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TAURANGA - PAPAMOA RALLY 2020

Christmas Special – Two Bulletins for December – #96A & 96B

Tauranga/Papamoa Rally: One of the best with 37 entrants – great turn out -- great venue -- Thank you to John Candy & your helpers. We're very fortunate to get 2 rallies in this year!

WELCOME; new members

Mark Cox of Feilding with a 2017 Himalayan
Alastair McIsaac, Palmerston North. 2017 Classic 500
Nihal Goel, Auckland. 2018 Classic 350
Roger Stone, Christchurch. 2020 Classic 350
Stephen Southey. Kapiti. 2020 Himalayan
Jennie Mickleburgh. Te Puke. 2020 Himalayan
Sean Mickleburgh. Te Puke. 2020 Bullet 500 Trials Replica, *Welcome back Sean*
Warren Bray, Pukekohe. 2020 Interceptor
Shagen Ganason, Auckland. 2020 Classic 500
Gary (Stimy) Stimpson, New Plymouth. 2020 Interceptor
Terry O'Connor, Wanganui. 1953 Meteor. *Welcome back Terry*
Alex Dimcheff, Ashurst. 2020 Classic 350 and still has his Flying Flea, *Welcome back Alex*
Ray Ingle, Christchurch. 2017 Bullet Classic 350
Iain Clark, Oamaru. 2020 Classic Chrome 500

The Membership keeps on climbing - 161 to date. Great to have 3 past members joining up again

25TH ANNUAL RALLY --- March 12th to 14th 2021 -- Carterton Holiday Park

The club have booked the three cabins and five tourist flats. We all need to share this accommodation. For accommodation I will be assisting Mal by allocating beds in the cabins. There is an entry form for all entrants to furnish. I'll email the entry form out in word doc. Fill it in and return the form to me - lewmartin.re@gmail.com - copy to Mal malritchie1@hotmail.co.uk
For powered and tent sites go direct to the venue for your bookings.

25TH AGM.Nominations for - Position	Nomination	Proposed
Secretary	Phil Marsh	Lew Martin
Treasurer	William Smith.	Jack Bier
Area rep, Wairarapa	Mal Ritchie	Lew Martin
Area rep, West Coast	Eileen Parker	Cedric Trounson
Any more nominations ??		

Tauranga/Papamoa Rally reports. Thank you to those of you who sent in articles and photos. Also thanks to Eileen Parker for your DGR words and photos.

Thanks to Mal Ritchie, Motorad in Lower Hutt are offering 10% discount on parts & labour.

Bulletin content: I have accumulated much content so have decided you will receive a double dose for December. Also, the next annual rally entry form will be a separate email in word doc. Keep on sending in articles and photos; this club is all about members for members. One can never have enough content, thanks guys.

All the best for Xmas & the New Year

Lew

NZREOR 25TH ANNUAL RALLY

RALLY PROGRAME

Friday 12th

2pm Arrival, settle in.

Those who get there early enough we could take a ride to Stone Henge which is east of Carterton

5pm Drinks

6pm BBQ dinner at the Holiday Park site Kitchen dining room area

Saturday 13th

7am Breakfast Holiday Park,

9:30 photo shoot

10:15 depart venue. Ride to Pointons Museum (**\$8 a head**) north Masterton, from there back roads to Martinborough

Back up vehicle in tow

Lunch Martinborough Square. Coffee shops, Hotel or Winery the choice is yours

1:30pm Depart Martinborough. Ride to Featherston to the Fell Museum

4pm Afternoon tea and AGM at Holiday Park

5:30pm drinks at Carterton Club

6:30 pm Dinner at the Carterton club and drinks

Socialising back at Holiday Park

Sunday 14th

7:00am Breakfast Holiday Park

10:00 am. Departure, Options after departure: Head home or ---

1 Solway A&P grounds to visit VCC gymkhana

2 Stay Up-Right at Southwards Museum over on the Kapiti Coast

3 Ride over to Wellington and ride the Bays stopping at Chocolate fish Cafe (meeting point for many Wellington Motorcyclist on any weekend)

4 Tui Brewery State Highway 2 Mangatainoka, great shop etc.

5 Martinborough wineries

The club have 3 cabins and 5 tourist flats booked

To enter, initially pay the entry fee & return the form. Once we have all entries in you will be asked to pay your accommodation costs to the club account.

Cabins – first in first served --- last few entries get the top bunks

Vans and tent sites- pay the entry fee, return the form, go direct to the venue to book a site.

It is critical to enter and secure your cabin/flat early as the VCC M/C rally is based in Masterton the same weekend. Beds could get a little scarce.

Look for the “Entry form” in Word doc. separate email

West Coast DGR 2020

Greetings Lew, attached is a letter I sent to the paper (Grey Star), and some photos.

Due to gale force winds and rain on Sunday, and other commitments, our number of riders was reduced, and our ride shortened dramatically.

However, five courageous souls turned up at the junction and we waited round until 10.30.

When it became apparent that we were the only people who were foolhardy enough to be out on motorbikes in that weather, we proceeded on a leisurely ride, helped by a tail wind, up the Kumara straight, to the welcoming sight of the Kumara Hall. We had kindly been given permission to actually wheel our bikes inside (due to the weather) for our promotional photos. However, due to reduced numbers, we all fitted in under the veranda.

I'm not sure, but the Grey Star is possibly the only newspaper that printed an article about the DGR, and that's a shame as Men's Health deserves to be highlighted and this is an inspirational event which should be supported more than it is. It seems that not many people even know about the DGR. It's an opportunity to get dressed up and have some fun while supporting a great cause. An entertaining, pleasant morning, good comradeship, including one person who actually rode across from Christchurch.

Thank you to everyone involved.
Thank you again for your support.

Regards
Eils Parker
Kumara



L- R John Belcher Continental GT. Eileen Parker Classic 500
Chris Busson Bullet 500. Colin Skeats Bullet 350 1997
Cedric Trounson Classic 350

RALLY REPORT

Hi Lew,

Kerry and I would like to thank John Candy, and all his helpers for a great RE rally.

The base at the Papamoa Beach Resort was ideal, being already east of Tauranga. The resort is well set out, with the large dining area adjacent to the kitchen/amenities block, Ocean views, beach access, and not far from the shopping centre.

Joining together for the excellent meals over the weekend made the social side most enjoyable; and the food was great!

Extra thanks to those that provided the catering – we were very well fed indeed!

During the ride, once we left the main roads, it was real motorcycling country; especially Matata to Lake Rotoma leg.

Riding an older bike at around 80kph is most enjoyable, especially as the little two stroke can keep up.

The visit to Kelvins property was quite a surprise – what a collection!

He will be hard pressed to display all of it, if that is his eventual aim.....

Restoring just 10% will take him most of his active years!

Amazing.

If any “mid-term” rallies are to ever be repeated, we would vote for another one based at Papamoa.

Best Regards,
John and Kerry Rapley



John & Kerry's 1958 Clipper powered by Villiers Turbo Twin

Hi Lew,

Absolutely enjoyed the rally; what a fantastic event. Great people, very well organised and superb roads for the ride.

Looking forward to seeing you again at the next rally

Cheers, Dave Stewart

From: Terry O'Hanlon [mailto:ratlyone@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 October 2020 9:21 PM
To: lewmartin.re@gmail.com
Subject: Rally

Hi Guys,

Well who would have believed after the way the year has panned out the Register could pull off another great rally, highly organised By Alan and John and helped by their hardworking Wives, put on a highly successful weekend, from ride to shed visit and meals, fantastic and much appreciated. The only problem I had was with the major turnout I didn't catch up with everyone, so 2020 will be two to remember and looking forward to the meander down to Carterton next Year,

REgards Terry



The convoy about to set off over the Kamai to Papamoa Rally HQ

L-R. Steve Dense, Peter Thompson, Lew Martin, Jeff Taylor,
Steve (Chalky) Chalklen, Owen Haskell, Terry O'Hanlon & Fred Burger
And of course Ratly – the blue Super Meteor

From: Fred [mailto:waimak1850@gmail.com]
Subject: RE: Papamoa rally

Attending my first Royal Enfield rally – Papamoa 2020



I arrived at Terry's place in Matamata at 10.45 for a planned 11.00 am start. My 2003 Bullet 500 on the trailer as it had started playing up a bit and I wanted to make it to the rally venue come hell or high water. At the motel I met up with Peter on Honda, Lew and Jeff who were trailering a 1952 Bullet 350 and 1948 J2 respectively. I had a close look at the 1948 J2 (the one with a starter motor added on to it) which was in hindsight unnecessary as the opportunity arose later in the day to get up and close with this machine in Papamoa.

We left the motel around 1.00 pm when Steve from Waiuku towing a trailer with a 350 Bullet arrived; also Owen C5 and Chalky 500 Bullet had arrived.

It is fair to say that after this extended delay and socialising I felt like staying at the motel after a wonderful lunch with tea, biscuits and what have you.

On the road now with the blue 1958 meteor leading followed by the 4 cars, trailers and associated bikes. All went well till the convoy started to climb on the way to the Kaimai summit, overtaking logging trucks and what have you. I was towing trailer number 3 but could not keep up; trailer number 4 (Jeff) was after a while nowhere to be seen either. This was bad news as I had no idea where to go to, so now gunning the ute once downhill trying to catch up with the bleeding edge. Success finally around McLaren Falls but the 1948 J2, being towed by a white Suzuki and following me, still nowhere to be seen. Close to Tauranga the traffic slowed down and the J2 now appearing in the rear vision mirror. The trick now was to stay together while encountering the many traffic lights and roundabouts, the leader of the pack on the blue Enfield having little idea of the distress caused by his vigorous accelerating..... I know for sure that at least two of us did run a red light but, fingers crossed, nothing in the mail yet. I have since found out that some of the blame could be shifted to the owner of the J2 as all traffic lights turn from orange to red wherever he happens to turn up.

At the camping ground, on starting this now famous J2, a sound was heard resembling a coffee grinder but now filled with pebbles instead of coffee beans. Those in the know pronounced it to be coming from the primary chain case. Here now some hesitation: Shall we? Of course we shall.

Spanners were brought in while a clever man sliced the top of a plastic bottle lengthwise, leaving the screw top in place.

Still not enough room for all the oil pouring out so the plastic lid of a rubbish bin to the rescue.... Slackening off the primary chain which was far too tight, struggle with the small imperial nut but there is nothing what cannot be fixed by a firm hammer blow.

Primary case back on, oil back in and press starter followed by the sound of silence. No electrics. Fuse okay, but, just to make sure, what about bypassing the fuse altogether after cannibalising some bits of wire? This was lateral thinking at its best followed by the reassuring sound of the engine coming to life.

Is this the end of the story? Yes, we don't want to talk about the same machine losing its exhaust the next morning and the owner not noticing. We won't mention that business with the petrol taps either.

Now, other people may want to write about the rally which was superbly organised.

After the rally I and my mate from Auckland (one of the two guys I knew) were watching the election results in his cabin; he was obviously not surrounded by monks in a convent given the amount of empty potato chip bags and empty beer bottles lying around – no further comments here on the election results coming in as I do not want to offend the true blue Royal Enfield folks.

In hindsight I should have socialised more, get to know more people. Instead I walked the camping ground and came across this man, in his mid-thirties or so, sitting peacefully in front of a Harley Davidson doing nothing. He struck me as the ultimate self-sufficient hermit in front of the caravan parked on a permanent site. The dialogue went as follows:

"nice looking well maintained bike, which year?"

"2000 – Do you want to buy it? You can have it for twelve grand. I have all the papers. It has not been ridden for 8 years and was stored in the shed".

"Why did you not ride it for 8 years?"

"Because I was in jail".

"That sounds serious, aggravated robbery or so?"

"I did not harm anybody, but we were quite famous for a while.... I don't want to talk about it, it is behind us, but if you want to know about it, Google biggest bank robbery in New Zealand history".

Which is what I did: New Zealand's largest ever robbery was in December 2000 when close to \$1 million was stolen from a Chubb security van loading money into an ATM on Willis St, Wellington. Do I believe it? On the balance of probabilities, yes, he seemed a cool (Westpac) customer.....

Fred Burger -- 2003 Bullet 500
Tirau

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PAPAMOA RALLY PICS



Dion McAsey says - Great weekend at Royal Enfield Rally at Papamoa and trying Jeff's E-Start J2 for size



On the day John Candy rode Alan Marks Immaculate Bullet



Warren Bray – Happy Chaple with his “sparkling” new Interceptor



Steve Burgess Continental GT -- Shorty Clement Apache 700
Great to see Rosie at the rally (tucked in behind the Apache)
Steve Dense is now Rosie's keeper



Athalie blinded by all the bikes



Editors 52 Bullet - Still sporting the original exhaust be it a tad rusty
Mark Bellringer - Himalayan

Hello Lew,

We spoke at the rally and I said I would write something on the weekend. Sorry it's taken so long. There are some gaps with model years and info which you could help me with please. Also, it should have a picture of a somebodies modern bike if you have one. If it's okay with you, I will send the story to a couple of magazines and see if they print it.

Thanks for a great time at Papamoa.

Cheers, Allan Cole.

Royal Enfield Rally the first off the block?

After the second all clear, it looked like we could actually get back to riding and rallying again. Mate Chris was very happy with his Himalayan and I had just bought an Interceptor, so why not take a ride down to Papamoa, near Tauranga, for the Royal Enfield Rally? The weather man approved and so with Soonki riding his Enfield (which looks very similar to a Suzuki DR650) we took the coastal route through the twisties to Kawakawa for an ice cream stop (pic 1). There was no hurry, we all had the day off so a fish and chip stop came next. Soon, the tight bends turned into dead straight and deserted roads that required a steady hand on the throttle. The Interceptor was brand-new and had only 100kms on the clock, so "lead us not into temptation".

The size of the big hole at Waihi is a surprise for first time visitors, so we just had to have another stop. A further surprise was that a huge slip has cut off access to the bottom.

Still having some time for distractions, we called at Forteleza near Katikati, where a more than 100 year old dairy is now a quirky (no, make that weird) bar/restaurant.

Eventually we pulled into the rally site and were treated to a welcoming BBQ, along with lots of motorcycle gossip.

As a one-make club, the members' bikes range from the early Brit bikes through to latest Indian models which makes for a most interesting and knowledgeable bunch of guys.

After a fantastic breakfast (and more gossip) we formed up for a group shot (pic 2) before setting off on a tour, stopping off at the BIGGEST shed and hundreds strong collection of two wheelers I have ever seen. The most common comment was "my wife should see this - she'd never worry about my 4 or 5 bikes again!"

Back on the road, we took a scenic route to Lake Rotoma and lunch at a cafe reserved just for the RE riders. Back at the rally site, we regrouped and took a stroll to the local pub, followed by a MASSIVE supper at the Chinese restaurant which involved 5 or 6 courses.

Great company, twisty roads, perfect weather, plentiful food and bikes both old and new, made for a successful first post- covid rally.

Allan Cole

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