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Karren Gibson

Kaz, with he beloved Himalayan "Rosa"

Here we have another bonus Bulletin for you, in fact two Bulletins

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Annual Rally 2023 March 12. Coromandel March 10 - 12 -- On the count down now.

Any last minute thoughts of joining these awesome rallies, now is the time to enter.

My March bulletin was full of content at Dec 30 so it became the January, same again, the March issue is full by the end of January so this becomes a February bulletin.

I am ever so grateful for all the articles & photos being sent in. Thanks to all you awesome Guys & Girls. I am guilty of raiding a few off facebook. Just too precious, not too.

For those of you who recently joined the register, maybe you are wondering what all this dribble is about. For 24 years the bulletin issues were and still are - March, June, September & December, but lately I am able to throw out these extras.

Mark Bellringer's 6 Tunnel tour went ahead on Sunday 29th as planned, Oh boy, they were very lucky -- all day, no rain!!

Marks report & with photos will appear in another bonus Bulletin #111 to follow up immediately.

Saturday arvo 28th I hear this rowdy Himalayan arrive in my driveway, Its Chris Blenkinsopp, down here for the Taranaki Tunnel tour.

Lew



Welcome to our new members

Steve Retter, Hamilton. 1950 J2
Tommy Mason, Wellington. 2022 Continental GT 650
Lance Smith, Auckland. 2019 Himalayan
Steve Tait, Waihi. 2022 Interceptor 650
Jim Luders, Northland. 2018 Himalayan
Mohammed Sayed, Auckland. 2006 Replica Enfield Electra 350
Mike Hardman, Te Kowhai. 2020 Continental GT
Ian Rumble, Te Kowhai. 2021 Continental GT
James Whitefield Napier. 2022 Scram 411
Leanne George, Whangaparaoa. 2021 Himalayan
Austin Mayo, Auckland. 2021 Interceptor
Andrew Foote, Greymouth. 2021 Interceptor 650
Graeme Clements, Runanga. 2020 Classic 500
Gavin Rendall, Gisborne. 2022 Classic 350
Urs Blum, Wanaka. 2022 Himalayan
Ian Blakelock, Papamoa. 2021 Continental GT
Bryn Price, Christchurch. 2022 Meteor
Dave Curran, Hamilton. 71 Rickman Interceptor (*welcome back Dave*)
Jason Willis, Auckland. 2022 Meteor
John Wilson, Waihi. 2018 Continental GT 535



1947 J2



1954 Bullet 500

Sadly, still no news on the two stolen Royal Enfields from Cambridge

Keep the eyes & ears open

Any suspicions, please contact Cambridge police and or Owen at

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Hi Lew,

I have sold my Continental GT 650, and now looking to buy a RE Himalayan. If you come across any second-hand Himalayan (around 6K or less), please let me know.

Contact Shankar Sneeraj. sneeraj144@gmail.com 027 9630122

Hi all

Up here in the winterless north we are having monthly rides.

These rides will be on the second Sunday of the month and we will be leaving from the Whangarei Town Basin at 10:00am.

If anyone is interested in joining us let me know

Not only but also ----- We are setting up bi-monthly Gravel Road Rides

These rides will be on the fourth Sunday of every other month

The first ride will be on Sunday the 22nd January 2023

If anyone is interested in joining us for a bit of gravel riding, let me know

Cheers Christian

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Diljot Sahota

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Hi all

Hopefully you are all safe and dry... Northland is in a State of Emergency and will be for the next 7 days and we have been advised to avoid any unnecessary travel. So to be on the safe side, I think it is wise that we cancel this Wednesday's afternoon ride. We will resume our Wednesday afternoon rides as soon as the State of Emergency has been lifted as it is safe to do so. Stay safe and dry

Cheers Christian



Gavin Rendall -- 2022 Classic 350

Jan 5 Hi Lew

Here's some photos of some of my recent adventures on the mighty Himalayan!

My journey took me up the centre of Northland riding up through the Mangakahia Valley until I reached the Twin Bridges. Seal soon turned to gravel as I headed West, I passed through Waimatenui, Tutamoe and Donnelly's Crossing, eventually ending up at the Waipoua Forest.

The Waipoua Forest is a riders paradise, it's a twisty road heaven and should be on every motorcyclist bucket list. After pushing the Shinko's to the limit I eventually ended up at the Rawene Vehicle Ferry.

After crossing the Hokianga Harbour it was almost a continuous gravel ride to Kaitia. After a late lunch, I pushed on to Cape Reinga and set up camp at the Taputaputa Campground

The morning broke nice and sunny and was perfect conditions for riding down 90 Mile Beach. I entered the beach at Te Paki Stream where I tested the engine bars in the soft sand... On the beach it was 90-100 all the way until I exited the beach at Waipapakauri.

The Himi was destined for a well deserved wash at Kaitia before I put him through his paces taking on the back roads as I circumnavigated the closed State Highway 1 at Mangamuka by taking the locals track.

After supporting a small local business by buying a feed at the Mangamuka Store, it was a gravel thrash most of the way home via many backroads that link up with each other. This maze of backroads would test out anyone's gps unit, it's a good thing I didn't have one, so I didn't get lost... local knowledge is gold!



Mangakahia Valley



Waimatenui

That was my trip up North, it'll be on my channel on YouTube

<https://youtube.com/@upnorthrider>

Cheers

Christian (up north rider)

East Meets West



8/1/23 Eileen Parker

It was a real pleasure to meet the East Coast Boys today. Eleven Enfields, and one Indian...

The West Coast weather was absolutely fantastic (of course)

Thank you all so much for taking the time to stop by our place, the ride to Hoki, and your company at lunch.

Look forward to seeing you again soon

"Royal Enfields...Bringing People Together"

8/1/23 Mal Ritchie

A great weekend at the Black Dog Rally.....Alex, Paul and myself were the only Royal Enfields to brave the weather and have a good time.....Paul and I rode through the bar at the end of the Ride, no neither of us attempted the burn out.

I almost won my drag race against a sports bike and I believe Paul also almost won in his drag race!!!



Black Dog Rally
Mal riding through the bar, Black Dog Tavern

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Nigel Philips

Long way round. Completed 12 days nelson to bluff ride on the [#interceptor](#). Had an absolute blast. 2460 km no dramas with bike or other road users.

Happy 2023 take care out there.



Steve Krzystyniak & Lily Guilford

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John Gin

When the sun comes out...so does the Interceptor



Mohammed Sayed -- 2006 (Replica) Enfield Electra 350

The frame has a small modification, so NZTA got their knickers in a twist and deemed it a replica. The good thing is it's still a road legal bike. (Lew

Northland to Akaroa -- Karen Gibson

Hi Lew

Please see below article for the RE bulletin. It may not be the narrative you were after, but it's the way I write, I'm a bit of a novelist. It's part one of three, as have a lot of content, can send the next chapters in the coming weeks for the following bulletin etc?. Feel free to use it, and no problem if it doesn't suit.

Cheers
Kaz

Part One ---- Northland to Akaroa

And so it began, a month-long solo motorbike camping trip to the South Island, just Rosa and I, my beloved Himalayan. I Left from my home in Northland on what would be one of my greatest adventures to date. I had been riding for just 18 months at that stage and still on my learner's licence. I had always wanted to ride, but many people warned me against it, I've also spent many years working in emergency departments and seen my fair share of motorbike injuries.



In the end it was a matter of my sanity, I had booked a 6-week holiday to Europe, which covid ensured to cancel. I could feel I was becoming down and out and craved adventure and the feeling of freedom. I woke up one morning and got my licence, then bought a bike several weeks later. It didn't take long for me to decide on the Himalayan. I have never been one for common or popular things, that's what kept drawing me back to the Himalayan, she was the only one that I felt had real character. The likes of the Honda or Yamaha that I test rode I found too modern, too shiny, and just didn't fit my character.

I made a few minor mods to Rosa before the big trip, the biggest game changer being a new seat, as I found the standard Himalayan seat a form of modern-day torture. After some research I opted for seat concepts in the USA and it completely changed my riding experience. I went from getting a sore ass after 45 minutes to riding 7 hours straight with no issues. Removing the foam from my old seat pan and securing the new foam was a learning curve, but all part of the fun.

I also added a USB charger, I wasn't concerned about being offline but wanted to ensure I had the ability to charge the phone for safety reasons and to access maps. I'm not mechanically minded with bikes (yet), but a google search showed me how to remove the tank to run the charger from the battery to the dash, all good learning for me.

I added pannier racks and invested in some second hand Mosko Moto soft panniers and rucksack, very happy with that purchase as they are heavy duty, easy to mount/dismount and durable. I previously rode with a backpack secured by bungy cords, and although that suited me just fine, the new panniers were a very welcome upgrade.

So, we made our way down the North Island and onto the Cook Strait ferry, a little nerve wracking as my first time tying down the bike, but again google helped and we managed ok. The other riders were helpful and she got off the other end in one piece. 35 knot winds and 3.5m swell, which didn't bother me, I was however worried for Rosa the whole time, although she's much tougher than she looks.



Kaikoura is where I set up camp for the first time for 2 nights. The set up took several days to get used to, as camping from the bike adds a whole other element. Need to consider appropriate site for the bike, weather, security, and accessibility. My first few days were trial and error, seeing what worked and what didn't.

I didn't pick the ideal first spot, as it was out in the open and I quickly discovered that Rosa, and a female riding a bike around the country draws some attention. I've never been one for the spotlight, so I struggled with this element. A constant flow of chatty people, who were all interested and impressed in Rosa and my journey. Was nice to see so many friendly and helpful people, however I was already feeling a little vulnerable and out of comfort zone so all I wanted to do was hide away with Rosa, I soon got over that and found my confidence again.

I used every piece of equipment I had packed, there's always more I could have taken which would have made for more comfort, but I had the necessities, a few niceties, and was at my limit as far as storage and weight. Kaikoura was a good first stop, got my head around the setup, unpacked and repacked a few times. Every piece of gear had its own spot, and I was meticulous with packing and organising for it all to work as it needed to.

The ride out of Kaikoura was nothing short of spectacular, only ten minutes out I look out to sea and about 50 Hector's dolphins playing just meters off the shore, pulled over and watched them for an hour. Lots of seals and the wildlife was stunning. A ute pulled up and I had a good chat to the passengers, they were there to free dive for paua.



One of those comforts that would have been nice was my wetsuit, as I decided to jump in with the guys and gather paua too. I grew up hunting and gathering, and I'm in the ocean every chance I get so this wasn't new to me. Rosa stayed on shore to watch over us. The one thing I made sure to bring was my mask and snorkel, and certainly glad I did. I thought I had packed my right-hand diving glove and knife, but I must have left those back home in the maybe pile. I discovered that motorbike gloves don't double as diving gloves, a pocketknife isn't so easy to collect paua, but the rubber mallet I bought for my tent pegs works perfectly to tenderise paua.

So, Rosa and I did a little hunting and gathering that day, big in size and plentiful in only a meter of water. I was pretty chuffed with this day, and it gave me the little boost I needed to snap me out of my "what the hell was I thinking doing this ride " mindset.

From Kaikoura we rode to Akaroa, stunning ride out with lots of twists, turns and spectacular views. Found a great camp site (Top 10 Holiday Park) which overlooked the harbour. Picked a far better camp site and Rosa and I tucked ourselves away in a nice, sheltered area for 3 days.



I didn't lock in any plans in along the way, as plans changed daily and were dependant on weather and how I was feeling on the day. I didn't ride if I was tired or in the wrong mindset for it, not worth the risk. So just took each day as it came and enjoyed the ride, solitude and serenity of it all. I was finally back in my happy place.

Next chapter coming soon :)

Kaz

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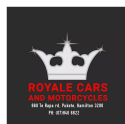


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