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## President's Report

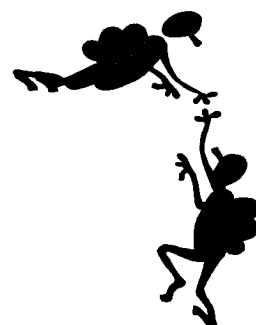
Spring is surely just around the corner and the 75th anniversary celebration is now not far away. I would encourage all HTC members to participate at Labour Weekend – many of you have already indicated your willingness to help with the many jobs that need to be done. Photos and stories have been trickling in, and it has been an entertaining task to sort through them. The organising committee is finalising a good programme and our secretary, Graeme Hare, has already put in a huge amount of work tracking down and contacting ex-members.

While all this extra work has been going on, the club's usual activities have continued. There has been a range of tramps into the local ranges, and the mid-week team has continued its walking and cycling. Several new members have joined the club and I hope they will enjoy coming out with us. I have been impressed at the number of club members who have been willing and able to provide talks at our meetings, often accompanied by attractive pictures that can be shown on screen via the computer. It is good that we can use the range of talent among members.

Next time I write we will be looking back on the anniversary and the memories that have been activated. In the meantime get your registrations in and get prepared. Seventy-five years strong and much more to come!

Christine Hardie

## TRIP REPORTS



#2112	Mackintosh Hut – Ex Kaweka Hut site – Lakes CP	Wed 28 April 2009
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Starting at 7.00am from Pernel with Christine driving the truck a "snoozy" time followed after an in depth discussion of the consequences suffered from the in jesting of out of date 2 minute noodles. The subject was deemed "off limits" after several amusing bouts of repartee !! Mike Lusk being a prominent contributor to this discussion as you would expect !!

The truck was parked at the Lakes and the party walked from there to the new bridge and the Mackintosh Hut where a lunch stop was very welcome. A young hunter with an exceptionally photogenic dog was also there. He probably thought that the "pensioners outing" had arrived but what a heart-warming sight it was to see our Keith (in his 80th year) sitting beside this young man and having a long conversation about their hunting experiences. I bet that boy will remember Keith for a long time to come.

Onwards and upwards and downwards and upwards. This is what we do. Tramping at its very best. It was a challenging walk. However, the wonderful company of our members made sure that everyone enjoyed the day. We do make sure that there is no stress on these trips and that is so good.

Thank you to Judy for organizing such a great day. [Perfect weather too]

A huge thanks to Christine who had to drive for an hour after the big day and put the truck to bed at Pernel. I think that this was a very special day for all involved.

P. I.

Party: Christine Hardie, Marion Nicholson, Penny Isherwood, Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Keith Thomson, Murray Aitken, Colleen Smith, Mike Lusk

#2113

Kaimanawa's

8-9 May 2010

A Party: A Friday eve departure meant it was a late arrival at the Kaimanawa Rd end but gave the needed option of an early start for our party. Dave H wisely decided to camp out, while the rest of us had a restless night in the truck. The 5 of our party rose at 5:30am and were on the track at within the hour. The sudden 600m or so climb through the forest to the open tops was a harsh wake up call. Some of the party spotted a kaka on a post nearing the tops. Initially it was quite misty but as we gained the next 200m to the high point it gradually cleared giving some mystical views along the tops. We met a party from Papamoa heading out, after an enjoyable night at Waipakahi Hut. It always seems a long haul across the Umukarikari Range but we'd done well to arrive at the hut by 11:00am for a welcome early lunch and brew up. We then headed on up the 500m climb to Junction top. David B had been experiencing bouts of cramp so he decided to return to the hut and Anne joined him, so that left just a party of 3 to venture off into untracked territory.

From the high point 1573 we could clearly see our route down a spur below us, across a saddle then a climb up onto Ngapukeahuanga. We were fortunate to find remnants of old hunters' or animal tracks periodically, along with shrubby thickets to push our way through. We had a welcome refuelling stop on Ngapuke. at 3:30pm and spent time choosing the best descent to Waimarino R and routes for the next day's exit. Thick forest and undergrowth made the descent more difficult, with relief of an occasional skimpy deer trail to follow.

After clinging to trees as anchors I was certainly glad to eventually reach the riverbed.

By 4:45pm we had set up camp and had a very comfortable shelter under Dave's new fly.

A pair of blue duck's were our rather allusive neighbours. Monique soon had a good fire glowing so we dined & rested in style.

Some slick packing meant we were away by 7:00am and headed across river to true left then up a gut to a spur beginning the planned exit route. Initially the beech forest was reasonably open so travel was easy but as we gained height the forest and undergrowth thickened and our progress was slow. Often it was made even more challenging by graveyards of trees uprooted by severe storms of seasons passed. It was impossible to get a visual fix on our position so David's compass bearings were carefully followed. Eventually we reached the clearing that was our first goal for a much needed break. Nearby, another clearing once used as a helicopter pad, aptly named Poxy!

We headed east back into the forest for a short period and then were pleased to burst out onto the clearing which would eventually led us up onto the tops. We lunched at 11:45am marvelling at our views through an unusually steely, grey light and the fact that there was NO wind. With the carbos stacked we conquered Ngapuketuruua and were a little aghast at the 10K ahead to the Kiko Rd end. Would we ever make it by 5pm?

We did-Bang On! Thanks Dave for an excellent trip and giving us the opportunity to go where, quite likely, no one has been before. Great to have Monique along.

A Party: David Harrington, Monique Weir, Anne Cantrick

#2114

Spooner's Hill

Wed 12 May 2010

On a mild misty morning the seven Hastings members met at Pernel and pooled cars to Napier where we met up with the others boarded the truck and started off into the Maungaharuru hills. The closer we got the heavier the mist which then became light rain, so we stopped at Opuahi for a quick cuppa in the shelter there, later heading on to the style at the entrance to Spooner's.

The bush in there is very beautiful and as always is enhanced when wet. On the way up a few of us explored the large tomo before carrying on upwards on a track which seemed to have had very few walkers on it for some time. No views due to the mist but once back in the bush we found various fungi and many interesting hammock shaped spider's webs made obvious because of the rain drops they were holding.

After finishing the loop track we decided to travel a little further along the road to Bellbird Bush but the rain was fairly steady so we opted to have our lunch in the comfort of the truck. Travelling back towards home we again stopped at Opuahi where most of the party did the loop track and driver Geoff managed to locate a cache at the top end of the loop. A damp day but fun.

R.R.

Party: Roger Burn, Bobby Couchman, Marion Nicholson, Christine Hardie, Gary Smith, Judy McBride, Colleen Smith, Murray Aitken, Raewyn Ricketts, and driver Geoff Clibborn

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#2115

Wanganui

21 - 23 May 2010

This trip came about as the result of a suggestion by David Scoullar of the Wanganui TC and was a great success. 18 of us stayed at the Top10 Holiday Park, clean, well appointed and on the riverbank. By morning the rain had stopped and it remained dry thereafter.

Day1: we travelled 40min on the River Rd to Atene Loop Track which follows a ridgeline around a now-dry meander of the river. After an initial climb over scrubby farmland to a viewpoint we walked in regenerating bush all day. Evidence of the very heavy goat infestation is everywhere and the track probably needs maintenance only to remove windfalls and repair slips, so browsed were the plants. After a leisurely lunch in the sun at a shelter we proceeded on to the truck, Geoff and showers followed by a pot luck dinner arranged by our hosts. This was held in a magnificent historic home in the late stages of a superb renovation by WTC club members Julie and Trevor Kears. The meal was as excellent as the setting and the groups mingled freely. But all of us had done an 8hr tramp and most of them hadn't, so the need for sleep led to a relatively early strategic withdrawal by HTC.

Day 2. David had thoughtfully arranged a trip in the NW Tararua, so that we were on our way home. The Sledge Track was re-opened recently as the result of great exertions by a team of volunteers with assistance from the local regional council. It starts on the banks of the Kahuterawa Stm which it follows in bush for a couple of km, then rising to a scrubby plateau, the site of platinum mines active about 100yr ago. These were home to some very attractive cave wetas with remarkable white lower legs. At least I thought they were attractive! The mines are on a loop of a couple of km and a feature of the vegetation is a profusion of small divaricating Coprosmas. Once again it was lunch in the sun, looking across to Taranaki and the central mountains as we chatted.

It was good to meet Glenda's brother Basil, about whose battles with DoC we have often heard, and Monty was able to reminisce at length with old school mates. Fancy Monty being an old boy of Wanganui Collegiate!

Geoff got us safely home without a coffee break and in spite of a rear tyre blowout. Fortunately it was not necessary to remove the tyre which was in fact due for replacement very soon anyway. Our grateful thanks to Geoff, to David and Juliet and others in WTC who made us so welcome. There are tentative plans for a reciprocal visit, probably based at Camp Wakarara which offers a good range of tramping options and is particularly good for less mobile members of both clubs.

ML.

Party: Geoff Clibborn (Driver), Brent Hickey, Marion Nicholson, Sue Lopdell, Maureen Broad, Christine Hardie, David and Anne Blake, Anne Cantrick, John Montgomerie, Bobby Couchman, Marjorie Musson, Penny Isherwood, Rodger Burn, Glenda Hooper, Jocelyn Baker, Ros and Mike Lusk.

#2116

Puketitiri Bush Reserves

Wed 26 May 2010

Eleven of us set off for Puketitiri. The plan was to explore the small bush areas along the way which usually get bypassed as we head off to the Kawekas. We had the use of the truck with its brand new back tyres and Christine for a driver so the day was all set for an easy outing. We had Shirley with us which was a pleasant surprise as at the age of 84 she felt she could manage this outing and she did with flying colours.

Our first stop was Hartree Reserve cared for by the Napier Forest and Bird. The lodge is in excellent condition with a new deck area where after a half hour wander around the reserve, we had our morning tea. Back in the truck for our next stop. Little's Bush. This was a paradise of singing birds, due to the care taken by the Whittle family over the years. Feeding the birds sugar and trapping pests. Very enjoyable.

Next stop, Hutchinson's reserve. We overshot the entrance but after consultation with Eddie, a local D.O.C. worker, we were sent on the 15 minute walk, sadly overgrown with blackberry. Here we had our lunch, watched by a bevy of black piglets and their mum. A delicious chocolate cake baked by Marion was presented to Murray because this was his last tramp with us for a while. He is off to Christchurch for a year and will be missed.

Into the truck again for a stop to look at the memorial seat to Deborah Turner, placed so that it faces a fine view of her beloved Kaweka Ranges.

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Back into the truck and on to Ball's Clearing to do the short 20 minute Bathgate track gazing at the magnificent trees. How appropriate to have Shirley with us.

The sun broke through briefly and we had our afternoon tea break polishing off most of Murray's cake. Arrived home around 4.30pm after encountering a huge mob of sheep on their way for crutching. An interesting and different kind of day.

Party: Marion Nicholson, Rodger Burn, Murray Aitkin, Bobby Couchman, Shirley Bathgate, Penny Isherwood, Judy McBride, Bruce and Christine Turner, Christine Hardie, Brent Hickey.

**#2117 Cattle Ridge – Tararua Forest Park**

**5-6 June 2010**

It was Queen's Birthday weekend and the plan was to walk up to Cattle Ridge Hut for Saturday night and then along Cattle Ridge and over Bannister to Te Matawai Hut for the Sunday night, walking out to Poads Road on Monday. The forecast was not flash. We arrived at the Putara Road end in frosty but fine weather and headed off following the track up beside the Mangatainoka River. After only a few minutes those leading the charge spotted a deer disappearing up into the bush. There were a couple of swing bridges to cross within half an hour of the road-end before a 400m climb up to the Roaring Stag-Herepai track junction on the ridge at ref 139915. This ridge divides the Mangatainoka from the Ruamahanga River. After a quick refuelling stop we headed left down a long gentle ridge to the 12 bunk Roaring Stag Hut. It had taken 2hrs 50 from the road. We spent a leisurely hour for lunch soaking up the beautiful sunshine and contemplating the steep 700m climb ahead of us which looked rather daunting. Anne had negotiated with Jeff to lug her pack up to the top for a princely sum of \$300 however all bets were off when Jeff casually mentioned that he expected to have his tea cooked and waiting for him as part of the fee. While these negotiations were taking place and the rest of us were waiting for Scotty to beam us up, we were joined by 3 other good keen trampers who were heading to Cattle Ridge Hut that night as well, 2 of which decided to change plans and stay at Roaring Stag when they saw how many in our party and not knowing if there was any camping available at Cattle Ridge (well that was their excuse to get out of the climb!). We couldn't put it off much longer so donned our packs and headed off across the Ruamahanga River via a swing bridge and straight into the climb. The track takes you through beautiful bush before breaking out into subalpine scrub about half way up to the hut. The views from here on just got better and better and were well worth the slog. It was getting quite cool by the time we arrived at the 5 bunk Cattle Ridge Hut around 3ish. Not long after arriving the other hut occupant arrived with a sack pikau. This was Johnny, a very interesting character and friend of Murry's, and who had just spent the last 5 hours looking for a stash he had deposited close by but had got rather overgrown in the 2 years since his last visit. Johnny is a dairy farmer and was having a holiday while the cows were dry. He goes bush for 3 weeks or so at this time of the year and has several stashes throughout the Tararua's containing essential blankets, sleeping bags, tea, dry food and wotnot. He brings in some bacon, a few sausages and a pound of butter to start, supplementing this with eels and whatever he hunts. Johnny has an arrangement with his good wife whereby he phones her when he comes out of the bush, if something happens and she doesn't hear from him he doesn't want any search parties out looking and is content to pass away quietly in the ranges. Very nice sentiments to which I'm sure we could all relate to however being the practical person I am, I do hope Johnny has considered Mrs Johnny in all this and has his house in order so to speak and that she is not left up the proverbial creek without a paddle, financially, if this was to eventuate.

Sleeping arrangements were sorted, there were 8 of us all up, 5 bunks and very limited room outside for camping, a small possie in front of the hut just big enough for 1 tent. Jason was chomping at the bit to test his nice new Olympus so he and Jeff elected to bunk down outside for the night while Anne & Monty were going to top & tail inside with the rest of us. This organised and tent pitched there was still time to explore so Anne, Monty, Jeff & Monique climbed up onto Cattle Ridge for a nosey, reporting back that the weather did not look good on the other side, which is what we were dreading. There were still great views from the hut as night descended with the lights of Masterton twinkling in the distance. This wasn't going to last and sometime in the small hours the wind came followed by the rain. We heard David's watch alarm go off at the scheduled 6.00 o'clock. I knew the decision had been made not to continue when there was no rush of movement to get up and off. We finally got up and ventured a peek outside about 7ish to miserable conditions and poor visibility. There was no arm twisting required in the decision to return back out the way we had come in. Monty left a message on Geoff's phone advising the change of plans and just hoping that Sue's party wouldn't be too upset, we planned to be out between 3 & 4pm. We said our farewells to Johnny who was still tucked up in his bunk, he wasn't impressed with this tramping club business, carrying the

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weight we did and thought we'd all make pretty good farmers if we enjoyed going out in these conditions...LOL. The trek down to Roaring Stag hut was a little slippery in places but didn't take too long at all. We spent a good couple of hours at the hut, which was surprisingly full, as we didn't want to get out to the road too early, all the while watching the Ruamahanga River slowly rising. It was still raining as we headed back out to the road end with the track down now flowing quite well with the Mangatainoka and side streams in flood. It was a welcome sight to see the truck and hot water on the boil. Many thanks to Geoff. After a quick change into warm dry clothes and a brew we were on our way back home with a coffee stop at BP Dannevirke.

DH

Party A: David & Deb Harrington, Anne Cantrick, John Montgomerie, Monique Weir, Jason McKinley and Jeff Robertson.

#2118	<b>Iron Whare</b>	<b>20 June 2010</b>
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B Party: As the weather wasn't the best we dropped the A Party off at the quarry and continued on up to Makahu Saddle intending to do the trip in the reverse to what was prescribed by the fixtures committee. Our party was 7 strong and we headed off towards Kaweka Flats through the murky drizzle leaving 2 others to botanize around the saddle. The streams were up a little but easily crossed and we reached Kaweka Flats mid-morning in steady rain. After a short break we continued along the Middle Hill track to the turn off to Iron Whare and then we followed the various pink and orange ribbons that led to Iron Whare. It was still raining so lunch was had inside the Whare.

As nobody showed any enthusiasm in continuing on through to the quarry after lunch we retraced our steps back to Makahu Saddle and the truck. By the time we had made Kaweka Flats bivvy the weather had improved and we had views over to the tops. We got back to the truck about 3.30pm had a cuppa and proceeded to wait for the other party.

It was a long wait so many of verse were sung and around 6.30pm we had confirmation of what we had come to suspect - yes the A party was lost. After 3 more hours of waiting with no word from them we decided that they must have set up camp for the night so we dropped blankets, chocolate bars and cans of freshup into Makahu Hut and headed for home getting into Hastings around 11.30pm.

Party: (Iron Whare party) Glenda Hooper, Sharon Goodman, Sandie Lyall, Peter Berry, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson and Penny Isherwood and (Makahu Saddle party) Ken Nugent and Liz Pindar.

#2119	<b>Birthday Boys' Bash – Robson Lodge</b>	<b>23-24 June 2010</b>
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We seem to strike an alternating weather pattern for this event and this year heavy rain was promised and proved to be the case for Thursday and Friday.

Sixteen of us arrived by private cars at various times on Wednesday and Jim and I arrived earlier to find the Lodge in spotless condition and neatly stacked piles of wood. The fires were soon started and the place quickly warmed up and after lunch most took the opportunity to wander down to the river for various nearby walks.

In the evening Graeme had the balloons and fancy hats out and the lodge took on a festive atmosphere. The ladies had done some serious baking at home and a most impressive array of cakes, scones etc. was to be seen along with the usual nibbles and dip plus something to drink.

Pam had come up just for the day (160km return trip) and brought her famed huge bowl of home made vege soup which everybody enjoyed. Lyn had the games all organised later and everybody was quite occupied and rumour had it that one or two were seen to nod off in the lounge.

Thursday morning the rain was pouring down very heavily and Lyn as is his tradition treated the ladies to a Bacon and Egg breakfast which was enjoyed by all. In spite of the rain some went for a walk mid-morning up the Gentle Annie before heading off for home leaving just the five of us in the lodge for the night.

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Friday morning we re-stacked all the wood piles which had been kindly cut by Garry and Mike and after cleaning up the Lodge we left for home about 10.30am. Thanks to all for their participation and enthusiasm. Next year we have somewhere different for a change so watch this space.

RB

Party: Christine Hardie, Pam Turner, Bobby Couchman, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Shirley Bathgate, Jocelyn Baker, Garry Smith, Jim Hewes, Graeme & Helen Hare, Mike & Roz Lusk, Mr Lyn Gentry, Brent Hickey, Rodger Burn

#2120	Ballard Hut	3 - 4 July 2010
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All 4 bods left Pernel 6.10am on a very cold frosty morning pleased to be in the truck because we soon discovered black ice on the road also we had a high water level at the ford we crossed, this meant a slow trip. Jason and I started tramping at 8.45am heading for Middle Hut we found the ground was frozen solid making for firm footing as we climbed out of the fog into a very clear day with great visibility.

Christine and Alan drove back out and around into Makahu Saddle car-park leaving from there also tramping into Ballard Hut.

At Middle Hut 10.45am, there were 4 hunters in residence, we had a short stop then continued up to the top of Camp Spur track making good time. Had lunch near tops with amazing views in all directions.

Then on to the track Junction past Whetu to find no boot prints from the Makuhu Saddle party.

We continued on to Ballard Hut in icy conditions. We had been in the hut with the fire going for sometime before Alan and Christine arrived at 6.00pm, Alan nursing an injury.

No frost overnight, we had an early start with all of us returning out the same route to Makahu Saddle in case Alan had problems. Very comfortable walk south along Kaweka tops with pristine views of the Ruapheu mountains, Mahia, Napier Hill while we enjoyed the good weather.

Looking back northwards we could see a nasty weather front forming in a spectacular fashion. Down to Dominie Bivy for a long lunch then zoomed down to the Truck arriving in the car-park about 2.00pm. Then off back to Pernel and home by 5.00pm, great day, weather perfect even if very cold.

PB.

Party: Peter Brown, Jason McKinley, Christine Snook, Alan Peterson

#2121	Sunrise Hut - Ruahines	Wed 21 July 2010
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Fourteen members of the mid-week group had an enjoyable day tramping up to Sunrise Hut. It was intended that some fitter members may go to Top Maropea Hut but the weather was low cloud and poor visibility precluded this option.

We left Pernel in the truck about 8am and after a cuppa at the Triplex Car Park where we met up with Bruce and Christine from Waipawa we set off at 10.10am arriving just after Noon at Sunrise and had lunch till 1.15pm and then a pleasant trip down to the truck arriving at 3pm.

A very uneventful trip but most enjoyable and not too cold with minimal wind. The track was in good condition with DOC having done some work on the boggy patches.

As usual an attempt to start the huts gas heater was made but without success.

Thanks to Christine for driving the truck.

KT.

Party: Bobby Couchman, Judy McBride, Diane Sye, Penny Isherwood, Brent Hickey, Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie, Marion Nicholson, Bruce & Christine Turner, Janet Chambers, Isobel Holdaway, Cheryl Skews, Keith Thomson.

#2122

**Mystery Trip****30 July – 1 Aug 2010**

Anne and Dave had maintained secrecy so well that there was a fever of speculation as we headed north, then to Taupo and so on towards Rotorua. After a short deviation onto a gravel road the truck stopped close to a hot pool called, after the previous landowners, 'Butcher's Pool'. It is large, with good access paths and wooden sides. The floor is gravel with mysterious softer fragments which are probably the mortal remains of previous users. The clear night had promised a frost and so there was wet togs had frozen solid when the morning swim beckoned. Next stop was Rainbow Mountain, not far away, and there Dave and Anne had to leave us to return home, as Dave's mother had become seriously ill. The view from the top was limited by some low cloud but the coloured cliffs which give the mountain its name were impressive, with wisps of steam curling out here and there.

Not too far off was Kerosene Creek, and the chance for another free swim but only Ethan took the opportunity, while the rest of us enjoyed a late lunch on the banks. Closer to Rotorua were the Redwoods and after picking up a map and advice from the shop, we set off to do one of the short walks, following THE YELLOW MARKERS. Before long we were exploring an uninhabited and quite extensive Forestry HQ, complete with street names but conspicuously without yellow markers. A long episode of acute anxiety, frantic dashing about and vicious recrimination followed, but finally were able to retrace our steps and find a yellow marker. At the same time it became apparent that there was a missing yellow marker at a decision point, so we grudgingly allowed that Glenda wasn't entirely to blame. No doubt we should have taken the EPIRBs (all of them) with us too.

The rain set in as we arrived at our camping ground where, needless to say, there was another thermal treat awaiting us. That enjoyed, it was off to Breakers, a new experience for some and all in all quite impressive. Geoff got us back to the camp without using markers or EPIRBs for which we were most grateful.

Sunday took us so for a pleasant walk around the Blue Lake, grey in the rain, and then to the walkway at Lake Okareka, whence, after a relatively dry lunch, Geoff drove us home. All agreed it was an excellent trip, and the only regret was that Dave and Anne were not able to enjoy the results of their excellent organisation. ML

Party: Anne and David Blake, Geoff Clibborn and Ethan, Jocelyn Baker, Glenda Hooper, Gail Harvey, Maureen Broad, Ros and Mike Lusk.

#2123

**Bell Rock****Wed 18 Aug 2010**

Thirteen of us gathered at Pernel Orchard for an 8a.m. start. We were given a lesson on how to operate the new and novel method of storing the mattresses to protect them from the damp, devised by Geoff.

A few of us had never been to Bell Rock so that was our destination today. The weather looked good but windy up above and true to form Bell Rock had a howling gale but the scenery was wonderful and dramatic.

The walk through the bush area was silent, not full of bird song as it was on our last visit.

After a quick lunch in the lee of the rock, where my blue "sit upon" went for an unusual trip, rescued by Rodger, we headed back to the truck. On the way home we stopped off at the Boundary Stream Walkway to inspect the new impressive shelter. Next we visited Opuahi for afternoon tea on the small jetty in the sunshine. The lake was a jewel with bush to the edge, a very pleasant interlude.

We reloaded ourselves back into the truck and Christine did a great job of driving us home, where we stored the mattresses under the new system with much hilarity. Lots of fun.

Party: Penny Isherwood, Marion Nicholson, Marjorie Musson, Brent Hickey, Keith Thompson, Bobby Couchman, Christine Hardie, Alidair Shaw, Judy McBride, Graeme Hare, Christine and Bruce Turner.



# HTC BIKE TRIPS



## **Fernhill to Dartmoor Road Sacred Hill**

**Wed 5 May 2010**

We left our cars at Fernhill with a friend of Alasdair's and as it was fairly cool we wasted no time in getting on the bikes and "pumping" those pedals as we sped along Swamp Road to Puketapu where we swung into Dartmoor Road.

Having nicely warmed up we shed a layer or two of clothing before continuing to the picnic area at the end of Dartmoor road where we stopped for smoko and so soak up the sun. However before this, most decided to cycle up the short but steep hill past the Sacred Hill Winery to the tops just for the sheer pleasure of the downward race around the twisty road to the picnic area where we regrouped.

We then retraced our steps back along Dartmoor Road and stopped at the Puketapu Church for a few minutes to pay our respects and then on to Fernhill where we stopped for lunch. A most enjoyable morning was had by all and a welcome to Bruce and Christine who had come from Waipawa to join us.RB.

Cyclists: Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Maureen Broad, Christine Hardie, Lyn & Lyn Gentry, Bruce and Christine Turner, Bob Carter, Gary Smith, Rodger Burn

## **Pakowhai Park to Bay View.**

**Wed 19 May 2010**

12 of us gathered at Pakowhai Park on a fine & calm morning. The Havelock North & Hastings members had biked from their homes - a good start for the day. Around 9.10 am we headed along the stop bank to the Ngaruroro River bridge meeting Joan on the way. There were a few cowpats to negotiate & also the gates, which are a bit of a pain. (The narrow cattle stops like the ones on the Central Otago Rail Trail would be a better option.)

We went north up the coast along the Marine Parade where we stopped for a snack in the sun continuing past the Napier port, along the board walk at Ahuriri, on to Westshore and then Bay View for lunch at a Berry Tasty. I understand everyone was pleased with the quantity & variety of food there.

Returning the same way was enjoyable as there were no head winds to deal with.

All in all a good day with 55kms cycled and of course a lot more for those who cycled to and from our meeting point. It was good to see Bruce & Christine again from Waipawa who were not put off by the leisurely pace. Thanks to Rodger for organizing the day. BC.

Cyclists: Judy McBride, Christine Hardie, Marion Nicholson, Bruce & Christine Turner, Bobbie Couchman, Maureen Broad, Rodger Burn, Joan Ruffell, Marjorie Musson, Lyn & Lyn Gentry & Bob Carter.

## **Napier Area**

**Wed 2 June 2010**

With the ride from Pakowhai Park to Fernhill being postponed because of wet ground conditions, the Gentry's organised a substitute ride, beginning at the Napier Car Club adjacent to Awatoto Golf Course. We rode along the cycleway past Marine Parade, down Harding Road to a track circumnavigating Pandora Pond, then back to the Napier Business area for lunch, via roads that took us over the Napier Hill. We started on a very steep pedestrian track, then we cycled past the old hospital, along Napier Tce and finally down Milton road to Tennyson Street. Phew! After a "Subway" lunch at the Soundshell we were the sole audience for an enthusiastic preacher whose colleagues politely offered us religious tracts, then we made our way back to our starting point. An interesting ride. About 9 cyclists in all.

Footnote: Diane Sye's puncture at Ahuriri was finally repaired with the aid of some talcum powder which she was able to produce!

A.S.

Cyclist: Lyn & Lyn Gentry, Diane Sye, Roger Burn, Alasdair Shaw, Judy McBride, Christine Hardie, Bobby Couchman, Joan Ruffell.

## **Waipawa – Onga Onga**

**Wed 30 June 2010**

A good keen group met at Waipawa with what proved to be a good crisp day in spite of the weather forecast we were soon under way and it was good to see Peggy back with us trying out her new knee joint. The one hill on Onga Onga road got the heart pumping and after that it was all flat going till we arrived at the General store in Onga Onga where we had our usual Latte etc.

Eventually we got going again but somehow managed to lose Alasdair and Bruce as we took a different route back to the cars but caught up with them there.

Bruce and Christine (our latest members) kindly invited us back to their house for afternoon tea and cakes which most took advantage of and was very welcome.

A great day was had by all with no punctures.

RB.

Cyclist: Isobel Holdaway, Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Bobby Couchman, Christine Hardie, Peggy Gulliver, Christine & Bruce Turner, Marjorie Musson, Alasdair Shaw, Brent Hickey, Rodger Burn

## **Crownthorpe-Matapiro Roads**

**Wed 7 July 2010**

Our group of 14 left the cars at Pukehamoamo School and were soon pedalling along the Matapiro road on a brisk day before turning into the undulating Crownthorpe Road which soon had us warmed up and stretched the party out a bit.

Having completed the hilly bit we stopped at Crownthorpe school for a leisurely smoko whilst keeping a eye on the weather clouds before completing the loop circuit along Matapiro Road to Pukehamoamo School where we had the rest of our lunch.

We managed to avoid the rain and a welcome to Janet Chambers who joined us and club member Ray Manning on his first outing with the cyclists.

RB.

Party: Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Christine Hardie, Bobby Couchman, Maureen Broad, Isobel Holdaway, Bruce & Christine Turner, Marjorie Musson, Alasdair Shaw, Ray Manning, Brent Hickey, Jim Hewes, Rodger Burn, Marion Nicholson, Brent Hickey.

## **Norsewood to Takapau**

**Sunday 18 July 2010**

This was a new venture for our group and an annual event promoted by CHB Sport and the local Lions clubs with the proceeds going to Ronald McDonald house charity and Takapau school projects.

Nine of us met up with Dave Mulinder in Norsewood at 9am on an overcast day and after registration we were off on the 40km cycle circuit with many other cyclists of all ages.

There was an option of 20 or 30km circuit for the slower cyclists or the runners and walkers.

We passed along scenic back country roads with the Ruahines in the background which more often than not were covered in low cloud.

I imagined that this would be a fairly flat circuit but there were a series of pretty steep hills but everybody coped very well arriving in Takapau in good time.

The organisers shuttled us and our bikes back to Norsewood where we naturally zeroed in on a Cafe before all going down to Dave Mulinders house where we had our lunch and relaxed .

Some went shopping at Norsewears looking for bargains before driving home.

A very enjoyable day had by all and thanks to Dave for his hospitality.

RB

Party: Bobby Couchman, Raewyn Ricketts, Judy McBride, Maureen Broad, Marion Nicholson, Christine Hardie, Marjorie Musson, Jim Hewes, Rodger Burn, Dave Mulinder.

## **Pakowhai Country Park to Dobel Reserve**

**Wed 28 July 2010**

Twelve cyclists left Pakowhai Park at 9.30am on a calm sunny winters day- ideal conditions for a ride. The destination being the Dobel Reserve in Taradale.

The route was via the Chesterhope bridge into Gilbertson Road, Brookfields Road, across the Tutaekuri river on the funny little bridge with a passing bay in the middle. Reaching a junction of roads at Meeanee we took Willowbank Ave, Riverbend Road, Waverley Road, Tannery Road, then Burness Road to the outskirts of Jervoistown. Ducking through a pedestrian / cycling tunnel under the expressway we came to Guppy Road, then on to Taradale and the Dobel Reserve via Meeanne Road. Bikes were locked at the bottom of the reserve, and after a fifteen minute walk we arrived at the top to have lunch with panoramic views of Hawkes Bay.

The homeward leg was along the Tutaekuri River stopbank. A very picturesque ride but somewhat bumpy after cattle using it as a walkway as well. Reaching the Waitangi Bridge area we turned right & came across a few spots where the track had been scoured out by heavy rains and high seas.

The last leg was along the Ngaruroro River stopbank, also with an uneven surface so a few sore backsides by the time we reached Pakowhai Park. Just under 40km's all up.

AS

Cyclists: Marjorie Musson, Lyn and Lyn Gentry, Judy McBride, Joan Ruffell, Diane Sye, Christine Hardie, Bobby Couchman, Isabel Holdaway, Jim Hewes, Janet Chambers, Alasdair Shaw.

## **Havelock North – Camp David**

**Wed 11 August 2010**

After several days of murky weather it was good to have bright sunshine even if there was a light southerly which made the early part of the day somewhat chilly. After meeting and greeting at Glenda and Peter's house we set off along the flat roads at an easy pace. We headed down Middle Road, past the Mutiny Road junction and on through farmland. It was interesting to note a couple of Heritage Sites along the way that marked memorials and old buildings.

We stopped for a lunchette after an hour or so of cycling and, suitably fortified, were able to tackle the hills which became steeper and longer the further south we went. At the top of the biggest hill was a good view of the Tukituki River valley. Nearly everyone made it without dismounting so now we all want the chocolate fishes promised by Mr Lyn!

Camp David loomed ahead, deserted but showing signs of renovations under new ownership. We had another lunchette on the roadside before turning back. It was fun to coast down the hills that we had laboriously slogged up a short while before. The wind at our backs helped for a reasonably speedy return to the start before we all dispersed for home. We logged 46 km in excellent conditions for a really good day.

CH

Cyclists: Christine Hardie, Marion Nicholson, Marjorie Musson, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Jim Hewes, Mr Lyn Gentry, Joan Ruffell, Bruce & Christine Turner, Isobel Holdaway, Janet Chambers, Diane Sye.

**Back Country News:**

**Logging Trucks on Makahu Road into Puketitiri Hot Springs.**

Logging trucks on Makahu Road have been operating all year will be until into early next year. Expect to meet them any hour any day, wet, fine, hail or snow. They are using truck and trailer units - quite massive articulated things, however the logs appear shorter than average, quite stumpy and of average girth. "Logging truck" notices are clearly posted along by Balls Clearing and probably further out also. The area of harvest is in Makahu Road, somewhere around the old Middle Hill track entrance and a bit beyond.

August 2010

## Pohokura

Harvesting methods are creating a history making "first," using specialised winching gear, it all featured in a very well supported successful Field Day seminar a few months back. These are Pinus trees Jack Nicholas hand planted soon after he got Makahu, with his wise vision for the future. Expected crop yield is 38 - 40,000 tonnes, enough to make quite a few boxes of matches.

Pam's experience is that the drivers are super well trained courteous guys, helpful and safe. It's the other idiot road users who are the dangerous ones. Most crashes now happen just north of Ball's Clearing, along our farm boundary fence, where the tar-sealing ends and the idiots can't handle the shingle! Yes, three cheers for sealing the Puketitiri Road - but all it has done, is extend the crash zone further along to where the sealing ends.

My advice is - Don't attempt the road at present unless you are competent at reversing; obviously the logging trucks can't and drive to the conditions.

The Makahu Ford is taking a hammering, made worse by all the higher than usual water levels and it will be interesting to see if the Regional Council will come up with maintenance for that.

## From the Archives 50 Years Ago

**1960 Snow Trip**

**16 June 1960**

Twelve bodies left Holt's at 6.40 a.m. for the Waipawa River. We arrived safely and finally got away at 9.30 - a very poor effort but, considering the fact that Saturday night was the First Test in South Africa, it wasn't too bad.

We dragged off upstream to the foot of the bush patch where we changed socks, donned longs, boiled the billy (on a primus) and had lunch. Getting a bit soft these days so we had a primus along instead of hunting for wood!

Eventually twelve somewhat decrepit bodies crawled onto the saddle and thence up the slopes to 67 in the mist. Visibility about 4/5 of 5/8 of not very much. Finally all assembled on top of 67 and tried to find a special spot we had picked out for glissading.

Some of the more daring types picked out a nice steep place and broke a run through the ice cap to the soft snow underneath. Then the fun began, with bodies scattered all over various slopes doing all manner of odd glissades except the correct standing one. It was odd to see bodies doing handsprings, backward somersaults, tandem, double-decker and trains of up to nine bodies all gaily screaming down the slopes to end up in heaps of snow-covered, mangled humanity at the bottom. It was quite a spectacle but one had to move quickly to avoid being bowled by the next madman when all bodies had migrated to one slope.

When it got to about 3 o'clock and everyone was feeling somewhat subdued and wet, we left the top and burled off down to the saddle, down through the bush, off longs, up packs and headed for the truck which we reached at dark. Out to Cullins it was slip, slide and bump as the track was really wet and greasy. Then home, arriving in Hastings at about 8 p.m. after a quite enjoyable trip. The first snow trip of the season.

Party: Cy Hargreaves (leader), Annette Tremewan, Gae Lobban, Margaret Mison, Nigel Thompson, Keith Garratt, Ken Carmichael, Tony Corbin, Henry Kolff, Bob Adams, John Phelps, John Blundell.

**CLUB NEWS:**

### Annual General Meeting

The Clubs Annual General Meeting will be held at the Hastings Harrier Club rooms on

**Wednesday 17th November 2010** commencing immediately after the normal fortnightly meeting.

As usual all positions are open for nominations and it would be great to have some more new faces on the committee.

**Please send any remits or nominations to the Club Secretary.**

August 2010

## 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion Update

The Reunion registrations are flowing in steadily and already 50 people have registered. In excess of 260 trampers have had invitations.

The arrangements for the reunion are proceeding well and the more prepared we are in advance, the smoother the weekend will flow. If you have time to help, please give me a call, as many hands make light work!

Offers to: locate more past members; arrange displays of memorabilia, photos, slide shows; decorations; catering in all its forms for hungry trampers; guide Sunday tramps; assist at farewell gathering etc. have been made, but we need more help.

### The outline of the programme is:

**Sat 23 October** at Hastings Rugby and Sports Club, cnr Elwood and Otene Road, Hastings.

Speakers MC Mike Lusk / Club President Christine Hardie and invited speakers.

1-5pm Registration, name tags, meeting and greeting, socialising, speeches, photo shoot, data show presenting highlights and memorable events of HTC, afternoon tea.

6 until late Music, drinks, photos by decade, dinner (catered), speeches, socialising. (Venue to be cleared on Sat night)

**Sun 24 October** Reunion Trip Central Ruahines leaving 7am Pernel Orchard by bus, truck and cars for Wakarara School Camp (large hall, kitchen, toilets). Photo shoot, shuttle trips by truck to car-park, tramps for all ages/abilities to Sunrise Hut, Armstrong Saddle, Swamp Track, Triplex Hut. Lunch provided.

3.30- 4pm Gather for return trip home.

Sunday night free. You may like to socialise with old friends.

**Mon 25 October** Farewell Morning Tea 10-11.30am Harrier Clubrooms, Sylvan Road.

An anniversary magazine and a photo CD will be included in your registration. HTC 2011 Calendars will be on sale.

Please complete your registration by filling out and posting the forms and a cheque /or online via our website and internet banking. [www.htc.org.nz](http://www.htc.org.nz) Bank Account number: HTC 03-0642-0802494-00 include your name in the reference field.

If you know of someone who was a member please tell them about the reunion and offer them the spare registration form in the May Pohokura. It is difficult to find the girls as some change their names!!!

With your help we will make our 75th Reunion a memorable occasion!

### Hazmobile Collection

We have been asked to assist at the Hazardous Waste Collection by the Hastings and Napier Councils again this year. The dates are Sat 13 November at Hastings and Sun 14 November at Napier.

If you are able to assist at this fundraising project, on one of these days, please give the Secretary a call in October.

Last year we earned in excess of \$3000. Thanks for your help.

### HAWKE'S BAY LAND SAR TRAINING

To participate Contact: John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358

- Hawke's Bay Land SAR SAREX 2 - 3 October 2010.  
Based at Kuripapango DoC base.
- NZ Land SAR Outdoor First Aid course 16 - 17 October 2010.  
At Camp Wakarara, Central Hawke's Bay.

## **Night out on the Town**

Come and enjoy a social evening at the Hastings RSA on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00pm.  
A great chance to enjoy a meal out with good company.

Contact: Lynette Blackburn Phone 877 2340 or Email [Blackburn.family@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Blackburn.family@xtra.co.nz) to RSPV.  
Final booking numbers required by 10<sup>th</sup> September. Bring your partner too. Cost \$29 per head.

Cheers Lynette

## **HTC 2010 Photo Competition on Wed night meeting 8 Sept**

### **Entries**

All entries to be as a printed photo 6x4.  
Maximum of 4 entries per category.  
Photos to be taken since 1 Jan 2007.(except for Historic)

### **Categories**

- 1 Outdoor Landscapes (no people)
- 2 Hut or Camp Life
- 3 Above the Bushline
- 4 Below Bushline
- 5 Native Flora and Fauna (no people)
- 6 Club Character
- 7 Historic (Pre 1980, black and white encouraged)

### **Judging**

By members voting at the meeting for first and second place-getters.

### **FMC Photo Competition**

The winners and second place-getters of each section can go forward electronically to the FMC Photo Competition.(except for Historical) and will not have won any other awards except the member's own club competition.

For more information see FMC Bulletin No 179 March 2010 and Bulletin 180 June 2010.

**New Members:**

The Club welcomes Isobel Holdaway, Christine and Bruce Turner, Rod Knight.

**Personal Contact Information:**

If you change your mailing address, home phone number or e-mail address please inform the Club Secretary Phone 844 8656 or the Club Editor Phone 845 0942. Otherwise we could lose contact with you.

**Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information****Coming Meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Supper Help</b>
25 Aug	David Harrington	Map and compass skills	Penny Isherwood, Ros Lusk
8 Sept	Photo Competition	Bring along your printed photos for a chance to enter both the Club & FMC competitions	Shirley Bathgate, Ray Manning
22 Sept	Mike Lusk	All creatures great and small	Raewyn Ricketts, Philip Mardon
6 Oct	Gerald Blackburn	New developments with Search & Rescue in Hawkes Bay	Marjorie Musson, Peter Berry
20 Oct	Reunion Committee	Planning for the 75 <sup>th</sup> Reunion	Judy McBride, Lex Smith
3 Nov	Social	Photos and experiences from the 75 <sup>th</sup> Reunion	Joan Ruffel, Jeff Robertson
17 Nov	Annual General Meeting	The most important annual meeting	Gail Harvey, Randall Goldfinch
1 Dec	Colin Shanley	Recent cycle trip from Cape Reinga to the Bluff	Geoff Clibborn, Brent Hickey
15 Dec	Jim Watt	An expert on Stewart Island	Mary Gray, Peter Brown
12 Jan	Xmas Trips	Catch up on members' holiday trips	Anne Blake Mike Bull

Meetings Sub-Committee: Christine Hardie, Anne Blake and Shirley Bathgate.

Please refer ideas for club night speakers and activities to us.

**SUPPER:** Fill and switch zip on, put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy, and generally help Marion. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting.

## ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP?

Even the easiest of club trips requires a reasonable degree of fitness and, from time to time, tramps have been seriously delayed by unfit party members. While individuals may have varying degrees of basic fitness it is unlikely that a person who has a sedentary job or who plays no sport will manage an average B Party trip. The best preparation for tramping is tramping and there are hilly places in Napier and close to Hastings which make excellent training areas. For example, a walk from the cattle-stop car park in Te Mata Park to the top of the peak via the big redwoods, and back to the cattle-stop via the roadside track with an 8 kg pack should take about 70- 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for five to six hours.

## TRIP GRADINGS

**EASY:** 4-6 hours tramping - suitable for beginners.  
**MEDIUM:** 6-8 hours tramping - suitable for those with some experience.  
**HARD:** 7 hrs+ tramping - experience & a high level of fitness necessary.  
**Unless otherwise specified** an "A" trip would have a **HARD** grading and a "B" trip a **MEDIUM** grading.

## GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS

<u>Wear/Carry</u>	<u>DAY TRIPS</u> <u>Carry</u>	<u>WEEKEND TRIPS</u> <u>All items listed for day trip plus</u>
Pack & pack liner	Map & compass	Sleeping bag
Boots & gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least a litre of water	Food for three additional meals
Parka & over-trousers	Lunch	Cooker, billy & matches
Fast-drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or wool jumper	Torch, spare batteries & bulb	Toilet gear, small towel & toilet paper
Longjohns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, cutlery
Gloves/mittens	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches, pencil, paper)	Tent/fly if required
Overmitts		
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

**Leave at truck/car:** Complete set of clothing for the return trip and a mug with something to flavour hot water from the Clibbornette.

## OVERDUE TRAMPERS

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush before dark safety considerations must come first. This may mean that parties are late returning to transport. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take two hours or more to return to the embarkation point. Beginners should make sure that anyone who might worry about them is informed of this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the "overdue contacts" if return seems likely to be later than 10.00 pm. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all enquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:

**David Blake 835 3284**

**Graeme Hare 844 8656**

**Glenda Hooper 877 4183**

**Cancellations:** If you cannot make a trip please contact the leader **BEFOREHAND** so as to avoid unnecessary delays for the rest of the party.

**Club Meetings:** These are held every second Wednesday (the one before a Weekend tramp) at the Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7.25 pm; visitors are welcome.



**TRIP LIST 2010**

Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons.

For pre-trip enquiries contact the organiser or David Blake Ph 835 3284.

Please Email trip requests to dblake@vodafone.net.nz

**25 August Wed**      **Cycle from Lake Lopez – Maraetotora Rd – Mohi Bush & Rtn**  
 Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

**28 - 29 August**      **Howletts Hut (One of our Club Huts)**      **\$15**      **Map BL36 or U22**  
 Up Daphne Spur to Howletts Hut for the night.  
 A: Party out via Saw Tooth & Tarn Biv.    B: Party Otumore & Long View Hut.  
 C: Party Into Long View Hut for the Saturday night  
 Organisers: A: John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358    B: .....    C:  
 Driver:

**1 Sept Wed**      **Tramp up to Travers Hut (A frame) & along the tops**      **Map BL36**  
 Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 5935

**8 Sept Wed**      **Drive to Otane then Cycle down Racecourse Rd to the Tuki Tuki, follow around back roads to Waipawa and Otane at Cafe for lunch**  
 Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

**12 Sept**      **Mangatainoka Hot Springs – Te Puia Hut**      **\$15**      **Map BJ37 & BH37 or U20**  
 An enjoyable to Te Puia Hut and to the Mangatainoka Hot Springs then return.  
 Organisers: Des Smith Ph 878 4043  
 Driver:

**15 Sept Wed**      **Tramp along Matauri Ridge to high point & Rtn**      **Map BJ37**  
 Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

**22 Sept Wed**      **Cycle from Pakowhai Park to Ahuriri & Napier & Rtn along Coastal cycleways**  
 Organiser: Judy McBride Ph 876 9756

**25 - 26 Sept**      **Kaimai Trip**      **\$**      **Map**  
 Franklin Rd to Ananui Falls. This starts between Paeroa and Waihi.  
 Day 1: 3.5hrs walk to Waitawheta Hut on a raised tramway beside the Waitawheta river, crossing it 8 times. There are lovely views along the way, one spectacular gorge & a Kauri log on bogies just beyond the first bridge. Waitawheta Hut sleeps 22-30 & has heating. Exploring the short tracks around the hut is well worth the trouble.  
 Day 2: 6.5hrs total, the first 3hrs up & down through regenerating forest to Ananui Falls, then follow Bluff stream track to the Bluff passing 2 huge Kauri Trees (future firewood) before following tramway back to Franklin Rd car-park.  
 Organisers:  
 Driver:

**29 Sept Wed**      **Walk the Taradale Reserves**  
 Organiser: Helen Hare Ph 844 8656

**6 Oct Wed**      **Cycle from Ohiti Rd to Pukehamoamo School & Matapiro Rd circuit.**  
 Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

Pohokura

**9 - 10 Oct                      Te Araroa walkway route                      \$                      Map**  
In the Manawatu area. A section of this walkway that is meant to go from Spirits Bay to Bluff when finished. A lot of it is currently on roads so we will avoid these areas. We might do the Burtons track and / or Mangaho-Makahika track sections.  
Organisers: A:                      B:                      .....                      C:  
Driver:

**13 Oct Wed                      Beach Walk Aropanui to Waipatiki or vica versa.**  
Organiser: Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590

**20 Oct Wed                      Cycle from Central HB Waipawa to Tiko & district.**  
Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 5935

**24 Oct                      75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Trips                      Map BK36 or U22**  
This day will be based at Wakarara School Camp, North Block Rd, trips for all levels of fitness & ability.  
A: Waikamaka Hut, Gerald Blackburn B: Sunrise Hut, Susan Lopdell C: Triplex Hut, Swamp track.  
Organiser: Reunion Committee & David Blake Ph 835 3284  
Drivers: Bus: Lex Smith Truck: Geoff Clibborn

**27 Oct Wed                      Tramp the Spooners Hill & Bellbird Bush areas.**  
Organiser: Raewyn Ricketts Ph 877 9377

**3 Nov Wed                      Cycle the Tuki Tuki circuit & maybe coffee at Clifton.**  
Organiser: Mr Lyn Gentry Ph 875 0542

**7 Nov                      Annual Cairn Trip                      \$15                      Map BJ36 or U20**  
Join the day of remembrance of past club members and others who fell for us in the World Wars.  
Always a well catered for day.  
Organisers: A: Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590  
Driver:

**10 Nov Wed                      Tramp to the Blue Lakes area off Pohokura Rd.**  
Organiser: Judy McBride Ph 876 9756

**13-14 Nov                      Hazardous Waste Collection**  
Organiser: Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656

**17 Nov Wed                      Cycle from Pakowhai Park along cycle ways to Clifton.**  
Organiser: Bobby Couchman Ph 877 8557

**20 - 21 Nov                      Kaimanawa Forest Park                      \$25                      Map BH36 & BH37 or U19 & T19**  
A Party: Weekend trip from Clements Rd following track to ridge, ridge east to Ahipaepae onto Pukehuia & down to the 50m waterfall, on to Tauranga Taupo river and out to Kiko Rd.  
B Party: Clements Rd to and past Cascade Hut to camp further around. Day 2 continue around to Kiko Rd.  
Organisers: A: Dave Harrington Ph 839 5766 B: Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697 C:  
Driver:

**24 Nov Wed                      Tramp to Kiwi Saddle Hut.                      Map BJ37 or U20**  
Organiser: Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

**1 Dec Wed                      Cycle the back roads of Central HB from Waipawa with our resident locals.**  
Organiser: Bruce & Christine Turner Ph 06 857 5227

Pohokura

**4 – 5 Dec                      Golden Crown                      \$15                      Map BK37 or U21**  
Up Golden Crown ridge, down Golden Crown spur to Tarapeke stream, up onto Jumped up spur then down to Jumped Up stream to follow out to road.  
Organisers: A: Dave Harrington Ph 839 5766 B: ..... C:  
Driver:

**8 Dec Wed              A Te Pohue farm walk over private lands.**  
Organiser: Marion Nicholson Ph 873 9377

**15 Dec Wed              Cycle from Maraekakaho War Memorial along Aorangi Rd & return.**  
Organiser: Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

**18 - 19 Dec              Christmas Party at Kuripapango                      \$15                      Map BJ37 or U20**  
At Kuripapango camping area we will have our Christmas Social gathering. Come for the weekend or the day.  
Organisers: Social Committee  
Driver:

**2 Jan 2011                      Mystery Beach Trip                      \$15                      Map**  
To be advised  
Organisers: Mike Bull Ph 843 6052  
Driver:

**9 Jan 2011                      Ruahine                      \$15                      Map BL36 or U23& T23**  
Ngamoko Rd (Norsewood), up Apiti Track and down river to Makeratu Hut, downstream to Happy Daze Hut and then down the river to the road bridge.  
Organisers: B:  
Driver:

**15 - 16 Jan 2011              Southern Ruahine Crossing                      \$15                      Map BL36 or U23 & T23**  
A Party: Tamaki Rd, up to Stanfield Hut, over to Cattle Creek Hut and out Pohongina River.  
B Party: Drive around and then do a Mid Pohangina circuit.  
Organisers: A: Jeff Robertson Ph 021 0276 1935 B:  
Driver:

## TRUCK MATTRESS AIRING SYSTEM

This is to overcome occasional problems of damp mattresses. It is a bit like an inverted toast-rack & keeps the mattresses about 90mm apart from each other to allow air circulation & drying.

1. BEFORE MOVING ANYTHING, ALL GO INSIDE THE TRUCK, and have a good look at the system, so that you ALL know how to put it back as found, after your trip.
2. Dismantle with care, put mattresses aside, and stow components as below.
3. The fibreboard spacers all fit ON EDGE on the two black steel brackets above the book-rack. If properly stowed, they will not fall off, even on the roughest road!
4. The two timber cross-members stow fore-and-aft, screw-side down, on the two black steel brackets at RH side, just below the blanket-rack. They may need a little bit of firm pressure to engage on brackets, meant to be that way. Likewise, they will not fall off if properly stowed.
5. Lay mattresses as normal.
6. The above procedure is completely reversible and is to be done!

Happy trucking, have some great trips, see you sometime after 10 October. Geoff Clibborn.

