



# Triumph Times

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## Otago Southland Area of TOMCC NZ celebrated 120 years of Triumph at the Dunedin Autospectacular

With a lineup of 12 bikes our display generated a lot of interest from the viewing public. The event was also a great opportunity for some of us to get together and for our newer members to meet other club members. Also a big thank you to our local members for their participation and help in organising our club display. It was a great effort and I appreciate that they were happy to entrust their precious Triumphs for the occasion.

*Ken Spall, TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland Area*



# Mad Farmer's Tour 2022

**The Mad Farmer's tour is a Waikato/Bay of Plenty Area ride which has been held for over 27 years.**

## How did it all start?

I had a long sit down with the Farmer himself (Keith Randall) to get some history, as we had thought it was about 22 years ago, interesting fact!

Keith Randall AKA the mad farmer is originally an Auckland TOMCC NZ member, joining in 1994. He lives in TeKuiti, but back then there was no Waikato group. Rain hail or moonlight he would ride up to Auckland for the rides and meetings, arriving home sometimes in the early hours of the morning just in time to milk the cows. This is how he got his name as the other members would tell him "you are MAD, Farmer, riding home at this time of night!"

So come June when the cows were dry he started the ride we now know as the Mad Farmer's Tour. Keith asked members from Auckland to come join him in the Waikato to ride different roads to those they were used to riding.

He recalls there was Terry, Claire Morrell, Pete Webster, Glenn Mills, Paul and Wendy, to name a few. It was always hosted by Keith and his Parents at the farm in Rangitoto (Te Kuiti)

The locals were invited to meet these bikers from Auckland and there was a big barbecue and pot luck dinner in the Rangitoto hall on Friday night, then the night's accommodation was on the farm, in the famous to those that have stayed there, the shearers quarters.

Next day breakfast was always at the farm, before riding around the Te Kuiti/Waikato area and then again back to the shearers quarters for more socializing on Saturday night before heading to home on Sunday,

Then about 2 years later it turned into a fishing and riding trip at Kawhia staying at the Farmer's Bach. As Waikato TOMCC NZ area formed the format changed again to a weekend of riding but in different areas of the North Island.

So here we are 27 or so years later, it's a different format again but still remains The Mad Farmer's ride with it being an invitation overnigher with good rides, great people, lots of laughs, indifferent weather, a few breakdowns, great food, and excellent company.

This year the ride was organized by Eric Box, and Brian and Sue Dawson.

After sending out emails, reminders, and many phone calls to get the plan under way, June arrives. I decided to ride over to Eric and Susan's for Friday night for the meet up at Te Awamutu on Saturday morning 9.00 for a 9.30 start.

Friday was wet, so wet that I had to pull off the road at Karapiro as I couldn't see a thing, then hello sunshine. I arrived at Eric and Susan's farm gate around 2.00 and see two narrow tyre marks in the metal, so know someone else is here. I pull into the shed and see two Tridents have just pulled in, Big Pete



Mad Farmer and Tess on their way home on Sunday.

Webster and Eric had ridden in just before me.

Later that evening Geoff and Jo from Bay of Plenty arrive. After a barbecue, a few drinks and stories of riding, we're off to bed, and ready for the morning meet up. Bikes ready, cold and crisp morning, looks like it could be a fine day, great.

8.30 my phone shows Mad Farmer calling. Some years he has been pulled away from the ride as the farm is always first so is not able to attend so we sort of don't really know if he will make it, so I'm thinking ok – but it's a different story. "Hey Jude where's the ride going today, I thought Tess (young miss Mad Farmer's daughter) and I would join the ride". Awesome, so its arranged we will meet them at Turangi for lunch, wow that's cool.

We meet the rest of the club, quite a good looking bunch, at Trevor Hall's in Te Awamutu – Geoff and Jo Morgan 2021 Tiger, Eric 1974 Trident, Trev T100 2014, Mike Gray 2020 Rocket 3TT, Andy and Lorraine 2021 Rocket GT, Rob and Selina Rocket 3, Steve Webster 2015 Speedmaster, Tony 2014 Sprint GT, Big



Lorraine Winning, Tony Edwards, Andy Winning.

Pete Webster Trident 1974, and myself T100 2007, with Susan in the car to meet us at Ohakune.

With Eric on the trusty Trident in lead we head for Whakamarama as our first stop, the roads are great and the weather is fine what more can you want. Next stop Turangi via State Highway 32, arriving at Turangi, no mad farmer yet so we all had lunch, refuelled and before long we are met by the Farmer and his daughter on his Trusty Trident, I do think he has given it a wash and polish.

Heading down SH47 we stopped at Te Porere Redoubt for a history lesson by Mrs Orton, and a look at the redoubt. Oh my gosh Selina, how much further to walk, its never much fun trudging up hills in one's bike gear. 30 minutes later and its back to the bike park and ready to head to Ohukune.

This was my favourite part of the weekend's ride, with Rob Orton leading we did a great pace. I found myself in the lineup of 3 1974 Tridents, talk about being in heaven, with Eric in front and the Farmer and Big Pete riding side by side, I was positioned behind them in the middle, wahoo talk about Trident in stereo, what a buzz. So fantastic to follow those three 1974 Tridents, you can't beat that sound.

Arrived at Ohakune, just as the sun was going down and it was starting to get a bit cold, so it was straight into the bar where there was a fabulous fire going and drinks flowing. I spotted the Morgans heading into the hot spa pool to warm up.

After many stories and a good meal we headed back to my room as the pub got very cold, funny how the motorcyclists got given a room away from the warm dining room to ourselves. It was cold and uninviting so we gathered our own beverages and continued the evening in my room, if walls could talk – there was a lot of reminiscing of previous Farmer's rides, and just general fun times from the past, these evenings are priceless.

Saturday morning at 5.30 we're woken up very early by someone who normally is milking cows – OMG can he not sleep in?





Bonnie T100 arriving back at Jude's.



Great T shirt Jo !



Judi Nightingale, Tess Randall, Mad Farmer and Pete Webster.

We decided to make it 9am for breakfast in town before our ride today as the overnight frost was very heavy, all the bikes are white this morning. Once it thaws a bit, the Farmer and his daughter head back to the farm and we all head into town for breakfast.

Today's ride we decided was to Wanganui for lunch and back to stay again in Ohakune. After a big breakfast and fuelled up we head to Waiouru to go SH 1 as we are thinking this will have less frost and wet roads, and be safer. Susan, Eric's other half, has booked a massage at the local spa for the morning, as she is travelling in the cage this weekend, hmmm sounds good. With everyone else kitted up nice and warm, we're off to SH1. The pot holes and state of the road from Ohakune to Waiouru leaves a lot to be desired.

Regroup just after the Waiouru turn off. With Eric on his Trident ahead of me I was thinking, what a beautiful day for a ride, sun is shining and its great to be out here doing it - then my bike had a mind of its own and all I remember is rolling down the road, so I will leave it there, as Sunday we never got any further than 1 km north of Mangaweka,

Yes I'm ok, long story short Bonnie isn't ok and Eric will finish this as I wasn't on the ride home with the club. Geoff and Jo Morgan escorted me home in their vehicle towing a trailer (which they travelled back to Tauranga to fetch) with Bonnie hitching a ride. Thanks Geoff and Jo, you're amazing.

Thanks everyone for your assistance all I can say is I am very pleased and proud of the Mad Farmer's riders of 2022 for your help and assistance with my off. Thank you, thank you thank you. We have a great group of people in this club.

*Eric will now continue:*

Yes Judi, your off certainly changed the focus of the ride, from a truly bad situation a whole lot of incidents came into play in a positive way. One of the first cars on the site was a paramedic who was able to assess the situation quickly, and next was the army troop carrier, who set up trucks at either end.

With safety triangles in place they offered first aid and stayed around until after the ambulance left. Lastly the police arrived to assess the accident site, road conditions and contributing aspects after watching multiple road users bump over the road patches that were a major factor in the accident.

One thing that we can be thankful for is that there were no safety wires up. SH1 has become one of the most challenging adventure riding roads in NZ. A phone call to Susan, who hired a trailer and came on down in the car to pick up Judi and the Bonnie to the drive back to Ohakune.

After the ambulance left we mounted up and rode back to base for refreshment and debrief, and then to the Powder Keg for a great evening meal. Monday morning we all hung around and waited for Judi's bike to be loaded onto the trailer. After farewells we all drifted off in small groups for home. Meeting again in TeKuiti for a coffee and food at Café Bosca. Thanks everyone.

Please everyone stay safe out there as the road conditions in New Zealand are shocking at the moment and we need to be vigilant.

*Eric Box and Judi Nightingale  
TOMCC NZ Waikato & Bay of Plenty*



Mad Farmer receiving his 25 year badge. This badge went missing in the mail 4 years ago so we presented him with another.



Rider's re-group at Whakamarama.

# Triumph Super Sport (TSS) Meriden's last model 1982-83

For some reason the TSS has always been of interest to me. I can remember their launch when I was still at school, and had a poster on my wall. The fact that they became the last production model out of Meriden was part of it, and also I thought they looked awesome and still do!

The big talking point was the 8 valve cylinder head that had been developed by Weslake some years before, obviously giving more power and allowing 10.1 compression ratio. One piece forged crank meant a much smoother ride. Coupled with standard components such as twin disc, electric start, Italian Strada rear suspension, dog lever clutch and brake levers, high output alternator and bigger swing arm and alloy barrels, hopes were high for a commercial success which Triumph was in dire need of.

Early press reports were good and forward orders excellent, then came one of the many problems to plague this model. It was discovered that the first batch of heads from Weslake were porous leading to warranty claims Triumph could ill afford, and cancellation of forward orders.

Over the years I had a couple of friends who owned TSS' for short periods and seeing them up close only increased my interest to one day own one. Although both mentioned they were troublesome nightmares, I still wasn't put off. As the years went by and I was in a position to purchase, they didn't come up for sale at all.

In 2013 my wife casually mentioned one day while on the internet "Is this one of those bikes you always go on about?" Yes, there it was, an American Spec TSS. It was missing the correct mufflers and had Amals retrofitted instead of Bings. It also had a non-factory Lockheed oil cooler fitted. It looked to be in great condition. Only issue was it was in Ohio! I made contact with the owner who had a snow mobile business. I really was a tortured soul in buying something like this sight unseen with the money involved. I contacted a friend who had previously imported a couple of English bikes from the states and I still remember him saying "Yanks don't seem to lie like New Zealanders". After researching shipping etc the decision was made to purchase and it arrived two months later (that time frame certainly wouldn't happen at present and the cost of shipping has also exploded).

The bike was actually in better condition cosmetically than the photos showed. It also came with several spares including the original Bing carbs and manuals. This had never been mentioned by the owner, so a really pleasant surprise. It did have an interesting "cruise control" set up on the throttle which looked like an accident waiting to happen so was quickly removed.

My bother re-commissioned it for me doing the brakes which had seized, and I got the Morris mag wheels repainted. Interestingly more were produced with mags than spoked wheels and were both offered at the same price from factory. I also had the Strada shocks re-kitted. We changed all fluids and started it up. I rode it a couple of hundred kms on the back roads as not registered in New Zealand. I was amazed at how smooth it was and how well it sat on the road and handled, compared to the other Triumph twins I had owned and there was certainly not much wrong with their handling.

The next and last outing for many years was to an event in Wairoa where I noticed it had a weeping base gasket, another bad sign for the



TSS. The bike remained parked up as I was too afraid to investigate what was wrong, and also did not have the funds to repair if it was a major problem. I did join an owners group based in the UK, but with members world wide, and through this found out that it was produced in November 1982 with the last full batch being produced in January 1983 and the last one of being made in June that year as a special order with rubber mounting.

In April 2020 I decided that it was time to get serious about getting it going. I had never purchased it to be an expensive piece of furniture. I had a friend that had previously worked on the odd one back in the 80s and has extensive experience with Triumphs in general. He agreed to do the work, but made it clear it could well be both time consuming and an expensive process. Both proved to be fact. I stated there was no hurry and was happy for it to be fitted in around other work.

The base gasket issue had been caused by the liners dropping, another issue associated with the TSS. It was also found to have a badly cracked head from previous poor repair. It was decided to give the engine a full birthday present of pistons valves guides etc. Through the members site previously mentioned, I was directed to a shop in Scotland that incredibly had all the TSS specific products off the self. Franklin Engineering did all the specialist machining work as it was decided to repair my head as the only ones that we available were second hand and in the UK and who was to say they would be in any better condition when they got here?

Small things like the clocks needed repairing so they did not "flick", replacement of the U.S. headlight so they dipped the right way for compliance; correct spec handgrips; oil cooler removed; bent rabbit ears replaced. All these were chipped away at during this period.

At the Te Anau Rally I was introduced to Doctor Pat, a former TSS owner. I spent a long period of time talking to him around the trials and tribulations of this model as only those who have put themselves through it would understand. He has since sent some magazines and parts for the TSS.

Roll on 2022 and the bike was going, fully compliant and road registered and all set to go to the Clarkes Beach TOMCC NZ rally. With Craig in tow on his T140D off we went and both bikes didn't miss a beat getting there. I must admit to often hearing noises which made me nervous but no issues. Was awesome to ride the bike for a long period after all these years. Over the course of the weekend the front master cylinder did blow a seal and pump a bit of brake fluid over the tank, these things do happen when bikes sit for so long.

I'm really not sure how many of the 430 odd that were made are still in existence. I am aware of 7 in New Zealand in various states of condition.

The first question I'm almost always asked by people with an interest in them is "does it actually go?" I am now happy to reply, "yes it does go and it is awesome!"

I have been asked over the years if I'm interested in selling, which I am not. I purchased it for myself and intend to keep it for many more years, of hopefully, trouble free adventures.

*Syd Ross, Photos by Kelly Ross  
TOMCC NZ, East Coast*



# RALLY INFORMATION

## TOMCC NZ 29th National Rally

**ALL MOTORCYCLISTS  
ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND THIS RALLY**

### DAY ONLY ENTRIES

Day entries are welcome and on registration and payment of \$10 will have access to the rally and facilities. No badges, no t-shirts and no meals included.

### COVID POLICY

All rally entrants will be expected to have been vaccinated against Covid 19. For the safety of others, if

you have not been vaccinated, please do not attend this rally.

Any new Government regulations that come into force will be dealt with at the time and all entrants

notified.

### REFUNDS

Refunds will only be granted under circumstances where Government regulations require us to cancel, modify or restrict the rally numbers. If badges and t-shirts have already been manufactured, these items will be available to entrants who have already paid for them. Cancellation of accommodation must be organised directly with your accommodation provider.

### ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

These are suggestions only, we recommend doing your own research.

Westport Motels - 03 789 7575

Basil's Hostel - 03 789 6410

Cosmopolitan Hotel - 03 789 6305

Tripp Inn Hostel - 03 789 7367, 0800 737 773

Black & White - 03 789 7959

Westport Spa Motel - 03 789 5273

Westport Motor Inn - 03 789 7889, 0800 500 989

Bella Vista - 03 789 7800

Melbourne Hotel - 03 789 7140

McManus Hotel - is fully booked.

### TRANSPORT

The Canterbury Area will be supplying a courtesy coach for transport between your accommodation and McManus Hotel.

Wherever you are, make your way to the  
**29<sup>th</sup> TOMCC NZ National Rally**  
in Westport,  
**3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

*Further information  
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Wayne Woodward on  
027 285 3083 or email  
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### RALLY ITINERARY

#### Friday - 12 noon onwards

Canterbury area members welcome attendees to the rally at McManus Hotel where they will be issued with their rally identification wrist band and rally pack. Rally socialising.

**6pm to 8pm** - Evening meal (all meals prepaid and pre ordered). Then local band for the evening's entertainment at McManus Hotel.

#### Saturday - 7am to 9am

Breakfast served at McManus Hotel.

**10am to 11am** - TOMCC NZ Inc Annual General Meeting at McManus Hotel. **NB** to attend AGM, you may be requested to produce your current financial TOMCC NZ membership card.

**11.30am** - Assemble at a location to be advised on the day for club ride. Destination to be advised.

**3pm - Bike Show.** Location to be advised on the day.

**6pm to 8pm** - Evening meals and bike show prize giving at McManus Hotel. General socialising.

**Sunday - 7am to 9am** - Breakfast at McManus Hotel.

***Then farewells and safe travels to all.***

### New Members

A member does not have to actually own a Triumph, but they must have an interest in Triumph motorcycles including Coventry, Meriden, and Hinckley models.

It is amazing how many people talk to you about Triumphs when they see you with your Triumph, or notice you wearing your club regalia.

It is easy to take people at face value, but there are a lot of people in NZ who are very enthusiastic about Triumphs.

I have watched, listened to, and spoken to people as they get passionate about Triumph motorcycles. Let's encourage them to become members of our club.

*John Milligan, Canterbury Area Coordinator*



**TOMCC NZ member Allan Westwood receives the annual Rick Weller Trophy, for outstanding service to the Wanganui chapter, from TOMCC Wanganui coordinator Tim Fraser.**

## **Voting for club officers and remits**

**Opposite is the form for those who you wish to nominate for the various club positions – please fill it in and post to the indicated address.**

### ***Voting for club officers***

In the December issue of Triumph Times there will be a list of people that you as members have nominated for the various positions of club officers.

The procedure for you to vote for these club officers is:

1. Choose who you wish to vote for from the nominee column in the list. That is one vote for each position having one or more nominees.
2. Send your votes to your Area Coordinator by one of three ways: By email (the preferred option) or by post in a letter or at a meeting, called for this purpose.

For the purpose of emailed and postal votes the final date for receiving votes will be the date of an area meeting called for the purpose of voting.

Your Area Co-ordinator will then combine all the votes from within their area. These will be recorded on an Accumulated voting paper which your Area Co-ordinator will have in due course. This will then be submitted to the returning officer in this case our TOMCC NZ National newsletter editor.

Notification of a meeting for the purpose of voting, must be sent by the Area Coordinator to all members.

Please note that you do not have to attend a meeting to cast a vote, this can be done by email or post. It is preferred that voting be carried out by email or post as this allows members to make their own private choice without pressure or undue influence from other members.

### ***Voting for remits for addition or amendments to club rules***

For voting on remits the same procedure applies as described above for club officers. If in doubt please refer to your club rule book or contact any of the club officers.



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**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  
50B HARGEST CRESCENT, ST KILDA  
DUNEDIN 9012  
By 1 December 2022**







**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**TOMCC NZ 29th National Rally**  
**3 – 5 March 2023, McManus Hotel, Westport**  
**RALLY REGISTRATION CLOSING 16 JANUARY 2023**  
*ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON PLEASE*



Name ..... MEMBERSHIP NUMBER .....

Address .....

Phone number ..... Email .....

**ACCOMMODATION:** Is to be self-booked at attendees preferred personal choice.  
 Use Google to find, or suggestions overleaf.

RALLY ENTRY FEE (Accommodation not included)	Price	Tick
All weekend – Friday to Sunday	<b>\$35</b>	
Friday or Saturday night only – no cloth badge	<b>\$20</b>	

MEALS	Price	Tick
<b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> Choice of 3 meats with enough meat for everyone to have all 3. Beef sirloin, Pork shoulder, chicken. With a selection of roast vegetables, salad and rolls. <b>Dessert</b> - Cheesecake with Cream, ice cream and fruit salad.	<b>\$30</b>	
<b>SATURDAY BREAKFAST</b> <b>Cooked breakfast</b> – Bacon, scrambled egg, hash browns, sausages, baked beans, grilled tomatoes, Creamy mushrooms. Toast – white, wholemeal and gluten free.	<b>\$18</b>	
<b>Continental breakfast</b> – Toast and spreads. Weet Bix, cornflakes, Nutri-bran and All-Bran. Tinned Fruit, yoghurt, milk and milk alternatives. Fresh bananas. Apples and oranges. Range of juices.	<b>\$10</b>	
<b>SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER</b> Burgers – Build your own burger night, there will be enough for 2 burgers each if people are hungry. Buns – wholemeal, white or gluten-free. Beef patties, crumbled chicken schnitzel with A good range of fillings and condiments. <b>Dessert</b> – Chocolate brownie with cream and ice cream and fruit salad.	<b>\$25</b>	
<b>SUNDAY BREAKFAST</b> Same as Saturday Cooked	<b>\$18</b>	
Continental	<b>\$10</b>	

T-SHIRTS & POLOS	Circle shirt style, size and colour										Price	No. Req.
Men's T-shirt	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL			Navy	Black	<b>\$25</b>	
Ladies T-shirt (V neck)	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	Navy	Black	<b>\$26</b>	
Polo's (unisex)	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	Navy	Black	<b>\$31</b>	
<b>Rally fee, Meal &amp; T-shirt orders must be paid by 16th January 2023</b>											<b>TOTAL \$</b>	

**On line payment can be made to BNZ Account Number 02 0863 0171569 000**  
**Please mark payment with your name and membership number.**  
**When you have made your payment, please send this registration form to**  
**TOMCC NZ Rally C/- 160 Shortland St Christchurch 8061**  
**or email a completed, scanned form to woodyx75@gmail.com**  
**Any questions – contact Wayne Woodward on 027 2853083 or above email address.**

DISCLAIMER – I agree to abide by the rules of the rally and will hold blameless all organisers or officials connected with the rally for any injury, loss or damage at or travelling to or from the rally. **ROAR**

Name ..... Signature ..... Date .....



## Bondy's North Island Escapade

Hi guys & girls,

I thought I'd put pen to paper and put down something about my latest escapade as the vice-president of our fantastic club, so here goes.

I had bought some parts from Tim at British Parts a month or so ago and included was a flyer for a Bike show in Auckland. Kari saw this and said "we should go to this", "what a great idea" I said. So we are off on another ride. Unfortunately close to the time I advised Kari to organize leave for the trip, to be told that she couldn't attend because of work commitments but that I should still go.

I contacted the area coordinators in the vicinity of where I was heading with the intention of meeting as many people as possible in a short period of time. As you know, Kari & I are based in Gisborne, and to get out of here you have to spend two hours riding a road that compares to the road around the Coromandel. Oh for a tunnel. In between all the projects I have on, and jobs on the land we have, I managed to organize a place to stay on the way north.

Prior to the day when I was to head up, I'd asked Kari if I could use her Legend

because it was due for a run. As you all know, I have never been able to fulfill a plan without some problem with my transport, so my idea was to use a reasonably late model bike to minimize the risk of problems occurring.

The night of the Wednesday, before I was to leave, I checked over the bike after loading it up and while checking the oil I noticed an "imperfection" on the oil sight glass, so being late I decided to leave it 'chocked' level and would check it out first thing for any leaks etc.

I was up at around 3am organizing things so I would still be early and in-between tasks I checked the bike and found oil seeping. On closer inspection, it turned out to be a crack, so this loaded bike was going nowhere!

"Bugger, here we go" I thought, but not to worry, better at home than while riding. Checking the bike saved me from a potential disaster. So having other bikes up for their tyres' to be replaced, the next one in line was the 1980 Bonny. I checked the oil, loaded it up, and away we went to Judy's place in Papamoa.

The weather was fantastic and being

just before lunch, the roads were good. Twenty minutes out from home there was a sheep on the road that was missed by a car and I managed to do the same. (Keep your eyes open)

I arrived in Papamoa at around 3.30pm and did not get lost, like Abbo (he he) finding Judy's place. On arrival Judy, Waikato/Bay of Plenty area coordinator, pointed out I had a broken headlight lens so I organised one to be picked up in Auckland from BMP (thanks Pete for grabbing it). That night we had Geoff and Jo Morgan join us for a few and a fantastic curry feed put on by our host. Many conversations took place and many problems were solved. Thanks for a fantastic evening and the lovely hospitality.

In the morning I headed off to Tuakau, getting to Chris and Tracy's (Fluffs') place around 3.30pm. Fantastic ride, took the long way and thought I got lost, but it didn't happen.

Chris had smoked some meat and we settled down to a few cold ones with Mike and Gordon joining us. In between 'mini-putt' and other interactions, we managed to solve the problems of the world, and I was made at home on their miniature farm of four chickens and a cat in the middle of town, with all these 'out-door' exercises that the family can do.

It is great to see people using their imagination and creating something fantastic for their loved ones. Bonnie and Toni, utilising every inch of their land. It is something else. And I finally found the person who helped me weld the 'steady' on my Tiger's motor at the Pairo rally, something that was refreshed in my memory, and reflected what the club is about. Thanks Chris, and thank you for sharing your family's house with me.

So, Saturday I headed to Pete Wilkening in Auckland who, when I asked for directions and if he would come and meet, told me "it's easy to get to my place, just go . . .", not knowing my history and my ability to get lost in my own home town of Gisborne. But, I didn't get lost, no I lie – I was a block away. Good aye.

Glen Mills, area coordinator for Auckland, had been unwell and had to work over the weekend, so could not catch up. Thanks for your response to my inquiry and I'm sure there will be other times.

Anyway, I got to Pete's place and we fitted the new lens on my bike and waited for his friend, Tony to turn up. After introductions all round we headed off. It was a great ride to the bike show, through the traffic of a Saturday late morning to the venue at the Trust Arena, Henderson, and quick-smart, noticing Pete fiddling with the fuel taps on his Trident.

*Continued overleaf*



## Bondy's Escapade – continued

It was a great show and while heading to the show jumps, I noticed an old man who had set up an old tools stall. Seeing old tools the show went out the window and I was magnetically attracted to his foyer noticing an old riggers spanner, which I have a couple of, but if there's one there will be more. Looking around, I managed to pick up a magnetic base for my dial gauge, with a spare gauge and a Lucas speedo reader included for \$150.

While bartering on prices between the screaming tyres and banging around us, we got talking and it turned out that he was an avid collector of bikes, but was clearing out due to his age of 83 (still riding). So when I mentioned Kari and I have a 1963 Thunderbird, he advised me that I would be interested in what he had with him.

I ended up dragging myself away from him, but not before I left with a new/old stock, twin leading shoe hub for a 1956 Thunderbird with chrome trim, brake shoes, bearings, shaft and chromed spokes chucked in for \$650. He had bought it 25 years ago in England, to fit on his 1964 Thunderbird, a bike he gave to the son and his son didn't want to upgrade the front end (thank you). You wouldn't believe it, I knew there was a reason for this trip, apart from the obvious fact to meet our members.

If Kari was there I would have bought more, but seeing we are building a 90 square metre area, I held myself back. No regrets.

After this fantastic find, we hopped on the bikes to head home when Pete turns to us, saying he is out of fuel, so Tony and Pete headed off to rectify this. While they were away I went over to Churchie from Northland, who had a stall set up. I mentioned I was hoping to head their way, but it would have to be another day, as I had no contacts up there. We said a few words and the other two turned up with the gas to go.

We headed back to Petes' place for a cold one and as we cracked open a beer, his neighbour Pete "Pinecone" Morgan turned up. So it was a good chance to talk about bikes, mostly and what people were up to that evening. Pete had organised to check out this Punk band and to visit a few mates of his. It turned out to be a fantastic night with the company of a younger crew with their "heads screwed on". I can't remember the last time I went out for a drink, but it was a fantastic night. Thank you.

I left the next day, quite late after having a very good conversation with Pete and his wife Christina, to the point of forgetting to say bye to his neighbour Pete "Pinecone" (sorry man, did not mean to be rude and didn't see you outside your place. I was struggling to see as it was, because of the heat and wet weather gear on, I was all fogged up).

So from Petes' place I ended up at Auckland airport, don't ask why but I think my compass was out, and after getting back on track, I was heading back to Gisborne. I was making good time and the Bonnie was purring in the wet but having a stockman's coat always keeps you dry. I noticed a bike further up that I was gaining on. Got to Terau and at the roundabout, this gentleman ended up in the roundabout after his bike had "fishtailed". Turned out to be an old man trying to get to Taupo on a Harley and being wet, it had spat him off. All around people stopped and helped and after setting him off, I was away again.

In the rain, getting to Opotiki around 4.30pm, I checked the light at the gas station and thought that it would get me home, as I realised that the new main light was not working. I got to about a quarter of the way, getting blinded by cars heading the other way and after trying to stop cars for help, one did and I followed it back to Opotiki, where I stayed the night. You can imagine a man in black, standing in the middle of the road on his bike trying to stop someone in a car, in pitch black, I was lucky someone stopped, because I couldn't see boo.

Next morning, it was still raining. That's not a problem, so away I went. On reaching the start to the gorge I went to decelerate – my throttle was jammed open. In the rain, sweating, fogging up and trying to find the problem, on a Monday morning, with trucks passing by giving me a free shower as they passed by. Got it in the end after stopping half a dozen times after testing each thing I could think of. Finally got home with a bit of hesitation about trusting my throttle, but it was fine.

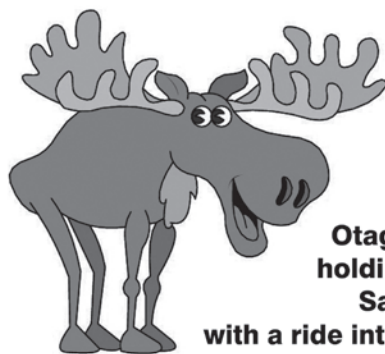


It was a fantastic roundabout trip where I caught up with some great people and picked up some great parts. What I got from it all is that everyone wants to enjoy the rides they have weekly, fortnightly, or whatever and cannot be bothered by club politics. I believe that wherever I go, I will always come across members who just want to enjoy each other's company. I believe we need to make this club work for us by keeping things simple and relevant to riding and having a beer between friends and like-minded people. This is what I got from this journey – and I didn't get lost, I just made the ride more interesting.

*Bondy, Vice-President.  
TOMCC NZ, East Coast*

PS: The throttle stuck because the hand grip was slipping off the throttle so I just had to repair it by rotating it again. My refitting of the grip made the mechanism "stick", Go figure.

## 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 22 to Monday 24 October 2022

with a ride into Milford Sound on Sunday 23 October

**This adventure is something of a Southland tradition, so come and join up!  
Previous years have seen us catch only glimpses of the legendary  
Fiordland Moose, this time hopefully we can capture it. 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 tank 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](mailto:john.witherington@xtra.co.nz)

## Help & Support List.

As you will see the new Help & support list is included with this edition of *Triumph Times*. I have put this together from all the details supplied. If I have left someone out or if you want anything amended, or if you wish to be added to the list, please feel free to contact me on the number or email below.

This is a "moving document", meaning it will be altered as time goes by, and seeing that this is the first list in a long time, it is expected that there will be changes to it. Any updates/alterations to this list will be given to all area co-ordinators and printed in *Triumph Times*. Thank you all for putting yourselves forward and I look forward to catching up with you all on our travels. Be safe

Regards, Bondy

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## TOMCC NZ National Poker Run

Saturday 15 October 2022  
Starts at 11am

Hosted by Auckland Area



Departing from wherever you like or contact your local Area Co-ordinator to see if there is an organised ride, or just stay at home and sit on your bike !

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

**Members only. Entries close 10 October**

**All profits will go towards prizes for those attending the Poker Run**



## Canterbury Area Notes

By John Milligan, Canterbury Area Co-ordinator

### CMG Visit

On 6th July there were 23 of us including 22 members who attended an evening at CMG Motorcycles our local Triumph dealer. Brad had arranged very tasty sandwiches, and did an excellent job of making hot drinks for the many who wanted one. Cold drinks were also available.

Members spent some time throughout the evening looking at, sitting on, and discussing the large variety of new Triumphs on display.

Graham gave a very informative talk on looking after your Triumph, which included many useful tips. Throughout the evening Brad and Graham were more than happy to answer members questions.

From comments I received everyone had a great time.

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### Mid-Winter Get Together

On 20th July 28 of us went to Two Fat Possums in West Melton which had been arranged by Murray. There was a wide variety of food, including several different pizzas, chicken drums and other very tasty nibbles.

Murray and Jan invited everyone back to their home where we had hot and cold drinks, carrot cake, ginger crunch and chocolates. I can vouch for the delicious carrot cake.

### Who is included in the Canterbury Area?

The Canterbury Area extends from the northernmost point of the South Island down as far as a line from the Haast River mouth to the Waitaki River mouth. The Otago Southland Area covers the area south of this line.

If you live in a province outside of these areas, and there are 5 members, including someone who is willing to be an Area Co-ordinator, you are eligible to set up your own TOMCC NZ Area.

# The Year of the Tiger

According to Chinese custom, this is the year of the Tiger. So it seems appropriate to mark the occasion with a selection of Triumph Tigers, and their offspring being held captive by some of our members.



**Tyger! Tyger! burning bright  
In the forests of the night,  
What immortal hand or eye  
Dare frame thy fearful  
symmetry?**

*William Blake*



## Wanganui seeking gravel in the merry month of May



On the last Friday in May, a glorious weather forecast prompted TOMCC Wanganui coordinator Tim Fraser to make a last-minute call for anyone keen to ride some gravel roads up to Waiouru for lunch. Amazingly, considering it was a work day, 8 riders decided that riding a motorcycle was a far better option than working. Among the lineup of adventure bikes were three Triumphs ... a Scrambler 1200, a Tiger 800 and a Tiger 900. The large area between SH4 and SH1 is criss-crossed with a network of fantastic



hilly gravel roads with occasional views of Mt Ruapehu, so we were spoilt for choice. In the end, the itinerary included the Mangamahu Rd on the way to Waiouru, then lunch at the Rustic Eating House, followed by a ride down the Turakina Valley Rd and back to Wanganui. Don't forget that NZ still has thousands of kilometers of scenic gravel road . . . see them while it's still legal!!

*Tim Fraser, TOMCC NZ, Wanganui*

## Even more Gravel for Wanganui in the merry month of June



Tim & myself took the gravel road to Apiti Tavern, while Westy & Mike took the seal roads. Bikes parked outside Apiti Tavern. The Tavern was having problems with keeping the power generators going, so we rode on up through to Mangaweka for lunch. I



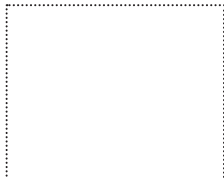
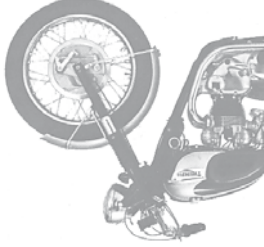
stopped to take pic of new bridge over the Rangitikei River just east of Mangaweka. Was a good winter's ride, light shower early on. Alan & Dale Abbot took their MX5.

*Andy Deighton, TOMCC NZ, Wanganui*





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### **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 Judith Nightingale Email: judibonnie@gmail.com

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

**Whanganui**  
Monthly ride.  
Last Sunday of the month. 10am, clubrooms Anzac Parade at 10am.  
Monthly meetings, last Monday of the month also at the clubrooms  
at 7pm.

**Manawatu** No Details

**East Coast**  
Monthly rides will be last weekend of the month to various venues.  
Check Facebook page TOMCC NZ, East Coast.  
Steve Kendall, steverkendall@outlook.com

**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.

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

<b>Karl Prince</b>	Canterbury
<b>Tiff Jefferies</b>	East Coast
<b>Jayson Kumeroa</b>	Taranaki
<b>Tony Sparks</b>	Canterbury
<b>Matt Sparks</b>	Canterbury
<b>Allan McKay</b>	Waikato / Bay of Plenty
<b>Johnny Stevens</b>	Auckland
<b>Murray Denton-Giles</b>	Franklin
<b>Ann Hicks</b>	Canterbury
<b>Jessie Hulena</b>	Manawatu
<b>Wayne Gamble</b>	Manawatu
<b>Steve Byles</b>	Waikato / Bay of Plenty
<b>Ron Zeilstra</b>	East Coast



## **TOMCC NZ Canterbury Area 15<sup>th</sup> Whitebait Run 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 McManus Hotel, Westport**

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