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THE ITALIAN MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1979.

I have now shifted to Wellington and my new address will be 27 ARGYLE GROVE, UPPER HUTT, Phone 289-289, at least for a while and all contributions to the newsletter and general correspondence can be sent to that address. At the Christchurch Branch meeting on January 17th it was decided by a good turnout of about 15 members to establish a Christchurch Branch run along Auckland Branch lines. Brent Mantell will remain as President and John Brouard offered his services as Secretary. A separate bank account will be opened and a proportion of fees kept as in Auckland.

I will continue to compile the newsletter from Wellington and in the near future hope to establish a Wellington branch. We still require contributions and I would ask the Christchurch branch to please provide brief resumés of all their activities, including meetings.

We held the practice day at Ruapuna as well as the run to Timaru, Hadlow Game Park and beyond. There should be a report of these events next month.

Perhaps the highlight for many members at the meeting was seeing (and hearing) Brent's truly immaculate MV 750. A beautiful machine.

AUCKLAND BRANCH NEWS:

Meeting 9th January - by Jocelyn Mander.

Another Club meeting was held on the 9th January at Rob Will's home. We had 20 in attendance, a bit better than the 6 that we had this time last year. Good to see Terry Gardiner from Hamilton and George Flutey from Wanganui on his 750 cc.

The meeting covered times and places for following runs, meetings and rallies. There a lot of work going into the following two weekends, so don't leave it to the next person. Support the Club and make them great events.

1. ITALIAN/B.M.W./CLASSIC.

Race day at Pukekohe 17th February 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Barbeque and party afterwards at 27 Hinikera Avenue, Avondale. (Bring your own)

18th February, Sunday.

Run to Manatutu Valley, Thames. Meet at Jensen's (Newmarket) 9.00 a.m.

2. 2, 3, 4th March

Week-end rally in the far North at Jim Shaw's, Porua Bay, Whangarei.

Meeting outside Auckland Motorcycles, 6.30 p.m. Friday Evening or make your own way up Saturday.

Bring sleeping bags, swimming gear.

RUN TO WHITIANGA 21st JANUARY by Joss Mander.

Appetiser: B.M.W. 75/5 (Joss and Brent Mander and Barbeque)

Entree' 2 Ducati 750 GT (Bruce Piggot and Geoffrey Winks and lady friend)

Main Course: Laverda 1000 (Steve Marsh and friend),

Ducati 450 RT (Doug Norrie) mixed with 2 Marks on Yamaha 350 and 400.

Dessert: Ducati 900 Darmah (Dave Hughes)

Termed well done by the time we'd negotiated all the bends, sizzled even further in the sun whilst burning sausages and admiring the Darmah, then cooled off in the sea.

To elaborate: The run had a dubious start when we arrived at Whites to find no bikes and dozens of Police! Apparently a burglar alarm had gone off. However, the GTs arrived and we set off, gathering others at Kapu and Whitianga. This was my first viewing of a Darmah. It certainly exceeded both my expectations and bank balance.

Although as far as I know there were no fires or breakdowns this time, there was still a bit of drama, when returning home we encountered a group of assorted GS 1000's, ZIR's Yamaha 1100's etc. A bit of boyracing ended with a Z900 and owner parting company on a corner made lethal by melted tar. Both survived and the value of leathers was proven yet again.

B.S.A.O.C. Show, February 9, 10, 11th.

No doubt most of you will have seen the advertising of this show by now, to be held in the Upper Hutt Town Hall.

I have organised a good Italian stand (I hope), of 3 Benellis (750 sei, 650 and 250ZC), 3 Moto Guzzis (Spada, Le Mans and V50) to be provided by London Motorcycles, Hamilton, 3 Ducatis (brand new Darmah, 750 ~~SS~~ and 450 Desmo) and 2 Laverdas courtesy of the Laverda Club. I will also be manning an I.H.O.C. desk along with fellow Upper Hutt member Don McKinnon and may even attract a few new members.

Don O'Connor is lending abroad new Darmah which will be for sale and the organisers are expecting 30,000 people to see the show over the three days! With 100 bikes

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 14th at Peter Brouard's place, 44 Springfield Road, St. Albans.

Thats about all for this month. We require more articles, especially technical ones or anything you think will be of interest to other members. The Club day at Ruapuna proved to be great fun (put the megaphones on the ~~S.S.~~ and it went really well, lifting the powerband by 1000 rpm. Peter Brouard is writing a report.

The day at Pukekohe should be great for those who can make it and of course Hawkesbury is on later in the year and that is not to be missed.

I still have a few T shirts left (750 ~~SS~~) and John Brouard in Christchurch has a few. \$6.00 each.

FOR SALE:

New Ducati ~~Dannahs~~. Latest model as per "Two wheels" Test. Trades accepted. \$5495 from Callender Motorcycles, New Plymouth. Next shipment up \$200 - \$300.

Scarab Caliper and Disc set up for sale. Phone Ewan McDonald 83270 Ashburton.

WANTED:

Rear shocks for 750 sport. Ewan McDonald. phone 83270 Ashburton.

Good biking.

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