

Manawatu Area ride to Apiti

A fabulously fine and sunny day greeted the half dozen Wanganui-based riders (plus two pillion passengers) who decided to head over to Feilding to meet up with the TOMCC NZ Manawatu contingent before heading North to the Apiti Tavern for lunch. It turned out that the Manawatu contingent was just Mel and Ron, but Wanganui member Tony, who lives in Palmerston North, also met us in Feilding so that made 9 bikes and riders plus the 2 passengers. A decent turnout for a Saturday.

Road closures due to Cyclone Gabrielle forced a rethink of the original plan to ride up the Pohangina Valley so we took the Vinegar Hill road over to SH1 and then turned right at Ohingaiti and followed one of the most beautifully winding bits of road in the North Island. Arriving at the Apiti Tavern almost exactly as the doors opened at midday, we discovered to our amusement that, of our 9 bikes (7 Triumphs, a Yamaha and a Moto Guzzi), all but the Moto Guzzi sported a three cylinder engine!

Lunch in the tavern's ever-growing outdoor dining area was excellent as usual. A great place for motorcyclists to go for lunch . . . just make sure you check their opening days and hours first. And, at least for the next few weeks or months, make sure your planned route is actually open. At lunch we were fortunate to enjoy the company of TOMCC NZ East Coast member Syd, who had come all the way from Hastings on his Hinckley twin. His originally intended route being blocked, he'd had to travel over quite a bit of Manawatu gravel to get to the Apiti Tavern. Well done Syd!

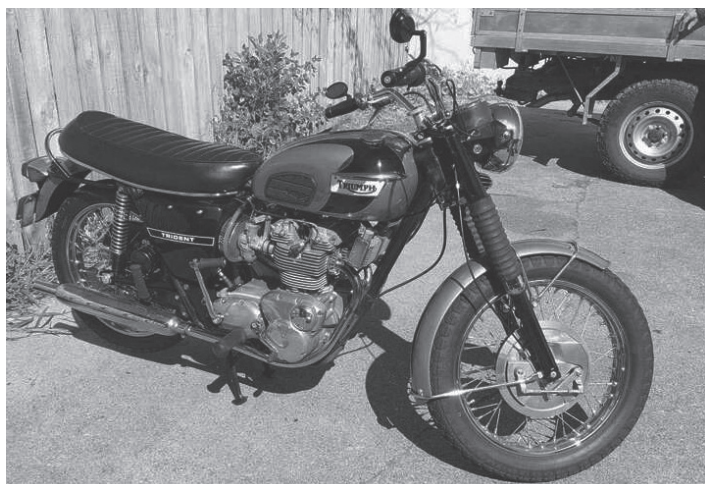
After lunch we took the easy way back to Feilding and then to Wanganui, arriving at 4pm, just in time to catch up with the regulars (and some not-so-regulars) at the TOMCC NZ Wanganui clubrooms. Don't forget that if you're in Wanganui on a Saturday afternoon,



we're at the Wanganui Motor Boat Club in Anzac Parade (you can find it in Google Maps) from 4pm till about 8pm every Saturday. And thanks to TOMCC NZ Treasurer Mel for encouraging us out for a great ride.

Tim Fraser
TOMCC NZ Wanganui

Editor's Choice



Phil Russ from Greymouth, with his delightful Trident, was the recipient of the Editor's Choice bike of the rally. He received a prize of an engraved pewter tankard and a signed copy of "Triumph Trident" by our overseas guest Roy Maddox.

Bring Out the Hot One's



In keeping with the theme of being the year of the Tiger, (ok, it was really last year) the winner of the Otago Southland Chapter's "Bring out the Hot One's" is this very nice 650 Tiger. Unfortunately we were unable to get the name of the owner, but his prize is an engraved Swiss Army knife.







British Bike Day at Mandeville

Organised by Hartley Hay and his enthusiastic helpers, this year the British Bike Day celebrated it's 30th anniversary. The event, now very popular with motorcyclists from all over the South Island, and further afield, is held in March each year at the Mandeville Airfield a short ride from Gore.

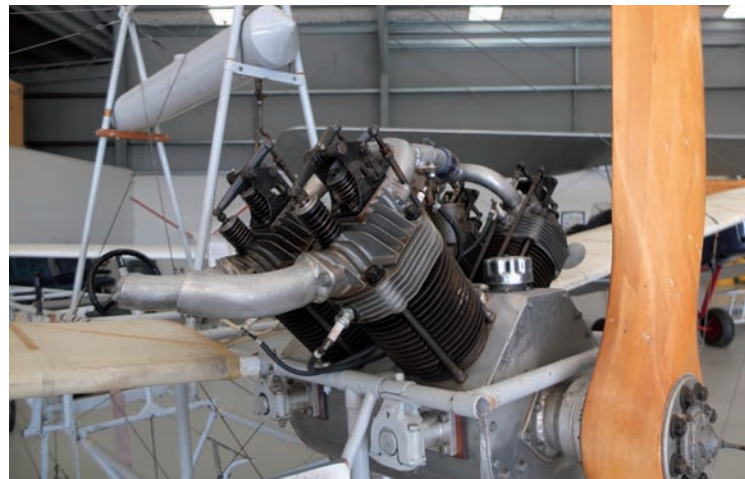


A small operational airfield for light aircraft, Mandeville, is home to the Croydon Aircraft Company, which restores vintage aircraft and provides training, scenic and aerial experience flights in vintage aircraft. It is also home to the southern hemisphere's largest collection of De Havilland aircraft. The small, but very excellent aeronautical museum is also well worth a visit.

This year's event once again attracted the usual large turnout of British riding iron as well as many other makes. It was encouraging to see in attendance a good number of our own TOMCC NZ members.

Next year's British Bike Day is 17 March 2024, make a note in your diary, hope to see you there.

*Ken Spall
TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland*



Yes, I know it's not British,
but I like Guzzies, so I am
invoking Editorial privilege.



Minutes of the Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc AGM held at the McManus Hotel, Westport, Saturday 4th March 2023

The meeting was convened by John Witherington at 10am

National Committee members present: John Witherington (President), Richard Reid (National Secretary), Wayne Hughes (Regalia Officer), John Milligan (Co-ordinator Canterbury), Glen Mills (Coordinator Auckland), Glenn Macgonahie (Coordinator Northland), Tim Fraser (Website Administrator & Coordinator Whanganui), Steve Kendall (Coordinator East Coast).

Apologies:

Ken Spall, Melissa Ship, Keith Randall (Mad Farmer), Daryll Payne, Judi Nightingale, Roy Maddox, Mischelle Casey
Apologies from Whanganui made by Tim Fraser, Lance Nixon, Andrew Buchanan, Pete King, Andy Deighton.

The president addressed the meeting

Welcome all to the AGM and 29th TOMCC NZ National Rally. We wish to thank the Canterbury area of TOMCC NZ for hosting the rally and providing a meeting area for the AGM. The AGM is open to all current financial members of the society and is separate from the national rally, meaning no member pays an entry fee to attend the AGM

The Minutes for the previous AGM were read and a motion to accept was made by Wayne Woodward and seconded by Bill Meadows. The minutes were noted as accepted.

JW offered the club's thanks to Glen Maconaghie for taking the VP role on until the latest round of voting was completed. Regarding elections for the National Executive. The VP role was the only role contested with Ken Spall succeeding with small margin from Pat Wheatley. Two areas did not return a vote and their votes were declared null and void.

Regarding the voting for the remit proposing the club adopt a digital link for the AGM for members who do not attend. This remit failed to be accepted. Three areas did not supply a vote by the latest submission date, and these were recorded as null and void votes.

Regarding the cancellation of the membership of Arthur Bond and claims that this was the personal action of the President, an email from the committee was sent out by area co-ordinators to advise members of the decision. His membership was cancelled after a complaint was lodged under rule 5c of the TOMCC NZ Inc rules by a TOMCC NZ member.

Rule 5c specifies that membership may be cancelled if the TOMCC NZ executive committee considers that a member is bringing the club into disrepute or has the potential to do so.

The Executive Committee understands that some members were surprised or even shocked at that news. However, it is important to note that this was not a decision taken lightly, and it was not based on a single event or the opinion of a single person.

To avoid any possible animosity, we wish to clarify, that this was a decision made by the members of the national body and not the sole decision of a single person, that being the president, as may be portrayed by some.

In this instance, a majority of the 15 executive votes cast, were in favor of membership cancellation. The voting had 3 members cast 4 votes for the former member to remain – the remaining votes went against the member remaining. (Note: dual positions on the national body allow for a member to have more than one vote if they so wish).

The President addressed the meeting regarding changes to the Incorporated Societies Act.

Now that the new Act has been passed, regulations are being developed that will determine how the society will apply for re-registration. Once everything is in place, the society will have 2½ years to re-register, from October 2023 to April 2026.

Between now and then, there are a number of different things happening. The next step involves developing the regulations that will support the new Act. Once the re-registration period begins, societies will have 2½ years to re-register, from October 2023 to April 2026. This means for a time there will be societies operating under the new Act and others operating under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

From Incorporated Society Website - 19 January 2023 – We updated the timeline for developing the regulations. We have been advised that the draft regulations will not now be offered for public consultation and that the finalized regulations will be published around September 2023.

Thanks to John Milligan, Trevor Lau and Melissa Shipp for adjustments to financial reporting over last couple of years that have been put into place that should meet the new requirements.

Executive committee Reports:

The President offered apologies on behalf of the Treasurer Melissa Shipp who was unable to attend. The treasurer's report was then read by the President. Thanks was offered to Melissa for her immense effort in handling and re arranging the clubs finances into a more manageable format and her significant service as Treasurer.

TOMCC NZ Inc Financial Reports notes 2022 by Melissa Shipp TOMCC Treasurer

I had already emailed the Financial reports out to the National Executive and all areas 29th January 2023 for them to look over and ask any questions before the AGM, including a 'colour coded by area' version of the Profit and Loss so each area can best see the income and expenditure for them.

Profit and Loss: although the overall loss of \$3753.54 is reflected at the bottom of the page, it is a lot less than the previous year of \$11,266.63.

Balance Sheet: total equity in the club is \$66,719.95 made up of money in the bank, regalia on hand and assets.

The Canterbury area have reduced the value of their trailer assets by \$1957.19. due to having 'no economic value'

There is an amount of \$35.00 as accounts receivable. This is made up by members who have not paid the full amount of their membership renewal. Since 31st October 2022 I have received \$5.00 from a member to clear their debt. I would like to move a motion to "Propose that TOMCC NZ Inc write off the outstanding balance of \$30.00 owed by members for renewal fees for this financial year to October 31st 2022. Can I ask for a seconder on this motion and for it to be passed to the floor to be voted on?

There is an amount of \$50.00 credit as Accounts Payable. This is a rebate for Warehouse Stationery for points accumulated throughout the year by way of purchases. This \$50 credit has since been applied to purchases paid after 31st October 2022.

Seconded by Rik Reid, the motion was passed.

I would recommend that all areas submit their financial records as soon as possible after the end of this financial year (31 October), so the draft set of accounts can be submitted in the December Triumph Times each year. This way members can have a chance to digest, and if required, ask any questions through their area co-ordinator before the AGM is held at the National rally the following year.

Although I have been nominated and accepted the position of Treasurer, I am resigning from this position at the end of the financial year and will not be standing at the next election. I have been involved on the National Executive since 2104 and feel I have assisted with improving both the National Secretary and Treasurer processes. To that end it is time for another enthusiastic member to step up and take the role.

I would like to move that these financial records be adopted and passed as a true and correct record. Seconded by Rik Reid, the motion was accepted.

Editors Report

The President offered apologies again from Ken Spall who had contracted Covid. The editors report was read by the president to the meeting.

Membership Report

The membership report was read by Membership Secretary Rik Reid. This noted that while we had lost 70 members at renewal time, we had gained 65 new members since, currently the total membership is 387. A request was made to area coordinators to request members make an Automatic Payment arrangement with their bank for Annual subs due July 1st 2023. This will mesh with the proposals to make membership receipts and cards a more digital process. Changes will be offered at the next renewal date and assessed at that time as to effectiveness. These proposals are intended to reduce the processing workload and minimise postage costs to the club.

Regalia Report

The Regalia Report was read by Regalia officer Wayne Huges, detailing stock on hand and different suppliers now used.

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General Business:

Rick Barker took the floor to speak on behalf of Arthur Bond regarding his membership being revoked.

He first read 2 letters, one from Mischelle Casey (Taranaki Co-ordinator) and the other from Kari Lalonde-Bond (wife of Arthur Bond). These documents were not tabled at the meeting.

Rick Barker proposed a motion to re-instate Arthur Bond, seconded by Ken Forsyth #252

Stuart Taylor #158 asked for clarification as he was not aware of any of the details regarding this event. The reasons were re iterated by the President. This promoted significant discussion amongst members. Peter Sherman #89 pointing out that there were not significant numbers at the AGM to reflect the potential opinion of the club as a whole. Sonya #483 and other members mentioned that they personally had zero knowledge of the details and this meant they could not possibly offer a vote on the matter. Kerry Hickey #250 also raised the point that the gathering in Taupo at which Arthur Bond insisted on speaking at was not an official TOMCC NZ area meeting and was not the correct time or place for the matters raised.

Tim Fraser #053 (National body member) explained that the club as a whole, does not know the full story as it was an executive committee process. Said committee being elected by members to carry out these functions and that there was no process available for a vote by members to change a decision of the committee. He also stated he would not disclose the way he voted. Rik Reid #67 commented that if members were not happy with the decisions of the committee, they could always put themselves up for nomination to the executive and have their own input into matters as a committee member. For these reasons, no vote was able to be taken on this motion.

John Milligan raised the point that the VP position actually had no day to day function in the club and was really a paper title. Wayne Woodward #195 suggested that there may be a need on occasion to re-educate members on the functions of the club structure.

Rick Barker then proposed that the executive re-assess the matter of Arthur Bond's membership and he would write a proposal for the perusal by the committee regarding this. Seconded By R Reid. Discussion on this subject then ceased.

Geoff Walton #220 made an open offer to members for support should they travel to the UK and Europe. He also advised that the TOMCC had access to factory records to identify manufacturing details.

Glen Maconaghie mentioned that the Northland area were currently investigating the possibility of hosting the 2024 Rally. While not able to commit at this stage they offered and expression of interest in hosting. What was required in terms of accomodation and facilities for rallies was discussed. The need to clarify these constantly changing needs was accepted.

Murray addressed the meeting with regard to the day's proposed ride to Punakaiki and beyond, he advised stands up at 11.45am.

The Bike Show was to be held from 3pm at the rear carpark of the McManus Hotel.

The meeting was then declared closed at 11.30 am by the President.

TOMCC NZ Regular Area/Chapter Rides and Meetings

Northland Contact Glenn Maconaghie, glennmaconaghie@gmail.com

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

Franklin Contact Chris Smith, trippletricks@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.

Balance sheet report Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc

Accrual mode 31 Oct 2022

	Actual	Total Last Year
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Current Account	\$14,585.13	\$13,075.95
Membership Account	\$4,935.82	\$4,969.23
Regalia Account	\$779.26	\$460.51
Area Account - Auckland	\$965.40	\$5,467.37
Area Account - Canterbury	\$17,074.00	\$15,561.76
Area Account - Franklin	\$304.61	\$312.11
Area Account - Manawatu	\$130.55	\$130.47
Area Account - Northland	\$447.22	\$446.98
Area Account - Otago/Southland	\$5,954.53	\$6,073.49
Area Account - Taranaki	\$2,843.70	\$2,841.91
Area Account - Waikato/BOP	\$3,362.39	\$3,326.61
Area Account - Wanganui	\$5,374.36	\$6,654.83
Total Bank Accounts	\$56,756.97	\$59,321.22
Accounts Receivable	\$35.00	\$0.00
Regalia on Hand (cost)	\$4,004.44	\$3,942.36
Total Current Assets	\$60,796.41	\$63,263.58
Property, Plant & Equipment		
Ezi Up	\$400.00	\$400.00
Accum. Depr. Ezi Up	-\$400.00	-\$400.00
Ezi Up (purchased 2022)	\$279.00	\$0.00
Accum. Depr. Ezi Up 2022	-\$52.32	\$0.00
Membership Secretary Computer	\$2,570.63	\$2,570.63
Accum. Depr. Membership Computer	-\$2,570.63	-\$2,570.63
Membership Secretary Laptop	\$868.00	\$868.00
Accum. Depr. Membership Laptop	-\$704.94	-\$650.58
Newsletter Editor Apple 21 Computer	\$512.94	\$512.94
Accum. Depr. Newsletter Editor		
Apple 21 inch Computer	-\$343.56	-\$287.10
TOMCC Stamp	\$31.97	\$31.97
Accum. Depr. TOMCC Stamp	-\$25.96	-\$23.96
Auckland - Table & Chairs	\$100.00	\$100.00
Accum. Depr. Auckland Area	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
Canterbury - Trailer & Contents	\$14,778.11	\$16,735.30
Accum. Depr. Canterbury Area	-\$10,224.09	-\$10,982.51
Manawatu - Banner	\$381.10	\$381.10
Accum. Depr. Manawatu Area	-\$309.51	-\$285.65
Wanganui - Pool Table, Bar Fridge		
& Temp Fencing	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
Accum. Depr. Wanganui Area	-\$467.20	-\$239.60
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	\$5,873.54	\$7,209.91
Total Assets	\$66,669.95	\$70,473.49
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	-\$50.00	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	-\$50.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	-\$50.00	\$0.00
Net Assets	\$66,719.95	\$70,473.49
Equity		
Retained Earnings	-\$11,266.63	\$0.00
Current Year Earnings	-\$3,753.54	-\$11,266.63
Historical Balancing	\$81,740.12	\$81,740.12
Total Equity	\$66,719.95	\$70,473.49

Profit and loss report – Triumph Owners Motor Cycle Club NZ Inc

Accrual mode 01 Nov 2021 - 31 Oct 2022

	Total				
	Actual	Last Year			
Income			Newsletter Expenses		
Membership Renewals	\$10,985.00	\$9,305.00	Newsletter Printing & Stationery	\$3,906.91	\$2,134.39
Membership Donations	\$15.00	\$60.00	Newsletter Postage	\$2,248.00	\$1,649.10
Interest Income - National	\$20.18	\$8.02	Total Newsletter Expenses	\$6,154.91	\$3,783.49
Resident Withholding Tax - National	-\$6.06	-\$2.32	Rally Expenses		
Regalia Sales - National	\$1,298.20	\$2,223.50	Rally Advance to Area	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Area - Auckland			Rally Postage	\$0.00	\$82.00
Interest Income - Auckland	\$0.00	\$0.74	Total Rally Expenses	-\$1,000.00	\$1,082.00
Resident Withholding Tax - Auckland	\$0.00	-\$0.19	Regalia Expenses		
National Poker Run	\$1,080.00	\$899.96	Regalia Cost of Goods Sold	\$1,029.32	\$2,213.32
Rally Registration Fees	\$3,853.00	\$4,566.86	Regalia Postage	\$137.89	\$199.30
Donations	\$40.00	\$0.00	Total Regalia Expenses	\$1,167.21	\$2,412.62
Rally Food & Beverage	\$6,824.00	\$0.00	Treasurer Expenses		
Total Area - Auckland	\$11,797.00	\$5,467.37	Treasurer Postage	\$0.00	\$39.12
Area - Canterbury			Treasurer Printing & Stationery	\$72.99	\$10.99
Interest Income - Canterbury	\$158.47	\$90.53	Total Treasurer Expenses	\$72.99	\$50.11
Resident Withholding Tax - Canterbury	-\$71.30	-\$40.73	Area - Auckland		
Regalia Sales - Canterbury	\$0.00	\$49.00	Poker Run Prizes	\$1,100.00	\$0.00
Rally Income - Canterbury	\$4,252.00	\$0.00	Rally Site Costs	\$720.00	\$0.00
Total Area - Canterbury	\$4,339.17	\$98.80	Rally Food Costs	\$5,731.00	\$0.00
Area - Manawatu			Rally Entertainment Costs	\$600.00	\$0.00
Interest Income - Manawatu	\$0.14	\$0.06	Rally Alcohol Costs	\$3,547.00	\$0.00
Resident Withholding Tax - Manawatu	-\$0.06	-\$0.02	Rally Other Costs	\$733.70	\$0.00
Total Area - Manawatu	\$0.08	\$0.04	Rally Regalia Costs	\$3,867.27	\$0.00
Area - Northland			Total Area - Auckland	\$16,298.97	\$0.00
Interest Income - Northland	\$0.36	\$2.08	Area - Canterbury		
Resident Withholding Tax - Northland	-\$0.12	-\$0.92	Members Social Events	\$517.68	\$664.21
Regalia Sales - Northland	\$0.00	\$1,345.00	Regalia Expenses	\$28.00	\$69.12
Social Events	\$0.00	\$80.00	Trailer Registration & Expenses	\$232.28	\$0.00
Total Area - Northland	\$0.24	\$1,426.16	Club Expenses	\$90.00	\$0.00
Area - Otago / Southland			Club Overnighter 2022	\$1,286.97	\$0.00
Interest Income - Otago/Sthland	\$13.88	\$2.84	Club Mid-Winter Event	\$700.00	\$0.00
Resident Withholding Tax - Otago/Sthland	-\$6.25	-\$1.27	Total Area - Canterbury	\$2,854.93	\$733.33
Rally Registration Fees	\$0.00	\$5,942.00	Area - Franklin		
Rally Food & Beverage	\$0.00	\$3,103.20	Bank Fees	\$7.50	\$4.50
Regalia Sales - Otago/Sthland	\$0.00	\$131.00	Total Area - Franklin	\$7.50	\$4.50
Total Area - Otago / Southland	\$7.63	\$9,177.77	Area - Northland		
Area - Taranaki			Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$30.00
Interest Income - Taranaki	\$3.25	\$0.00	Members Social Events	\$0.00	\$200.59
Resident Withholding Tax - Taranaki	-\$1.46	\$0.00	National Rally Registrations	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Total Area - Taranaki	\$1.79	\$0.00	Regalia	\$276.00	\$1,970.04
Area - Waikato / BOP			Total Area - Northland	\$276.00	\$3,700.63
Interest Income - Waikato/BOP	\$10.50	\$1.31	Area - Otago / Southland		
Resident Withholding Tax - Waikato/BOP	-\$4.72	-\$0.39	General	\$29.99	\$500.00
Members Social Events	\$30.00	\$0.00	Member Disbursements	\$0.00	\$59.37
Total Area - Waikato / BoP	\$35.78	\$0.92	Printing & Stationery	\$96.60	\$0.00
Area - Wanganui			Rally - Entertainment Costs	\$0.00	\$258.75
Bar Proceeds - Wanganui	\$5,168.20	\$2,129.00	Rally - Food Costs	\$0.00	\$866.27
Regalia Sales - Wanganui	\$730.00	\$0.00	Rally - Other Costs	\$0.00	\$4,458.96
Total Area - Wanganui	\$5,898.20	\$2,129.00	Rally - Site Costs	\$0.00	\$8,750.00
Total Income	\$34,392.21	\$29,894.26	Total Area - Otago / Southland	\$126.59	\$14,893.35
Cost of Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	Area - Waikato / BOP		
Gross Profit	\$34,392.21	\$29,894.26	National Rally Registrations	\$0.00	\$300.00
Expenses			Total Area - Waikato / BOP	\$0.00	\$300.00
Bank Fees	\$5.00	\$0.30	Area - Wanganui		
Computer & IT Expenses	\$480.70	\$342.70	Bank Fees	\$8.40	\$10.00
Freight, Courier & Postage	\$13.75	\$107.36	Bar Licence	\$63.25	\$63.25
NZ Post Box Rental	\$170.00	\$170.00	Clubroom Maintenance	\$45.50	\$0.00
Printing & Stationery	\$173.10	\$181.36	Couriers & Freight	\$10.00	\$0.00
Members Disbursements	\$0.00	\$95.00	General	\$52.20	\$0.00
Subscriptions & Memberships	\$486.71	\$0.00	Members Social Events	\$1,578.25	\$4,465.80
Depreciation - National	\$1,615.37	\$1,897.41	Regalia Costs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Membership Expenses			Rent or Lease	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Membership Badges	\$668.56	\$635.14	Rubbish Collection Costs	\$398.07	\$381.00
Membership Postage	\$812.40	\$947.09	Trophies & Engraving	\$23.00	\$0.00
Membership Printing & Stationery	\$582.39	\$904.45	Total Area - Wanganui	\$7,178.67	\$8,920.05
Total Membership Expenses	\$2,063.35	\$2,486.68	Total Expenses	\$38,145.75	\$41,160.89
			Operating Profit	-\$3,753.54	-\$11,266.63
			Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
			Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
			Net Profit	-\$3,753.54	-\$11,266.63

Auckland area trip to National Rally Westport 2023

March the first and we're off. Roll call at our usual meeting place, Drury Services Southern Motorway. Glenn Mills, Rocket 3; Pete (Pinecone) Morgan, '74 Trident; Rik Reid, 09 Bonneville 865; Al Brown Ha..... (Cough Cough).

It was a nice looking day and we had plenty of time so we planned a bit of a scenic route. Getting off the expressway pretty soon and we hugged the west bank of the Waikato River, through the western Waikato. After a fuel stop at Otorohanga, picked up Hwy 3 for a while then peeled off east onto Hwy 4. It's a nice run through that part of the country, not too much traffic although our poor Gabrielle beaten up country showed a lot of damage.

Constant road works and traffic management was the order of the day but as we said, slow and steady does it. Coming through National Park we stopped at Ohakune for a bite to eat and to slake our thirst. Headed further east from there and up onto the desert road at Waiouru, and into heavy traffic. It wasn't too long before we came up to our turn onto Hwy 54 over the famous Vinegar Hill to Cheltenham for our first night's stop at the Cheltenham Hotel. Lovely people, we got to stash the bikes in a nice garage overnight, slept like a log.

Great place to stay, classic Kiwi. Awesome breakfast the next morning and our adventure continued. Carrying on past Palmerston North and over to Hwy 2, Pahiatua, Eketahuna – names that now roll off my tongue easily but when I first came here! Well, that's another story.

I hadn't ridden the Rimutakas for ages and while it was as usual blowing a gale, the road was fantastic. Lots of resealing but it was too the highest level. I tell you, the road was a delight to ride after the bumpy broken track that we travelled at times the previous day.

We headed straight for Wellington airport to meet Al's wife Maureen, who had flown down. My first time in the Drop Off Pick Up lane on a bike. We got a few curious looks from other passengers that's for sure.

The day was going splendidly, then we got to the Ferry and it all changed. We had heard tales of woe from others who had crossed before us but we were, I think, lucky with only a 4 hour delay, at least we sailed. The crossing was uneventful with a full moon to one side and a glorious sunset over the strait on the other, quite spectacular.



However that did drop us into Picton after 11pm with a short run down to our cabins at Blenheim Bridges. We've stay there quite a bit on our travels. We left Al and Maureen snoozing peacefully the next morning and headed off for Westport. West through the wine valley, man that's a lot of grapes.

I needed gas at St Anaud where we stopped for a pie and a coffee. Unbeknown to us the next day was a regatta at Lake Rotoiti and a couple of boat trailers pulled in to fuel up. These boats were something else. Handbuilt replicas of 1920s vessels, they were art indeed. Varnished mahogany, impeccable trim, 7 litre V8! Really made my day, almost as good as a Triumph.

Next gas up was Murchison where Al and Maureen caught up with us. From there we headed off down the Buller gorge looking for some lunch. What a ride, what a country, lots of other bikes on the road. We finally made it to Berlins and the café there which I can recommend absolutely. They have the most chilled out cat ever (Karl I think), people everywhere and it's upside down on a chair sound asleep.

From there it was just a short hop on to Westport and the McManus Hotel where we had been lucky enough to book. Once again, just awesome hospitality, nothing was too much trouble. We rode straight into undercover parking which turned out to be just outside our room. We checked in turned round and found it was pouring with rain, talk about luck, we made it with about 2 minutes to spare. I thoroughly enjoyed the rally and socialising over the weekend. We didn't do much on Saturday taking a break from riding,

I was tied up with the AGM and Glenn was a judge for the bike show anyway so we were busy.

Sunday we said our farewells and headed back north again, only 3 of us now as Al and Maureen were hanging around for a few days sightseeing. That West Coast is fantastic.

The bikes were just humming along but the weather was not looking great. This time we had decided to loop up through Nelson and across to Picton for the night, we made it to Nelson to catch up with an old friend just before their wedding the next week, but the rain got us.

We gave up the idea of riding the Queen Charlotte route due to the weather and took the main road to arrive in Picton a bit drippy. Nothing that a heater, cold beer and a good roast dinner over at the Crow Tavern couldn't cure. We were heading back first thing via Bluebridge which went very well even if the weather was a little inclement.

Changing it up we took Hwy 1 up to Bulls and peeled off to hook up with Hwy 4 in Whanganui. Great road but very much cyclone damaged as it would seem the whole country was.

Stopped for gas at Raetehi and realised the day was almost over. We had heard the Northland team were at Ohakune so we popped over to stay at the Top Ten with them for the night, the evening was fun as there were quite a few of us together again.

We had planned an early start and just a run for home up Hwy 3. Trouble was it was 4 degrees when we left, thick fog through Erua and a bit of a cool ride for us Jaffas, except for Glenn, he doesn't seem to feel the cold.

The rest of the ride was pretty uneventful, we were getting a bit frayed by this time, and I for one, was ready for a hot bath when I got home. Traffic was, as expected increasing as we rode north, back to lane splitting Sigh!

I had a great trip, the bikes didn't miss a beat. The award winning Trident did Meriden proud on that trip. Chalk up another one, what's next? Oh yes a Birthday Party! See you there.

*Rik Reid
TOMCC NZ Auckland*



Covid Chapter of TOMCC NZ ride the Molesworth Road

For a week or so prior to our 2023 National Rally in Westport it was all preparation and anticipation – with much fettling of the bikes and packing of gear. At about this time our overseas guest Roy Maddox arrived from the UK to take part in our important national event of the year. He did seem to be a bit worse for wear – maybe just suffering from a bit of jet-lag? He'd also had to spend an unscheduled overnight stay in Auckland airport.

The plan was for Pat, Liz, Roy and myself to meet up with John, (our president), Mike and Simon in Haast and then ride up to Westport. Following our time in Westport we would then head to Hanmer Springs and the next day take the scenic Molesworth road north to Marlborough.

Unfortunately this was not to be the case. Whilst talking to John about some of us feeling a bit under the weather he suggested that we ought to test ourselves for Covid – and yes, we all tested positive.

So with the merciless stroke of a Covid test swab the Southern Covid Chapter of TOMCC NZ was formed. After some discussion we all agreed that it would be irresponsible for us to continue to the rally in Westport and instead went in for the required isolation with just the odd sneaky trip in the car for a picnic or two.

In an effort to salvage some of our riding plans we decided that, following suitable isolation and negative Covid test results, we could still organise a ride up the Molesworth road. So, I departed from Dunedin at 6am with the idea of getting some time in at my granddaughter's 7th birthday. Pat, Liz, and Roy would stay overnight in Methven before we all met up with John the following day in Culverden, and then onward to Hanmer Springs.

As an aside, whilst overnight in Methven (Pat's old stamping grounds from childhood and teen years) he was observed to be accosting some of the locals in an attempt to locate an apparent early romantic connection. The question is, are there any little Pats running around in Methven?

And so in pouring rain, meet up we did. Shortly after arriving in Hanmer Springs the skies cleared to blue with brilliant sunshine,



Ken enjoying a rest on a piece of Molesworth Gravel.



Roy relaxing into the ride.

which was to be the case for the rest of our adventure. Unfortunately the fine weather did not help Pat, during the evening he developed a bad case of Dehli Belly with the accompanying explosive anal discharge. John came to the rescue with a generous dose of Immodium which helped to relieve Pat's discomfort. Even so, both Pat and Liz felt that it would be wiser for them to return home and abandon the idea of riding up such an isolated road.

This then left a somewhat depleted company of the Southern Covid Chapter (albeit now negatively tested) to complete the journey.

From Hanmer Springs there are two access roads to the start of the Molesworth road, and unfortunately we inadvertently chose the more difficult of the two, and given the very heavy rain that had occurred over the previous two days it turned out to be a wet, muddy 10km slog along what could best be described as a goat track, hardly a road, before we reached the relatively easy gravelled Molesworth road.

The first casualty on a steep, wet uphill, muddy stretch was an Enfield Himalayan rider who dropped his bike just in front of Roy who also dropped his bike trying to avoid him.

John was worried about lack of traction on the steep rutted wet surfaces, so we all just had to go for it as best we could. Part



John happily emptying his boots.

the way up I ended up in a boggy patch up to my wheel axles in mud, still upright but unable to move in either direction. John rode up behind me on a slightly better bit of track and was able to stop and give me a push, but of course with the resulting mud up the front of him from my rear wheelspin.

Once over the crest of a hill we were met with huge deep puddles many the entire width of the track, within which were hidden deep holes and wheel ruts to trap the unwary.

Roy was by now well ahead of us, and the next time we saw him he was on all fours in the middle of a 5 metre wide stream with the bike on its side and steam coming off the exhaust. Roy was having difficulty standing up as the loose, rounded boulders in the stream kept moving around.

After finding a place to park the bikes where they wouldn't fall over, John and I



We're here for the ride.



Roy and John enjoying the unique peace of the Molesworth.



Quick break at the Acheron Homestead.

waded into the knee deep water and helped Roy to stand upright. It was quite a mission to get the bike upright and out of the stream against the loose stones and boulders underfoot, up the steep bank of the stream and onto, sort of, dry road.

The question now was, would the bike start after its dunking in rapidly flowing water? Pressed the starter, the motor turned over a couple of times, but no life. Out

with the spark plug spanner and out with both spark plugs. Pressed the button and yes, the motor cranked over nicely with an impressive ejaculation of fresh stream water from the plug holes. It seems that water had got in through the exhaust valves.

We checked and dried the spark plugs, popped them back in and after the motor cranked over with some coughs and splutters it settled down to its usual regular idle as



Our president, John, savouring the ride.



In the big sky country of the Molesworth.

though nothing had happened – tough bikes these Triumphs!

Further negotiation of yet more booby trapped puddles and crappy track surface brought us out to the proper start of the Molesworth road, at the intersection where the easier route from Hanmer also meets up.

The Molesworth road for the rest of the way is pretty much just a normal gravel road but with some long stretches of very uncomfortable corrugations. It has as well equally long sections of deep gravel, which on tight steep uphill and downhill corners do need rider care and attention. It is scenically stunning which is difficult to appreciate if you're concentrating on your riding. It did seem to be a long day's riding and we arrived at our accommodation tired as well as being glad to see tarseal once more.

Would I do it again? well, from the point of view of a very novice off-road rider, yes, I would, but not so soon after having had a dose of Covid, which left us tired and not really on top of our riding ability. I'd also choose the easier access from Hanmer Springs, but still, certainly an interesting ride and good to have done it. Thank you Roy and John for your company on the road.

Ken Spall

TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland

Winners of the Bike Show held at this year's National Rally, Westport

Judging was by Glenn Mills and Geoff Walton

Best Meriden Twin: 1967 Tiger 80ZFT

Best Meriden Triple: 1974 T150 B7WPF

Best Hinckley Twin: 2012 Thunderbird A5MGS

Best Hinckley Triple: Rocket 3 B3WFD

Best Other: Moto Guzzi Audace 2017

Best Custom: Rocket 3 with trailer, sidechair and dog A9CME

President's Choice: 1974 Trident B7WPF (Pinecone)

Hard Luck Prize: to the new member who had an accident on her way to the rally.

Editor's Choice: 1969 Trident 33TTW

Also picked were 3 special mentions

2007 Speedmaster 12YUT

2017 Bobber C8EAF

2012 Scrambler A3ZGH

Northland's Burns On Bikes badges, were awarded by the various Area Co-ordinators to a member from their respective Area:

Auckland – Pinecone Pete for his mammoth effort to come down on his 1974 Trident.

Wanganui – Neil Pedley

Otago Southland – Mike Gray, because he had a sandfly in his helmet which then crawled into his ear.

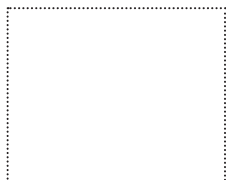
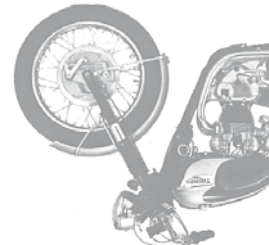
Northland – Bill Spice (Bulldozer). His first big trip on two wheels after riding trikes following a motorcycle accident.

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Mens Black Medium Singlet	4 available	\$10.00ea
Mens Black Medium Short Sleeve Tee	1 available	\$20.00
Mens Black 5XL Long Sleeve Tee	2 available	\$15.00ea
Ladies Black size 14 Polo Shirt	2 available	\$20.00ea
Ladies Black size 16 Polo Shirt	1 available	\$20.00
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29th National Rally, Regalia Sales

Thank you to everyone who purchased regalia at this year's rally, I had a massive response. I have taken on board the feedback I received regarding regalia products and I will investigate all the suggestions.

*Cheers, Wayne Hughes
TOMCC NZ, Regalia Officer*

For Sale

Corbin Dual seat to suit 1200 Triumph Speedmaster. Excellent condition, only done 8,000kms due to short time we had the motorcycle. Comes with simple fitting kit. Gives a very comfortable ride. \$600 + freight or collect. Phone 03 732 7060 Mbl 028 408 3208

For Sale

Hyde centre stand kit to fit an earlier Bonneville, Scrambler or Thruxton for sale. Brand new, didn't fit my Thruxton unfortunately, due to aftermarket exhaust pipes tucking underneath too much. \$100 firm. Ph 021 187 3200 or email clivebarrow@gmail.com

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