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All BOP Rides depart from Coffee Club Bethlehem 9.30 am unless otherwise specified

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DIRECTORS REPORT

A lot has happened since February's Hogwash and my thoughts go out to the people of Christchurch and in particular our H.O.G. Brothers & Sisters.

As far as our Chapter is concerned there has been a bit happening with a fantastic B.O.P ride in March, led by Mark Sylvester which Helen and myself took part in. Look out for the write up and photo's as it was a great day's riding in perfect conditions.

April saw an overnighter to Turangi led by Harvey so look out for the write up and photo's and also the Easter Egg run in Tauranga led by Ken.

A few brave souls rode over to the Beach Hop with not so good weather but apparently had a good time.

Our regular gatherings on the third Wednesday of every Month starting at 7.00 pm at House on Hood Street, get along if you can as it is very informal and a great way to 'chew the fat' with other Hoggies.

By the time you receive a copy of the next Hogwash we will have done our two laps on the V8 Track on Saturday April 16th. For those of you who have done it before, it certainly is a buzz as all the crowds around the track certainly get into it by waving and yelling out to us all. The Harley Brand can certainly pull a crowd.

The other big ride in April is the bi-annual Boundary Ride which leaves Easter Friday and returns Easter Monday and has stopovers in Gisborne, Palmerston North and New Plymouth. Helen and myself went on the first one two years ago and are really looking forward to doing it again.

May sees some more great rides like the famous 'Kaiawa Fish and Chip Run' and the Memorial Ride to Waihi Beach RSA for lunch. The Memorial Ride is all about remembering Waikato/B.O.P H.O.G. Members who have passed.

We also have Orientation Day in May and if you know any of our members who would like to attend one of these informative meetings and you have been already then please recommend it to them.

There is quite a bit of activity in June with some more great rides so please go on line and check the calendar.

The other very important date to put aside is our A.G.M. which will be held in the back bar at Diggers in Hood Street on Saturday June 11th starting at 4.00pm sharp. You will all be receiving the usual pack which includes an invitation from myself, the Flyer and a Nomination Form.

Now with this in mind, I will be stepping down as Director at our A.G.M. I would like to thank everyone of you who I have met during the last three years for your friendship and support. It is also important that I recognize the outstanding work that has been done by the Executive over these years as without them we wouldn't have achieved what we have done so far, so I thank you all for your support.

Finally, it has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Director of what I believe to be the best Chapter in Australasia. See you on the road and take care out there.

Rick.



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SPONSORING DEALERS REPORT

Well, the 2011 Raglan HOG Rally is over and I hope that you all had a great time.

Your Chapter Executive and the members who volunteered, a huge thank you, the Rally could not have happened without you. The games were spectacular and very well organized.

The Rally is a huge event to put on for HOG members and Waikato/Bay of Plenty was very thankful to Harley-Davidson Australia for their partnership with this event. Only six more years and it will be our turn to do it all over again, only the Chapter will be doing it not Harley-Davidson.

We have a number of events coming up at the Dealership. We have the very popular Ladies Garage Party evening coming up; details will be coming out to you hopefully within the next week. The date for this is Thursday 19th May 2011 at the Dealership. Pre registration is required to attend this event. If you are not on our database and wish to attend please email Justine on motorclothes@roadandsport.co.nz.

We are also working on our HOG Roast Saturday in August which is always a great event, good food, great bargains to be had by all.

We have all been thinking of the community in Christchurch after their devastating earthquake, Road and Sport have contributed to the community in Christchurch and we are supporting them as well by the "special and limited edition" HOG Earthquake Appeal Pin that has been produced by Harley-Davidson, we have them on sale in the Dealership for \$10 and all proceeds go to the Christchurch Earthquake appeal.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our new website www.roadandsport.co.nz for all the latest news and events, our website is updated regularly and you don't want to miss anything.

Take care out there

Shelley
"Ride and have fun"

MONTHLY GATHERING

Waikato/BOP HOG Chapter Monthly Gathering

When: The 3rd Wednesday of every Month

Where : House Bar & Restaurant in Hood Street, Hamilton

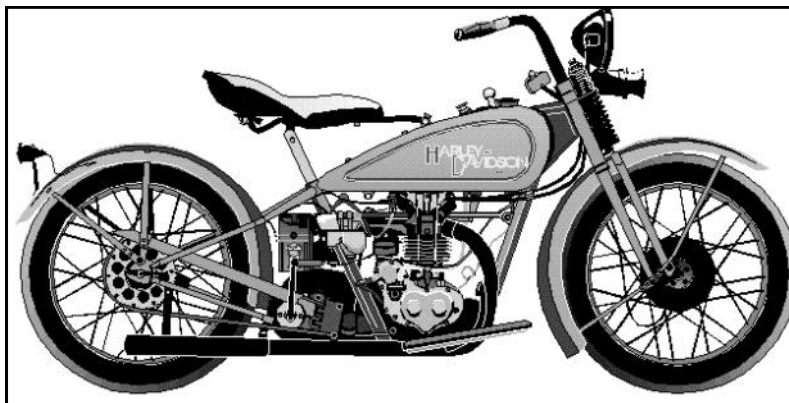
What Time : From 7.00pm onwards

For Who : All Chapter Members and a guest are very welcome to this very informal gathering

Meals : You can have a meal there or eat at home then come down

Why : It's a time to meet old and new members and to see who's going on the next rides etc.

On behalf: of our Executive we would love to see you down there to take part in what is proving a very popular event.





BAY OF PLENTY RIDE 20 MARCH 2011



After our last ride had been cancelled due to heavy rain I was particularly looking forward to good weather for our "BOP Ride".

Well we got good weather, the sky was clear and blue and there was a real winter "nip" in the air. Nine more riders rumbled in on their Harleys and gathered at the Coffee Club all keen for a good ride. Rather than take the usual route and head out of town via Bethlehem and Tauriko on Hi-way 29 we decided to take the lesser travelled scenic route and headed North on Hi-way 2, turning left into Wairoa Road just over the bridge.

We arrived at Te Poi for our rendezvous with Mac and the team from the Waikato just in time to have a leg stretch before the arrival of another 8 rumbling Harleys. After a riders brief we were on our way to our next destination, McClarens Falls Cafe. After winding our way through McLarens Falls and over the bridge we made our way through the trees to the Cafe. The Cafe used to be the caretakers home but he has long since retired and his house has been converted to a Café. This stop proved to be very popular, everyone enjoying the spectacular scenery and the Cafe which is tucked away amongst the trees next to the lake.

Pukihena Beach was our next destination, we rode down to the end of Pukihena Parade, had a leg stretch and enjoyed the view of the ocean and the estuary. A stone throw away over the estuary is a small settlement aptly named "Little Waihi". Our morning coffee stop had become a distant memory and hunger pangs were setting in, so it was off to the infamous "Hippi Pippi" on Pukihena Parade for lunch.

The service was slow but the food was good, plenty of tales of adventures on the Hi-way were being told and everyone was having a good time. Some riders had other commitments and headed home from the "Hippi Pippi", the rest of us saddled up and headed to the "Lakeside Restaurant" in Rotorua. More Coffee was drank, more food was consumed (by some) and more yarns were spun.

Not long after it was times for hugs, bikers handshakes and goodbyes. Mac and his team headed back to Hamilton on Hi-way 5 over the Mamakus while the remaining BOP riders took the back road, Hi-way 36, returning to Tauranga via Pyes Pa.

The weather was exceptionally kind to us all day and all in all everyone had a good ride and enjoyed great company.

Mark Sylvester

BOP Co-ordinator



Million Mile Monday

27 JUNE 2011

Departure Time: Leave Road and Sport @ 9.30am

Where: Head to Ngatea – stop for coffee and meet any other riders who may come from surrounding area's.

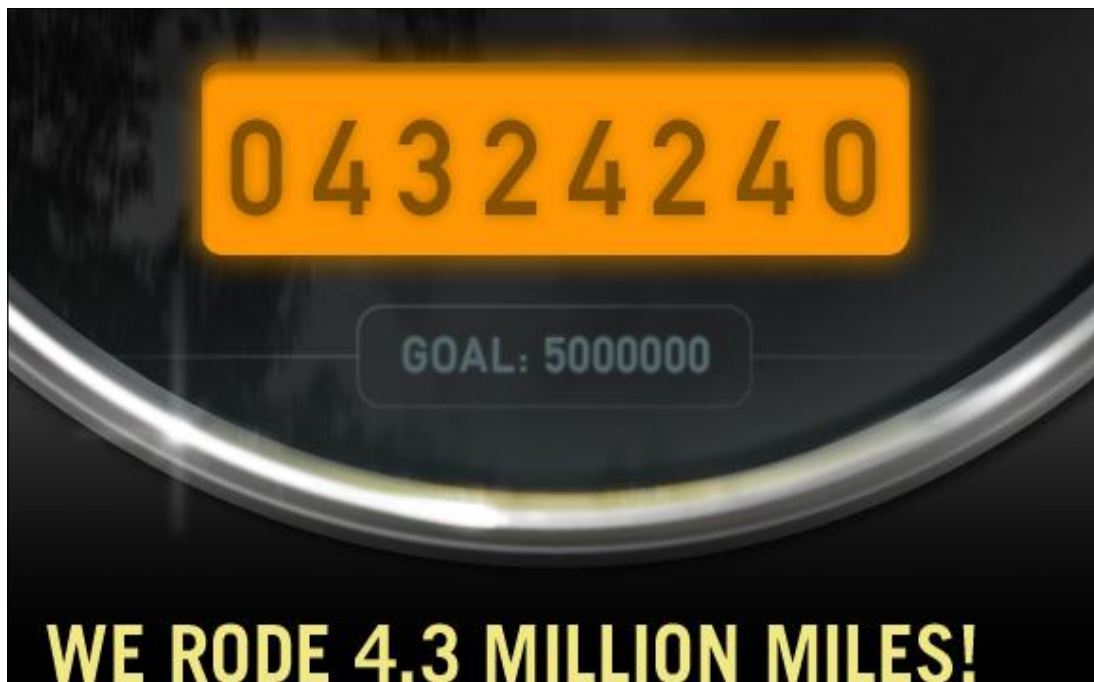
Then Ngatea to St Heliers—Mission Bay for lunch at the Stone House Café

Head home down State Highway one with the aim of arriving back in Hamilton by 4.00pm.

All Enquiries: To Harvey direct on (027)6119785.

Check out our web site www.waikatobophog.co.nz

Last years - 2010 Ride



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TURANGI OVERNIGHTER

We enjoyed our first overnighter to Whangamomana last November sooo much, that when we knew there was another overnighter coming up we made sure we could be there. And boy, are we so pleased we made the time to go, as it was such a blast. I originally thought that its a shame that more people don't go on the overnighters, (maybe they don't know what they are missing out on?) but now just having finished our second one, I am quite pleased that there isn't a lot that do go on them. With only 7 bikes (12 of us in total) it was so much easier to get to know the other members that much more.

We were due to leave Cambridge BP at 9.30am Saturday morning, but then someone remembered they had left there bike keys at home, so we waited while they (he) clocked up extra miles going back home to get them.

We finally left and made our way down to the Rhubarb Cafe, Arapuni, where we stopped for morning tea. After a short ride on the beautiful back roads the weather was looking a bit ominous, so a **quick** stop to put on the wet weather gear, some managing this much easier than others....



Whakamaru saw us roll in for a fuel top up and for one, even a bike wash (no names mentioned) The rain held off for us as we made our way down to Kinloch, which was our lunch stop. Note - when ordering burgers, always make sure that you ask for a meat pattie in your burger AND always check that they put it in!!! The last leg of the journey took us down the west side of Lake Taupo over State highway 32 to our destination of Turangi.



After settling into our accommodation at Parklands Motor Lodge, the bikes were parked away for the night, and with a short walk over to the supermarket, we brought all we needed for our BBQ meal. In keeping with NZ tradition, the guys cooked the steak and saussies – cooked perfectly (thanks Deane & Harvey) We sat around the picnic table early into the evening enjoying our meal and the great company. Some of the couples made use of the Spa facilities (no photos!!) on site then we adjourned to the bar for evening drinks.

After a peaceful (depending who's room you were next to!) nights sleep, breakfasts were delivered directly to our rooms. We said good bye to Helena and Hacksaw (Craig) who went south on the start of their road trip and the rest of us headed north, bypassing Taupo and stopping at Wairakei Lava Glass Blowing Café (Gallery and Studio) for our morning coffee.



Leaving Wairakei, we did some sight seeing on some beautiful back roads which a lot of us had never been on before, over the Aratiatia Rapids Bridge, through Reporoa passed the Waiotapu Hot Springs, through the Ngakuru settlement and on to State Highway 30. Back onto the main highway into Putaruru where we turned off and took another back road (great for riding) into Tirau.



After a little look around, some lunch, and some goodbyes, we realised the weather was looking a bit doubtful so it was a quick saddle up to beat the rain. We didn't want to have to go through the performance of getting our wet weather gear on again!!!! But as luck would have it the rain kept its distance and we made it home, dry and in one piece.



A special thanks goes to Harvey (& Lyn) for organising such a fantastic weekend, to the rest of you on the trip, thanks for a fun weekend, for the jokes and the laughs – what's the old saying? "what happens on tour, stays on tour" well that is so true. So don't panic - your secrets are safe with us!

For those of you who, for whatever reason, weren't on the ride, I hope you will consider going on the next overnighter, I know we will.

Janice & Deane Blaikie.



WAIKATO/BOP HOG CHAPTERS 21ST BIRTHDAY



**We are intending to formally
Celebrate WAIKATO/BOP HOG CHAPTERS 21ST
BIRTHDAY ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH 2011
and we need your help**

If you are interested in attending, we would like you to send your full name and all contact details i.e. email and physical address along with home phone number and cell phone details to:

historian@waikatobophog.co.nz so we can get a gauge on possible numbers for catering purposes and venue.

There is one other thing that you could also do for us and that is sending us details as above for any past members so that we can contact them to see if they would like to come and help us with this very special occasion.

We would appreciate if you could send this info to us ASAP.

Thanks again

The Executive



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2012 New Zealand National H.O.G. Rally

We are pleased to announce on-line registrations have now opened for the 2012 NZ National HOG Rally, 17, 18, 19 February.

Go to www.newzealandnationalrally.com

Meals are included for both Friday & Saturday nights, guests will also receive the Rally pin & patch, registrations are \$170 per person and T-shirts are optional.

We're brewing the Speights as we speak and our Chapter's in full swing with organising what we believe will a fantastic Rally in the Deep South!

If you haven't already you need to book your accommodation now as Dunedin's a busy wee city at this time of the year!

Search accommodation at www.dunedinnz.com or www.atoz-nz.com/dunedin.asp

The Rally location is in the Lion Foundation Arena in the Edgar Stadium on Portsmouth Dr, Dunedin City.

We hope to see you in 10 months!

Regards

Kevin

Kevin Moylan

2012 H.O.G National Rally coordinator

Deep South Kiwi Chapter

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a Gathering of the Clans

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An Invitation

Dunedin, the Edinburgh of the South and home of Deep South Kiwi Chapter, invite our fellow H.O.G. members to ride down to the lowlands to enjoy our highlands hospitality.

Join us on the 17th /18th /19th February 2012 for the 22nd New Zealand National H.O.G. Rally.

We encourage you to book your accommodation as soon as possible.

The Rally location is the Lion Foundation Arena within the Edgar Centre on Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin City.

Search accommodation at www.dunedinnz.com or check out www.atoz-nz.com/dunedin.asp

For 2012 Rally updates and registration information go to www.newzealandnationalrally.com

Deep South Kiwi Chapter #155 - PO Box 5015 Dunedin - email rally@deepsouthhog.co.nz

Registrations open April 1st
Why not sort your accommodation now!



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BOUNDARY RIDE EASTER 2011

Nineteen bikes headed off from Cambridge BP Good Friday at 9am with Mac as our Road Captain. We had decided it was a good option to put our wet weather gear on as the weather was a bit drizzly, but not too bad. First stop was at Te Puke for a quick coffee. Then onto Whakatane for a leg stretch, and where Nick and Sarah were waiting to join us. Colin Downie headed back home as he was only doing the day with us and was cold and wet (Next time you will need your wet weather gear Colin!)

Then we headed off to Opotiki for lunch, a good hot pie there!! We farewelled Jason who was also doing a day ride as he headed back home. The ride through the gorge to Gisborne was very scenic even in the drizzly rain.

We arrived at the Portside Resort in Gisborne about 4.30pm. After we were all settled in our rooms we headed off, on foot, (on the railway tracks!) to the Fishermans club. That's where we learned of the engagement between Nick and Sarah. Congratulations to you both and big thanks for the round of drinks!

We all had a great fun night and were entertained by Helen and Michelle on how to wear our scarves like a burkha!!! Oh and who did climb out the Restaurant window???? (not me!) Before we all walked back along the railway tracks again!! We woke to a beautiful sunny morning on Saturday and we walked down to Café Ruba on the next block for breakfast. We rearranged the seating so Paul and Jim weren't sitting by the window. . . (that's another story!)

We headed off for the trip to Palmerston North with Mac as our Road Captain. First stop was at East End Café in Wairoa for morning tea, what a lovely spot near the river. Then headed off with Mark Sylvester as our Road Captain to the Sawyers Arms Hotel, South of Napier for lunch. This is a real country pub a bit like the Okaroire pub for us bikers, and they have a resident cat which took a liking to Ash and sat at the table with him for lunch!! Great pub food and excellent service. Prior to that, Chris and Rhonda O'Brien turned off and headed home via Taupo.



We headed off again towards Palmerston north with a small detour up towards Ashurst to take a look at the Windmill farm. A great experience to see the size of them and the 'sloshing' sound. But it was very cold up there in the wind and we looked forward to getting back on our bikes to the Kingsgate Hotel in Palmerston North and arrived around 5.00pm.



We walked a couple of blocks where we went to either the Thai restaurant or Irish pub for tea. We were at the Irish pub where I learned another sign of love. . . Kenneth was at the bar ordering his drink and he rang Dianne who was sitting at our table just out the door to see what she would like to drink! (or was it that he didn't want to lose his place in the queue??) Dianne and Kenneth lovely to see you sharing a bread and butter pudding!! A great night out again for us all

Next morning (Sunday) we were led by Rick to New Plymouth. Lovely weather to be riding. First stop was at Waverley for a leg stretch and some of the girls went shopping at the glass shop there. Then headed off to Hawera for a fuel stop and lunch at Barries restaurant where they were expecting us the weekend before (doh!) so they were very understaffed for 26 extras in one hit!! It was a rowdy night and I don't think we will be seated in the middle of the restaurant next time!!!



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After heading off we rode on to New Plymouth to one of our favourite places to stay at, the AutoLodge. A few of the group headed off to take a look at the motorcycle expo being held just down the road. We all spent our last night together at the AutoLodge restaurant, where we had fabulous service and excellent food. Rick I really would have swapped my Pork with you just so you wouldn't miss out. . . NOT!!



Well, we had to get the rain at some stage on the trip and we got it on our last morning, we all had our wet weather gear on for the last ride of the weekend.

We left New Plymouth at 9.30am with Ash as our Road Captain. We fuelled up just out of New Plymouth before our first leg and bum stretch at Mokau. Headed off to Te Kuiti for lunch but Boscos café hadn't prepared for us to arrive. We said our goodbyes to Colin and Tania as they headed back to Taranaki.

On the way to Otorohanga we were joined and taken over by about 20 Hells Angels. They need to do an orientation day with us to learn how to ride safely!!! I have to say I was a bit spooked when they rode so close with us and passed on double yellow lines in the rain!...

We continued on to Otorohanga to Ronnies Café for lunch. Thank you Nick for advising us all not to buy pies there!!! We all bid our farewells to each other with lots of hugs and handshakes as we headed back to our hometowns.

Here I must thank everyone for the great fun, laughter and friendship. And to everyone that organized the week-end away, a great job that I am sure everyone will agree with.

Mark Easter 2013 in your planners NOW... We are looking forward to doing the Boundary Run again that's for sure.

Raewyne and Gavin Bills



WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY CHAPTER

Waikato / Bay of Plenty Harley Owners Group Annual General Meeting

WHERE: Diggers Bar, Hood Street, Hamilton
WHEN: Saturday 11th June 2011
TIME: AGM starts 4 pm. "Sharp"
DRESS STANDARD: Tidy but casual

AGM will commence at 4 pm sharp with previous years and the Directors reports being tabled, election of Officers followed by General Business.

Refreshments will be available after the meeting and nibbles will be provided at this time.

All members are encouraged to attend and participate in our annual Chapter AGM to have a voice, get involved and remember that this is your Chapter and the Executive are there working for you.

Please send your R.S.V.P. by Friday 3 June 2011 for catering purposes.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 11 JUNE 2011

To confirm your attendance at the A.G.M. please return this completed form to:
Waikato/Bay H.O.G. Chapter, PO Box 27041, Hamilton 3257 by Friday 3 June 2011.

Name: Phone No:

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This is a Waikato/BOP H.O.G. Chapter closed event. Any queries please contact: "Activities Officers" Mark McMillan (Mac) 027 2707351 or 07 8717223 evenings or Ash Owens 072180448



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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 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 do have any queries regarding your International H.O.G. membership you can also email hogau@harley-davidson.com



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