



Triumph Times

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Voting for club officers for 2023

The procedure for you to vote for 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.

If for any reason you do not know who your Area Co-ordinator is, please send your vote to the returning officer in this case our TOMCC NZ National newsletter editor:

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Post: 50B Hargest Crescent, St Kilda,
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The nominees for club officers for 2023 are:

Position	Nominee
<i>President</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	John Witherington Lisette Spall
<i>Vice President</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Ken Spall Keith Randall (Mad Farmer)
<i>Vice President</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Pat Wheatley Ken Spall
<i>Membership Sec'tary</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Rik Reid Rik Reid
<i>Treasurer</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Melissa Shipp Anita Coleman
<i>Regalia Officer</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Wayne Hughes Ken Spall
<i>Newsletter Editor</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Ken Spall John Witherington
<i>Website Admin</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Tim Fraser Anita Coleman

Area Co-Ordinators:

<i>Northland</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Glenn Maconaghie Ken Spall
<i>Auckland</i>	no nomination
<i>Franklin</i>	no nomination
<i>Waikato / BoP</i>	no nomination
<i>Taranaki</i>	Ian Johnson
<i>Wanganui</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Tim Fraser Anita Coleman
<i>Manawatu</i>	no nomination
<i>East Coast</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	Steven Kendall Ralph McNabb
<i>Canterbury</i>	no nomination
<i>Otago / Southland</i> <i>Nominated by</i>	John Witherington Ken Spall

As you can see there are a number of positions that still need to be filled. Your club needs your help – please step up and volunteer to take up one of these positions.

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• I wish you all have a happy Christmas •
• and New Year. Thank you also to all of •
• those who have taken the trouble to •
• contribute to *Triumph Times* over the •
• last year. Please ride safe. •
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Ken Spall, Editor

Have a head ? – Get a Hat !



You ride a bike, you wear a helmet to protect your head, so, with summer coming on how about protection from sunburn? These stylish and distinctive hats will do the job – cap or bucket hat – your choice.

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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
29th TOMCC NZ National Rally
in Westport,
3rd to 5th March 2023**

**Further information
contact**

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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.

Rally Prize categories are as follows

Best Meriden Twin

Best Hinckley Twin

Best Other (non-Triumph)

Presidents Choice

Best Meriden Triple

Best Hinckley Triple

Best Custom Triumph

Hard Luck

PLEASE NOTE, that to be eligible for entry into the bike show, all bikes must be registered and have a current WOF. In addition, the bike must be in running order and must be ridden to the rally site.

East Coast – November Ride



Four members met at the BP in Bayview, the terrible weather forecast obviously putting a few off. Ralph also met us there but he was heading to Wellington for work with his Bonneville on board. Pretty uneventful ride with a bit of wind around Te Pohue. Kelly and her Thunderbird Sport rode to the Te Haroto Summit before turning around and heading back to Hastings.

I ended up following a Pajero for a while that was blowing more smoke than a T150 with a worn top end. Arrived at the Pub and Grub in Taupo with Judy waving from the footpath as we pulled in.

It wasn't long until members from Whanganui and Waikato/BoP areas arrived as well as some more East Coast members, so in total:

4 Tigers	1 Sprint
1 Scrambler	1 Storm
3 Bonneville's	1 new Trident
1 T150 Trident.	

An awesome range of Triumphs in attendance and one Moto Guzzi. Spent some time talking with people I had met previously and meeting some new ones including quite some time quizzing the lady from Wanganui about her new Trident.

All too soon it was time to go and the promised rain finally came, the quality of wet weather gear I use now, compared to not so many years ago, does certainly help.

Thanks to the three Chapters for making it happen and hopefully we can get together more often.

Syd Ross

TOMCC NZ, East Coast,



Is this the southernmost celebration of 120 years of Triumph ?



Whilst attending this year's Moose Safari, members of our Otago Southland Area of TOMCC NZ also took the opportunity to celebration of 120 years of Triumph in Milford Sound, in New Zealand's deep south.

So of course, the question is, is this the world's southernmost celebration of the event? Pictured, from left to right are Liz Hardy, Pat Wheatley, Leona and Martin Cooper, John Witherington, Mike Gray, Ken Spall.

Glenn's ride to the Canterbury Area Whitebait Run, Westport



Bring out "The Hot Ones"

For a number of years now Otago & Southland Chapter of TOMCC NZ have contributed a prize towards the TOMCC NZ National Rally. This is to encourage fellow members to prepare and bring to the rally their Triumph motorcycle, be it original, a daily rider, custom or new.

***You own it, so ride it to the rally
and be in to win a prize!***

Get that rebuild finished, get that bit of chroming finally done, rewire, or get that paint job finished that you've promised for so long or simply kick it over and ride it to the rally.

***Don't be standing in a crowd wishing
you had brought your bike.***

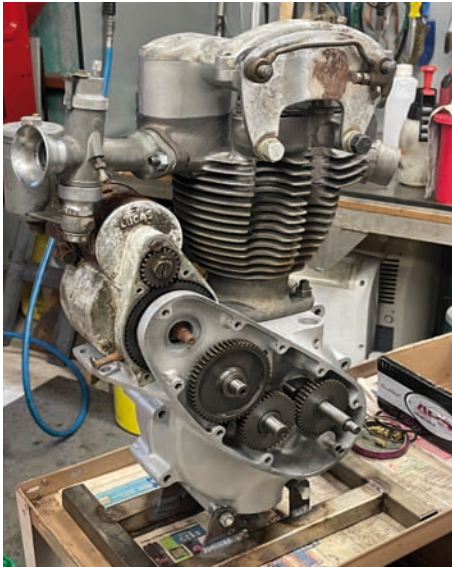


Parts wanted for older Triumphs

Wanted any parts for a 1938/39 Triumph T70 250 single. So many missing parts due a theft, so please let me know what you might have. Also wanted a head stem for a pre-war girder fork Triumph heavyweight for 5H/T90, and an inlet cam for same. Thanks in advance. Bill Davis 027 733 7960 or email bill.nzda@gmail.com



1938 Triumph T70 restoration finally underway



Bill is my name and I'm fairly new to the Triumph Motorcycle Family. I don't use the word family lightly in this context either as you will see should you care to read on.

In 1990 my father then two years into his journey with terminal cancer took me down into his basement at his home in Tauranga where he began showing where various parts of a 1938 Triumph T70 were located. Asking him why he was doing this his reply "I saw the amazing resto you did on that prewar



chain trike for Benn (my son) and I won't have enough time to finish this as I want to focus on the 1934 Motoguzzi GTS (being one of 1500 built) if I gave it to you would you restore it? My answer was obvious, of course.

Fast forward 20 years and my mum is in care, the house empty, I better get up there from my home in Christchurch and box up all the parts for shipping. Upon entering my late dad's inner sanctum it became apparent

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National poker run – Auckland area 2022

Another poker run – woke up to a fine day, great! Got the '53 Thunderbird out and ready. Glenn Mills picked me up and then off to pick up new member Eric Bone, before heading to the Huapai Tavern for the start.

Glenn and Rik set up the cards then away we went, with members riding new and old Triumphs, fantastic that the older bikes ruled the numbers. Next, onwards to the Puhoi for the next card and refreshments, and then to Albany for the following card and lunch – all done there, then off to the Glenora Rugby league Club for a hot rod show and the final two cards.



Pinecone and his T'bird ready to take part in the 2022 National Poker Run.

A great show at Glenora and the poker draw finished with Greg Charmers from Northland taking out best hand with \$500, Steve Kendal from East coast with 2nd best hand with \$250, and Eric Bone from Auckland on his first poker run as a member won 3rd place with \$100. Eric a very happy man, donated \$40 back to the club – fantastic Eric, well done.

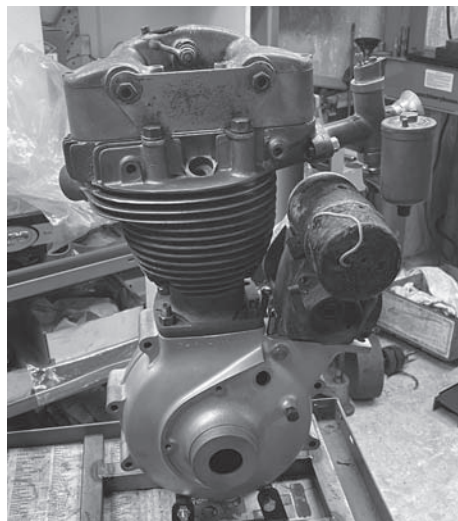
Glenn, Rik and myself rode back to mine for a debrief on the day, which we all agreed was a great one enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Glenn and Rik for your efforts, and to all members who took part.

Pinecone, TOMCC NZ, Auckland

1938 Triumph T70 restoration – continued

that someone with very light fingers and a liking for prewar Triumphs had been pilfering parts of the bike which amounted to most of the original engine, NOS tank, tank panel complete front and rear guards, headlight shell, rebuilt magdyno etc. I was pretty devastated at the time but with the help of my younger brother I boxed up all we could find and sent it home to Christchurch.

Mum passed away three years later and three years on from mum's passing I packed up all my stuff and moved to the Mackenzie area. Upon looking over the basket case Triumph I began to get a bit concerned. I'm pretty handy with the wrenches but knew it would take me forever to restore the engine, gearbox, carb and magdyno but I could handle the rest of it ok.

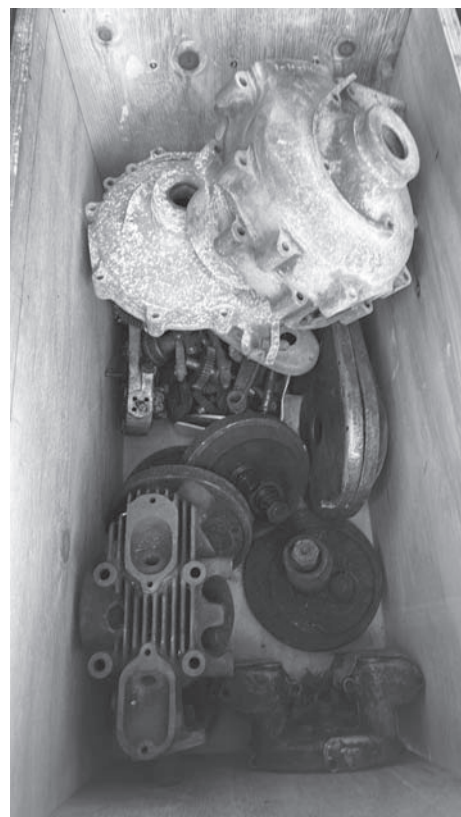


During this time two friends who did know how to do the hard stuff passed suddenly so I thought I'd better get my butt into gear. Thankfully the TOMCC NZ were such a help with introducing me to a great guy, Bruce Miller in Invercargill, who is presently working on the engine. Amongst the many boxes of this basket case bike we found some parts that were missed in the cherrypicking job; a reconditioned gearbox, carbs and another magdyno but with some missing components and many other parts some Triumph some not, luckily nothing we couldn't replace.

To say the thief knew what they were after was an understatement as most of the engine parts stolen were the hardest to find like pushrods, pushrod tubes, conrod and cam followers as well as the best of the rocker boxes with cover, the 19T primary drive sprocket, which I believe is the Val Page three lobe, was taken leaving the part that has the drive splines (must have had one). This is where I come back to the word Family especially the Triumph family as without the help of you I wouldn't now be so close to having a viable engine again, I'm grateful and humbled by your help.

There is much to be done, this will be more of a rustoration not concourse, but with many parts to find and restore I'm feeling like the bike will have a rideable future again and I will have lived up to my agreement to my late father. I'll keep you all in the loop with progress over time but here are a few pics of progress to date.

*Bill Davis,
TOMCC NZ, Canterbury*



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Gotta get out there and ride the miles !

First trip was originally to the 2021 March Hare rally with some mates from the Kapiti coast. It was cancelled due to Covid and then cancelled again. So they finally said bugger it, we will have the cancelled one end of October and get back to March in 2023.

Journey's start was on a Wednesday with a first ride to Paraparaumu of about 550km. Stayed at my mates with a 6am start to ride to the ferry on Thursday – just four of us. First overnight stop was where the Conway river crosses SH1. It's where the Tough Nuts rally used to be held. A great spot that Liz uses as a Bike Pit Stop and Air B&B.

Set off on Friday morning for Waimate, but only got as far as Winchester before Liz's V8 trike started to play up. While waiting for the tow truck to take it back to Christchurch, a friend came up and towed Liz's camper trailer to the March Hare Rally in Waimate. This is, as I am sure you know a great rally, very well done with heaps of people, bikes, great bands and other good stuff.

Back north on Sunday where I peeled off at Kaiapoi to visit friends as the others headed home. I came up a couple of days later and stayed at Conway River again as it is an easy ride to the ferry (about 30km S of Kaikoura) Caught the afternoon ferry and following an overnight stop at a mates in Waikanae I was back home again the next day. The 10 days mileage was 2483km.

Was home for a day before house sitting for my ex for a week. The day after she got back I was off again, this time for the Pike River 29th Memorial ride. Again down to Waikanae first day, early ferry and a ride to Ross on Friday staying at the Imperial Hotel in Ross. Great place, great people.

This is the memorial ride for the True 29 tribute as there is now a Miner's Memorial Run the following week. Saturday was run day. I lost track of the exact route we took but did go through Westport, Reefton, Hokitika, Charleston, Berlins and into the Buller Gorge – about a 300km day.

At 3.45pm A minute's silence was observed at the Charleston Hotel as it was 12 years to the minute the explosion happened. It really is a ride full of emotion, tears and respect.

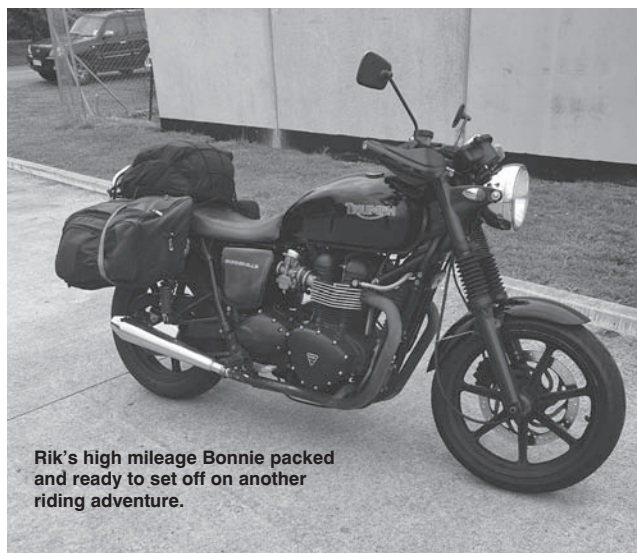
Back to Ross for an excellent night at the pub, with a good band and west coast hospitality. I won 50 bucks for having ridden the furthest (1124km) and a bit of a cheer. Festivities went on until about 4 am I heard.

Back to Picton Sunday for the afternoon ferry, getting into Welly at 10pm with a

short ride to Waikane to stay overnight. Monday was a 6am start and a non stop ride home (7 hours 4 fuel stops 558km, won't do THAT again)

Did I say it rained? Every day we had thunder and torrential rain more than once! Hideous at times. One hell of a weekend, I was shattered after covering 5 days with 2603km, I might be getting too old for this shit . . . lol.

*Richard (Rik) Reid, Membership Secretary
TOMCC NZ Auckland*



Rik's high mileage Bonnie packed and ready to set off on another riding adventure.

Brian Potter

Sadly, on the 20th September Brian passed away as a result of a bicycling accident, he will be missed in the club. Some of you might remember Brian from the Clarks beach national rally handing out the plates at dinner or taking over the card duties at the bar. When Pinecone went down with covid the week of the rally Brian stepped up and helped and over the past few years Brian was always an active Auckland area member. As a club, our condolences go out to Brian's family and friends. RIP Brian.



1974 Triumph Trident for sale



1974 Triumph Trident, T150, 750cc. Speedo reads 54,000kms. Has a 800cc kit fitted with electronic ignition. Rego been on hold for 10yrs, has been kicked over regularly. Reasonable offers considered. Located in Dunedin For more info and photos contact Ian on 021 336 574

First European Motorcycles Bike Show Christchurch 10th September

A wide variety of British with some amazing Triumph's including those from club members, were on display. European, American, and Japanese bikes sparkled in the sunlight. Stock, off-road, choppers, cafe racers and customs were all on show. Sizes ranged from a 50cc custom Honda up to large displacement Indian's and Harleys.

The Throttle Stop Cafe had a large range of tasty looking food and hot or cold drinks available to ensure nobody went hungry or thirsty.

Showgoers had a difficult choice in voting for which bikes would win the many excellent trophies up for grabs. Apart from the bikes and refreshments much time was spent catching up with friends who hadn't been seen for awhile, as well as meeting new enthusiasts.

An amazing, well organised event, including live music, that will hopefully become an annual event.

John Milligan, TOMCC NZ, Canterbury

15yr badge for Trevor Lau



Canterbury Area Co-ordinator John Milligan awarding Trevor Lau (left) his 15 year badge for continuous membership of TOMCC NZ. Trevor was also very instrumental in helping our club treasurer and areas to handle our finances in a more modern and transparent manner.

INTERISLANDER FERRY DISCOUNT

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Discount number FA5366

Each rider to take own tie downs. Membership card or confirmed rally entry receipt to be shown at check in. Membership card must be in the name of the person travelling or retail fares charged. Fares valid from 01 February through to 15 December 2023

Help & Support List

An updated help and support list was published in the September issue of Triumph Times. If you are a new member or wish to add your name to this list please contact Ken Spall, email: spall@kinect.co.nz or phone 021 269 9530. If there are any additions to this list, a new list will be available with the March 2023 issue of Triumph Times.

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Wairoa British Motorcycle Club Triple Day

The weather leading up to this day had been unsettled to say the least, but with covid postponing the event twice before, I was aware the Club was determined to run the event this time round regardless.

I headed up to Wairoa on the Friday with my wife Kelly giving me the ok to take her '73 Trident. It has been some years since I've done any sort of serious mileage on a Trident and it did take some time to get in the zone (only once though trying to put the brake in gear). While it threatened to rain heavily the whole trip, I got to Wairoa dry with the Trident going and handling well.

While I had plenty of offers of places to stay, I decided to stay at the motor camp in one of the cabins for a quiet night. This is a gem of a place, walking distance to town, super clean and tidy, and extremely affordable.

I took the bike to Richard's place to store it for the night. He had his own two Tridents in the shed as well as two others belonging to fellow Wairoa BMC members, all highly polished and ready for the following day. Two other guys arrived from the Bay of Plenty who were staying with Richard, one with a X75 the other with an LP Williams Legend which I was very keen to see in person. The Legend is believed to be the only one in New Zealand of the 60 made, and it certainly did not disappoint. The owners happily answered all the questions I had regarding their two immaculate machines. The X75 was purchased in boxes and is a beautiful restoration.

Up early in the morning and it was raining. A quick walk around town and off to collect the Trident and down to the club rooms. All present were confident the weather would come right and so it proved. The steady trickle of triples turned into something of a flood and by the end of the day there were fourteen T150s, seven T160s, two X75 Hurricanes, 4 race bikes, the Legend and one BSA Rocket Three had rolled in, coupled with a very nice T140D, and three other 750 Triumph twins including a 77 Bonnie retrofitted with a big set of bars, together with various Hinckley Triumphs and Harleys.

Grant Walsh firing up his Rob North racing Trident certainly was a crowd pleaser and the noise was incredible.

There were sashes for people's choice with TOMCC NZ member Mike taking 1st place with his race bike and second for his T150 road bike.

TOMCC NZ East Coast Area also donated a prize (thanks Steve) for the Trident that looked like it was both well maintained and used, and this was won by fellow TOMCC NZ member Craig. Bondy and Ralph were also in attendance.

The array of bikes was truly amazing from original to highly modified, to everything in between. If these guys run this again (which they are talking about) and if you have an interest in triples, I strongly suggest you make the effort of attending, you won't be disappointed. There has already been interest from two more X75 owners in attending if run again.

Syd Ross, TOMCC NZ, East Coast

With thanks to Melissa Stanaway Photography





Northland Chapter Christmas get together



The weather was on our side for a weekend away with the Northland Chapter members and their wives at Whangaruru Beachfront Camp & Motel.

A big shout out to the lady members for their support and organizing food. Also thanks to Owen for the mutton, and Perry for the crayfish. Caro organised certificates to be handed out to members for their support, or for things that happened out of the ordinary. Special guest was Rennie's dog Taz.



Bulldozer, TOMCC NZ Northland



2012 Triumph America for sale



This bike is in mint condition and is open to offers. For further details phone Colin 03 789 5079 or 0211 637 335.

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Editor

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Reasons to love motorcycling

Motorcycles challenge you

If you didn't relish a challenge, you wouldn't be out on a motorcycle. You'd be safe inside your blankie fort with your childhood teddy bear.

On a bike, you'll face a range of sticky moments. The sky will open up, and pour freezing rain on you.

Aggressive drivers will aim their cars directly at you (often while making eye contact).

The road will be rough, covered in loose gravel, or full of deep pot-holes. But you rise to these challenges and arrive back in your garage, grinning like a maniac.

And ready for the next curve ball life is sure to throw at you.

Motorcycles offer alone time

Sometimes you need to clear your head and just be by yourself for a while. Motorcycles offer the perfect chance to do that.

This is a shortcut to inner peace – without having to wear yoga pants in public.

Motorcycles often lead to adventure

Bike rides often lead you in unexpected directions. When that engine is purring, you're suddenly more open to exploring new places.

Where does that road lead to? What kind of coffee do they serve 200 miles south of here?

Maybe we'll ride just a little further on down the road, and check it out.

Motorcycles help you think clearly

It's amazing how a good, long ride can make the solution to a problem jump into sharp focus.

Your mind stops churning like a cement mixer full of mud. Suddenly the answer you need appears.

Aha! you think, that's what I need to do.

Motorcycles are individual (just like you)

Motorcycles are NEVER one-size-fits-all. So many details can be changed, swapped, improved, upgraded, removed – to suit you.

The modifications can be as radical, or as tiny as you like. But any changes you make are highly personal.

They speak volumes about you, and your relationship with the bike.

No more traffic gridlock

On a motorcycle, there's no need to sit in a traffic jam for 45 minutes.

By splitting the lane, you can keep moving and leave those hundreds of angry car drivers safely behind you. Let them glare. Let them honk in outrage.

You're already 50 miles down the road.

Motorcycles help you unplug

Technology is everywhere, and things have gotten pretty noisy. There are endless calls, texts, tweets, and bleats coming at you.

Motorcycles give you the perfect way to take a welcome break from the mental noise.

Out on the road, no-one is peck-peck-pecking at you with a million trivial details. It's just you, the sound of the motor, and your private thoughts.

The only thing that intrudes is the Big Decision of where to stop for lunch.

Motorcycles help you unplug.

Motorcycles are uncommon

Not everyone rides a motorcycle. That makes you part of a relatively small, exclusive group of people with a specialist set of skills and passions. It's kind of cool not to be like all the other sheep, isn't it?

Yep, it's another reason to love motorcycles.

Overtaking on a motorcycle is fun

Oooh, the joy of passing lanes, you get to crank up the torque and roar past the slow traffic.

For a few seconds, it feels like space travel. Overtaking on a motorcycle is a thrill, not a chore.

Especially if there's no police car sitting just over the hill.

Motorcycles transform road trips

Take a car on a road trip, and the fun only begins when you reach your destination. Your fellow passengers quickly become annoying enough to push out the window. But on a bike, no-one is whining: Are we there yet?

On a motorcycle road trip, the fun begins right from the planning stage: Which roads are the best? How many days can you take? How many miles do you want to do each day? What should you pack? And the moment you're in the saddle, the adventure has begun.

Never mind that you're still days away from your destination.

Bikes are great friendship starters

A shared interest in motorcycles makes it easier to turn a stranger into a friend.

Forget all the usual awkward, getting-to-know you chit-chat. Just compare notes on your rides, your favorite roads and a great new bike mod you've just finished. And, if you both happen to own the same or similar bikes, well that's a Sign! Obviously, this chance meeting was meant to be.

Friendship is now inevitable.

Women think guys who ride motorcycles are hot

And we're right. Guys on motorcycles are automatically more attractive. And I'm not talking about those perfect, pretty male models on \$50,000 shiny new bikes. I'm talking about real men. When a guy grabs his helmet and leather jacket, there's an instant spark of interest. Hmmmm...I wonder what he rides? Call us shallow if you like.

But it's undeniable: motorcycles make you hotter.

Motorcycle people speak a private language

If you find yourself talking about two-intos, fishtails, chain drives, leaking fork seals, and front-end rebuilds, you're part of a group that has its own language. No explanation or translation is needed: you're talking with other people who get it.

It's fun to be part of a tribe you don't have to explain yourself to.

Motorcycles help you feel more creative

There's something about flying along on a beautiful metal beast that stimulates inspiration. Somehow more doors in your brain swing open.

Roaring along in the sunshine, you suddenly know how to solve creative dilemmas like: how to fit another bike into your garage, what kind of saddlebags you need...Oh, and what you can buy your wife for her birthday.

Spoiler alert – it's jewellery.

Motorcycles remind you that life is short – enjoy it now!

Motorcycles show you that life is a series of decisions...and you'd better make them good ones.

So when you have 4 spare hours, and the sun is out, what will you do? Mow the overgrown grass in the back yard, or go for a ride?

A motorcycle makes it simple to choose the joyful option. Mow the lawn next week. Ride now, while you can.

It's very, very easy to love motorcycles!

Liz Hardy

TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland

Gone, Like the Darkness at Dawn – Moose Safari 2022

From the beginning a Moose crossing the long forgotten asphalt trail into Milford is almost run down sending both Moose and Triumph's in all directions, as when the dust and smoke had settled, the briefest of stand off's followed then the Moose was – "gone like the darkness at dawn"!

After the Moose disappeared into the forest, the strange tale of the southern hemisphere's only moose population, (that had entered the realm of New Zealand folklore) was reignited again with the Otago & Southland Chapter of TOMCC NZ's Southern Moose Safari. This bi-annual event is all about encouraging intrepid members from throughout the country into riding Triumph motorcycles into the land of doing without – Gunn Country – the wild south western corner of the South Island in the search and capture, "Dead or a Alive", of a Moose for the fame and sizeable bounties offered. Or better still just getting to ride Triumph's way, way out there. The stories abound in previous issues of Triumph Times of those who have gone before and entered into the spirit of the adventure.

This year we had a couple of guest riders, Marten & Leona, who entered on a Tiger 1050, seeking the rewards of a great adventure. Further eager hunters were Dr Pat and Liz on a 1200 Scrambler providing further off road capability; Ken with the very nimble SE Bonneville; Mike with the 1600 Thunderbird for the load carrying capacity and power to carry out a Moose, and finally John (head Moose hunter) with a '79 Tiger as this year is the year of the Tiger.

Unfortunately, Johnny, Simon and Bill where unable to attend. Johnny having been run down in a hit and run a couple of days prior and Simon struck down by a virus. Thankfully all are recovering and will be back in the saddle soon.

The weather gods were playing ball for the first two days with clear skies making the run in and out of Milford on the Sunday brilliant from a riding prospective. On a fine day the Milford ride would have to be one of the best in NZ. Bikes stripped down to bare essentials, tools and of course wetts in the unlikely event of rain or snow, and yes it has snowed on one of the rides.

First stop at Eglington Valley for a regroup and scouting the valley floor for any sightings of moose coming out of the edges of the bush. Non seen so moving on at a sedate pace and ever watchful through the forests changing from red beech of the low lands to silver and mountain beech as we climbed up to the divide with the occasional stop. Having crossed over the divide now entering the alpine area heading up to the Homer tunnel with a brief stop at the entrance with Keas jumping up on bikes and chewing at speedo mounting rubber's, being one the their favourite snacks on bikes. One wonders why birds go extinct, is it because they tasted so damned good ? Could see a couple thinking of Kea burgers as their bikes are being chewed to pieces.

Onto the slightly eerie downhill slope through the tunnel followed by the switchbacks descending to the valley floor. Good to see that it was dry on this side of the divide allowing for a spirited ride through to Milford for a bit of lunch looking across Milford Sound to Mitre Peak.

Our return ride took in Mitre Peak once again. This time for a photo session at the airfield with Mitre Peak in the background to celebrate 120 years of Triumph Motor Cycles – see page one.

Once back out through the tunnel, a change of direction took us up the gravelled Hollyford Valley Road to Gunns Camp – or rather what was left of it! In 2020 the camp in the mid Hollyford Valley was engulfed in a land slide with millions of tons from Ocean Peak at 1848m taking a brutal journey to the valley floor after 40 hours of heavy rain. Our Otago & Southland Chapter of TOMCC NZ being possibly one of the last motorcycle clubs to have held an overnighter there in December 2019.

Riding in there were a couple of new bridges in place. The road beside the camp had been cleared with the spoil heaped over to the side of the road, with no consideration to the camp, adding to the avalanche debris already there. Some of the building remain, but amazingly one of the few things missed by the slip was the meeting area and chairs up the hill side. So an unscheduled Otago Southland Area meeting took place, albeit rather briefly.

Eager to explore further, Pat & Liz scooted on off up the track on the Scrambler to check out the end of the road which apparently terminates at a narrow swing bridge. So, being footloose and fancy free they immediately enjoyed a short romantic bush walk.

On the way out, and being ever so vigilant our intrepid hunters cast an eye out for the elusive Moose – and there – was it a trick of the light or a glimpse across a valley floor? The chase was on sending an old Tiger off like a scalded cat! With its long legs, passing and spurring into action an SE Bonnie, both howling full throttle across the valley! At 120mph, boy, that Moose could really move!

Leona and Marten who had parked up ahead were holding back startled and bewildered tourists on the side of the road, until they themselves took off with the second Tiger to enter the chase covering tourists in dust, noise and confusion. The distance and outright speed still being no match for the agile Moose as it ducked out of sight once again. Trick of the light or not, the Moose was "gone like the darkness at dawn"!

Now back in civilization some mention was made of speed but one replied they were to busy hanging on to look at the speedo.

Badges for the event were presented and further to TOMCC NZ celebrating the 120 years of the Triumph Motor Cycle a cake was presented and cut along with a happy birthday Triumph song much to the amusement of other campers

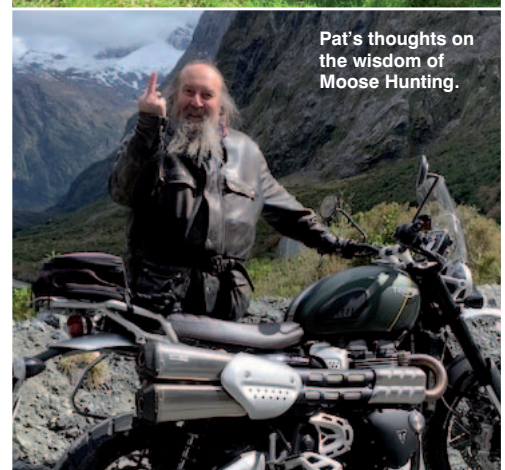
*John Witherington
TOMCC NZ Otago Southland*



John telling Mike about the one that got away.



Impromptu TOMCC NZ Otago Southland Area meeting above what is left of Gunn's Camp, Hollyford Valley.



Pat's thoughts on the wisdom of Moose Hunting.



Ken in rapid pursuit of the beast.



Moose Safari debrief and Triumph 120th celebration.



Moose Safari award for Leona and Martin.



Happy Birthday Triumph



Pat and Liz enjoy coming to grips with the wilderness.



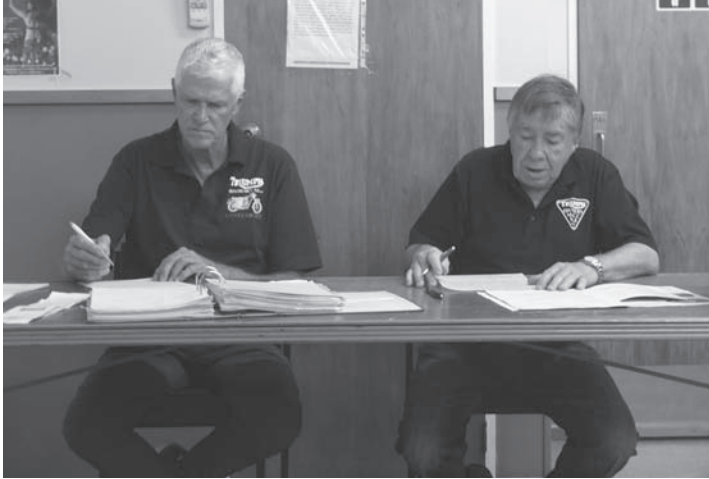
John was sure he had spotted a Moose around here somewhere.



Our happy band of Moose Hunters, just below the tunnel exit before dropping down towards the valley floor. Left to right, Leona and Martin Cooper, Mike Gray, John Witherington, Liz Hardy, Pat Wheatley, Ken Spall.

Canterbury Area AGM and Christmas get together

On a warm Christchurch evening enthusiastic members of the TOMCC NZ Canterbury Area gathered for their AGM and enjoyed a very convivial evening of socializing and tucking into a generous Christmas spread.





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	\$35	
Friday or Saturday night only – no cloth badge	\$20	

MEALS	Price	Tick
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 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. Dessert - Cheesecake with Cream, ice cream and fruit salad.	\$30	
SATURDAY BREAKFAST Cooked breakfast – Bacon, scrambled egg, hash browns, sausages, baked beans, grilled tomatoes, Creamy mushrooms. Toast – white, wholemeal and gluten free.	\$18	
Continental breakfast – 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.	\$10	
SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER 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, crumbed chicken schnitzel with A good range of fillings and condiments. Dessert – Chocolate brownie with cream and ice cream and fruit salad.	\$25	
SUNDAY BREAKFAST Same as Saturday Cooked	\$18	
Continental	\$10	

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

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**

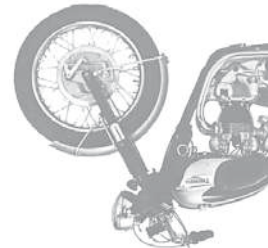
Any questions – contact Wayne Woodward on 027 2853083 or above email address.

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



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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 Eliot 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

Eric Bone	<i>Auckland</i>
Calvin Broadhurst	<i>Christchurch</i>
Richard Watson	<i>Takaka</i>
Carl Hutchings	<i>Dunedin</i>
Aaron Trask	<i>Napier</i>
Marten Cooper	<i>Cromwell</i>
Richard Lynch	<i>Wairoa</i>
Karen Kendall	<i>Wairoa</i>
Paul Hopwood	<i>Christchurch</i>
Lindsay Robertson	<i>Dunedin</i>
Craig Oram	<i>Palmerston North</i>
Fiona Pickering	<i>Wanganui</i>
John Dunweg	<i>Palmerston North</i>
Gary Brind	<i>Levin</i>

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