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TOMCC NZ National Poker Run 18 October 2025

Once again, for the sixth year running, and for those of us who attended, our annual Poker Run proved to be a very enjoyable club event. The beauty of course, is that, being a virtual event by cell-phone, you don't have to actually ride. And what's more, as you can see from the prize list, you're in with a good chance of winning a prize.

Many of us did in fact use the event to have a ride out with friends, stopping at regular intervals to check our phone for

the latest Poker Hand that had been dealt out by event organiser Glenn Mills, with help from his enthusiastic Auckland Area members.

And there's the key word – ENTHUSIASM – which on looking at the table below, seems to be in very short supply with some of our club Areas. We have only two national events of the year, our National Rally and the Poker Run, so why the apparent apathy in taking part in the Poker Run?

Interestingly our newest Area of the club, Tasman / Marlborough, showed the highest percentage of members taking part in the Poker Run – a stark contrast to the turnout from our largest Area.

So, come on guys, next time Glenn organises this event show a bit more get up and go – are we an active club of Triumph enthusiasts, or is it just a case of take the badge but don't do anything?

Ken Spall, Editor, Triumph Times

2025 Poker Run Statistics

Area	No. of members in Area	Members who took part in the Poker Run	% of Area
Northland	26	9	34.6
Auckland	41	15	36.6
Franklin	9	0	0
Waikato/ Bay of Plenty	46	4	8.7
Taranaki	5	0	0
Wanganui	39	13	33.3
Manawatu	14	1	7.1
East Coast	9	3	33.3
Tasman/ Marlborough	7	3	42.8
Canterbury	76	1	1.3
Otago/Southland	35	7	20.0

2025 Poker Run winners

Top hand \$500 prize to Lloyd Williams with a straight
2nd Best hand \$250 prize to Patrick O'Donnell with 3 of a kind
\$50 spot prizes went to:
Andy Deighton, Steve Caskie, Peter Morgan
Kurt Burns, two prizes, he got drawn twice
\$100 British parts voucher to John Witherington
\$50 Roadrage voucher to Rik Reid
\$50 Roadrage voucher to Andre Wilkening
Submachine subscription to Simon Ritchie
Free music downloads went to
Peter Sherman, Liz Garmey, Gary Russell,
Rennie Dixon Wayne Hughes, Kelly Ross, Tim Fraser
And 50 Submachine Magazines given away.



The Double A - Hard Luck Trophy

Must be motorcycle related to qualify and will be awarded to any member who calls for the services of the AA – either the most hilarious or most call outs can be in to win.

The winner of a Limited Edition Boxed Award will be announced at the 2027 national rally.

To enter contact John Witherington,
john.witherington@xtra.co.nz with brief details

Northland Poker Run



The Northland crew kicked off the 2025 Triumph Owners' Motorcycle Club NZ National Poker Run, riding out from Fring's in Whangarei under clear skies. We headed out around the coast via Hikurangi to Snapper Rock (Tutukaka), then back through some great backroads before looping into Parua Bay for a well-earned lunch stop at the Parua Bay Tavern. Finally finishing up back at Fring's in Whangarei.

Good turnout, perfect weather, and I managed to snag a couple of spot prizes.

Massive thanks to everyone who attended, with special thanks to Graham for organising the route and also to the TOMCC NZ organisers for their efforts in making it happen.

Here's the next one!



Kurt Burns, TOMCC NZ, Northland



2026 National Rally Accommodation

Thanks to a bunch of TOMCC NZ members getting in quickly, all the cabin accommodation at the Kai Iwi Holiday Park has been booked. (Note that there are still plenty of powered and unpowered sites for tents, caravans and campervans available at the Holiday Park.)

The remaining under-roof accommodation is listed with AirBnB (see listing below). Please check them out and simply book directly with AirBnB.

AirBnB accommodation possibly still available at Kai Iwi Beach (Mowhanau)

Beach front views high above Kai Iwi Beach

<https://www.airbnb.co.nz/rooms/634429967275658941> 3 bedrooms)

Sunset Delight

<https://www.airbnb.co.nz/rooms/820707717031112572> (4 bedrooms 7 beds)

Sunset Escape - Stunning Beachfront Views

<https://www.airbnb.co.nz/rooms/1369901399693929393> (5 bedrooms 11 beds)

Kai Iwi Retreat

<https://www.airbnb.co.nz/rooms/1064941225378771725> (4 bedrooms 8? beds)

Lui na Greine - Incredible Kai Iwi Beach views!

<https://www.airbnb.co.nz/rooms/1083668065117143091> (1 bedroom 1bed)

Also just out of the village (aprox 5 to 10 km) are other private stays.

Phone Rochelle 027 286 8765 (4km from beach) or Margaret 021 136 3407 approx (5km from beach)

For any other questions about accommodation, please contact Theo at tandthuijs@gmail.com .

Thanks, the rally organisers.

Auckland Poker Run



Glenn Mills, allocating the poker hands with help from his local Auckland Chapter members.



East Coast Poker Run



Given that East Coast is one of our smaller Areas, local members came up with an excellent turnout of participants for a Poker Run ride, using the following itinerary.

9:30am Depart Caltex Hillcrest and head down to Z Putaruru Arrive about 10:15am

10:30am Leave for the Bull Ring, continue south on Hwy 1 and arrive about 11:10am

11:15am leave the Bull Ring and head along Humphrey Rd and turn right onto Hwy 30,

Continue through Rotorua to BP Te Ngae.

11:30 head off for Matata for lunch, you know where.

After lunch head for Welcome Bay on the Pacific Coast Hwy. From there those on the ride can head home or carry on over the hill into the Waikato.

Kerry Hickey, TOMCC NZ, East Coast

Otago/Southland Poker Run



This year's Poker Run by our Otago/Southland Chapter was organised by local member Carl Hutchings who came up with the following plan for the ride, and as it turned out, was a very enjoyable for those of us who took part.

Meet at Andy Bay Z at 9.45 am and head to Balclutha at 10am stop at Balclutha for a quick break and check first card (around 80 km and an hour). Leave Balclutha 11.15 am for Tapanui arrive around 12 stop for a break and check second card (around 75 km and 50mins).



Leave Tapanui for Lawrence at 12.15pm arrive around 1pm for lunch, fuel and check third card (around 55 km and 45 mins). Leave Lawrence for Waihola at 2pm stop for a quick break and check fourth card (around 50 km and 45 mins). Leave Waihola for Dunedin via Taieri Mouth maybe to Emersons to check last card and those that want to have a quick beer (Around 55 km and an hour).

This would end up being around a full day and roughly 320 km and we could meet any riders from Southland at Waipahi turn off for Tapanui, or at Tapanui itself then ride with them to Lawrence for lunch,



Wanganui Poker Run

After leaving at 10am from our clubrooms in Wanganui, we met up with Otene (the Manawatu co-ordinator) in Feilding. We then headed via the Saddle Road and various other backroads to The Black Dog Tavern for lunch. The Saddle Road is now blissfully empty of traffic thanks to the new replacement for the Manawatu Gorge road, so it's much more enjoyable for we of the motorcycling fraternity. The Black Dog Tavern is about 5 km to the east of SH2, just north of Dannevirke and it's well patronised by local motorcyclists. It's a great venue and well worth a short detour from the main road.

At the Black Dog, we met up with Syd and Kelly and a few other East Coast members who were also doing the Poker Run. The weather was superb and the gods smiled on our TOMCC NZ Wanganui members. We've never won anything before but this time our members collected both first and second prize and at least one of the spot prizes – we must have done something right.

Whether you win a prize or not, the Poker Run is a great excuse for a ride and a great opportunity to meet up with members of other TOMCC NZ Chapters – keep up the good work Glenn!

Tim Fraser, TOMCC NZ, Wanganui





BRITISH Motorcycle DAY 2026

**OLD MANDEVILLE AIRFIELD
SOUTHLAND • NEW ZEALAND**

SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026

11.00am Free Admission + 12.30pm Prizegiving

ALL MOTORCYCLES WELCOME



Voting in of club officers for 2026

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 President.

Notification of a meeting for the purpose of voting, must be sent by the Area Co-ordinator 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 Voting for club officers for 2026 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:

Email: john.witherington@xtra.co.nz

Post: 212 McQuarrie Street, Invercargill 9812

Auckland Area events calendar

14Th December

TOMCC NZ Waikato/BOP area meeting Okoroire Pub, meeting at 11:30 am.

26Th December

TOMCC NZ Auckland area annual Boxing day ride, meet 11:30am depart midday from cnr Moire Rd and Royal Rd.

24Th January

Wings and wheels show Thames, we will do a display there so if you want to display your bike please let me know before the 14th December.

27th January

TOMCC NZ Auckland area club meeting from 6:30pm at the Onehunga club. Important meeting this one to vote on positions taken up in the club so please make it to this one.

13th-15th February

TOMCC NZ National rally, details on the website. Also closer to the time we will have an organized ride to this.

So plenty happening over the next couple of months, we will have a new departure point leaving south as the jolly farmer has been bulldozed so we will meet next door at the Mobil gas station in Drury.

A new coordinator has taken up the job in East coast, Kelly Ross has filled this position.

And word has it the 2027 rally will be hosted by TOMCC NZ Otago/southland and with a new trophy the AA trophy details at the next national rally.

That's about it from me, a merry Xmas to all and hope to see you in the new year. A big thank you to all the Auckland area members who have helped and supported me thru the year.

Glenn Mills, TOMCC NZ, Auckland

The nominees for club officers for 2026

<i>President</i>	John Witherington
<i>Vice President</i>	Glenn Maconaghie
<i>Treasurer</i>	Melissa Shipp
<i>Regalia</i>	Wayne Hughes
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	No nomination
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Ken Spall
<i>Webmaster</i>	Tim Fraser

The nominees for Area Co-ordinators

<i>Northland</i>	Glenn Maconaghie
<i>Auckland</i>	Glenn Mills
<i>Franklin</i>	No nomination
<i>East Coast</i>	Kelly Ross
<i>Waikato & Bay of Plenty</i>	No nomination
<i>Taranaki</i>	No nomination
<i>Manawatu</i>	Otene Wiringi
<i>Wanganui</i>	Tim Fraser
<i>Canterbury</i>	Terry McIntyre
<i>Otago & Southland</i>	John Witherington

2025 East Cape Remembrance Ride November 2025

We all met at 414 Cafe on Pyes Pa Road, Tauranga on Friday morning, Mike Grey, Pete Webster, Rob & Selina Orton, Pete & Sue Sherman, Ray Hayward, Eric Box, Trevor Stapp and us, Kerry & Brenda. We were joined by locals Garry Walden and Geoff and Jo Morgan, so there was a good range of bikes. 2300 Rocket, a 2500 Rocket, 3 1200 Speedmasters, 3 Tigers, a T100 and a Dyna Wide Glide. Brenda was driving this time and Sue had arranged to travel with Brenda and they would share the driving.

After a catchup we headed over the road to visit Shad's (Brian Shadbolt) in the memorial garden before heading off with Geoff and Jo leading on Hwy 36 south to Te Matai Rd which took us east towards the coast. Then along the coast, through Matata to Whakatane for fuel and Ohope Beach for lunch. With Geoff and Jo leading again it was off to Opotiki for more fuel where Geoff & Jo along with Garry left us at this stage and headed home.

We headed up the East Cape on Hwy 35 with brilliant scenery and not a lot of straight road or traffic, great riding. We were soon spread out and Ray thoughtfully waited on the Waihau Bay corner so those behind him would not over shoot the turnoff.

The lodge sits in an idyllic spot overlooking the Pacific with great views from the bar and outside area. Unbeknown to us, Ray's rear tyre went flat while he was waiting for us but once at the lodge repair kits came out and soon fixed.

Scott (Syd) Ross arrived not long after us, it was great to see him again, came up from Napier and was heading to Wairoa first thing in the morning.

Refreshments were enjoyed outside before moving inside for dinner with the Roll of Remembrance keeping an eye on things.

Saturday started with pre-ordered breakfast and then off to Te Araroa passing Cape Runaway and Hicks Bay on the way, it was a bit cooler and looked like rain but did not eventuate.

First stop in Te Araroa was the historic Pohutukawa tree, said to be over 600 years old, it is big and dwarfs the bikes. A quick fuel up from the one pump (91 and diesel only) and on to Tokomaru Bay, passing through Tikitiki and Te Puia Springs on the way.

A lunch break at Te Puku Tavern with the ocean literally across the road and great views before the final leg into Gisborne and the Top 10 Motor Camp, a popular place with stock car teams and a number of others staying.

Dinner was at the Forces Cafe located in the RSA, a short walk away – good meal and company.

I understand no one got up to watch the rugby, a good decision.

Sunday morning was cool and overcast as we headed off at 8 am for Whakatane via Opotiki for breakfast at Poppy's cafe in The Stand. But



first it was through Makaraka, Ormond, Te Karaka and Matawai before the Waioeka Gorge, a good bit of road with a lot of corners. We took a break at the Monument rest area and resolved to replace Shad's name with a more permanent plaque. Then the final section of the gorge and into Opotiki for fuel and onto Whakatane for brunch. There was plenty of parking outside Poppy's cafe and with the sun out and warming up we were seated outside eating a very good meal.

From here people were heading home, Waihi, Tauranga, Hamilton via Tauranga, Hamilton via Rotorua, a great weekend ride and thanks to all those who came along.

Kerry Hickey, TOMCC NZ, Waikato/Bay of Plenty

HERBERTVILLE INN RIDE



Five Bikes departed Mobil Waipukurau and travelled to Dannervirke to meet up with another six bikes from Wanganui and it was of to Herbertville via Weber. The road certainly has had a lot of work done and money spent on it in recent times with no gravel or road works of note on this stretch. Its scenic and diverse which is great for motorcycles.

The Herbertville Inn was badly damaged in the cyclone and has been closed until recently. It was saved by a group of locals who purchased the Inn (maybe a similar set up to the Meridan workers co-op at the Triumph factory - but hopefully with a better outcome).

Lunch and beverages were had and Triumph Motorcycles discussed. Talking with Liz about her Thunderbird Sport giving Kelly and I motivation to start using ours again.

Great to meet Brandon and Stacey you certainly would have lowered the average age present.

The East Coast crew made their way to the Porongohau Pub for a stop and then managed to get soaked by a heavy shower heading back into Waipukurau.

With country pubs closing all over New Zealand, I think its vital that we support where we can. Most do have an emphasis on food these days and at a reasonable price and like the publican at the Herbertville today, they do really appreciate the custom.

Syd Ross, TOMCC NZ East Coast

Wanted to Buy

1960s T20 Tiger Cub

1970 or 1971 TR25W 250 Trophy

Contact: Wayne Ph 027 520 9091

2016 Triumph Rocket 3 Roadster

40,000km. Set up for comfortable cruising. 1 1/4 custom Bars 16in Ram Air system. British Spares 3 into 1 exhaust.

Oxford Heated grips with 5 settings. Dresser Bars with Triumph adjustable pegs. New WOF, Reg on hold.

All service records included. I've owned this bike since 2,800 km.

The Rocket is a great bike but I now have a 2022 Bonneville Speedmaster. Time for the Rocket to have a new owner .

\$16,000 Glenn Maconaghie 0212792807.



1968 T120R Bonneville

FOR SALE – a reasonable offer and it could be yours.

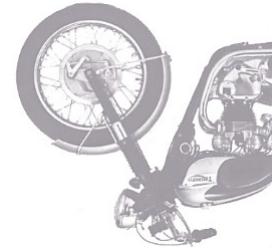
Matching numbers however, miles unknown and from a deceased estate, has a vin plate and is still in the system but registration has lapsed.

Engine has been done along with forks, chain guard and frame has been painted it runs using a single carb and trophy head on a older boyer ignition. Comes with two twin carb heads, new



mufflers, new wiring loom, headlamps and numerous other parts. Full list available if you're serious.

Bike is located in Hamilton and the owner is in Christchurch. If you want to discuss, ring Garry 020 4093 4417.



TOMCC NZ Regular Area/Chapter Rides and Meetings

Northland Contact Glenn Maconaghie ph 021 279 2807
Email: glennmaconaghie@gmail.com

Auckland Contact Glenn Mills, ph 021 032 9920, email wokkey@hotmail.com. Runs and meetings to be confirmed.

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,
Email tezzamc@gmail.com, ph 021 920 466.

Otago Southland Monthly Ride.

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

Graham Fairbrother

Graham, an 8 year member passed away recently in Whangarei Hospital. He had not been very active for some years within the club due to his health problems, but he always kept in touch and was a keen TOMCC NZ member. Graham was also a member of the Vintage Motorcycle Club.

Our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends.



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