

# WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY HOG CHAPTER

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## Director's Blog - Spring

Hi everyone and welcome to Spring. The typical fine day and rainy days seem to be a bit cooler than previous years but it has been great to see so many out on their bikes. Bring on summer and the warmer days I say.

This year's executive team is doing an exceptional job which makes my role so much easier. The Poker Run, Ten pin bowling, BOP dinners just to name a few have all been well patronized by you, our members. Thanks for supporting us and there are plenty of other Exec members behind the scenes that do and put in a large amount of effort in for the Chapter.

I believe it's going to be an exciting new phase that the Chapter will go through over summer and into the New Year with the introduction of the newest member to the HD family the "Street". This may bring some new riders into the Chapter and it will be interesting to see these new 500cc bikes on the road. I was fortunate to see one in Sydney last week and they look sharp. I hope they sound as good as they look!!

Until next time, see you out on the road.  
Steve

### H.O.T Training - Sydney 31st October - 1st November 2014



What can one say?? You will have to keep an eye out for more news on the H.O.T training in the next HOGWASH.

## Runs Calendar

### NOVEMBER

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION/EVENT	TIME	ROAD CAPTAIN	T.E.C
8th	Saturday	Kinleith	10.30am	Roy	Chris/Colin
16th	Sunday	Piha	9..30am	Deane	John C/Len
19th	Wednesday	BOP Dinner	6.30pm	venue to be announced	
28th - 30th	Frid - Sund	Thunder Beach - Whitianga	details to be announced		

### DECEMBER

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION/EVENT	TIME	ROAD CAPTAIN	T.E.C
3rd	Wednesday	Okororie	6.00pm	Roy	John B/Dave
14th	Sunday	Christmas ride/event	9.30am	Ash	
25th & 26th	Thursday & Friday	Christmas day / Boxing day			

### JANUARY

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION/EVENT	TIME	ROAD CAPTAIN	T.E.C
1st & 2nd	Thursday & Friday	New Years day / New Years holiday			
7th	Wednesday	Matamata	6.00pm	Steve	John B/John C
11th	Sunday	Lakes	9.30am	Brian/Mark	Wendy/Mark G
17th-18th	Sat & Sun	NewPlymouth Lights	tba	Deane	tba
21st	Wednesday	Chapter Gathering	venue and time to be announced		

# Mangakino Open ride - Sunday 28th September

Hello fellow Hoggies

Mat here (The bald one, not the big tall one for a change).

Sitting in our lounge after pulling back into the driveway from the HOG "Open Ride" on Sunday 28th September, feeling happy and content that a fantastic day on the bikes has been achieved.....again.

Everybody met up at Road and Sport around 9.40am (was actually 8.40am pre daylight savings click over last night), with the very real threat of a down pour looming over our heads.

On the very first HOG "Open Day" ride I am pleased to announce that we had a grand total of 1 non HOG/Harley rider along as our special guest for the day, Our illustrious directors son was along for the day on his black Kawasaki Ninja. "Shorty" also turned up on his brand new, out of the box Orange and black Low Rider. (Congratulations Shorty).

After a quick pre ride briefing, our road captain (Brian L.) led all 10 bikes/12 people out though Te Awamutu and Kihī towards Bryces Rock Climbing cafe in Wharepapa with Julie and I as Tailend Charlies.

Note: I ride at the very back because with Julie's Wideglide chopped rear fender her exposed rear end looks great..Oh man I m gonna get in trouble for that comment.

We had a very light drizzle for a short period but otherwise a great ride through the straights and twisty's of this first 68kms of our journey.

After a quick coffee break and some great conversation we all head off for the next stop .....The Dam Cafe in Whakamaru.

The 51km ride through this countryside is something that Julie and I do quite often by ourselves and we can highly recommend it as absolutely stunning, with its rolling hills and rocky outcrops giving it an almost prehistoric feel.

Brian set a great pace and had us all arriving safely in Mangakino around 12.00 o'clock

After a quick circle around the small settlement of Mangakino itself we were off to the Dam Cafe for lunch. We ate, swapped stories and laughed for about an hour before remounting our piggies and heading back the other way across the dam.

The 91km ride home was equally as stunning as we branched off on to the Old Taupo rd, through Arapuni and then following the mighty Waikato river into the back of Cambridge. With Ash, Kelly and Peter peeling off along the way, we all arrived at the Five Stags bar in Lemmington at about 2.30pm. From here the group said it goodbyes with a few staying on for a light refreshment and the rest of us heading for home.

Yes we had a couple of light drizzles but all in all the skies behaved themselves accordingly which made our ride that much more enjoyable.

A big thanks to Brian for organising this day for us, and a big thanks to my Tailend Charlie partner for giving me a focal point from the back of the group...wink wink!!

Note: I must say it was good for Julie and I to be joining the ride on the correct weekend this time.....Ha Ha!! If you don't know this story and want a laugh at our expense, ask us to enlighten you next time we meet.

See ya on the next ride.

Mat P



# *Blast from the History Books*

Hi all

It was October – November 1994

Nationals were only 5 weeks away and we had quite a few new members join the chapter.

The LOH hosted a mystery tour which consisted of riding to different meeting places and looking for different items all of which could be used at the final stop, where a BBQ and games were held.

## **Up coming rides and events**

16th October

Day ride to Awakino

Riders to meet at Road and Sport from there they rode to Whatawhata – Te Pahu Road – Otorohanga – Te Kuiti (comfort stop and service station) – Pio Pio – Awakino. Once at Awakino Hotel had a smorgasbord and nibbles available for \$10 per head. After a 2 hour stop the group headed back home

10th November

Pre National Rally Ride to Tongariro National Park for an overnight stay.

11th November

Ride to Taupo to meet up with the Southern Chapters for the continuing ride up to Auckland for annual National Rally.

11-13th November

National Rally with many activities planned. Technical seminars, ride into the viaduct which had 350 bikes which required Police escort to get onto the motorway as the line of bikes was 3.5 kms long. Tug o war which the Waikato/Bay Of Plenty Chapter won.

26-27th November

Annual AGM meeting to be held at The Why Not Café, Whakatane.

Monthly Puzzle

WHAT IS IT

- A. The more you feed it the more it will grow high, but if you give it water then it will simply die.
- B. Runs all day but never walks. Often murmurs but never talks. It has a bed but never sleeps. It has a mouth but never eats.
- C. What grows bigger the more you take from it.
- D. What has an eye but cannot see.

Answers on page 8

Cheree Weir

Historian

## *Chapter Gathering - 10 Pin Bowling - October 8th*

18 people attended ten pin bowling night at Sky City. It was great to see families attending, that helped with numbers, but also meant it was a great night for meeting people. In my own opinion, it was a great night full of fun and laughter, including a good dose of bullshit! The winner of the night was Deane... and we all know how modest Deane was about his win!! Sorry Steve, you came a very close second!!

The photos will show many different styles of bowling and techniques, and of how much fun the night was.

Thanks to the team for organizing a great social event out of the ordinary for us Hoggies..

Gavin Bills



Check out the website for more photos

# Whakatane ride - Sunday 5th October

Hi everyone. My name is Keith Stark. My bike is a sporty and I come from Ohinewai where I am a dairy farmer.

Whakatane ride. A round trip of 441 km with 17 bikes, a few with passengers.

It was an early start to get the cows milked and all the chores done. Just finishing with no time to spare, I chuck on the gear, check the tires and top up the tank before I head off with no time to stop at service station. Saved by the new expressway, making it into town in quick time but still running late as at 9.30 I was just on the outside of Hamilton. Heading south down Te Rapa straight I could see Ash leading the bikes down the side road. There looked to be about 10 bikes. A quick u turn and I chase them down. Catching up to the Tail End Charlie just before Fairveiwis. I pull up alongside and give him a wave and he pulls back and lets me in. Then the same with the next Tail End Charlie. Riding around the roundabout I settle in to the back of the group.

The conditions riding into Hamilton were quit nice and mild, but, I could feel the temperature start to drop as we started the ride. We headed out of Hamilton, through to Cambridge and on to Tirua, where we picked up the Tauranga crowd. Through the Mamakues my fingers were starting to get a bit cold. It was nice to start the decline

down to the lake with the temperature starting to rise. Down to the lakeside cafe to thaw out. I shoot to the service station to top up the sporty. Back to the cafe and a look over the bikes, those new street glides are very nice. Ash gives a briefing for the next leg of the journey. Lucky for me I listened, as the group splits as we leave Roturua. Ash is waiting for us and we regroup on the outskirts and head off. The conditions were improving and it was a nice drive through the forestry to our next stop at Matahina dam for a short stretch. After a look around we were off. The temperature rising all the time. By the time we got to Whakatane it was feeling like summer.

We parked up on the wharf outside the Sports Fishing Club for a good meal. First time I had a chance to eat that day. It was nice to relax. After lunch we move out side to a nice sunny afternoon. We head off to fill up the bikes. I bypassed the Caltex because I remembered seeing a Z on the way in, but I took a wrong road and ended up at the caltex anyway. I quite like paying at the pump after having a bad experience when I wore my helmet into a service station and they wouldn't serve me until I took it off. Anyhow, we filled up and then shot up the road where we pulled over waiting for everyone to regroup.

Ash had a deck of cards and was getting everyone to pick one. Funnily enough, I

was totally unaware of what the draw was for. Ash came back collecting the cards and looking for the 4 of diamonds. I had the 2 of diamonds, which was the next card he was looking for. Ash asked me if I knew what the draw is for. I said no, and he said that I was able to pick between a chapter shirt or a \$20 voucher. Oh great!. This was in return for an article on the days ride. Oh great! I make a mental note - next time, pay more attention to what is going on. Ash makes the announcement that I have won, to a clap of relief from others probably. But that's all good, as it is a really good way of doing things.

We get back on our bikes again and head towards Tauranga. Next stop is a rest area before Te Puke to say our goodbyes and to remind us of the next upcoming ride, the Poker run. We were off again, through Te Puke to the Mount, where people started to peel off. Heading back up to the Kaimais I could feel the temperature dropping. Back over the top and a reminder off what we had left behind that morning. I peel off the group before Matamata and stop for a refuel before heading back to Ohinewai.

What a good ride. Thanks for a great ride Ash (Road Captain) and to Dave and Trev (Tail End Charlies) and everyone else.

Drive safe,  
Keith



# *BOP Dinner - 17th September - Imbibe, Bayfair*

It was great to see so many out for the evening at the get together at Imbibe (15 in all). A few faces we haven't seen for awhile, timing was right for Dave from the Waikato -who just happened to be over in the BOP for work, a couple of new LOH Mel and Mandy (and Mandy's friend Shane who was driver for the night).

After a bit of mingling in the bar we moved into the Restaurant where we all squeezed around one big table, this proved a little tricky to get out of for some but Hoggie ingenuity prevailed.

Food was very tasty and a good time was had by all .

Until next time. Ride Safe  
Tina



## *Poker Run Photos*

More photos are on the Chapter's website



# ASMA - Accident Scene Management

## Saturday 21st February 2014



What would you do if you came across a motorbike accident while you are out riding one day? If the answer is, I'm not sure, well, do I have the answer for you.

There is an opportunity to take part in a day course that will arm you with the skills to help with circumstance like this if the occasion should ever arise.



This would be an ideal course for those members thinking of being Road Captains or Tail End Charlies, but is open for all members of our Chapter, it will give you the confidence to help out, if, and when needed.

Email Deane, [safety@waikatobophog.co.nz](mailto:safety@waikatobophog.co.nz) to show your interest in this course. Please bear in mind that there is a significant cost for this course, but what cost do you put on a life?



## Pro Rider Safety Training 21st September

The Chapter's first Rider Safety Training day saw 15 bikes and 18 people attend, along with the rain and the cold win. We started with a briefing from the 3 Pro Rider trainers, they introduced themselves and gave us a bit of background on their riding. Once they had given us the pre safety talk etc we were on our bikes, doing the slow riding course around cones in the car park. You may think that this would be easy, but there is quite a bit more to it than just riding around cones. Once we had all mastered our slow riding, they talked to us about braking and then the heavens opened up. This was the chance to try braking in the rain. We split into 3 groups and learnt emergency braking in a straight line, front and rear brakes. There was some apprehension to putting the brakes on as hard as possible in the rain, but we all came through that unscathed.

Now it was time to get out on the road. We stayed in our groups and were given radios so the trainers could talk to us and give us advice on how we were riding and what we were doing. We

headed out the back of Rotokauri putting to use our newly learnt skills in an open road situation with lots of windy roads to master the cornering and what to look for when coming across different situations. We headed to Taupiri and stopped at the Hopin Stopin Cafe for lunch and a debrief. Some were able to watch videos of themselves riding from behind. After lunch we headed to Huntly turning off over the Tainui bridge and winding our way back to Hamilton through Te Kowhai finishing at Dinsdale shopping centre for a debrief on the days events and we received certificates for taking part in the course.

This was a great day for both experienced and unexperienced riders, cementing new skills and reinforcing old skills.

There may be riders out there that think they wouldn't benefit from a course like this but this is an excellent course to attend for upskilling and being rider aware of road surfaces and surroundings while riding. Thanks to those who attended and thanks to Pro Rider for putting on the course.

Deane Blaikie



# Interislander Ferry Discounts

Account name; Harley Owners Club

Account code; FA5357.

Members must enter their HOG Membership number e.g. NZ 209???

Members must carry their card when sailing or risk having to pay the balance (full fare for the crossing) when checking in.

The savings are worthwhile, the normal Websaver fare is \$111.00 = 1 bike and rider. With the group discount rate it is \$84.00, (\$39 bike, \$45/rider) a saving of \$54.00 return trip. Add a pillion for \$45 per trip.

Please note: This is for HOG members only and must not be given out or used for non HOG members. It is important we protect this for our own or we could lose it.

To enter the group code follow the link <https://www.interislander.co.nz/Booking/Group-Bookings.aspx#>

This is for the Interislander only and not Bluebridge and is for off peak times only, 16 February - 1 April 2015.



## Iron Run 21-21 March 2015



### Make Your Miles Count

The H.O.G. Mileage Program rewards you for doing what you love most ... riding. Harley recognizes the accomplishments. The more miles you log on your Harley®, the more recognition you receive.

A H.O.G. Mileage Program pin and patch will be sent to all H.O.G. members upon enrollment in the program. If you have more than one motorcycle, be sure to enroll each additional bike. After enrollment, additional awards can be earned by satisfying set mileage levels. See [HOG.com/miles](http://HOG.com/miles) for details.

### Puzzle Answers:

- A. Fire
- B. River
- C. A hole in the ground
- D. A Needle.

Registration forms for the Iron Run in Queenstown have been sent to all Chapter members. You are reminded that the close off date to get your registrations in is by **12.00 pm 28th Nov 2014**.

The pre and post rally rides for some are the highlight of their year and they say that, 'what happens on tour - stays on tour'... so, as per usual, next years pre and post rides will be a great time of fellowship, fun and laughter, and of course, fantastic riding, you wont want to miss out so make sure you get your registrations in.

Welcome to the **IRON RUN 2015**. No matter where you live, you are going to experience some of the best riding and scenery in the World whilst you make your way to **New Zealand's Premier Harley-Davidson® Event** in the iconic tourist town of Queenstown. Check out our website as it will be updated frequently, visit your dealers for registration information.

**WWW.IRONRUN.CO.NZ**

# Viaduct ride - 6th September



Saturday ride - forecast rain - yeah rite

Tina and I turned up from the BOP at Road & Sport - there were 8 bikes and 10 keen hoggies, Dave from Te Aroha, the silver ghost (Jim) from Cambridge and the rest of the Hamilton crew. We set off and lost Steve at the 1st roundabout with alternator problems, this was to be the only casualty of the day.

We headed up the highway to Auckland, the roads were dry and feeling good to be out riding again. Made a detour into Mt Wellington for a bit of retail therapy, this was timely as there was a sudden downpour (the worst weather for the day).

Gathered together and off from there to the viaduct where we parked our bikes and headed off into O'Hagans Irish bar for lunch.

One drink down and the food was out - as we were eating our lunch Baz's bird turned up, she didn't eat too much - nor had much conversation. Had a few laughs, talked some BS and before long it was time to head off back to the Tron, alas, looked like a drop of rain might catch us on our way of out Auckland.

While we were saying our good-byes we turned to see Cheree down on her knees in front in Pete. We thought that a proposal might have been in hand - but alas, she was merely helping Pete on with his wet weather pants - isn't hoggie love grand.

Deane blessed the bikes for a safe ride home, no more rain, back down the main highway. A 450km ride for us. Great day. Until next time ...

Ride Safe

Chris (C-Dub) BOP



Baz's Bird



Deane blessing the bikes



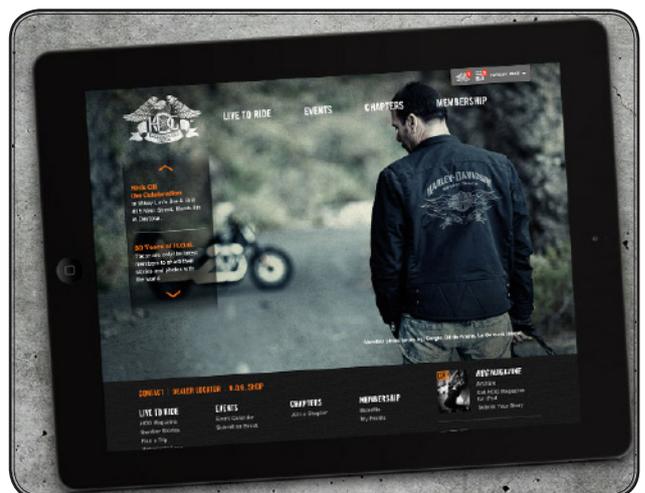
## Chapter Membership Cards

You may remember when you first joined the Chapter or when you renewed your membership that you were given a small laminated card as your Waikato/BOP HOG Chapter membership card. To keep the Chapter's membership fee at the same low price that it has been for years, it was an Executive committee decision to stop supplying the membership card each time you renewed your yearly membership. We know you will all agree with the Exec in the making of this decision, a small way in keeping your membership fee at the lowest price as possible.

### An ALL-NEW Membership Exclusive!

Harley-Davidson has launched an entirely redesigned website, making it easier than ever for members be in the know. Get VIP event info, photos, stories, videos and rides available only to H.O.G. Members.

Take some time to check out the all-new members.hog.com today.



## NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION

**NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION** - held on the first Saturday of September, November, March, May and July at Road & Sport. Times are stated on the Runs calendar unless otherwise specified by email. Please contact Wendy at [membership@waikatobophog.co.nz](mailto:membership@waikatobophog.co.nz) if you are interested in attending.

**BE ON TIME** - it pays to be prompt at the organized rides, which means you need to be fully fuelled up before arriving at the designated departure point. All rides depart from Road & Sport and departure times are stated on the Runs calendar, unless specified by email. All BOP Rides

depart from Caltex, Tauriko, at the time specified by the BOP Co-ordinator, unless otherwise specified.

For more information on any of the rides, please contact your Road Captain.

**GENERAL MEETINGS/GATHERINGS** - as a member of the Waikato/BOP Chapter you are encouraged to attend our quarterly gatherings/meetings. These vary each gathering/meeting (guest speakers, meals, fun nights) with varied venues, starting at 7.00pm. (unless otherwise specified). This is a great time to socialize and get together with old and new friends.

**HOGWASH MAGAZINE** - our magazine is issued 6 times per year and includes our ride calendar and other information for members. There are write ups/stories on

what has happened in the club over the past couple of months. Our newsletter only works if you submit your write ups/stories, so please don't forget to send them in. And of course, photos of the rides are always appreciated by other club members.

**OBTAINING HOGWASH NEWS** - the magazine will be electronically sent out as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file, and on the Chapter Website.

**WAIKATO/BOP WEBSITE**  
[www.waikatobophog.co.nz](http://www.waikatobophog.co.nz)

You will find heaps of interesting items including a Photo Gallery, Ride Calendar, links to other Chapters and a lot more. Remember to save this in your 'favourites' for easy access.

## RENEWING OF YOUR INTERNATIONAL H.O.G MEMBERSHIP

It is important that your International H.O.G membership remains current. This is to ensure that your local Waikato / Bay of Plenty membership can continue.

The following are a couple of ways for you to renew your International H.O.G membership, either by phoning 0800-464258 or, through the H.O.G website [www.members.hog.com](http://www.members.hog.com)

You can also access this site through [www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com) Upon entering [www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com), click on New Zealand, then on the far left hand side click on "members only."

For new members to the H.O.G website ([www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com)) If you are new to this site and have not entered your details before, you will need to click on "create profile". Ensure you keep your

password details, as you will require this information to log onto this website in the future.

For members that have already created their profile previously: Enter your "password" into the login area on far left hand side. Near the top of the screen, you will see your name and member number in a light green box, under this, click on "Renew Membership", this then takes you to a secure site.

Under the "Membership Renewal" area, enter your membership number, your last name and then choose length of time you would like to renew your membership for. Then, enter your email address and then, enter your email address once again as confirmation. You can then click on "continue to confirmation and payment" and complete details.

If you have any queries regarding your International H.O.G. membership you can also email, [hogau@harley-davidson.com](mailto:hogau@harley-davidson.com)

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

**A REMINDER TO MEMBERS:** On the last day of the month in which your Local and/or International H.O.G membership expires and you have not renewed your membership, it will become inactive.

- \* You will no longer be an active member of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty H.O.G Chapter and will not receive any further correspondence or able to partake in Chapter activities.
- \* Your Local and/or International membership will need to be renewed before you are able to enjoy the benefits of being a member of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty H.O.G Chapter.

Men's Chapter T-Shirt \$20.00

Women's Chapter T-Shirt \$20.00



HOG Badge \$20.00



Chapter Rocker \$20.00

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## BAY OF PLENTY RIDES:

All B.O.P rides depart from Caltex, Tauriko at the time specified by the B.O.P Co-ordinator.

## CLOSED EVENTS:

Are those Local HOG Chapter events which are open to current Local HOG Chapter members and one guest per member.

If the guest is a rider they must be riding a Harley-Davidson.

## MEMBER ONLY EVENTS:

Are events that are open to current Local HOG Chapter Members ONLY e.g. Chapter Poker Run.

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