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Dear Martin and Alison,

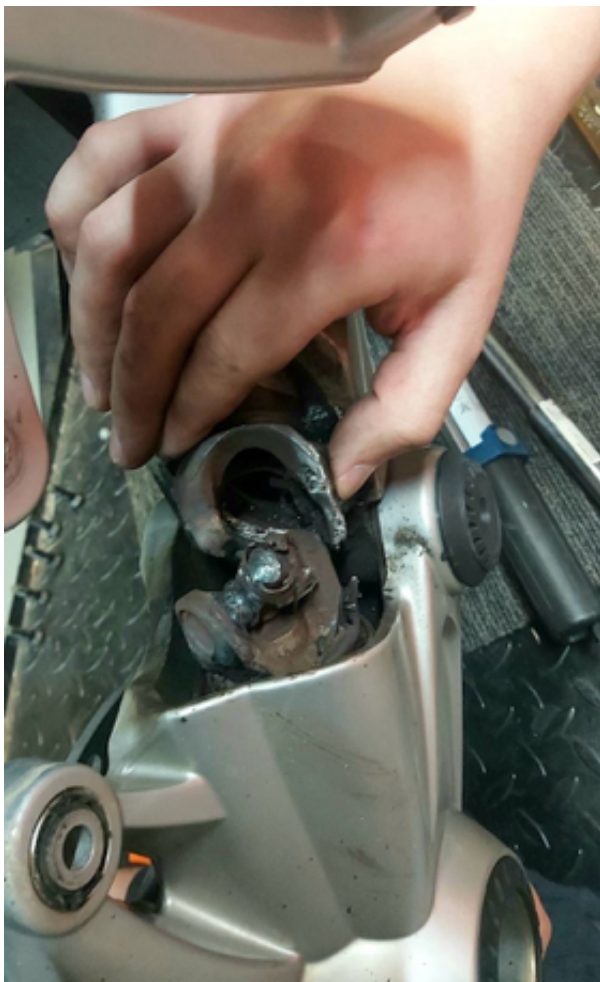
I write this months News on a Canberra cold winters day and looking forward to heading off next week and this years *Off Centre Rally* at Adels Grove northwest Queensland with members Dave Morgan and Graeme Jones. I'm not sure that this winter has been particularly cold but with the last couple of wet cool summers looking forward to some warmer weather.

Join me in welcoming our newest members and be the first to offer the hand of friendship on their first and your next Club ride or event; Ken Jeffery (F850GSA), Grant King (R1250GS) Adam Nisbett (R1250GSA), Karl Roberts (R1200GSA), Mark Rule (R1200GS), Brian Senior (R1250GS) and Colin Sweeney (K1200LT).

Club Rides. Karen Longstaff has stepped in to the Ride Coordinator role with enthusiasm and a well-attended ride to Harden via some roads new to even our active riders. As a motorcycle riding club I encourage all of us to support Karen and club riding calendar. Not ALL rides need to be single handed, so offer suggestions and your willingness to lead a ride. They do not all need to be 500+ kilometre epics or short hauls to cafes. Email Karen with your suggestion and offer to help out at Rides@bmwmcc.org.au.

Ash Sked, Chai Sambrani and I rode down to Delegate RSL Open Day and check out their claim of being the smallest RSL building in Australia. Looked true; RSL members had turned on a great show and welcomed us with scones, warm drinks and open fire to ward off what was a cool but great riding day. The return trip was less so, with the drive joint failing on my R1200ST 2km down from Nimmitabel/Bega intersection and turn off to Bombala. Ash offered me a lift home on his R1200GS supported by Chai (R1250GSA). I returned later that evening with (club member) James Kalma retrieval services (trailer) and back home 2330. It was great to have Club members offering to and helping.

The R1200ST has been disassembled, parts ordered and a task for my return from the OCR. Perhaps as wife Jane prophesied, jealousy with all the attention the F800GS was getting. More like expense, with new tyres, service and bits n bobs. Clearly having forgotten its runs to the *Hummertoph* Robe SA and *National Motorrad* Kooralbyn SEQ rallies.



That doesn't look good. This is NOT a cause of spline lubrication or unheard of in Rxxx motorcycles. Mine was at 136 000km.



Ash, Chai and Garry outside Delegate RSL, claimed to be Australia's smallest.



Ordinarily connected together, and another expensive part to replace :)

R1200GS/GSA LC Drive Shaft Campaign. Owners of these model BMWs can expect a call or email from BMW Australia or Canberra BMW to book your motorcycle in for a check and fix. BMW campaigns are not recalls, so contact your local Dealer if you are concerned.

For those of us not owning a LC (liquid cooled) GS it is important that you inspect and lubricate R series gearbox output to drive shaft to differential input splines and check universal joint free play (not that mine had any at last inspection). This is NOT a standard BMW service item nor routinely given consideration - the differential spline is OPEN to the weather, so you do not need to be riding through creeks for corrosion to occur.

What's On. Your Club's 41st Kosciuszko Rally is 7-9 October at Geehi. If camping is not your thing then why not make it a day ride and support this annual event. Stay up to date by checking out [What's On](#) and we encourage you to register as it helps organisers and venues in planning. You can also cancel your registration online or why not download the Wild Apricot Member app from Google Play or Apple Store.

BMW Club Magazines. The Club is fortunate to have access to other BMW Club magazines and posted to the (members only) webpage [BMW Club Magazines](#). The magazines are not to be shared outside the Club. Direct any inquiries to the relevant Club.

Single, Joint & Joint+ Memberships. The Club offers member' partners Joint+ membership and login and access to the Club website free of charge. This is conditional on the primary member remaining a financial member. Contact Mike at Members@bwmcc.org.au.

Club Subsidised Rider & First Aid Training is available to financial members in their second year. Only new, then you can renew up to one year ahead and take up this opportunity. Full details can be found here [Member Rider & First Aid Training](#).

2023 BMW 100 Year Anniversary. BMW AG celebrates 100 years of motorcycle manufacturing in 2023. BMW Clubs Australia is encouraging member clubs to host an event or events through the year and participate in other Member Club events. Your committee has some events already on the calendar and invite members to contribute your ideas to President@bwmcc.org.au.

That's it from me for another month. Clubs are as active and enjoyable as involved members make them. What are you waiting for?

Enjoy your ride

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