

# Triumph Times

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2017, the 50th Anniversary of the Triumph Daytona

# Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ

# 24th National Rally 9, 10 & 11 February 2018

Whangarei Falls Holiday Park & Backpackers 12 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie, Whangarei

Open to all TOMCC NZ members and any other motorcyclists



Nomination Form for TOMCC NZ committee on page 10. Please complete and return to Membership Secretary.

#### How to Ride a Motorcycle Into Your Living Room

# Riding a motorcycle is fraught with danger. All too often, you have to deal with:

Too-tight corners you went into a little too quickly Sudden downpours that turn the road into an ice-rink Homicidal car drivers who come out of nowhere, hell-bent on their mission to kill you.

Yep, your average motorcyclist has more than enough to deal with. But there's one challenge that many riders dread more than others – being "allowed" to keep your motorcycle in the house.

Too often, the topic of indoor motorcycle parking leads straight into another shouting match. But if you secretly dream of turning the kitchen into your personal parking lot, take heart. Maybe all you need to clear the air of the whiff of divorce is a new approach to this dangerous topic.

I bet you haven't tried this – simply make a case for how the bike makes a practical contribution to the living space. It's not clutter – it's a strictly useful addition to the room.

Here are 10 of the best justifications for riding a motorcycle directly into your living room, where it'll enhance the daily lives of everyone under your roof. A motorcycle has a range of seriously practical applications in any home. Here's the proof.

#### You can use a motorcycle as:

#### An extra dining chair

Far from being "in the way" of your dining table, your bike actually doubles as the coolest dining chair anyone's ever seen.

Before you know it, the kids will be fighting for the



privilege of eating dinner on the bike. Just don't let them dribble any gravy on those gleaming pipes!



#### A totally modern take on a vase

It doesn't get more femalefriendly than this! The bike offers a whole new way to display flowers and makes traditional vases look so last year.

You're combining manmade technology with

the natural world, in a poetic blend of masculine and feminine energies. Just show me the woman who can resist a romantic notion like that.

#### The least nerdy bookshelf in the world

Why tuck your favorite books away on a dusty old bookshelf in another room?

Stack them up on the bike seat, and you have an eyecatching display that reminds your friends that you're way more well-read than they are.



#### A shelf for birthday cards

If someone in the household is having a birthday, you're in luck. A motorcycle presents a range of levels and pleasing angles just perfect for birthday card display.

This practical solution frees up other



surfaces in the room – so the bike is effectively solving a clutter problem, not adding to it.

#### A defence against telemarketers



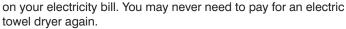
If you're sick of having your evenings interrupted by pushy telemarketers, you've just found the best way to avoid them. Indoor motorcycle parking offers a natural barrier between you, and a ringing phone.

When the phone rings there's hardly any point in rushing over to answer it, is there? By the time you clamber around the bike, it'll have stopped ringing. So just turn up the TV, and ignore the phone.

#### A towel dryer

Hang your wet towel on the handlebars before you head out to work in the morning. It'll be airdry by the time you get home.

Having the bike in the house has just saved you money





#### Massive entertainment value



When non-biker friends come around, watch them fight to the death for the chance to sit on a real live motorcycle. This is the opportunity of a lifetime for them to imagine being a biker.

Your uber-cool mate who would never dream of asking to sit on the

bike will lean on it, casually holding the handlebar to see what it feels like. And your Great Aunt Mavis will joyfully climb aboard, and tell you all about the time in 1955 when that nice young man with the BSA asked her to marry him.

Having a motorcycle in the living room is a lot more entertaining than a game of Scrabble, let's face it, your friends will love it.

#### A virtual butler

Hang your hat or jacket off the handlebars, and you'll be all set for the morning rush to work. The bike is pretty much working for you here as your personal butler – Your coat, sir.





#### A mini-bar

What better way to get the party started? The bike can be the centre of any sophisticated gathering that involves bottles of tequila or bourbon. Just make sure you don't splash any sticky cocktails on the tank.

#### A piece of art

This excuse for riding a motorcycle directly through your front door brings us full circle. For me, this is the most compelling reason to keep a bike in your house.



As we've just proven, motorcycles can be a surprisingly practical addition to your living space. But first and foremost, a motorcycle is a thing of overwhelming beauty.

It combines form and function in a way that's rarely seen. The lines, the shapes, the hundreds of perfectly designed moving parts – it's a piece of gleaming metal sculpture that takes your breath away.

And having your bike in your house makes a simple and strong statement – you love your motorcycle. She's a huge part of your life. She's a member of the family. Why on earth should she live out in the garage?

Liz Hardy Otago and Southland, TOMCC NZ

### Photos for this issue of Triumph Times were kindly provided by:

Liz Hardy, Alan Abbott, Roy Maddox, Wayne Woodward, Geoff Walton and Ken Spall

#### A TRIPLE TALE

I hope you guys are well and the winter is not too troubling and you are getting some rubber to the road. Here in the UK we are smack in the middle of summer and the best way to describe it is – winter. My best wishes to Terry Hancox hoping the recovery is going well, my friend.

I have been commissioned to write a book about the Triumph Trident Triples. The book will not be the usual restoring, specification, manual type book. I aim to tell the story of the development of the triples from the original idea to the final T160's with the tale based around the racing project of the iconic triples, Slippery Sam and all that. Each road model will be included and the book will be very much photograph led.

I want to include the characters both human and mechanical from the triples life story. So I am looking for any New Zealand located person or bike that has a place in the journey of the Triumph Trident.

I can be contacted through my facebook page or directly by email redroy53@sky.com.

The quality of photographs is very important and all contributions will be acknowledged in the book, publication is planned for June 2019 so anyone providing help and support could find me buying them a pint at the 2019 WATOC Rally. All the best friends and ride safe.

Roy Maddox Leicester Flying Foxes, TOMCC UK





# The Southern Moose Safari is on again...as we did in 2011, 2013 & 2015

Otago / Southland Chapter of TOMCC NZ is holding a two-night overnighter at Te Anau Sat 21st to Mon 23rd October 2017 with a ride into Milford Sound on Sunday 22nd October

It's becoming something of a Southland tradition, so come and join up!
Who knows what adventures may befall us - all in the pursuit of the legendary Fiordland Moose. If we find it, fame and riches await us! If not, well, we will have enjoyed one of NZ's best rides - one not to be missed.

Accommodation at Te Anau is up to you to arrange. Most of us will be staying at the Te Anau Kiwi Holiday Park,15 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau. Ph 03 249 8538 or 0800 249 555. They offer a wide range of accommodation to suit everone. Meals and drinks are available at the various restaurants, cafes and hotels in Te Anau.

This is an all weather ride. Come prepared, it may be wet and cold. Bring spare fuel for those using older or small tanked bikes – approx 250 kms return from Te Anau to Milford.

If you want to join us on this southern adventure please contact John with numbers
Ph or Txt 027 247 2853 or email john.witherington@xtra.co.nz

# Please help with accommodation for overseas Triumph club guests – WATOC 2019

As many of you are now aware in February 2019 we will be hosting the WATOC Rally of the Year. There has been strong interest expressed by many of our overseas TOMCC friends who would like to attend this event and they are now in the process of organising air travel and the shipping of bikes to New Zealand.

Also of concern is availability of accommodation. 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 some accommodation, particularly as it is peak holiday season.

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 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.

Thank you to those few of you who have responded, but since this notice appeared a year ago the response from the rest of you has been disappointing to say the least. I'm sure as a club we can do better.

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

Phone 03 489 1740 or 021 26 99 530 Email spall@callsouth.net.nz

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### 2018 TOMCC NZ National Rally

Due to Health & Safety regulations the small size of the Whangarei rally site does not permit any more than 110 people on site at any one time.

Therefore the total number of entries for the 2018 rally is limited to 110. First come, first served, make sure you get in early.

#### A record-breaking Kiwi Triumph



By now most of us will be aware of the magnificent motorcycle museum that was recently established in Invercargill. But also of interest to those, who, like me, are keen on motorcycling history is the small collection of bikes in Dunedin's Otago Settlers Museum. Among these of particular note to us is a supercharged Triumph drag bike.

New Zealanders have a history of building or customising motorcycles, with

the most famous being Invercargill's Burt Munro. A Dunedin man with a similar passion for speed was John Martin. He began customising this record-breaking machine in the late 1950s.

Among his various triumphs while riding the bike, Martin broke the New Zealand record time for a quarter mile (400 metres) from a standing start in 1967. In 1973 he became the first Kiwi to break the 12-second barrier for the

standing quarter mile, along Fryatt Street in Dunedin.

The bike uses a supercharger which John made from a war-surplus aircraft cabin pressuriser. The drive to the supercharger can be seen in the photo above. Also, a close look at the top of the cylinder head shows he was experimenting with twin spark-plug heads.





#### Abbo's Bikes

Like many of us who have had a lifetime of motorcycling, there have been a number of bikes that have passed through our hands. Abbo, a keen, long-time TOMCC NZ member of our Wanganui chapter is no exception.

On the left Abbo is astride his last Meriden Triumph, an English model Daytona 500 with his newly purchased 2002 America in the background. Below left is his homebuilt 500 Speedtwin chopper, which in his words "really turned heads". Below, Abbo aboard his "lead sled", a 1982 Honda Gold Wing.

Thank you Abbo for your contribution. Now dear reader, it is your turn to tell us something about your personal motorcycling history. Just send me a photo or two and a little information about yourself and your bikes. Usual contact details on page 12.







# Superb internet advice for your pillion passenger

There are many of us who from time to time carry a pillion passenger. No doubt you will have experienced the heart-stopping moment when your passenger decides that they would rather remain upright as you go through a tight corner, no matter how many times you've told them to lean with you and the bike, to relax and to trust that you know what you are doing.

Well, help is at hand in the form of an excellent website piloted by one of our own members, Liz Hardy (Otago and Southland chapter). "Pillioness" is packed with excellent advice for all the concerns that pillion passengers have about riding on a machine over which they have absolutely no control.

As well, it covers a multitude of other biking facets that will help to give your pillion passenger a greater understanding of biker culture. Check out such topics as *A Pillion Seat Fit for a Princess; There's a Triumph Scrambler in My Living Room* and *Motor Bikes are Dangerous!* 

Hopefully with knowledge comes confidence and then the ability to relax and enjoy the ride. You don't carry passengers? Well, even so there is enough in this website to interest even the most dyed-in-the-wool solo rider. Give it a go, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

"Pillioness" – go to https://www.pillioness.com/

# WATOC and the Rally of the Year 2019

Firstly, for the benefit of our newer members, an explanation of what WATOC is. WATOC, the World Association of Triumph Owners Clubs, was established in 1997 with the purpose of bringing Triumph owners together, sharing information, and making the Triumph World much smaller for its members.

Each year, in a different country, WATOC holds a "Rally of the Year". In 2019 it will be New Zealand's turn to host our overseas guests. Recently, a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to make this a memorable occasion for Triumph riders everywhere.

The rally is to be held over the weekend Friday 22nd February to Sunday 24th February 2019 at the Hanmer Springs Forest Camp. Registration of an

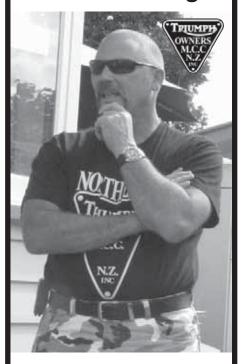


"Expression of Interest" is now open on-line at this link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/2019-watoc-rally-of-the-year-new-zealand-tickets-36432982030

We will arrive at 11am on Friday and leave by 1pm on Sunday. This tight schedule does mean that we will need lots of assistance from TOMCC NZ members. Given that this is somewhat of a special rally we're sure that you will be willing to lend a hand where necessary.

#### **Mal Browning**



It is with regret that we announce the recent death of Mal Browning, a much respected member of the TOMCC NZ Northland Chapter since 2008.

Mal was born in Ranfurly, Otago before settling down in the Northland community of Russell. Mal spent a lot of time helping TOMCC NZ members and his own community in the North.

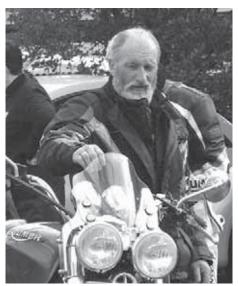
He was heavily involved with (Civil Defence, Real Estate, Ukulele Club and Orchestra and with the St John Ambulance Service) all in his home town of Russell.

Mal was also recently married to Katopua.

From all TOMCC NZ Northland members RIP Mal.

#### Looking forward to getting back on the road again

We're happy to report that two of our Canterbury Chapter members who have recently been injured are now well on the road to recovery and looking forward to getting back in the saddle again.





Terry at a recent Whitebait Run

Marty's alternative transport

Terry Hancox, who had a mishap between East Cape and Gisborne last February suffered a dislocated shoulder and left arm broken in two places. His Rocket 3 was badly damaged and he has now replaced it with a 1979 Tiger.

Marty Nicholl, in December, broke both legs and his pelvis, but it didn't slow him down in getting his Triumph rebuilt and, we believe it is now up and running.

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

Mark Huston
Hayden Crowther
Paul Schultz
Paul Whitehead
Craig Oxenham
Rob Surtees
Roy Lingard
Russell Braham
Andrew Watson
Jonathan Cuming

Auckland
Hamilton
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Lower Hutt
Christchurch
Rodney
Christchurch
Dunedin

Nicky Grant
Desmond Gibson
Kelly Johnson
Graham Austin
Steve Broughton
Peter Berkett
Jariya Nedsan
Tim Scott
Alan Cox

Midhurst Midhurst Inglewood Wakefield Matamata Motueka Christchurch Auckland Marton



#### Geoff's restored 5T

As some of you know I bought this Triumph 5T from a guy in Wellington about 4 years ago. he was in his late 60's and was the second owner, his father having bought the bike new from Tozer, Kelmsley and Melbourne on 17th June 1949.

Apart from a few small jobs I didn't do much with the bike before I left NZ as had problems to get it back up and running on the road, but that's a whole other story.

When I got the bike to the UK I had to get it through the MOT test (equivalent to our WOF) to put it on the road and after several exchanges of letters with DVLA finally got UK plates.

I did a bit of tidying up and then decided I wanted the job done properly,

but had trouble finding someone I trusted and who quoted a sensible price until I remebered my mate Martin.

Martin is a Kiwi who has lived in Jersey (Channel Islands) for many years, and is an ex British Army tank mechanic. I knew him through the TOMCC in the UK where he ran the Jersey Branch. When we lived in Belgium in the 80's and 90's he used to come over regularly for our Belgian rallies with a group of Jersey lads.





Anyway, one year his trusty T140 decided to blow a head gasket just as they were leaving for home so I arranged a van and got the bike to my house where we spent several hours sorting out what appeared to be a simple problem but escalated when we found a hole in the piston.

With my spares collection diminished and the T140 up and running he set off back to Jersey with me shouting "you owe me one" ringing in his ears.

Fast forward 30 plus years and Martin has a nice little bike shop in Jersey doing high quality work – and I got a light bulb moment and phoned him. To cut a long story short, he and his son Keith carried out a complete nut and bolt restoration to an incredibly high standard of workmanship – and that's the bike in the photos.

Martin and Keith are hopefully coming out to the 2019 Rally. It will be the first time Martin has been back to NZ since he was 5 years old. He can't afford to bring a bike but I am hoping we can find something for him to borrow. So that's the story, have a look at Martin Roberts Motorcycles on Facebook.

Here's a quote from the previous owner that explains the lead filler we discovered on the tank.

"The dent in the tank probably resulted from a slow speed crash Dad had when I was little. He came around a slow uphill hairpin corner near home with Mum on the back holding a dozen beer, and dropped it on the wet road. Mum ended up with a broken leg, but I heard this story many times because none of the bottles broke! He was very proud of that. Sums him up really. Soldering up dents was standard procedure in those old days before "bog".

Geoff Walton TOMCC NZ & UK







#### The British Bike Show, Christchurch, August 2017

Every two years the various British bike clubs in Christchurch work together to create a stunning display of the best of Britain's two wheeled machinery at the Woolston Workingmen's Club. This year was no exception. Our own John Milligan, (who helped establish this annual event) organised the TOMCC NZ input with help from Canterbury Chapter members. These photos are only a small selection of the huge display and by all accounts it was once again a very successful event.



#### TRIUMPH OWNERS M.C.C. NZ INC. NOMINATION FORM

This form is to be used for the purpose of nominating financial members of the Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc, for the position of an officer of the club. Nominating and voting will be carried out in accordance with Rule 7 of the Registered Constitution of the Club.

ALL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED ON THE DOTTED LINE BY THE NOMINEE, ALONGSIDE THE TITLE BEING NOMINATED FOR, OR WILL BE INVALID.

PLEASE NOTE: The Nominee Signature is the signature of the person who you want to put forward for office, so they will need to see this form to enable them to sign it.

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By 1 December 2017



# 24th TOMCC NZ Inc NATIONAL RALLY

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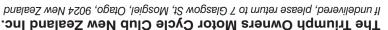


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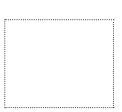
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# We live in New Zealand, we are TOMCC NZ

It has been brought to our attention that, particularly on Facebook, some members are still not referring to our club by its correct abbreviation. When referring to our club as TOMCC please do not forget the **NZ**, that is **TOMCC NZ**.

TOMCC is the British Triumph owners club, and as such this has resulted in some confusion between the two clubs.

#### **Facebook Page**

of the Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club NZ Inc

The winner of the \$20 voucher for liking our TOMCC NZ Facebook page is Judith Nightingale.

http://www.facebook.com/tomccnz

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

PO Box 5035, Wanganui or email: tomccnatsec@gmail.com

# Get it done NOW, you're running out of time!

In an earlier article in the Triumph Times a challenge was issued to "Bring Out The 'The Hot Ones for 2019". Some have taken up the call and risen to the challenge – ready up people its Game On!

This is a call to all our members thoughout New Zealand, to get that re-build finished, to get that bit of chroming finally done, to get that paint job finished that you've promised yourself for so long.

Prepare some of your best or orginal Triumph motor cycles to bring along to the 2019 WATOC Rally of the Year.

To encourage you in your efforts, the Otago and Southland Chapter will be sponsoring a prize to be awarded at the WATOC Rally of the Year for the best restored or re-built Triumph.

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