners sign-up to join the Register and come and ride with us.



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Letters

Dear Editor

Having been a member of the register for the past 11 years, two of those as co-editor of our newsletter with my wife and BOP's Area Rep for the past five years, I feel qualified to comment on Terry Ellis-Smith's letter in the September newsletter.

In defence of our current Executive, I personally would like to thank them for the great work they are doing in particular Peter Tibbs. In those 11 years I can't recall any other president travelling the country and meeting with all the Area Reps and listening to what their members like and dislike about the Register!

I for one hate all the political correctness in today's world, don't agree with most of it and certainly won't be obeying too many rules that are put in front of me, just look at my driving license! A bike club should be only about like-minded people sharing their interest in motorbikes, enjoying the rides and socials that go with them, shouldn't it?

Whether the Executive reside in Auckland or Invercargill again is of no interest to me and probably most of the Register's members. What is important is that we all have the opportunity to have our say easily. Take a good look at the average age of our membership and you will see how we are aging rapidly as a club and if we don't "move with the times" and attract younger members to the club it certainly won't be around in another 38 years.

Let's stop this "in-house" bitching and get on with growing the club, keep the political side to an absolute minimum, the AGMs as short as possible and the rides as enjoyable as ever. Life's too short as it is and there's always far too many roads to ride, so come on get out there and just enjoy each other's company.

Peter Lyner



Dear Editor,

I am not a person that normally bursts into print but, having read Terry Ellis-Smith's letter in last month's edition, I felt very strongly that something needs to be said to put some balance into this on-going saga about the proposed changes to the governance of the club and also the personal tirade that has been unleashed against the current Executive and the way they are running the Register.

Firstly, by way of a disclaimer, let me make it very clear that although I am the Area Rep for the Rangitikei the views I am expressing are mine alone. Also it may be noted that the current President is domiciled in this area and I can assure you that I am in no way acting as his 'mouth piece'.

I live in Palmerston North and I have been in the Register for coming up to 10 years and have been undertaking the Area Rep duties for the past three. Like Terry I care very much about the Register and its members and dearly want to see the Register flourish and grow in the future.

Back to Terry's letter. If the Auckland Area Rep had bothered to attend the Area Rep meeting in Omori then he would understand that it is not at all about rules and regulations. It is simply about putting together a handbook (electronic) to assist future Area Reps to understand what the Register is all about and some tips and suggestions as to what is expected of the Rep by the local members.

As for the 'political ministrations of the current Executive appearing to be hell bent on moulding the Register into something it was never supposed to be', I would suggest that any organisation that stands still will, inevitably, wither and die.

As for the question posed about the major constitutional changes and 'that if we don't like it we should go away and form our own club and let the majority do what they like doing', all I can say to this is who is the majority, and if it turns out that the majority agrees to the changes will those that don't agree go away and form their own club?

There seems to be a hang-up about Palmerston North as a venue for the forthcoming AGM. So far away from Auckland! As I said I reside in Palmerston North and it is I who should feel aggrieved. I don't get to ride anywhere! Or is it that Terry just doesn't like Palmy? Please don't think I am portraying myself as a die hard Manawatuian. This is definitely not the case, I have lived in many towns and cities throughout the country, North and South Islands, and believe it or not in Auckland as well.

As for the supposed 'contrivance for nefarious reasons', well I can only say that I find inferring that our current Executive is wicked, evil, despicable, reprehensible and disreputable (as per Google's thesaurus) a most ungentlemanly and cowardly statement and in my opinion deserves a public apology.

There also seems to be some concern over the finances and lack of a reply to Rob's letter to the President regarding details of 'money in and money out'. Personally I find the financial report published in the monthly newsletter more than sufficient.

In summary I would just like to say that I totally support the changes that are proposed and a number of members that I have spoken to seem to also have no objection.

In my view these changes will allow members of the Executive to be domiciled anywhere throughout the country. With today's technology Executive committee meetings can be conducted remotely and if there is any 'groundbreaking' issues then a general meeting can be called by the President or a SGM by a group of members. This is the modern way, and for most organisations it works just fine.

Like I said earlier, any organisation that stands still will, inevitably, wither and die. I ride a bike born in this century and I would like to think that the club I belong to is governed and run by an Executive living in this century.

Robin Wood (#2560)

membership secretary

John Wuts is retiring from his role as Membership Secretary and we have early indications from two candidates that they would be available to fill this position following the AGM. Each has submitted a few words on why they are standing for this role.

Douglas Kerr (Tauranga)

I have been involved in private contracting for many years and maintained a solid data base from which I keep existing customers and information. Having been involved in sales for over 30 years and, more recently, ownership of a service company, I feel that I am able to appreciate the value of solid and up to date client information.

Maintaining a good data base is essential for this to happen, and is an area I am quite familiar with. Membership registration to the BMWOR is no different. Taking the money and providing the information is only one part of the service. The BMWOR needs to be able to adjust to economic changes and the changing needs of its members. The current

Executive is prioritising the need to keep and maintain its members, providing a base for growth and development, and being at the forefront of change.

I am keen to be part of this commitment, and continue the very real pleasure that I, as well as many others, gain from the camaraderie that is available from a group with common interests such as the BMWOR.

David Oldershaw (Wellington)

I've worked for the ANZ for many years and have a strong background in database applications and IT functionality, and a sound understanding of customer service. I have the knowledge and the skills applicable to this role. I have a strong desire to participate in any organisation I belong to (I am currently the Wellington Area Rep for the BMWOR) and can commit the time to the Membership Secretary role if elected. I am keen to be part of an Executive team that is future focused.

2012 continuous membership

30 Years

#258 Ken Bush

20 Years

#1062 Peter Brown

#1032 Barry Jagersma

#993 John MacKinnon

#1087 Warren Sculpher

#1079 Barry Wilcocks

#1016 Stuart Young

#1118 Dennis Small

#1154 Greg and Diane Steward

#1053 John Utting

10 Years

#2166 Les and Barbara Ennor

#2173 Richard Gard'ner

#2168 Tony O'Connor

#2186 Tim Taylor

#2228 Wayne and Helen Cann

#2240 Graeme and Carole Flyger

#2213 Kevin Goodall

#2234 Paul Leahy

#2210 Robert Newton

#2167 Peggy O'Neal

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AGM dinner

A buffet meal at a cost of \$35 per person will be available at the Kingsgate Hotel, Palmerston North following the AGM.

Members staying at the Kingsgate Hotel may book their buffet meal when they book their accommodation.

Members staying elsewhere, but wishing to participate in the buffet, can book a place by contacting the Secretary, David Thomson by phone 04 2381 505 or email Secretary@bmwor.org.nz no later than the evening of Monday 8 October.

AGM awards

Mitchell Janssen 2UP Award: Recognises the effort, commitment and bravery of our pillion riders. The award is for the number of rides rather than distance travelled, since rides of any length can be an ordeal for pillions. To apply for this award, please advise the Secretary of your name, membership number and the number of rides completed by Friday 5 October 2012.

Oops award: Carefully selected by popular vote of those present for an off or particular cock up in unusual or funny circumstances. The hard part is how to present it so the recipient is glad to receive it!

Editor's choice award: Best Area Rep contribution to the newsletter for the year, totally at the Editor's discretion.

Concours d'Elegance: Henry Plowright's formal presentation of the trophy for best in show at the preceding Annual Rally.

2011/12 gun trophy nominees

October 2011

Upper North Island harbour tour - Peter Truter

December/January 2011/12

Lesotho mountain passes - Roger Hogg

BMW G650GS - Cameron Ellery

February 2012

South Island RAG Rally - Ross Williams

Beware the risks of winter hibernation - Trevor Wilmott

March 2012

Cromwell concours d'elegance - Garry Williams

East Coast at the 2012 Rally - Marie and Norm Nicol

Gymkhana - David Caesar

Road rides - Noel McCrostie

Wine Trail - Wendy Zemanek

A ride in the country - Richard Cullingworth

GS lites - David Caesar

April 2012

Hard riding, good fun: the black art of cycle tour marshalling - David Thomson

You can teach an old dog - Floker Liebenow

Alp touring - George Jones

May 2012

Daves' excellent adventure - Dave Morris

RAG Rally on a tank of gas - Darryl Applegate

BMW got it right - Peter Tibbs

Annual Rally souvenir - Denise Carr

June 2012

Riding the roads of Thailand - Cameron Ellery

Staying alive - Folker Liebenow

Watch the birdie - Lance Nixon

Tech talk: ethanol and oxygen sensor - Trevor Wilmott

August 2012

Your new motorcycle is ready sir - Dave Morris

USA May 2012 - Peter Lyner

21st Century conquistadors - Joe Vella

September 2012

President and Secretary touring - Philip King

2012 national classic bike show - Paul Edlington

Classic dinner - Rob Hargreaves

Gun Trophy (2011/12) nomination

Please send to the Secretary by Friday 5 October 2012 or hand in just prior to the AGM



Name:

Membership #:

Author:

Title of Article:



2013 annual rally

The 2013 Annual Rally is in National Park on the afternoon of Friday 4 January and concludes on the morning of Monday 7 January.

A reminder to have your registration completed and accommodation booked by 17 November 2012.

If you are going to the 2013 Rally these are the steps to take to secure accommodation and registration:

1. Decide on your accommodation preference and ring The Park to secure (0800 800 491). Standard rooms for 2 are \$100 per night; Premium rooms for 2 are \$116 per night; Loft rooms sleeping 4 are \$112 per night for 2, and \$20 per night each additional person. All rooms have private ensuite. Back packer rooms sleeping 6 are available on request, and there are fully self contained rooms at \$136 per night for 2, and \$20 per night per additional person to max of 4 in the room.



2. Decide on your meal and other requirements, and send off your completed registration form opposite to Marie Nichol, 155A Te Mata Road, Havelock North 4130.

The road and off-road riding in the Central North Island is superb and we plan to offer a wide range of activities for participants.

Later in November, an information brief will be emailed to all registered participants.

For further information contact David Thomson 0274 506 605, (04) 2381 505, or david.thomson@xtra.co.nz

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Great Kiwi Alps Tour 2013
Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland.
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16 nights, 15 riding days.

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Arrive 19th July 2013 - Depart 29th July 2013
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France - Annecy, Grenoble, Lons le Saunier
10 nights, 9 days riding.

***Bekers MCT 110 - 30**
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Arrive 7th June 2013 - Depart 24th June 2013
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Email: graham@bekersmct.com



BMWOR Annual Rally 2013

The Park, National Park

4-7 January 2013

BMW Motorcycle Club
BMW Owners Register
of New Zealand



Programme

<i>Friday, 4 January</i>	<i>Registration from 2:00 pm</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
<i>Saturday, 5 January</i>	<i>Group photo Concours d'Elegance Gymkhana Short rides – road and gravel Prizegiving</i>	<i>Breakfast Rally Dinner</i>
<i>Sunday, 6 January</i>	<i>Rides (road and gravel) or free day All Sunday gravel riders should order a packed lunch as there will not be a café lunch stop. Optional for road riders, but recommended as a picnic option.</i>	<i>Breakfast Packed Lunch Evening Barbecue</i>
<i>Monday, 7 January</i>		<i>Breakfast</i>

Please make your accommodation bookings direct with The Park – www.the-park.co.nz
0800 800 491 or bookings@the-park.co.nz

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s):						Number	Cost/ person	Total
Address:					Registration	.....	\$20	.....
Phone: | BMWOR #					Badge	.....	\$12	.....
Email:					Polo Shirt	.....	\$42	.....
Colour/Size chart (complete if ordering a polo shirt)					Meals			
	Small	Medium	Large	X Large	Friday – Dinner	.....	\$25	.....
Black					Sat – Breakfast			
White					Cooked	.....	\$15	.....
					Continental	.....	\$10	.....
Please post or email your completed registration form to the address below and tick your payment option.					Sat - Rally Dinner	.....	\$40	.....
					Sun – Breakfast			
					Cooked	.....	\$15	.....
					Continental	.....	\$10	.....
					Sun - packed lunch	.....	\$16	.....
					Sun BBQ dinner	.....	\$25	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Internet banking					Mon – Breakfast			
					Cooked	.....	\$15	.....
					Continental	.....	\$10	.....
					Total Payment			\$
All Registration Forms (and cheques) to:					Payment by Internet Banking to:		General enquiries to:	
BMWOR 2013 Rally C/- Marie Nichol 155A Te Mata Road Havelock North 4130 06 877 3383 marienichol@xtra.co.nz					TSB BMWOR Rally Account: 15-3973-0032424-00 Enter your Name and put your BMWOR Membership number in Message/Reference		Rally Coordinator David Thomson 04 238 1505 or 027 450 6605 david.thomson@xtra.co.nz Registration closes at 5:00 pm on: Saturday 17 November 2012	

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 said Risk Management Plan.

post AGM tour

Rangitikei member Graeme Flyger has kindly organised and offered to lead a leisurely five-day tour of the central/southern North Island departing Palmerston North on Sunday 14 October – the day after the Register's A.G.M. - culminating in Wellington on Thursday 18 October. The tour features some of the best back roads in the region and will be stopping along the way at points of interest including Stonehenge Aotearoa, Oruawharo historic homestead in Takapau, Puketitiri Museum Napier, the Silky Oak Chocolate Factory in Taradale and a scenic homestead set on the Whanganui River.

This tour is designed for South Island riders and partners but will equally suit North Island riders and partners, to join and leave at will.

All roads are sealed with the exception of a short section of hard pack gravel on the Forgotten Highway.

There will be adequate stops for comfort and coffee. Accommodation for the Monday to Wednesday nights will be tourist cabins with en suite.

Graeme will be endeavouring to choose the most rewarding back road routes available.

If you wish to be part of this tour, it would be helpful to indicate your intention to participate by Friday 21 September so that sufficient accommodation is organised. Just let Graeme know you're coming by dropping him a line at gracar1@slingshot.co.nz or phone (06) 357 3424.

Itinerary

Sunday 14 - Depart Palmerston North riding through Esplanade Gardens, Massey University Campus, Te Apiti wind farm, tour through Oruawharo Historic Homestead at Takapau, lunch at McCauley's Store, Otane followed by a ride to the top of Te Mata Peak at Havelock North.

Overnight in Hawkes Bay.

Monday 15 - Ride to and visit Puketitiri Vehicle and Machinery Museum followed by lunch at Silky Oak Chocolate Factory near Taradale. Afternoon ride over the Gentle Annie to Taihape and visit the Waiouru Army Museum.

Overnight at Ohakune or National Park similar to Hawkes Bay.

Tuesday 16 - Travel the Forgotten Highway – Taumaranui to Stratford, lunching at the Mountain House, riding to Wanganui to have late afternoon tea at a rustic homestead set overlooking the Whanganui River.

Overnight at Wanganui.

Wednesday 17 - Leave Wanganui mid-morning to ride scenic back roads including some of route 52 (eastern side of the Ruahine Ranges) arriving in the Wairarapa late afternoon. Lunch spot yet to be chosen.

Overnight in Wairarapa.

Thursday 18 - 10:00 am visit and tour of Stonehenge Aotearoa followed by lunch at the famous Gladstone Pub. Afternoon ride over the Rimutuka Hill into Wellington, ready to depart for homes near and far on Friday.

Overnight in Wellington – make your own arrangements.

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Saturday 24th November, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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register business

Minutes of the National Committee meeting held Monday 10 September 2012 at the Petone Working Men's Club, Petone, Wellington.

Meeting commenced: 7:35pm

Attendance: President Peter Tibbs, Secretary David Thomson, and 13 Members

Apologies: Cath Thomson, Garry Williams, Neville Tamblin, Cheryl Morris. President Peter welcomed and thanked members attending.

Minutes of the previous meeting: A motion put that the Minutes of the National Committee meeting held on 13 August 2012 as published in the September 2012 newsletter be confirmed as a true and correct record passed. (Dave Oldershaw/Wendy Zemanek)

Matters arising: A motion put that the business conducted at the National Committee meeting of 13 August 2012, that did not have a quorum, be confirmed by this meeting of members passed. (David Boyes/Dave Oldershaw)

Correspondence: Includes membership renewals; Australia BMW Club magazines; and a BMW Car Club of NZ magazine.

Treasurer's report: Written report from Phillip.

Current revenue accounts at 31 August 2012

ANZ (00) Cheque Account (net of unrepresented)	\$ 6,067.91
TSB (00) Cheque Account	\$18,019.50
TSB Event Account	\$4,612.11
Term deposits 436804 27/09/2012	\$16,000.00
71-0001 28/02/2013	\$10,000.00
	<u>\$26,000.00</u>

Current financial matters:

- 1 Outstanding accounts: Current.
- 2 Imprest accounts: Current.
- 3 Insurance: Current for 2012/2013 year.
- 4 Budget preparation for year 2013: Annual membership income system under review. Draft budget completed - WIP.
- 5 Cash requirements: 2013 Membership renewals are now very slowly coming to hand. Payments are coming to both TSB and ANZ accounts. Event account working as planned
- 6 TSB Electronic Payments Banking system: In place with FOBs to hand for signatories. Will switch to FOB system after AGM and soft close ANZ accounts.
- 7 Maturities September 2012: Maturing term deposits: 436804 - \$16,000 27/09/2012 - roll out to ANZ current account - Transfer to TSB. Treasurer will assess market opportunities and reinvest funds at best rate.

Editor's report: Editor Garry absent on business.

Membership report: John reported that having spent all of yesterday on catching up on renewals he can say with some certainty that the attached spreadsheet is as correct as can be. There was one banking entry on 24 August that he cannot work out - all it says is "Renew - Co-operative Bank - \$45". No name or membership number so be prepared for a disgruntled member who won't be getting his newsletter next time.

As mentioned at the Executive meeting in Omori, John will send reminder emails out to all those members who haven't renewed yet. As there are 192 of those, it will be done in stages.

The spreadsheet provided shows the following renewal rates at the close of August 2012: Northland 65%, Auckland 72%, Waikato 78%, BOP 70%, East Coast 83%, Taranaki 84%, Rangitikei 88%, Wgtn/Wairarapa 79%, Nelson 74%, Marlborough 47%, Canterbury 80%, Otago/Southland 70%, Overseas 75%. The average rate of renewal to date is 75%.

Gear Shop report: Bruce Frost reported that gear was sent up to the Classic Bike Show. Bruce attended the show and brought some home with him. He thought having shop gear at the show was worthwhile. He then showed the new ladies' V-neck and polo shirt now in stock and advised that the new fluoro vests in stock have stronger zips and are double zipped to provide two different sizes in the one garment, allowing a rider to have the one vest to cover both their summer and winter jacket sizing. In stock now.

Area Rep's report: Dave Oldershaw reported that he again had to cancel the last Wellington monthly ride on account of an atrocious weather forecast. He is to recommend to local members that they join a ride to

meet up with Taranaki riders who are coming down to Bulls on 23 September, and possibly meeting Rangitikei riders doing the same. He will communicate suggested detail by email. He also advised that he enjoyed the weekend with other Area Reps last month and felt it added value to his role.

President's report: Peter reported that:

1. Area Reps from BOP, Waikato, Taranaki, Rangitikei and Wellington, and President and Secretary, met in Omori for a weekend mid-August. Apart from full and frank discussions on current activities in each Area, the Area Reps put together the basis of an Area Rep handbook, chaired by Rangitikei Area Rep Robin Wood. Those in attendance divided up the writing responsibilities with finished work to be compiled in to a handbook by Robin Wood.

In relation to the challenge about the need for an Area rep handbook, contained in the Letter to the Editor in the last newsletter, Peter advised that it was never the intention to create a rule book for Area Reps. There have been a number of new Area Reps take up their roles during his time as President and there has been no material available to give them an indication of what the job entails. The new handbook is designed to be a collection of ideas from existing Reps.

2. The AGM is being advertised in the newsletter. Accommodation bookings are direct with the Kingsgate Hotel, Palmerston North. Members staying on for a meal are asked to book either at the time they are booking their accommodation at the Hotel, or direct with the Secretary if staying elsewhere. Cost is \$35 pp for buffet meal. If in doubt, register for the meal again with Secretary David Thomson.

3. 2013 National Rally also being advertised in the newsletter. Graeme Flyger is hosting a five day motorcycle tour of the central North Island, for Members of the Register. The tour leaves from Palmerston North after the AGM and has been structured so that members can participate in part or all of the Tour.

4. The Executive team met for the weekend 1-2 September. They spent a day and a half working on financial and membership management, reviewing progress against the Action Plan, and looking for ways of identifying people purchasing second hand BMWs as a source for new members.

5. President Peter commented on the recent letter published in the September newsletter. He noted that the membership of the Register is aging, whilst at the same time BMW are producing innovative and exciting new motorcycles. To attract the owners of these new bikes the Register needs to be seen to be just as active and innovative, otherwise it will cease to be of relevance. He commented that he supports all members rights to offer opinions, but he was disappointed in the personal attacks included in the letter. His objective remains to have the Executive spread as widely across the country as is possible, to enable us to be the national motorcycle club we aspire to.

General business:

1. Jo Buckner paid a compliment to the Interislander service. She recently had a booking problem and the staff let her on the ferry and had the problem fixed by the time the boat got underway.

Meeting closed: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:25 pm, followed by Guest speaker Bill Croasdale. Bill put on an amusing and entertaining show of photos taken at previous outings of the Wellington members.

Next meeting: In lieu of the next National Committee meeting being the AGM 4:00pm Saturday 13 October, at the Kingsgate Hotel, Palmerston North, there will be a social gathering at Petone Working men's Club at 7:30pm on Monday 8 October.



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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.

Yamaha RZ 350/250 engine or complete bike suitable for dismantling to complete a restoration. Contact Garth on 0274 452526 or 06 8700328 or email gsdavis@xtra.co.nz (3)

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Bike for sale - R75/6



FLY spots

Have you recorded FLY spots from your annual rally trip? It's a good start to accumulating points between 1 Dec 2011 - 30 Nov 2012.

- 1 point is scored per kilometre travelled to, from, and during any event published during the year in the newsletter

- 150 extra points if the trip involves a ferry crossing between the islands (300 return trip)

- 200 extra points if the event is for charity
- up to 300 extra points (at the discretion of the Secretary) if you can demonstrate you've promoted the Register in a positive way during the event.

There's a fabulous trophy donated many moons ago by Finn, Lorraine, Lars and Yvette (hence the FLY) Neilsen for the member scoring the most points during the year. There is a more recent trophy just for our female riders (the Lady FLY). Trophies are presented (if anyone is so deserving) at the Annual Rally each year.

Entries are called for in November each year, you simply provide the details of your rides, the points you have accumulated and any demonstrative evidence of how you've promoted the Register on any event to the Secretary by email before the close off date that is set.

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