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Director's Blog - Winter 2015

Welcome to my Winter Blog for 2015.
For those of you that were unable to attend the AGM on the 20th of June, I was appointed Director for a further term. I was joined by a great team of people that make up the Executive Officers. Everyone has continued on in their respective roles from the past year. The evening was extra special with a guest from Harley Davidson attending and saying a few words. Gazz is the Customer Experience Manager for Australia and New Zealand and he was so pleased to attend our AGM that he put a bar tab for everyone that attended. A big thanks to Gazz for this generosity and thanks also to Shelley and Barry and the rest of the family for attending.

Welcome onboard to our new Road Captains, Wendy Legg and Paul Hooker. They have both joined the group of Road Captains looking after our members on the rides.

I attended a Directors meeting in Wellington a couple of days after the AGM. This is the third time this meeting has been held and it's so interesting to hear about the other Chapters and their good and bad points. I am pleased to advise that we as a Chapter have our objectives in a good place. There was a lot of discussion about the Iron Run, the positives, and points of improvement for Paihia. The Dealers represented at the meeting passed on that all five Dealerships have worked extremely hard to formulate what now is a very popular yearly event. I hope you have all booked some accommodation for 11-12 March next year and if not, get on to it sooner rather than later. It will be another great event.

There are now only five Authorised Harley Davidson Dealerships in New Zealand. The Wellington dealership has undergone change and is no longer in the city or dealing with Harley Davidson. The Wellington Chapter has been adopted by HOG Australia for the interim until a long term arrangement can be made.

That's about it for me in this issue so……

Until next time, keep upright and safe.
Steve

Runs Calendar

JULY

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION/EVENT	TIME	ROAD CAPTAIN	T.E.C
11	Saturday	Orientation	9.30am		
11	Saturday	Rotorua	10.30am	Steve	Bruce
15	Wednesday	BOP Dinner	6.30pm		
26	Sunday	Thames	10.30am	Mark S	Mark G & Chris

AUGUST

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION/EVENT	TIME	ROAD CAPTAIN	T.E.C
16	Sunday	Bay of Plenty	10.30am	Paul H	Matt, Julie & Paul
19	Wednesday	Chapter Gathering Mid Year Christmas Dinner	TBA		
29 - 30	Sat - Sund	Hicks Bay Weekender	8.00am	Mark	TBA

BOP Dinner - 13th May

The BOP dinner was a great success with 18 Hoggie friends getting together for dinner at The Barrio Brothers in Mount Maunganui.
Not only was the food delish we also got 2 for the price of 1 meals....Score! Was great to see Mark & Donna come over from the Waikato to add to what was a fun night out.
Hope to see a good crew again at the next dinner on July 15th....venue to be advised.
Chris Wray
BOP Area Co-Ordinator

Matamata Ride - 2nd May

Headed off to the Redoubt Bar and Eatery in Matamata through Scotsman Valley. We had a very nice lunch and catch up, 16 bikes and 20 members – awesome turnout. We had three new members that had just done their Orientation join us for the ride. After lunch we headed home down the state highway.
The bar owners took a couple of photos – so next time you are in there look for us on their tv monitor

Brian Legg

Port Waikato ride - 17th May 2015

RC Steve and TEC John Challoner
The weather forecast was fantastic and consequently we had a great turnout, 33 bikes, 1 car and 47 people. It was great to see quite a number of new faces.
The plan was to head to Ngaruawahia and on out past Waingaro to the Western Highway. We looked forward to this as it is a great road with lots of twisties. Turned off to head toward Nikau Caves and Café. Different route to what some thought and became increasingly interesting, particularly when encountering gravel roads. Thank goodness it still lead us to our destination. Nikau Café was a beautiful and unique setting (out in the sticks), to sit and catch up with friends over lunch.
Tummies full we headed off once again in the sunshine to Port Waikato. We stopped for a break and a group photo at the Port Waikato Life Saving Club. A number of people really enjoyed this as they had never been there before. This was where our official ride finished. Steve lead us back to Pokeno, some stopped for an ice-cream and gas, others carried on home.
All and all a great days riding and catching up with everyone.
Kelly Comins

Queens Birthday Weekend, Kerikeri - May 30th - 1st June

Destination	Kerikeri Northland	People	Seventeen	Distance	Approx 780kms
Bikes	Twelve	Lead	Ash	Tail End Charlie	Chris and Brian

First stop Pokeno for breakfast, after leaving Road and Sport at 8.30am on a crisp fine but foggy morning.
The hot coffees were appreciated, especially by those with out heated grips. Leaving the fog behind and joining the growing amount of traffic, the next stop was just past Auckland for gas and to ditch some layers, as by now it was getting warm. Just ten minutes down the road was our lunch stop at Puhoi. Always a good friendly place to stop, as you can tell by the number of people that eat there.
Heading north and having a good run till about 100kms from Kerikeri, now we're putting our wets on, as per usual one more short shower then no rain till we arrived at our nice modern central motel at Kerikeri, at around 3.30pm.
After unpacking and sitting on something that wasn't moving for awhile, it was off to the RSA for tea. Everyone enjoyed their meal and the friendly service, even the two that thought they might like to try somewhere else, one heavy shower of rain later saw them back having another look at the menu.
Sunday had us waking up to the sound of rain, and a thunder and lightning show. Both had mostly passed by mid morning, when six headed to Russell for lunch at the local pub before looking around, having a mostly fine day. The far more sensible rest headed up town for breakfast, and some retail therapy.
Kerikeri is surprisingly big, having a great range of shops (even shoe shops) As the day still wasn't too flash we taxied out to the Marsden estate winery, for some wine tasting and a leisurely lunch, certainly a great way to spend a dreary day. Just time for a quick power nap before heading out to tea. Another local restaurant in walking distance, Thai this time. The meal took a little while to arrive, but was certainly worth the wait, yummy.
Eight o'clock saw us heading out of town in a fine but foggy Monday. Ten minutes into the trip Ash was sideswiped, doing a great job of keeping the bike on the road, sadly the pukeko wasn't so lucky. Coming out of the fog in time for our breakfast stop, which was at the local pie shop in Waipu, I would say they were very pleased to see us.
Traveling south on the main road then turned off towards Helensville, this road was made for us, nice flowing corners, little traffic, and scenic thrown in as well. After refuelling at Helensville we joined the busy traffic heading into Auckland, though it was flowing at a good pace.
You can't beat Pokeno bacon, so our last stop for lunch was at Mercer. After enjoying our lunch and talking over the weekend, we all said our goodbyes. Heading back on the main road, thinking what a great time we had, as the group took their separate turn offs home.
Colin McDonald

Is it Friday yet?
I want to ride!

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

Iron Run 2016 Announced
Paihia, New Zealand
11-12 March, 2016

Following the success of the first Iron Run 2015, it is with the greatest of pleasure that we announce the details for Iron Run 2016.
Paihi, New Zealand
11 - 12 March 2016

This is a beautiful location in the Bay of Islands in the far north of the North Island. It is located close to the historic towns of Russell and Kerikeri, 60 kilometres north of Whangarei.

The website **Ironrun.co.nz** will be updated as and when more details become available. Be sure to visit the website and register your interest so that we can keep you updated.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Gaz Luxmoore
Customer Experience Manager

Waihi ride - Sunday 14th June 2015

Hi! As you can see, I am the unlucky recipient of a crooked dealt hand of cards!

The wind blew strongly during the night so it was a matter of opening the curtains in the morning to have a visual weather forecast for the day. It wasn't looking that bright, however, after a quick read of the paper and a coffee, it was decided the worst that can happen is to get wet!
After putting the appropriate gear on, it was time to depart Cambridge for the 1030hr meet and greet at Road Sport. A bit of drizzle on the way, but nothing too serious at this stage. The Shell Service station in Hamilton East was the next port of call to ensure the bike had a full tank. Low and behold, here was the BOP Team filling up as well. After a quick "Hi", they left to make sure they were at Road and Sport in plenty of time.

The road Captain for the ride was Brian Legg. After a briefing of what was to happen throughout the journey, 9 bikes headed off at 1030hrs. The direction the group was heading looked ominous with plenty of dark and threatening clouds rolling in on the strong westerly. The idea was to pick one bike up on the way at Mangateparu so the group wound its way out through Gordonton and onto Tauhei Road. The group was joined at the Mangateparu/ Morrinsville intersection.

The clouds to the North did not look inviting but our fearless Road Captain decided to head towards them, even though our destination was in the opposite direction! After a gentle meander through Tahuna in the drizzle, it was then back onto SH27 heading in the right direction.

A special greeting had been arranged for the group on entering Paeroa and after being warned by the flashing of headlights coming in the opposite direction, two uniformed gentleman had the road blocked in both directions and were doing vehicle checks. The group was quickly identified as law abiding citizens (some with a few kilometres on the clock than others!) and was waived through.

The Karangahake Gorge welcomed the group with some moderate rain but the trip was done in style and with no issues. A quick refuel at the BP in Waihi town (and use of the amenities by some) and the group was once again on its way. Left into Waihi Beach road, right at the roundabout in the Waihi Beach settlement, along Seaforth Road, into Emerton Road and the destination was reached.

Steve, Julia and son were already at the venue so after saying hi it was time to order. The food was great (and the place was busy). Well, one has to have a large pancake when in the Pancake Den, doesn't one??!! There were 16 for lunch so a good turnout. After the exchange of war stories and other important gossip, it was time to saddle up and head off. There were a few showers on the way as the group made its way back through the Athenree Gorge and then onto the Old Tauranga Road. There was a new leader of the pack on the homeward journey and Wendy Legg helped to Leg it back home.

Back through the Karangahake Gorge, through to Te Aroha, straight on through to the Old Te Aroha Road and eventually stopping at the Te Poi Tavern. Some left the group along the way. After a drink it was time to say the farewells and everybody went their separate ways. A very pleasant ride and great company.

Jim Wiles

Chapter AGM

Thank you to those who attended the Chapter's AGM, Saturday 20th June held at Shenanigans Bar, Victoria Street, Hamilton. It was good to see such a great turn out of members.
You will be pleased to know that Steven Richardson is staying on as Director and that there are no changes in the Executive committee for the 2015-2016 year.
Gaz Luxmoore, Customer Experience Manager, H-D Australia attended the AGM. He told us how successful the 2015 Iron Run was and how great the 2016 Iron run is going to be, Paihi, 11 - 12 March 2016.
Check out the website www.**Ironrun.co.nz, this** will be updated as and when more details become available. Be sure to visit the website and register your interest so that you can be kept updated.

Road and Sport's Annual

HOG ROAST

and GARAGE SALE

Saturday 4th July 2015
9am 'til 3pm

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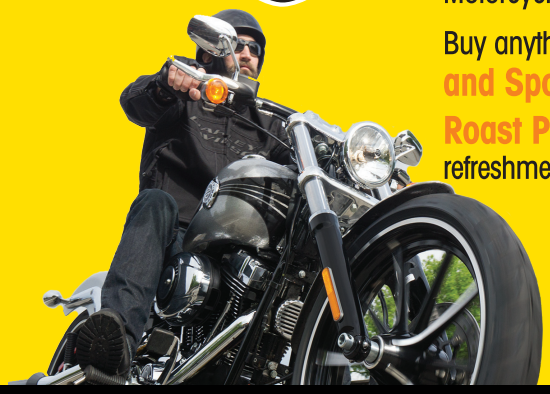

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NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION

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

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.

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

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