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What's On

- 10 May, MRA (ACT) Blanket Run. Leaving from Old Parliament House 1000.
- 10 May, Loaded Dog Rally, Tarago NSW.
- 25 May, BMWCCACT Monthly Meeting
- 7-9 June, 45th Alpine Rally, Brindabella Valley ACT



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Cover Photo: Mt Panorama (L-R) Garry, Sue, Ian, Bob and Dave ready for a quick lap.
G. Smee

ABOUT THE CLUB

Membership: You can apply to join the BMW MCCA ACT Inc. online from the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au>. Members can update their personal details by logging on to the Club webpage.

Meetings: Club meetings start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday each month at different locations across the ACT; currently Parks with BBQ's and following a cooked breakfast from 0830. The location and details are posted to the websites *What's On* and email reminders sent to members beforehand.

Activities: The Club's *What's On* web page details Club rides, social and other organised events. Members can email suggested rides and social events directly to the Ride Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au) and Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au) respectively.

The Club's webpage 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 do not get through.

You can also joining one of our Yahoo groups:

- BMW MCCA ACT: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>
- ACT Gravel surfers: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelsurfing/>

Charity Support: Profits from the Club's *Kosciuszko Rally*, held each October, are donated to a nominated charity. Unfortunately, there was no profit in 2013 due to low numbers.

PRIVACY OF CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION

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SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the Editor has absolute discretion, the Club welcomes contributions to our magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Emailed content is preferred to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au or by @mail to:

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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

This month's magazine is full of ride and event reports, when you get this edition several of us will be setting out on a ride to discover the length and breadth (length mostly) of the mighty Murrumbidgee River. Even though the days are getting shorter and cooler, Autumn and Spring are the best biking times of the year for getting out on your "Bavarian masterpiece". So I recommend a visit to the "What's On" section of the Club's web site for a variety of social events, rides and rallies.

With our calendar in mind, I would like to remind members that the MRA Blanket ride is coming up on the 10th of May. This charity ride is a great opportunity to catch up with others members of our club who are not Bungendore regulars and our many friends on other bikes and in other clubs. The Blanket Ride is an opportunity to give money and non-perishable food to enable the Salvation Army to assist Canberra's needy. I hope to see you there.

As surfing the Internet is one of my interests, I had a look at motorcycle sales for 2013 and the first quarter of this year and I found some interesting facts. Courtesy of the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, I discovered that BMW sold 1-in-3 adventure bikes in 2013 with that number rising to 38% for the first three months this year. No doubt the introduction of the water-cooled GS & GSA models boosted sales, as the LC1200's are a fantastically capable machine. Unfortunately, touring bikes such as the R1200RT, once the backbone of BMW's model range and featuring lots of electronic innovation, have suffered from dowdy styling and have been roundly out-sold by Harley Davidson. In fact, last year HD sold 8 bikes of various touring configurations for every R1200RT – bring on the new LC 1200RT with optional screens, fairings and lights I say. But for a real hot seller you can't beat the Kawasaki Ninja 300, the favorite learner bike in several states, got to get one for a test to see what the appeal is as 791 have already been sold this year.

Lastly, put your support behind our new Ride Coordinator, Garry Smee, and come on a rider with us, your bike will thank you for it!

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

None this month

We look forward to meeting you on a ride or at a Club event

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WHAT'S ON

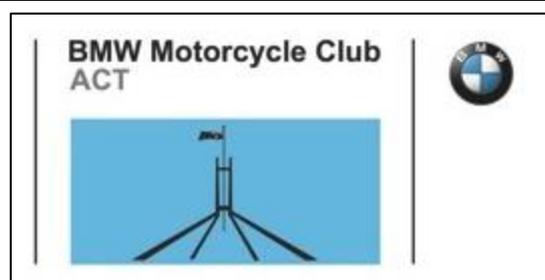
Club members meet for an informal breakfast each Sunday from 0845 at the [Thymes Thirty Three Café](#) 3/33 Ellendon Street Bungendore. Everyone is welcome from 0830-1000 and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards. Please free up the tables from 1000 if you are not eating to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

The Clubs webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au> 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
4 th 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 president@bmwmccact.org.au .
Riding events	Are listed on the <i>What's On</i> tab of the Clubs webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au and has the most up to date information. Periodic email reminders are sent to Club members. If you are planning on a ride and want company, then email the Ride Coordinator before hand with ride and contact details and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Rides Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au)
Social events	Are listed on the <i>What's On</i> tab of the Clubs webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au and has the most up to date information. Periodic email reminders are sent to members. If you are coming along or want to host a social event then email the Social Secretary of your attendance (for planning numbers) or details of your event and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au)

CLUB IDENTIFICATION

Looking for a sticker of the Club logo for your bike or badge to wear? Small Stickers \$0.50, large ones \$1.00 and enamel pin badges \$5.00. Send an email to members@bmwmccact.org.au to arrange for pickup, delivery and payment.



CLUB 2014 RIDE & SOCIAL CALENDAR



Do you want the Club to ride somewhere or do something in particular during 2014?

Then send your ride event or idea to rides@bmwmccact.org.au or

Social event or idea to social@bmwmccact.org.au.

**BMWCCACT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES 29 MARCH 2014**

1. **Location:** Canberra Irish Club, Weston
2. **Date:** 29 March 2014
3. **Meeting Opened:** 1625 (4.25pm), with 26 members per the record of attendance.
4. **Welcome:** The President Martin Robertson welcomed members to the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Incorporated (the Club) 2014 Annual General Meeting.
5. **Apologies:** Bruce Barter, Liz & Richard McMillan and Graeme Carey before the meeting. Martin Gilbert, Thilo Kober, Dave Ritchie, Margaret Warren, Janette Hahn, Danny Geus, Mike Kelly and Dennis Littame by others at the meeting.
6. **Presidents Report:** Martin thanked the outgoing Committee and in particular Alan Walsh (web master) and David Morgan (ride coordinator) who are standing down at this AGM. Martin then provided a recap on issues to be put to members and required voting on at this AGM. Martin then handed over the meeting to Public Officer Steve Hay.
7. **2013 AGM Minutes:** Steve advised these had been posted to and were available from the Club website before the AGM without query. Sue Morgan proposed they be accepted; seconded by Jim Reid and carried by show of hands.
8. **Treasurers Report:** Steve invited the Treasurer Bob Ellison to apprise members of the Club's financial status who in-turn told members that the club was in good financial order and that the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Financial Year audited reports have been publically available on the website for some time and invited questions or queries. None received; these would be put to a vote of acceptance later this meeting.
9. **2014-15 Club Committee (Election):** Steve then formally dissolved the 2013-14 Club Committee and advised members of nominations received and invited those present to nominate for election to the 2014-15 Committee. Following a closely fought election, Public Officer Steve Hay declared the results and BMWCCACT Incorporated Committee for the 2014-15 Club year as:
 - 9.1. President, Martin Robertson,
 - 9.2. Vice President, David Prest,
 - 9.3. Secretary, Dennis Littame,
 - 9.4. Treasurer, Bob Ellison,
 - 9.5. Ride Coordinator, Garry Smee
 - 9.6. Webmaster, Martin Robertson,
 - 9.7. Editor, vacant, but Garry Smee offered to continue,
 - 9.8. Social Secretary, Steve Hay,
 - 9.9. Public Officer, appointed by the President, Steve Hay and
 - 9.10. BMW Clubs Australia Delegate, appointed by the President, Garry Smee.
10. **AGM Business:**
 11. The Public Officer then put the following matters to members and voted on at the meeting;
 12. That the audited 2012-13 Financial Statements be accepted. Proposed Jane Smee; seconded Bill Brown; carried by show of hands.
 13. That the audited 2013-14 Financial Statements be accepted. Proposed Sue Morgan; seconded Garry Smee; carried by a show of hands.
 14. That the proposed amendments to the BMWCCACT incorporated Club Constitution, as posted to the website, be accepted. Proposed Dave Morgan; seconded Ian Warren; carried by a show of hands.
 15. That the Membership fee be set at \$40 for two persons with a maximum two separate email addresses in the Club membership database. Proposed Garry Smee; seconded David Prest; carried by show of hands.
 16. That the Club purchase a SPOT Tracker and associated hardware and online services at an estimated initial cost of <\$500. Proposed Dave Morgan; seconded Jane Smee; carried by show of hands.
 17. The addition of a specific bike(s) model field to the Club Membership database. This would allow the Committee to 'data mine' and develop more specific bike rides for member's interests and bikes. Proposed Martin Robertson; seconded John Kemp; carried by show of hands.

18. The Public Officer Steve Hay opened the floor for any new or additional General Business, and with none received, handed the meeting over to the incoming and continuing President Martin Robertson.

19. **Meeting Closed:** With no further business and until the 2015 AGM, the President Martin Robertson declared the BMW MCCA 2014 AGM closed at 1706 (5.06pm).

IMPROVING MEMBER RIDING SKILLS

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 for consideration.

- [BMW Australia Off Road Rider Training](#), various locations,
- [Stay Upright ACT](#) @ Sutton,
- [Academy of Off Road Riding](#) @ Nelligen
- [Top Rider Motorcycle Rider Training](#) @ Marulan, (occasionally in Canberra, check the web).
- [California Superbike School \(Australia\)](#), various race track locations.

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, for 2014 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 before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMW MCCA Inc. Yes, we will check.
- You must book, pay and attend a course with one of the rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your course completion certificate to the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au with your contact email and bank details, and
- The Treasurer, having validated your details will then reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can claim only one reimbursement for this program cycle, April 2014 to February 2015AGM.

ORANGE RIDE 12-13 APRIL 2014

Garry Smees (R1200ST)

At the Club's 2013 *Kosciuszko Rally* our major raffle prize, donated by BMW Group (Australia) was a System 6 helmet valued at \$1000. The lucky winner was Dave Barlow a member of the BMWTCNSW and resident of Orange NSW. The nature of the prize meant Dave had a voucher that required him to visit a BMW Motorrad dealer try a helmet for size, pick his preferred colour and then let the Club know. BMW would then send the helmet direct from Melbourne to the Club for presentation.

This sounds all very straight forward, except the BMW dealer in Orange does not sell bikes meaning Dave had to come to Canberra and Rolfe's as his nearest dealer. As Dave was in the process of adding to his garage of K1600GTL, F800GS with a new F700GS for wife Marg, he was a regular visitor to Canberra.

Having picked the size and colour, and helmet duly delivered to the Club in Canberra, Dave and the Club then set about picking a weekend for a ride to deliver it. For a range of reasons, the first date that met everyone's requirements was this one 12-13 April 2014.

With the weekend finally upon us, Ian Hahn (K1200LT), Bob Ellison (F800GS), Sue (R1200R) and Dave (R1200GS) Morgan, Rob Lovett (R1200St, BMWTCNSW) and me found ourselves at the Hall lay-by all ready to go before the appointed 0830 start. With no late arrivals, we headed off for Boorowa, Cowra, Blayney and our lunchtime meeting with Dave who was riding from Orange to the Bee Keepers Inn, Vittoria on the Mitchell Highway between Orange and Bathurst.

After what had seemed weeks of rain in Canberra we left under grey skies with the promise of 'isolated showers'; I took this to mean cool, grey and without rain. Which apart from a small number of drops held true for our whole weekend?

Our trip from Hall, through Murrumbateman and on to Boorowa was uneventful, passing the one raffle ticket seller who showed no interest in us this time. Which was just as well, given my new position of ride coordinator had me out the front. A potential negative of the job Dave Morgan, our recently retired RC, had not warned me of.

Apart from a major navigation error at Blayney and my GPS trying to take group and me to the Vittoria in Bathurst and not the one between Orange and Bathurst, we re-grouped before Dave M stepped in and put us on the right track arriving at the Bee Keepers Inn some 30 minutes late.

Dave Barlow was waiting for us so we adjourned to lunch, thinking how fortunate it was that I had phoned the day before to book a table, as the inn was full with Saturday lunch country drivers. The food was tasty so well worth a stop if you are out that way and want a change from the usual highway fare.

After lunch we moved outside for the formal presentation in the absence of Prez Martin, I fulfilled the ceremonial duties presenting Dave with his new helmet on behalf of the Club and generous support of BMW Group (Australia). Dave promptly placed the helmet on his head and thereafter only let admirers look at it from afar.

With Dave keen to get home and Rob leaving us for the dash back to Canberra, we said our farewells and headed back to Bathurst and two laps of mount Panorama. For those that have not been there, it is an amazing track and you gain a far better insight into the skills required to negotiate the 6.2km once you have ridden it. I had a couple of years here as a race marshal in the 80's and whilst not the Isle of Man demands respect. It is also very popular with the constabulary so do not be fooled into not thinking this is a public road, despite the smooth finish, concrete walls and gravel traps.

Having enjoyed our two laps of fame, we headed off for Oberon and our overnight stop spread between the Motel, Pub and Caravan Park. Having eaten at the Royal Hotel in the past, we re-grouped at 6pm to find



Is Dave planking, seeing Mt Panorama from the sidecar racer's perspective or visualising that next great picture? You be the judge.



Dave, having received his helmet, was keen to get back on the road and try it out.

out that the new Chef had chucked the job that afternoon, the old Chef was now working at the other Pub (well worn), so retreated to the RSL and Chinese. Along with all the rally drivers and crew in the area for the AMSAG Oberon Rally (<http://www.amsag.com.au>). With a full house and a party on, the kitchen did well and we were all soon fed along with my brother, son & fiancée had come in from his 'shack' block to join us.

Post dinner we adjourned to our lodgings and a nightcap en-route found another house 21st in full swing and the Royal Hotel hosts to a 21st. Bob was keen to stay on downstairs, having realised his room was above the dance floor and update his visual

understanding of dance/rap rather than just feel it through his bed.

Having agreed to meet at 0830 the following morning, too early for some & too late for others, we were all ready to go before the appointed time and run down to Taralga for breakfast at *Melinda's Café*. This local business is well deserving of your patronage if you are passing through and provides a good choice of fresh light meals and coffee.



The Oberon – Goulburn road is a pleasant enough ride, if not somewhat bumpy but can be prone to Sunday drivers and nomads; not today. A quick trip to Goulburn saw Ian peel off for a stint on the Hume and home whilst, Sue, Dave, Bob and I went on to Tarago and on to Bungendore for our final stop before going our separate ways and home.

A very pleasant and successful weekend was had by all.

66666km, Richlands on the Goulburn – Abercrombie Road.

MOTORRAD RALLY 2014

BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally 2014



The Club is hosting the inaugural BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally over the weekend 3-6 October 2014 in Lake Cargelligo.

The rally is open to BMW Clubs Australia member motorcycle clubs and riders.

The format is relaxed and will include local rides on Saturday afternoon, a casual dinner and guest speaker on Saturday night, group breakfast and photo on Sunday morning before riders head for home.

Lake Cargelligo is located in the south west of NSW and riding distance from Adelaide,

Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane and a little bit further for our West Australian cousins.

You read more on Lake Cargelligo and accommodation options [here](#), and register on the Club webpage [What's On](#). Will you be there?

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THE EDITORS FILL

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Hi Riders,

Thanks to all those at the AGM and your support for my dual helmeted new ride coordinator and continuing editor helmet roles. As we move into autumn riding, the cooler and often-dry weather makes for good riding, so with a full Club calendar there is no reason not to be out on the bike. The Club's roving monthly meetings have proven popular and will continue in 2014. If you have a favourite park that we have not been too then let President Martin or me know the location and we will look at the calendar.

Our home page www.bmwmccact.org.au includes an online newsletter format, so I will be exploring this over coming months to see if we cannot maximise the use of the platform.

You will also see an increasing use of pre-ride registrations. Both Ride and Social coordinators benefit from having an indication of whom and how many are going on a ride or attending a social function. For most Club activities, these are indicative only, however some, for example the *Christmas in Winter* joint event with BMWCCVIC the Club needs to know numbers for catering. You can register for an event and if for some reason your plans change you can de-register yourself from the ride or event.

Ride and Social registration will make the organisers lives a lot easier and help your Committee fine tune events to what members want. So give it a go.

That's my fill,

Garry Smee

Editor@bmwmccact.org.au

Delegate BMW Clubs Australia

2014 COLD FLAME RALLY

David Morgan (R1200GS)

After missing last year's Cold Flame Rally (CFR) due to family events, the prospect of heading down the Barry Way to this year's CFR was eagerly anticipated. So, proceeding down the Monaro to around Isabella Drive, where Club Editor Garry Smee (F800GS) was waiting, we proceeded uneventfully at a good, legal, pace through Cooma towards Jindabyne in fine sunny weather. Now, being in front, after passing a string of "sightseers" in tin-tops, I failed to see any sign of Garry. As I pulled over, a passing car pulled by to pass on the news ... "He's got a flat". So, a few clicks back I found Garry well into the process of removing the front wheel. In short order, the wheel was removed, tyre levered aside and tube removed to find the offending puncture. Ominously however, a search of the tyre failed to locate any foreign object, so with the tube repaired and all back in place, we were on our way again, just as the storm clouds were building to our NW. We managed to pass beyond Berridale to within about 10 kms of Jindabyne when Garry's front hoop chose to act up again. This time, Garry recognised that he was up against the fates and decided to ring home and get Mitchell to run on down with car and trailer.



Garry, happy in his work & looking like he knows what he is doing

After brewing up in the scrub by the road, and noting that Mitchell had passed through Cooma, I parted company from Garry for Jindabyne. After a brief fuel stop, I proceeded down the Barry Way. As always, the Barry Way is one of the great rides in our region, with splendid views of the ranges, deep gullies and especially, the Snowy River. Making the rally site where the Pinch River joins the Snowy, it was evident that there was a good roll up to this year's rally. Bikes and tents were ranged from near the entrance to the Pinch River campground just off the Barry Way, right along the Pinch to the far end of the campground. Riding up to Rally HQ, I paid my dues to Bob Coleman, Rally organiser and received the last CFR badge. After setting up camp and cooking tea, the remainder of the evening was spent around the campfire. It was good to make some new acquaintances as well as catching up with former Club members, Bob and Sue Coleman and Chris Bourke.

After breaking camp the following morning and retracing my route up the Barry Way towards Jindabyne, I turned off just S of Jindy to pick up the Snowy River Way, through to Dalgety - where some serious



A well-sorted CFR rallyist (includes a kitchen sink)



2014 Cold Flame Rally. Entrance track through the Pinch River campground. Barry Way in the background

bridgework is being undertaken on the old wooden bridge over the Snowy - on towards the locality of Maffra. Turning N along the Maffra-Cooma road I made Cooma and pulled in at Cooma Cafe for a break and some refreshment (the old "East End Cafe" on the E side of the main street).

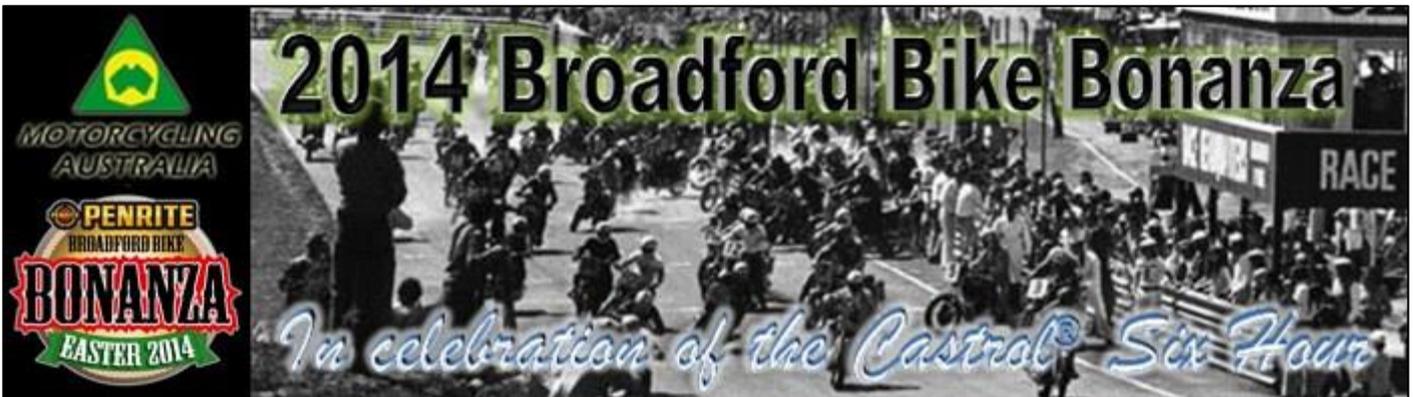


2014 Cold Flame Rally. Rallyists encamped, with the Pinch River in the background

After making home, I had learnt that Garry, bike and flat had all been successfully recovered home. Expect Garry's "road test" of the Adventure Designs (?) tyre repair kit, et cetera, in the Club newsletter. It should also be noted that Garry and Mitchell backed up their weekend recovery, with a run down the Monaro to around Bredbo to help a Cold Flamer whose BMW boxer had chosen the return ride trash its poly belt.

Finally, it should be noted that monies raised in this year's CFR was being put towards the Ronald McDonald House Program. Some \$1388.80 was raised from the 120 plus attendees. A great outcome and congratulations to Bob and Sue for organising a great rally at a top location.

Martin Robertson (R1200R)



Easter is always a good time to get out on your bike and explore our wide brown land, whilst avoiding the heavily policed main roads. So, with this in mind I and several other club members decided to go to the Broadford Bike Bonanza.

Situated just east of the town of Broadford and an hour's ride north of Melbourne, the motorcycle complex is on a huge site, very undulating with a road racing track, motocross circuit, two vinduro tracks and short-circuit/speedway track.

Hoss on his R1200RT, Barry (a fellow Suspect) on his VTR1000 Honda and I on the R1200R, decided to take the Snowy Mountain and Victorian Alps option to get to central Victoria on Friday morning.

With an uneventful ride through Cooma to Adaminaby for coffee the fun really began once we turned off the Snowy Mountains Hwy and headed for the Elliott Way, then Tooma Road, through Tintalra, Corryong and past Tallangatta then south on the Kiewa Valley Hwy. After a wrong turn, which had us heading through some great bends towards Omeo, we retraced the bendy road and headed to Myrtleford for a late lunch. With the weather changing from cool to wet, we headed to the Hume Hwy and spent the remainder of the journey to our hotel at Wandong counting Police cars (7), camera cars (2) and a fixed camera.

Saturday saw us trackside with Bruce Barter our Membership Secretary down from Wagga Wagga on his latest acquisition, an R80RT mono.

This year's Bike Bonanza was designed to make Hoss feel like a star, (Bonanza - geddit) with a celebration of the *Castrol 6 Hour* races of the 70's and 80's plus the Sunraysia Desert Rallies, which still continue as the *BP Desert Rally*. There were examples of every race-winning bike from the 6 Hour, in most cases the actual bike, some pristine and fully restored plus a few others looking like they had just completed the race, with faded, stone-chipped paint. As with every classic race meeting, there was a big selection of British 500cc singles from the 40's and 50's plus all the big-name twins.



A Real Cafe Racer



Bruce and Martin Trackside

As this was not a race meeting but an opportunity to do five-lap demonstrations on each track at the complex, a huge number of entrants just went out to give their bike a run and some full-throttle action.

I have never seem such a selection of unusual machines, Ossa, KTM, Husqvarna, Jawa, CZ motocross machines were joined by KX Kawasaki's, IT & YZ Yamaha's, Suzuki's of every capacity plus more red-engined CR Honda's than I could count. Road racing brings out the best of Australian engineering with both 1000 and 750 versions of the V8 Drysdale bikes, the 1000 V twin Carberry, based on two Royal Enfield motors and three Irving Vincent's out on the track. I also spotted an immaculate Husqvarna-engined MZ circuit racer.



A gem in the car park



Hodaka Combat Wombat



XS650 Yamaha at speed on the dirt track



The Desert Racers got a checkout

All good things come to an end so on Sunday afternoon, Hoss headed south to visit relatives in Melbourne and Barry and I took Dave Morgan's advice and headed for the hills east of Broadford to spend the night in Mansfield.

Next morning we wore more off the sides of our tyres by taking the mountain roads to Whitfield, the Granya Gap road to the Murray River valley and on to Jingellic and Tintalra and over the Snowy's via the Elliott Way.

All up, I did about 1,500kms over some of the best roads in the country with the added bonus of autumn colours around every bend.

BMWCCACT MONTHLY MEETING, 29 MARCH 2014

1. **Location:** Canberra Irish Club, Weston.
2. **Date:** 1500, 29 March 2014.
3. **Meeting Opened:** 1505, Attendee's per the AGM record of attendance.
4. **Welcome:** The President Martin Robertson welcomed members and advised that this meeting would precede the Club's 2014 AGM.
5. **Apologies:** Bruce Barter, Thilo Kober.
6. **Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Bob Ellison reported the Club had \$9345.00 cash at hand.
7. **Social Secretary Report:** Steve Hay provided a summary of the following events, all of which are listed on the Club website's *What's On* page:
 - 7.1. Sunday 6 April, Club alternative breakfast will be at the *Boorowa Hotel*, Boorowa.
 - 7.2. Saturday 6 June, the joint Club (hosts) and BMWCCVIC *Christmas in June* dinner will be at [The Marlo Hotel](#), Marlo, Victoria. Dinner will be a set menu of \$25pp, drinks purchased from the bar and members have to arrange their own accommodation.
 - 7.3. Friday 5 December, Club Annual Awards and Christmas dinner will (again) be at the Mawson Club, Mawson. Dinner will be a set menu of \$60pp with drinks purchased from the bar.
 - 7.4. With winter on its way, alternative breakfasts would be in Canberra followed by a ride, rather than the summer practice of riding to breakfast, followed by a ride after.
8. **Ride Coordinator Report:** Dave Morgan (who is retiring from the position) advised the following rides past and future and commended member's to check the Club *What's On* page for upcoming rides and late changes to start times, location and routes.
 - 8.1. *Past Rides:*
 - 8.1.1. Cold Flame Tourers '*Cold Flame Rally*'. Dave (R1200GS) and Garry Smee (F800GS) left for the rally, with Garry bailing out after the 2nd flat front tyre north of Jindabyne. Dave pressed on and had a good time at this well attended rally, which is held on the juncture of Barry Way and Pinch River south of Jindabyne.
 - 8.1.2. MRAACT *Capital Rally*. Three members Dave, Garry and Steve Murray (F650GS) attended the Rally held this year at its new home Blue Range Hut in the foothills of the Brindabella's. Dave managed to snare two raffle prizes, an outstanding bottle of merlot and a collectors Triumph motorcycles coffee mug.
 - 8.1.3. *Black Dog Ride* (raising money for Beyond Blue and other mental health initiatives). Martin Robertson (R1200R) caught Dave on his way home from the *Capital Rally* and convinced Dave to join him and the collective horde for a ride to Batemans Bay; or at least as far as Bungendore before the horde got too much and they pulled out for a coffee, before riding home.
 - 8.2. *Upcoming Rides:* Dave outlined upcoming Club rides for April, as follows:
 - 8.2.1. *Orange Ride* Weekend ride to Orange NSW region, with a lunch on Saturday at the Beekeeper's Inn, Vittoria, located on the Mid-Western Highway, east of Orange.
 - 8.2.2. *Murrumbidgee River Ride*, a five day ride generally following the length of the "Bidgee" from source to confluence with the Murray. The ride is tailored for either gravel road or tarred road preferences. Riders are asked to register their interest in the ride by registering on line. Check out the Ride's listing in *What's On*.
 - 8.3. Lastly, stay up to date with the Club Rides on the website and *What's On* page.
9. **Membership Report:** The Membership Secretary Bruce Barter sent his apologies from Wagga with home and work commitments getting in the way of his planned trip to Canberra; so Pres. Martin gave the following numbers; 56 Single, 38 Joint, 7 Life and 3 Associate members. A number of lapsed members have not yet renewed for the 2014-15 Club year.

- 10. BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally 2014:** Martin and Garry gave a joint update. The national 'Motorrad Rally 2014' will be in Lake Cargelligo NSW over the October long weekend. Planning is well advanced with regular updates to the *What's On* page. As the BMW MCCA is hosting the rally, members are encouraged to attend.
- 11. 2014 AGM:** President Martin Robertson outlined the various motions to be put to members at the AGM to allow an open discussion and question and answer opportunity before the AGM proper; all of which have all been covered before and information posted to the Club webpage for members to review and raise any issues:
- 11.1. That the Club purchase a SPOT tracker and associated services (SPOT and mobile phone) for use by members at an initial cost of ~\$500.
 - 11.2. That the Membership fee be reduced to \$40, from \$45 for 'two members'. Single membership remains \$40, as does the joining fee of \$7.50pp (includes badge and sticker). After some discussion, it appears this would be a return to the fee structure that was originally intended and lost in recent years and committee handovers.
 - 11.3. Fine tuning of the online membership database so that members could voluntarily include the model (in particular) of their motorcycle. This is in addition and separate to the member profile section and would allow the Administrators to undertake 'data mining' when planning events. For example, members, bikes, and GS (gravel) or TS (tar) routes.
 - 11.4. Vote on the proposed amendments to the Club Constitution and Club 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial year accounts as posted to the Club's web page.
- 12. General Business:**
- 12.1. Martin Robertson told members that the Veteran & Vintage Motorcycle Club are hosting a 100th anniversary of the Australian TT leaving the Collector Showground at 2pm on Saturday 12 April. Details are in March *Shaft Drive Lines*.
 - 12.2. Steve Hay advised that *Mayfield Garden* near Oberon would be open to the public in April. Check the website <http://www.mayfieldgarden.com.au>
 - 12.3. Peter Cummings advised that the *Penrite Oil Bonanza*, a celebration of the Castrol 6 Hour, will be on at Broadford Victoria 19-24 April 2014. Check the website <http://www.ma.org.au/index.php?id=646>
 - 12.4. **Meeting Closed:** The President closed the meeting at 1555 for the pre-AGM finger food and drinks break.

BMW MCCA COMMITTEE MEETING, 10 APRIL 2014

- 1. Date & Time: 10th April 2014
- 2. Venue: Irish Club, dinner from 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:30pm
- 3. Present: Martin Robertson (MR), David Prest (DP), Bob Ellison (BE) and Garry Smee (GS).
- 4. Apologies: Steve Hay (SH), Bruce Barter, Dennis Littame
- 5. Minutes of previous meeting: None available
- 6. Review social calendar: None available, however discussed in rides.
- 7. Ride calendar: GS outlined the following rides and on the Club website:
 - 7.1. 12-13 Apr, Orange and 24-28 Bidgee Rides
 - 7.2. 4 May, Alt breakfast @ Collector (Pumpkin Festival) MR to investigate café options.
 - 7.3. 10 May, MRA Blanket Run, from 0830 at Old Parliament House
 - 7.4. 10 May, Loaded Dog Rally, Tarago NSW
 - 7.5. 1 Jun, Alt breakfast @ TBA
 - 7.6. 7 Jun, 4&5th Alpine Rally Brindabella Valley

- 7.7. 20 Jun 29th Casper Rally Bumford Reserve Abercrombie River on the Tarago –Oberon Rd.
- 7.8. 28 Jun, Christmas in Winter, Marlo Victoria. A 3-course dinner for \$25 and social evening with the BMW MCCC VIC. SH to advise Vic's of the how and where to pay feature of the BMW MCCC ACT Club website.
Action: SH to liaise with Social Sec @ BMW MCCC VIC
8. Treasurer's Report: BE advised the Club has \$9504.05 in the bank and that he would be travelling for 2 months. The treasurer's cash tin will be entrusted to President MR for the period.
9. General Business
- 9.1. 2014 Kosciuszko Rally. The dates are confirmed as 11-12 Oct 14 at Geehi and on the website. GS to liaise with Dave Morgan re badges and firewood. The MotoGP is 17-19 Oct 14 and Moto Guzzi Vic Spaghetti Rally 24-26 Oct 14.
- 9.2. Club General Meeting 27 Apr 14. As this is over the Club's 'Bidgee' Ride week, VP David Prest will host this at the Arboretum Café, starting 0900. Check What's On for details.
- 9.3. BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally 2014. The logo design has been approved. GS has organisation in hand and been in contact with Lake Cargelligo Visitor Centre, Pub, Caravan Park and Lachlan Council. GS, MR, Dave Morgan and DP have volunteered to assist over the weekend. GS advised indicated numbers from other clubs are ~30 to date.
10. Continuation of the Rider Training Subsidy in 2014. GS proposed this program continues, ie: any financial member that completed an approved rider-training course is eligible to a \$100 subsidy. Check *Shaft Drive Lines* for details. Approved by those Committee members present.
11. : Winter First Aid Refresher Course: The Club had run several successful first aid courses that focussed on motorcycle injuries. GS proposed a further one this winter, supported by the committee members present. GS to email Club members to gauge their interest. The course of 1-day duration would be subsidised by the Club.
Action: GS to email Club members on prospective interest and provide detail subject to the response.
12. AGM Action Items:
- 12.1. MR advised that the revised and accepted Club's Constitution, is on the web site.
- 12.2. MR/BE confirmed that the Club's 2012-13 and 2013-14 Annual Returns have been lodged with the ACT Office of Regulatory Services.
- 12.3. SPOT Tracker. GS took an action to investigate the mobile phone service to support the SPOT for best (cheapest) plan. Purchasing the SPOT tracker itself is straightforward.
- 12.4. Our new webmaster MR is working on the webpage, has refreshed some content, and is working on adding member's bike type to the information page.
13. There being no further business, MR closed the meeting at 2037.
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THE REAR END

Having difficulty in putting fingers to the keyboard or finding the words to accompany your riding picture? Well then, this is the section just for you. Send your picture to the Editor@bwmccact.org.au along with your name and a caption. If that is too hard, then your picture will go in without credit!



Club Member Thilo Kober travelling through the Top End or Northern Territory March 2014



The last one of Martin's Broadford Bonanza pictures, exotic engineering