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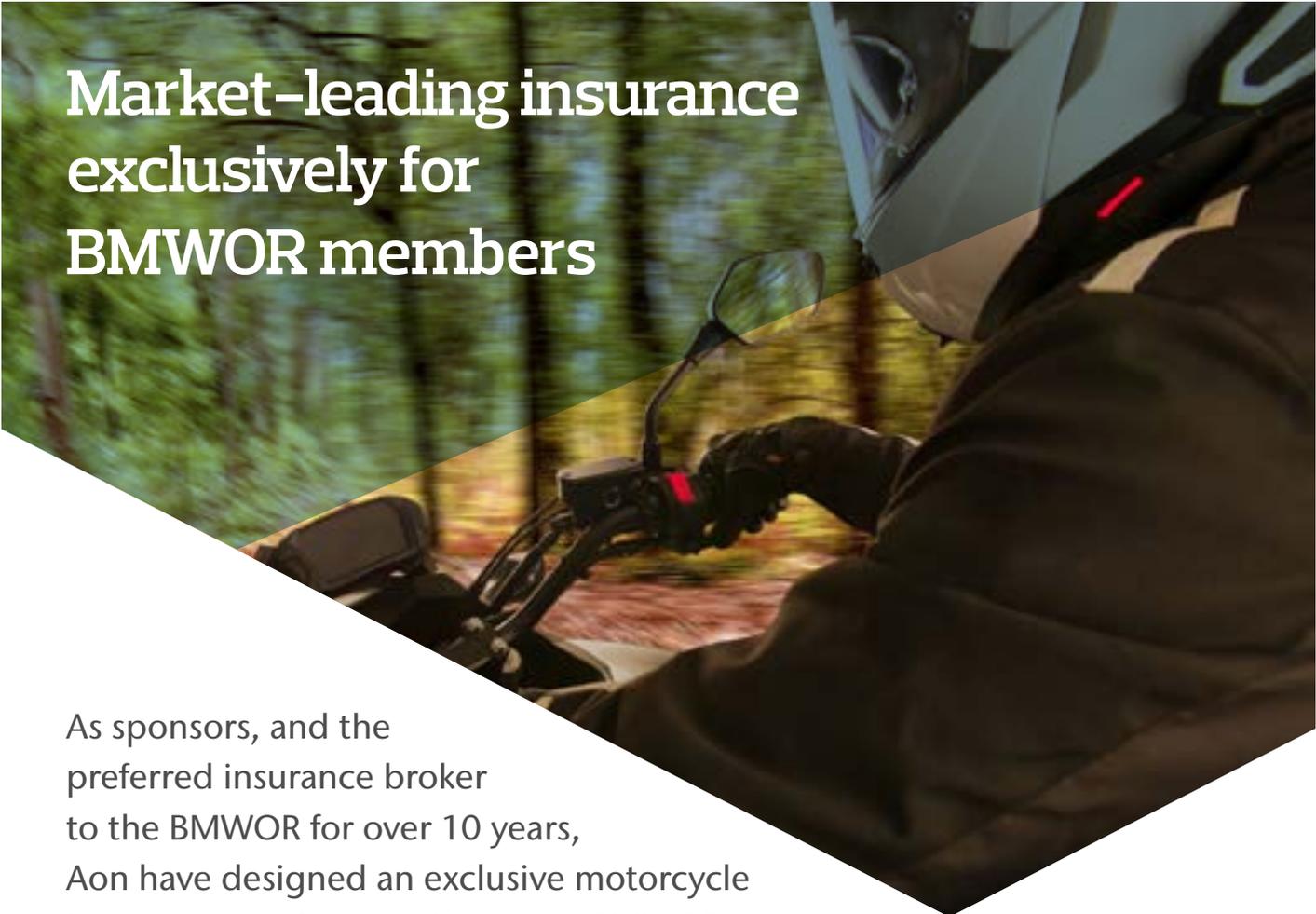
New Members

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.

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Presidents Podium

Garry Williams

I've got 10 days off over the Easter break and I am so looking forward to it! It's been a very emotional and difficult time for us here in Christchurch over the past month, we have all been impacted in some way by the tragic events of March 15th. I fully intend to get some jobs done around the block and hope to get some time out on the bike, especially while it is still reasonably warm and sunny.

I did manage to get away last weekend. Justin, Grant and I met in Hokitika to help out with Round 3 of the Calder Stewart Elite Cycle Series on Sunday 14th April. Saturday was a glorious day to travel over and Sunday was equally stunning for race day. Each class of riders covered between 3 and 5 36 km laps starting from Cass Square heading south along SH6 to Ruatapu and across Woodstock-Rimu Road before turning left onto Adairs Road, about 6 kms of really well swept gravel. Some of the cyclist were hitting 60 kph on that stretch! Along with the marshalling duties, the ride to and from the West Coast was just what I needed to regain a bit of sanity.

Fantastic to hear that over 50 members turned up for the North Island RAG Rally near National Park. Judging by the photos and comments on our Group page, everyone had a marvellous time.

I know some people do not subscribe to social media platforms like Facebook for a variety of reasons. At its worst, there are some users whose messages are cruel, brutal, hateful and deadly; and easily able to find those willing to listen. It was social media that helped the gunman in Christchurch spread his message of hate. But social media also allowed us to share messages of love and support within moments of hearing the terrible news of the Christchurch shootings. Social media is not going away. Our job is to use it in a way that makes it work for good.

At its best, social media connects us, helps us communicate, empathise, bond, make friends and develop important relationships worldwide. If you have a Facebook account and you've not yet joined the BMW Motorcycle Club NZ Group I'd encourage you to do so. Simply head to our Facebook Page, click on the "Join Group" button, answer the really simple question and you'll be able to join in the banter and post photos and anything else you like about your riding experiences. It's a great way to share.

There are plenty of local events planned over the next couple of months. If you're a relatively new member, don't be shy! Get out to one of these events, pitch in, enjoy yourself and let us get to know you. We are, above all, a social motorcycle club dedicated to the BMWmarque.

Where ever you travels take you this month - be safe and make good decisions.

Garry

Editor's Note

Calling for stories. The newsletter is 4 pages smaller bcause of lack of contributions. (I may have to invoke the R1200C 'Cruiser' claus if nothing turns up!) - Editor.



At ease with Nelson: Can you pick out the odd one?

ANNUAL RALLY BLENHEIM 2020

Members anticipating attending the Annual Rally should have their accommodation secured by now.

Blenheim is a popular destination for holidays.

Contact Kevin; nelsontasman@gmail.com

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

National Events - Link for country-wide events:
<https://www.mnz.co.nz/events>

National BMWOR Events

January 2020 Annual Rally/AGM. Early-Bird links next page.

Regional BMWOR Events

Northland - See area Rep.

Auckland -

Remember that any given Thursday you can catch Max at The Garage Barrys Point Road around 10.am and get in a ride. Feel smug as you ride past all the people who have to actually work.

Sun May 5th Café Run. Destination Blossoms 1404 Coatesville-Riverhead Highway. Make your own way there for 10.00am. Not too difficult to cobble together a post brunch ride from this location.

Sun May 12th Waiuku Steel 'N' Wheels Festival 10.00am to 2.00pm. This is a great day out right on our doorstep (just ask Uncle Google), entry is a gold coin donation. Those interested in experiencing this should meet 9.00am at BP Service Centre Southern Motorway for a 9.30 departure. Grab a pillion or a child (preferably one you know) and let's have a great day out.

Mon May 13th Monthly Meeting. Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose 7.30pm. Trevor and Audrey's presentation on Peru. Riding through one of the driest places on planet earth and visiting Pyramids, Machu Pichu and floating islands on Lake Titicaca.

Sun May 19th Monthly Ride. Coromandel north loop. You don't have to choose between scenery,

roads and outstanding riding company - you can have it all. Meet BP Service Centre Sth M/way 9.00am for a 9.30 departure.

Sun June 9th Café Run. Red Shed Palazzo 64 Jesmond Road Karaka. Make your own way there for 10.00am. This event is one week later than normal due to Queens Birthday weekend.

Mon June 10th Monthly Meeting. Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave. Penrose 7.30pm.

Sun June 16th Monthly Ride. NorthWaikato Tiki Tour. Meet BP Service Centre Sth M/way 9.00am for a 9.30 departure.

Waikato -

Regular monthly dinner meeting held on the third Thursday of everymonth, 6.30pm at Café Oasis, 35 Duke St, Cambridge

Bay of Plenty - See Area Rep.

Taranaki - See Area Rep.

Rangitikei -

Sun April 28th Brunch.

Sun May 12th Ride to Pongaroa. Details to follow.

East Coast - See Area Rep.

Wairarapa/Wellington -

Refer to the Facebook Page under 'Events' and the Monthly Email for more detail or contact the Area Rep. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/bmwmcnz/events/>

Nelson -

11th-12th May Titirangi Bay overnighter.

Canterbury - See Area Rep

Otago/Southland - See Area Rep

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There are also other options like www.bookabach.co.nz and www.airbnb.co.nz. The Rally registration form will come out in the June Newsletter.

We are planning some great road and gravel rides through spectacular scenery. A minibus will be available as a courtesy bus in the local area for those that need it. There will also be some non-riding activities utilizing the minibus.

More detailed information to appear in the June Newsletter.

Enquiries contact Kevin bmwor.nelsontasman@gmail.com or 0226320025



Area Reports

Auckland

For those of us that have travelled south (and subsequently north) on each of the last three weekends the motorway work around Takanini has been the only thing taking a bit of gloss off otherwise perfect distance rides. I'm convinced that Marty McFly could spark up the Flux Capacitor, climb into the DeLorean, transport the whole deal forward to 2050 and he'd still end up crawling through road works at Takanini.

The inaugural BMW Festival was held at Braxmere Lodge Tokaanu. Taylor Memorial Lodge got inundated with bikes across the first weekend of April as attendance at the North Island RAG Rally hit record levels. I guess there will be some thought going in around contributing factors but for now most of us are just basking in the experience of reunion and meeting new friends. A bunch of Northland and Auckland riders tend to meet up on the road Friday and stay overnight at Taupo before continuing on. Overnighting at Taupo keeps the kms reasonable for Northland types and provides a congregation point for others unable to meet the earlier ride time. Friday night in Taupo tends to fluctuate between everybody being together, splitting up for various dinner venues, meeting up again at the RSA and then heading to our motels. A breakfast venue is chosen which serves to bring the group back together for our final cruise to Taylor Memorial Saturday. There's no compulsion for everybody to act in tandem, individuals are free to do their own thing as it suits them. By way of example, the group was stopping to give way at a one way bridge but Max decided instead to turn right and attempt a bank hold up. Not a usual choice but to each his own I guess.

Trevor and Audrey Stafford have recently returned from riding through a lot of South America and began a series of presentations around this at our April monthly meeting. Their presentations are always well thought out and enable the listener to connect with the experience in ways not often delivered up by rider travelogues. April focussed on Columbia and Ecuador and it was interesting to learn of the differences between these neighbouring countries; when places are only separated by a land border the assumption is that they would be almost identical. The one thing which became obvious from the outset is that personal risk is a big factor in this part of the world. Peru is the focus for our May meeting.

Till next month

Stephen.

Rangitikei

April 14 dawned an absolutely stunning Autumn day. Our ride start point was the Dublin St Z in Whanganui. A good contingent gathered and we set off at 10am with our chosen destination the Turoa skifield carpark.

The Parapara road was as always a fun ride and we were not the only group of bikes enjoying it. The three different sets of lights in there at the moment slow proceedings a little but we were soon in Raetihi stretching our legs. The mountain was stunning in bright clear blue sky with a decent dose of snow on the upper slopes.

The 16km ride from Ohakune up the mountain road is a delight. There is a steady transition from dense forest into beech then the barren ground opens up. We enjoyed beautiful views across the lower country and right across to Mt Taranaki. It was just one of those superb days.



Lunch was enjoyed at The Mountain Rocks and Bar Café in Ohakune. From there the bulk of the group ambled over to Waiouru and down SH1 with a couple opting to ride the Turakina Valley. SH1 was the usual easy cruise, just had to watch the speedo as there was a noticeable police presence from Hunterville down.

All in all a terrific day out and it was an opportunity for new member Quentin to meet a number of other club stalwarts and get in a few more miles on his new shiny bike.



Nelson

10 of us met on a beautiful sunny Sunday. We were joined by Alan from the IAM, Dave and also Paul who haven't been out on rides for some time, great to see you all on the ride. And the usual suspects including Murray on his 2010 R1200GS that he had just procured, shiny and blue! (But not for long.)

Dale is in between bikes and had borrowed Alan's V-Strom, he was not going to pass the opportunity for a gravel ride. We headed for Murchison, and regrouped at Kawatiri Junction. We decided to split the group here and the GS riders headed to Murchison via the Braeburn, and then we all met at Beechwoods Cafe for quick refreshments before continuing onto Reefton via Inangahua, to meet up with our fellow members from Christchurch, except Revti and Dave who headed back to Nelson.

We had lunch, caught up with some old friends, and made some new ones basking in the lovely sunshine.

Area Reports

Trevor headed on to Christchurch and Paul buzzed back for a meeting. The rest of us continued through the Rahu Saddle and regrouped at Springs Junction. Hans took the lead from here and before we knew it we were back on gravel to Murchison via West Bank and Maruia Saddle Roads. A well needed refreshment break in Murchison before the ride home. Another great ride and day out had by all.



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PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Some new photos have arrived at the editor's desk and some of the readers will have fun looking back on some past events. Newer members may notice older bikes than they are used to riding with on group runs and assemblies.

If you can identify people, places, events e-mail the editor with the information. After correlation the corrections will be published in the June edition of the Newsletter.



In February 1989, A run to the Dams on Waikato River was made. These two riders are unidentified.



The Dams Run with another unidentified rider with a resplendent RS.



The 2011 Rally at Masterton.



Auckland Group. Probably a Coromandel trip.



BMWOR Camp. Turangi Jan 1991. Jill Barter wants trout for dinner.



Brent & Joc Mander.



Hanmer Springs, January 1988.



Masterton Annual Rally. Jo and Jimmy celebrate...something.

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And a cocky young fella thinks he knows everything,
Is smitten at once with the chrome and the bling.
'I'll take it off your hands if you drop by a hundred,'
But by the time he rode home he wondered.

'I don't really need this bike with this bling,
I'll strip it down and remove everything.'
And a couple months later working fervently,
'That looks better.' he thought, observantly.

An uncomfy seat behind a tiny tank,
Nothing at all; just completely blank.
Except the wheel holding up the machine,
In the creator's eyes it looked rather mean.

But the ennui of the bike set in once again,
Maintenance and servicing went on the wane,
And the bike was pushed into a lean-to shed,
Deterioration and rust began to spread.

The rubber did perish and the battery died,
This once resplendent bike now woe betided.
The paint did fade and then it cracked,
Heat and damp simultaneously attacked.

And time slipped by so very fast,
And the owner now old quite forgot his past.
They eventually got round to clearing his place.
And discovered the bike an absolute disgrace.

The Kawasuhonya now a rare brand today,
Makes restoration these days rather okay.
After discussion with family personnel,
The medium of auction was the way to sell.

The bidding rose fast; the bidders were two,
The one near the front eventually won the coupe.
He trailed it home with a smile on his face,
His wife had no idea what had just taken place.

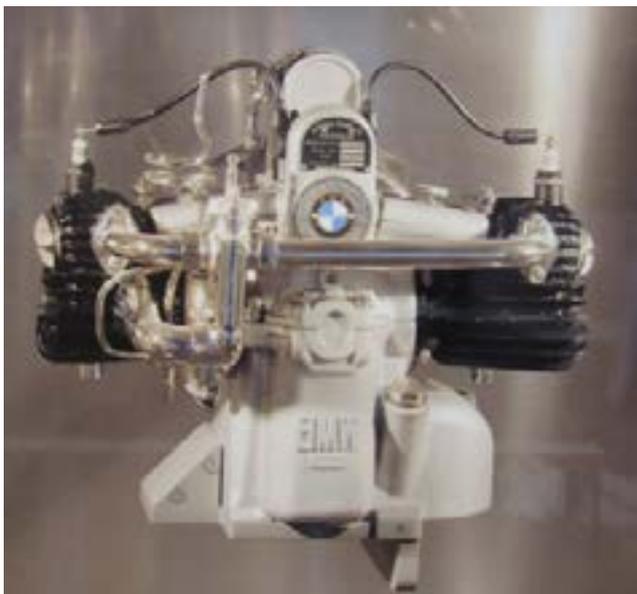
The new owner surveyed, researched and assessed,
Drew up a time-line, and see how he progressed.
As time went by he ticked off the boxes,
He felt as good as the cat's whiskers is.

Then one fine day on a summer's morn,
A brand new bike was splendidly reborn
Glittering, gleaming resplendent in chrome,
Once again this coveted bike was again true hone.

The Kawasuhonya won concours every show,
Cups, trophies, medals lined up in a row.
The bike was now worth twice of new price,
The owner was smug, knowing the sacrifice.

Dave Morris

(2019)



Right: The original horizontally opposed twin engine designed by Fritz.

The word 'Victoria' is readable outside the top blue 'rotating propeller' a 'VIN' plate.

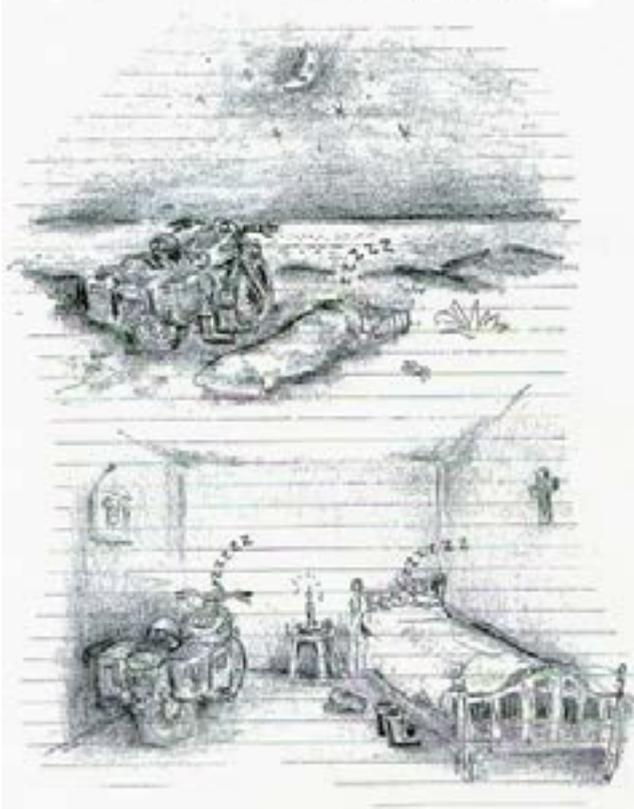
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The M2B15 flat-twin engine was designed by Max Friz for use as a portable industrial engine but proved popular with motorcycle manufacturers, notably Victoria of Nuremberg, and Bayerische Flugzeugwerke (Translation: Bavarian plane manufacturing) in their Helios motorcycle. BMW began manufacture of the R32 motorcycle in 1923, after taking over the Helios company.

Photo by Bob Pinker (L/Member 53) taken on a visit to the BMW Museum in 2009.

Bunk Downbeattons



A Legend In His Own Time.

En route to the 2019 RAG in Pokaka Peer and I called in to see Ron Rutherford (Member #18).

Who? I hear you say. Ron is the only Life Member of the BMWOR living in the Rangitikei Area. He was our guest of honour at the AGM/Rally that was held in Whanganui. Apart from being damned fine chap, he is the author of self-published book that some members bought while they were in the area. Jolly good read it is too. What makes it special apart from the story itself is the fact that it is all hand written and hand drawn. Magic!

Ron rode his Triumph from South America to the Arctic Circle in 1971. On his own. Alone. Without cell phone or credit card.

What a journey that must have been.

His story is being retold. If you want a preview of that story, and later an oral history, pop along to www.rutherford71.com.

Lance Nixon. #1550



The GS model celebrated the 30 year anniversary in November 2010. A good reason for a ride. The occasion was marked with a ride from Cape Reinga to Bluff. Here the rides on that expedition stop over at Waipu Caves, some 40 kilometres south of Whangarei. Rod Russell is easily identified. Photo: P. Zink.

For a bit of a Laugh

Imagine you are just walking down the street one day and a hamburger appears mid-air. You bite into the hamburger – and next thing you know, you're on the moon. Is that what it's like for a fish when we go fishing?

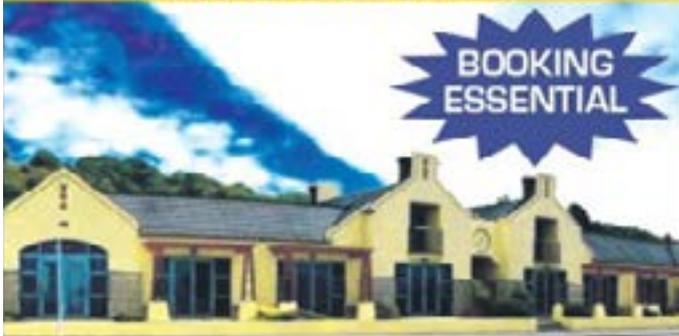
- Sam Simmons

Fictitious Facts!

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last thinks slowest.
4. Change is inevitable; - except from a vending machine.
5. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

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one leather racing suit

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