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Hi all fellow HOG members,

Congratulations to you all - it's official - we have made it to 2021. What a year 2020 was, but the good news is, that it is behind us now and we have a good year ahead to look forward to.

I hope you have had a good Christmas and New Years with family and friends.

I would like to take this time to welcome any new members that have joined us in the last couple of months, welcome to the great Waikato HOG Chapter, we are privileged to have you as part of our Chapter. I say a big thank you to our members that have renewed their membership once again, thank you for your continued support. Without you all the Chapter would not run as well, so thanks to everyone. I hope we will see you all at many of our upcoming events and rides during the months and the year ahead.

Some of the Executive committee agenda items for this year are: re-vamping the Chapter's website, obtaining more Chapter's t-shirts, the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and of course – to have plenty of great rides. We are always looking for ways to improve, get new ideas etc, so please get in touch with any of the committee members if you have any suggestions, we will be happy to discuss these with you and see if it something that can be implemented.

We held the Chapter's first ride on Sunday, heading up to the Puhoi Historic Tavern. There was a good group that came along and enjoyed the day. Thanks to those who came along, it was a good day, a good ride, good weather and good friends.

Things coming up to keep an eye out for.

20<sup>th</sup> January - there will be a dinner ride on Wednesday, more info to follow

23<sup>rd</sup> January - BBQ at 14 Cranmore, nibbles from 2pm onwards

2<sup>nd</sup> February – the first Exec meeting at Road & Sport

13<sup>th</sup> February - BBQ at Road & Sport from 11am onwards (help needed)

17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Dinner ride

7<sup>th</sup> March - Coast to Coast ride

Keep a close eye for emails for the dates, times and more information.

## HELP REQUIRED - BBQs at Road & Sport.

These are a good way to meet people and a great way to give something back to our sponsoring dealers, by maintaining the BBQ for them.

What we require is a couple of volunteers once a month to man (woman lol) the BBQ, cutting the onions, butter the bread and cook the sausages as well as bringing a smile from 10am till 1pm approx.

The dates for these BBQs are:

13<sup>th</sup> February

13<sup>th</sup> March

17<sup>th</sup> April

15<sup>th</sup> May

Please make contact with myself if you can help in any way by email or call 021 275 5056

Dates to mark in your calendar/planner are:

1<sup>st</sup> May - this is going to be a big night, we will be celebrating the Chapters 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Due to Covid-19 last year we postponed this to this year. This will be a formal dinner with live music, dancing for those who wish, a lot of laughs and good times. Prepare now to attend, we would love to see you all there. 19<sup>th</sup> June – the Chapter's AGM (Annual General Meeting). Come along and be part of the Chapter, hear how the year has gone, hear what will be happening during the coming year and to also join myself in saying thank you to the committee, thanking them for their time and all that they have done. We will be supplying nibbles afterwards.

## Other News

It is with a saddened heart that I pass on our deepest sympathy to Peter Elliot for the passing of his wife Judy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Peter and Judy have been very active in our Chapter for around 10 years, but over the past couple of years Judy's health took a turn for the worst and Judy hadn't been able to get out on a lot of rides. However, she was able to attend the Christmas dinner along with Peter, it was a great afternoon for all to catch up.

Peter, on behalf of the Chapter we would like pass on our sympathy, our love and our thoughts are with you and your family. Please let us know if we can help in anyway. Judy will be missed by us all, she was a lovely lady, full of life and fun. Take care and we look forward to catching up again soon.

I would like to thank you all for being part of a great and caring Chapter and I look forward to seeing you all whenever you can make it to an event or on a ride.

Life passes by too quickly, far too quickly, we only get one shot at this so make the most of every moment.

My sincere thanks, Deane