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When: 7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month
Where: Italo -Australian Club, 78 Franklin Street, Forrest.
Next Meeting: **Monday 24 July 2006**

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
ACTBMWMCC 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.

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.

Charity Support:

This club proudly supports Marymead Child and Family Centre.

Web Site: <http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au> Check the web site for updates of rides and social events and keep in touch by joining our Yahoo groups.

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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:

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WODEN ACT 2606

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 are preferred in Word or JPEG formats respectively. Please keep photos separate and do not embed them in your document.

Disclaimer:

The opinions published in this Club Journal are those of the individual correspondents, and are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the ACT BMW Motor Cycle Club Inc.

Technical articles, and other such information where provided, are for use at the discretion of the individual members, after warranty, and are not intended to detract from genuine BMW spares or accessories.

**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 in the May 2005 newsletter and are available on request.

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:

Oscar (seated) and Guy Micklethwait check out Myles' R1150RT for size. Oscar - who has his future mapped out - as a soccer playing BMW rider - is not sure that the RT is the right size for him - at least not just yet. Who says there's a potential demographics problem within BMW Clubs?

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOOHAH

John McKinnon

You know it is cold when the fog freezes in the trees. A recent Sunday run to breakfast at Bungendore would be the coldest morning ride I have had in a very long time. It took me fifteen minutes at the servo in Queanbeyan to put air in my tyres as every time I put the gauge on the valve, my glasses would fog up. I ended up having to hold my breath long enough to do the job on each tyre. Other riders at the café talked of a temperature of -7. The scenery was spectacular, with frost as far as you could see and the trees shrouded in white. Despite this bitterly cold start to the day, twenty four hardy souls turned up for breakfast. It's pleasing to see that despite the occasional jibes about latte riders, we are still capable of fronting up when the weather is less than perfect. For those who need more than heated hand grips, check out the heated gloves at http://www.challengermotors.co.nz/Web-Pages/heated_gloves.htm

Some of you have been asking about rider training days. Elsewhere in this issue is some information from the MRA regarding upcoming courses. I would encourage those who have recently returned to full time riding to consider doing a course. Full details are available by following the links.

The Committee is looking at organizing a trip to Tasmania, possibly in April next year to coincide with the Super Bikes at Phillip Island. We would probably be in Tasmania for ten days. Those who went on the 2003 trip will vouch for the spectacular scenery, fabulous roads and the good times to be had on such a trip. We need to kick this off by finding out how many people are interested. Have a think about it. You can email or phone me if you think you might like to come along. If enough people are interested, we can start to put an itinerary together. Last time we had 34 people on 24 bikes. I look forward to hearing from you.

Safe riding

John

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Welcome to our new members

John Rayner Sharp & Christine - R1150GS
Alan & Debra Bassingthwaite R1150 GSA

982 and counting....

We have now reached our 982nd member since the Club's inception in 1981.

To acknowledge our 1000th member, we will give him or her a club hat to mark this milestone.

And, if introduced by an existing member, that member will receive one year's membership free!

Below: Arriving for the July alternate breakfast held at the Peter Crisp Gallery in Bookham



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Our next General Meeting is on Monday 24 July 2006, at the Italo-Australian Club, 78 Franklin Street Forrest at 7.45pm.

Remember that unless you're a financial member of the Italo-Australian Club, you should sign the "Group Sign In Sheet" at reception when attending meetings.

22/23 Day (or weekend) ride to Cowra

24 General Meeting Italo-Australia Club, 7.45pm

August 2006

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2 Chomp and Chat -Rendezvous Cafe

6 Alternate Sunday breakfast - Jugiong

13 Coastal loop

17 Committee meeting

19/26 GS Safari - Far North Queensland

26 Day ride with Martin Little

28 General meeting Italo-Australian Club, 7.45pm

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3 Alternate Sunday breakfast - tba

6 Chomp & Chat - 'All Bar Nun" at O'Connor shops.

17 MotoGP

23/4 "Not the Bermagui" weekend - tentative

25 General meeting Italo-Australian Club, 7.45pm

Everyone,

The Club committee would like to invite you and your family to a film night to see "Pirates of the Carribbean" at Manuka (probably) on Sunday 30 July between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. The time will be confirmed when the theatre finalises the schedule for that day.

The film will be followed by light meal at Manuka for those interested. If you would like to join us, please confirm to Sheryle at basmoon@ozemail.com.au .

*... and don't forget ----
Our weekly get-togethers -
in all weathers-
for a ride to Bungendore
and Sunday morning
breakfast
- or just coffee at
café 2621*

22/23 July - Cowra

Meet point is Rolfe Classic at 9.00am Saturday

Distance to Cowra is about 350km. The route is Canberra (Rolfe Classic) > Bookham > Binalong > Booroowa > Frogmore > Woodstock > Canowindra > Gooloogong > Cowra. That should get us there sometime early afternoon. Lunch at Cowra or if we're running late at Canowindra instead. Cowra is 2.5hrs from Canberra if anyone wants to return from that point. We'll be booking ourselves into the Aalana Motel in Cowra if anyone is overnighing. We aim to spend the remaining time tooting around the local roads and exploring over toward Grenfell way.

It would be helpful if we could know you are coming, so Contact Martin Gilbert

24 July - General Meeting

7.45 pm at the Italo- Australian Club, Forrest.

2 August - Chomp & Chat

The Rendezvous Café, Monaro Street Queanbeyan at 6.30 pm. Good quality meals at reasonable prices. BYO licence. RSVP to Sheryle Moon (basmoon@ozemail.com.au or phone 0419 708675) by 30 July please.

6 August - Alternate Sunday Breakfast

The Long Track Pantry, Jugiong. A nice ride via Binalong and Harden to a new venue for the Alternate Sunday breakfast. As this is a longish ride, have coffee first as this will be more a brunch than breakfast. The Pantry is opening especially for us (10.30 am) so we need to let them know how many are coming. Please RSVP to Sheryle (basmoon@ozemail.com.au or phone 0419 708675) by 30 July. Leaving from the Hall lay by at 8.30am.

13 August - The Coastal Loop

Leaving from Café 2621 at Bungendore at 9.30am so if you arrive early you've time for a coffee before heading off to the coast. Route is Batemans Bay, Bega and Bombala with lunch at Cobargo (subject to weather conditions on the day). Enquiries to Ride Coordinator Mal Elliott.

20 August - VVCMC's Gluhwein Rally

An annual event where those old bike people meet at the Cotter for breakfast at 9.30am and then off to Corin Dam and return for soup, gluhwein, etc. Come along!

19/26 August GS Safari - to the Cape

See BMW Safari website for up to date information

26 August - Day Ride

The Way out West weekend ride has been postponed so Martin Little is leading a day ride out west somewhere (but not too far) on Saturday 26 August leaving from Hall lay by at 8.30am.

3 September - Alternate Sunday Breakfast

To be advised. Note this is Father's Day.

6 September - Chomp & Chat

'All Bar Nun" at O'Connor shops at 6.30pm. The food is good, bar prices and meals are ordered bistro style

17 September - MotoGP

Who's planning on going to the GP and looking for company on the way?

23/4 September - 'Not the Bermagui' weekend ride

Traditionally our Club's weekend for Bermagui, but somewhere different this year, coast? possibly inland? More details later.

5 October - German National Day

A display? Tba.

15 October - German Autofest

We join with other German marque auto clubs for a lakeside display. Also our Club's annual concours event.

21/22 October - Geehi Rally

Our annual Kosciuszko rally. Occasionally a little bit of rain, but a great ride, terrific scenery and camping area. Plan for it this year!

10-12 November - The Snowy Ride

See www.snowyride.com.au

25/26 November Walhalla, Vic.

(aka 'Martin G's Birthday Ride) Lovely little old mining town, in the ranges northwest of Sale. A longish ride, but easy to access via good roads.

1 December - Our Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night

Venue and the date to be confirmed.

9 December MRA - Toy Run and Our Picnic

Looking for a big Club attendance for the toy run. Current plan is for us to go on to our Christmas picnic lunch immediately after the Toy Run. Venue to be decided, but probably no more than 30 minutes from the city.

March/April 2007 - Anyone interested in Tassie and/or the Superbikes?

What about combining a week to ten day's riding in Tasmania with a side trip (on the way to Tassie) to the Superbikes at Philip Island from March 30 to April 1. We need to start planning now so we can book the ferry and accommodation. Contact John McKinnon if you're interested.

First Wednesday of the month - Chomp & Chat at a local restaurant at 6.30pm. We go to a different restaurant each month so check the "What's On" pages for location.

First Sunday of the month - Alternate Sunday breakfast. Again, details can be found the "What's On" pages.

Fourth Monday of the month - General Meeting at the Italo-Australian Club, Forrest at 7.45pm.

THE VICE FILE

Martin Little

My trusty R1100R bucks and weaves over the winding corrugated gravel road as I head ever westward across the NSW plains.....Ok admittedly this is only the drive way (all 250m of it) to the Peter Crisp Gallery at Bookham , but I am so inspired after Peter Stanfield's gravel surfing article last month, that any gravel surfing for me gets the imagination working overtime! Great article Peter can't wait to read about your next big gravel surfing adventure! While I am waxing lyrical on gravel surfing, I'm sorry I wasn't able to get to Greg Barber's introductory gravel surfing ride (Gravel Surfing 101) in July, but I'll try to get to the next one. I was off doing some "riding" of a different sort - windsurfing in Fiji.

I went out to the July alternate breakfast held at the Peter Crisp Gallery in Bookham and it was real hoot. I have never ventured further west than Yass on the bike, so this big trip to Bookham was just the ticket to expand my horizons, while throwing in a little gravel surfing capped off with hot breakfast. Despite the damp conditions a hardy group of 8 bikes and two cars made the trip out west. The glass gallery is well worth the visit as there is some amazing art work on display. Thanks to Sherlye & Olaf for organising this venue.

As John cautioned in last months mag, with winter well & truly here, we all need to take care on the slippery roads. Also don't forget to rug up accordingly, as the wind chill on our sub zero mornings can quickly affect you. Wind chill is one of those things that allow us to exaggerate how cold it really is, and as an example, on a recent Sunday morning ride to Bungendore, when I left home the outside temperature was -5 degrees. Take into consideration riding on my R1100 at a steady 80km /hour and by my rough calculations the temperature will feel like -27 degrees. That's seriously cold! So don't forget to wear plenty of warm clothing to ride warm and safely.

I just have to rave about the new BMW's on display at Rolfe's.... The other night I was early for picking my daughter up from her drama class, (just along from Rolfe's), so I had some time to drool over the R1200S, the K1200GT, and of course the 1200 Adventurer. Face glued to the shop-front window, I couldn't help but admire the lines of these new models. Such temptation! No doubt we will see them out and about on our roads soon!

Hope to see you out there. Get on your bike and ride.

(Kiwi) Martin

From Myles Leniston

'I have recently purchased three books, one from Oz and two from the UK, which may be of interest to other members and have since found that the two from the UK are available from Autobookworld, 207 Clarence Street, Sydney, email: info@autobookworld.com.

BMW Motorcycles by Darwin Holstrom and Brian J Nelson.

ISBN 0-7603-1098-4. (This would complement Ian Hahn's articles in the magazine).

Complete Encyclopaedia of Motorcycles an A-Z of the World's Great Marques by Roland Brown.

ISBN 1-84215-172-x.

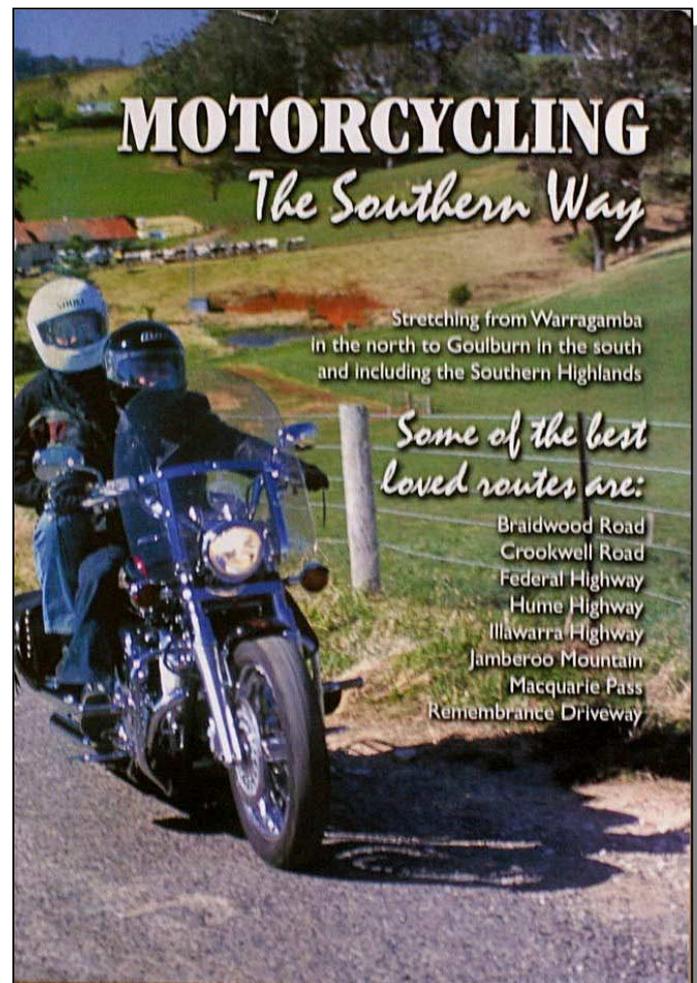
Total Control by Lee Parks ISBN 0-7603-1403-9.'

Myles - who explains his (re)introduction to motorcycles in his article '**Better Late Than Never**' (at page 9) and probably holds our current record for 'most distance travelled on a regular basis for Sunday breakfasts' - recently brought along a couple of copies of the booklet '**MOTORCYCLING The Southern Way**'.

This booklet is published as part of the Upper Hume Partnership Project and you can find a copy at the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre.

As well as containing a lot of very sensible advice, it contains details on good rides and destinations in the Southern Highlands and Wollondilly region, many of which you may not be familiar with.

Well worth getting hold of a copy!



Editor's Note: These items and photographs are edited versions of news releases on BMW Motorrad Australia's website. Please see the website for full details.



29/06/2006 Milla Jovovich rides the R 1150 R into the future.

'Successful actress and international model Milla Jovovich is not the only VIP in the upcoming sci-fi action thriller "Ultraviolet", the BMW R 1150 R also has a starring role.

Ultraviolet – the new sci-fi action thriller from director Kurt Wimmer set at the end of the 21st century hits international cinemas early July featuring one of BMW Motorrad's most successful models to date.

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BMW Australia has sold over 480 R 1150 R machines Australia-wide since the launch in 2001.

Related Web Address: <http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/ultraviolet>

07/07/2006 The new BMW R 1200 R

'BMW continues a long and proud tradition with the introduction of the new R 1200 R roadster, the successor to the distinguished R 1150 R.

...

The most significant features of the new R 1200 R at a glance:

- * Air-cooled flat-twin 1,170-cc power unit with balance shaft.
- * Maximum output up almost 28% over the former model to 80 kW at 7,500 rpm.
- * Maximum torque up almost 17% to 115 Nm at 6,000 rpm.
- * BMS-K electronic engine management with dual ignition, anti-knock control, oxygen sensor, and fully controlled three-way catalytic converter.
- * Light and stable, two-piece tubular steel frame.
- * Stiff Telelever with sensitive response and a high standard of steering precision.
- * Excellent handling, supreme directional stability.
- * EVO Paralever with light drive shaft.
- * ESA Electronic Suspension Adjustment as an option.
- * Dry weight 198 kg, overall weight with full tank in road trim 223 kg.
- * High-performance brake system.
- * New BMW Motorrad Integral ABS with automatic stability control ASC (both available as an option).
- * Wide range of accessories.'



... and also of particular interest:

07/07/2006 BMW Introduces New Integral ABS and ASC.

'Introducing its next generation Integral ABS, BMW Motorrad takes a quantum leap forward in braking technology.

The new Integral ABS incorporates the braking system into a fully networked all-round system and provides the foundation for additional dynamic riding control systems with a reduction in technical requirements and features.

And responding to customer input, BMW Motorrad is poised to develop further rider assistance features in the future. The first step in this direction is BMW Motorrad ASC Automatic Stability Control, available as early as next year.

This is the first system in the world to control driven wheel spin on a production motorcycle, and will be introduced as an option on touring models in the BMW K and Boxer (R) Series motorcycles. ...'

Martin Gilbert, our Clubs Australia Delegate, passes on the following information on the launch of BMW Motorrad Insurance. If you wish to get access or check out rates you should either ring the number in the article or talk to the finance people at Rolfe's.

'BMW Motorcycle Insurance.

10% Discount for BMW Clubs Australia members.

Over the last few years BMW Group Financial Services has developed a competitive range of finance packages for motorcyclists that make the possibility of riding away on your choice of the latest BMW motorcycle a reality. These market leading finance packages are now further complimented by the recent launch of BMW Motorcycle Insurance.

Together with insurance partner Allianz, BMW Group Financial Services has developed a comprehensive insurance package that is not only competitive in price, but offers many other policy benefits. All repairs will be carried out using (where possible) original BMW parts and you will be able to decide where your motorcycle is repaired.

BMW Group Financial Services Managing Director David Hannah together with BMW Motorrad Australia National Manager Mac McMath launched the new insurance package and are both excited that BMW will now be able to offer this premium insurance product to BMW riders.

Currently BMW Insurance has over 20,000 policy holders in Australia and David is sure that BMW motorcyclists will swell the numbers and more importantly feel secure in the knowledge that they are protected by BMW and Allianz, one of the world's largest insurance groups.

To kick off the new package, BMW Clubs Australia members who take up a policy by 31 October 2006 will receive an additional 10% discount on the already very competitive price.

If your current policy is due in the near future, or you would like all the details on the BMW Motorcycle Insurance product, contact your nearest BMW Motorrad dealer or call 1800 035 660.

Of course your BMW Motorrad dealer will also be happy to inform you about the range of BMW Group Financial Services products that are available.

Disclaimer:

You should always read the Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Document carefully when considering whether the insurance is right for you and to understand its limits and exclusions. For more information on these insurance products and many other options available through BMW Group Financial Services, please contact the BMW Business Manager at your preferred BMW dealer.'

Damien Cook

And for our overseas travellers:

'Dear member of BMW motorcycle clubs,

A few weeks ago the **BMW Niederlassung München**, a subsidiary of the BMW Group, opened the largest and most modern BMW Motorcycle Center worldwide, called **BMW Motorrad Zentrum**.

Experience - on a total area of **9.000 m²** - the whole world of BMW motorcycles and have a great time in our new **Biker's Bistro**, a perfect place for small talk among bikers and friends.

In addition to the presentation of all BMW motorcycle models, we offer a complete selection of **BMW Biker's equipment** and accessories in all sizes and colors. For members of BMW motorcycle clubs there is a **discount of 10%**.

Furthermore, there are permanently more than **200 used motorcycles** available. Our **rental service** comprises all current BMW models and gives you the chance to experience the joy of riding our motorcycles.

For interested groups, we offer the possibility of a tour through the new **BMW Motorcycle Center**. Please contact for further information: **mark.szameitat@bmw.de**

The team of the **BMW Motorrad Zentrum München** is looking forward to your visit and wishes you a beautiful motorcycle season!

Kind regards,

**Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft
Niederlassung München**

Motorrad Zentrum'

BMW Clubs Australia

At the 2006 BMW Clubs Australia Delegates Conference I was elected as national chairman of BMW Clubs Australia, and at this juncture I thought it prudent to introduce myself and also reacquaint members with the roles and functions of BMW Clubs Australia and your delegates.

I have been riding BMW motorcycles for over 20 years and owned several K Series and R Series motorcycles. I joined my first BMW motorcycle club upon purchasing my first BMW motorcycle, as I wanted to increase my mechanical knowledge of these machines and have access to specialised tools and advice. Twenty years later I have held various committee positions and been the president of BMW Motorcycle Club of Qld several times. And while I have an extensive knowledge and experience with BMW motorcycles and good interaction with motorcycle owners, I wish to reassure car owners that as a performance driver instructor and defensive driving instructor I have a very good appreciation and first hand experience of BMW motor vehicle performance, handling and safety characteristics. I appreciate that the needs and expectations of car clubs and members differ from motorcycle clubs and their members, and I will not be making any decision or giving any advice without consultation with your club delegate.

BMW Clubs Australia is an umbrella organisation that consists of 7 car clubs and 7 motorcycle clubs, the organisation consists of a delegate from each club, a chairperson, and two vice chairpersons (car and bike) and an international representative to the International Council of BMW Clubs. BMW Clubs Australia form part of the Asia, Pacific, Africa Section of the International Council of BMW clubs.



The mission of the International Council of BMW Clubs is:

- Generating communication resources, routes and tools geared towards specific target groups
- Administration and regulatory entity for managing global Club issues
- Development, planning and realizing future-oriented association and club structures
- Initiator and mediator for motivating joint ventures between clubs and BMWAG.

The role of BMW Clubs Australia is:

- To represent the Australian Club movement both nationally and internationally.
- To bring together people interested in the BMW marque (both cars and bikes).
- To promote new member clubs through regional based chapters
- To facilitate activities, promotions and benefits from BMWGA to enhance the club experience for members.

The Role of your Clubs Australia Delegate is to:

- To note and record any issues of the club and its members, to submit such issues to the relevant Vice Chairperson for discussion and action.
- To assist/advise other club delegates with issue.
- To advise members of information forwarded/gathered from BMW AG and the International Council.
- To promote club and club activities with other interested clubs.
- To conduct relevant administration work as required by BMW Clubs Australia. (PESP applications, promote and foster 'Friend of the Marque' and 'Prof. Dr Gerhard Knochlein' Awards).

Being a member of BMW Clubs Australia is beneficial to the clubs in that they can lawfully use the BMW roundel if they comply with certain guidelines of usage, and it allows a close working relationship with BMW and access to the Principal Event Sponsorship Program (PESP). The umbrella organisation also benefits BMW AG as a managerial tool as they have a central body in which to communicate with.

It is my objective as the Chairperson of BMW Clubs Australia to retain and improve the communication between clubs and BMW Group Australia and thus highlight the benefits of being a member of BMW Clubs Australia. I encourage members to communicate with their delegates of both positive and negative issues and remind people that BMW Clubs Australia is not about ridiculing or embarrassing people or companies but working together to resolve issues and to promote the club movement and the BMW marque.

Nigel SMITH
BMW Clubs Australia
Chairperson

The next **GEARS** course is on Saturday 19 August 2006. There are only two more courses after this one. There is no restriction on doing this course twice. GEARs is a road craft course designed for female riders. The course is open to women riders in the ACT and surrounding region.

If you have been riding for at least 6 months and are keen to review your riding practices and techniques then do this course.

The course is for women only and covers: Theory (why we do what we do); Stationary assessments (posture); Participant Ride (metro & rural); Feedback and Review

We all need to be aware and responsive on the road. The course will raise your awareness of potential road hazards and help you develop strategies you can use everyday to maximise your safety on the road.

Cost: \$60 (a saving of \$80.00)

Duration: 5 hours

Date: Saturday 19 August 2006

Register: www.stayupright.com.au/act

Phone: Stay Upright 6241 3963

Participants receive certificate, cap and instructional video 'Ride On' which offers a approach to safe rider training covering skills such as, control skills, head checks, braking and road craft skills. The video is a great follow-up to the skills you learn on the course. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to phone me on 6296 7166 or email dene.basnett@optusnet.com.au

This course has been designed ACT Stay Upright Motorcycle Techniques to support women riders in the A.C.T
This Project was made possible with assistance from the ACT Government's ACT Women's Grants Program.

From Peter Major,
Editor MRA ACT:

'The latest MRA ACT magazine is now available at <http://www.mraact.org.au/pdf/isl2006-2.pdf>. I trust it makes enjoyable reading with hard copies shortly to be available at all good motorcycling outlets'



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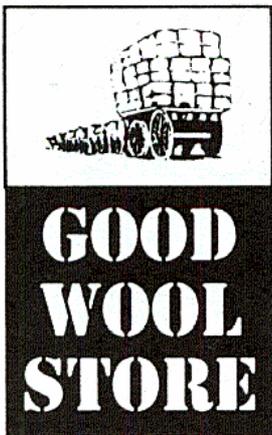
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Two new dates have been set 23 September and the 18 November 2006 and the details are posted on the Stay Upright website . The May MASTERS course was cancelled due to lack of interest - so pls book into one of these Masters courses soon so we can improve your skills and also keep an ongoing interest in the program and the NRMA sponsorship.

The NRMA provide funding used to subsidise these courses for you and they are great value at \$120 by each participant and \$120 from the NRMA Grant.

Please pass this on to any ACT residents who you may think would be interested in honing up their skills.

see http://www.stayupright.com.au/act_masters.htm

'Mature Age Skills Training for Experienced Riders'

The "MASTERS" Course is a defensive road skills course initiated by the Motorcycle Riders Association of the ACT, developed and conducted by Stay Upright Motorcycle Techniques and subsidised by the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust.

It is tailored to the needs of licensed riders returning to motorcycling after a break. The full day course which is preceded by an evening theory session, is held at the Sutton Road Driver Training Centre.

At no time is there any testing or need to perform during the course. Riders do all exercises at their own pace.

The evening theory session focuses on refreshing roadcraft skills and development of a safe riding plan for the road. It is held at the Sutton Road complex at 6 pm the evening before the course.

The practical day covers many aspects of riding and technique. Throughout the course we continually explain the exercise then demonstrate the wrong way then the correct way. We pride ourselves in being able to analyse WHAT riders are doing and are able to help them to become more aware of their limitations and techniques.

The course delivery format is to explain, demonstrate then evaluate.

Pillion are welcome to attend. Please advise when booking if a pillion is attending.

Please Note: Because the NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust receives its funding from a levy on ACT road users, the MASTERS course is open to ACT residents only.

Morning session includes:

demonstrations of manoeuvring and cornering posture .

normal stops

quick stops

counter steering

obstacle avoidance

slaloms etc at varying speeds

Afternoon session:

It is spent on cornering and is a very enjoyable learning process, with explanations and demonstrations in HOW and WHY you should do things, always at a speed with which you are comfortable

NEXT COURSE DATES: Saturday 23 September 2006 | Saturday 18 November 2006

http://www.stayupright.com.au/act_masters.htm

You will note that Stay Upright's MASTERS course represents great value and comes very highly recommended by Club Members who have attended previous courses - regardless of their riding experience. However, unfortunately, this course with the subsidised cost is not available to those of us on the 'wrong' side of the border, i.e. ACT residents only. (Well, living in the ACT must be good for something).

An alternative for we 'foreigners' is the Stay Upright 'Advanced Course'. You can check on the details at their website, but essentially it covers much the same ground, but I'm sure if we have interest we could organise a group for instruction tending more towards the 'advanced'

***** Let us know if you are interested *****

"Don't think you are coming home with one of those dangerous things in this house" - was the response from my mother on the only occasion I ever mentioned the word motorcycle. I was 16 at the time and eligible to learn to ride, but as a more or less dutiful son I heeded her advice and continued to ride my pedal cycle which I had only just bought after saving up the fifteen pounds (I probably could have bought a second hand BSA for that!!).

London suburbs in the mid 50's were still relatively traffic free and as I worked even further out the traffic was even less. A motorcycle was still at the back of my mind (not too far back). One day a work colleague who had a 250cc BSA asked if I wanted to learn to ride. I told him what my mother had said and he replied "Well she wont know will she?" He explained what I had to do to start it and put it in gear saying he would tell me what to do next as he would be on the pillion seat. I had probably gone about 20 yards or so and said "What do I do now". SILENCE. I shouted out again, but no answer - he wasn't there! That's when it all fell apart - "fell" being the operative word. I wasn't hurt, neither was the bike from memory, and I still have the vivid memory of him laughing fit to burst. My motorized riding days were over until the mid 70's.

About 1974, having joined the UK Police Service some 7 years earlier and now on "Traffic" (read Australian Highway Patrol - four wheels not two). I bought a 50cc NSU moped (the one where you pedal like mad until the engine starts when you can stop pedaling) to ride to work and the only aid to safety was a crash helmet. This ride was about 5 minutes either way.

All that finished in 1977 with our migration to Oz including any thought of motorcycling.

It's now March 2004 and some close friends, Ian and Sue Thomas, journeyed from Queensland to Victoria to attend the Ulysses AGM. (He had gone back to riding after some 25 years). They stayed with us for a few days arriving on a beautiful K1200LT. I appreciated the machine, but it ended there. Another year passed and this year the AGM was held in Canberra. Ian and Sue again broke their journey with us - still on the LT.

While showing them around the Southern Highlands, I caught myself looking at motorcycles parked at the roadside. During a conversation with Ian, I asked him if he thought I could learn to ride. He was very non committal at the time, but later confided that he didn't want to encourage me in case I got hurt - I was now almost 65. I still kept thinking about it and posed the same question to Lyn who said "You won't know unless you try", so I did.

14th May 2005 saw me enrolled on the Learner Course at Queanbeyan run by "Stay Upright" on the old Police driving centre. Day one was pretty basic without any problem. Day two started alright until the practice emergency stops. Then things took a downturn, I was braking much too early. I just couldn't get it right. The instructor stopped me there and then. He said the bad news is I can't give you your competency certificate, but the good news is you get to have a three hour one-on-one session within the next 14 days, free of charge.

Myles and his wife Lyn are relatively new members to the Club, having bought Peter Stanfield's "old" bike.

I went home very disappointed. I stewed on it until the following Tuesday and decided not to continue. I phoned "Stay Upright" to advise them of my decision, but they talked me out of it and fitted me in the following Sunday as part of another course where it all came together and went off without a hitch. The rest they say is history.

At the beginning of June I bought a Honda CB250 and put on 4,500 kms in the next three months. Practice after practice after practice paid off and finally on 1st September - success!! A full unrestricted licence (some advantages to getting older!!!)

It was during one of my practice sessions when I found myself lying on my back looking at the sky, but still holding on to the handle bars. I had been alternating practicing my quick swerve and my emergency stop to break the monotony and apparently changed my mind in mid-stream (quick swerve + emergency stop at the same time) not to be recommended, but a lesson well learned - don't use the front brake while turning!!

The 25th September was the day of the German Autofest on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. Although Lyn and I were there with a car club, it brought us in contact with members of the BMW club who were most helpful in their advice and introduced us to Peter Stanfield of "GS Short Way Round" fame and whose R1150RT we now own, with another 7,000kms added and loving every minute. I think I missed out on a lot of fun during the intervening years.

I have found the camaraderie within the motorcycling fraternity is great and not to be missed. To all those who have helped me along the way I thank you. To those who are thinking about it and hesitating, do it!!!

Myles Leniston



Myles and his R1150RT - deep in discussion with David Morgan - on a recent foggy Sunday morning at Café 2621, Bungendore

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WHAT'S ON:

16 July	Easy gravel surfing ride: Bungendore to Wee Jasper Leave at 10.30am from Café 2621 - Kings Highway Bungendore. Meet in the car park out the back.
29-30 July	Ulysses Outback Rally: At Arkaroola Wilderness Resort, Gammon Ranges in South Australia. Contact - Alf Lechner 02 9605 4350
4-6 August	The Hat Rally at Araluen: Usual awards for the best "hat". Apex do the catering and firewood and water will be provided. Araluen campsite, 3 k's from Araluen cost \$15. For more info call AI - 0409 920 526
12-13 August	Off Centre Rally: Gascoyne Junction. Western Australia.
26-27 August	Thrasher's Terrifying Trek: (The TTT Rally) Phone Thrasher (02) 4888 9211

Greg (a.k.a. 'Upsidedown Greg') our Gravel Surfing ride organiser and editor of the electronically distributed **Gravel Surfing Magazine** recently published a calendar of major upcoming Gravel Surfing events (See opposite)

The July issue also include an article on 'Adventure Riding in Laos' (by Michael Creagh) and Greg's report on the ride to Hill End in May.

I've reproduced one of Greg's photos from the Hill End ride as an example of what tremendous fun you can have on a cold day on these Gravel Surfing rides! (Can't see too many of Club's new R1200GS's in the photos though?) (Ed.)

If you want further information on rides or to receive a copy of 'Gravel Surfing', Greg can be contacted at :

upsidedowngreg@yahoo.com.au



Greg's Report on his Introductory Gravel Surfing Ride - 16 July 06

'The wet weather meant we had a few withdrawals from the ride and a late decision was made to take mainly tar roads to Wee Jasper to avoid any slippery clay sections on the intended route.

We had 11 bikes leave Bungendore and the same number reach Wee Jasper, although as usual the group got split up and there were also a few u turns as we tried to find a back road at Murrumbateman.

The section of gravel into Wee Jasper which was meant to be all weather wasn't and it provided some experience in riding on slippery clay roads. All good fun and everyone stayed upright. 5 of the 11 were riders with limited gravel surfing experience (or mud slushing experience) and they all handled the conditions without too many problems.

We all learnt a few things on the day:

Rain, clay roads, and large motorcycles don't mix well, but it can be managed with a bit of care.

Knobby front tyres make a huge difference on wet clay roads.

No gravel surfing ride is complete without at least one rider (or several) getting temporarily separated from the main group.

Don't believe a word upsidedown greg says about road conditions - especially "all weather" gravel roads.

upsidedown greg'

(from Greg's online report: Ed)



Ruthie and Howdie Farrer sent in these photos of examples of innovative engineering. Extreme? - but more practical (??) perhaps than BMW V8's or Dodge V10's. Have to wonder about the torque reaction ... transverse?? - or inline??



Murray Parker, a regular contributor, and currently our own foreign correspondent, has sent these photos from Paris. (Poor Murray has to work in France through summer and beyondsigh ... anyone that watches the Tour de France would appreciate how difficult that must be.) However, Murray took these photos at an expo for weird and wonderful contraptions held in the Grand Palace. (Except the photo at bottom left, which he says seems to demonstrate an unusual parking style - as spotted in Paris.)



BMW SportsIntegral Helmet

My fascination with this helmet has lingered for nearly 2 years; I even made a trip to Sydney one weekend to have a look at them but my existing helmet was still newish and I couldn't justify the expense. More recently I was becoming increasingly aware that I could all but put my helmet on my head without it touching my ears. Once on my head the helmet could be rotated about 30° without any neck movement so it was time for replacement.

I tried many helmets on; each bike shop in town seems to have a specific range of helmets and one Saturday morning was spent trying to rip my bloody ears off by trying on new helmets. The final choice was between the HJC AC-11 range and the BMW SportsIntegral. The HJC AC-11 helmet has won many high commendations internationally over the past year and was soon to be, due to a sale, about 30% cheaper than the BMW unit but it just didn't feel right on my head. In a brief chat Martin Gilbert encouraged me to buy the one that was the most comfy and the SportsIntegral won.

The first test was the Bathurst ride and WOW. The reduction in wind noise is significant and the reduction in riding fatigue is measurable. The ventilation system uses a combination of an adjustable chin vent for demisting and a top vent for cranium airflow and is very effective. The down side of the quietness enjoyed with all vents closed is any wind noise experienced when a vent is opened is almost cyclonic by comparison. The visor appears to include a combination of an anti-chipping outer coating and an anti-fogging inner coating. The net result is that visor cleanliness is even more critical for undistorted vision.

The chin strap is secured by a clip and has an under strap that is secured by velcro. The lack of D rings makes securing the helmet to the bike using the under seat lock ineffective.

Helmets are a very personal item, like shoes, and one make doesn't suit everyone. I have found the BMW SportsIntegral helmet just what the doctor ordered.

My final comments relate to the safety standards of the helmet. While the helmet clearly meets the Australian Standard AS 1698 the included booklet has the following warnings:

The helmet is only designed for motorcycle riding and should not be used for any other purpose, and, the helmet is not legal for use in the USA.



BMW Pro Winter Gloves

After a couple of seasons of frozen finger tips on the



rides to Bungendore when the grass is a crispy white I decided it was time to do something about my gloves. Into my existing gloves I used to wear acrylic inner gloves on the coldest days. I found these as useful as tits on a bull so it was time for action

Mick Owen's grand relocation sale exposed me to BMW's Pro Winter Gloves and I decided to try being other than a Scotsman and let a few moths out of my wallet. The significant appeal of the gloves to me, other than the BMW rondel, was the fact the gloves looked like ski gloves, are made with cordura^R, gore-tex^R and thermolite^R and should be both water proof and warmer than what I have.

I have found the gloves to be extremely comfy and definitely warmer than my existing gloves. On the ride to Bathurst they were almost too warm. Another bonus is the gauntlet style of the gloves means the cuff of my jacket is completely ensconced within the glove and no more cold wind up my sleeve.

Any negatives? While they do have a 'finger wipe' they don't have a significant patch of suede to wipe a wet visor.

The final assessment: a great improvement over my existing winter gloves but I won't refuse heated grips on my next bike.

Win a set of tyres to the value of \$400 courtesy of Hal Caston at TJ's Tyres!

Enter TJ's Touring Competition is easy, just get out on your bike and start taking photos. We've changed the rules slightly from last year to make it safer and easier for you to take photos.

You need to have a qualifying photo of yourself, your motorbike and Hal outside TJ's – worth 20 points. Just ask Hal nicely to pose with you—you don't have to buy something from him.

To score points, you have to take a photo of your motorbike in front of a sign on a public building in a town showing that town's name. The entrant does not have to be in this photo.

A public building means:

- ◆ a public (not a private) school
- ◆ a town hall or council chambers
- ◆ a public (not a private) hospital
- ◆ a police station
- ◆ a post office
- ◆ a court house

Photos taken outside any other building will not score any points.

Scoring Points

Points are scored according to the Scrabble letter value of the town's name:

- ◆ No points for anywhere in the ACT except the photo at TJ's.
- ◆ Single word score for towns in NSW and Victoria.
- ◆ Double word score for towns in SA and QLD.

- ◆ Triple word score for towns in WA, NT and Tasmania.

The rest of the rules:

Photos of suburb names don't score any points so you can't just go to Sydney and take photos of Bondi Public School or Chatswood Police Station etc.

Only one photo per town per entrant— you can't put in multiple photos of the same town.

Scoring examples:

QUEANBEYAN

Scrabble value 10 +1 +1+ 1 +1 +3 +1 +4 +1 +1 = 24 points, single word score.

CAIRNS

Scrabble value = 3+1+1+1+1+1 = 8 points, double word score as it's in Queensland makes it 16 points.

LAUNCESTON

Scrabble value = 1+1+1+1+3+1+1+1+1+1 = 12, triple word score as it's in Tasmania makes it 36 points.

Scrabble letter values:

A =1 B=3 C=3 D=2 E=1 F=4 G=2 H=4 I=1 J= 8
K=5 L=1 M=3 N=1 O=1 P=3 Q=10 R=1 S=1 T=1
U=1 V=4 W=4 X=8 Y=4 Z=10

Sue Ball-Guymer has kindly volunteered to be the judge, so email your entries to her at tjscompetition@yahoo.com.au, hand over a disc at a general meeting, or post your photos/disc to TJ 's Touring Competition, ACT BMW MCC, PO Box 1042, Woden ACT 2606. Scores will be published in the newsletter.

Entries close on 28 February 2007.

Old Bike Stuff

(Ed: The following mail was received from Ken Smith, Editor of VMX Magazine)

"Hi - I am the Editor of VMX Magazine (Vintage Motocross and Dirtbike Quarterly), which you may have seen at the newsagents. It deals with old dirtbikes, up to about 1985 and is a high quality publication distributed worldwide.

In what is a shameless plug, but also hopefully very interesting for BMW owners, I'd like to let you know that the current issue of the magazine (Issue 26) at the newsagents contains a very detailed and informative feature on BMW ISDT (International Six Days Trial) bikes and riders from the 1920s to the 1960s. The next issue (#27 due out mid-August) contains Part 2 of the story, detailing the ISDT bikes from the '70s.

It was a remarkable feature to put together and highlights how much effort BMW put into their dirt bikes, well before they ever thought of releasing GS models. Most of the photos are from BMW Germany archives and are outstanding.

Just thought I'd let you know so that you can perhaps advise your members - it really is the kind of BMW article you're not going to see anywhere else!

Please let me know if you need any more information on the article or how to get the magazine if you can't find it at your newsagents

Below is a mention of the article on Ed Youngblood's Motohistory site in the US -

Many of us think of BMW motorcycles as the world's best pavement burners, and when we associate them with off-road riding we think of the GS, introduced in 1980. However, BMW's off-road tradition dates back to 1923 when its first motorcycle underwent off-road testing, then just three years later the marque earned its first gold medal at the International Six Days Trial. Issue 26 of VMX, the high-quality vintage motocross and dirt bike quarterly published in Australia, presents the first of a two-part series about BMW's long-time involvement in Gelaendesport. This well-researched story is illustrated with wonderful historical photos from the archives of BMW AG. One is of Hitler and Hess drooling with Fatherland pride over the 1935 ISDT Trophy.

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Held at the Italo-Australia Club, Forrest on 26 June 2006.

Attendance: as per attendance book.

Apologies: Pam Paull, Martin Little, Taffy Williams, Paul McAlister

New members and visitors: Alan Bassingthwaite, John Rayner-Sharpe, Peter & Minette Britton.

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved they be accepted by Olaf Moon, seconded Peter Stanfield. Passed.

President: John McKinnon. Martin Little is looking at putting together a trip to Tasmania in March next year in conjunction with the Super bikes. Received an email from someone in WA about the "Border Run". The Committee has voted to continue with Marymead as our charity. Olaf will expand on the Christmas function. We are looking at organizing name badges for everyone. We are working on ways to manage distribution via email more effectively

Vice President: Martin Little. Apology

Treasurer: Graeme Moffatt. The Committee has agreed to look for a financial institution that pays a better interest rate. Auditing has been a bit delayed but is happening.

Secretary: Stephen Hay. Mail this month consists of:

- Junk mail
- Other clubs magazines
- Community CPS Cheque book and statement.
- Three Membership renewals.
- Post box last cleared Sunday 25th June

Editor: Roger Paull. Pam has credit for the July news letter. We are looking for a stand in Editor and Leah McKinnon has agreed to do it. Roger is hoping to step down next year and looking for an apprentice. The usual request for magazine articles. Also any historical articles in this our 25th year.

The Christmas in Winter dinner at Beechworth with the Victorian club was a great success.

Ride Coordinator: Mal Elliott. This Sunday off to Bookham for breakfast - meet at Hall lay by 8:30am. Two day ride to Cowra coming up in July so see Alison Gilbert for more details. August 6 Alternate Breakfast will be at the Long Track Pantry at Jugiong.

Social Secretary: Sheryle Moon. July Chomp & Chat will be at the Briery Street Pizzeria in Weston. Next year it would be nice to have a Winter Solstice ride. Ironbutt ride is being organised by Olaf and Martin Little. A loop ride to the coast via the Clyde and Brown Mountain is planned for August.

Webmaster: Olaf Moon. Martin sent around an email to all clubs asking about web hosting as there are a lot different fees and services being charged to clubs for the service. A New Queensland member is doing a great job with their website.

He asked if there any rider training courses coming up and Mal recommended the "Stay Upright" courses, which are subsidised by NRMA. The club will look into what is

available. In the past "Stay Upright" courses have been organised at Oran Park and well recommended.

Membership: Ian Hahn - apology. Sue Ball-Guymer reported that there were 12 renewals and 3 new memberships in the past month. There is a free first year's membership for the 1000th new member. Martin Gilbert asked if we have considered 3 year memberships.

Clubs Australia: Martin Gilbert. Nothing happening at present on this front.

Gravel Surfers: Greg Barber. Ride coming up back roads to Yass then back via Wee Jasper.

Merchandising: Pam Paull - apology. Roger has brought along the sample long sleeved tee-shirt, \$26.00 orders being taken.

July Committee Meeting

Held 13 July 2006.

Present: John McKinnon, Graeme Moffatt, Martin Gilbert, Pam & Roger Paull, Mal Elliott, Sue Ball-Guymer, Olaf Moon, Fiona Oliver. Also present members Alison Gilbert and Peter Oliver

Apologies: Martin Little, Steve Hay, Ian Hahn, Sheryle Moon

Minutes of previous meeting: endorsed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes: to be discussed in general business

President: John McKinnon. Tasmania 2007 - planning needs to start now if this trip is to go ahead and we need firm expressions of interest so bookings can be made for the ferry and accommodation. The Tasmanian Tourist Bureau can do this if there are enough people. He suggests a 10 day trip, perhaps leaving Melbourne on 2 April 2007 (day after the Superbikes at Philip Island so people could go there if they wanted.) John is the contact person.

German National Day (5 Oct 06) and German Autofest (15 Oct). The German Embassy would like an older model BMW Bike to display at its National Day - members to be canvassed. He will attend the next planning meeting for the Autofest.

Vice President: Martin Little. Apology. Had advised that the weekend "Way out West" ride planned for 26/27 August has been postponed however he is happy to do a day ride on Sat 26 August leaving from Hall lay by at 8.30am.

Secretary: Stephen Hay. Apology. Mail received
Credit Union statement

Other clubs magazines

Various flyers and junk mail

Treasurer: Graeme Moffatt.

Small Biz Account \$5958.88

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Petty cash \$73.80

Value of merchandise held \$1599.00

Banking arrangements - he felt the Club is holding too much in its cheque account and suggested that some be

transferred to an interest earning term deposit or cash management account. He has done some preliminary examination of alternate bankers including Bendigo Bank. Some discussion about its Community Enterprise Fund (charitable arm) and general feeling was that we prefer to decide where our donations go. Graeme to further investigate banking options especially fees and report back.

Editor: Roger Paull. Has some contributions for the August newsletter.

He asked whether there would be interest in having Stay Upright run a special Advanced Course for our Club. Olaf said that at \$100 per person there might be interest. Mal to contact Stay Upright and email members seeking interest.

He saw Rob Jones at Rolfe earlier this week and they are keen to host a meeting when the new F800 is released. Committee agreed this was a good idea and suggested it be the September meeting - to be confirmed with Rolfe.

Ride co-ordinator: Mal Elliott. GS Introductory ride being held on 16 July. Cowra weekend or day ride leaving from Rolfe at Phillip on Sat 22 July at 9.00am. Coastal loop ride on 13 August leaving from Café 2621 at Bungendore at 9.30am travelling via Batemans Bay, Bega and Bombala. Lunch at Cobargo subject to weather on the day.

Social Secretary: Sheryle Moon. Apology. August Alternate Sunday breakfast at the Jugiong Long Track Pantry on 6 Aug. Leaving from Hall lay by at 8.30am and travelling via Binalong and Harden and arriving in time for brunch from 10.30/11.00. RSVP to Sheryle by 30 July.

August Chomp & Chat at the Rendezvous Café, Monaro Street Queanbeyan on 2 Aug. RSVP to Sheryle by 30 July.

September Chomp & Chat - possibly Maestral at Weston or Tilley's at Lyneham. September Alternate breakfast to be decided, maybe Gundaroo Pub, Crookwell or Taralga. October Chomp & Chat somewhere northside - Martin G to investigate.

September "Not the Bermagui" weekend. NSW Club had contacted Martin G and are interested in reviving a joint trip. Decided that this was a good idea and perhaps somewhere inland would be suitable, maybe meeting at Moss Vale. Also suggested that an observation run might be an option. Martin G to write back seeking their ideas for a location.

Christmas Dinner - venues still being investigated.

Webmaster: Olaf Moon. Will follow up with provider regarding the amount of spam some committee members are receiving.

Membership: Sue Ball-Guymer. Currently 236 members which makes 982 since the Club's inception.

Martin G said at the last general meeting it had been suggested that members could have the option of renewing for 2 or 3 years. To be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Clubs Australia: Martin Gilbert. BMW Financial Services is relaunching its insurance service and offering 10% discount to BMW Club members. Members should contact Rob or Kathie at Rolfe initially.

Several media releases in the past week including the R1200R and one about a movie.

Also suggested the Committee consider supporting a cancer charity in future.

Merchandising: Pam Paull. Summer hats have arrived (\$23 each), long sleeved tee shirts ordered (\$24 each), clock/calculator with 25th anniversary logos can be

ordered now (\$15 each). Still to follow up on full colour embroidered badges.

Public Officer: Fiona Oliver. Financial audit - Gaye D'Arcy (member and a CPA) has completed a comprehensive audit of the Club's accounts and has declined to charge for her services. Agreed that she should receive an ex-gratia payment in the form of a gift voucher - to be arranged.

The audited statements need to be published and passed at an extraordinary general meeting. Statements to be published in August newsletter and meeting held in September. Fiona noted the need to get proxies for those unable to attend the meeting so that the audited statements can be passed.

Constitution - Fiona had noted several areas where the existing constitution does not reflect current practice and is also confusing or silent on several important points. She also had some concerns about taxation liability. She suggested that it might be best to modify the ACT Government's model rules for associations' constitutions and adopt a completely new constitution. Fiona said this needs time and effort to research properly and suggested a sub-committee be formed.

Motion: That Fiona convene a sub committee to examine the situation and report back.

Moved: Graeme Moffatt Seconded: Martin Gilbert. Passed

General business:

TJ's Touring Competition. Pam had circulated a proposal based on 2005/6 competition. Photos would be of a member's motorbike in front of a sign on a public building showing that town's name ie public school, town hall or council chambers, public hospital, post office or court house. This would make it safer and easier to take photos. Scores to be published monthly in the newsletter. Sue Ball-Guymer volunteered to be the judge.

Ride Protocols. Olaf's draft has been circulated and committee members are to comment to him.

Name badges. Carry forward to next meeting.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2006

TREASURER'S FINAL REPORT 2005-2006 FY

Please note that these are the audited statements of the Club's financial position for the 2005-2006 FY.

These books have been audited by Gaye D'Arcy. The Treasurer and the Committee would like to thank Gaye for the thorough job which she has done in auditing the Club's books for 2005-2006.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

In the 2005-2006 year the Club ran at a **profit of \$4,102.01**. This compares favourably to the negative outcome in 2005. However, it should be noted that \$1,000 of donations approved in the 05-06 FY were not expended until Mar 06 and so will appear in next year's statements. Similarly, the cost of the anniversary edition of the Club Journal does not appear in these statements.

This year's profit stems primarily from the following income items:

- Increased income from membership fees in 2005-2006 compared to the previous year.
- Increased income from advertising in the Club Journal compared to the previous year.
- Increased income from the Rally compared to the previous year.

And the following expense items:

- Reduced expenditure on the Christmas Party.
- Reduced expenditure on merchandise.
- Reduced expenditure on printing.

Interest earned for the year from both Club accounts was \$65.71.

BALANCE SHEET - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The Club's total **equity is still positive and is \$9,629.55** for the 2005-2006 FY.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The scale of cash flows through the Club's accounts are lower than the previous FY, with a decrease in receipts and payments. However, the overall cash position of the Club has improved because of the positive net income this year. At the end of the 2005-2006 FY the Club held **\$9,877.71 in cash** in the Petty Cash, Business Cheque and Smart Saver accounts.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

There have been two major activities with significant financial implications this year:

Club Christmas Party

The Club Christmas Party cost \$3,135 in the 2005-2006 FY. The majority of this amount was recouped from the party attendees with the balance covering small items such as the decorations.

Advertising

Thanks to the efforts of Roger Paull, the Editor, the Club has significantly increased its advertising income.

MERCHANDISE

The Club currently holds **merchandise stock to the value of \$1,363.00**.

Peter Oliver (Treasurer, 2005-2006 FY)

13 July 2006

**AUDIT REPORT
 TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ACT BMW MOTOR CYCLE CLUB**

I have conducted an audit of the financial records and reports of the ACT BMW Motor Cycle Club in order to express an opinion on them to the members for the year ended 28 February 2006.

Audit procedures included examination of evidence supporting the amounts in the financial statements and review of the supporting financial records.

Inventory to the value of \$1,363 is held by the Club detailed in an Inventory Schedule included with the Report. I have not conducted an audit of the stock of inventory. In the past, inventory purchases have been recorded as expenses and no record of the stock-on-hand at the end of the year has been kept and recorded as an Asset. In future years, Inventory balances at the end of the year should be recorded as an Asset in the Balance Sheet. This now can be achieved because an opening balance for the next year has been established.

In my opinion, the financial statements presented give a true and fair view of the financial position of the ACT BMW Motor Cycle Club as at 28 February 2006 and the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



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ACT BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB INCORPORATED
 ATTACHMENT 1B
 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FY ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2006

BALANCE SHEET (ACCRUALS) AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2006 (5)					
	2006	Notes	2005	Notes	Variance 2006-2005
	\$		\$	5	\$
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash on Hand (Petty Cash)	179.00	6	130.00		49.00
Cash at Bank S70 Business Cheque	7,485.29		3,498.48		3,986.81
Cash at Bank S10 SmartSaver	2,213.42		2,186.06		27.36
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	9,877.71		5,814.54		4,063.17
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Accounts Receivable (undeposited funds)	88.00		45.00		43.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	88.00		45.00		43.00
TOTAL ASSETS	9,965.71		5,859.54		4,106.17
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable (unpresented cheques)	336.16		332.00		4.16
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	336.16		332.00		4.16
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Other Non-Current Liabilities	0.00		0.00		0.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	0.00		0.00		0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	336.16		332.00		4.16
NET ASSETS	9,629.55		5,527.54		4,102.01
TOTAL EQUITY	9,629.55		5,527.54		4,102.01

Note 5 - The 2005 figures have been taken from the original financial statements prepared in 2005 since the auditor for 2004-2005 FY did not provide revised figures in this format.

Note 6 - The 2005-2006 auditor amended the Petty Cash figure to correct an entry error in the draft accounts.

ACT BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB INCORPORATED
ATTACHMENT 1A
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FY ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2006

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT (CASH)				
ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2006 (1)				
	2006	Notes	2005	Notes
	\$		\$	4
	Variance 2006-2005			
	\$			
INCOME				
Advertising	1,378.00		660.00	
Badges	15.00		0.00	2
Christmas Party	3,135.00		2,845.00	
Deposits for Events	0.00		7,473.00	3
Fundraising	696.60		172.00	
Membership Subscriptions	8,053.00		4,856.00	
Merchandise	1,150.50		2,360.00	
Rallies	1,309.00		487.00	
Reimbursement	0		824.67	
TOTAL INCOME	15,737.10		19,677.67	
EXPENSE				
Advertising	260.83		0.00	
AGM Expenses	0.00		0.00	
Badges	1,199.00		361.00	
Debits Taxes/Bank Fees	56.10		76.26	
Clubs Australia	246.00		232.00	
Christmas Party	3,107.95		4,049.21	
Donations	0.00		700.00	
Expenditure for Events	0.00		4,482.00	
Insurance	784.08		712.80	
Merchandise	1,057.80		3,750.00	
Postage	1,048.95		1,130.85	
Printing	2,206.93		3,096.15	
Rallies	200.00		200.00	
Stationary	184.70		172.02	
Sundries	1,348.46		478.00	4
Trophies	0.00		568.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	11,700.80		20,008.29	
NET ORDINARY INCOME	4,036.30		-330.62	
OTHER INCOME				
Interest Income			14.18	4
<i>S70 Business Cheque</i>	38.35			
<i>S10 SmartSaver</i>	27.36			
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	65.71		14.18	
NET OTHER INCOME	65.71		14.18	
TOTAL NET INCOME	4,102.01		-316.44	

Note 1 - The 2005 figures for the Profit and Loss comparison have been taken from the audited Profit and Loss Statement for the 2004-2005 FY.

Note 2 - For 2005 income from badges is included in income for the Rally.

Note 3 - In 2006 there were no major Club Events, other than the Christmas Party, which is reported separately.

Note 4 - When the Club books were audited last year, the auditor adjusted the categories against which the Club has previously reported its expenditure. This has resulted in a number of income items being counted under Reimbursement in 05, a number of expenditure items being combined into Sundries 05 and Interest Income not being separated for the two accounts so that comparisons can be made between 2005 and 2006.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

No new advertisements this month.

Wanted

BMW F 650 GS 2001 Model, Staintune Exhaust And / Or Dummy Can. Please phone Mark 0421 577 531

BMW Vario Top Box and adaptor plate suitable for R1200GS - call Pete on 0403 937777

BMW hard panniers for a 2004 F650 Dakar. Email: wolfson13@hotmail.com

1982-83 or 84 Pearl White R100RS. I'm a rider returning to motorcycling after a 20 year break and would like to buy a R100RS. Condition unimportant, price flexible (will pay above market value for right bike), preferably 1983 model. Call Pete Kaye on 0416 302 220

Wanted - Second Month

Cylinder for R80GS 1981. May be the same as other 800cc bikes. I don't know if the left hand and right hand sides are different, but if they are, I need the RHS. call Martin on 0412 169255 or email dalitz@tpg.com.au

F650GS. My son has caught the motorcycling bug and is after an F650GS to start - later model to \$8,000 with panniers. Call Peter Stanfield on 0416 058 693.

Motohansa are always buying used, damaged, new or old BMW motorcycles. We also accept bikes on consignment. . Call Rob at Motohansa on (02) 9638 4488

Staintune cat eliminator and muffler for 05 R1150R. Call Tony on (02) 6255 8160

For Sale - Second Month

ex-Police BMW K1100LT 1995. I'm considering parting with my much loved and well preserved LT bought from Tom Byrne BMW in 2002. Major maintenance has been a replaced crown wheel bearing at 110,000km and little else has needed attention. Registered until May 2007. White, dual seat conversion, city panniers, radio and tape deck fitted. Contact Rob Fox on 0413 111981 or rob@silverfox-ts.com Central Coast NSW. .

2000 BMW R1100RT, white, 64,000 km. Immaculate condition, rego to Apr 2007, always garaged, well looked after, BMW serviced, near new tyres and brake pads, crash bars, rear boot, extra switches and plugs, Brembo brakes, ABS, electric wind screen, heated hand grips, panniers, radio, lambs wool seat covers, \$12,900 negotiable. Phone Mark 0424 783494 (Copacabana, NSW).



BMW R75/6, 1976, Modified: S fairing, 38L Heinrich Tank, Twin disc front, Craven Panniers, kick-start, stainless pipes, 900 barrels. Rebuilt in mid-nineties, and little ridden since then, this is 1 very together touring machine. Fairing, huge tank & paint give it a unique muscular look. Not an ordinary R75 - tight & ballsy, sounds great (but not loud) - it's a hoon. Excellent condition with exceptions noted as follows (I have not the time or funds): Most importantly: The front end tracks badly & can develop a headshake; Front tyre (50% worn ME33) should be replaced; Current heavy duty fork springs top out (I am 75kg - may be good for heavier load) Original springs (& some other bits) are part of the deal; wheel bearings need a look. Other imperfections are minor: paint chip on tank, ding in rack, indicator dash light not working, a floppy mirror, some carb imbalance at mid-RPM (+ only doing 6 L/100km - I expect 700km between refills not just 600!), slightly tired seat cover & side covers, control cables need a lube. Runs best on standard ULP with valvemaster additive. Only been mine for a few months. Saw it, rode it, bought it, loved it - but young family & renovations force sale. \$5500 OVNO. Contact Andrew 0425 242016 Marrickville, Sydney

ACT BMW Motorcycle Club

PO Box 1042 Woden 2606



*APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. **NEW Single Membership \$ 40.00 plus \$5.00 Joining Fee.** \$ _____
(Fee from the General meeting in October each year is \$20.00 +JF)
OR
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. We don't have credit card facilities. **TOTAL \$** _____

Membership expires on the last day of February.

Please PRINT ALL PARTICULARS below so that we can record your membership details.

YOUR NAME	PARTNER'S NAME (FOR JOINT/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP)
Last name _____	Last name _____
First Name _____	First Name _____
Postal address _____ _____	Postal address _____ _____
Phone (h) _____ (w) _____	Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
Mobile _____	Mobile _____
Email _____	Email _____
By filling in the e-mail address you have indicated you are willing to accept information on club events	By filling in the e-mail address you have indicated you are willing to accept information on club events

Do you wish your monthly magazine in paper format OR electronic format (e-mail)

Motorcycle 1 Make _____	Model _____	Year _____
Motorcycle 2 Make _____	Model _____	Year _____
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.

Signature 1 _____	Signature 2 _____	Date _____
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*** Applications are subject to Committee approval and may take several weeks to process.**

Membership Secretary only

Application considered by the Committee on / / and accepted or declined

Receipt # _____ Membership # _____

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