



# Shaft Drive Lines

June 2013



## What's On

- 29 June. *Christmas in Winter 2013* @ Corryong; a joint weekend with the BMWCCVIC.
- 13 July. *Winter Rally* on the Braidwood - Nerriga Road.
- 20 July. Day / Weekend ride to Bermagui.
- 28 July. Breakfast General Meeting, venue TBA.
- 2 August. *Hat Rally* @ Araluen.
- 10 August. Your Clubs Oil Head Rally @ Canberra



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- BMWCCACT: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbwmcc/>
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**Activities:** Club rides, social events and other organised events are listed on the web page <http://bwmccact.wildapricot.org/>. The Ride Coordinator ([rides@bwmccact.org.au](mailto:rides@bwmccact.org.au)) and Social Secretary ([social@bwmccact.org.au](mailto:social@bwmccact.org.au)) welcome suggestions and can be emailed directly.

The webpage <http://bwmccact.wildapricot.org/> has the most current information. The Ride Coordinator and Social Secretary will email members reminders and late changes to events. Email is the principal means of communicating with Club members; it is up to you to ensure that your email contact address is up to date and mailbox not so full that messages don't get through.

You can update your personal details by logging on from the Club webpage <http://bwmccact.wildapricot.org/>.

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## PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

Winter has truly arrived and to ensure that I felt all that Mother Nature can deliver in the way of freezing weather, I recently attended the *44th Alpine Rally* that was held on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. I along with Dave Morgan and the Smee's rode up to the Yarrangobilly River campsite. A full story on our exploits at the Alpine is in this edition. The Alpine Rally had a good roll-up and lots of after-dark entertainment with a fireworks show and the usual burning of a VW crankcase. If you have never seen a magnesium fire, it is a sight to behold.

The major event this month is *Christmas in Winter*, held in conjunction with the Victorian BMW Club at Corryong on the 30th June and 1st July. I went as the master of ceremonies last year and all those that attended had a great time with lots of laughs with (and at the expense of) our Victorian cousins. Time is running out to book a seat at the Christmas table and get a bed, but, if you are considering going, contact Jack Schmitt of BMWCCVIC. Details are listed in What's On.

The next big event on our calendar is the inaugural *Oil Head Rally*. This event is open to all owners and enthusiasts of the R1100, R1150 and R1200 series of bikes and promises to be a great get-together to view and ride all types of oil head. Please make time to be a part of this event either as a rally participant or as one of the support team. The Club is still looking for assistance in running this event, so I you can spare some time to help let me or one of the committee know.

That is it from me; I am off to test out my new winter gloves.

Ride safely

Martin Robertson

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Terry Williams,

Dennis and Yola Murphy

*Welcome to the Club and we look forward to seeing you on a ride or at a meeting.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings for 2013 will be roving and held at 0930 on the fourth Sunday of each month, following a 0830 BBQ breakfast and before a ride decided on the day and leaving ~1000. The venue will be advised by email to members and on the Club webpage or contact the President [president@bwmccact.org.au](mailto:president@bwmccact.org.au).

You can find the next location here <http://bwmccact.wildapricot.org/> and 'What's On'.

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## WHAT'S ON

Club members meet for an informal breakfast each Sunday from 0845 at the [Thymes Thirty Three Café](#) 3/33 Ellendon Street Bungendore. Everyone is welcome from 0830-1000 and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards. Please free up the tables from 1000 if you are not eating to make way for other customers.

The Clubs webpage <http://bmwmccact.wildapricot.org/> and 'What's On' tab details Club rides and activities, as does the [Ride Coordinator](#) by email to members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send those to the [Editor](#)

| Date                              | Detail   | Contact  |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday each month | Club monthly meetings start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. A BBQ breakfast from 0830 is available to members and visitors (\$5 for an egg & bacon roll and a coffee) beforehand and followed by a ride agreed on the day.  | The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at <a href="mailto:president@bmwmccact.org.au">president@bmwmccact.org.au</a> . |
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## BMWCCACT 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OIL HEAD RALLY



## CLUB MEMBER HELP NEEDED

The Club has organised the *Oil Head Rally* to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BMW's most successful engine variant over the weekend of Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August 2013.

The Rally will be based in Canberra and your Committee needs help to make this event a success; all the planning has been done and we now need volunteers to staff the various rally points and assist our visitors.

The rally will start with a demo ride day at Rolfes from 10am and \$2 sausage sizzle and drinks in the car park from 12 - 2pm. Hosts and cooks required!

Riders and pillions will be given a route map or GPS file to make their way around Canberra's 3 peaks (Mt Ainslie, Red Hill and Black Mountain) in any order they like. At each point, both rider and pillion get one additional ticket to the affle and can purchase additional raffle tickets at Rolfes or the Rally site. Marshalls and ticket sellers required at each hilltop!

From 4 - 5pm Riders will make their way to the Canberra South Motor Park in Fyshwick and those with 'oil heads' can enter the awards and judging. Judges and hosts required!

The Rally awards and raffle will be given and drawn from 6pm. Bring your own food or eat at the onsite Pub, bistro or purchase from the shop. The Club would like to borrow a BBQ (in addition to the onsite one) and portable fire pit (heat beads) along with some tables, chairs and shelters.

The rally concludes on Sunday with a cooked breakfast and lead Cotter Loop ride for those so inclined. Breakfast chefs and ride leaders required!

Okay, now is your chance to help your Club out and make this rally a success. If you help out please contact President Martin at [president@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:president@bmwmccact.org.au) with your contact details and what your preferences are. See this magazine, *What's On* and flyer for other details.

*Thilo Kobers, F650GS*

We could be mistaken for thinking that the poet Robert Burns had motorcyclists in mind when he wrote the lines: "The best laid schemes of mice and men / often go awry". I had planned for a 6-week trip around the western half of Australia. My intended route was as follows: Mildura, Victor Harbour, Port Augusta, Marree, Birdsville, Mt Isa, Camooweal, Katherine, Darwin, Derby, Broome, Port Hedland, Perth, Kalgoorlie, Adelaide and Melbourne then back to Canberra. After overnighing in Marree, I set off on the 503 km ride to Birdsville. However, all my plans unravelled about 40 kms south of Birdsville, where both bike and rider came to a sudden, unplanned rest on the Track.



*Road conditions - Birdsville Track, Marree, SA*

Contributing factors to my 'survival' were my relatively low speed at the time of the fall and appropriate, good quality clothing. The helmet I discarded in Birdsville. It is also noteworthy to mention that the entire Diamantina region experienced considerable rainfall just 24 hours previously. The Track itself was, however, not as bad as I had imagined when leaving Marree on Easter Monday morning. Unfortunately, in the aftermath of the fall, I have lost my helmet camera and with it some interesting vision (not the actual crash though).

I was initially assessed at the Birdsville Clinic. They suspected fractured ribs but not haemopneumothorax. A mobile x-ray machine is available but no one to operate it! I have corresponded with relevant decision makers and

stakeholders, including the local QLD parliamentary member for Kennedy, about this situation.

Furthermore, Birdsville Clinic also charges for their medical/nursing services – no Medicare or private health insurance claim is possible as no provider number is given.

The initial clinical assessment at the Birdsville Clinic did not warrant an airlift to Mt Isa. However, I did so myself 3 days after the event, and was admitted to Mt Isa Hospital for 4 days. There, they established that I had sustained five broken ribs and a small haemopneumothorax. I subsequently arrived home on 13th April after a 52-hour bus journey having strict instructions not to fly for several weeks! My insurance company trucked the bike direct to Brisbane for assessment.



*Mungerannie, Birdsville Track, SA*

Overall, I consider myself very fortunate, with my health prognosis good, after treatment. I know that with my previous bike of 10 years, the R1150RT, I would not made even 5 km on the Birdsville Track. With the agile F650, I almost made it all the way.



*Mungerannie Hotel*



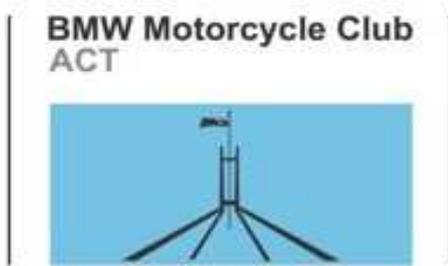
*Feeling better, Mt Isa Hospital*



*A sore and sorry F650GS*

# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oil Head Rally

## Saturday 10 – Sunday 11 August 2013



The BMW Motorcycle Club of the ACT invites all motorcyclists to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BMW's most successful engine variant the R850, R1100, R1150 and R1200 oil heads and Canberra's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the inaugural *Oil Head Rally* in the national capital. If you own an early R850, a late model R1200RT or anything in between or would just like to be a part of this milestone in BMW Motorrad's history – please come along. All riders and bike makes are welcome.

**Saturday** registration starts from 10am at Canberra's only BMW dealership [Rolfe Classic Motorcycles Showroom](#), 2 Botany Street Phillip ([Google Map](#)) with demo rides, sales and \$2 sausage sizzle or drinks from 12pm to 2pm.

From 11am to 4pm, rally entrants can ride to Canberra's three scenic peaks and receive an additional raffle ticket at each peak's car park. The last rider will leave Rolfe Classic Motorcycles at 4.30pm.

From 4 to 5pm enter your bike for judging and award as the best oil head variant at the rally in Tourer, Sport, GS and Naked classes plus lowest production number (see your VIN plate) and most kilometres. Along with longest distance rider, longest distance pillion, youngest rider and largest Club attendance. The Judges decision is final.

Awards will start at 6pm; first the bikes, then rally participants, followed by the raffle draw and an evening of self-entertainment, outdoor movies, and socialising. The Club will provide limited shelter, chairs and tables.

**Entry:** \$20 per rider or pillion gets you a commemorative badge and one entry ticket to the raffle. You can purchase additional raffle tickets for \$2 each or three for \$5.

The rally campground and Club BBQ's will be available; so bring your own food, buy dinner & drinks at the on-site pub, in the bistro or from the shop.

**Site / Venue:** [Canberra South Side Motor Park](#) located on the corner of Canberra Ave & Monaro Hwy, Fyshwick ACT 2609 ([Google Map](#)). The park has unpowered campsites for \$32, powered campsites \$36, basic cabins \$105 and all-inclusive cabins from \$118 for two people. **MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKING** on (02) 6280 6176 or email [csmp@iimetro.com.au](mailto:csmp@iimetro.com.au) and tell them you are with the *BMWCCACT 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oil Head Rally*.

**Sunday:** A rally site breakfast of egg & bacon rolls (\$5), coffee or juice (\$2) will be available on Sunday morning. An escorted ~2h ride to Canberra's local dams will leave the park at 10am.

The Club will donate rally proceeds to charity.

For more information, visit our webpage

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Dave Morgan, R1200GS  
Ride Coordinator

With the approach of winter and cooler weather, it is pleasing to note the hardier souls in the Club who have been gearing up appropriately and heading off on day or overnight rides to various destinations, rallies and the like. Last month's ride to Marlo for example, although setting off in pretty cool, windy, and at times damp conditions, turned out to be a fine weekend for riding over good roads and fabulous scenery. We have also had a goodly contingent heading out for a ride after the popular monthly breakfast and General Meeting. It is also good to see that many Club members, who no longer have to put in regular working hours, have been getting out about on their German machinery during the week.

After April's General Meeting at Black Mountain Peninsula, Bill (R1200RT), Andrew (R1200GSA), Bob (F800GS), Steve and Amanda (R1200GSA) and myself (R1200R) headed off for a shorter day ride to Gunning, then via the Old Hume Highway and various back roads to Goulburn, returning to Canberra via the Braidwood and Currawang Roads to Bungendore, where we split for home base (~ 260 kms). Very nice autumn weather made for an excellent day out altogether, while still getting home in plenty of time wipe off any light dusting, or insects, from the bike.

A couple of weekends ago, Club members Ian (K1200LT), Jim (K1600GT), President Martin (R1200GS) and myself (R1200GS), put in an appearance at the MRA ACT's Blanket Run in support of the Salvation Army's Winter Appeal, held at Old Parliament House. Sadly, numbers were well down across all ride groups and clubs compared with previous years, although it was good to note that much had been donated to the appeal notwithstanding. Also being held on the same weekend, the "Loaded Dog Rally" at Tarago, attended by a number of our stalwart rally goers.

Now whilst the weekend ride to Lake Cargelligo had to be deferred from May to later in the year, there's plenty of other ride opportunities for Club members over the next month or so. There are a number of rallies on in the region over the next few weeks, with the long running *Alpine Rally* coming up over the Queen's Birthday Long weekend, being very popular. Other Club events in June will be the day ride to Temora Aviation Museum on Saturday 15th, and the Christmas-In-Winter dinner with the BMW MCCCVIC at Corryong, on the weekend of 29th/30th.

On the weekend of 10th/11th August the Club is hosting the *Oil Head Rally*, marking the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the air/oil cooled BMW motorcycle engine. Get behind the Club on this with suggestions, help in preparation and offers of support to make it a memorable weekend.

Make a point of checking the "[What's On](#)" link on the Club's website. With the new look website working well now, this is your "one stop shop" for rides, events, news, et cetera.

If you do not like the scheduled rides, then put up your suggestions or better still, run a Club ride yourself and send the details to me and I'll make sure that all the membership gets to know about it via the "[What's On](#)" page and email. Finally, whether a Club ride or not, send in your ride stories and pictures to Editor Garry, so that we can all get to hear about them in the Club magazine.

Safe riding,

Dave Morgan

This year's BMW GS Safari was sold out in 3 days. Wow!



To satisfy the overwhelming demand for this year's GS Safari, we are planning to stage a second GS Safari event on the following week (27 October - 1 November) called GS Safari-Enduro. Running a second event allows us to adapt the route (weather permitting) with additional challenging sections that would not suit novice or intermediate riders.

[Get the details and how to register for GS Safari-Enduro here.](#)

We appreciate your support and understanding, and hope to have everything finalised very soon.

It is a great sign that we have an event that is enjoyed by so many and proof that the BMW GS range truly is the Ultimate Adventure Riding Machine!

Happy trails,

BMW Safari Crew



*The 2012 GS Safari Participants*



*Garry & Jane Smee, R1200ST*

The Alpine Rally lays claim to be Australia's longest running motorcycle rally and this year's 44<sup>th</sup> was held at the Yarrangobilly Site on the Snowy Mountains Highway over the June long weekend.

At the previous committee meeting President Martin (R1200R), Ride Coordinator Dave (R1200GS) and Editor Garry, all intending to go, agreed to meet and ride down together on the Saturday morning.

The plan started to unravel when uncharacteristically; we were all ready to go before the appointed start time. Following a series of calls to Dave and Martin, Jane and I left for our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting point when a strong smell of burning rubber, dash warning light and battery symbol came on not 2km from home. Pulling up, Jane commented "was that Martin riding off into the distance" and 'his' meeting point.

Not now going any further I turned around and having completed my 60 000km service the previous weekend, including changing the alternator belt, suspected this to be the problem.

Once home, I quickly put a call into Rolfe's Spares who not only had one belt in stock, but six! This called for a quick trip to Phillip, with son and apprenti BMW mechanic Mitchell in tow to loan the BMW Special Tool required to install the replacement belt correctly. Even the Haynes bible doesn't have a do-it-yourself option. Having only done this the previous week, the 3 bolts, 2 screws and cover were quickly removed and culprit removed. The new belt was duly installed, cover replaced, bike tested and riding gear put back on. During this time a series of calls and texts failed to locate Martin; and Dave who was waiting at our meeting point 2 Guises Creek RFS also not having seen Martin headed off for Adaminaby, the de facto meeting point 3. Back on the road Jane and I made a quick, although uninspiring ride down the Monaro Highway to Cooma before the more enjoyable ride across the Snowy Mountains Highway to Adaminaby where we found Dave and Martin at the bakery having finished their lunch. Our plans delayed by about an hour and half.



Having re-grouped, we rode on to Yarrangobilly passing a number of road side kangaroos and a small herd of Brumbies, both unusual sighting's given the light but steady traffic. The Snowy Mountains Highway is one of my favourite roads and worth riding at any time of the year.



*(L-R) Ride Coordinator Dave, President Martin, Jane & Garry (Editor) Smee with the morning coffee.*

For those new to rallying or want to try it out, the Alpine Yarrangobilly site is as good as any as it is just off the highway. The cold can be testing, with a reported minus 7°C reported overnight, but kept at bay with appropriate clothing, rally fire, tent and sleeping bag.

The Alpine's, alternate year site in the Brindabella Mountains that presents a more challenging site and ride often including 4WDs, ice, snow, mud, slippery grass and wombat burrows; it is also cold!

As dusk became night, and as that sleet, began to fall we grouped around the campfire for the tradition of storytelling, ride reporting and local, country, international and universal problem solving to the accompaniment of internal anti-freeze lubricants & health snacks..

The evening was punctuated by a small selection of (licensed) fireworks, VW magnesium engine case fires and assorted loud noises and bright lights.

Eventually, having consumed the anti-freeze and evening turned to early morn and others having retired, it was time for bed and luxury that is the Exped mat and a vastly over rated sleeping bag that only goes to two rallies each year, Alpine & Casper.

As is often the case, morning broke to clear blue skies and sub-zero temperatures. The 9am presentations allow plenty of time for socialising and catching up with those not seen the previous evening. Organiser Henning's memorabilia for this year was g-strings for the ladies and male undies boasting the Alpine Rally logo, with a free pair to the first man or woman to parade a pair. There is always one, and sure enough, a brave rallyist was soon seen stripped to a nice pair of Alpine Red Rally Jocks, destined to become collectables. The youngest male rider was 23, female rider a little older and youngest attendee 9.

Formalities completed, Martin, Dave, Jane and I packed up during which time Martin found he was sporting an unwanted screw in his rear tyre. This was promptly removed, plugged and tyre pumped up in parallel to tent packing.



We then rode over to Tumut for what was now lunch, before heading up the Gocup back road to Gundagai.

Martin headed north-west to see family in the mid-west, along with Martin who took a longer loop back to Canberra, whilst Jane and I headed up a lightly trafficked Hume Freeway only seeing one Police car at the Glenloch interchange.



*The President repairs his flat tyre with the Ride Coordinator's studious moral support; notice the clean hands.*



*A white Sunday morning greets those at the 44th Alpine Rally.*



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Feel like donating blood? Well the Red Cross Blood Bank is happy to accommodate you, just call them on 13 95 96.

As at 8 May 2013, Club Members have donated 7 times saving 21 lives. From more than 100 members, we should be able to improve on this through 2013.

The Victorian Club are not much further ahead, so we should be able to set a challenging pace.

For more information go to the Red Cross Donate Blood webpage <http://www.donateblood.com.au/>

## Organisation or group: BMW Motorcycle Club

| STATE                        | MONTH TO DATE (JUNE) | YEAR TO DATE (2013) | NUMBER OF LIVES SAVED |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 3                    | 12                  | 36                    |
| New South Wales              | 0                    | 0                   | 0                     |
| Northern Territory           | 0                    | 0                   | 0                     |
| Queensland                   | 0                    | 0                   | 0                     |
| South Australia              | 0                    | 0                   | 0                     |
| Tasmania                     | 0                    | 0                   | 0                     |
| Victoria                     | 3                    | 47                  | 141                   |
| Western Australia            | 0                    | 0                   | 0                     |
| <b>NATIONAL TOTAL</b>        | <b>6</b>             | <b>59</b>           | <b>177</b>            |

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## BMW S1000RR EXPERIENCE TRACK DAYS & TEST RIDES

BMW Motorrad are offering test rides of the incredible S1000 RR (and K1300S, K1300R and R1200GS) at Eastern Creek Sydney Tuesday 24 September 2013 and other venues in the coming months. If you have dreamt of riding the multiple award winning "RR" on a track, your dreams have just come true!

First timers can feel confident that this event is for them, all riders must be fully licensed and bikes must be road registered and pass a scrutineering check (no track/race bikes). Experienced lead riders will be on hand to follow and give tips throughout the day.



BMW's 2 x Australian Superbike Champion, Glenn Allerton and his Next Generation Team will be there, providing tips on bike set up, line selection, body position and there will be a whole range of activities going on throughout the day.

### The Options

- The test rides have a small fee of \$49 to participate and include one test ride session, light refreshments and a BMW Motorrad t-shirt.
- The track day is \$149 and consists of 5 x 15minute sessions (on your own motorcycle); a T-shirt and garage space is included as is light refreshments throughout the day.
- The track day and test ride offer is \$198 and is a combination of the two. Get the best of both worlds and spend the day at the track.

When you go through to the booking form on the next page, there are three different options for you to book:

- Test ride session only - \$49
- Track day only - \$149 (own motorcycle required)
- Track day and test ride - \$198

Book your RR Experience from 1 July 2013 here: <http://rrexperience.maschine.com.au/>



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# Good News. Your Committee has continued this into 2013

One of the Club's objectives is to improve club members riding skills. In recent years, the Club has sponsored and organised rider skills training and motorcyclist first aid courses. This year the Committee has adopted a different approach where you book, pay and attend a selected rider training program and on completion present your 'certificate' to the Treasurer who will reimburse you \$100 off the course cost. Sorry no reimbursement for travel, accommodation, meals or entertainment: only the training course.

The Committee has approved the following training providers and courses. If you find another one, please send the details to the [Committee@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Committee@bmwmccact.org.au) for consideration.

- Stay Upright ACT @ Sutton, <http://www.stayupright.com.au/stay-upright-act-0>
- Academy of Off Road Riding @ Nelligen, <http://www.academyofoffroadriding.com.au/adventure-bike-courses/>
- Top Rider Motorcycle Rider Training @ Marulan, <http://www.toprider.com.au/Pages.asp?PageID=42> (occasionally in Canberra, check the web).

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, for 2013 the subsidy has a 20-member course cap. We will keep you up to date on where we are at and if you are concerned please email the [Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au) before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMW MCCA ACT Inc. Yes, we will check.
- You must book, pay and attend a course with one of the 3 rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your certificate to the [Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au) with your contact email and bank details who will reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can claim only one reimbursement for this program cycle, April 2013 to March 2014 AGM.

## GRAVEL SURFER TRIP TO BROKEN HILL, THE FLINDERS RANGES & BEYOND

Ever fancied a ride to the desert regions of South Australia, North West NSW and maybe South West Queensland? The Club's Gravel Surfers are planning a trip for 2 weeks in August 2013 and are looking for fellow riders to the two plus already.

The plan is to stick to the main dirt and other roads, take in all the popular sites camping along the way with the odd pub thrown in.

If this sounds like you and you would like more information head to the Club's Gravel Surfer website

<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelurfing/>





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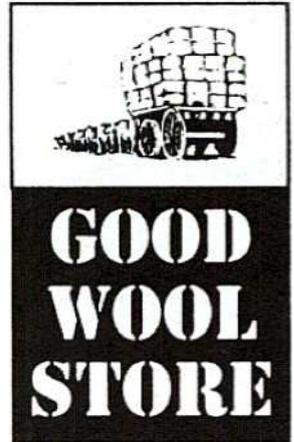
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### THE EDITORS FILL

**Wanted:** Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2013 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the [Editor@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Editor@bmwmccact.org.au) with captions and photographer credits.

Hi Riders,

Paper readers of *Shaft Drive Lines* may have wondered where their May copy was. I missed a committee meeting that included a discussion on the paper version and its cost and had incorrectly assumed that the paper version was to be dropped. This was an error on my part, so you should have it by now. The magazine represents >35% of the Club costs and increasing whilst readership diminishes; a problem common to all forms of print media it seems. You will or have received an email seeking your views and opportunity to vote on whether the magazine continues in its paper form or electronic only and read from Club's webpage. I expect there will be a variety of views, so make sure you vote or comment and have your voice heard on how you want your club to operate.

This should not get in the way of riding, although my continuing bike mechanical issues are doing their best to prevent any riding – maybe they don't like the cold.

Lastly, the *Oil Head* and *Kosciuszko Rallies* are fast approaching; both need your help to be a success, so why not hold your hand up and help your Club out. Contact the Ride Coordinator or President for details.

That's my fill,

Garry Smee,

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