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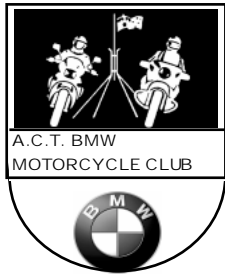


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Where: Italo Australian Club, 78 Franklin St FORREST

Time: 7:45pm

Next Meeting : Monday 23 August 2004

Membership:

Membership fee is \$40 per year . A small joining fee applies to new members and includes your membership badge. A membership form appears in the back pages of this magazine, or you can obtain one by writing to :

The Membership Secretary
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PO Box 1042 WODEN ACT 2606

**Please advise the Membership
Secretary of changes to your
contact details.**

Activities:

Club runs and social events are detailed in the *What's On* page in this magazine. The Club endeavours to have at least one organized run per month. Suggestions for runs and activities are welcome to the Ride Coordinator or the Social Secretary.

Every effort is made to make the information on the *What's On* page accurate but changes to meeting times and places etc can occur between publication dates. Members will be reminded of rides, activities and general information by email. If your email address has been changed or your box is full, we can't contact you, so advise the Ride Coordinator of changes to your contact details. The most up-to-date information will be posted on our website <http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au>

Participants in Club activities are advised and reminded that they do so at their own risk and are fully responsible for their own riding. Please obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

Kosciuszko Rally:

Will be held on 23/24 October 2004 at the Geehi Hut campsite near Khancoban NSW. A portion of proceeds is donated to the refurbishment of The Canberra Hospital, Cardio-Thoracic Unit's patients/visitors lounge.

Charity Support:

This club proudly supports the Cardio-Thoracic Unit of The Canberra Hospital.

Web Site: <http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au>

Check the web site for updates of rides and social events.

About 'Shaft Drive Lines':

Relevant Contributions to this Club Journal are most welcome, and should be directed to the Committee at any general meeting, or posted to:

The Editor, Shaft Drive Lines
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or email to editor@actbmwmcc.org.au

The deadline 10 days is before the next meeting. All disks & photos etc. will be returned upon request.

Articles and photos sent as attachments to be in Word format or JPEG format respectively. Please keep photos separate and do not embed them in your document. When you send attachments to emails please use the alternative address:
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Privacy of Club Member Information

The Club is aware that privacy of personal information is an issue of growing concern and for that reason has a declared policy as regards *Privacy* and *Spam*.

Details of the Club's policy were given in our May 2004 newsletter.

Any members who have queries should contact the Club President in the first instance, or alternatively, raise these issues at the Club's monthly meeting.

This month's cover:

A BMW riding bushranger arrives for breakfast at the Bushranger Hotel, Collector NSW.

The Presidential Hoohah

Firstly welcome back to our editor Roger who decided to try out the hospitals in Adelaide on a recent trip over that way—left his appendix over there apparently. Tom Cruise has also been keeping the nurses on their toes in John James. Let's hope they are both back on their bikes soon. Many thanks to Steve Littlehales and Tony Collings for turning up at our last monthly meeting to have a yarn with the members and to show us some new gear. The new "SportIntegral" helmet is apparently very popular proving to be very quiet compared to some of the other helmets on the market.

Isn't it great to know Spring is imminent—the fair weather riders will be out like blow flies—but it's good to see more people out enjoying their bikes whatever they ride. Great to see a good roll up at breakfast—we have been filling the new venue at the Arte café in Bungendore and regularly getting over 30 at our alternate venue on the first Sunday of the month. The Bushranger Hotel at Collector was very pleasant with a good breakfast and a lot of character. I hear about a dozen members went on the ride down through Kangaroo Valley and back up the Clyde on the 14 August copping a fair bit of wind around Goulburn.

The next venue is at the Paragon Café in Goulburn, up the back road through Tarago of course, and then on to visit the railway museum at Thirlmere.

About 17 of us are heading off on the Ranges ride on 28 August—so we will catch up with you when we get back. Also don't forget the overnighter to Bermagui which is always a lot of fun. You can catch up with the NSW touring club and enjoy some great roads to and from the coast. A number of members are also heading off to the GP at Philip Island followed by the Club rally at Geehi Hut on the Alpine Way.

Some interesting ride reports on the new K1200S—the new technology certainly looks impressive particularly the new front suspension and the electronic adjustment. I wonder what the waiting list will be like—I bet Rolfe would love to be able to source a few more R1200GS as well, as they keep getting excellent ride reports in local and overseas bike magazines. It will be interesting to see what new bikes in the range will inherit the R1200 engine and rear suspension. It will be great if they take advantage of some of the weight saving features in their upgrade program.

Well, enough from me—make sure you have a look at the What's On page in the newsletter/web to make sure you don't miss out on some of the rides and social events we have planned. So get your leg over and get out there.

Safe riding

Peter





WHAT'S ON - Rides, Events & Meetings

Club events are highlighted

Next General Meeting is on Monday 23 August

Sunday mornings now at the Arté Café, Bungendore

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22 **Gluhwein Run**

9.30 am Cotter Reserve

23 **General Meeting**

7.45 pm Italo-Australian Club, Forrest

28 August - 12 September

NSW Ranges Ride

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1 **Chomp and Chat - Maestral Restaurant**

6.30 pm 13 Trenerry Street, Weston Creek BYO

5 **Sunday (alternative) Breakfast** Paragon Café,
Goulburn & optional day ride

... to 12 September
NSW Ranges Ride

16 **Committee Meeting**

25-26 **Weekend at Bermagui**

Annual dub event

27 **General Meeting**



6 **Chomp and Chat — to be advised**
6.30 pm

10 **Sunday (alternative) brunch combined
with the Club Concours**

10 **Club Concours**

14 **Committee Meeting**

15-17 **Philip Island Grand Prix**

23 - 24 **Club's Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut**

25 **General Meeting**

7.45pm Italo-Australian Club, Forrest

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MORE WHAT'S ON

22 August - Vets & Vintage Gluhwein Run

Meet at 9.30 am at the Cotter Reserve for breakfast and then head off for a ride to Corin Dam and return for some deliciously warming gluhwein. This is the annual Vets and Vintage Gluhwein Run and comes highly recommended.

28 Aug to 12 September - NSW Northern Ranges ride

5 September Sunday breakfast and a day ride

Monthly alternative breakfast at the Paragon Café at Goulburn. Meet at the Red Rooster at Queanbeyan at 8.30 am.

There's a day ride leaving from breakfast at Goulburn at 11.00 am to Thirlmere Railway Museum. Steam train rides \$9 and \$16 for ride + museum entry combined. The ride will take a more direct Cafe Latte route (via Berrima coffee and eateries) and a longer, more scenic route. We aim to get back to Canberra at 6:00 pm.

25 - 26 September -- Bermagui

A regular Club event; a weekend on a lovely part of the South Coast. Saturday night dinner will be at the Bermagui Beach Hotel. Book your accommodation now. If you are coming to the dinner you must let Leah & John McKinnon know before 18 September. If you want to travel in a group, rendezvous at Williamsdale at 9.00 am on 25 September.

10 October - Club Concours

The monthly alternative Sunday breakfast will be combined with the Club Concours event at Tidbinbilla ... and breakfast will be brunch. More details in the next newsletter

15 - 17 October - GP - Phillip Island

Still looking for expressions of interest at this stage. Who would like to go as part of the Club group? ...and then following straight on ...

23-24 October—Club's Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut

Back to the mountains for our annual rally and a fun weekend for everyone. This year it's BYO everything—camping gear, food, drinks but firewood will be available. Entry fee is \$15 per person payable on arrival. Prizes, raffles, good times assured. More details in the October newsletter.

5 - 13 November - BMW Safari Tasmania

See details at the website:
www.bmw-safari.com

As at 28 July there are only 23 places left!

7 November - Mystery Ride

Watch this space.

13 November 'The Snowy Ride'

Destination: Thredbo. An annual fundraising event for the 'Steven Walter Fund' the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia. "The 2003 ride was enormously successful with 2100 riders attending - from all over. It is not a race or rally, it is meant to be an enjoyable safe ride through some of the riding areas in the country" There is an entry payment of \$50- which a raffle ticket in a major draw of a donated Honda.

?? November - Temora

Day ride (for Airshow and Museum)

11 December - MRA Toy Run

Early December - Christmas Dinner

2005 BMW Clubs Australia Rally

The National Rally Website is up and running and open for business. Please click onto http://www.bmwclubqld.asn.au/Nats_2005/ where you can check out the program, and also register your interest.

The Vice Report

In the anticipation of two weeks off and the prospect of the Ranges Ride with the group from the Club, I have been a bit focused on sorting out my riding requirements. As I was determined to ride something other than an RT (a two-up tourer and there is only me) I have been considering creature comforts options. I have discovered a couple of very useful options from BMW. I recently acquired a 'comfort' screen for my K12RS for a mere \$130. It looks good and makes such a difference in my daily commuting. The screen is about 4 inches taller and has a bigger kick up. It was great on our trip over the weekend and might even come on the Ranges Ride with me.

I also decided it was time to look for a quieter helmet. I am sure the Evo 4 helmet was designed with the right intention and is really great to get on and off, especially when you wear glasses. It is probably designed for the bigger screens of the tourers. At the time I bought my replacement helmet, Steve from BMW tried to convince me that I should try the "SportIntegral" helmet. Well I finally did and he is right, it is quieter. It is 405 grams lighter than the Evo 4, more difficult to get on and off but much, much quieter and is very comfortable. On our recent ride it was much warmer than my Evo 4. I swapped it over during the ride as John McKinnon was keen to try the "SportIntegral" helmet. There is ventilation which seemed very effective with the top slide vent having no impact on the noise. The front vent is a bit noisy but a notch open on the visor at lower speeds also is an option.

Neal and Nina Turner from Sydney who joined the ride (see article "A ride for all seasons" on page 13) were both sporting new "SportIntegral" helmets and were both impressed. Dave Morgan also has one and has fitted his intercom which he said is good after a bit of trial and error. He now has a diagram if anyone is interested.



Let's hear about any new equipment you have tried or are considering.

Too many roads and too little time!

Ride safely

Colin Ward

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Come out and enjoy a spring morning!

Join us on Sunday mornings -
now at the Arté Café, Bungendore.

Good company, coffee and breakfasts

Make your own way, or depart Shell Gateway Service Station, Mitchell, or 'Red Rooster' (top end of Queanbeyan), at 8.30am

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- AIRHEADS -

Airheads is a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who ride to different destinations in the district weekly or fortnightly depending on the season. The schedule includes short Saturday rides suitable for older Airheads alternating with longer rides and overnights more suitable for modern machines.

Airheads Ride Schedule: September/October/November 2004

Where: Airheads rides start from the Ampol Servo, cnr Federal Highway and Antill St. WATSON

When: Departure time: **September: 10.00am; October: 9.30am; November: 9.00am**
(overnights may commence earlier, please phone to confirm.)

Contacts: Peter Wilson - 0402 248 553 or Peter Robleski - 0407 280 477

Saturday August 21: **Gunning (150kms return)**

Ride to Gunning via Collector and Breadalbane, breakfast/ morning tea at Gunning; back to Canberra via Gundaroo and Sutton.

Saturday September 4: **Harden (240kms return)**

Ride to Harden via Sutton, Murrumbateman, Bowling and Binalong, morning tea at Harden and return to Canberra via Boorowa.

Saturday September 11: **Bungendore (120 Kms return)**

Ride to Bungendore via Barton Hwy to Murrumbateman, then onto Murrumbateman and Bungendore Roads. Morning tea at Bungendore and return via Mac's Reef Road to Canberra.

Saturday September 18: **Wagga (overnighter)**

Ride to Wagga via Tumut, Adelong and stay in Wagga overnight. Return via Junee, Cootamundra, Harden, Binalong and Bowling.

Saturday October 2: **Bungendore (120 Kms return)**

Ride to Bungendore via Barton Hwy to Murrumbateman, then onto Murrumbateman and Bungendore Roads. Morning tea at Bungendore and return via Mac's Reef Road to Canberra.

Saturday October 16: **Goulburn (200kms return)**

Ride to Goulburn via Bungendore and Tarago; morning tea at Goulburn; back to Canberra via Breadalbane, Gunning and Gundaroo.

Saturday October 23: **Gunning (150kms return)**

Ride to Gunning via Collector and Breadalbane, breakfast/ morning tea at Gunning; back to Canberra via Gundaroo and Sutton.

Saturday October 30: **Eden (overnighter)**

Ride to Eden via Cooma, Bombala and Cann River. Visit the local attractions and stay overnight. Return to Canberra via Candelo, Bemboka, Nimmitabel and Cooma.

Saturday November 13: **Braidwood (160 Kms return)**

Ride to Braidwood via Mac's Reef Road and Bungendore. Morning tea at Braidwood then return to Canberra.

Saturday November 27: **Young (approx. 300Kms return)**

Ride to Young via Boorowa, breakfast/ morning tea at Young, then return via Wombat, Harden, Binalong, Bowling and Yass.

** Airheads rides are also approved ACT Vintage Veteran and Classic club rides. This schedule can also be seen on the web at www.actbmwmcc.org.au. Note that rides may be changed by general agreement. Oilheads and Waterheads welcome!*

Getting dirty out west

Fred Pensko tells how an idle thought one evening turned into reality ... and gives some good tips on outback riding.

The plan is simple, bitumen Canberra to Renmark, then 4wd track across to and up the Birdsville track, across to and down the old Strzelecki track, across to Innamincka down to Cameron's corner, Tibooburra, Broken Hill, Menindee, Ivanhoe, Griffith and back home, simple. Yeah Right.

Funny how easy these plans can be formulated when you sit in the comfort of your lounge room.

It all started a while back when Steve mentioned he was due some leave. He thought he would love to get dirty.

He set to and began building racks to suit his NX 650 to carry spare fuel and water. The equipment test was to ride to Hill End and back, satisfied, the big trip was on. Two days before the start I decided to go with him. I'd take the 1150 GS. Would it be too big in the anticipated sand dunes?

What to take?

Anyway I would have to make a few quick decisions,

1. Tyre choice
2. Panniers or bag on top

Panniers to keep the weight low? Or take a chance keep the weight high in a bag (if I have to foot it in the sand the panniers could break my leg if caught under them). The bag got the nod.

Next ring Hal to fit a Continental nobbie to the front and leave the Metzler on the back (matter of economics at this stage).

Steve headed out via Tumut, I'm still packing and leave later down the (yawn) Hume and we meet at Maccas in Wagga. No drama second night we camp at Renmark, get some road info and the next morning our first 4wd only track. Oh boy, our first taste of the fine sand that only the west can supply. We covered only 100 kms on our first dirty day, we're tired and already asking "are we there yet?"

The Outback arrives

Our first bush camp.—fantastic! Next day another 100 kms and we reach Yunta. Age and fitness or big bike are catching up with me and I make the decision that maybe this wasn't such a good idea. I take another look at the enormity of the distances yet to be covered. Considering we had taken two days to cover 200 kms. I decided discretion the better part of valour and anyway hadn't I always wanted to see Wilpena Pound?

93 km to Yunta...wherever that is



Steve (who by this time was beginning to enjoy himself on the lighter bike) and I shook hands wished each other good luck, Steve headed for Arkaroola, I headed for Wilpena. Twenty kms south I came across a dirty short cut to Hawker. That bit was just dirty and not quite so sandy, the GS flexed its muscle and I was in Wilpena by... well early enough to get the rim walk in well before dark.

Lying in bed that night and having had a much more relaxing day, my mind began racing again. When I get back home I'll reckon, I shoulda, I shoulda. The next morning without really knowing it I jumped on the beast and turned left through Blinman, Leigh Creek and made camp at Marree. I figured our distances to be similar so Steve shouldn't be too far away. Anyway I was planning a rest day at Birdsville so we'd catch up there. So far so good.



Getting dirty out west

Technical tyre stuff

I played around with the tyre pressures keeping in mind Hal's warning about the possibility of the tubeless tyres rolling off the rim if pressures were too low. I also had to factor in the rocky terrain and the possibility of punctures. A lot of the 4wds were getting cuts in their sidewalls. So I was running higher pressures than I would have liked. I figured having a hard time in the loose stuff was better than sitting on your hands with a flat tyre as company. There isn't too much help out there for a motorcycle and you can only carry so much stuff.

Waited for Steve a full day at Birdsville. Spent sometime making fuel calculations and decided 5 litres should cover it. No sign of Steve and I am all revved to go.

Where's the fuel going?

The first twenty kms is over the worst corrugations you can imagine, the next 150 kms is rocky the smallest are golf balls and the biggest are tennis balls. By now I question my decision, no matter I am locked in. Too far to go back too far to carry on with this crap so before Cordillo Downs (7500 square kms) I set up my bush camp and a little fire. The 5 litres are in the tank and now I divide my attention between staying upright and the fuel consumption. The fuel gauge is trying to tell me that I am not going to make it. Where the hell is the fuel going?

Had occasion to chat to a 4w driver about the road condition, - oh shivers he said I wouldn't like to be riding a bike over the next 80 kms, it's all deep sand, pretty well continuous. Good one Freddie, good choice to keep going, now I definitely won't have enough fuel. With that I just had to ask did he have any spare fuel. She shook her head but his was nodding, "yeah I got some for the geny you can have, 10 litres". I'm sure I'll only need a splash, "na go ahead take the lot, I'll get some more". Turns out I would have been short by almost 5 litres (bloody long walk that would have been).

Overnight at Innamincka, great camping on the town common by Coopers crossing. Next day down the old Strzelecki track, then roller coasting over the sand dunes to Cameron's corner. Refuel and more nasty corrugations, spot a dingo and

set up another bush camp. What a beautiful sky. Now it's Tibooburra, down the Silver City track to Broken Hill across to Menindee, (unable to find the water that used to be in Menindee Lake) Ivanhoe, Booligal, Gunbar, Griffith and home.



My tips for outback riding

Tyre choice was good for what I did. The nobbie gave more traction on the front and the Metzler's less traction on the rear meant the front wasn't being pushed to wash out as much in the softer sand.

The **tyre pressure** was manageable and I didn't get a flat so pressure was probably O.K.

Ride to road condition

Be careful when asking for road conditions from 4wd as their idea of good and bad can vary considerably from ours, depending on your ability.

Panniers I believe I would have had an accident had I taken the panniers. The legs were all over the place on a few occasions, you know how it is when you're a passenger on your bike in the sand.

Did not drop the beast, If I had I'd probably still be there.

Fuel — when doing your fuel calculations factor in adverse road conditions including headwinds and then throw in an extra 5 litres

The beast R1150GS you can't beat the beast when you finally turn its head for that long run home.

P.S. At the time of writing Steve is asleep in Broken Hill.

That's how we spent two weeks in July, how did you spend yours?



August 2004

Warm greetings to all club members,

Latest News

Although it doesn't do much for the enjoyment of motorcycling, it's been great to see a bit more rain every now and then – and I know that a bit of the wet stuff doesn't deter our dedicated BMW riders! We hope everyone is happy and healthy and dodging those winter bugs. A bit of news from your local dealer...

K 1200 Staff Change

It is with great regret that I must announce that our Sales Manager Stephen Littlehales is leaving Rolfe Classic. Steve has made a great contribution to our company, but is now leaving to pursue a different career. We wish him all the best!

Some of you may have met Rob Jones during your visits to the dealership. Although Rob has not been with us for all that long, he has excelled in all aspects of the business, and has especially impressed us with his efficient and caring customer service. With Steve's departure, Rob will be taking over the main role in BMW Motorrad – a role in which we know he will excel. Rob has been riding motorcycles around the farm since he was in nappies and his father is actually a club member; as well as being the proud owner of a new R1200GS! I am sure that you will all make Rob feel welcome in his new role, and I know that he is looking forward to establishing a great relationship with the club.

Winter Riding

With winter's icy tendrils well and truly finding its way into most of our bones, it might be time to check out the latest range of Riderwear. Keep all your bits nice and warm!



Demonstrators

We currently have demonstrators covering almost all of the available models in the BMW Motorrad range. Don't forget that we also turn these bikes over on a regular basis and are always happy to help you save some \$\$ on a low kilometer demonstrator. Current demonstrators include the R1200C Montauk, Scarver, K1200GT and R1150R Rockster just to name a few..

Regards and good riding!

Greg Newman and the team at Rolfe Classic BMW Motorrad

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INTERNational Delegate's Report

This is the first update on international clubs matters from Stewart Garmey, the new BMWCA international delegate.

Firstly, thanks again for your vote of confidence and support in appointing me to be your delegate to the International Council of BMW Clubs. Coming from a car background, I don't have a lot of experience with the motorcycle side of our interest, but you can be assured everyone will receive as much support and representation as I can muster.

I invite comment on any issue that you feel needs representation or discussion.

My plans for this role are:

I will attend the Delegate's Meeting, International Council in Spartanburg SC, 18-21 September. On my return I will provide you all with a full and comprehensive report on what was discussed and resolved at the conference.

I am now on the emailing list from Mobile Tradition which means I will receive regular updates on international matters. These I will condense into a useable format, again for inclusion in your magazines. It is important your members are aware of what is happening internationally.

Locally, BMWCCV has expanded into Tasmania with the establishment of a "Tasmanian Chapter" who are experiencing exceptional interest. The Tasmanian members will decide later whether to become a Club in their own right, or stay as a Chapter of Victoria. Whatever they decide, they are welcome as new members! Both Tasmanian dealerships are right behind the new group who will host a touring party from BMWDCNSW later this year.

If there's anything I can help you with please don't hesitate to contact me through Martin Gillbert, your Clubs Australia Delegate. I have already arranged two visits to the Mobile Tradition Heritage Collection for our members touring Europe!

Best regards to all ...

Stewart Garmey



Mark's Awakening

Mark Bottomley reports on a Sunday ride that went horribly wrong for someone

Stardate 2004.01.08

Captains Log

Started out as a pretty ordinary day. Decided not to go on the Collector breaky run as I had committed myself to partaking in the Big Boys Tools & Toys Expo being held at my child's school.

Did the usual thing of a Sunday and roused everybody out for a cooked breakfast of my own design. Took the Beemer down and propped it in an auspicious place for all to see (only one of it's kind there, Action Motorcycles and Scott's Big Boys Toys in abundance).

Spent the day fielding questions and trying to convert the meek to join in the fun. Finished up about 3PM and escorted the family home.

Feeling a bit antsy 'cos I hadn't been out for a fang in 2 days. Jumped on and mosied on out. Decided to do the Tidbinbilla run from North to South via Uriarra Crossing just to stretch out the time a bit. Had a great old time as usual opening the beast up to 1xxkph as much as possible to blow out the cobwebs (both the bike & me).

Everything going well and was on the home stretch from the turn off from Tidbinbilla Road to Point Hut. Following a 4WD and deciding to myself when I should blow them away when we both rounded a corner and there it was. A smoking wreck and a body on the wayside.

The 4WD had pulled over up front and I pulled in behind and immediately called for the Ambo's (thank F for the baehr unit).

Poor bugger had rounded the corner too fast and gone for the dirt on the other side of the road. Only problem was that he had headed for a culvert, seen it too late, braked, gone in to the other side of it and hit very hard. Bike ended up further from where he had landed which pretty much showed the speed that was attained.

Blood on/in the helmet and much pain as well as a broken right arm immediately evident. Others stopped to aid and render assistance. Much milling about and confusion as to what to do in the situation. Some took control and assisted as much as possible until professional help arrived. Bike a complete mess.

Why do we do it? I know why I do, 'cos I like it. Mind you I almost came a cropper on that very same corner about 2 weeks after I had picked up my pride and joy back earlier this year. I ended up only over the other side of the tar and thank Christ there was nobody coming the other way!

Enjoy, but be careful.

Log off.



A Ride for all seasons

Without going to Melbourne, Colin Ward experiences four seasons in one day.

Months ago we had scheduled a ride for the weekend 14/15 Aug through the Kangaroo Valley to Berry and home via the coast road and back up the Clyde. The weather forecast for Canberra was not brilliant so it seemed like a good idea. Several intrepid souls duly gathered at the Red Rooster and after a brief discussion agreed that the weather could not be any worse elsewhere. Ummm!

The intrepids included John and Leah McKinnon, Dave Morgan, Mark Bottomley and Ray Coxon on R 1100/1150 RTs, Andrew Snelling on an F650 GS with Ps, Leena on her F650 Scarver and yours truly on a K1200 RS. Neal and Nina Turner on a K1100RS joined us from Sydney.

We were nearly blown off our bikes between Bungendore and Goulburn on the Tarago Road. It is quite a challenge with the bikes at about 45 degrees on a straight road. None of the bikes seemed to fare any better. There was some respite on the Bungonia road as it is protected by the trees on either side and besides we were going with the wind.

An enforced stop at Marulen as one of the intrepids on a Red (cherry) R1100RT was short on fuel: would not happen on a K. Then it was off the highway and up to Bundanoon to the Bike Shop Café for coffee and cake. It was about 10.30 so it was time for a coffee. Here we were joined by Neil and Nina. A quick stop at Fitzroy Falls confirmed that there had not been much rain in the catchment area or at least if there had, the water storage nearby was not overflowing.

The road into and out of the Valley are now sign-posted at 60KPH and wouldn't you know it the Police sign in the Valley confirmed that the target of the police was "Motorcycle Speeding".

Down to Nowra and up a very windy road to Berry were the sign on the Berry Pub (northern end of the town) confirmed that it was the last pub for 100 metres. The food was good and all served together and yes it was hot. Didn't seem to be that hard.

As we neared Milton it became apparent that we were in for some nasty weather before we got home, as if the gale force winds to date had not been enough. Did I mention that it had been sunny from Kangaroo Valley? At Ulladulla we stopped for the mandatory pit stop and where necessary fitted weather proofing.

The rain was just enough to make the ride to the Bay a bit tricky as we seemed to be riding into the rain most of the way. By now it was clear that it would be a case of how far from home we would be when it got really dark. Just before Batemans Bay the rain cleared and the ride up the Clyde was good; apart from the occasion low sun in your eyes as you came around a corner, so too the ride to Braidwood. Dave decided that a stretch and a coffee from the bakery was his preference so the rest of us headed home.

Leena had some misgivings about the possibility of kangaroos on the road (and just missed a fox) while the rest of us just wanted to get home. It was dark by Bungendore and we made it home safely by about 6.15pm having clocked up just short of 500kms from Queanbeyan.

Made a mental note to put this ride on our list for the summer months when the days are just a bit longer.



In Ulladulla considering our options with the threatening sky in the background

Breakfast at collector

The President in action.



Pre-breakfast drinks ... hope the food arrives soon.



Minutes of Meeting

Committee meeting held 12 August 2004 at Leena & Colin Ward's

Present: Peter Stanfield, Colin & Leena Ward, Stephen Hay, Ian & Jeanette Hahn, Martin Gilbert, John & Leah McKinnon, Pam Paull, Louise & Ray Coxon

Apologies: Roger Paull, Peter Oliver

Amendments. None

President: Peter Stanfield. Pam will do the news letter in the absence of Roger. Start making arrangements for Rally 23 & 24 October. Need to put ads in magazines. The Rally will be self catered. John McKinnon to check with ranger re site & fires. Peter Stanfield to check on firewood and badges. Trophies for Rally - look for options. Concours 10 October at Tidbinbilla. Bermagui organise menu and turn up Please let Leah know if attending. Will depart Williamsdale 9:00.

Vice President: Colin Ward – Not much more to add.

Secretary: Stephen Hay – No new or renewed memberships. Invitation for our club to be linked on a largely car website was not accepted. Usual collection of other peoples magazines, postcard from Paul Pelczar in Iraq. CPS Credit Union Statement. Letter from BMW Touring Club with details of new office bearers. Tax invoice for Entertainment books \$400.00. In reality this was \$80 as we only purchased two books.

Treasurer: Peter Oliver - .Apology

Editor: Would like some articles. Will be smaller as Pam (Lady Editor) is standing in for Roger who is recovering from an appendix operation.

Membership: Ian Hahn – No new members this month. 267 members in total.

Merchandising: Louise Coxon—Late order put in will be ready for next meeting. 10 Additional caps ordered.

Ride Coordinator: John McKinnon – The upcoming rides and events were discussed that are detailed in the What's On section of the magazine.

Social Secretary: Leah McKinnon – 5th September Breakfast Paragon Café, Goulburn. 10 October Concourse and brunch Tidbinbilla. 1st September Chomp & Chat Maestral Restaurant, Weston. Most of the regulars will be on the Ranges ride. Various venues to be checked for Christmas party possibilities.

Clubs Australia Delegate: Martin Gilbert – Very quiet

Webmaster: Ray Coxon. – Bad link to clubs Australia on front page fixed. Some experimenting going on with new website templates.

Ranges Ride Itinerary – Peter will send a file to all participants.

General Business: Our charity donation to the refurbishment of the Patients/Visitors Lounge in the Cardio-Thoracic unit at The Canberra Hospital is being used. The room has now been painted and the furniture will be arriving the middle of next month.

Life members have been circulated with forms to update with their details. Apparently some of them don't have email addresses.

Next meeting 16 September at Peter Stanfield's



2004 TJ's TYRES TOURING COMPETITION

For ACT BMW Motorcycle Club Members

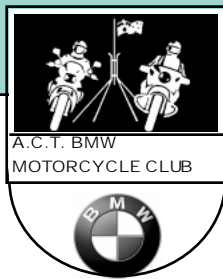
Hal Caston of TJ's Tyres

Hal Caston of TJ's Tyres sponsors the competition and will give the major prize - a set of tyres up to the value of \$450.

The competition runs from May 2004 to February 2005. Members gain points through photos, (i.e. of member, bike, location/sign), like under the previous rules, or by attending dub riding events.

Point scoring is weighted to encourage long distance touring and regular attendance at club rides, which include Airheads and Gravel Surfers organised and advertised rides

DETAIL OF HOW TO SCORE POINTS AND WIN ARE IN PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER. A photo at TJ's Tyres is compulsory for entry into the competition.



ACTMBWMCC Merchandise

The Club has for sale a range of good quality clothing (embroidered with the club logo) at very reasonable prices. Come along to the next club meeting to see the sample range. You can also purchase or place your order (cash or cheques only) at the meeting with Louise Coxon, our Merchandising Officer. Orders can be collected at the next meeting.

Polar fleece zip jacket (mens or womens available)	Black, navy or red	\$45
Polar fleece contrast vest (unisex)	Black/red, black/gold, black/grey, navy/red	\$40
Long sleeve denim shirt (unisex)	King Gee medium blue all cotton	\$35
Long sleeve chambray shirt (mens or womens available)	Light blue all cotton	\$48
Mens rugby top	Navy with denim collar	\$42
Ladies rugby top	Navy or red with white collar	\$30
Short sleeve polo shirt (unisex)	Black, charcoal or navy with contrast trim	\$35
Thinsulate beanie	Black or navy	\$25
Neck warmer	Black or navy	\$20

In response to many requests we now have a new peaked cap with club logo for \$20.

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Wish you were here??

Great to receive this postcard from club member Paul Pelczar in Iraq.
Keep safe Paul and we look forward to seeing you home soon.



WANTED

K75RT— seat lowering kit or a standard seat base for John Moorhouse to upholster, condition not important. **Call Vic Muller 0429 160856 BH or e-mail muddmuller@bigpond.com**

R1100 or 1150 RT. I would like to purchase a 3-5 year old model dependent on price and condition preferably with panniers and top box. I am also seeking any/all accessories, size large, to get me started on the road again. Email to **shcampbell@bigpond.com**

WANTED

Second and last month

A learner legal bike for someone who's just got her L plates. Contact Mark on 6125 5530 or email mark.edwards@anu.edu.au

For Sale

BMW R650LS 1984/1st registered 1985 - may be of interest to the collector/older bike types. I have been told it is learner legal too. Excellent original condition around 85,000 Km. Good tyres. Sports mufflers. Light silver in colour. The LS has a small bikini fairing in matching colour. Much recent work (over \$1,000) including rear shocks, wheel bearings, clutch and throttle cables, battery, speedometer (over \$400!), seat and seatcover. Lovely condition, runs beautifully and looks great. Reason for selling: looking for another Beemer - have had this bike for over 5 years, time for another challenge! I am a little out of touch with values - the Veteran and Vintage MC club suggest **\$3500** but I would be happy with **\$3200 ono** for it to go to a new home. Currently unregistered until I know if the new owner is in ACT or NSW. Call **6255 9114** (Jerrabomberra).

K1200RS, 20,000 km, panniers and inner bags, top-box, sheep-skin, all the usual bits you would expect to find, rego to Jan. 2005. Immaculate in every way, same as picture on website, a real head turner. **\$15,900**. Contact Peter on 02 9868 4034 (home) or 02 9911 3515 (work) or Peterrdiehm@yahoo.com.au

For Sale

R1150RS 2 Spark ABS Phoenix Grey / Ivory 8,000km Top box + BMW inner bag, Panniers + BMW inner bags, BMW Tank Bag - Bike and gear are all in as new condition. Some ergo extras: Wunderlich Cruise control mechanical; Wunderlich Bar backs; Verholen low footpeg kit. (all remove in minutes). Reluctant sale, but I simply don't get to use this bike. **\$19,000** **billstanhope@yahoo.com.au** or **0409 110 262**

SWAP

Second and last month

K1200RS in immaculate condition swap for R1150RT in similar condition. My bike is a 2002 K1200RS, 19000 km on the clock, deep blue in colour, new tyres, just had 20000 dealer book service, panniers and brand new BMW soft case and rack all keyed alike. Integral power assisted ABS brakes, factory cruise control. Rego to 11/2004 Bought and serviced locally in Canberra. Bike valued at \$19000 and worth every cent. Need to swap with a more upright touring bike due to health issues and not prepared to give it away. R1150RT or R100RT in excellent condition with low km will spark my interest. Call **Gary on 02 6294 0492** or email **sheppards@netspace.com.au**

FOR SALE

Second and last month

Genuine **BMW low seat** to fit an R1150GS Adventure. Never used, I bought it hoping I could get it onto a standard GS. **\$225**. Phone **Richard Gallimore on (02) 6289 5591 (work) or 0427 283 908** or email **vagabondskier@hotmail.com**

K1100RT. 1998. 80000 kilometres. 12 months rego. **\$6000**. Call **George on (02) 6254 2532**

1986 BMW R80RT. Dark blue. Includes genuine BMW tank bag, panniers, crash bar, Koni rear shock, Overlander SS exhaust. Gearbox rebuilt with higher 5th gear. Complete factory tool kit, first aid kit, puncture repair kit and riders manual. Only just run in at 80500km. Rego until October. Tour or commute. **\$5000 ono**. Call **Sean on (02) 6290 1908**

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Please cross out the option not required)

1. **NEW Single Membership \$ 40.00 plus \$5.00 Joining Fee.** \$ _____
(Fee from the General meeting in October each year is \$20.00 +JF)
2. **NEW Joint / Family Membership \$40.00 plus \$7.00 Joining Fee** \$ _____
(Fee from the General meeting in October each year is \$20.00 +JF)
- (Please don't send any CASH BY MAIL) Total \$ _____

Please fill out ALL PARTICULARS below so that we can record your membership details

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(By filling in the e-mail address you have indicated you are willing to accept information on club events.)

Partner / Joint / Family Details, if different from above

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(By filling in the e-mail address you have indicated you are willing to accept information on club events.)

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Motorcycle 3 Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
Motorcycle 4 Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

The fees paid as above entitles me/us to receive the Club journal, membership card and for new members, a club badge, sticker and card (for each membership) and to participate in all the Club activities.

Participants in Club activities are advised that they do so at their own risk. You are required to obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

I / We agree to comply with the rules of the ACT BMW Motorcycle Club according to its constitution.

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