



Triumph Times

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WATOC Rally of the Year 2019

combined with the 25th national rally of TOMCC NZ Inc



Some of our overseas guests enjoying TOMCC NZ hospitality.

Each year the World Association of Triumph Owners Clubs (WATOC) holds a rally hosted by one of its member countries – this year it was the turn of Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc. The Canterbury Chapter of TOMCC NZ volunteered to take on the task of organising this important event in the Triumph owner's calendar – and what a fantastic job they did of it!

Four years of planning included considerable agonising over the location, with the Hanmer Springs Forest Camp being chosen as the perfect site for the rally.

In spite of a bad weather forecast, the gods looked after Triumph riders with warm, sunny weather through until late Saturday night. With over 400 participants including 60 overseas riders, it proved to be an outstanding success. All motorcyclists were invited and welcomed to the rally. TOMCC NZ is a Triumph motorcycle club but it welcomes all motorcyclists to club events, whatever they ride.

The gates opened officially at 1pm on Friday but from 10am Triumphs (and others) of all types and ages started arriving, and processing all the rally entrants proved to be a hectic and challenging task with members of TOMCC NZ pitching in and getting the job done with humour and plenty of banter from our eager guests.

Accommodation was a mix of bunkrooms and campsites, with plenty of room for those who wanted a quieter corner. The excellent catering was taken care of with pre-ordered meals supplied by Rusty Carrot, and Soul Food

provided a wonderful selection of burgers and snacks from their on-site food caravan.

Entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights was supplied by The Elevators, with their musical talents being well appreciated by the biker audience, as was the bar, stocking a good selection of beers and wines.

Following breakfast on Saturday, club members held their AGM where their President and all National Committee members were re-elected unopposed. After club business had concluded a ride-out was organised to Springs Junction and lunch at Maruia Springs. For those who wanted a more relaxed day a free shuttle bus had been laid on for those who wanted to sample the delights of Hanmer Springs village and the hot pools.

On arrival back at the camp the riders and day-trippers joined the rest of the rally guests to take part in the bike show, where judging took place for a wide variety of classes, such as President's Choice, Furthest Travelled and Bring out the Hot Ones, to name just a few. Judging was carried out by one of our principal guests, Roy Shilling from the UK and the Auckland Area Co-ordinator Glenn Mills. Working for the Triumph factory at Hinckley as an organiser for the factory tours, Roy is recognised as an international authority on all things Triumph so it was a privilege for TOMCC NZ to have Roy make his choice for the best of the many bikes at the rally. Glenn has been in the club since its earliest days and is equally steeped in Triumph lore.

The early evening prize-giving was eagerly awaited and with a wide variety of categories supplemented by over 250 spot prizes of T shirts, tools, DVDs and other merchandise, many of our guests would be going away with something extra in addition to some great memories.

The raffle draw in support of St John (Amuri Area) was well-subscribed with grateful thanks to the major sponsors: CMG Motorcycles, Hanmer Springs Attractions, Thunderbike Engineering, Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools, Protecta Insurance, Kerry Godinet Marketing, Britten NZ, Cancer Society, ACC Ride Forever, Aerofast.

Many of our guests had commented on what a great country we have and how friendly the people are, so kiwis, give yourselves a pat on the back. Rally guests were also enthusiastic in their praise of TOMCC NZ and its rally organisers, but when all's said and done it's the people who attended who really made it a great rally.

*Ken Spall
TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland*



Happy arrival for Mike and Simon at the 2019 rally.

Waikato/BoP Nikau Cave Restaurant Ride, February 2019

If you have not yet visited the Nikau Cave Restaurant in the Waikaretu Valley, nestled in the heart of rural northern Waikato farmland, look it up on the map and stick it on your bucket list for a ride. It can be accessed by either sealed roads or a network of gravel roads and has become a popular destination for riders of both touring and adventure bikes.

As the organiser of this particular ride I was very tempted to ride my "not a Triumph" adventure bike to enable enjoyment of the gravel after our lunch meeting and let the others find their own way home on the sealed roads. Neville however very correctly pointed out that as ride leader it would be much more appropriate to ride a Triumph – it was after all a TOMCC NZ ride!

The plan was to assemble at Hamilton Motorcycle Centre, our local Triumph/Ducati/Kawasaki dealer and proceed from there.

So far, so good. Living near the coast just North of Raglan Nev, Jo and I had planned an early start to get to the rendezvous in plenty of time. Less than 3km into our ride to Hamilton the fickle finger of fate intervened and my Bonneville decided to challenge the arrangements so Nev and Jo continued while I returned home to extract my "other" bike from the back of the workshop, check tyre pressures, fuel etc and lift its skirts for a spirited ride to Hamilton to make the ride start time.

Did I mention my "other" bike (gulp) is a nifty wee 300cc Kawasaki adventure bike. All previous good intentions now thwarted!! However I was not disgruntled or even grunted(?) to be forced to take it as it now opened up my options to do some gravel roads after lunch, especially considering Jen and Tom had already decided to take that option and meet the rest of us riders at the restaurant.

Okay, on with the ride – great country roads via Glen Afton, (historic mining village) Waikokawai, (say that 3 times fast) Rotongaro, TikoTiko, SH22 then down the Waikaretu Valley to the restaurant. Get those road maps out again and look it up, I dare you!



So eventually the crew are all seated and fizzing about the ride with lunch ordered and the bull excrement flowing. Nev, Jo, Trev, Brian, Sue, Tony, Tom, Jen and myself being cared for by the friendly staff at the restaurant. Then the ride home via our chosen routes enhanced with a quick beer and another catchup at the historic Waingaro hotel.

One of the highlights of the day was the fact that several of the crew were introduced

or re-introduced to some of the great rural motorcycling roads here in the Waikato and want to do more of it!

A footnote. If you have the opportunity to peruse a copy of the recently re-released magazine "The First Twenty years" TOMCC NZ history, have a look at the last page article by Ken Spall. The club culture he praises and is so rightly proud of is what in my opinion makes our club very special. It made today's ride possible and enjoyable for more than just the dedicated Triumph riders. For a variety of reasons, 4 of us were not riding Triumphs! Bugger!

Roy Long
TOMCC NZ Waikato/BoP

WATOC & TOMCC NZ Rally

Hi Peter,

I came up to the Rally on Saturday with another mate both on our rockets. Mine was the Blue one.

We had a great time and really enjoyed our time getting to meet fellow triumph owners from around the country and the world.

The location was fantastic I only wish I had come for the weekend instead of the day.

I heard that the heavens opened up on Saturday night and on into Sunday. Which was better than what they were forecasting earlier in the week.

What a great event your team put together and I am really glad I came. Might now have to look at joining the TOMCC NZ to meet some more nice people.

Thanks and Regards
Chris Kurzfeld
CHRISTCHURCH

WATOC & TOMCC NZ Rally

Hello Peter

We're back in France. I would like to thank you for your warm welcome at the TOMCC-Watoc Rally in Hanmer Springs. We really enjoyed the rally, and had great time looking at bikes, chatting with many friendly people and listening to music.

Gorgeous landscapes on the road, glorious sunshine (hum... let's forget Sunday !), everything was all right for us and our friends Pam and Didier !

Best Triumphist regards from Paris,
Jean-François (Jeff) Laroche

Northland Chapter January Meeting



Great ride up North to Bill's place for the club monthly meeting. Thanks to Bill and family for putting on a great lunch. Then on to the Horeke tavern, the oldest tavern in NZ and what a great position on the banks of the Hokianga harbour. Awesome day.



"Gotta get to the rally, broken bones or not"

Roger, a rider from the UK had hired a bike here in NZ, and after a successful tour of the North Island, unfortunately had injured himself in an accident on the West Coast just north of Haast. He finally ended up in Dunedin hospital with a broken ankle from where he emailed Ken, a local TOMCC NZ member to let him know where he

was. Ken visited Roger in hospital but really did not expect Roger to be able to make it to the rally. Roger had other thoughts – discharging himself from the hospital, leg in plaster and on crutches, he finally made it to the rally site at about 6 o'clock in the evening with the help of a friend, both having to swap hire bikes for car hire.



Hard Luck Prize win for Will the Dane



William, a young lad from Denmark, attending the rally with his father, had his hire bike stolen whilst overnight in Christchurch, but still had to pay the bond that was on the bike. He related his tale at the prize-giving and subsequently won the Hard Luck prize, and here being presented with his prize by Chris Reid, one of the rally organisers. It was later found that he was now rather strapped for cash. So, Sonya, one of the Canterbury Chapter members, unbeknown to William, organised a whip-round and raised over \$800 from the rally participants, which was presented to him later in the evening following the raffle draw.

British Bike Day, Mandeville Airfield, Gore, March 2019



Proud line-up of Triumphs at Mandeville.



A warm Southland day encouraged a large number of bike enthusiasts to attend another very successful British Bike Day, now in its 26th year, at the Mandeville Airfield near Gore. In attendance were a strong contingent of TOMCC NZ members admiring the wide variety that represented some of the best of British motorcycle history.

John, Paul and Neil, some of our many Otago Southland members who supported the British Bike Day.



Waikato/ BoP Chapter “Not the AGM Ride” January 2019

The basic plan was to get the chapter together before the AGM at Hanmer and do whatever was necessary to place our votes for next year's club executives.

There seems to be a new level of enthusiasm in our chapter at the moment, generated without a doubt by the infectious enthusiasm of our new co-ordinators Neville and Geoff.

The Waikato crew were gassed up and ready to leave BP Rototuna at 10.30am. As well as the timeless stalwarts Trevor Strapless and Ray Hairywood, there were Steve & Eileen, Kerry & Brenda, Rob & Selina, Brian & Sue, Neville, Tom, Tony and myself (Roy Longdrop). Apologies to anyone I may have overlooked.

Mindless banter was well underway – nobody was immune and the truth was not interfering with the string of stories being relayed at this first good catch-up for 2019 with friends old and new.

Trevor was tour guide for the first part of the day – destination Rotorua – and he obviously dislikes main roads and has made an art form of discovering brilliant back country routes.

Out of Hamilton via Cambridge, then hang a right through Karapiro onto the always fun rural roads to Arapuni. From Arapuni to Putaruru, then linked up with SH5 to Chas's place in Rotorua. The BoP crowd were already there and we managed to fill Chas & Maria's front lawn with a herd of Triumphs and a couple of other brands.

We were treated to a far too brief tour of Chas's sheds/workshops/toys/projects etc. Not sure how he finds time to eat with all those projects under way! But by looking at him Maria is obviously doing a good job of keeping him well fed!!

Chas had organised the next part of the ride and after about ¾ hour drooling at his stuff and befriending their lovely golden Labrador “Big Ben”, we were well into the early part of the afternoon and time was creeping along, or as some intellectual bright bugger once said, “Tempus fugit”.

Well Tempus had definitely fugitted so it was onto the bikes and a mass exodus from Chas's place – much to the delight of supportive neighbours (true!!)

Rotorua through to our lunch stop at the Waiotapu Tavern was via an area totally new to me. Led by Chas we meandered for about an hour around the delightful rural roads of Ngakuru and Waikite. Volcanic ridges, expansive lakes, rivers and a couple of country schools, all linked by great roads with virtually no traffic. Definitely worth another visit. After all that meandering I didn't have a bloody clue where I was!

One of the immutable laws of the Universe is the legendary Lassiter's Law of Location which states, “No matter where you go – there you are” And suddenly, there we were, at the Waiotapu Pub! A great place it is too – plenty of grassy parking including some shady, under tree areas. Friendly, relaxed staff and great food at great prices. Recommended!

With Neville's capable chairpersonship, (There's an example of totally crazy political correctness – don't know what came over me), the meeting chugged along as meetings do while alcohol was consumed with responsible moderation, and food was consumed with great gusto. Minutes of the meeting have already been posted on the



club web page, so no need to repeat it here. Not only did the meeting chug along, but the day was chugging along too – all too soon it was time to think about heading home.

As seems to be the way of things following TOMCC meetings, many riders depart in many directions to get home to their many locations. Organised chaos I suppose and at this point I can only comment on what my good friend Tom and I decided to do, rightly or wrongly.

Our destinations were Ngaruawahia for Tom and Te Akau South for myself. Without a map between us we decided on the longest short cut home ever. i.e. Head South on SH5 to Mihi, swing right across to SH1, then through Atiamuri to Whakamaru, then via Arohena and Owairaka Valley to Te Awamutu for gas then home.

Plans slightly delayed while stopped for a leg stretch at Whakamaru, when a local character on his 1949 BSA Bantam stopped for a yak. I have always loved how motorcycling brings people together and this was no exception. This guy uses his Bantam for daily transport – good on ya mate.

Within 5 minutes of leaving Whakamaru the weather totally dumped on us. Really dumped! I mean crawling pace visibility, flooded roads, a car in a ditch type dumping! I was grinning in my waterproof over gear and heated handgrips, while Tom wearing only an airmesh Jacket and Leather trousers was drowning from the feet up..(but he was very proud of the fact that he did have the little elasticated waterproof cover for his tank bag!)

About now, and with great perception, we realised this was not our most direct way home but at least we had taken the scenic route, and arriving home in bright sunshine had a good laugh about the wet bit!(My total running for the day was 524km – not bad for a wee club ride.

Without a doubt the day was a fantastic success thanks particularly to Trev, Nev, and Chas for their efforts.

*Cheers Roy Long
TOMCC NZ Waikato BoP*



TRIUMPH OWNERS MOTOR CYCLE CLUB NZ INC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Hanmer Springs Forest Camp on Saturday 23rd February 2019

Meeting commenced at 9.39am

President John Witherington chaired the meeting

Apologies: Graham Fairbrother, Roger (Mozzy) Moselen, Lance Nixon

Minutes of the last meeting: Passed as a true and correct record by all in attendance. Matters arising from previous minutes: Nil

Voting Results

National Executive

President:	John Witherington
Vice President:	Chris Martin
Membership Secretary:	Melissa Shipp
Treasurer:	Sandy Snell
Regalia Officer:	-
Newsletter Editor:	Ken Spall
Website Administrator:	-

Melissa advised John Milligan had put forth his nomination for Regalia officer, but as this was after the cut-off date of 1st December not all area's were aware of his nomination inclusion for voting purposes. Melissa asked the floor if there were any objections to John remaining as Regalia Officer; no objections received. All members present voted that John Milligan remain Regalia Officer.

Melissa also advised that the position of Website Administrator had not been filled, and called for nominations from the floor. Tim Fraser volunteered to take up the position. Melissa again asked the floor if there were any objections; of which there were none received. All members present voted that Tim Fraser be appointed the Website Administrator's position.

President's Report:

John W spoke about the voting procedure to remind all members on how we are to comply with our constitution.

He reminded all area co-ordinator's to be mindful that not all members are wanting to have their personal contact info shared with others, and that when emailing the use of bcc is to be used to enable privacy compliances are met.

John was approached recently by non-members, one who had travelled from Australia with his bike with the intention of attending the WATOC 2019 Rally. Douglas from Australia and another person riding a Triumph while attending the 2019 Burt Munro event had been advised by Triumph riders members that TOMCC NZ are not welcoming or allowing non members to attend TOMCC NZ events. John expressed great disappointment that this had been said and advised that he spoke in length with the persons concerned and reiterated that Triumph riders was not borne form a split between members of both groups as also portrayed by members of Triumph riders but that TOMCC NZ expelled two members who had been forming the new group while still financial members of TOMCC NZ.

John again expressed great disappointment that another club would say this.

John out lined a remit he and a few others would like to put forward calling for a change to the time of year that we vote for officers of the society including all area co-ordinators. This is part due to a combinations of reasons being the time of year, over the Christmas period and that 4 areas did not vote at all last year and some areas where not following the correct procedure for voting by not allowing all members the opportunity to vote particularly relating to area coordinators who are also members of the national body and are elected in the same process as all other positions. Brief out line was nominations are called for in June, candidates announced in Sept with voting held and results announced Dec.

John congratulated Canterbury on a great Rally so far.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy tabled her Treasurer's Report, which was passed as a true and correct record and accepted by all

Trevor Lau (who has audited current and previous Treasurer annual records), has suggested that the National Executive look at a software package such as MYOB or Xero to handle the accounts vs the current manual books. Kevin Y (Wgi) / Wayne W (Cant)

John W responded saying that the National Executive will discuss the suggestion.

Melissa advised that the signing authority needs to be updated due to her being married; so altering from Todd to Shipp, and to check that Sandy's surname of Snell is the current banking authority surname; a change from previous married name of Henry.

All current signatories signed the BNZ form; John Milligan, Melissa Shipp, Sandy Snell and John Witherington to confirm these changes.

Kevin Y (Wgi) / Wayne W (Cant)

Membership Report:

Melissa presented the membership report. As at 31 December 2018 we had 391 members, with 39 new members joining in 2018.

Melissa has asked that any members who wish to have their renewal notice emailed to please advise her asap on tomccnatsec@gmail.com Also, with the renewal date now 1st July if you wish to pay earlier please do so as this will ease her workload.

Newsletter Report

Ken has asked again that he be advised of all area events beforehand so he can advertise, and would like a follow-up after the event with a brief few words and pictures as it is sometimes very difficult to have newsworthy info for the newsletter.

The costs to produce the newsletter are ever increasing, and we may need to look other options to cover costs e.g increase of renewal fee. Having your newsletter emailed is another way to reduce the postage and paper costs. Melissa to add a box to the renewal notice to include email renewal and email newsletter.

Ken thanked his wife Lisette for her help in getting the newsletter addressed and dispatched, it takes many hours of work to have the newsletter produced.

Regalia Report

John advised there is around \$6000 worth of regalia in stock, and the best way to promote the club is to wear the regalia. He will have all his stocks in the hall after the meeting for those interested in purchasing.

Long Service Badges

John W and Melissa handed out the year badges, including an Honorary Life Member badge to Tony Brown along with four 25-year badges.

WATOC Awards

Ken presented the NZ awards as follows:

Geoff Walton 1st

John Witherington 2nd

Ken advised that events eligible for WATOC challenge must be advertised on website and newsletter and must include an overnight stay, with a minimum of 1 event in the island you do not live in and 2 events in your island of residence are required for eligibility. He has forms available if you wish to participate.

General Business

Northland proposed new area – this has been voted on by those in the National Executive and rejected.

David (Croz) Crosbie has offered his services after professional training to be TOMCC NZ Inc's official chaplain. Melissa asked if there were any objections from the floor; of which there were none. It was mentioned that this position would not hold any executive level voting or entitlements, in which Croz agreed that was not his intention. John W advised that the National Executive would discuss the position detail with any specific limitations being advised to Croz.

Geoff Walton thanked all Canterbury Members on behalf of the overseas guests, and reminded all present that TOMCC NZ Inc is the only NZ motorcycle group affiliated to the WATOC group.

2020 Rally – Wanganui. Tim spoke about the rally site being at Lake Wairua, and the dates for next year's rally is 21-23 Feb

Peter Free reminded everyone about the courtesy van leaving the rally site on the hour from 11am with the last departure from town at 5pm today.

Geoff Morgan asked why the meeting minutes from Waikato/BOP meeting in February were taken down from website. John W explained that not all area members want their info shared on a public page, and that showing the financial reports may not be very prudent. Geoff moved "that area co-ordinators have exclusive rights on the web page". This was discussed with an amendment to the proposal to read "including checking that no members who have ticked the confidentiality box on the membership form are including in writing on any uploaded material to the webpage". A vote was taken in the room and was carried 12/10. Melissa to send out updated area lists highlighting members who have ticked the confidentiality box.

Bondy asked why the contacts page on the website has been removed; it has not been live for 3 years. Ken to ask again in the next newsletter who wants to be added to the breakdown list, and this should be uploaded to the website.

Rally Bike show; bikes can be displayed from 2.30pm, with judging after 3.30pm (after ride returns)

2021 Rally – no area has offered at this stage to host the rally

Meeting closed 11am

Attendance % Trophy winners



Presented during prize giving at the 2019 rally, this years result was a very close call with Taranaki being the winners, with 57.25% of Taranaki members in attendance at the rally. Franklin follows at 55.75 %, Wanganui 53%, Otago Southland 43% and Northland 41%, all with a good turn out of members.

Top 5 area results shown only as the others were a lot lower.

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

Peter Miles	Amberley
Tony Gordon	Whangarei
Dave Haddow	Kawakawa
Brendon Nottage	Paraparaumu Beach
Perry Tonks	Whangarei
Noel Gray	Haast
Warren Williams	Palmerston North
Lloyd Thomson	New Brighton
Michael Leech	New Lynn
Chris Batten	Waihi
Paul Eardley	Papakura

Remit for change to Rule 3, Honorary Life Members

A remit is hereby submitted by Darryl Payne for a change to Rule 3, Honorary Life Members

The current paragraphs under Rule 3, Honorary Life Members, to be deleted and to now read as:

After having an accumulated paid up membership of the Society of five years or more, an individual member may be nominated to become an "Honorary Life Member" of the Society.

Nominations for "Honorary Life Membership" will be accepted under the following criteria:

- The member submitting the nomination must have been a member of the Society for a minimum of ten consecutive years.
- In order to be considered for "Honorary Life Membership" the member being nominated will have made a personal contribution to the Society that is considered to be over and above what would be expected of any Society member, this may be a physical or financial contribution or similar over a long period of time.

The decision as to who will be awarded an "Honorary Life Membership" will be made by a committee that has been set up and put in place for carrying out this specific task.

The committee will consist of no more than four members of the Society, each of who will have been a financial member for no less than ten consecutive years.

The committee will carry out the following processes:

- Research the nominated member by contacting others within the Society that know him or her personally, to seek opinion on the contributions that have been made by the nominee to the benefit of the Society.
- Check that the nominee has had five accumulated years as a paid up member of the Society.
- After all research has been carried out, the committee will hold a vote and the majority vote will be the decision of the committee. In the event of a tied committee vote, the standing National President will make the final decision using his / her powers under Rule 13 of the Society Rules.
- All decisions to be made as to acceptance or rejection of a nominee are to be carried out in a timely fashion and should be completed within two calendar months.

As an appreciation and in recognition of exceptional service to the Society, any person awarded an "Honorary Life Membership" will no longer be required to pay an annual subscription.

Voting to adopt the above proposed remit is to be carried out according to Rules 16 and 16 (B) of the club's rules and constitution.



**WATOC Rally
of the Year 2019
& TOMCC NZ 25th Rally**

Northland Chapter Christmas Party



Some of the Long Service Awards presented by club president John Witherington at the 2019 AGM



Terry Hancox



Alan Campbell



Peter Free



Ken Spall



Alan Abbott (Abbo)



Wayne Watson



Darryl Payne



Alan Brown



Tony Brown

2018 WATOC Challenge Results

	Name	Rider/ passenger	Club	Bike(s)	Events	Distance (km)
1	Geoff Walton	Rider	TOMCC UK/ NZ	Sprint ST/ Speed Twin	8	5130
2	John Witherington	Rider	TOMCC NZ	Bonneville T100	4	4241
3	Eva Nilsson	Passenger	TOMCC S	Rockt III	8	4103
4	Mats "Otto" Nilsson	Rider	TOMCC S	Rocket III	8	4103
5	Steve Battye	Rider	TOMCC UK	Tiger 1050 Sport	4	4039
6	Hans Peder Nielsen	Rider	TMCOC DK	Rocket III	7	3900
7	Jesper Hegaard	Rider	TMCOC DK	Trophy 1200	7	3557
8	Dave Thompson	Rider	TOMCC UK	Tiger 800/TR6	4	3158
9	Paul Jessup	Rider	TOMCC UK	Tiger 800	4	2984
10	Ken Spall	Rider	TOMCC NZ	Thunderbird/ Bonneville	4	2642
11	Lucy Tenen	Passenger	TOMCC UK	Thunderbird/ T140	3	2396
12	Garry Perkins	Rider	TOMCC UK	Thunderbird/ T140	3	2396
13	Michael Schulz	Rider	TMOC D	Daytona 955i	3	2008
14	Erik Hundsdahl	Rider	TMOC DK	Speed Triple	5	1994
15	Phil Loom	Rider	TOMCC UK	Bonneville T120	6	1672
16	Kees Stappershoef	Rider	TOCN	Bonneville T120/ T140	5	1504
17	Nel vd Broek	Rider	TOCN	T100 outfit	4	1314
18	Jim McKie	Rider	TOMCC UK	Bonneville T100SE	3	1303
19	Kenth -Olof Sjölin	Rider	TOMCC S	Tiger 800	4	1298
20	Dan Christoffersen	Rider	TMCOC DK	Norton/ T140 outfit	6	1209
21	Susanne Frössling Griffin	Rider	TOMCC S	Tiger 800	3	830
22	Ulf Frössling	Rider	TOMCC S	Tiger 1200	3	830
23	Tineke Brok	Passenger	TOCN	Thunderbird Commander	3	825
24	Meint Schollema	Rider	TOCN	Thunderbird Commander	3	825
25	Peter Nettle	Rider	TMOC D	Bonneville T140	3	788
26	Palle Munk	Rider	TMCOC DK	Thruxton/Sprint RS	4	520
27	Martin Nilsson	Rider	TMCOC DK	Tiger 750	3	338
28	Birthe Munk	Rider	TMCOC DK	Bonneville T100	3	246

WATOC and the Challenge

As you can see from the results table we have three TOMCC NZ members in the top 10, and two in first and second places.

So, what is WATOC? It is the World Association of Triumph Owners Clubs, active since 1997 and whose purpose is: "to bring Triumph Owners together, share information, and make the Triumph World much smaller for our members".

Member clubs keep in touch with each other, share information about events and anything else relevant to Triumphs.

A key part of this is the WATOC Rally Challenge. The aim is to encourage our members to visit other rallies in other countries.

The rules are simple: visit some rallies in your home country, some others in other countries and you have fulfilled the challenge.

WATOC Challenge rules for New Zealand members

Members are encouraged to attend rallies or overnight events organised by TOMCC NZ.

But, since there aren't many TOMCC NZ rallies or overnights, each participant is allowed to add ONE rally or overnight organised by one of the following clubs:

BSA Owners Club of NZ

Norton Owners Club of NZ

AJS & Matchless Owners Register of NZ

Motorcycle Section of the Vintage Car Club of NZ

The Pre-Unit Triumph Club

Any other of the Classic Motorcycle Clubs from around the country

Due to the difficulty of achieving overseas travel without incurring excessive cost, New Zealand members will regard crossing the Cook Strait as an "overseas" trip.

New Zealand members will be required to attend a **minimum of three overnight events**, bearing in mind that at least one of these events must involve a Cook Strait crossing to qualify.

IMPORTANT A way in which your Area/Chapter can help with the WATOC Challenge is to organise an overnight event, but of course, you must let the other Areas know about it through your Area Co-ordinator.

Further information:

**Ken Spall, Ph 03 489 1740
or 021 26 99 530**

Long Service Badges awarded at the 2019 AGM

10 Year Badge

Jack Kawiti	Wayne Turner
Rod Bryant	Lex Soepnel
Peter Morgan	Brent Walker
Simon Mahon	Dave Scammell
Arthur Bond	Gibson Lloyd
Bronny Ross	William Ponsonby
Steve Drought	Liz Benny
Clinton Collier	Paul Nuttridge
John Witherington	Gary Donaldson
Murray Davison	Alan Campbell
Lance Nixon	Kelvin Sherwin
Adam Palmer	Bernie Hegglin
Chas Quigg	Bill Meadows

15 Year Badge

Bob Anderson
Stephen Elliott
Pete Mitchell
Allan Westwood
Geoff Waltone
Greg Chalmers
Graeme Ovenden
Rick Weller
Russell Bakalich
Alan Abbott (Abbo)

20 Year Badge

Alan Brown
Ken Spall
Andrew Donovan

25 Year Badge

Darryl Payne
Wayne Watson
Terry Hancox
Lindsay Jones

Honorary Life

Tony Brown

Cemetery Circuit, Wanganui – Boxing Day lock-up



Secure parking for bikers attending the races.



Melissa on guard duty at the Cemetery Circuit races bike lock-up.

For many years now our Wanganui Chapter organises a secure bike parking area at the Cemetery Circuit Boxing Day Races. The well organised and safe facility includes security for riding gear, helmets, boots etc providing peace of mind for bike riding race enthusiasts.

Rule books, club history books and posters – do you want one?

We know that there are a number of members who don't have an up-to-date club rule book. If you want a club rule book please email me and I will post a copy to you for free.

I also have a limited quantity of our club's history book, "The First Twenty Years". If you want a copy please let me know by phone or email. The cost is \$10 per copy including postage in NZ.

Those of you who attended the rally will likely have seen the posters that I had on display on the walls of the dining room. These are based on the centre spread collages that I often make up for the newsletter. Now for sale, at A2 size and printed on a high quality photo grade paper the cost, including postage in NZ, is \$20 per poster.

Ken Spall, Editor

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Sunday 14th April 2019

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The Moose Safari

Started in 2011, and held every two years, the Moose Safari, organised by our Otago Southland Chapter, has now become something of a tradition and each trip has proven to have been a memorable weekend for those involved.

John Witherington originally dreamt up the idea, with this being based on the assertion that Moose still exist in the depths of deepest Fiordland.

Moose were released in Fiordland in 1910 but largely forgotten about. In 1950 and again in 1970 there were claims of Moose having been spotted in the area. In 2011 the clothing company Hallensteins offered a reward of \$100,000 for the capture or irrefutable evidence of the continued existence of Moose in Fiordland.

So, to this end the TOMCC NZ moose hunters continue their search. The hunt is light-hearted in nature but if successful the claim for the reward will be in earnest.

Though so far unsuccessful in the attempt to bag a Moose, the event does give those who take part the chance to ride one of New Zealand's best motorcycling roads – Moose or not it's still an event not to be missed.



Our UK Moose hunter, Roy, guarding the tunnel entrance against the possibility of Moose attempting to escape the round-up.

This year's Moose Safari was held earlier in the year so as to tie in with the Burt Munro rally and to make it a memorable side trip from the Twisted Thistle Tour, also being organised by John.

Four of us met up at Te Anau – John, Paul, Ken and our overseas participant, Roy. News of the Moose Safari had spread as far afield as the UK, and Roy was keen to give it a go.

As can be seen from the photos, the event was audacious in its audacity, presumptuous in its planning, extreme in its excitement – and just plain fun.

The weather this time round was very favourable but the trip in the past has been known to encounter snow, ice, rockfalls and the usual Milford Sound legendary rainfall.

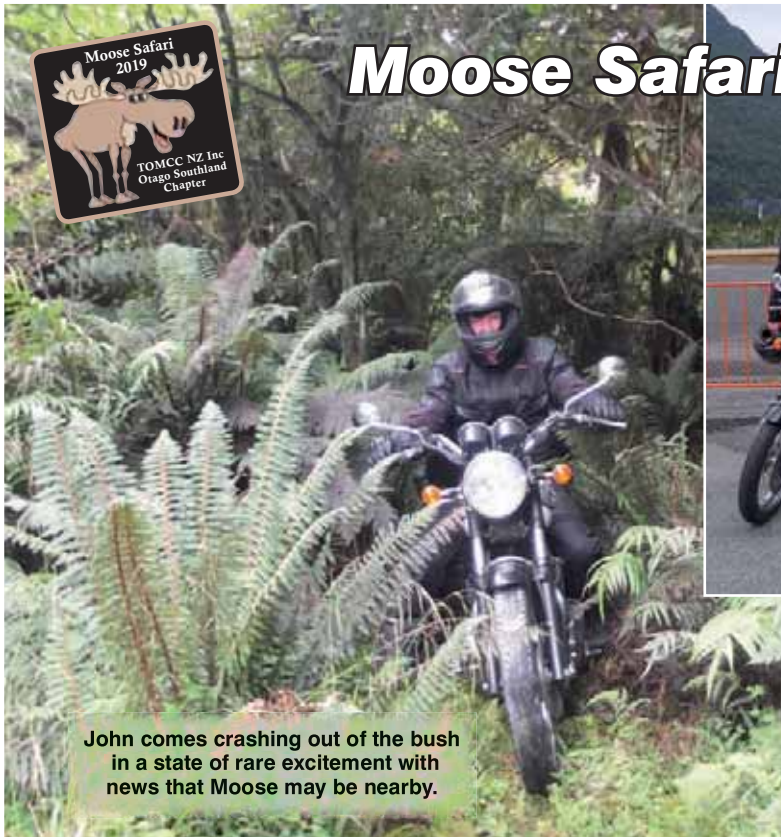
An added bonus on the return trip from Milford Sound was a quick gravel road ride to Gunn's Camp. Once a Public Works camp, the facility now has very basic huts and camp sites – making it a very enticing option for another overnighter.

Ken Spall

TOMCC NZ Otago Southland



Moose Safari, February 2019



John comes crashing out of the bush in a state of rare excitement with news that Moose may be nearby.



TOMCC NZ Moose hunters John, Ken, Paul and Roy take a well earned rest from their endeavours



Roy, Paul and John demonstrate the complex footwork and moves of the Moose Dance in the Eglinton Valley



Have Moose recently passed this way? Paul intently investigates the possibility.



Deep in the New Zealand bush our intrepid group of Triumphant hunters, with conviction and earnest dedication, perform the rarely seen Moose calling ceremony. Note that this may only be spoken of in a subdued David Attenborough-type voice.

Canterbury Christmas Ride

On the beach at Little Akaloa



Pete Free going through an identity crisis.



Darren on his Daytona.



Relaxing at the Grand Hotel, Akaroa.

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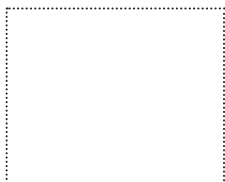
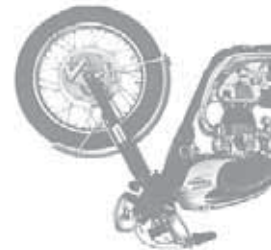


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There have been a number of instances of confusion between our club (TOMCC New Zealand) and the original TOMCC club in the UK, because of the similarity in names.

If you are referring to our NZ club please make sure you use TOMCC NZ to differentiate from the original UK club (established in 1949) which is just TOMCC on its own.

With modern communication and the use of electronic media such as emails, Facebook, Twitter etc it has become apparent that we need to make sure about which club we are referring to.

So please, make sure that if you are referring to our club that it is *TOMCC NZ*.

Presentation of Moose Safari and Twisted Thistle Tour badges

At the conclusion of this year's Moose Safari the appropriate badge was awarded by our club president John Witherington to Paul Holmes and Roy Maddox. The other two participants, Ken and John already had their badges from having taken part in previous expeditions.

Paul and Roy were also awarded their Twisted Thistle Tour badges, this was on-going until reaching the final destination which this year was the rally at Hanmer Springs.



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