



# Triumph Times

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## Brass Monkey Rally 2016

### Friday

Friday morning saw a chilly, clear, morning. The Daytona was packed vertically, ready to meet the other members at BP Rolleston. Arrived to find it filled with many bikers, all types, tame and fierce, all makes and models and off to the infamous "freeze your arse" and other parts of your nether region shindig.

The Daytona had been fully serviced with everything checked meticulously before departure. This had paid dividends, as while at Rolleston, another rider's bike, not of our group, failed to start. Had to laugh when he mentioned that the battery was ten years old, and he only checked it three months ago.

Sandy was getting sorted with her many layers of clothing by John Ross, as she walked liked the Michelin man, trying to accommodate the thick skinned woman she was going to become, down South. Now gassed up, we all headed out as a pack. It wasn't long before Sandy and Pete departed from the pack, as they were taking the East Coast route, while the others (Wayne, Allen, John, Pete, and Graeme) went inland.

They were going to do an inland round trip and meet up with us in Oamaru that evening. With others doing their own thing, it wasn't long until we were at Makikihi (just north of Waimate) for a rest, lunch, and liquid refreshment. Boring as the ride is to this point, the weather was still amazing – a cruisy, long ride to Oamaru. We stayed at the old maternity hospital, converted to a motel with a choice of many rooms, very clean and brand spanking new.

Decided to walk down to the sights and actions of the Steampunk festival and managed to waltz in for free. Had our first beverage at the Scotts Brewery – the atmosphere was electric with a mix of locals and out-of-towners, and interested aficionados from overseas. This is well worth the visit, if you ever want to visit down South for Queen's birthday. Wayne left a text that they were off to the Oamaru Club for tea, where we met up for a meet-and-greet and a feed.

### Saturday

Another stunning day in paradise, geared up after breakfast, and made our way to Ranfurly, meeting up with many bikers gassing up. Drank the petrol station dry, and arrived at the venue early afternoon. I didn't expect so many enthusiasts to be there, but it was great to see a landscape of so-called Indians setting up camp and fires (in forty-four gallon drums) awaiting the call for the battle of endurance. You couldn't ask for a better day to pitch a tent and survey the surroundings.

I felt like I was the only lone female among the leather-clad males, but a few stood out quietly with not such tyre-shaped attire as I felt.



Keeping warm with John, Sandy and Pete

Anyway, time for some beer and re-acquainting. The naked bonfire was humungous – funeral pyre for a king (or several)! I couldn't wait to see the flames ignite, rage, and emblaze us with its intensity – BRING IT ON!

It wasn't long until a few of us could go down to the food station by the lake – frozen in parts, of which you just had to throw a stone in to see it break (or not). Anyway, food was up and we had a home cooked meal of pumpkin soup for starters, then a plate of silverside, spuds, and veg. Way too overpriced, but of course, where else could you go for a feed? The food caravans in the general area opposite the fire had options of hamburgers, hotdogs, and the like but equally expensive. And the beer? Yeh, a tad too expensive for my liking.

However, there seem to be (according to me that is) several bods with bottles of unknown substances being imbibed, which caused a warm glow to the cockles. Now if only I had pre-empted this genius.

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## Taranaki Chapter Presents New National Trophy

The small group, of dedicated members, making up the Taranaki Chapter have come up with a challenge to all area chapters. It is called the "Attendance Percentage Challenge" trophy.

The Attendance Percentage Challenge is an annually awarded national trophy given to the area chapter that has the highest percentage of its members attend the National Rally.

The Attendance Percentage Challenge Trophy will be awarded for the first time at the National Rally 2017 organized by the Taranaki Chapter. This gives all the chapters plenty of time to get sorted and see if their chapter can be the first to get their area name on this very grand trophy.

The rules to win the "Attendance Percentage Challenge" are very straight forward.

1. Rally host chapter is not eligible to enter in that year.
2. Percentage calculated on pre-booked registration pre rally date.
3. National Secretary to provide membership numbers for calculation
4. Hosting chapter is responsible for engraving of winning chapter.
5. Winning chapter must deliver or courier the trophy to the next rally



6. National body will cover the cost of courier to or from rally if needed.
7. Winning chapter Area Co-ordinator is responsible for the care of the trophy.

So come on all you Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club members, get organised and fill in the new Registration form, also in this issue of the Triumph Times, and get the honour of having your chapter name on this trophy.





The bonfire was in full force in no time, and many of us gathered around to savour the embers, listening to some generic rock vibes. Then there were the fireworks – heck yeh! Not as good as the Woodstock rally – nothing can beat that – but still fun and part of the journey

Now it's time for bed, better squeeze as much as you can from your bladder, cause there's no f\*\*\*ing way I want to get up in the frozen dark morning tripping on tent ropes and the like, to have a pee miles away from the tent. But then, it was great to see the fire drums ablaze, and many standing or sitting around drinking in the atmosphere or what was left in their vessels

Wrapped up like a mummy in our sleeping bags, fully clothed from head to toe, here goes the night...and so...it's like this see...tents are not sound proofed, which is fine in the Summer with dulcet tones of bird song, maybe waves, soft wind through the trees.

But sheesh, snoring from all corners of the male globe? I thought I was in a swamp full of bull-frogs croaking in mating season, and I could not pick out Wayne's snore from any of them!

I did hear one keen guitar player strumming Pink Floyd and other music legends, with a somewhat enthusiastic group of singers trying to remember the lyrics. Come on, we've all been there. I don't know how I managed to get sleep, but it happened.

### Sunday

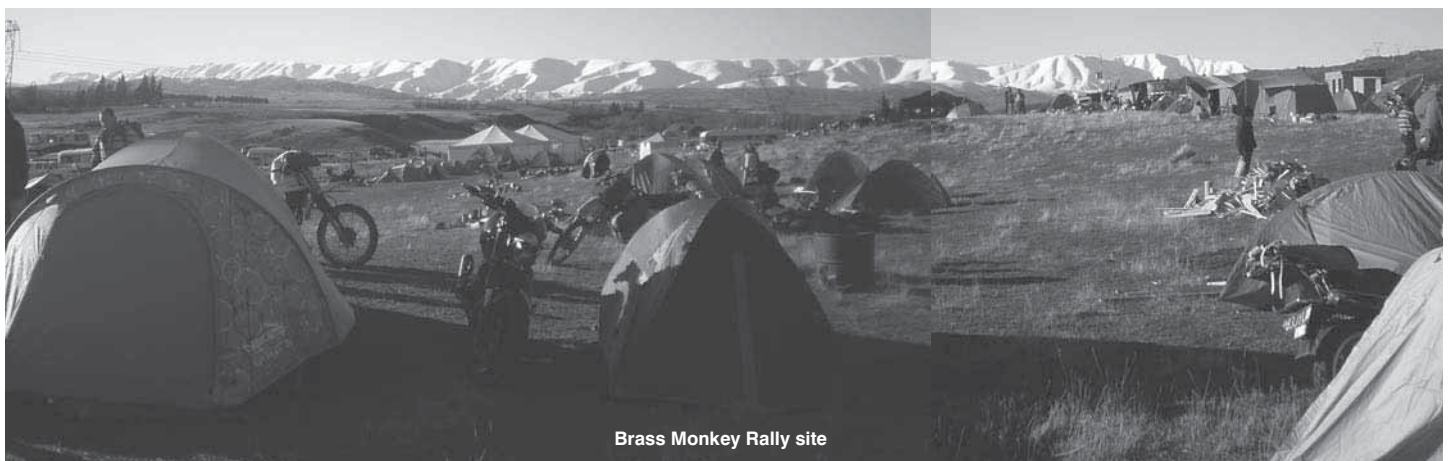
Yet again, I cannot believe our luck, no wind, no rain, clear skies. Now THAT was the cold I was expecting, frost of course, bikes, tents, grass, seating – all white and crunchy – get me to the fire drum! Surprisingly still glowing and being fed by those in the know

Not yet sunrise, so we decided to eat some breakie, sold by the food caravans, and time to pack up the tent after which we all stood around the drum fire to see the sunrise, and then you kind of knew what this journey was about (for me anyway).

We live in an amazingly beautiful country, and here we have like-minded people, not all who you knew, appreciating riding and what it means to them, and enduring what others may deem as 'mad'. Really? Mad? What is so-called 'mad', is the day-to-day living in our society and what is supposedly expected of us, and what we have to do to earn a crust to survive if we are fortunate – but, I am digressing.

The Daytona was again skyscraper high with packs, and we said our goodbyes and drove off to Palmerston, to see my Dad, who had just moved there, lucky bastard. Slow, easy, ride back to Christchurch, well, we did end up having lunch at Makikihi for a burger and beer. Arrived in Christchurch about 5pm approximately and it was bloody freezing, obviously I had lost my nuts by then!

*Sandy Wilson  
TOMCC NZ Canterbury*





# TOUGH NUTS RALLY, CONWAY RIVER



Terry doing well for TOMCC NZ Canterbury



Once again Liz and Patrick turned on a magnificent little rally which was well attended by a large contingent of TOMCC NZ members. The group left Christchurch in bright sunshine with Wayne leading the way on his newly acquired Thruxton R which, with even its standard mufflers, still sounded very fruity.

First stop at Cheviot for a pie and a pint then another quick run through the twisties to the rally site on the banks of the Conway River. Already a lot of people turning up and as usual a fairly well packed rally site, hence the restrictions on numbers.

Excellent band for the night as well as the normal well cooked and plentiful meal which is included in the rally entrance fee. Once the sun dropped behind the hills the temperature went down with it but the organisers kept us warm with the numerous doubled-up 44 gal fire drums. Fully recommend this rally.



Going to blazes at the Tough Nuts Rally



Ken and John on the higher levels of Tough Nuts accommodation



Mark with his immaculately prepared and well ridden Bonnie



## ***Journey to the centre of the earth – Mad Farmer's Tour, and it didn't rain***

"Bloody hell Trev" said Ray, "if it's as wet as this next week through this section of road we had better have a plan B".

At this stage we were about 20km into a 30km section of metal, no, make that mud and clay on our recce for next weekend's 2016 Mad Farmers tour and the road with next to no metal on it was proving more than a handful.

In a fit of madness Ray & Trev had put their hands up to organise the 2016 ride and had decided to theme it the "Best of The Best", a tour with some new roads and a recap over some of the better ones from past tours.

This plan soon went west as the Chateau was fully booked and the Ohura Prison with a change of ownership was no longer open to the public.

Knowing the general area we wanted to tour in, Trev laid out a rough plan and passed it to Ray for his input. This went back and forth 3 or 4 times and we soon had a reasonably good ride of 650 – 700km.

Saturday of Queens Birthday weekend soon arrives and despite 4 starters pulling out for various reasons we still had a good number of participants. Start point at Trev Hall Motorcycles in Te Awamutu is shrouded in thick fog. It had come down on top of a light frost making things bloody cold and forced most to fondle hot coffees from the Z servo, and Trev to buy a Waikato Times to stuff down his front.

9.30am and with all but our patron the Farmer present (Ray & Maxine T140D Special, Brian & Sue T140D Special, Mike 595 Daytona, Rik on a Tiger Trail, Bounce on a Speed Triple, Trev T100 SE, Rob & Selina Rocket 3, Neville T100 Bonnie, Eric & Susan T100 Bonnie, Pete & Sue 51 Thunderbird, Steve Thunderbird Commander, Judy T100 Bonnie) and with the fog still thick and bloody cold we set off with Trev leading and Ray as tail end Charlie.

Short circuit to the south west, over the railway over bridge where at much more than 60km you will leave the ground, past the long closed Tokanui Hospital and back out onto the main road and we are out of the fog and into bright sunshine in a cloudless sky. Left into Wharepuhunga Road and 40 plus km's via Ngaroma. Neville and Eric used to farm in this area so it made a real journey down memory lane for them both (ask them about the man/lady that used to live in a water tanker).

These roads are made for motorcycling but ice on some of the corners had everyone riding at a sedate pace as we went out onto the Waipapa Road and back into cold fog, past Mangakino and the first stop at the Whakamaru servo for the smaller tanked T140D's of Ray and Bryan to fill up. Sue was impressed here as Bryan & Ray both put exactly the same amount of fuel in the tank on that leg being \$9.88.

Although it was now bloody cold as we spent the last 50kms in and out of heavy fog

we were on a mission so as soon as they are filled we head back south and much to Mike Gray's annoyance sail right past the traditional pint stop at the Te Hoi Trading post. Left into SH41 down western shores through Tokaanu and at around midday we pull into the BP servo at Turangi. Gas up and then next door to the Turangi Tavern for lunch.

Entertainment here is a stag party with some poor guy dressed up in a flimsy see-through root suit, women's knickers and bra on underneath, fishnet stockings and a long blond wig (yeah, nah that just didn't work).

Lunch and pints are finished so it's back on the road, across to National Park and south on SH4 to Smash Palace at Horopito.

Smash Palace is where the 1981 cult movie Goodbye Pork Pie was filmed, \$5 to get in then wander at your hearts content through about 5 hectares of old cars and associated buildings. Fascinating place and sad that so many old cars have been left to rot to the point where the parts are no longer salvable. Check it out at [www.horopitomotors.co.nz](http://www.horopitomotors.co.nz)

All too soon the 5 minute call is given, the evidential photo was taken and the group assembled to head back north to the Park Hotel in National Park where we are booked in for the night.

Those wanting more of a thrill were told where we were going so turned on their radar detectors and headed north to run the gauntlet of the Highway Police we saw earlier.

With the couples heading for their rooms and showers, the single guys head to the bar and have soon rearranged the furniture around a large roaring open fire.

Some of us are still in the bar when the mournful wail of the Farmer's Trident is heard going up and down the highway looking for our bikes. Most are content to leave him out there a little longer as punishment for being late but Ray takes pity and goes out and waves him down.

His excuse for being late is that they had moved house 2 years ago and with no shed for the Trident and riding gear. It had a ring of truth as the rust on the chrome and the fact Farmer was only wearing jeans and jacket with no gloves. I would guess by now that the temperature is now down to around zero with minus 5 expected over night.

Slowly the rest wander down from their rooms and the discussion turns to the days ride, especially the ice through the Wharepuhunga Road section. Dinner orders are put in, more drinks were ordered and Rob stoked the fire (everyone started calling him WTF's Frank) and we sat down to an enjoyable evening meal.

Eric was talking about buying a pre unit so he can come on those rides but Sue said that he has to sell a bike to buy another one. She wasn't impressed when it was suggested Eric sell her farm bike, (right moving along quickly now).

It had been a long day of only around 250km but at times bitterly cold so some slowly sneak off to their rooms leaving the usual singles to party on with the ladies, and the Farmer and Mike G going to bed around 1.00am. There were rumours these



Judi and the Mad Farmer



Centre of the North Island





The assembled Mad Farmer's Tour group

ladies drank 5 bottles of the house vino – well done, ladies.

The rooms were great, in fact too hot and Jude commented she slept on top of the bed. Once dawn arrived a quick glance out the door you soon realized yes indeed it was cold outside.

Quite early you could hear the rumble of a Triumph twin in the distance. Seems young Pete was worried his bike wouldn't start in the cold so shot down very early to test the theory and ended up waking up the entire hotel.

An hour or so later people were starting to move and the guys headed down to push their bikes out into the sun in the hope it would warm up a bit to ease the starting.

Eric's T100 had a dodgy battery and there was no way it would fire into life so Trev started his bike and backed it up to Eric and fumed it out for the next 20 minutes or so. Yip that did it. The T100 was a happy as Larry and fired into life with a roar of cheers from the group. Bryan and Ray's T140D's took a bit of encouragement to start but soon enough they too kicked into life.

Again, the evidential group photo was taken with a snow clad mountain as a backdrop, everyone paid their bill, a quick rider's brief and we are off again heading towards a big bunch of fog cloud.

The fuel and breakfast stop was in Taumarunui and by the time we got there we had spent a 30 odd km's in a heavy fog. I was thinking to myself the poor old Farmer doesn't have any gloves he must be bloody freezing. Shock/horror as halfway to Taumarunui Mr. Plod passes us heading the other way without any lights on. "Dick Head" may be able to see us but we couldn't see him until he was on us and past. We arrive in town and the Taumarunui French Ladies' Society had failed to turn up for the official welcome to town. You could see the bitter disappointment on Pete's face having been involved with this group on a previous tour.

Breakfast took an age to be served, some had finished whilst others still waited so a group gathered out on the footpath and provided everyone a minute by minute weather update with loose reports the fog was lifting ('course it was!).

The next part of the tour included two gravel road sections the first only being some 10kms long so we thought this was a good road to hone the gravel riding skills on. With Trev taking the lead and Ray bringing up the rear we set off. Half way through the gravel section Sue on the back of Pete's '51 threw a fire extinguisher at Ray & Maxine following behind (Oop's obviously following too close). Ray applies the ABS and stops eventually and Maxine runs back to pick the extinguisher up.

No other drama was experienced on this road. In fact it was the next section of sealed road from Ongarue to the Bennydale turn off caused most of the surprises as we hit unmarked road works on dark wet corners where the loose gravel was invisible. Fortunately nobody came to grief but there was plenty of excited chatter when we stopped for a re-group.

The section of road from Pureora to the plaque at the center of the North Island was the section of road referred to earlier "30km section of metal, no make that mud and clay" and although it had not rained for up to a week, the road had not improved much but I would say this was the ride of the weekend...awesome it was.

After a quick stop at Pureora Forestry HQ we set off in formation for this 30 km ride. It was surprising just how many vehicles were on the road and parked up near bush tracks. Once we were in the shade of the tree's it got pretty fresh as we followed Link Rd through to the turn off to car park where you walked to the plaque. Rik (did I hear some calling him Ethel?) has a moment in the forest as both feet left the foot pegs as he skidded through a mud pile but managed to keep things upright. Well done indeed.

Funny as when we arrive, Bounce announced that she was involved with the building of the pathway bridges that you cross on this ten minute walk through the bush. Cave Creek immediately sprung to mind. Also of note Taupo local and TOMCC friend David Pascoe (aka Pilgrim), played a part in the location and erecting of the plaque which even carried his name.

The group gathered at the plaque signifying the geographical center of the North Island and with the group photo taken it was back to the car park to load up.

Trev announced that once we were out of the forest he would stop for a quick photo opportunity. While there Ray & Maxine will turn left to head back to Hamilton as their animal baby sitter had let them down so, whatever you do, DO NOT FOLLOW THEM. We will be turning right and heading to Taupo for a late lunch and pint. Photo done we head the 100 metres to SH32, turn right and then left into the Kinloch road.

As we pass the turnoff into Kinloch it is too good an opportunity to miss, so throw the anchor out and take the short road into Kinloch. First time most had ever been there. Beautiful pristine bay with a mix of 1960's weekend baches (Cribs) and modern million dollar plus houses.

Back up to the main road and on to Taupo to the Irish pub for a pint of dirty old dark (Guinness) and bar snacks. By now it's getting on and with the temperature starting to drop sharply, the 5 minute call is given. Gas up and out onto SH1 heading North to Atiamuri and the BeezNeez where we are booked in for the night.

Sue, who 5km after leaving Taupo realized she had left her reading glasses behind in the pub, screams at Bryan but as he didn't know where we were staying elected to follow the group to the Beez Neez, now returned to Taupo only to discover Sue's glasses had disappeared, "double bugger".

On arrival the main entrance is coned off and signs are in place telling us to park in the paddock next door, bugger that so we

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Trev on Trev's Road

ride between the cones and pull up to the bar and restaurant to be met by Nigel the owner.

Seems they have been inundated by around 200 people who had been attending and participating in the final round of the NZ Enduro Champs. The bar was packed and unfortunately due to the busyness the new menu had been withdrawn (English style pub grub, Bangers & Mash etc). They had reverted back to the old menu of our last stop there on the 'Damn the Dam' tour. Fish n Chips, Steak n Chips and thin base bloody pizzas.

We chuck our gear into our allocated rooms and squeeze into the bar. The Enduros eventually struggled through their prize giving. Must have been a bloody prize for just about every participant.

The crowd started to thin out allowing us to squeeze in and place our dinner orders. With dinner dead and buried, our

group started to break up with some electing to stay in front of the large fire in the bar and the hard bastards retiring to the upstairs games room, which had been converted from what was at one time a brothel.

Large room with some weight equipment, full size billiards table, table soccer, large flat screen TV, numerous fridges etc. Weights were set up in a corner in what used to be the shower and sauna area of the brothel.

Over the next few hours, people slowly drifted off with Judy, Bounce, Keith and Rick probably the last to go.

Mention must be made of Mrs. O who agreed that with her and Mr. O in the double bed, Mike, Keith and Trev could sleep in the bottom bunks. A brave women, as between the three of them the chorus during the night was earth shattering.

Next morning sees dawn break to, you guessed it – FOG.

Does not look like it is going to lift and with our need to be at the Okoroire for a big breakfast at opening of 11am, lead by Trev, we head through to Tokoroa. Fortunately by the time we get to Kinleith we have run out of the fog and in bright sunshine continue to Putaruru where via backroads we head to Okoroire for the promised brekkie.

Arrive at Okoroire 10 minutes before opening, shortly followed by Ray & Maxine who had decided to come out from Hamilton only to find the pub does not do breakfast for non-guests. Bugger, bugger and double bugger. Downed the coffees most had ordered, and decide to head to Tirau where we fight with the bloody tourists. Been a long couple of days and most are subdued during breakfast.

Okoroire (Tirau) was the designated end of the tour so as people finished, they said their goodbyes and started to drift off to their respective home destinations.

All in around 595km. Te Awamutu to Tirau over some old and new roads, mix of weather from cold fog to brilliant sunshine, a first for a Farmers ride of no rain, no offs, no breakdowns. All in all another great weekend.

There were a couple of first timers on the ride being Rik and Steve, so I hope you guys are keen to rejoin us once again. Bounce had not been on a ride with us for some years, so it was nice to have her company, and of course this year the Farmer himself rolled in on the trusty but rusty old T150V. It was great to hear the triple in the group once again.

Bryan & Sue have kindly volunteered to organize 2017 so put a ring around Queens Birthday weekend and see you there.

Ray & Trev  
TOMCC Waikato BOP



# Yesterday's Rider's

In our March issue of Triumph Times we featured our hard working membership secretary as the first of, hopefully, a regular article showing some early photos of our members. This month we feature Mike Gray and myself. Of course we still need lots more early photos of you, our dear members. I'm sure you have all got an early photo or two of yourselves. It doesn't have to be on a bike, but if it is, all the

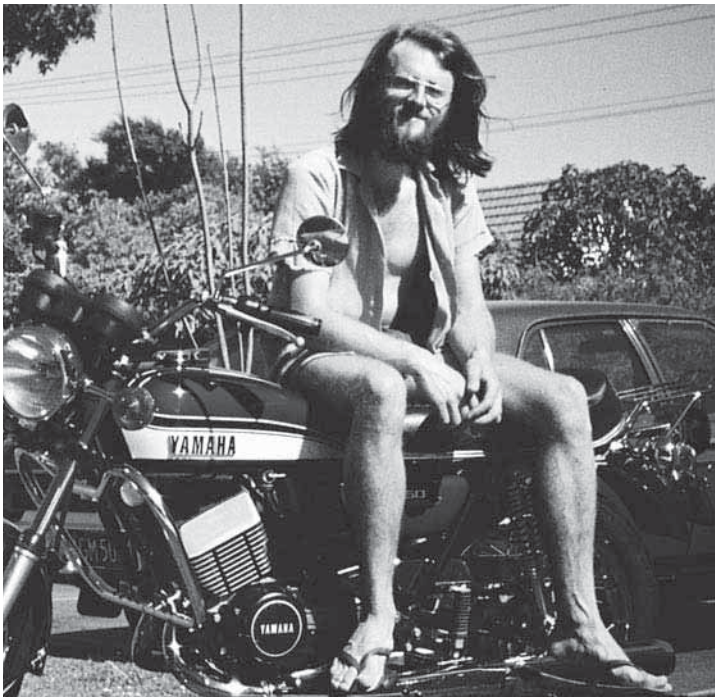
better. Also accompanied by a more recent photo would complete it nicely.

I'm sure there's lots of photos that you can dig out from your family photo albums to give us a brief glimpse of your own yesterday. My contact details are on page 16.

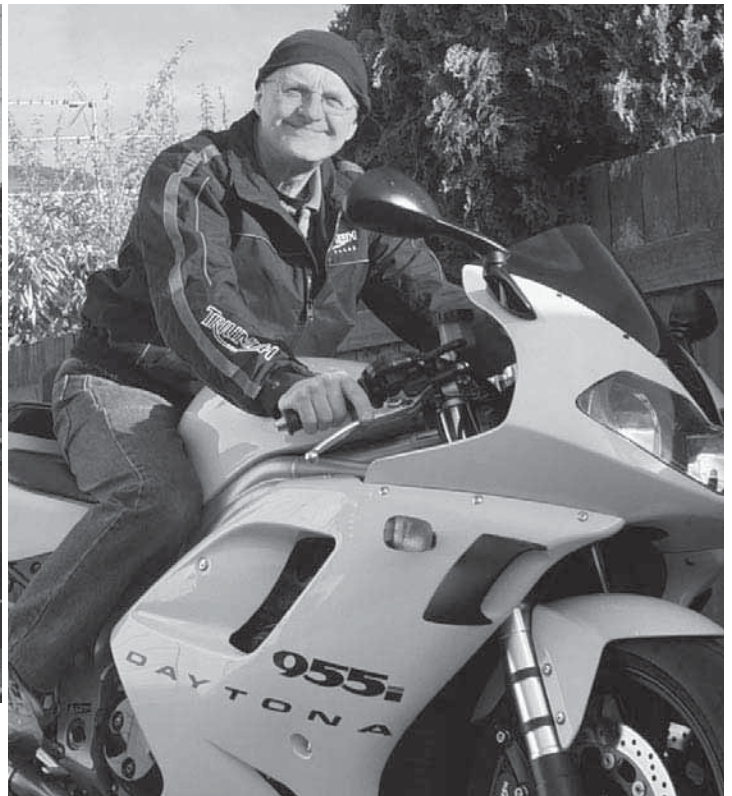
*Ken Spall, Editor*



**Mike Gray:** Photo at 3 years old, Cavell Square, Deal, Kent. "I remember being in the sidecar and looking through a hole in the floor when Dad took me out on a wet day and I got splashed in the face".



**Ken Spall:** 1973, in my early twenties on the first bike I bought after arriving in NZ in 1972. And no, I definitely didn't ride in shorts and jandals!





# 2016 Ride For Ever Classic & Custom Motorcycle Show

With ACC picking up the major sponsorship for the 2016 Classic Motorcycle show we see a name change and a broadening of the show to include all genres of motorcycling.

I see this as a good move in that if TOMCC NZ continues to have a presence at the show it will greatly increase our exposure to more than the 3,500 paying visitors of the previous couple of years.

The danger now is that the classic & veteran scene will slowly be swamped by the chrome & polish Harley types.

Nine months out and with nobody new willing to pick up the mantle and the same few people who organize TOMCC NZ participation in these events expressing tiredness, I put my hand up. An email goes out to Glen in Auckland asking if he can assist with firstly, a list of bikes that might be available, and a small crew of members who would be willing to man the stand.

Armed with a list of about 12 bikes from the Waikato/BoP and Auckland regions and a vague idea of how I wanted to portray TOMCC NZ, the entry is submitted with a request for 8 metres of display area with a back wall. Our entry receipt showed us as being the 2nd club stand to the left inside the main entrance sharing the same wall/pedestrian way with Triumph New Zealand, brilliant spot.

Trailer is loaded up on Thursday night with all the props for our display, and taking the Friday off work I head up to Auckland to brave the traffic on the southern motorway. Eventually get to Epsom and wend my way through all the commercial display teams with my trailer load of old rusty rubbish, unload and set it all out to wait for Glen who said he would be in about 11am-ish to give me a hand to assemble.

Amusingly, when I drove in, one of the marshals after looking at the contents of the trailer, seriously quizzed me on whether I was at the correct venue.

Glen finally arrives, and within 10 minutes and with 4 bolts, 4 nails and 2 cable ties our stand is up and ready for the arrival of the 8 bikes that I had settled on.

Last bike arrived in from Hamilton around 7.30pm that night and with the complex due to go under security lockdown at 8pm, it was a quick walk around the show – absolutely outstanding. All the different rider's clubs were there, all the major dealers and maybe 200 or so private entries with very little on show from previous years. Amazing just what must be hidden away in sheds that comes out for events like this.

My bike of the show was a 1968 T120 based bobber, detail on this bike was amazing. Asked the builder, "Jeeze mate, how much dope did you have to smoke to come up with these ideas". He thought about it and responded, "Mate, you can't weigh that amount of dope".

Special mention goes to the lovely promo girl from the Triumph importer/distributors stand who spent some time on our stand on Sunday handing out our own club info and membership forms.

We missed the Club best stand prize. It went to the BSA owners club who despite a crew of around 15 guys, and trailering all their bikes in, I felt our stand was better.

Very proud of the fact that almost all our bikes were ridden in as that was the theme I wanted to portray. We are a club of owners who ride, restore, have fun and generally don't spend our weekends bolting chrome on and polishing.

Many thanks to Glen from Auckland for organizing participation from the Auckland members and Ray from the Waikato who would rein me in when I got carried away.

Special thanks to those who supplied the bikes as per my instructions, "don't clean as we will display as ridden."

Ray (Sharron Ross)	1962 T100ss
Rick Reid	1970 T120 Bonneville Tiger 800XC
Glenn Mills	1979 T140D Special
Phil Neverman	2015 Rocket X
Mike Gray	1961 T120 Bonneville
Bruce Bugbee	2009 Scrambler with Cozy Sidecar

Despite the huge amount of work and time invested I feel the weekend was a success, and great exposure for TOMCC NZ with over 7,000 paying punters through the door and past our stand.

Close to 150 club membership forms handed out and if only less than 10% of those turn into new members, it has to be good for us.

Was asked on Sunday, "Would you do it again?". . . will answer that in 3 or 4 months when things quieten down. But I go back to my earlier point, this event is a national show (this was evidenced by the TOMCC NZ members from outside the region who introduced themselves to us over the weekend) and it is a lot to expect the same few people from the Auckland, Waikato/BoP to year after year put the effort in.

*Trevor Stapp  
TOMCC NZ, Waikato*







TOMCC NZ Waikato & BoP's  
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Auckland Ride Forever show

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# Triumph Thruxton R review

We have all seen the teaser photo's of Triumphs new range which started floating about on the internet late in 2015. I really liked the look of the Thruxton R and was dead keen to see one in the flesh.

Finally in late June 2016 Our local dealer got one in, it was presold, so no riding, but I got to try it for size and I just fitted. Its difficult to find a bike that can still look good with a 186cm tall 110kg lump like me on it. But the Showa suspension handles it well and a little more tweaking will soon see it dialled in.

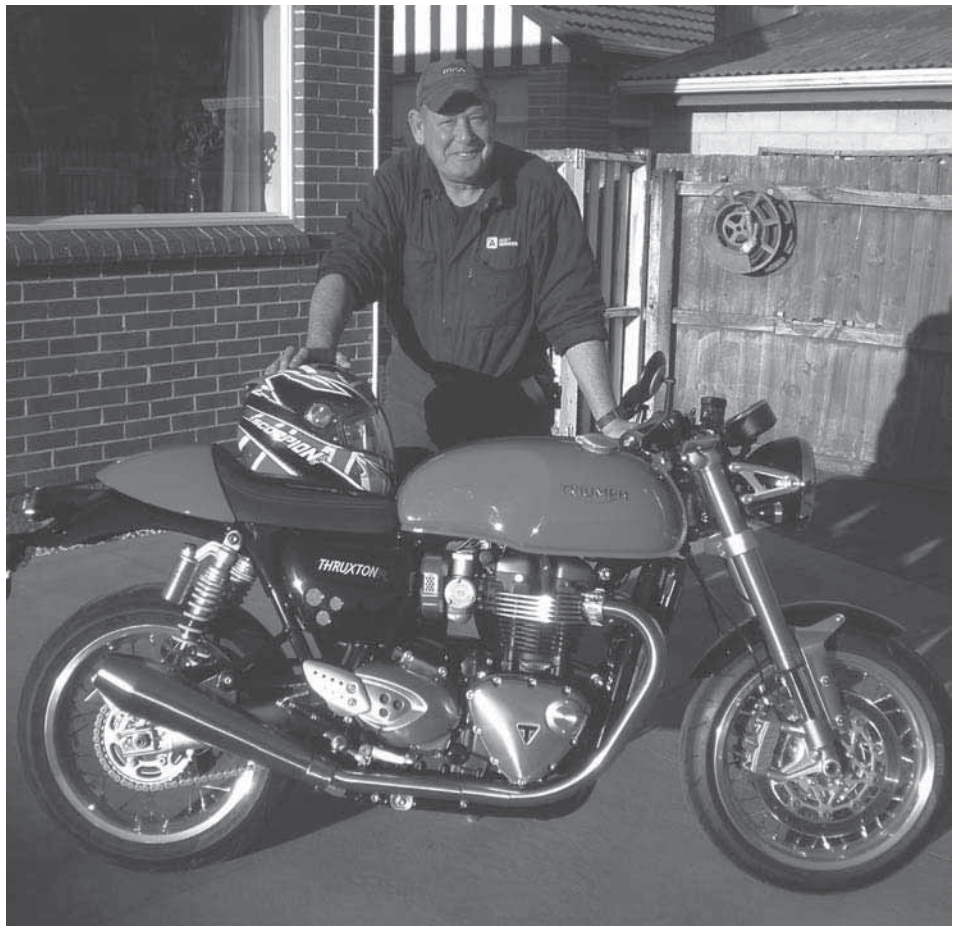
Although I'm still in the "running in" phase the motor pulls strongly from low down and once up to highway speeds a twist of the wrist to the ride-by-wire throttle is all that's required to send the bike surging forward to "hello officer" speeds.

The seat is firm but comfortable and the bars although of the clip-on style, are not too low or forward for my long arms, and the wind on the chest assists with relieving the pressure.

The brakes are nothing short of spectacular for a bike of this size and when coupled with ABS and traction control they give a real feeling of confidence to push on in the corners where a simple push on the bars see's a change of direction that I'm confident would please most sports bike riders.

The bike has three ride modes, rain, road and sport and although I haven't ridden in sport mode yet, I'm told it goes much better than road mode, so once its run in I will give it a go. The traction control and ABS can be turned off, but I'm not sure why anyone except a Moto GP racer would want to ride without these safety features now.

Its an easy bike to ride around town, or blast to the local country pub, which is where many owners will spend most of their riding time, but this bike deserves to be ridden in the twisties, where it will reward a capable rider, and I'm really looking forward to a run through one of the mountain passes as soon as the weather allows.



There are 150 odd accessory parts available for the range but the only change I plan to make, is removing the catalytic converter which will free up some horses and allow the stock stainless exhausts to breathe and emit an even deeper rumble, and maybe a small fly screen.

The seat is 810mm high and narrow so most riders should be able to plant at least one foot, squarely on the ground and at 200kg it shouldn't scare anyone with a full licence and a couple of years riding experience.

I have now had a chance to ride the bike for a reasonable distance, and it is run in, so I

can open it up. I find it "engaging" to ride and there is a pleasant throb from the motor when pressing on, and as stated above, the handling is superb.

Comments from mates, regarding the sound from the derestricted exhausts, are complimentary.

I have managed to find some Oxford soft panniers that fit the bike, under the seat, so I'll be able to do some long weekends away, can't wait.

Anyone who has any questions can feel free to contact me.

Wayne Woodward  
TOMCC NZ, Canterbury

## It worked and got me down the road !



Running late and unable to keep to the Lucas motto: "Get home before dark". Lucas the prince of darkness struck on a dark and distant Southland road ! Not a problem thanks to the Lucas Emergency Light. Special thanks to Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club of Sweden for providing the light, despite the size it does work well.

John Witherington  
TOMCC NZ Otago & Southland

## Website Administrator wanted urgently

Would you, or do you know of any member who would be happy to take on the task of administering our club website. We need someone to take on this task quite urgently.

It would also be great if someone was also able to upgrade or redesign our website.

Please get in touch with your Area Co-ordinator or contact one of our committee members if you are able to help.



## New additions to TOMCC NZ regalia



As illustrated above we have two new, quality additions, to our extensive range of TOMCC NZ regalia. The belt buckle is heavy chrome plated metal with black enamel infill. Price is \$25 each + p&p. Leather belts to match the buckle will shortly be available to order, embossed with either Triumph or TOMCC NZ. The leather key ring is thick brown leather heavily embossed with our club logo. Price is \$10 each + p&p.

Both these items as well as all other TOMCC NZ regalia items are now available from our Regalia Officer, John Milligan, ph 03 339 6430 or 027 637 6844 or email [jandwmilligan@gmail.com](mailto:jandwmilligan@gmail.com)

**Other items of club regalia may be viewed and purchased from our website [www.tomcc.co.nz](http://www.tomcc.co.nz)**

## TOMCC NZ Canterbury Branch Rides and Events Calendar

2016			
Month	Date	Event	Details
September	Saturday 17	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Sunday 25	Distinguished Gentleman's Ride	See First Europeans website. <a href="http://www.firsteuropean.co.nz">www.firsteuropean.co.nz</a>
	Friday 30	Social Get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards
October	Saturday 1	Globe Trotter Rally	Timaru – Contact Wayne Woodward for details.
	Saturday 15	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Sat/Sun 15/16	Triumph Bike Show	Woolston Club – Hargood St
	Saturday 22	Rockers Run - Greymouth	Meet at Montieths Hotel Greymouth at 10:00am
	Sunday 23	Greymouth Street Races	Group ride to location (More details closer to the event).
November	Friday 28	Social Get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards
	Sunday 6	Triples Run – To be Confirmed	Tridents, Rocket 3's and like-minded British bikes. Bush Inn car park 9:30am
	Fri/Sat/Sun 11/12/13	Whitebait Run - Westport	Meet at the Yaldhurst Hotel car park for a 10 am departure. (More details closer to event).
	Fri/Sat 18/19	Magpie Rally – Winchester Domain	Club trailer will be attending. Driver required (More details closer to event).
	Saturday 19	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Thus/Fri/Sat/Sun 24 – 27	Bert Munro	Invercargill
	Friday 25	Social Get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards
December	Friday 9	Christmas get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards
2017			
Month	Date	Event	Details
January	Friday 9	Wonder Rally	Waiau (More details closer to the event).
	Saturday 21	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Friday/Sat/Sun 27,28,29	Woodstock Rally - Woodstock Hokitika	Some gear taken to rally by club. Group ride. (More details closer to event).
February	Friday/Sat/Sun 10,11,12	TOMCC NZ Inc National Rally	New Plymouth. Hosted by the Taranaki Chapter
	Saturday 18	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Friday 24	Social Get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards
March	Sat/Sun 25,26	Sound of Thunder racing	Ruapuna raceway Christchurch
	Friday/Sat/Sun 3,4,5	March Hare Rally – Waimate Domain	Club trailer will be attending. Driver required (More details closer to event).
	Saturday 19	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Saturday 19	TOMCC Overnighter – To be confirmed	Club trailer will be attending. Driver required (More details closer to event).
	Friday 31	Social Get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards
April	Saturday 1	Sundowner Rally - Hurunui	Club trailer will be attending. Driver required (More details closer to event).
	Saturday 15	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Friday 28	Social Get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards
May, June July, August	3rd Saturday of month	First European Ride	Meet at First European 114 Carlyle St, Sydenham for a 12pm departure.
	Last Friday of Month	Social Get together	St Albans Bowling Club – Forfar St. From 7:00pm onwards



# Twisted Thistle Tour 2017

Otago Southland's pre and after 2017 rally tour

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All TOMCC NZ members and friends are welcome to ride all or part of the tour. Best bring a tent.



As with all our Twisted Thistle Tours, this tour, from 8th to 20th February 2017, takes in the ride to, and following on, from our National Rally, and is all about pure riding on some of New Zealand's best riding roads. As usual it is an all weather tour, and accommodation is "as we go" – so best bring a tent. More details to come via our next newsletter, website and social media sites. Members requiring further information or expressions of interest please contact TOMCC NZ Otago Southland Area coordinator [john.witherington@xtra.co.nz](mailto:john.witherington@xtra.co.nz)

## Campsite invitation to all TOMCC NZ members

I'm a new member to the TOMCC NZ family, but my partner Lionel was previously a member of the Canterbury branch before moving for a period to Australia. Now settled back here with me in the Marlborough Sounds, we would like to offer to members travelling in our area, the use of a private and sheltered grass paddock on our property suitable for short term overnight camping.

There isn't a fee, as we are just offering the use of a small, sheltered, sunny grass paddock on the side of the driveway below the house, suitable for safe parking of motorcycles and pitching a tent etc. There are no facilities other than a water tap.

We would be happy to allow use of our personal facilities (ie toilet/bathroom/bike lockup in shed) by request, on a donation basis. And of course we would love to have members come up to the house and share a yarn and a cuppa with us.

The address is:

**1024 Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater.  
(GPS coordinates 41° 17'30.50"S 173° 50'29.50"E).**

**10.2 kms/13 mins from the corner of State Highway 6/Mahakipawa Road, Havelock, or 24 kms/34 mins from the ferry terminals in Picton.**

Located just 1 minute from the Linkwater Country Inn and Challenge Garage, our property is on a slight rise above the tourist route, overlooking the picturesque Mahakipawa Arm of the Pelorus Sound.

We can be contacted by email as below, and would provide phone numbers and other necessary information at point of contact.

Looking forward to meeting other members.

Kind Regards,

Barb Allen: [seabarns66@email.com](mailto:seabarns66@email.com)

Lionel Roberts: [seabarns55@gmail.com](mailto:seabarns55@gmail.com)



View from owners paddock overlooking Mahakipawa Arm of the Pelorus Sound



Paddock above Queen Charlotte Drive, overlooking the Mahakipawa Arm of the Pelorus Sound



# WATOC RALLY OF THE YEAR FEBRUARY 2019, HANMER SPRINGS

## Accommodation needed for overseas TOMCC guests

As many of you are now aware in February 2019 we will be hosting the WATOC Rally of the Year. There has already been strong interest expressed by many of our overseas TOMCC friends who would like to attend this event. At present there could be 30 to 50 attending mainly from Europe but also a few from Australia and possibly the US.

Our overseas guests are now in the process of organising air travel and particularly the shipping of bikes to New Zealand, although some are looking at options such as hiring or purchasing bikes when they arrive.

Also of concern is availability of accommodation. Of course at the rally site in Hanmer Springs accommodation will be taken care of as is normal for our National Rallies. But most of these people are keen to tour our country and it would be great if we as a club could help with providing accommodation, particularly as it is peak holiday season.

I already have about a dozen TOMCC NZ members who are willing to provide short term accommodation

but it would be very helpful if we could have more volunteers to help.

What you provide in accommodation is entirely up to you. It could be anything from full bed & breakfast in your home to something as simple as the offer of your front lawn to pitch a tent, or anything in between. I'm sure our guests would be happy with whatever you are able to offer.

Our plan is that we will pass on to our guests a list of TOMCC NZ accommodation providers with contact phone numbers and the area you live in. They will then get in touch with you and organise the accommodation to suit.

Please let me know if you are willing to provide accommodation for our overseas guests. Don't rely on me to assume that you are willing to participate in this. ***I need definite confirmation from you.*** My contact details are:

**Ken Spall**

**Phone 03 489 1740 or 021 26 99 530**

**Email [spall@callsouth.net.nz](mailto:spall@callsouth.net.nz)**



**Triumph Only Bike Show**

Organised by the:  
**Triumph Owners  
Motor Cycle Club  
NZ Inc. Canterbury**

**Sat. 15th October 2016  
10:00am to 6:00pm**

**Sun. 16th October 2016  
9:00am to 3:30pm**

**Woolston Club  
Bowling Pavilion  
Compton Street  
Christchurch**

**ENTRY \$5.00**  
(Children under 12yrs free)

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# Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club New Zealand Inc

## *Taranaki Chapter*



## **“THE LOST” National Rally**

# **10, 11, 12 Feb 2017**

**TOPEC** Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits & Education Centre

**Hydro Road, New Plymouth**

**\$50 pre-paid entry**

**(includes cloth badge and accommodation)**

**\$25 day entry, out by 10pm (no badge)**

**Friday night meet ‘n’  
greet with drinks**

**AGM Saturday morning**

**Organised ride (Approx. 100km) after AGM**

**Show ‘n’ Shine bike show**

**Organised games (if time allows)**

**Beautiful bush setting with sociable tenting area**

**All motorcyclists welcome**

**Extra goodies for those with prepaid registration**

**Cabins for up to 80 people (must supply own bed linen)**

**Cabins will be allocated to South Island members first**

**For Registration form, email [tomcctaranaki@gmail.com](mailto:tomcctaranaki@gmail.com)**

**Live band Friday night**

**DJ Saturday night**

**Fire pit (pending fire restrictions)**

**NO BYO, GANG PATCHES, ATTITUDES or DOGS, ROAR**

**Attend at own risk, organisers will not be responsible for any damage  
to private property or the wellbeing of any rally participant**





**TOMCC NZ Inc.**  
**The Lost National Rally**  
 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
 TOPEC Site  
 Hydro Road New Plymouth



Open to all TOMCC Members and any other Motorcyclists

First name		Email	
Last name		Mobile	
Street address		Phone	
Suburb/City		Club #	
<b>Bike Details</b>			
Make		Model	
		Rego #	

**Accommodation** (please tick appropriate boxes) Tent ☐ Cabin (\*\*must supply own Linen) ☐

**Registration Fee** Friday only (\$25) ☐ Saturday only (\$25) ☐ Friday and Saturday (\$50) ☐

(Cabins will be allocated to South Island members first)

<b>*Meals (Please tick meal preference)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday evening	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Honey Soya chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Carved Ham on the bone with mustard
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooked	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Continental	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Evening	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef with plum gravy	<input type="checkbox"/> Roast Pork & Apple gravy
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooked	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Continental	
<b>Total Meal Cost</b>	\$	<i>All mains served with salad, veg and Pudding</i>	

**\*meals, badge, rally shirt & rally pack only with prepaid entry received by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

<b>Alcohol preference</b> Choice 1	Choice 2
(Alcohol choice example; Choice 1 Tui. Choice 2 Bourbon & Gingerale RTD)	

<b>Rally T Shirt</b>							
T-shirt	Size:	Colour:	\$30.00	Singlet	Size:	Colour:	\$30.00
Shirts and singlets are (B) Black or (W) White background.							

Total money paid	Payment Options:
Registration Fee \$	<b>Cheque:</b> Payable to TOMCC Taranaki Social Club <b>Internet Banking:</b> Account No. 15-3955-0543124-00 Please use Surname and Bike Rego as the reference. Receipt will be sent once this form has been received.
Rally T Shirt \$	
Meals \$	
<b>Total</b> \$	

Post or email this registration form to:  
**TOMCC NZ Inc. National Rally**  
**C/o Geoff Thomson**  
**76 Brooklands Rd**  
**Brooklands**  
**New Plymouth 4310**  
**Email; tomccnztaranaki@gmail.com**

**Disclaimer:** In signing this form I agree to abide by all the rules of the rally and will hold blameless all organisers and/or officials connected with the rally for any injury, loss or damage at the rally or travelling to or from the rally.

**One registration Form per person**

**Absolutely: NO BYO, NO Patches, NO Dogs, NO Glass and NO Attitudes**

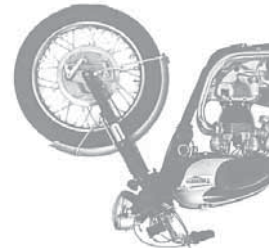
**R.O.A.R (Right of Admission Reserved)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_





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**The Members and Committee  
of TOMCC NZ Inc welcome the  
following new members to our club**

Dennis Fitchett	<i>Wellington</i>	Graham Fairbrother	<i>Whangarei</i>
Tom Riddington	<i>Tauranga</i>	Michael Will	<i>Christchurch</i>
Tim Fraser	<i>Wanganui</i>	Clive Barrow	<i>Dunedin</i>
Carol Maxwell	<i>Rangiora</i>	Rolf Melster	<i>Huntly</i>
Helen Roberts	<i>Whangarei</i>	Amanda Rochester	<i>Waihi</i>
Neal Nicholls	<i>Parnell</i>	Ian Johnson	<i>Inglewood</i>
Neil Moore	<i>Te Awamutu</i>		

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

**If you change your address  
please advise the National  
Membership Secretary by  
post or email immediately.**

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