

News of the Wellington HOG Chapter #9066 Sponsored by Wellington Motorcycles

## MIDNIGHT ON MILLION MILE MONDAY



Once again a hardy few Wellington Chapter members braved the winter weather to become the first chapter in the world to clock up some K's for Million Mile Monday. Leaving the shop just before midnight they did a round trip over the Haywards Hill. Some just climbed out of bed to take part leaving their pyjamas on! Altogether they clocked up 1400 kilometres. Well done guys!

### SECRET VENUE REVEALED!!



Is this the venue for breakaway Kapiti Chapters Sunday meetings? This line up was spotted by one of our members recently as he travelled through Paraparaumu. Kapiti members go quiet and rapidly change the subject when asked to comment.

### Joke Time

While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been at least ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I sought my husband's Advice.

'What do you think?' I asked. 'Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?' 'Better get a bikini,' he replied. 'You'd never get it all in one.'

He's still in intensive care.

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and Family values.

Bill said, 'I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?' Larry replied, 'I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?'

### News and Views

#### ACC CASHES IN

Well ACC went and jumped the gun and put their fees up two weeks before the advertised date of July 1st. This caught those who held off till the last minute with their MR27 form (and caused a few arguments in Post Offices) ACC then rubbed salt in the wound by announcing a \$2 Billion surplus!

#### FARGO VISIT 2011

The Fargo North Dakota Chapter have had their draw for a couple to be hosted by Wellington at the Waikato Nationals in February 2011, they are Connie and Bud Lundberg, I am sure they will have a great time while they are here.

#### THE WEATHER!

I know its winter but Met Service have said that this winter would be warmer and drier.....Yeah Right! Then why every time a ride is planned it's raining or freezing cold?



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## **DIRECTORS REPORT** (Lucy's report at the AGM)

My first year as Director has been fun and rewarding. We've had some very successful events through the year, introduced some changes and welcomed many new people into the club. The club is also in excellent financial health

### **Changes**

We listened to your concerns about the venue and we found a great new spot in the Johnsonville Club. The evidence is the excellent turnout even in crappy weather we have 50+ people coming along.

We changed our committee meetings to the Monday before so we would get the opportunity to get around and say hi to members before the meeting.

We've also worked hard to make new members feel welcome. We know what it's like when you first come along, it can be daunting. So we've tried to hunt out you newbies when you arrive and hold your hand and share some love. We would have welcomed well over 50 new people into the club throughout the year.

### **Events**

Because of our strong finances we've been able to fund some club rides, like the ride to the Manawatu where Russell got everyone lost – great pub meal there, the Christmas ride around the bays and lunch in the blue mountains thanks to Bryan Armstrong.

We rallied together to protest the ACC levy increases and although we didn't manage to keep them at the same level we did get some concession from the original \$700+ registration fee proposed. Well done to those of you who participated in the protest ride.

Hard work from Diesel meant we also had a most memorable Christmas function at Manakau Tavern. There were some rather interesting dance moves (Deb and Leah), one of the benefits of being totally sober is you remember everything. The band was also brilliant. The bar has been set pretty high for this year's function but we've got some great ideas stewing away in the background.

The National Rally in Christchurch was an enjoyable event and I'm looking forward to hosting the Directors ride in the North Island next year. The good news from HOG is that they have found the organising all a bit too hard and want to hand it back to the local chapters. We'll be looking for a team to work on our next rally in 2015.

Andrew Templeton's been supporting us in safety and advanced rider training and is going to continue this as the weather improves.

The committee went to HOT this year. We attended courses on event planning, getting volunteer help, managing the money, communicating and generally being better organised to ensure you all can ride and have fun. Most worthwhile weekend in that we confirm that we're a group that likes to have a bit of flexibility, not too many rules, we live life on the edge compared to some of our Australian counterparts.

Murray Forsdyke organised the Queens Birthday weekend, thanks Murray for your work on this event.

### **Thank You**

This is the part where I acknowledge the support of the committee. Terry who is more commonly known as Prince Philip (he always stays two steps behind me) was responsible for organising the Directors ride, regularly organises the venue and or course produces our magazine.

Lynn who is away in the US takes care of the chapter communications (via email), keeps us committee people in order and has the sharpest sense of humour.

Warwick quietly manages the money and refuses to let us have a credit card.

Denis takes care of the membership stuff, getting cards out to the new people, keeping the database up to date and meeting and greeting at the meetings.

Diesel has to be the most enthusiastic member of the committee, taking care of road captains and events coordination. He's managed to organise some fun things and is dedicated to making the club a success.

Jon Dey has managed the website with the help of Mark Koci earlier on in the year. He continues to make sure it's up to date getting photo's and calendar items uploaded.

Jenny Dey has been our club photographer and managed to get some great shots from our many rides.

Tana Philips has taken on the merchandise. He manages a pile of shirts and rocker patches from ordering, storing and selling.

Debbie Woodhall has recently taken on ladies of Harley and organised her first event last month. Prior to that Patti Goss was our leading lady and what a hoot she's been; we will miss our Marilyn Monroe look alike but we know Debbie's going to do a fantastic job.

### **Wellington Motorcycles**

I'd like to thank Steve and Garry and the team from Wellington Motorcycles for sponsoring events through prizes, mentoring me in my role and just letting us get on with the business. Please support them like they support us.

### **Nominations**

I'm pleased to announce that the entire committee are standing again for their roles, this is great for members as you get some continuity and we can continue to build on the good work so far. In addition to the roles we already have filled we needed a new Head Road Captain as Diesel wants to concentrate on the events side of the business. Russell Finlay has kindly offered to take on this role with Reg Davies, Bryan Musgrove and Tana Philips also taking up road captain roles. We need a few people to do this so if anyone else is interested we'd love to hear from you.

We've also introduced a new idea into the club to help Denis with the greeting of newbies, much like the playboy mansion has greeters, we now have Michelle and Lexi as our official greeters. Thank you ladies for doing this, it will mean a lot to those new people to the club.

### **Finally**

Finally a big thank you to you the members for continuing to support the club and committee by coming to the meetings and events and by offering words of encouragement. Those people who make it to most of the meetings and let us poke fun at them, Royden. Those people who we haven't seen in ages and who've started to come back, Gary Moncrief. Those past committee and directors who continue to offer their support. Those people who make gangs seems strangely attractive, the Del Fuegos.

We look forward to a busy year ahead with good weather, many rides and plenty of parties.

Go forth and ride and have fun

## CALENDAR

### August

Wednesday 4th Club Night from 6pm  
Sunday 15th Club Ride depart WMCC 10am

### September

Wednesday 1st Club night  
Sunday 5th Fathers Day at Malvina Major retirement home. Give the old folks a ride or check out the accommodation for when you are there!  
Sunday 19th Club ride  
Sat-Sun 25th-26th Overnighter with HB Harley Club (Diesel)

### October

Wednesday 6th Club Night  
Sat 16th Karori Normal School fundraiser  
Sun 17th Club ride to PN and CD Chapter  
Sat 23rd Assistant Directors ride to Napier (Labour Weekend)

### Coming Up

In November there is the Twin Cam poker run and 26th to 28th is Ride the Summit



## Non Chapter events that you may be interested in going to



Cold Kiwi being held at Ruepehu September 4th (camping)



Ride the Summit. This is the third of these events and is becoming a must go. Open to any Harley riders it is being held on 26-28 November at National Park  
Go to [www.ridethesummit.co.nz](http://www.ridethesummit.co.nz) for further information and to register

## Proposed Directors Ride after the Hamilton Nationals

The ride after the nationals in 2011 is to head north out of Hamilton on Sunday 20 February and go to Pahia in the Bay of Islands about 350kms and stay there for two nights.

We leave Pahia Tuesday 22nd and travel to Kaitaia, Oponini and down to Whangarei (another 350kms) staying the night at Whangarei. On Wednesday 23rd we travel to Coromandel (330kms) and spend a night there. Thursday 24th we travel via Whitianga, Paeroa and Tauranga to Rotorua another 300k Friday 25th the ride is to Napier via Taupo and on the Saturday we head back to Wellington.

If you are interested in doing this ride please email or phone Debbie Woodhall for information on motel accommodation etc. Numbers are obviously limited so please confirm asap.

*From the merchandise shop. Buy online or see Tana on club nights.*



Large back patch \$30 Small arm/ vest patch \$20



Wellington chapter patch \$10



T-Shirt \$45 Back view with chapter patch on sleeve

Lots more available, pins patches ladies TShirts etc. etc.

## HOT Training Sydney 2010

Here's my reflections on the recent HOT training in Sydney, attended by our illustrious leader Lucy ( Little Miss Positive – see below), Secretary Lynn, Head Road Captain Diesel, Membership Officer Denis and myself as Treasurer( plus 2 partners who paid their own way).

Most of us traveled over on Thursday as the workshops started first thing Friday , so.... after finding our rooms at the hotel ( I shared with Diesel after losing the toss with Denis!) we all went shopping with Lucy ( I don't think she wanted us along but what else were we going to do on a wet afternoon in Sydney.) That lasted about an hour before we'd had enough and decided it was time for a drink. Dinner that evening was in some Chinese joint where Murray wanted crab, but that was too expensive so it was dodgy pork and chicken instead.

Friday started off with the Harley Australia team explaining why they were told to butt out of NZ rallies in future and why they had scored a few own goals over the last 12 months. Seemed like they were apologizing for being there...A yank called Schooner ( or something like that) enlightened us on latest US developments ( even mentioned that HD were looking at a 250cc model for learning, but I don't think so..) before we all went off to workshops. There were sessions about the ins and outs of running a chapter, brainstorming on promoting activities, road captain responsibilities, enhancing rider relationships, risk management etc. These were led by enthusiastic tutors ( the Canberra Director, a full on sheila leading the charge) who tried to get everyone involved, to varying degrees of success. The HOG uniform ( Harley everything and a leather vest with multiple badges and pins) on guys with huge pot bellies and some "butch" looking women was very much in evidence, except for the Wellington crew (we were doing our own mini revolt I think).

The group sessions were interesting....some Ladies of Harley got up to say they weren't being listened to in their chapters, there was some fiery debate about whether non Harleys were allowed on HOG National rallies, and as usual there were some right twats who could only hear their own voice ( Aussies!!). We were all encouraged to make "action plans" – I filled out a whole page which I've promptly forgotten about (no, I actually have it). One thing I picked up was that most other HOG chapters have heaps more rules and regulations than we do – something I think we should be happy about. Do you know you have to attend 3 training rides before you are allowed on the official Brisbane monthly ride!! The Wellington chapter scored the most prizes – Lucy got the top award for being the "Most Positive Person" ( she had to quickly change her feedback sheet when she heard that), Lyn and I won 2 of the HD trays legitimately and Diesel nicked one and was promptly dobbed in by some Aussie sheilas.

The Saturday night dinner put on by HD Australia was held in their office basement and the "secret tour" was of the office and workshop – pretty lame compared to other HOT sessions I've heard. Deisel, Denis and Lynn all got caricatures done so ask to see them sometime – rather hilarious!! As the band was not much cop, I think most people left on the 11pm bus.

Sunday we went tiki touring – out to Paramatta to shop at the Motorcycle outlet ( a 20 minute train ride followed by a 5 minute!! ( yeah right Murray – more like 5 km) walk, then back on the ferry to Circular Quay ( Lucy and Lynn were seen fraternizing with the local abos) then a bus trip to Bondi beach ( wet again so no beach babes) followed by a train trip back to the hotel ( we made full use of the \$20 day pass though).

All in all, I think it was a good opportunity to see how other chapters work, hear how HD Australia fit in with the HOG scene and generally get to know other HOG people. I just need to work on the pot belly and get more badges/pins on the leather vest to really fit in.

By the way, Carolyn and myself are off to Europe for 3 months in August, so if you want to see where we're up to – click on [www.evesbikers.com](http://www.evesbikers.com)

Cheers  
Warwick Eves (Treasurer)



LMP or Little Miss Positive as she has been called holding the plaque that the Aussies had claimed for their own!