



Established 1993

# Triumph Times

The national newsletter of the Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club New Zealand Inc.  
Published Quarterly

SEPTEMBER 2020

[www.tomcc.co.nz](http://www.tomcc.co.nz)



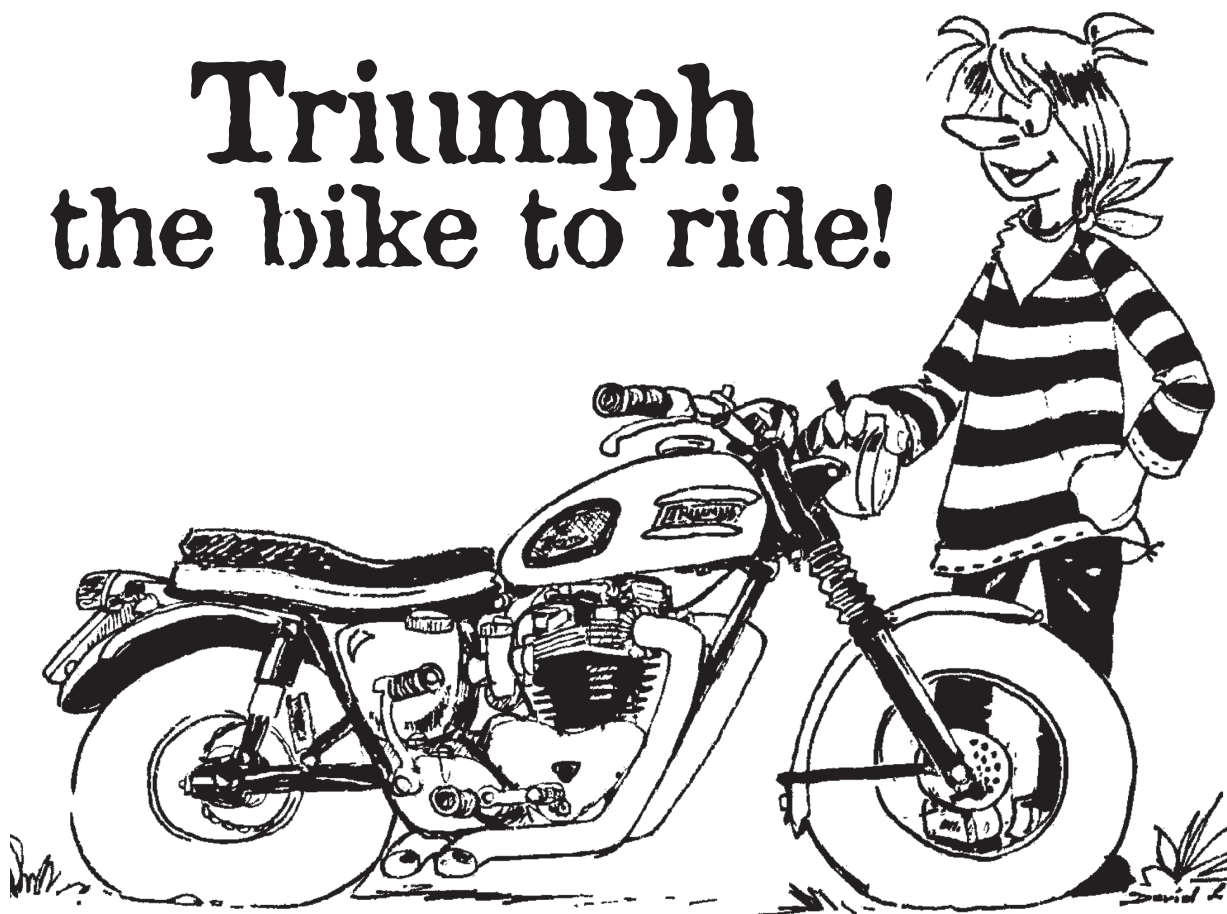
TOMCC is a member club of WATOC



Otago Southland Chapter  
of the Triumph Owners  
Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc  
invite you to the

## 27th TOMCC NZ National Rally

# Triumph the bike to ride!



19-21 February 2021  
Lakeview Kiwi Holiday Park  
Te Anau, Fiordland, NZ

# 27th TOMCC NZ National Rally – PLEASE READ

As you will have noticed over the years, we in the Otago Southland Area tend to do things in our own style.

Based on our local motto, “Keep ‘em running”, our focus is riding our Triumphs as often as we can and so it is that we have organised next year’s rally in our own southern style. This approach seems to have paid off as, at the time of printing, a large number of beds have already been booked.

At the previous AGM we offered to take on this task in the absence of any other Area willing to do so, although after we had returned home we did get notification that the Auckland Area had considered hosting the rally, but have decided instead to host the 2022 national rally.

On the way back from this year’s rally, John and I took the long road home to check out venues for next year’s rally. Hari Hari, Haast and Makarora were all considered. A little later we looked at Mosgiel, Twizel and Otematata, and also considered organising a “Rolling Rally”, but that’s for another day. In the end finally settling on Lakeview Kiwi Holiday Park in Te Anau.

Much of the correspondence with all the above venues took place over the China virus lockdown periods. It became painfully apparent just how difficult it was for the management of these places to plan ahead or even just

**Accommodation bookings can be made anytime up to and including the rally date, subject to availability. Rally fee, meals and T-shirt bookings must be made by 16th January 2021, using the registration form enclosed or off our website: [www.tomcc.co.nz](http://www.tomcc.co.nz).**

to stay in business which in turn delayed our ability to make a long-term decision on the most suitable venue. Thank you to those of you who showed patience and respected the plight of fellow New Zealanders, whilst waiting for us to make a decision.

So, Te Anau it is, and we’re confident that you’ll be impressed with our choice of accommodation. We have a large area allocated exclusively for us with an ample number of beds to suit all budgets, with plenty of room for the bikes and lots of space for camping or caravans.

There are two kitchens, one is just for our meal caterers, the talented ladies of the Te Anau Lions Club (remember the superb meals at our 2010 rally in Mosgiel), the other kitchen will be for those who want to prepare their own meals. There will also be a cash bar in the dining area. **No eftpos or credit card facility**, so make sure you have plenty of small change with you.

Details of meals and costs are on the enclosed registration form, which is also available on our website, [www.tomcc.co.nz](http://www.tomcc.co.nz). Tea and coffee will be available in several locations

The Saturday ride will be into Milford Sound. This will be a long ride, a 240km return journey and you will need to allow about four hours, allowing for traffic, tourist buses and possible bad weather. But regardless of weather, it is a superb ride and really worth the effort. If your bike has a small tank we advise you to take fuel with you as the only fuel pumps at Milford are not always functioning.

Also, we advise you to start your trip south with a good set of tyres as most South Island roads use a coarse chip which is quite hard on tyres.

There are a number of other attractions in Te Anau (“Gateway to Fiordland”) for those who choose not to go out riding – the Te Anau and Manapouri lakes, fishing, plane and helicopter flights, boat trips, walks or just chill out in the Te Anau township.

There will be a bike show after the Saturday ride but please note that only bikes ridden from the owner’s address will be eligible for bike show prizes. As usual all motorcyclists are welcome to attend the rally which starts at 12 midday, 19 February 2021.

We look forward to seeing you all in Te Anau.

*Ken Spall  
TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland*

## A rare Seeley T150

I bought this bike 2 years ago from an importer here in Christchurch who had purchased it at an auction in the USA. I knew it was quite special and relatively rare.

Back in the early 70’s or possibly ‘69 Boyer Bransden commissioned Colin Seeley to build, as far as I know, 8 bikes fitted with T150 engines and electronic ignitions to launch their early systems. From what I have been told a person who worked for either Johnson Motors or Ross Racing where the bikes went to, contacted Collin to see if he would build an extra one for him as he liked the sound of what was being built and did a bit of road racing himself. Colin agreed providing he supplied a motor, and pointed out it wouldn’t be fitted with the new electronic ignition. The motor supplied was a very early one, being T150T, number 328, they started at 101.

After the very enjoyable WATOC Rally hosted by TOMCC NZ Canterbury Area last year, a group of UK visitors/attendees at the Rally came to our workshop for a look and one the guy’s, Tony Page,



paid particular attention to the Seeley telling me he was a personal friend of Collin’s. He took photos of the bike, particularly the frame and swing arm and showed them to Collin on his return to the UK. Shortly after, I received an email with a hand written letter from Collin confirming it was definitely one of his builds

This Bike was built without an electronic ignition in it and has been, as I understand, unaccounted for until now, as all the other Bikes are accounted for. As a result of these being built Collin went on to design and build the first of the trellis frames for Ducati and you can see definite similarities there.

Recently I decided to have it professionally restored and it is Currently with highly respected classic racer, bike builder and engine tuner, Gary Cotterall.

I will update the photo’s when the Bike is completed and ready for action.

*Tony Brown  
TOMCC NZ, Canterbury*



## Most Biker Women Are Not in Playboy

Clearly, most biker women spend a lot of time at Playboy photo shoots. At least, that what the media tells us.

These perfect biker babes strap themselves into black leather bras, lean forward, and pout. You could get lost for days in that mountainous cleavage. Their long, glossy hair tumbles over bare shoulders like a shining waterfall.

But back in the real world, photographers from Playboy are nowhere to be seen. That's fine, because in reality biker women don't spend that much time lying around naked on random motorcycles. Especially if there's a camera around.

### Real motorcycle women wear safety gear – not bikinis

Biker women are more likely to wear a riding jacket than a string bikini. If your hair's long, it's tied back so it doesn't become an instant bird's nest.

You're probably sitting upright watching the road, rather than lying back dreaming of 'making it' as a centerfold. And those TV biker babes rock a full face of heavy make-up.

A set of fake caterpillar eyelashes, and lashings of black eye shadow are basic requirements. In reality, that only works if you don't actually GET ONTO a motorcycle and go anywhere. (And it's after 9pm.)

Paint on some thick smoky eye shadow and shimmering lip gloss when you're going



out on the bike, and you'll arrive looking like a hooker clown.

Shiny makeup is a magnet for dirt and grime. And sticky little insects. It's hard to look seductive covered in bug splatter and mud.

### Biker women are probably not waiting for playboy to call

The media idea of biker women straight from the pages of Playboy is beyond ridiculous. It's light years from reality. If I stop eating long enough for my rib cage to poke through a dodgy black leather number, I'll be too weak to even climb onto the bike.

And if I do manage to summon enough energy to get on board, I'll be so cranky that you'll think the Wicked Witch of the West has started riding pillion. I definitely won't enjoy the ride. And you'd better believe that my man won't either!

It drives me nuts that Barbie beauty standards have wormed their shiny way into

the world of motorcycling. In 23 years of riding pillion, I have never seen a woman get off a bike, shake out her bouncy platinum hair, and be offered a modelling contract. Or even a stripper job, come to that.

Don't get me wrong. I always make an effort to look at least half human on the bike. I don't want to reach our destination and hear someone shout in excitement, "Hey! Sasquatch has a sister!" Real motorcycle women don't get to the end of a ride looking stripper-pole-ready.

When I rip off my helmet, my hair's pretty messy. The lip gloss wore off hours ago. That's because I'm smiling too much! By the end of a ride, I'm grinning from ear to ear. I'm in the best mood ever, because I've just been riding with the kind of man who's looking for something a little more interesting than zero body fat and a leather thong.

Let the media sell us perfect biker babes who look like Playboy Barbie come to life (stripper pole sold separately). I'm not buying any of it and now I'm off to have a beer with my man, and talk about our awesome ride!

Reproduced with the kind permission of Liz Hardy (TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland) from her most excellent Pillioness website – <https://www.pillioness.com/> and its not just a women only website, there's some good stuff for the blokes as well.

## Bag to the rescue

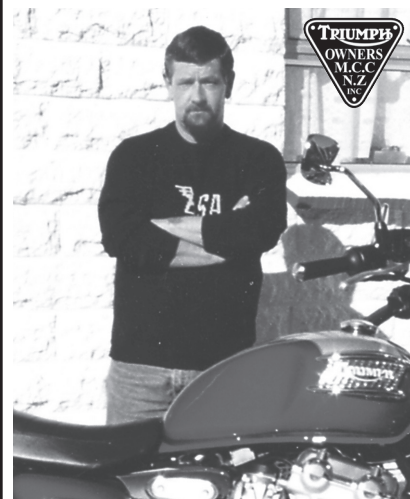
Putting waterproof overtrousers on is always a pain in the butt. As you see the weather front coming towards you, do you carry on riding and take a chance that it may not be as bad as it looks or do you decide to stop and put on the wet weather gear? Of course Murphy's Law dictates that if you do stop and put the gear on it will in all likelihood not rain. But then again?

So, you have decided to stop and put on the overtrousers and by now you may well already be a little damp. In many cases dragging them on over a pair of riding boots is a bit of a struggle, moreso if your boots are already a little wet. So – always carry a plastic bag or two rolled up in your overtrousers, pop the bag over your foot and you'll find that it will slide nicely into the leg of the overtrousers. Push it right through, and put the bag on the other foot and repeat the process. Stuff the bag in you pocket and you're undeway again.

Also, more than once I have used a plastic bag over my shoes if I've had to ride in heavy rain and been caught short without my riding boots.



### Trevor Heath



It is with regret and sadness that we announce the recent death of Trevor Heath one of our Otago Southland Area members.

Having joined in 2007, he gained his 10 year badge and as a keen member owned an impressive collection of bikes. His particular speciality and passion was Triumphs of the 1960's, and along with his twin brother Tony, he restored a large number bikes of this era, many of these having been barn-finds.

Trevor was also involved with the long-running and increasingly popular British Bike Day held in March every year at the old Mandeveville Airfield.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Trevor's family and friends.



# Claire Morrell Memorial Run, Auckland

Al Brown and myself had decided to do a memorial ride for Claire not long after her passing away at Easter weekend last year. Al's suggestion was to ride the same route as Claire's last ride, from his place up to her home in Mungawahi heads. Covid happened so the run was delayed till July.

As Al and I now both own Claire's bikes they had to do the run. I'd bought Claire's 1979 T140D AKA Bob, back in 2017, put my spin on Bob with higher bars and UK fuel tank. Al purchased the 01' legend after Claire had passed, putting higher bars and a modified gear change. Although both bikes have the new owner's finger print on them we still refer to them as Claire's bikes, force of habit I think.

On the day of the run we met up the road from Al's place with the weather threatening to turn bad. On my way there I'd stopped to gas up, went to kick Bob back into life and the kick start spring snapped! Immediately I knew Claire was with us!

The broken kick start spring reminded me of years before, in 1996 I think, when Claire, Des Gifkins, Bryn Darby and myself had ridden down to the cold duck rally in Waipawa 480km from Auckland. Claire I think was on her '56 pre-unit café racer, Des on his '73 T120V, Bryn on a Honda ST and myself on my '55 T110.

Anyhow, not far out from the rally I hear a sudden grinding noise coming from my '55. Stopped to have a look and the kick start spring had broken. Claire was working for NZ post at the time and had these big rubber bands, they were used to fix my kick start, and that was what made me feel that Claire was on the ride with us, just a gentle reminder of her looking on.

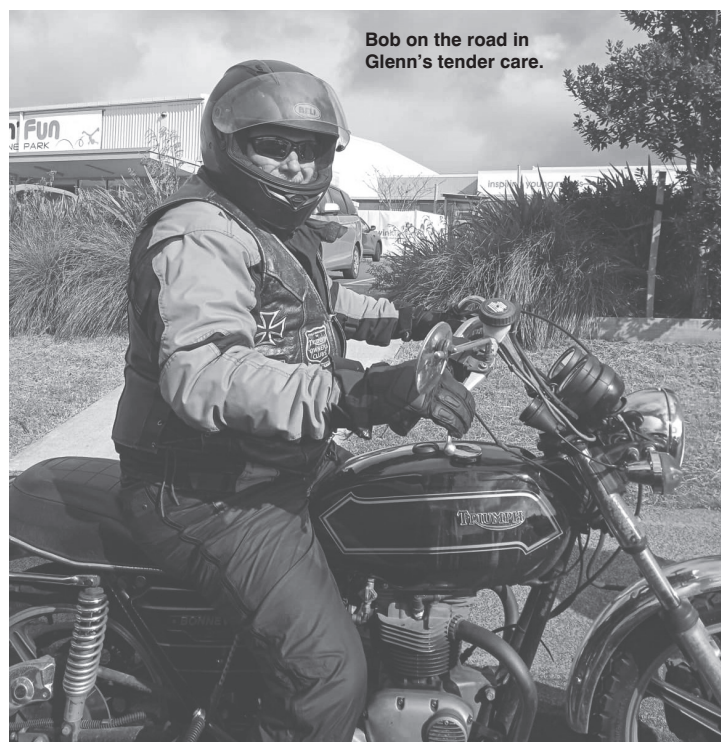
10 bikes departed from Royal Rd and we headed up SH1 to Wellsford to meet up with 10 of the Northland guys. Off we head to do a loop

through Mungawahi and stopping at Claire's old place for a look and a rev of the bikes. Followed by a stop at the 3 Furlongs in Kaiwaka for a beer and bite to eat. Al had brought Claire's photo albums for us to all to have a look through.

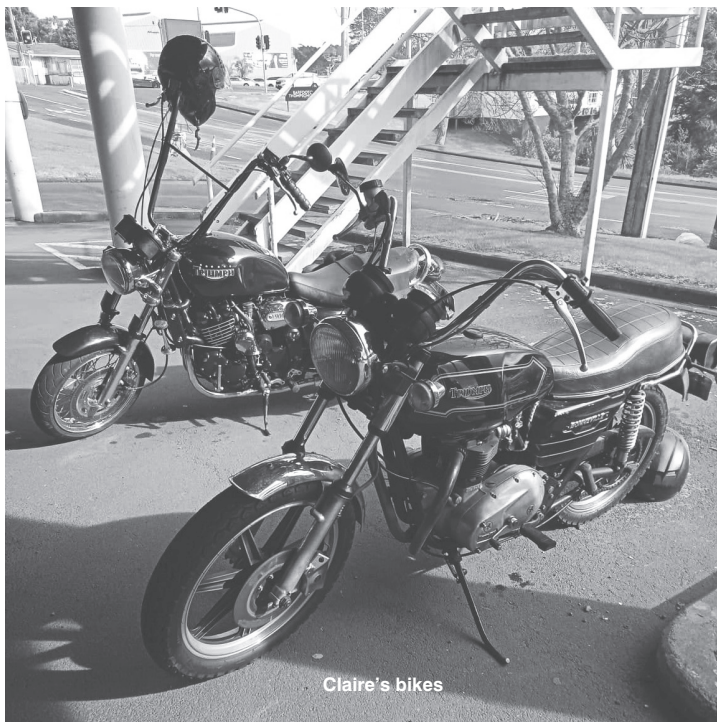
From the 3 Furlongs the Northland guys departed whilst the rest of us headed south, with some heading for a nice afternoon jaunt down SH16 to the Huapi for a roader.

And that was our memorial run for Claire Morrell, thanks to Al Brown for organising and thank you to those who came along. We all celebrated the life of a very special person who had a positive effect on everyone she met and will never be forgotten. Here's to you my dear, may you keep riding among the stars and look down on us as we ride with you.

*Cheers, Glenn Mills  
TOMCC NZ, Auckland*



Bob on the road in  
Glenn's tender care.



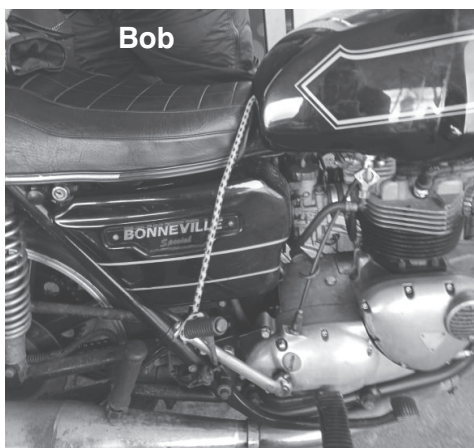
Claire's bikes



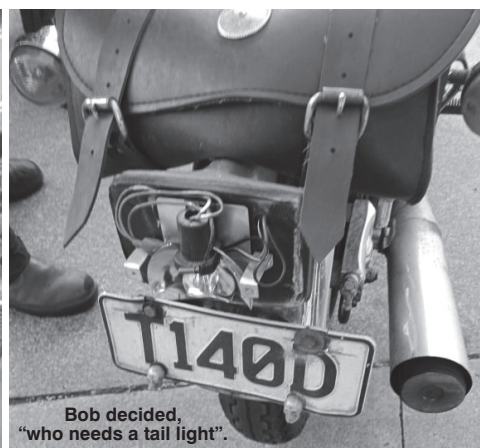
Glenn Mills, Rick Reid, Pete Webster and Mike Grey.



Glenn, Area Co-ordinator  
for Auckland and  
Glenn, Area Co-ordinator  
for Northland.



Bob



Bob decided,  
"who needs a tail light".



## Accommodation offered to rally riders

Two of our local Otago Southland Area members are offering accommodation to those of you who are travelling south to attend our national TOMCC NZ Rally in Te Anau and/or the Burt Munro Rally in Invercargill the week before.

For more information contact:

Kelvin Sherwin (Oamaru)  
phone 021 135 8659,  
email kelvin.sherwin50@gmail.com

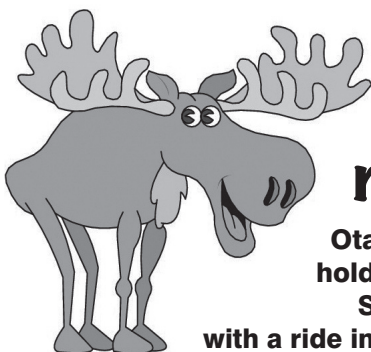
Bill Ridell (Invercargill)  
phone 027 941 3360

The accommodation offered is for TOMCC NZ members only and is on a first come, first served basis.

## Thank you Melissa

Melissa Shipp, our membership secretary, at this time of year has an enormous task in having to deal with all our membership renewals, so I am sure you will join me in giving her a **big thank you** and appreciation for all her hard work.

# The Southern Moose Safari is on again . . . as we've done for many years now!!!



Otago Southland Chapter of TOMCC NZ is holding a two-night overnighter at Te Anau, Saturday 24 to Monday 26 October 2020 with a ride into Milford Sound on Sunday 25 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.**

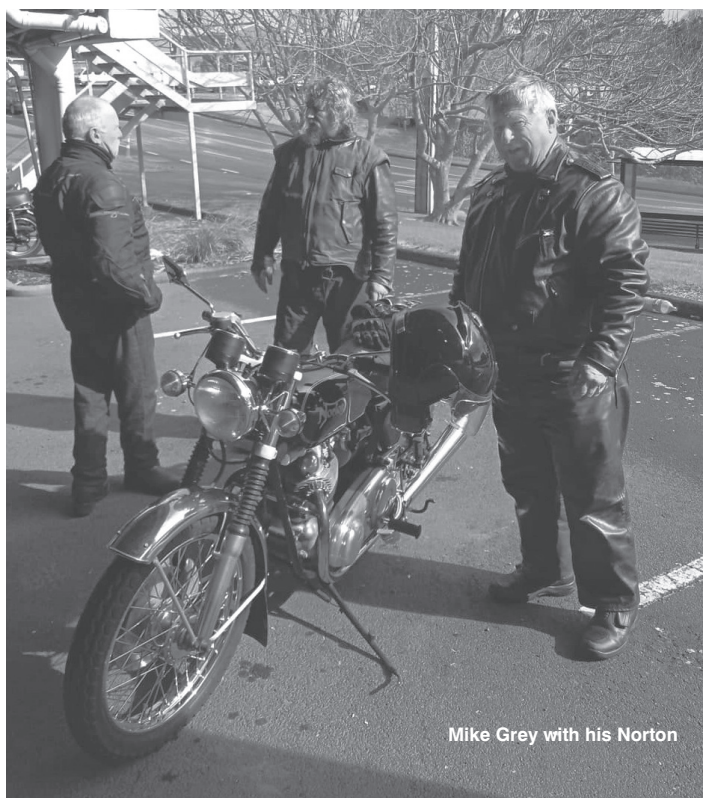
Accommodation at Te Anau is up to you to arrange. Most of us will be staying at the Te Anau TOP 10 Holiday Park, 15 Luxmore Drive Te Anau. Phone 03 249 8538 or 0800 249 555. They offer a wide range of accommodation to suit everyone. Meals and drinks are available at the various restaurants, cafes and 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



Al and Glenn ready to head off from Royal Road on Claire's bikes.



Mike Grey with his Norton

## WATOC On-line Triumph Library

The WATOC website now has an extensive digital library compiled by Geoff Walton, one of our own TOMCC NZ members. It really is worth a visit with a lot of interesting Triumph stuff.

<http://www.watoc.info/Library>

## TOMCC NZ Inc club officers

### Committee Members

#### President

John Witherington  
Ph: 027 247 2853  
Email: john.witherington@xtra.co.nz

#### Vice President

Chris Martin  
Ph: 06 753 2771 or 027 697 9720  
Email: tomccctaranaki@gmail.com

#### Membership Secretary

Melissa Shipp  
Ph: 021 843 564 or 06 327 7077  
Email: tomccnatsec@gmail.com

#### Treasurer

Sandy Snell  
Email: treasurer@tomcc.co.nz

#### Regalia Officer

John Milligan  
Ph: 03 339 6430 or 027 637 6844  
Email: regalia@tomcc.co.nz

#### Webmaster

Tim Fraser  
Ph: 021 963 280  
Email: webmaster@tomcc.co.nz

### Area Co-ordinators

#### Northland

Glenn Maconaghie  
Ph: 021 279 2807  
Email: glennmaconaghie@gmail.com

#### Auckland

Glenn Mills  
Ph: 021 032 9920  
Email: wokkey@hotmail.com

#### Franklin

Chris Smith  
Ph: 027 637 9546  
Email: tripplctrickz@gmail.com

#### Waikato / Bay of Plenty

Neville Wilson  
Ph: 07 825 4585 or 027 454 3111  
Email: nevilleandjoanne@farmside.co.nz

#### Manawatu

c/o TOMCC NZ Nat Sec (Melissa Shipp)  
Ph: 021 843 564  
Email: tomccmanawatu@gmail.com

#### Taranaki

Chris Martin  
Ph: 06 753 2771 or 027 697 9720  
Email: tomccctaranaki@gmail.com

#### Wanganui

Tim Fraser  
Ph: 06 929 5825 or 021 963 280  
Email: tomccwanganui@gmail.com

#### Canterbury

John Milligan  
Ph: 03 339 6430  
Email: jandwkmilligan@gmail.com

#### Otago / Southland

John Witherington  
Ph: 027 247 2853  
Email: john.witherington@xtra.co.nz

### Triumph Times Editor: Ken Spall

Phone 03 489 1740  
021 26 99 530

Email:  
spall@callsouth.net.nz  
7 Glasgow Street, Mosgiel,  
Otago 9024, New Zealand



# 1973 Trident T150 for sale



## 1973 T150 Trident for sale

Partly assembled  
Motor has been completely re-built  
Re-sleeved to 741cc  
Polished pistons  
Stainless steel valves  
Chromed Mikuni carbs  
Original Amal carbs  
American painted petrol tank  
Frame has been powder coated

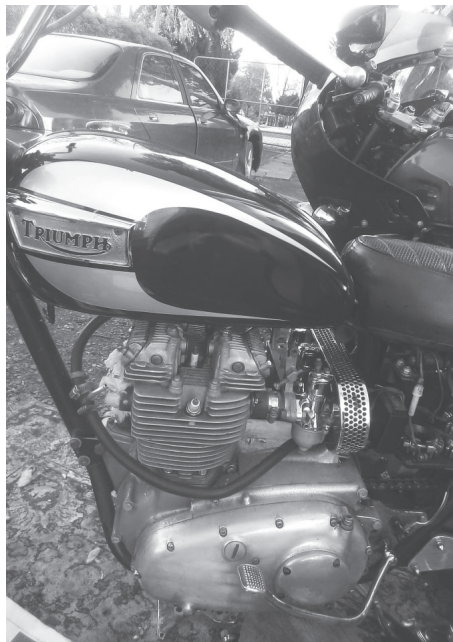
### Items missing:

Oil cooler mounting  
Oil tank  
Exhaust header pipes  
Battery.

Except for missing items all else is in excellent condition.

Bike has been previously registered but rego has now lapsed.

**For offers and further information phone 021 027 89074**



## TOMCC NZ Regular Area/Chapter Rides and Meetings

**Northland** No Details  
contact Glenn Maconaghie,  
glennmaconaghie@gmail.com

### Auckland

Monthly Meeting. Last Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Swashbucklers, 23B Westhaven Drive, Auckland

### Franklin

No Details  
contact Chris Smith, trippletrickz@gmail.com

**Waikato Bay of Plenty** Details vary,  
contact Neville Wilson,  
nevilleandjoanne@farmside.co.nz

### Taranaki

Monthly Ride and Meeting. Last Sunday of the month, 10am at the Caltex service station on Eliot St, New Plymouth.

### Whanganui

Monthly ride. Last sunday of the month. 10am, clubrooms Anzac Pde at 10am. Monthly meetings, last Monday of the month also at the clubrooms at 7pm.

### Manawatu

No Details

### Canterbury

Monthly Meeting. Second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at First European Motorcycles, 127 Ferry Road, Waltham, Christchurch.

### Otago Southland

Monthly Ride. First Sunday of each month, 11am at the Z service station, Andersons Bay Road, Dunedin.

## WATOC Cloth Badge



WATOC cloth badges are now in stock. Available for **\$10 each inc p&p** in NZ from Ken Spall, email spall@callsouth.net.nz for payment details.

**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.**

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For **PRESIDENT** .....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For **VICE-  
PRESIDENT** .....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For **MEMBERSHIP  
SECRETARY** .....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For **TREASURER** .....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For **REGALIA  
OFFICER** .....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For **NEWSLETTER  
EDITOR** .....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For **WEBSITE  
ADMINISTRATOR** .....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

**AREA CO-ORDINATOR**

I, .....NOMINATE ..... For ..... AREA  
.....  
NOMINEE SIGNATURE

**MEMBER NOMINATING:**

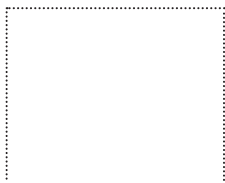
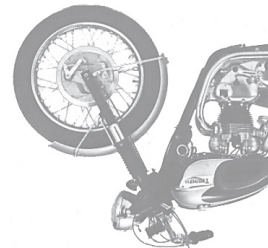
SIGNATURE, ..... MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.....

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: NOMINATIONS, T.O.M.C.C. N.Z. Inc  
P.O. BOX 5035, WANGANUI 4542  
By 1 December 2018**





The Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club New Zealand Inc.  
If undelivered, please return to 7 Glasgow St, Mosgiel, Otago, 9024 New Zealand



## YOUR CLUB



# NEEDS YOU

As you can see from the included nomination form it's time once again to choose who you want on the club's committee, but this time how about you choosing to put yourself forward for one of these positions – why? – because **Your Club Needs You.**

*Don't just ignore this call for help.*

**Your Club Needs You** to step up and fill the necessary positions.

**Your Club Needs You** to be an Area Co-ordinator.

**Your Club Needs You** to get involved.

### DISCLAIMER

Opinions expressed in this publication are purely individual and not to be attributed to the Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc. as a whole. Nor does publication imply any endorsement, either by Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc. or by its committee.

### ***As the advert says, Your Club Needs You***

So how about this time you put yourself forward for nomination as one of your club's executive.

Many of the members have been doing the job of helping to run this club (on your behalf I might add) for a number of years and for various reasons are unable to continue doing so.

Yes, I know, you all have work, family, personal commitments and other interests – we all do, so that's no excuse not to step up and take your turn on your club's national executive. The tasks are simple, you will be given help and support, and in the process you will make new friends.

***Ask yourself – are you going to help this time round?***



## TOMCC NZ National Poker Run

**Saturday 17th October 2020**

**Starts 10.30 am**

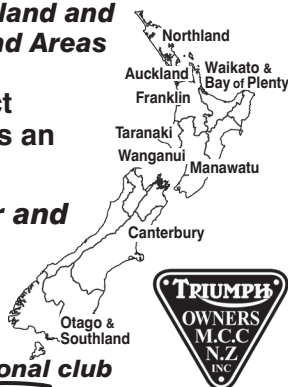
**Hosted by Auckland and  
Otago/Southland Areas**

Departing from wherever you like or contact your local Area coordinator to see if there is an organised ride.

**\$20 entry. Text your membership number and last name to 021 032 9920 to register.**

**Members only. Entries close 15th October**

All profits are going towards your 2021 TOMCC NZ National rally – **Support your national club**



### **Emailing Triumph Times**

If you would like to receive future copies of *Triumph Times* by email please let me know, my contact details are above.

*Editor*

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

Murray Milne	Wanganui
Brandon Kidd	Wanganui
Linden Davey	Whangarei
Martin van der Kley	Christchurch
Dean Cullimore	Invercargill
Dave Loudon	Invercargill

*Love is the feeling you get when you like something as much as your motorcycle – Hunter S. Thompson.*