

**WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY
HOG Chapter 9104**

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Arapuni Ride

3rd May 2014



Hello, to my fellow club members, my name is Nigel and I'm a new member.

It's the 3rd of May a ride to Arapuni, sweet! But first its orientation for me, we head upstairs at Road and Sport I meet Roy, Deane and Ash. Ok so they talked about the way we should ride in formation and so on and other hints to make the ride fun and safe. I found this all very helpful and interesting.

Ok know for the ride. Seventeen bikes are gathered for the ride, Deane is RC, Julie and Matt the TEC. We head out of Hamilton toward Te Awamutu nice piece of road with a small bit of fresh seal just out of Glenview, cruise though T A heading towards Kihikihi, sun is shining what a great site seeing all the bike cruising together. Turn on to Arapuni Road which has a nice mix of corners and straights before I know it we cruising past the Dam and a few locals doing a bit of fishing. Just up the road we park up at Arapuni Village and head down to the old swing bridge we all walk across to the other side, shit it gets a bit of a rock on with 20 odd people on it. Then we head to the Rhubarb Café it was a nice place to stop for a bit of a bite to eat and drink, Deane decides it's time to do the prize draw of the day, we all get to pick a card then whom ever gets the Joker or closest to it wins a T-shirt of a petrol voucher, it must have been beginners luck because yep you guessed it, my card was the Joker, Cheers for the new shirt.

Back on the bikes time to head to Hamilton, heading down Horahora Road we followed the river back to turn onto State highway one, cruised though Cambridge a few bikes broke away to make their own way home while the rest of us carried on to Road and Sport. All in all a good days ride meet some great people and I'm looking forward to catching up on my next ride.

Cheers Nigel Vincent



Arapuni Ride Photos



Runs Calendar

JULY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Destination/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Road Captain</u>	<u>T.E.C</u>
5th	Saturday	Rangiriri	1.00pm	Deane	Brian Legg Wendy Legg
9th	Wednesday	Chapter Gathering			
12th	Saturday	Orientation	11.00am		
20th	Sunday	Nikau Caves Café	10.30am	Mark	Trevor Savage

AUGUST

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Destination/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Road Captain</u>	<u>T.E.C</u>
10th	Sunday	Whangamata	10.30am	Steve	John Bur Len Smith
13th	Wednesday	BOP Dinner	6.30pm		
30th - 31st	Saturday	Awakeri Hot Springs	--	Steve	

Jail End Charlie Report

18 May 2014

We left Road and Sport with a total of 18 bikes and headed off into the country for a nice scenic ride through Puketaha and zig zag through Tauhei, Tahuna to Paeroa where we had a bottle stop photo opportunity.

It's probably about now that some of you who went on the ride are starting to wonder what ride I was on. As it really went like this – left Hamilton only to see 2 possibly up to 4 bikes in front at anyone time as to the amount of fog we encountered, but I like to look at it as any ride you are on is a great day.

We left Paeroa in brilliant sunshine and headed off to Waihi Beach and as TEC I stopped twice, as those that will remain nameless had a wardrobe malfunction. We travelled to a destination that even after 14 years in HOG I had never been to. Who knew that the Flip 'n' Bear was even there which is where we had lunch and this was excellent. Menu and service great.

Counted bikes at lunch stop which was 26 bikes.

Steve lead well with a good pace that held everyone together and those spoken to enjoyed the ride.

Headed for home and another destination ticked off.



Len Smith



Ngatea Ride

15th June 2014

Hi fellow Hoggies,

For me, this ride started from Papamoa at 8.45am, riding over the Kaimais to Road & Sport. After a chilly but dry ride I arrived there about 10 minutes before we were to leave for our ride to Ngatea at 10.30am.

After our good mornings to each other, Rick, our road captain for the day, gave us welcome & a brief on our route. Just after 10.30am, we were on our way heading through Hamilton East, Morrinsville and on route to Te Aroha for a morning tea break at Ironique. With 20 Harleys in tow and myself as tail-end charlie, we arrived in Te Aroha about 11.30am. Just after our arrival Ash rode in with some fellow riders from the BOP.

We enjoyed coffee and did the card draw which was won by yours truly.

Shortly after 12.00 noon, 26 Harleys departed Te Aroha for a 45 minute ride to the Copper Kettle in Ngatea for lunch. On route to Paeroa it was very impressive to see the flooding from the recent rains.

Arriving in Ngatea we had lunch & coffee at the Copper Kettle, or for some, their choice was Subway. After warming up and a good chat it was time to head home. As I was going home with the BOP guys, Brian took over the tail-end charlie role. Heading east out of Ngatea, we took the Canal road on route towards Highway 27. Turning left onto Highway 27, heading south, the Hamilton riders turned right at the Tahuna turn off and the BOP riders carried on towards Okororie and then back over the Kaimais. The day was dry but not very tropical, so it was great to see so many Harleys out for the day in June. So, with that, sticky side down & shiny side up.



Kevin Mitchell (Tail-end Charlie)



Queen's Birthday weekend, Paihia

31st May—2nd June 2014

Saturday

Road Captain: Roy Kinnaird. Tailend Charlie: Chris & Tina Wray
20 bikes, 1 car and 30 individuals.

The sun was shining, blue skies overhead, a great group of bikers and a long weekend ahead of us, what more could anyone ask for?

We departed from Road & Sport at 9.30am, Sat 31st May, Queens Birthday Weekend.



Our first stop was Mercer for a quick stretch. It was here Peter Holt discovered his muffler was in danger of falling off, not wanting to risk further problems he thought it prudent to head back to Hamilton for a quick weld. Thanks to Supreme Panel and Paint, Daniel was able to oblige and it wasn't long before he and Sue were back on track and making their way back up country to re-join the group, meanwhile we had continued on to Puhoi for a leisurely lunch and quick poke around the boutique shops, two in all.



Then it was on to Paihia for the afternoon, arriving at 3.30pm We pulled into the Kingsgate Motel, which is right on the waterfront, although our rooms were not waterfront it was great to be so close to the sea and the view from the dinning lounge/bar was amazing.

Of course the day is not complete without a quick car park ale and debrief of the day's activities and it was agreed by all, what a great start to our weekend.

Much to our surprise also staying near the Kingsgate were more Hog Members Dennis, Fleur, Ken and Diane, who had driven up for a weekend away. It was great to catch up with these guys, maybe next time they will choose to ride on two wheels.



Having taken advantage of happy hour we wandered down the road for dinner at Jimmy Jacks Rib Shack and you guessed it there were plenty of ribs on the menu.



When we returned to the Kingsgate and started to turn in for the night, a disturbance erupted, unfortunately we were mistaken for some real mean bikies and a commotion broke out with some neighbouring residents at the Kingsgate. Thank goodness for Peter Hill who managed to calm the waters, the heavies were called in and when the police arrived, they were a little disappointed to find a room full of "weekend warriors" sipping on tea and coffee, instead of a troublesome bikie gang!!!

Sunday

We awoke to yet another beautiful day, how lucky is that? Sunday was a day of choices. This was open for anyone to do whatever they chose. And so it was - Wendy and Brian were up early and first out of the blocks, heading off to Cape Regina in the far north.

Janice and Deane chose to take a leisurely ride up the coast. Mark Sylvester settled for some R & R on the waterfront, enjoying coffee and soaking up the sun.

Roy offered a loop ride across the middle of the island through the Hokianga and back to Paihia via Kaikohe, which the balance of the group decided to take up. Hinemoa ditched the car and donned her riding gear, Nick was happy to have sis along for the ride.

So here's a question, when and how does the second half of a group start out behind the first half and arrive at the midway point of the ride, at least half an hour ahead of the first half?



We headed out from Paihia in pursuit of Kohukohu, where we were to catch the 11.00 am ferry to Rawene, a couple of quick turns off the main road and hello we had lost the second half of our group, oophs!! Well we waited, we listened, we sent out our scout Peter Holt but to no avail!!! Feeling rather per-

plexed and saddened by the thought of now being only half the group we started out as, we made the decision to carry on. Running a little late we arrived in Kohukohu just before 11.30am, fortunately the ferry goes every half hour so we didn't have long to wait for the next one. Kohukohu is a beautiful little remote village which is locked in time. About 1950 I think! A little piece of yester year, but very beautiful.



We had thought our missing second half might turn up while we waited for the ferry, but no! Oh dear we'll just have to carry on without them. So onto the ferry we went and headed across the Hokianga Harbour to Rawene. As the ferry got closer to Rawene, we looked over to a café on the waterfront and hello! Who is sitting there waving out and looking like they had been there for quite some time, yes it was our missing second half. All looking very pleased with themselves.

Well what a relief, we really didn't want to have all that fun without them, haha!!

After a coffee, a bite and a stroll around Rawene, reunited we moved onto Opononi home of Opio the dolphin. I can see why Opio loved this particular spot. Beautiful blue seas lapping up to the road side. For some this was time for fish and chips while we relaxed and took in the beautiful sea vista.

Back on the bikes and off down the winding road that weaved its way through the beautiful kauri forest. We stopped for a short walk through the bush to see Tane Mahuta, the worlds oldest Kauri tree. What a majestic lady. Nick seemed to be having some trouble with the wild life that seemed to be attracted to his bike. He had to dodge a ferrat that ran out in front of him, fight off a kingfisher the size of a turkey, I'm sure that's what he said!! The road opened up, out onto open farmland as we made our way south, keeping an eye out



for our preselected turn off, Marlborough Rd, this would take us back towards Paihia, well it would have had we seen it before we passed it by. With nowhere to safely turn around and it was after all a beautiful day and everyone was enjoying the riding, it was heads down with the lookout for the next opportunity to turn inland towards Kaikohe which would take us back to Paihia. The time arose to enlist the help of a GPS, step up Rob, can you take us through to Kaikohe? Well feeling like we were back on track with Rob leading from the front we arrived in Daragville. Daragville!! What happened to Kaikohe, after a welcome refuel Kaikohe was next on the list.

The ride through to Kaikohe was a great stretch of long winding and meandering road. It wasn't long and we were back at the Kingsgate for our usual carpark ale and debrief.

The ride was enjoyed by all, similar to riding in the south island, not much traffic, very scenic, nice corners, only down side was a bit of sun strike with the sun going down as the afternoon wore on.

Dinner was at the Kingsgate where we enjoyed a great smorgasbord, plenty for all. With a big day behind us and feeling pretty satisfied most headed off for an early night.

Monday, started out ok, a little overcast, nothing to worry about, really!! Until Deane reported on the weather conditions in Auckland, yip its hosing down!!!

Well we can't go around it, so we'll have to go through it, and off we set. We took a short stop in Kawakawa to refuel and the ladies checked out the famous toilets.

The rain came up the road to meet us as we left Kawakawa and stayed with us until we arrived in Warkworth. That was pretty treacherous conditions, so it was a slow steady ride to Warkworth.

Fortunately that was the end of the rain, we enjoyed a nice lunch break and strolled down to the river harbour before getting back on the road. Plain sailing from here, we enjoyed a good stretch along the motorway. We parted company with Ash and the Tauranga crew at Takanini and the remainder carried on home to toward Hamilton and beyond.

Just over 1000kms under the belt, a very satisfying weekend. Great Fun, Great Company. Thanks Roy for putting together and delivering a great weekend.



Written by Michelle Kinnaird





You are invited to join the Chapter and take part in a Rider Safety course at Whenuapai Airforce Base on Sunday 21st September. The cost is \$60 per bike with a minimum of 10 bikes and a maximum of 20 bikes. Once we send out the flyer with more details it will be on a first in basis.

The course will include, exercises in motorcycle control, counter steering, including its use for cornering, as well as exercises in braking just to name a few There will also be non-riding segments including theory of motorcycle control, techniques of motorcycle riding, position on the roads etc. The course organisers suggest to bring a pillion if you normally ride 2 up, as it is better to learn, to practice and complete the course with your pillion as this is how you normally ride.

If this is something that you may be interested in, please email Deane safety@waikatobophog.co.nz to express your interest.



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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 to show your interest in this course. Once we have an idea of numbers we can look at dates. Please bear in mind that there is a significant cost for this course, but what cost do you put on a life?



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Rangiriri

5th July 2014

It started out as a bit of a miserable day weather wise, I was secretly hoping this ride would be cancelled but in the end I'm glad it wasn't.

Deane was the RC for the ride and after the pre-ride brief, we'd geared up and were ready to leave when it was pointed out that the rear tyre on our bike was quite flat - and, before you think it, no, it wasn't because of the weight of having a pillion lol. Everyone waited patiently while this was rectified and in no time at all we were on our way heading up the main road to Ngaruawahia. Turning left, we crossed the Waikato river and followed this north through west Huntly, passed the Huntly Power Station and up to the Glen Murray bridge and we made our way to the Rangiriri Hotel.

After the card draw (well, a paper draw really), a few drinks, some hot chips and of course some great company, it was time to mount our bikes and head back to Hamilton, straight down the motorway turning off to our respected homes.

I am sure there wouldn't be many bikes that weren't cleaned before being put away in the garage that night. Before crossing over the Glen Murray bridge we came across some road works. And it wasn't only the bikes needed cleaning, boot, jeans, and even the back of some of the jackets were covered in mud due to there not being a lot of shingle on the road and the mornings rain.

All in all, another great ride and as always, great company.

Janice Blaikie



Annual General Meeting

1st June 2014

2014 - 2015 Executive Committee

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bruce Robinson who was the highest bidder of the silent auction at the AGM. The above Harley Davidson wall plaque will now be found hanging in prize place in Bruce's house. Well done Bruce!

Information for New Zealand Chapter Members

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.

Friday 20th March 2015

9.00am – 5.00pm – Memorial Hall

- . Registration
- . Merchandise for sale (including Iron Run t-shirts and patches)
- . New bike displays
- . 2015 Demo bikes

1.00pm – location TBA

Organised Chapter rides to:

- . Glenorchy
- . Kingston
- . LOH ride



6.00pm - Steamer Wharf

- . HOG VIP Party* (pre-paid entry only)
- . Night will include:
 - . Entertainment – The Blue Brothers Tribute and Creedence Clear Water Revival Tribute
 - . Evening meal

Saturday 21 March 2015:

8.30am – 5.00pm – Memorial Hall

- . Merchandise for sale (including Iron Run tshirts and patches)
- . New bike displays
- . 2015 Demo bikes

8.30am – 10.15am – Location in Queenstown TBD

- . Thunder Run/Parade line up

10.30am

- . Thunder Run/Parade departs

11.30am

- . Thunder Run arrives in Arrowtown.

11.30am – 1.30pm

- . Main street closed for the Harley-Davidson riders/bikes. Entertainment including 2 local bands to entertain the riders. Riders to make their own way back to Queenstown.

2.30pm – 4.00pm – Queenstown Gardens

- . Bike Show - Queenstown Gardens, in conjunction with the Gibbston Wine and Food Festival.
- . VIP Parking for all Harley-Davidson riders.
- . Entry is free, if members wish to partake in the festival there is a \$20 charge.

6.00pm – until late – 3 bars in Queenstown - TBA

- . 3 bars in Queenstown will be party central for HOG members and Harley-Davidson riders.
- . The 6 New Zealand Harley-Davidson dealers and their Chapters will meet and greet all riders for a fun-filled night .

Sunday 22 March 2015

- . Riders travel safely home

MORE INFORMATION

HOG VIP Night Friday 20th March – Steamer Wharf

- . HOG Members and guest (one per HOG member) are invited to party at Party Central – Steamer Wharf Queenstown from 6.00pm Friday 20th March. The \$60(incGST) (per person) registration fee will include: entry to the Steamer Wharf, dinner, entertainment and a special limited edition Iron Run pin.

Registrations

- . Registrations will be open later this year and will finish 1st February 2015.
- . Registrations will not be done on site at Queenstown.

Website Updates

- . Please log on to ironrun.co.nz regularly to see more updates for this once in a lifetime event.

RENEWING OF YOUR INTERNATIONAL HOG 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 HOG 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 HOG 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 HOG 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 HOG 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 Chapter.



For change of contact details
Secretary in writing with your

please notify the Chapter
new contact details.



Men's Tees - \$20.00

Chapter Rocker - \$20.00



Ladies Tees - \$20.00



HOG Badge - \$20.00



New Members Information

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION - held on the first Saturday of September, November, March, May and July at Road & Sport at 11.00am. 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 meeting departures are from Road & Sport at 9.30am unless otherwise specified. All BOP Rides depart from Coffee Club Bethlehem 9.30 am 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 7.30pm. 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 either posted out to members who have opted for this option or available by email, 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.

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BAY OF PLENTY Rides:

Depart from Coffee Club Bethlehem 9.30am unless otherwise specified.

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.

A guest pillion can attend but not participate in the event.

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