

Ride Report

2013 "Sad old Gits" ride

After last year's ride to the South Island the Sog's decided this year to do the traditional ride to the CMCRR festival at Pukekohe, held at Hampton Downs this year.

The theme was Triumph. 40 years since the last win by a works triple in the Hands of Ron Chandler.

We do have some questions for the organisers of the event if they read this
What happened to the advertised 11 Beezump triples race?

I have subsequently found out that Ron Chandler had crashed himself silly and was feeling poorly so left early, shame the announcers did not make this fact public as we spent some time looking for him and his bike.

How about taking the "blinkers" off and allowing bikes from the Far East to compete. I would pay good money to see a Honda 6! We did have the Yamaha V4 replica a couple of years ago so the precedent has been set.

Of all those invited as only 3 of us did the ride, myself (1977 Honda CB750) my brother Mark (1982 Yamaha SRX600) and Michael M (BMW R80GS)

Our route as usual shunned SH1 if possible we met at the Red House Café Te Horo then we headed to Ashurst via Shannon. From Ashurst we headed to Taihape via Cheltenham, Kimbolton then over the "Peep O Day". From Taihape we headed to Napier, over the "Gentle Annie"

Here are some photos of our trip



Parked up on the Kimbolton Road



Old Road Bridge, On the "Gentle Annie"



On the "Gentle Annie" Mt Ruapehu visible in distance



Not much traffic, on the "Gentle Annie"

We had an apartment in Hamilton as our base for the weekend, To get to Hamilton we did the Napier – Taupo then cut across to Te Awamutu via Mangakino then up to Hamilton



Between Mangakino and Te Awamutu



Saw these from "our" apartment in Hamilton



Parked up at Hampton Downs



Spotted 1 other SOHC in the car/bike park

Some of the racing



Sidecar action



Triumph Thruxton maybe a real one?



Egli Vincent



Mckinotsh Manx



There was 1 triple racing Sounded pretty good

The return trip was Te Kuiti, Taumaranui. Ohakune Taihape,
Over lunch at Taihape we discussed a road we had spotted on the way up, *It Looked* like it
should link up with the road to Kimbolton/Mangaweka. So began our traditional SoG
"Adventure"



SH4



A shortcut that turned into a dirt road adventure



This road is supposed to go to Kimbolton? (Yes as it turns out)



Heading back to Utiku



SH1 is down there somewhere



Back on tar seal

At Taihape a woman riding a Ducati Monster of some description ended up at the same café as us. I noticed she had an amusing sticker on her bike, a small boy urinating on the word JAPAN, very funny. Not sure what the whole of Japan had done to her but I guess she must have her reasons for wanting to wee on it.

After nearly 1500km the 750 performed faultlessly and returned an average of 36mpg, shamed by the SRX with 60mpg The R80gs got 50mpg. Looks like I have a winter project, sort out my carbs.

Mike T 1977 Honda CB750