

# Triumph Times

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### **TOMCC NZ Inc – Top of the South Meeting**

Lionel and I came up with the idea of holding an event at our place in the Marlborough Sounds because we wanted to meet and mix more with members of the Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club in NZ. Especially those from our Canterbury Area Chapter as we don't get the opportunity to meet up with them much. From here it's at least a 5-hour ride before we get to Christchurch where the monthly meetings are held and most rides start from. Our only interaction with TOMCC NZ Inc members has been attending a couple of the rallies around the country, meeting up with Canterbury ones if they come up to visit our region, or running into local Marlborough members at motorcycle events held in Blenheim put on by other groups. So, I got in touch with Canterbury Area Coordinator John M, and spoke in length to National President John W. Both gave me the advice I needed and we drew up a flyer that was passed on and emailed to Canterbury area members, posted on the club's website, and on the Facebook page.

Having a get-together with a bit of a speech and barbecue, we thought, was also a good way of raising the profile of the club and maybe attracting some new members. April 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen as being in the middle of a long weekend, hopefully allowing some of the farther flung TOMCC NZ Inc members time to make the trip. ANZAC Day dawned still and clear in the Sounds, and the temperature rose to about 19 or 20 degrees so it was looking fairly promising for riders making the trip apart from the pesky wind that decided to blow in around mid morning.

Whenever we are out and about locally and spot a Triumph rider, we tend to wander over for a look at their bike, get talking, and then ask if they are a member. if not, we tell them a little about the TOMCC NZ Inc and how we enjoy being members. We had invited 5 of those people we'd bumped into along to the event. That 5 turned into 7, when just the night before, we had a late reply from a chap who texted could he and his wife come as they were new to Blenheim and interested in joining. I forgot to ask Milo & Christine how they found out about the event, but of course I replied they were most welcome. Milo's return text apologised that they would turn up on Harley's as he is still waiting for his Tiger to arrive and with a touch of humour hoped they'd still be welcome. I assured him they wouldn't be turned away. If that was the rule, I wouldn't be welcome either. LOL.

The riders started negotiating our challenging drive (meaning steep & rutted gravel that we'd thrown some crusher dust on the day before hoping it would help) up to the property at 11am. After seeing everyone had been greeted, name stickered and offered a tea, coffee or coldie, we ushered them into our half built 2-roomed studio unit, next to the workshop where the BBQ and Lionel's project 1952 Speed Twin sat.

Lionel welcomed everybody, and noted that of the 20 present there were 3 distinct groups in attendance. The first group were members from the Marlborough/Nelson/Tasman districts, and all new faces to us except one. Special note was made of the awesome commitment of two couples who had trav-

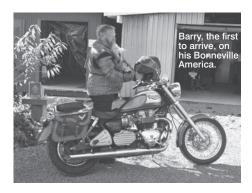
elled long distance from the Tasman region. John and Nicki had driven (in favour of riding) over 130 kms from Motueka, while Chrissy and Malcolm had ridden two-up over 250 kms, from Mangarakau south of Whanganui Inlet, and about 70 kms of that on gravel. John assured us though, his trusty Scrambler handles it well.

The second group were also fellow Canterbury area members, who had incorporated their trip from Christchurch into a long weekend break at Tony's house in the Sounds. We were delighted that the initial 20 people turned into 21, after Pete the plumber turned up from Canterbury half way through the meeting. He got absolute stick from his mate Woody for not letting us know he was coming, but in Pete's defence he had tried. In a roundabout and slightly confusing way. Eh Pete! Never the less, it was great to have support from the Canterbury contingent, and meet up again with Woody, Heather & Al, who we'd come across at rallies, and Tony who Lionel got to meet when down in Christchurch not long before attending the monthly meeting. The extra effort made by all those Canterbury ones having journeyed around 360 kms to get to the Sounds was much appreciated.

The third group, as mentioned before, were the local people we had randomly come across on their bikes, and it was pleasing to have their response to our personal invitation. We tentatively hoped they would see what a good bunch we are, and think about joining the club, but felt they would probably have to gauge us a little before doing so.

Lionel's welcome speech touched briefly on the fact that we were seated in the building





on our property we have named *The Milestone*. It being a reference to the markers on the famous Isle of Man TT mountain course. By sheer coincidence, there is now a milestone post outside our property to mark the 25 km point on the Link Pathway from Picton to Havelock. This cycle/walkway makes up part of the Te Araroa Trail, spanning the length of New Zealand.

As a bit of background info, Lionel explained we had initially decided to build a sleepout as a more spacious option for when family and friends come to stay, especially our Aussie based families. Then, thinking about suitable places to stay ourselves, when touring on our bikes, that idea morphed into providing a place designed especially for (but not limited to) fellow riders. Our road is a constant hum of motorcycle engines for around 6 months of the year, with people discovering the Queen Charlotte Drive Scenic Route, or commuting to the ferry terminals 30 minutes away. The Milestone is halfway to completion, with Lionel doing all the building himself when not off-site with his business. Down the line we hope to hold an official opening, with TOMCC NZ Inc members being top of the invitation list, and once underway we may be able to host some overnight events for the club as there's plenty of tent space in the two mown paddocks surrounding the studio unit, and other accommodation choices close by.

Back to business. Apologies came from local members Pete and Vanessa who had a prior engagement in the North Island, from National President John in Invercargill who would have liked to come all the way up the mainland but was otherwise engaged, and the same went for Ken our Newsletter Editor in Mosgiel who had hoped he could make it, but had other priorities.

I quickly outlined the reason for the gathering, with hopes that Marlborough/Nelson/ Tasman members might eventually start their own area Chapter. Then I let everyone know we had membership application forms available on the bar table in front of me for those wanting to sign up. When I tried to read the interest of the non-members at that point, it was like trying to read poker players faces. We asked Wayne (Woody, our ex-president) to speak about the Triumph Owners MCC NZ Inc and its virtues. He gave a brief run down on the history of the club and how it was formed, then expanded on the activities happening now, and of the lifetime friendships he's made by being a member. He's such a great ambassador for the club, and our thanks go to him for that speech, and the enthusiastic part he plays in the club.

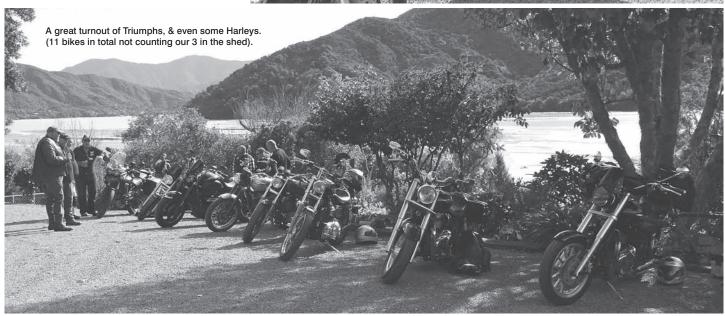
Following Woody's words, I opened the floor up for a discussion on holding more socials, and getting a regular riding group up and running. Several people expressed their interest in that happening, and I could see nods of agreement right around the room, but no ideas of rides came forth, and no hands

shot up to volunteer running such a group as I'd hoped, so for a second, I felt a little despondent. Kitt, a local member spoke about the fellowship of riding with a group of members and having good friendships come out of it. There was a general nod of agreement, so I was reassured that our meeting was not in vain after all.

There seems to be a general feeling of fellowship amongst all bikers, but especially our fellow TOMMCC NZ members, so when we heard that our mate Paul the black Knight had come off his bike the weekend before, with injuries preventing him from riding to our place, Lionel had called in a few days later to see him. Paul said how he'd love to have been able to ride out and join in, but even the mate who could have driven him (and came to one of our rallies on one of Paul's Triumph's) was out of town for the weekend. Naturally Lionel promised he'd leave here at 8.30 am so he could pick Paul up in the van an hour later, be back with him in the Sounds in time for a coffee before people arrived, then return him when he needed to go home.

Paul brought his damaged pants, gloves and helmet from his ride the previous weekend and spoke a little about the accident, and how he was only there today because his gear had no doubt saved him from much worse injuries.





It's his story to expand on, but the sight of his clothing and skid-lid (well named as skid marks were very prominent) brought forth a few gasps and reminded us not to take our own safety for granted.

Paul too, is the epitome of what good bikers/good members of our club are all about. Despite being down to one good hand and loaded up on painkillers, he still insisted on stirring the onions and making trips up to the house with batches of cooked BBQ meats, while I was busy getting the rest of the food and plates out. He actually lasted way longer than he probably should have. Mate, you are a champion!

The BBQ went down a treat, (You boys love ya bangers don't you!), and once I had finished scurrying around, I was able to get mixing with people. At one point, I found myself standing in a group beside the bar table that Lionel and I had sat at with our notes. Turning around, I got quite a shock to see that five non-members had already filled in membership application forms, and were looking for the person to give their fee too. Wow! Lionel and I were rapt.

We had hoped we were doing the right thing putting on the event, but never dreamed it would be such a success. It didn't end there though. Tony rode into Havelock, and before we wound up he was back with the phone number of two of his friends saying, 'Get in touch, as they both ride Triumphs'. A couple of non-members from our road on a Rocket, told us of their friends down the other end who both ride Triumphs and might be interested, then Kitt got his mate in Nelson to contact me asking how to join up. It made us so proud to be part of such an enthusiastic bunch. I was thinking if that's what we could achieve with just one BBQ and a bit of PR, what are the possibilities if others did similar?

We feel we owe an enormous thanks to all the brilliant people who responded to our flyer and made the day a real cracker. We enjoyed meeting you all, and it's not going to be hard to stay in touch, and form great friendships. Our thanks also to President John, and our Canterbury Area guys for the part you all played in helping us organise the day. We hope this is only the beginning of what's to come from our area, so as they say' Watch this space!'

Barb Allen TOMCC NZ, Canterbury













## TOMCC NZ Inc MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your membership renewal is due on 1 July 2021. Please send your \$25 membership renewal fee to:

TOMCC NZ Membership Secretary, PO Box 5035, Wanganui 4542, New Zealand

Or pay online to: 02-0792-0060254-00 TOMCC NZ Membership Account.

No overseas money, postal orders or cheques will be accepted after 20th June. I would suggest you pay for multiple year's memberships as I understand the bank fees can differ from bank to bank and the cost of 1 year's membership may be less than the bank fees charged.

Please ensure that we have your correct email and postal address. This will be a cost saving to the club of between \$450-\$500, as well as hours of my time.

If your membership renewal fee is not received within one month of falling due your membership will be cancelled, this also means that your eligibility for your long service badge will also be cancelled.

Melissa Shipp Membership Secretary

#### **Auckland Area Events Calendar**

27 July	TOMCC NZ Auckland area club meeting at swashbucklers from 7pm
31 July	TOMCCC NZ bar wars round 3 TBC
28 Aug	TOMCCC NZ bar wars round 4 TBC
31 Aug	TOMCC NZ Auckland area club meeting at swashbucklers from 7pm
25 Sept	TOMCCC NZ bar wars final round TBC

28 Sept TOMCC NZ Auckland area club meeting at swashbucklers from 7pm

9 Oct TOMCC NZ 2nd annual poker run. From 11am enter via text

021 03 29 920 or turn up for the ride.

22-24 Oct TOMCC NZ Traveling The High Seas 2, this time we are off to Great Barrier

Island. Expressions of interest please. As this is a long weekend, we need to book accommodation and ferry asap. Tentatively we are looking at travel with you and a motorcycle and two nights accommodation for \$500. That

figure is based on at least 10 people attending.

26 Oct TOMCC NZ Auckland area club meeting at swashbucklers from 7pm

November TOMCC NZ Auckland area club ride open to suggestions

30 Nov TOMCC NZ Auckland area club meeting at swashbucklers from 7pm
 26 Dec TOMCC NZ Auckland area boxing day ride. Meet Z station westgate 11:30

depart midday.

28 Dec TOMCC NZ Auckland area club meeting at swashbucklers from 7pm 18-20 Feb 2022 TOMCC NZ national rally held at the Clarks beach motor camp.



2022 TOMCC NZ National Rally - support your national club.

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## Bulldozer is back in the saddle

One of our staunchest Northland members, Bill Spice, was delighted to let us know that after 15 years of triking (due to a serious bike accident) he is once more back on two wheels. Pictured is his latest pride and joy, a 2007 Speedmaster. Good to see you on a Triumph again Bill, please take care.

#### **Emailing Triumph Times**

If you would like to receive future copies of *Triumph Times* by email please let me know, my contact details are on page 4.

Editor

## TOMCC NZ 2022 National Rally

18th-20th February Clarks Beach Holiday Camp, Auckland

Ph 09 232 1685

Email: info@clarksbeachholidaypark.co.nz

Next year's National rally will be run the same as the 2021 rally for accommodation, so please book in for the 18th and 19th at the Clark's Beach Holiday Park. Make sure

you book with reference to TOMCC NZ rally. The club has secured all available accommodation at the park. For those who are camping this will be free thanks to Clark's Beach Yacht Club.

The Rally will have a band on Friday night, coast to coast ride on Saturday along with bike show and prize giving. Look forward to catching up with everyone next year.

A rally entry form will be available soon.



Any questions ring or email me, Glenn Mills. Ph 021 032 9920 Email: wokkey@hotmail.com

#### TRIUMPH OWNERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB (NZ) INCORPORATED

Society number 618282

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

Income		
Memberships	9,402.28	9,171.00
Regalia	1,257.00	4,973.50
Interest income	8.09	8.36
Total Income	10,667.37	14,152.86
Expenditure		
Cost of Regalia sold during the year	2,022.73	3,359.68
Membership badges distributed to new members	347.60	400.80
Regalia written off during the year	-	-
Stationery & postage	910.26	1,830.91
Assets		-
NZ Post box	160.00	75.00
Bank charges	0.60	0.60
Newsletter expenses		
-Printing	3,659.65	3,657.69
-Postage	1,996.78	2,281.85
Web site costs	342.70	342.70
National rally expenses	-	-
Legal fees	287.50	-
Claire Morrell	-	200.00
Depreciation of Club assets	255.98	180.1
Total Expenditure	9,983.80	12,329.3
Surplus for the year	683.57	1,823.48
Cash Flow Statement for the year ended	31 December 202	0
	2020	2019
Surplus for the year from above	<b>\$</b> 683.57	\$ 1,823.48
Add Non-Cash expense	003.57	1,023.40
Depreciation	255.98	180.15
Less Movement in Membership dues outstanding	255.56	180.1.
Opening balance		_
Closing balance	-	_
Net change		
Less Assets purchased		
Computer purchased	512.94	_
Regalia movement	022.0	
Opening balance	6,886.43	6,747.5
Closing balance	5,342.50	6,886.4
Net increase / (decrease)	( 1,543.93)	138.9
Add Creditors not paid at year end	-	1,495.60
Less Creditors paid during the year	1,495.66	2,340.3
Less Advances paid to chapters for National rally 2020	-,	_,0 .0.0
Add Repayment of rally advance paid to Canterbury branch	-	1,000.00
Net Cash Movement for the year	474.88	2,020.08
		2,020.00
Bank Account Moveme	nt	
	2020 s	<b>2019</b> \$
Opening balances 1 January	*	*
General account	14,241.35	12,370.2
Memberships account	701.09	1,029.46
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### TOMCC NZ 2020 Financial Report

2019

As the 2020 Financial Reports were not passed at the AGM in February, it has been decided that we should revert back to the previous years reporting format.

This means the Area cash and assets will not be included, this is due in part to all areas not being able to provide a breakdown of income and expenditure historically.

This is why we are now creating a national template for all Areas to use, this way the incoming Treasurer has all information to hand when creating the Financial Reports.

Please note the corrected club financial statement and balance sheet (left and right). These documents now need to be approved by club members.

Please read these documents, and if found to be unsatisfacory, then lodge an objection with our President who will then organise another corrected document for members' approval. Objections must be notified to the President by 17 July 2012.

#### TRIUMPH OWNERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB (NZ) INCORPORATED

Society number 618282

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020					
		2020	2019		
		\$	\$		
ASSETS					
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at bank		16,222.97	15,748.09		
Regalia on hand, at cost		5,342.50	6,886.43		
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		21,565.47	22,634.52		
Non Current Assets					
Ezi-Ups					
At cost		400.00	400.00		
Less Depreciation	١ .	400.00	400.00		
		-			
Computer					
At cost		2,570.63	2,570.63		
Less Depreciation	١ .	2,570.63	2,570.63		
	-				
Laptop held by Melissa		969.00	969.00		
At cost Less Depreciation		868.00 593.36	868.00 501.81		
Less Depreciation	'	274.64	366.19		
	-	274.04	300.19		
21" Apple All-in-one Comp	uter held by Ken				
At cost		512.94	_		
Less Depreciation	1	120.86	-		
•	-	392.08	-		
TOMCC stamp	-				
At cost		31.97	31.97		
Less Depreciation	1	21.85	18.48		
		10.12	13.49		
Manawatu chapter banner	•				
At cost		381.10	381.10		
Less Depreciation	١ .	260.52	220.32		
	-	120.58	160.78		
Combined Area Assets	-				
	:				
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		797.42	540.46		
Total Assets		22,362.89	23,174.98		
LIADILITIES	•				
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities					
Creditors		_	1,495.66		
Net Assets	-	22,362.89	21,679.32		
	•	22,302.03	21,073.32		
Represented by					
MEMBERS' FUNDS					
Opening balance		21,679.31	19,855.83		
Combined Area Assets		-			
Surplus for the year		683.57	1,823.48		
Closing balance		22,362.88	21,679.31		
		0.01	0.01		

I certify that these financial statements have been submitted to and approved by the members at an Annual General Meeting held on 20 February 2021.

Signed

Name Sandy Snell
Designation Treasurer

Regalia account

Closing balances 31 December

General account

Regalia account

Memberships account

Net Cash Movement for the year from above

Total

Total

805.65

474.88

15,748.09

15,382.41

603.79

236.77

16,222.97

328.30

13,728.01

2,020.08

14,241.35

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701.09

805.65

### Strong TOMCC NZ turnout for the 40th, and final, Brass Monkey Rally



There was an excellent turnout of TOMCC NZ members at this year's Brass Monkey rally held at the Central Otago location of Oturehua. We had several from our Wanganui and Hawkes Bay Areas, but what was of particular note was the large number of Canterbury Area members who braved what they expected to be a cold night. But not so, the weather was mild and

the worst was just a few showers through the evening, which did not bother the 4000 or so rally participants. An excellent band provided plenty of entertainment whilst the massed bikers enjoyed the warmth of quite possibly the biggest bonfire in the event's history. A bonus late in the evening was a most excellent firework display.



## Can a rider fall asleep whilst riding a motorbike? Surprising to me the answer is YES!

I'm known to a few of you as I combine my two passions of Running Marathons and Riding Motorbikes to and from races.

This ended 2 weeks ago when I rode my Bike to St Arnaud for Loop the Lake and crashed heavily half way home after the race on a straight bit of road well before a sweeping unmarked corner. The Policeman told me that it looks like I braked heavily and slid along the road and through the corner. I have no recollection of this apart from when I hit the road. It all points to Fatigue and my age finally catching up with me. Thanks to my excellent motorcycle clothing and helmet I got away lightly with serious but not life threatening injuries. The kneepads in my motorcycle trousers saved me from losing my kneecap and probably never being able to run again.







We have all in the past jumped on our bikes for a 'short ride' and not worn the protective clothing because it takes too long to gear up.

PLEASE THINK next time and either put the gear on or take the car.

August last year I had a dog run under my front wheel whilst cornering in town which caused \$3500 damage to my bike but because I was wearing all the gear on a short ride I came out of it reasonably unscathed.

Paul Knight, Blenheim #554



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**Membership due 1 July** 

## British Bike Day, Mandeville, Otago, March 2021



Maeva Smith, Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre; Bob Verco, TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland and Hartley Hay, organiser of the British Bike Day.

## TOMCC NZ, Auckland Area Display at Western Hospice Fund Raiser, Rosebank Speedway.









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

**Bruce Cochrane** Auckland Rod Clarke Rarangi Simon Lovelock Canvastown Barbara Lovelock Canvastown Nathan Cannan Blenheim **Christine Sawler** Blenheim Danny McConnochie Auckland Paul Southey Rarangi Tanya Allen Temuka

### 2021 Rally finances up-date

In the March issue of *Triumph Times* there was a brief mention made of our recent rally finances, these being a total rally income of \$20,087.20 with total rally expenditure being \$15,276.97. The balance remaining was deposited into the Otago Southland Area account which now brings the balance of the Otago Southland Area account up to \$6,658.56.

It needs also to be noted that the \$500 which was donated from last year's Poker Run was not actually used for rally purposes. This will now be given to the Auckland Area for use at next year's rally. Also the surplus rally supplies (coffee, tea, disposable cups, etc) have also been passed on to the Auckland Area for use at next year's rally.



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







### **TOMCC NZ newsletter archive**

Since August 2003 I have edited and produced almost 70 copies of *Triumph Times*. Naturally I have kept a hard copy of each issue for my own records. Also, I have digital copies in PDF format of all these issues. These digital files of Triumph Times are available free at any time to any member who wishes to receive them.

If any member wishes to receive a printed copy of any archived *Triumph Times*, these are also available but at a cost of \$7 a copy. Furthermore I do also have an incomplete digital archive of our early club newsletters prior to my taking up the position of editor.

Whilst on the topic of available club material I also still have a small quantity of our club's 20th history book. These are available to members at \$10 a copy including NZ post and packing.

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