

Triumph Times

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Membership, it's that time again!

Greetings all, just a little heads up on the timeline for membership renewals. Your current financial membership will expire on July 31st. Therefore, from July 1st you should get an email with a new invoice to jog your memory. Last year it took a few days to get all the emails out so if it's not there on the 1st don't worry. Still not there by the 15th let me know tomccnatsec@gmail.com

You can pay early if you like, my preference is for members to set up an automatic payment from their bank for the 1st July. It is easier for me to process payments in batches and for me to keep track of everything too. This is a new system for reminders which didn't quite work as hoped last year. Armed with that experience hopefully I will have it much more in hand this year.

NOTE: Bank Payments go to 02-0792-0060254-00 Annual fees are \$30.00.

There are usually 3 reference boxes to fill in when making on line payments.

The information I <u>NEED</u> is: Surname and Initial, Membership Number, Fees (If there's a third option). Really guys 'n gals this helps immensly.

A zero invoice as a receipt will be emailed as payment is recorded. Membership cards will be printed once the new membership list is finalised after July 31st. They will be posted out in August, exact timing will depend on the printer's schedule.

The future? Well, to be honest I am a little over this role, it does take up a little time constantly. Yes, there are times when I don't

have much to do and the 'busy' time July August is unavoidable, but there always seems something to do. I would like a break, not getting any younger etc. Therefore, I will not be putting my hand up again come next election time. Melissa, Tim and I have done our best to streamline the membership process, so the role is less time consuming to all, but it's now at the 'It is what it is' stage I think. Anyone who wishes to help their club and take on this role will need to be digitally capable. An ability to comfortably use MS Word and MSExcel is essential. Financial records use the club's accounting software MYOB and membership financial data needs to be entered here also.

I also believe that long term service in club executive positions can have its pros and cons. New blood, new opinions, new perspectives are the life blood of clubs such as ours and as I said at the AGM it's the responsibility of all of us as members to keep the growth of the club going. Don't get me wrong, there are many in the club who have gone 'above and beyond' offering the same support for many, many years. It is down to their constant efforts we have what we have, and I applaud and thank all of them. But let's have some new hands waving in the air please.

I hope this last membership year has been enjoyable and kind to all members and I look forward to seeing your names again come July. Thank you all for your support and kind words over the last few years. Who knows, I may be back one day, you can't get rid of me that easily.

Rik Reid, Membership Secretary

Our Aussie connection

One fine April morning, Pete Webster and I arrived in Oz to be met at Coolangatta by Cheryl Randle (Mrs Mad Farmer). What a beautiful sight to see on a beautiful day.

Keith and Cheryl, now semi-retired with kids Tess and Jake, moved to the Gold Coast after selling their Te Kuiti farm. Mad Farmer had always said "if and when I sell the farm I'm going to the Gold Coast to live", and true to his word that's where they now are, and living the dream.









Over the 12-18 months since arriving Keith has completely restored his 1974 T150v Trident back to its best. The bike he bought and has ridden since he was 18 years old.

Now it's to ride the roads in Australia as he's ridden most of the NZ roads over the last 30 years, starting with the monthly ride to attend the TOMCC NZ meetings in Auckland after milking.

I had the pleasure of presenting him with his well earned 30 Year badge (to go alongside his Life Member badge he received many years ago)

Congratulations Keith, ride those roads in Oz well mate.

Judi Nightingale TOMCC NZ, Waikato BoP



TOMCC NZ Inc National Rally

13, 14 & 15 February 2026

Rapanui Mowhanau Community Hall, Mowhanau Drive, Kai Iwi Beach, Wanganui

Open to all TOMCC members and any other motorcyclists

Accommodation: Please note that the cost of any accommodation is NOT included in the rally entry fee.

All Kai Iwi Holiday Park cabins, suites and chalets are reserved for TOMCC NZ rally entrants until 31 October 2025.

For Holiday Park reservations, please call them on 06 342-9658 or email office@kaiiwibeach.co.nz and tell them you're with the TOMCC NZ rally.
For more info go to https://kaiiwibeach.co.nz/

For BnB reservations (AirBnB and Bookabach), please email TOMCC NZ member Theo Huijs at tandt.huijs@gmail.com

Some of these BnB accommodation options are held until 31 October 2025 and some aren't, so it would pay to reserve early to avoid disappointment. We have enough cabins, suites and chalets at the Holiday Park and BnB properties to accommodate 96+ rally participants, plus campsites for tents, caravans and motorhomes. Please try to ensure when booking that all beds in each unit or home are utilised. Empty beds should be avoided if at all possible. This way we can comfortably fit everyone in somewhere.

Rally shirt fitting guides (all measurements in cm and approximate only):

Unisex tee shirt: 100% cotton in black, cobalt or charcoal (https://www.ascolour.co.nz/staple-tee-5001)

Sizes	XS	S	М	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Body width	43	47	52	56.5	61	64	68	75	80
(shirt lying flat, measured armpit to armpit)									
Body length	68	71	75	78.5	82	83.5	85	87	89
(shirt lying flat, measured top to bottom)									

Unisex polo shirt: cotton & polyester in black with grey panels (https://www.bizcollection.co.nz/product/p413us)

Sizes	XXS	XS	S	М	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Half chest	48	50.5	53	55.5	58	60.5	64	71	74.5	78
(shirt lying flat, measured armpit to armpit 1cm below sleeve join)										

Bike Garage Sleepover in Oamaru

It was around a few beers at our recent National Rally in Blenheim that the idea for a garage sleepover was first discussed, and very generously Kelvin and Chrissie Sherwin volunteered their garage for the event. So, with an advert in the March issue of Triumph Times and a couple of emails sent to all our Area Co-ordinators (I hope you passed these on to your local members!) it was on for the last weekend in April.

The original arrangement was for a group ride from Dunedin taking in the back roads heading north to Oamaru, but I had family business to attend to in Christchurch over the preceding three days. This meant that I would leave from Christchurch and head south and join up with the others in Oamaru. I left Christchurch mid afternoon in warm sunny weather but with heavy traffic and one lot of road works after another I soon realised I ought to have left earlier. By the time I had got to Kelvin and Chrissie's place it was getting on dark, the temperature had dropped, and I was very cold. Thank goodness for the excellent wood burner that was well underway in the garage.

I asked Chrissie about going down to the local supermarket for food for the barbecue, but that, very generously, had already





been organised. There was plenty of meat and sausages available, potato salad, buttered bread and apple crumble for desert. So, we were set for the evening.

Gary and Neil had arrived earlier, taking the suggested back roads from Dunedin, also Philip and his brother arrived shorly after. We also had a surprise visit from Canterbury Chapter member Trout and her partner Duncan.

At around midnight after a very enjoyable evening, eating, drinking and good conversation, it was time to organise sleeping arrangements. As it was, only three of us opted for sleeping on the garage floor with airbeds for a bit of comfort. I initially had trouble with mine, the pump connection didn't appear to fit the airbed (I found out later why) so Kelvin helped with his compressor. Gary had purchased a brand new airbed for the trip but he was up and down throughout the night having to keep it inflated. But at least we all kept warm by taking it in turns to keep the fire stoked up through the night.

Next morning, Kelvin and Chrissie squeezed us all into their car and and down to "The Galley", a local Oamaru cafe right on the seafront of Oamaru Harbour where we caught up with Trout and Duncan who also joined us for a very excellent breakfast. Following a goodbye with Trout and Duncan, Kelvin and Chrissie then took us on a short tour of the local area, up and down some of Oamaru's hilly streets before heading back to Kelvin's place to pick up the bikes.

By late morning, Neil, Gary and I were heading south in sunshine, taking the side route through Trotter's Gorge and finally home to Dunedin.

I'm sure the others who took part in this little adventure would support me in a big thank you to Kelvin and Chrissie for all their generosity, food and willingness to open their home and, more importantly, their garage to a bunch of grizzled old bikers. Thank you for a very memorable garage sleepover.

Ken Spall TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland





An original Triumph Club - continued from March issue



As you will all have noted, in the recent March issue of Triumph Times, I commented, with photos, on the existence in the seventies of a Triumph Owners Club in Dunedin. As a result of this, further information has come to light, as you will see in the email sent to me below.

Editor, Triumph Times

Hi Ken

Thanks for another great issue. I really enjoyed the piece on the original Triumph Owners Club of Dunedin and went hunting through my photo album and I've attached copies of some of what I found.

They were a pretty active group, meeting regularly for a beer or three at the long-gone Oval pub at the bottom of Princes Street (very handy when I lived round the corner in Lees Street) and always good for some Sunday morning trading too.

The colour snaps are from a weekend trip to Macraes Flat and the black & whites from a party somewhere up near Mt Cargill (I think). I lost touch with them when I left Dunedin in the early 80's but I imagine there are others still around and above ground besides me. Cheers and thanks again for reawakening memories from 45 years ago!

John Cochrane, TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland



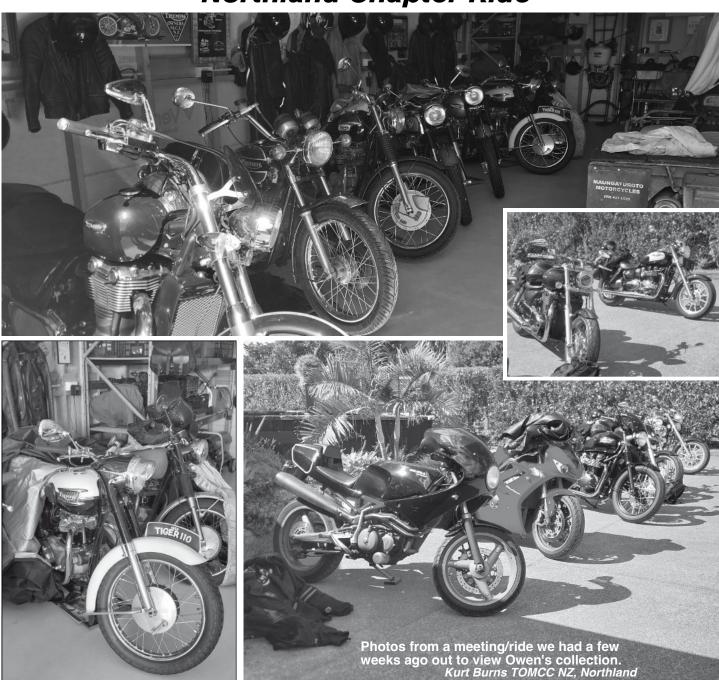








Northland Chapter Ride



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

Vaine Henry Steve Keeves Kevin Trolove Steve Moore Andrew McDonald Michael Gargiulo Shane Romero Richard Jarrett

Photos for this issue of *Triumph Times* were kindly supplied by Rik Reid, Glenn Mills, Judi Nightingale, Wayne Woodward, Kerry Hickey, Kurt Burns, John Cochrane John Withrington and Ken Spall.



Blenheim Area member, Paul Knight, handing over a cheque to Blenheim branch of Four Paws, an animal rescue charity, from raffle proceeds that were gathered at the 2025 National TOMCC NZ Inc rally.

"British Bike Day", Mandeville Airfield



















The "British Bike Day" organised by a group of British bike enthusiasts in Southland, is held in March every year at the Mandeville Airfield a few kilometres out of Gore. This year was the 32nd event of what has become a firm fixture on the calendar of local bikers in the south, with it seeming to become a bigger event each year. If you arrive on a British bike, Hartley Hay (one of the principal organisers) will be there to greet you with a small tot of port and then give you a flyer for next year's event.

As well as a significant number of British bikes, there are usually in attendance as large a number of, what I like to call, guest motorcycles and their riders. At this year's event I also noted a good number of TOMCC NZ members including Syd Ross who came down from Hastings specifically to attend this gathering of some very interesting machinery.

Ken Spall, TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland









King's Birthday Kickstart Ride to Owaka



As enthusiasts of the British made, designed and inspired Triumphs it seems to me to be appropriate to celebrate King's bookshop and, what can best be described, as a tourist emporium Birthday with a ride. So it is that we are now into the second with some very interesting displays of old tools and machinery year of the event with the specific emphasis on the older kick as well as a lot of rather tacky, imported tourist paraphernalia. start Triumphs, hence a Kickstart Ride. But of course with time, Following a very excellent meal at the Owaka Hotel there weather and availability of suitable bikes there is a necessity to ensued much discussion about organising club include newer models as support vehicles for kick start bikes.

Ok, this year was a rather minimalist event, with one kick motorcycle camping trips - we'll see what eventuates. start and two press button support bikes leaving Dunedin in wet waterblasted by intense, but thankfully brief, showers. But not years event, with hopefully a few more along for the ride. being cowed by the inclement conditions we still managed a pleasant diversion through Brighton, Taieri Mouth and over the hill to Lake Waihola.

It was then a guick determined dash to Milton with a brief stop at the Moto Cafe motorcycle dealer where Neil needed to pick up a pair of leather riding pants he had there for repairs. Run by bikers, Moto Cafe is an excellent little shop absolutely stuffed full with a huge range of riding gear, helmets and accessories, as well as a good selection of used bikes for sale.



Following a warming cuppa and hot pie at the Rosebank Cafe in Balclutha, it was once more into combat with the elements. Our struggles soon relented with a convenient break in the weather allowing us to pull over for the traditional toast to the King.

Neil had brought along a bottle of Stones Green Ginger Wine and some small cups. It was also appropriate that we had stopped at the small war memorial on the intersection of Owaka Highway and Ahuriri Flat Road, just a few kms out of Owaka. And so, a toast was made to our reigning monarch before a quick ride through to Owaka to the very welcome shelter and warmth of the Catlin Area Motel.



The afternoon was spent indulging in a visit to a newly opened overnighters and the likely interest from local members in

Our return home was in much improved, but still cool, and windy conditions. The weather seemed to intensify as we weather, but we were in high spirits after having enjoyed struggled further south, being pushed around by high winds and another excellent Kick Start Ride - looking forward to next

Ken Spall, TOMCC NZ, Otago Southland



President's Comments

Some of our Areas are in danger of being discontinued because there is not enough interest from local members in stepping up for the role of Area Co-ordinator. Under our club rules to become a club Area, or for a club Area to continue, it must have an elected co-ordinator.

Also, your Area members should have a succession plan for when a co-ordinator steps down from the role. In failing to have a coordinator your Area will cease being recognized as an Area (or Chapter) of TOMCC NZ and members will then be allocated to the nearest co-ordinated area or they can ask to be a member of an Area of their choice.

Think on this - you all want to belong to TOMCC NZ and you are all passionate about being awarded your year badges. The question is, apart from remaining a member what have you done to earn that badge? How about volunteering to take on the role of Area Co-ordinator? This will help save those Areas now in danger of closing.

Also, whilst on the issue of member participation, there are a number of committee roles, namely Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor that will soon need members to take on these roles. If these roles are not filled by you, the members, then one can only wonder at the future direction of our club.

John Witherington, President, TOMCC NZ

Claire Morrell Memorial Ride

Six years have passed since Claire Morrell left us and we remember her with a memorial ride. As I remember one of Claire's last rides was from my place at Moire Road to her place in Mangawhai on her Legend.

So, 11 bikes and one red ute on Sunday 4th of May, met at Moire Road. Off to Wellsford to meet the northland guys and gals, and on to Mangawhai. What a great sight to see all the bikes going through Wellsford. Glen had said to me "let's stay at the back and ride past her house." Glen was riding Bob (Claire's T140D) and I was riding her 900 Legend. To our nice surprise the bikes in front turned down her street and we all rode past where Claire had lived.

Off to the pub for lunch and to check out the bikes, but time eventually came to part, and go home. A nice day for a ride and all the better for having shared it with you all. Bob and the Legend sat in the carpark taking it all in and thinking "Claire they did you proud, YEEHAH!!!"

Al Brown, TOMCC NZ, Auckland







Royden Motu, Stephen Grey, Rik Reid, Pinecone (Pete Morgan), Mike Gray, Bill Hunt, Guest, new member Shane Romero, Glenn Mills, Al Brown, Pete Cunningham.

Important note: The Hinckley Bonnevilles (2001-2025) have now been made for as many years as the Meriden Bonnevilles (1959-1983).

Waikato BoP ChapterApril Ride







With the great weather continuing yesterday for our ride, what could be better than a visit to a craft brewery in rural Taupo and lunch on the lake front.

I meet Pete (Waihi) and Steve (Matamata) at Putaruru and after a quick catch up and a look at Steve's new Speedmaster it was off to to Tokaroa on Hwy 1 and a right onto Hwy 32 to Whakamaru, we made good time and and had a great view from a high point of the central North Island mountains, Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, Ruapehu along with Titiraupenga and Pureora all in a line left to right, a great sight.

Chris and Dave (Rotorua) and Glenn (Taupo) were at Whakamaru outside the cafe, which unusually was closed. A quick catch up and we were off, following Glenn down Hwy 32 to Poihipi Rd and a left across the top of the lake and a bit before Taupo a right and another right and we were riding along a farm driveway. Glenn led us to the brewery building (he works there) and parked up.

The story of the brewery and James and Elissa and how it all started is here: https://www.lakemanbrewing.co.nz/our-story/

James and Elissa came down to meet us and the first bit of business was a sample of one of the brews – can sized. There are now a few converts, it is a seriously good beer.

Glenn and James took us through the brewing process and Elissa outlined the business challenges and market complexities. Chris, having a marketing background, was interested in the marketing and promotional side of the business.

After further discussion and talk about bottling and canning we headed into Taupo, again with Glenn leading to dedicated motorbike parking beside Jimmy Coops Burger and Beer Bar on Roberts St, the lakefront.

Chris and Dave left for Rotorua after the visit, great to see them again.

The menu was perused, beer and food selected, orders placed and outside to a table, enjoying the views and some of the best Taupo has to offer.

Scott Ross, a member from Hastings had made contact and rode over to join us for lunch and we did recognise Scott from the rally in February, good to catch up and big ups to Scott for making the effort to ride over. Then it was time to fill the bikes up and head home.

Big thanks to Glenn, Elissa and James for organising the visit and taking time out to tell us about their very successful operation.

> Kerry Hickey TOMCC NZ Waikato BoP

2025 National Rally, Omaka Airfield visit

Further to my comment in the March issue of Triumph Times, here is a selection of pics from the Omaka Airfield visit that had been organised by Blenheim area member Marty Nichol. The visit was principally to view the aircraft restoration and building workshops. Of particular interest was a live test bed demonstration of an NZ made Gnome 7 cylinder rotary aircraft engine. Classic Aero Machining Service at Omaka have currently a small production run of these, originally French designed, engines.











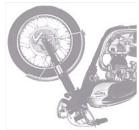




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Franklin Contact Chris Smith, email trippletrickz@gmail.com

Waikato Bay of Plenty Details vary. Contact Kerry Hickey email jkerry.hickey2@gmail.com

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

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Canterbury Monthly Meeting, second Tuesday of the month, held at various committee members' homes. Contact Terry McIntyre,

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

WINTER ESSENTIAL **Monogram Beanie \$22 each**

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Venue: Meals:

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Earlybird Entries: Entertainment:

32nd TOMCC NZ Inc National Rally

13th, 14th & 15th February 2026 Venue: Rapanui Mowhanau Community Hall Mowhanau Drive, Kai Iwi Beach, Wanganui



Date:

Open to all TOMCC members and any other motorcyclists

Meals available with prepaid entries only. Takeaways available next door to rally venue.

venue. See Page 2 of this registration form for all accommodation booking info.

Band (**The Replicants**) on Friday night. Rally ride on Saturday to excellent local bike museum for lunch. Museum entry \$5. Option for longer scenic ride after lunch or return to

Kai lwi Beach Holiday Park is immediately adjacent to the rally venue. All cabins, suites and chalets are held for our rally until October 31. Plenty of tent, caravan and campervan sites also available. A range of BnB properties are available walking distance from the rally

Opens 2pm Friday – Must be cleared by 11am Sunday.

The first 50 entries go into a draw to win a selection of prizes.

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