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Director's Blog - Summer 2015

Wow what a summer it has been. Sunny hot days and perfect riding conditions. I've been out and about over the summer months and travelled a couple of times 5 hours South to Foxton Beach for the long weekends. I've enjoyed the longer rides and Julia and I are really looking forward to heading to the Iron Run in a matter of days. We have a good sized contingent of members heading down with us so look out Queenstown, here we come.

Unfortunately I have been very busy working in my business over many other weekends and evenings that I haven't been able to join in as many Chapter rides as I would've liked. The Road Captains and Activities Officers have continued to lead some excellent rides and events and I have heard some great reports back about them. Well done to everyone for joining in and making these events successful.

Coming up in April we have the Boundary Ride which is being arranged by Chris Wray and lead by Mark Sylvester. Our next Chapter Gathering is being arranged by the Activities Officers so keep an eye out to see what they have in store for everyone. Later next month Brian is taking a ride up and around the Clevedon Maraetai region which has some beautiful winding roads and lovely scenery. There are plenty of opportunities for you to come and join in and we hope to see you out and about before the weather changes.

Until next time,
Steve

Sponsoring Dealers Report - January/February

What a fabulous summer it has been, lots of great weather for riding.

We have been busy at the Dealership with events etc. We had the launch of the "Street" motorcycle, a very well attended event and the new model has been very popular. A great day was had with American hot dogs, thank you to all who came and supported the event and we hope you enjoy your new ride if you purchased the new "Street"

The Chapter continue to have great and well attended rides, safe rides, and the feedback we get at the Dealership is always very positive. We are in the process of completing our Marketing Calendar for 2015, we have some new and some tried and true events diared for this year. Can't wait, please if you are not on our database please email your details, in particular your email address so that you can be notified of the events as some unfortunately have to be limited numbers.

The Iron Run in Queenstown is nearly upon us and it is promising to be a great event. Everything is in place now and we look forward to seeing you down there. Registrations are almost double to prior Rallys so the new format must appeal. We have been extremely busy in the Service department with the usual checkovers, services, tyres etc for customers attending the event. I am sure it won't disappoint. Safe riding and most of all enjoy the ride.

We still have a good range of wet weather gear, gaiters and luggage if you need these items for the trip.

Look forward to seeing you in the Dealership.

Take care out there, "Ride and have fun"

The team at Road and Sport.

Runs Calendar

MARCH

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION/EVENT	TIME	ROAD CAPTAIN	T.E.C
14th - 19th	Sat - Thurs	Pre Rally ride to Queenstown	8.30am	Steve	tba
20th - 21st	Frid - Sat	Iron Run, Rally			
22nd - 29th	Sun - Sun	Post Rally ride to Hamilton	tba	tba	tba

APRIL

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION/EVENT	TIME	ROAD CAPTAIN	T.E.C
3rd - 6th	Frid - Mond	Easter Weekend			
3rd - 6th	Frid - Mond	Boundary Ride, departing Mt Maunganui	9.30am		
5th	Sunday	Daylight Saving ends	2.00am		
15th	Wednesday	Chapter Gathering			
19th	Sunday	Clevedon	10.30am	Brian	Dave/Kevin
25th	Saturday	ANZAC (observed Monday 27th)			

Chapter Gathering - Wednesday 21st January



We had a small group of thirteen people and five bikes at the recent Chapter gathering at Te Koutu Lake in Cambridge, on Wednesday 21st January. It was a nice relaxed catch up with fellow members over take-aways, in the late summer evening.

Cheers, Paul and Mel Hooker.



Rob & Carol's dinng friends.



Evening ride - Matamata - Wednesday 7th January

We left Road & Sport at 6pm, led by Steve with "head road captain" Julia on the back. There were about nine bikes. We had the Horse and Jockey in Matamata in our sights. The evening conditions were really great and made the riding fantastic. We arrived at our destination and there was a great turn out from the Bay, which made the total number of bikes approximately nineteen. We had a bit of a wait for our meals but everyone used the time to catch up with each other so I don't think it was a problem. We said our goodbyes and arrived back in Hamilton approximately at 9.30pm.

Trev Savage.



Blast from The Past - The Chapter's History

Hi all,

It is February 1998

Our chapter is hosting the 9th National H.O.G Rally, the last weekend in November. Many of our chapter members are busy working at making sure all allocated jobs are being completed, to ensure a successful event. A special fax was sent out to all chapters to let everyone know that Wille G and Bill Davidson and their wives would be attending the 1998 Australian National HOG Rally in Surfers Paradise this year.

Up coming rides and events

22nd Feb
Paeroa Street Races

8th March
Child Cancer Toy Run

21st-22nd March
Awakeri Hot Springs – Overnight Ride

Monthly Puzzle

1. A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays three days, then leaves on Friday. How did he do it?
2. What grows down while it grows up?
3. Mary's father has 4 children; three are named Nana, Nene and Nini. So what is the 4th child's name?
4. No sooner spoken than broken what is it?

Cheree Weir
Historian

Answers on page 7

Paeroa ride - Wednesday 4th February

It was a wee dilemma: mid-week Paeroa ride starting from Road & Sport at 6pm, but finishing work at Kinleith at 6pm. Even with my very basic maths skills it did not add up, a very rapid trip home was called for assisted by an early finish So:

Away I went at warp factor 8, only to find I was still running late,
phoned up Deane, "what should I do?", He said wait at Mangateparu,
even with a big twist of the wrist I got to the spot to find that I'd missed,
so on I went all solo and quick until Te Aroha road and a big oil slick,
50 more horsepower to help on my trip disappeared right smart when the tyre found some grip,
and slippery spots I found plenty more until I met with the others at the pub in Paeroa.

I picked out a seat and went for a beer as the Bay folk arrived, but what did I hear?
an annoying wee song most people don't like, the Harleys had set off the alarm on my bike,
oh well I thought it'll turn itself off, and returned to the table in time for a scoff,
the meal was great and the company too with talk of rides done and rides yet to do,
then came a call from a rowdy girls table, we'd like a biker in our pic if you are able,
another dilemma what should I do, a 2 second decision and I started to move,
they wanted my body, I wouldn't have lied, or was it just the clothes of cow hide?
they were VERY friendly but meant me no harm that table of cheery girls out from the farm.

Back to our table to finish my ale surrounded by mild threats of blackmail,
no worry folks I'll be telling my wife, I don't want my bits to meet a sharp knife!
then with hugs and kisses and tough biker stuff Deane said time to go folks it is late enough,
25 or so people and 18 or so bikes got ready to head away home in the night,
thanks Tail End Charlies and thanks to Deane too, for another great mid-week ride we could do.

Weta (the betta)
John Burr



Lakes Ride - Sunday 11th January



(I should get a lotto ticket, the way I'm winning these vouchers!) Well, we left Road & Sport after Brian had his brief about things to look out for on the trip. Once again not sure how many left Road & Sport but by the time we caught up with the Bay people at our first destination, we had 34 bikes. That was at the Rhubarb Café in Arapuni. The weather was amazing once again.

After we left Hamilton and arrived in Cambridge, Brian took us on a sightseeing trip around the streets of Leamington, which I think was a tactical ploy to allow the Bay people time to get to the café at the same time as us. Once we found our 'direction' we were on our way out through Rotorangi and Puhue, across my old haunting ground, the Arapuni Dam, for morning tea. For the number of people in our group, they did well to get everyone fed and watered so quickly.

We left there and went on the Old Taupo Road through the back of Tokoroa, past the Whakamaru lakes and out to the No.1 highway at Atiamuri (another old haunting ground). The road was great. We went past Upper Atiamuri and came on the back road into Rotorua where we went to the Lakeside Café for lunch.

This again was a great time to catch up. Some people I hadn't seen on rides for a while, so that was excellent. The manager of the Lakeside had taken a shine to Mark's red V-Rod and Darren's Breakout orange bikes and gave them a cap each. (I don't know how much they paid him!!). After every one had said their goodbyes we went our own ways to the Bay/Waikato, full of memories of the friends we had caught up with and the laughs we had shared.

Thanks for the memories people; ride safe and enjoy life.
Trev Savage

ASMA - Accident Scene Management

The ASMA (Accident Scene Management) course has been postponed till later in the year. We will advise of the new date when we have secured this with the trainers. Can I please ask that you start thinking about this course now.

Thanks to those who had put their names forward and securing your place by payment, I do hope you will be as excited to attend this course later during the winter months, as you were for the February date.

Safety Officer
Deane

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.



New Plymouth Lights Weekend - 17th - 18th January



Saturday 17th January started out nice and fine - pity it didn't stay that way!

We met at Road and Sport bright and early at 8.30am, 3 bikes arrived from the Bay - they had an even earlier start! We were all ready to go after our briefing from Deane, our Road Captain for the weekend, and 1 late bike pulled up - damn work! We headed out through Temple View to pick Steve and Julia up on the side of the road - we had 15 bikes in all and 24 people in total.

Our morning tea stop was at Boscos in Te Kuiti, with Taumarunui being our fuel stop and a stretch. The skies were looking a bit dark so most put on their wet weather gear. We were heading up the almost forgotten highway to Whangamomona Hotel for lunch. The road was damp and just a slight drizzle to start off with, the drizzle got heavier as we hit the 12km of gravell! 1 stupid camper stopped on the road and we had to negotiate around him, up and over the loose metal. We stopped on the Taumarunui side of the tunnel and it was good to see that everybody made it through upright!

Lunch at Whangamomona Hotel was lovely, all done and dusted, weather improved. Some riders had come up from New Plymouth area and said it was pretty wet travelling up. We must have timed it right, because the rain disappeared, but the road was still pretty slippery in places.

We had another fuel stop and stretch at Stratford and then we

were off, straight to the motel, at which we arrived at approx. 4.00pm

It was good to get off the bike and relax, I had been pretty uptight throughout the ride, but a couple of drinks sorted me out. After we had relaxed and wound down, we headed to the New Plymouth Club for dinner at 6.00pm. What a view from the deck, right out across the sea.

After dinner we walked to Puketarata park to see the lights, and what a surprise, not only the lights, but also a couple of bands were playing. We had a good wonder through the park and then headed back to the motel at about 9.30pm. After a cuppa in the Wrays room, it was off to bed.

Sunday dawned nice, fine and hot. We headed off after our briefing at 9.30pm to Mokau.

It was a great ride, hardly any traffic. After the break at Mokau we headed up state Highway 3 to Otorohanga to the Thirsty Weta, where we had our next break. From here we all dispersed, the Bay people headed out through Putaruru, and the Waikato lot heading off at various times.

What a great weekend, I thoroughly recommend these over nighters, you get to enjoy the company of fellow bikers, new and old.

A lovely weekend away, great people.

Wendy Legg

Riding with a Pillion

Riding your Harley alone is fun, but sometimes it can be even more fun to share it with someone, or, maybe you might just need to take someone somewhere. But whatever the reason, riding with a pillion has its own set of rules and customs.

Remember when you have a pillion, the safety of your passenger is in your hands. So always be responsible. Give your passenger a safety "lesson" - a list of do's and don'ts.

Before Riding Off

Always ensure that your pillion is properly equipped; helmet and jacket are the minimum; gloves, riding jeans and good riding boots are also very important. Do remember that in a 'situation', your passenger probably won't see what is happening, they won't see it coming, so, they are unable to brace. The better their body is protected the safer it is for them.

Tell them the following:

> Getting on or off the motorbike; always check with the rider first. The bike is suddenly going to gain, or, loose weight, which in turn will destabilise the bike. If the rider is not prepared, then the bike, rider and pillion are going to go down.

> Sit straight, don't lean to one side; when going into corners or curves especially, sit straight and tilt your head to look over

the rider's shoulder that is inside the corner or curve. By tilting your head to the biker's shoulder, the centre of gravity remains the same, doing the opposite - leaning your whole body to one side, means the bike will wobble.

> No fidgeting; when riding at low speeds, or in between lanes, do not fidget in your seat. Until you have reached gyroscopic speed, the bike will not be stable. Fidgeting will cause the bike to wobble, and will more than likely go down.

> No sudden movements; moving a little is fine, but no sudden or jerky movements. The rider will not be prepared to counter this. You can look back, but only from the waist up.

> Explain some basic signals and communication; it's up to you to "invent" them, but you could say, "two taps on the shoulder means slow down" or, "a shoulder squeeze means I need to stop". Tell them waving is fine, but all other communication to other vehicles is up to the rider.

It is entirely up to you, as the rider, what your safety do's and don'ts are, but remember, "live to ride, ride to live" and enjoy every moment on your Harley.

Deane, Safety Officer



Coromandel Loop - Sunday 15th February

At 8am sharp we departed Tauriko with seven bikes heading to Road and Sport for the de-brief and to meet the Waikato riders. After the de-brief our first stop was at The Kopu Station Hotel for refreshments then onto Coromandel, what a fantastic ride with beautiful views. When we arrived in Coromandel Town there were 36 bikes in total a few joining us along the way. It was fantastic riding weather and it was a slightly cooler day than what we had been having so it was most enjoyable. For those of us that sit on the back the scenery was magnificent along the coast from Thames to Coromandel Town.

At Coromandel there was one rider that accidentally put diesel in his bike. The bowsers all look the same (91,95 and Diesel) beware. Luckily the only damage was to the rider's image.

We pulled into Whitianga for lunch at the Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club just before 2pm. There were a few grumbling tums and lunch was ordered. We started at number 42 and ended with number 70, when it took half an hour for the first 6 meals to be handed out we knew that it was going to be a long wait for lunch but we didn't expect the last meal to come out at 4pm. There were no complaints about the quality of the food only the time it took to get it. Ash had contacted the Fishing club regarding our numbers and estimated time of arrival, poor service from the fishing club but it gave us all plenty of time to chin-wag and tell of few porkies.

Finally we hit the road again and the Waikato riders went home over the Kopu-Hikuais and the Bay riders headed through Whangamata. There was no time for

goodbyes on the side of the road. The Waikato riders were led by Trev and I hope they didn't need a toilet/coffee stop as Trev wasn't stopping. Ash stopped at the Waihi BP so the Bay riders could have a stretch and a coffee. My words were that Ash is a ££#%? legend.

I now know why the "Coromandel Loop" is voted one of the best motorcycling rides in New Zealand. After riding 530km's we finally got home at 8.15pm, a long but excellent day, totally looking forward to the next one. Also it was great to see new faces on the ride to add to the old familiar ones.

Thanks to Ash for organising the ride and a thank you to all road captains and tail end Charlie's on the day.

Nigel & Shirley Hesford

Ladies of Harley - Saturday 22nd February

Saturday 22nd dawned wet wet wet!!

We rode over to Road and Sport in the rain, waited for fellow riders to arrive. Ash waited at Tauriko for anyone from the BOP - no one arrived so he decided to go home and wash his bike!!

Meantime in Hamilton, 4 hardy riders arrived which made 6 bikes in total - we decided to ride to Bryces Café at Wharepapa for morning tea and see what the weather looked like.

After a lovely cup of coffee and piece of cake we decided the weather wasn't getting any better and decided that Taupo wasn't an option, so we headed back home through Horahora.

It was good to test out our wet weather gear and our riding qualities before heading down south.

Thanks Julie, Mat and Mark for your company - also Graham for turning up.

Wendy and Brian Legg

Answers:

1. His horse's name is Friday

2. A goose

3. Mary

4. Silence

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 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

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

You can also access this site through www.hog.com Upon entering 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) 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

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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.

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Women's Chapter T-Shirt \$20.00



HOG Badge \$20.00



Chapter Rocker \$20.00

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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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