



Shaft Drive Lines

June 2011



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**We have a new meeting venue, the Harmonie German Club
Canberra, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, ACT**

Saturday 11 June, 42nd Annual Alpine Rally, Yarrongabilly on the
Snowy Mountains Highway NSW

Saturday 18 June, Christmas in Winter with the BMW MCC Victoria in
Rutherglen Victoria. Its not to late to book!

Friday 24 June, 26th Annual Casper Rally. Bummaroo Ford north of
Taralga 70kms from Goulburn.

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Membership: A membership form may be in this magazine or available for download from our website <http://bmwmccact.org.au/>.

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

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Activities: The Club endeavours to have at least one organized run and social event per month and listed on the [What's On](#) page. The Club welcomes suggestions that should be emailed to the Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

Whilst we make every effort to ensure the [What's On](#) page is accurate, changes to meeting times and places can occur between publication dates. The Club uses email to inform Members of late changes to rides and activities or general information including ad-hoc events. If your email address has changed or your mailbox is full, we cannot contact you, so advise the Ride Coordinator of changes to your contact details. Our website contains the most up-to-date information.

Charity Support: The club supports a nominated charity using profits from the Kosciuszko Rally.

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SHAFT DRIVE LINES

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

So, what superb weather we have at the moment. At least it is while I'm writing this, at the end of April. I'm going to be away for most of May, hence the early write up. One of the downsides of being away at this time of the year is that I miss a big chunk of the fall weather, which, would have to be one of the best times of the year to be out riding. At least this time I should be able to get some riding done while I'm in the States. Catching up with some friends who now live in South Carolina, near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

It's a great shame that the Canberra Services Club in Manuka burnt down. They have been hosting our meetings for a number of years now. We have now arranged to hold our meetings at the Harmonie German Club Canberra, which does seem fitting, and I'm pretty sure that dressing up in lederhosen is optional.

Don't forget, we are still looking for a social secretary. As I said last month, Sue has done an outstanding job over the last few years, especially in compiling a long list of options for alternative-breakfast locations, so it will be a reasonably straightforward job to take on. So, if you have been thinking about getting more involved in club activities, and especially if you have some ideas for new social events we could be doing, now is the time to make your move. Contact me if you are interested.

See you out & about,

Mark

THE V.P. BLATHERINGS

The new committee are settling in well with only the first quarter of an hour (each meeting) spent congratulating our selves on our election to our various posts. We still desperately need a Social Secretary volunteer.

With the President away in the S.E. of USA, this month's commentary comes to you from me. Our President is only one of many spending time in 747's or A380's. Mal Elliott, for example, has just covered Europe from east to west, but not by bike.

The Committee minutes show that we are working on a long trip either later this year or in the first quarter of next year. We are considering naming it the 30th Anniversary Run (30th anniversary of the Club). It appears that it may be split into two portions where those (rough GS types?) may travel north from Port Augusta and those more genteel may decide to sachtel south from the same place.

Both groups will reform at Port Augusta some time later. Our Rides Co-ordinator will have more to say at a later date but it will be for about 12 days including 3 rest days.

Both parties, at the regrouping, will undoubtedly lie like hell about how good their trip was and what courage was needed to finish it. This is the "My black cat is blacker than your black cat" syndrome at work and may bring tears.

Christmas function planning is well underway with the Hellenic Club again our location. Sagely, our previous Social Secretary warned that if no bookings were made by the middle of May that most locations were taken. Bookmark Friday December 9th for the event. More information in later editions of *Shaft Drive Lines*.

One of our committee mentioned the other day in an e-mail that numbers are falling off. This is of concern to any club of course but although I agree with the general observation, I can't see this in the Sunday Brunch crowd. It seems to me that we might have to have first and second (or third?) sittings at the restaurant. We may have to book seats.

I recently wrote to the ACT Chief Minister on another matter and included in my email that I thought that 5-yearly license proficiency tests for motorcycle riders might be an aid in reducing the motorcycle road toll. The concept was the same as a pilot who must prove proficiency and knowledge to maintain their grading. The Chief Minister, in his response, was not enthused with the idea, although agreed he was concerned. I am pleased that the Club encourages bi-annual Stay Upright courses.

I wish you all "safe riding" at this colourful time of year.

Ian W.

HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB CANBERRA



The Club has a new general meeting venue, Harmonie German Club Canberra.

Address: 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, ACT 2604.

Phone: 02 6295 9853

Web: <http://www.harmonieclub.com.au>

Directions: [Google Map](#)

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mark Aitcheson	BMW G650GS
Steve Sant	BMW R1100

See you on a ride...

TYRE PRICES TO SPIKE?

Reported in Cycle Torque magazine April 2011, www.cycletorque.com.au

THE prices of tyres could spike in the coming months as world prices for the raw materials used spiral upwards. Natural rubber, butyl and steel - the main components of motorcycle tyres - have seen big increases in their prices in recent months.

Rubber in particular has spiked from around \$1500/ton a couple of years ago is now trading at nearly \$6000 a ton. Butyl, which is made from oil, has doubled in price, while the Chinese steel market has forced the price up on that, too.

While these price rises have been going on the Australian dollar has risen in value against all major currencies, so we have been shielded by that factor for a while, but don't expect that to last.

Motocross tyres, which have a high percentage of natural rubber, are likely to be the hardest hit. Cheap tubes, which are made from rubber, are also likely to be impacted severely, closing the gap to better butyl-based tubes, which are likely to rise in price too, but not by as much.

The tyre industry has passed on significant price increases on car and truck prices already, with some rising around 20 per cent during 2010.

Luckily the tyre market in Australia is very competitive, too, so importers have been loath to increase prices too quickly, but industry insiders have told Cycle Torque it's only a matter of time, especially at the cheaper end of the market.

As a percentage of the overall cost of a tyre, raw materials make a bigger part of the cost of a cheaper tyre than one from a premium brand. Research and development, labour, quality control and even marketing, racing support and promotion all play a more significant part on the cost of premium brand than cheap tyres which don't have this expense, so if you like throwing \$99 tyres at your bike, don't be surprised if they \$120 next time you go shopping.

At the premium end of the market local distributors told Cycle Torque they are trying to keep prices as competitive as possible, but don't be surprised to see increases in the next few months.



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GS SAFARI 2011

Get ready for the GS Safari After a short period of uncertainty it is great to be able to provide some information on the next BMW Safari event. The 2011 GS Safari is scheduled for early September, we can't tell you too much right now, but it will start in western NSW and make its way into the South Australian Flinders Ranges, before heading down to the coast and finishing on the edge of the bight.

More information will be provided very soon. Due to some issues with the Safari database is important that you enter your details on the registration of interest form. Please pass this information to anyone who you know that, has attended a BMW Safari previously or would be interested to know more about doing their first BMW Safari.

Safari Tradition The BMW GS Safari (Dual purpose on and off road) and TS Safari (Touren Sport - on road riding) formula is proven, so there are not any major changes planned, just some small refinements here and there. We appreciated all of the feedback provided in the recent BMW Safari Survey and it is clear that many of you are itching for the next events. It's all about getting out on your bike with some great people and doing some incredible riding with the support of BMW and the BMW Safari event team.

Event Dates We understand that many of you are interested to book your annual leave for the 2011 event at this stage aim for the first week of September and will endeavour to confirm the dates very soon.

Bookings Priority Safari registration information will be provided to individuals who have completed the registration of interest form. At this stage, we expect to send out official booking information in April/May 2011. Keep up to date and register here: <http://www.bmwsafari.com/>

FIRE DESTROYS CANBERRA SERVICES CLUB

Reported by Penny McLintock, ABC News Online at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/04/28/3201991.htm>, 28 April 2011 (extract).

Fire has destroyed the historic Canberra Services Club building at Manuka in the city's south.

Fire crews were called to the club on Canberra Avenue just before 6:00am to find the timber building well alight.

Three fire pumpers, an aerial fire fighting platform and a breathing apparatus support crew have been on site.

The roof has collapsed but the fire is now contained.

The cause of the fire and the total damage bill are unknown at this stage.



Canberra Services Club president Matthew Harvey says it was heart wrenching seeing the club go up in smoke. "A number of ex-serving soldiers, sailors, airmen and war widows use the club quite regularly," he said. Mr Harvey says irreplaceable war memorabilia has been lost in the blaze.

The 65-year-old building was built during World War II. "The club was built by donations that were organised by Lady Gowrie, the Governor-General's wife at the time, from the people of Canberra, to be a place where the services community could go, not just when it was being built during the war, but after the war as a meeting place," Mr Harvey said.

Editor: This was the Club's monthly meeting venue. The President and Committee have arranged for the remainder 2011 monthly general meetings to be held at the Harmonie German Club Canberra on the same time and date, 1945 the 4th Monday of each month. There is no meeting in December.

WHAT'S ON

Here is a list of Club arranged activities. This does not stop you from arranging a ride, and if you want company, let the [Ride Coordinator](#) know and they will pass your planned trip on to the Club members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send them to the [Editor](#).

2011	Date	Detail	Contact
June	Saturday 11 Monday 13	42nd Annual Alpine Rally, NSW. Yarrongabilly Homestead on the banks of the Yarrongabilly River, next to the Snowy Mountains Highway between Kiandra and Tumut.	Henning Jorgensen. 47 Palmerston Avenue Dromana VIC 3936. 03 5981 0140 / 0457 034 488
	Monday 13	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. http://www.harmonieclub.com.au	Contact the President
	Saturday 18	Christmas in June. Meet & dinner with the BMW MCC Victoria. Organised by the Victorian's at The Poachers Pantry, Rutherglen Victoria.	Contact the President
	Friday 24 Sunday 26	26th Annual Casper Rally. Bummaroo Ford camping area. On the north side of the Abercrombie River on the Taralga to Black Springs road, approx 70kms from Goulburn. Sealed road!	SCUM Tourers. Andy 02 4422 3096 or Dieter 0402 396 838 Or Editor@bmwmccact.org.au
	Monday 27	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. http://www.harmonieclub.com.au .	Contact the President
July	Monday 11	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. http://www.harmonieclub.com.au	Contact the President
	Monday 25	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. http://www.harmonieclub.com.au .	Contact the President
August	Saturday 5 Sunday 6 Monday 7	Hat Rally 2011. At Araluen 3kms from the Pub. Beat Hat & other wards; limited firewood + water and toilets. Catered from Friday pm, Sat spit roast. \$15 includes your badge & proceeds to charity	Contact AI on 0409 920526 for more info.
	Monday 8	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. http://www.harmonieclub.com.au	Contact the President
	Monday 22	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. http://www.harmonieclub.com.au .	Contact the President



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Don't forget to tell them that you are with the BMWCCACT!

AUTUMN LEAF RALLY 2011



With Siva's gravel surfer's trip to Lightning Ridge cancelled, and not feeling the inclination to travel with Martin R to Camerons Corner for the Scrap Heap Challenge it was starting to look like an Easter of Uni study ☹️. Whilst I sat at home pondering, ADVrider Jane was giving me a running on-line commentary on those planning to ride to the 24th Autumn Leaf Rally at Tumorrana Hall 35 km north of Tumut on the Wee Jasper Road. A check with daughter Morgane if she wanted to go precipitated a flurry of Facebook, texting, phone calls and ADVrider posts confirming that Larissa had talked her godfather Dennis into taking her as a pillion, given Mr & Mrs TJ's were working.

Saturday saw the bike fuelled out to Wee Jasper via hill to Tumorrana. The roads received in pre-Christmas campers on the road and normally great sandy road on constant attention to the

By early afternoon, the crowd 100 arriving to enjoy an raffle and evening live band.



and packed before taking the run Sawyers Gully Rd and run up the are still showing the battering rains, whilst plenty of cars and Wee Jasper environs. Even the the top was potholed, demanding chosen route.

gathered from afar with more than afternoon of gymkhana events, Include catering, toilets and one of the largest bonfires on the rally circuit makes this a rally worth the

effort. Larissa and Morgane took on the gymkhana and were rewarded with Easter eggs for their efforts. The evening was spent catching up with friends old and new under starry skies warmed by the fire or for those so inclined a visit to the hall and band. The morning saw us wake to a frost free, sunny although cool morning. Even with a 5-day long weekend, many made an early start for home whilst those nearer to home like us (130km) had a leisurely breakfast whilst chatting and comparing notes before packing up for the ride home. This time via Coolac before taking the Hume for an uninspiring although quick trip home by mid afternoon.



Morgane & Garry Smee, R100GSPD
(Riding pictures D. Ramsay)



Dave & Tanya (F650GS), Dennis & Larissa (Ms TJ the younger) KTM990 Garry & Morgane (1st Rally)



CHRISTMAS IN WINTER



Saturday 18th June 2011 at 6.00pm

POACHERS PARADISE HOTEL 120 Main Street, Rutherglen, Victoria

This year it is the turn of our friends from Victoria to organize our annual get together.

Rutherglen is an interesting tourist town in the middle of an historic wine growing area. For those who arrive on Friday a great self navigate loop ride to Yarrowonga can be done or a bus tour of the wineries can be arranged through the Information Centre Phone 1800 622871. As Rutherglen has a steady stream of visitors, it is suggested that you **make your accommodation bookings early**. All motels, hotels and the campground are within ten minutes walk of the dinner venue and the main street and have off street parking for bikes. Accommodation can be booked via the net at www.rutherglenc.com or the Information Centre ph. 1800 622871.

Cost for Dinner: \$ 40.00 per person

Bookings close on **Wednesday 8th June**

Limit of 70 people

Bookings and Payment should be addressed to Graeme Scolah at treasurer@bmwmccvic.org.au or Ph 03 9789 2397

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Any questions - contact Jenny Hensell Social Secretary BMWCCVIC
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COMPULSORY RIDING GEAR COMING?

Reported in Cycle Torque magazine April 2011, www.cycletorque.com.au

AUSTRALIAN authorities are exploring the possibility of making approved riding gear compulsory. Currently this is happening under the guise of research into developing a rating system for protective clothing - once riding gear is available and has the stamp of approval, it's going to be a lot easier to make it compulsory.

Victoria's Road Safety and Transport Strategic Action Plan for Powered Two Wheelers 2009–2013 will "Continue to develop a 'star' rating system for protective clothing and conduct a pilot project."

The current Draft National Road Safety Strategy recommends, among other things, "Develop a national rating program to assess motorcycle helmets (and potentially other protective gear for safety) to promote market demand for safer helmets." If the current Australian Standard isn't safe why do we insist on having one different from the rest of the world? Already it costs Australian riders more to have helmets made and certified just for Australia's special helmet standard.

Some of the best helmets in the world aren't available in Australia because the high cost of the local certification/testing process. Why do we need our own special standard anyway? Are our heads so different to the Europeans and Americans? Do they have inferior standards? Of course not, it's about control. Whilst the rest of the world is moving to international standards for worldwide homologation, our bureaucrats want to invent more helmet and new clothing standards just for Australia (or even just for Victoria!).

Why? Well if you have a "standard" then you can regulate what riders are able to wear. Sure it's only "advisory" now but several of the Registration Authorities and Personal Injury Insurers are actively talking about compulsory 5-star protective clothing for all riders. Without a standard to say what is or isn't protective clothing they can't mandate it – even if they wanted to...

So why not make protective clothing compulsory right now? We all know we should wear appropriate protective gear. Well on several levels it has problems. Firstly who pays for developing a standard, reviewing it, enforcing it and testing every different style of jacket, pants, boots, back protector and gloves that come into the country?

Just like helmet testing, anyone wanting to sell gear to riders will have to ensure their gear complies, and the cost of those tests will be passed on to you, in the form of higher priced gear.

And what standard do we use? The Europeans have already spent years and invested millions and therefore have by far the most developed standards. They will probably, eventually, become the default "world" standard if one ever happens. But even the EU standards are still a work-in-progress.

Why would Australia want to start re-inventing the wheel before the tyre has been fitted to the existing one?

Then consider what appropriate protective gear is? A scooter on an inner-city commute, a sports bike in the twisties, a touring bike on a rainy day or a registered dirt bike on a fire trail all have very different requirements. But the law sees each of them simply as a 'registered motorcycle'. No difference. Imagine having to wear a 5-star abrasion proof suit on a hot day climbing a steep rutted out dirt track. It could well cause you to crash.

Few would argue that wearing appropriate protective clothing on a motorcycle is always good thing, and that technological improvements will continue to be made and should be embraced when they make riding better. We should also, when looking at this issue, be aware that introducing civil liberty issues into this discussion will ensure we get side-tracked. The fact that an adult riding a pushbike at walking pace on a bike path must wear a helmet is a great example of how Australian bureaucrats have convinced our politicians our 'safety' is more important than our civil liberties, so there's little point trying to fight the problem on those grounds.

So ask yourself: If Australian Standard 5-star protective gear was available but more expensive and less appropriate for your needs would you wear it? If it was made mandatory that you had to, would you consider not riding? There are bureaucrats out there who hope so! In safety-speak that's called "Exposure Reduction". If you make it harder to ride then less people ride. Less people ride and less people get hurt.

"Look we've lowered the motorcycle toll." If you can't actually ban motorcycles it's the next best thing from a bureaucrat's point of view.



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The Dakar Rally is definitely the single most extraordinary race of its category in the world. The race started in 1979 as a race from Paris to Dakar, but in 2009 it was moved to South America. Due to the massive success of the race in its new location, it will again take place in South America in 2012 and this time we have decided to follow it!



Join us as we meet in Buenos Aires for the start of the race and then follow the 9000km (5600 mile) extreme race across the snow-capped Andes Mountains into Chile, then north across the driest desert in the world, and then following the coastline back to Buenos Aires. This magnificent experience will take you through some of the most dramatic landscapes in the world, following the most extreme race in the world. Combine all this with a glimpse of Latin American culture, and you have an incredible adventure!

This tour will be divided into two stages - Circuit #1 will start in Santiago and end in Antofagasta (via Buenos Aires), and Circuit #2 will start in Antofagasta and end in Santiago (also via Buenos Aires). You may join either circuit, or both! See more details below.



Tour Details

Location: **Circuit #1** - from Santiago to Antofagasta
Circuit #2 - from Antofagasta to Santiago (SCLSA1)

Terrain: Paved, gravel, and dirt roads

Duration: **Circuit #1** - 12 days
Circuit #2 - 12 days

Riding days: 11 days per circuit

Route Length: About 5,000 km (3,100 miles) per circuit

Motorcycles: BMW R1200 GS

Accommodations: 3-star & 4-star hotels and lodges

Highlights: Dakar Rally 2012, Buenos Aires - The City of Tango, Mendoza

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THE EDITORS FILL

Wanted: Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2011 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au with or without captions or photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

I hope you are making the most of autumn's sunny and cooler days to get some rides in. Mind you having two bikes, one with heated handgrips makes a notable difference in riding, so a second set of heated grips may be on the way. Jane and I took a ride to Auto Italia to see the good spread of vehicles and by the time we arrived a thinning number of bikes but nonetheless a good turn out of exhibitors and on-lookers. April also saw the demise of Gecko Motorcycles Canberra's only Ducati & KTM dealer. We went along to the sale and auction with Jane acquiring a very competitively priced Ducati (Dainese) leather jacket; I had better start making some more room in the garage ☺.

The Committee has asked Martin Robertson (Rides) to research a longer club ride for late 2011 or early 2012. These rides are typically of between 1 and 3 weeks duration accommodating both minimalists and motel riders. If you have a favourite area or wanted to ride somewhere in company drop Martin an email at rides@bmwmccact.org.au. The early thinking is to have both road and dirt rider groups and routes meeting up at different locations – some even want to go bush walking. Whilst the route, location, stopovers and endpoint have yet to be decided, distances in the order of 300-500km/day are likely.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee
editor@bmwmccact.org.au

Motorcycling Against Cancer Ride

23 April - 5 June 2011

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Ride Schedule

- 2 April**
Canberra Official Launch
- 23/24 April**
Brisbane
- 30 April/1 May**
Sydney region
- 7 - 8 May**
Melbourne area
- 14 - 15 May**
Adelaide region
- 21 - 22 May**
Perth region
- 4/5 June**
Finish Darwin

For more information or to register

Visit www.motorcyclingagaincancer.org.au
Email ride co-ordinator Bruce Petersen at bruce.petersen@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

By Jane Smee

The Adventure Rider forum was abuzz with chatter on the 2011 Motorcycling Against Cancer Ride' visit to Canberra. An avid fan I decided Garry and I would attend for the ride leaving the Canberra Visitor Centre to the Legislative Assembly where MLA Mary Porter pledged a ACT Government donation of \$2000. Mary offered to take Bruce's helmet through the offices and collect donations from MLA's and staff raising a further \$200+.

That evening we met up at the Woden Tradies for dinner with Ross, Bruce, Michael and AI to recount the adventure thus far and the plan for the morrow and continuing ride through to Melbourne via Tom Groggin.

Saturday morning we regrouped at Parliament House to meet Senator Kate Lundy (DR250 rider) who given the short notice offered support for 2012 and would lead a ride through the Brindabella's with the DR5MA. Having originally planned to join the ride down to Tom Groggin to meet the Victorian contingent, the GS decided to start leaking oil all over the ground – a blown rocker cover gasket, perhaps feeling somewhat underpowered amidst the R1200GSA and KTM 990's. Garry decided that his afternoon would now be spent fixing the leak, so we said our farewells having escorted the group to the southern end of the ACT. You can still donate here

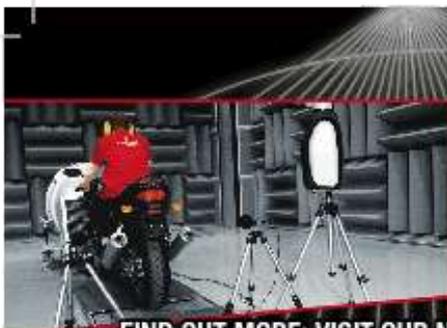
www.motorcyclingagaincancer.org.au and keep watch for the 2012 ride.



MLA Mary Porter at the ACT Legislative Assembly with Jane, Ross, Bruce & Michael (1)



Senator Kate Lundy at Parliament House with Bruce, Ross, Jane & Michael (2)



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LOADED DOG RALLY 2011



By Garry Smee, R100GSPD

With sunny skies beckoning and bike packed we made the gruelling trip of 72km to Tarago and 2011 Loaded Dog Rally along with ~150 others on the weekend 7-8 May. Whilst not the most distant rally we travel too it does have a particularly tricky gravel section for the last 15m into the rally site at Tarago showground.

Taking a break at the Loaded Dog Hotel on the way in to check on the road and camping conditions to find that the Show society had topped up the gravel, so conditions would be good along with the forecast of no rain and mild conditions with temperatures around zero Celsius predicated and achieved. Having completed the final 3kms from Hotel to Showground we set up camp, including the new tent with garage for the bike; roll on rain and frost. Catching up with old and new acquaintances we were concerned to here that Alf and his bike Voodoo Child from the Tumut Valley Riders had met with disaster courtesy of a car-driver near Bungendore; we wish him and bike a speedy recovery. A feature of the Dog is not only the onsite catering toilets and showers, but also the bus trip to the pub for dinner. For those like Jane who is not a fan of the do-it-yourself dinners and less so using a Trangia, this is a favourite, along with a cooked breakfast (or dinner) available at the rally itself. After a nice dinner and sticky date pudding the group returned to the rally site (by gold coin bus) to complete an evening of (embellished) story telling with new and old friends. Jane even joined in a rousing duet rendition of Meatloaf's *Paradise by Dashboard Lights*, however decorum prevents publishing of the pictures.

By Jane Smee...

I love the Dog and Garry's slackness in not packing the bike on Friday and insistence on stopping for petrol on Saturday before leaving does not help in my getting there. My anticipation was heightened by a check of ADVrider confirming the attendance of others including Bob & Sue, Annalise, Dennis Dave's, the Yassterfarians and others. After the gymkhana, we all took the bus to town and Loaded Dog for dinner in front of the fire, before returning to the Rally for a round of campfire visits, catching up and meeting new

friends. Sunday saw a leisurely pack up and stop for coffee at Bungendore on the way home, what a Mothers Day.



☺ The Editors new tent with attached garage. Ex-prez Bob (R1150GSA), Rob (BMWTCNSW, R1150ST), Mrs & Editor; pic by Sue. What one Autumn Leaf Rally can do to innocence (see p. 7) or is that Garry & Jane, Dennis (R1150GS) and Mrs TJ' Annaliese (F650GS).

CLUB GOING ON'S

GENERAL MEETING 18 APRIL 2011

Venue – Manuka Services Club

Meeting Opened - 1945hrs

PRESENT: 11 members recorded in the attendance book

GUESTS: NIL

APOLOGIES: 159 members

Presidents Report: Welcome to members present and noted that being so close to Easter we were a little light on for numbers.

Wrap-up report on the BarBQ at the Doonkuna Winery - A great turn up, well organised by Sue, cheap wine on sale due to the winery changing hands. It was noted that we appear to have more vegetarians than the special patties would allow.

Wrap-up on Araluen Run - Also a great turn up with lots of bikes (of course) and a range of "special" cars consisting of an MX5, SLK Mercedes and 2 x Porches.

Spoke of Christmas in Winter function with details in the magazine.

V-President Report: The decision has been made to have the Christmas party at the Hellenic Club on the 9 Dec 11. Menu choices and prices are yet to be finalised by the committee with the details to be advertised in the club magazine in the near future.

Ride Co-ordinator: An extensive program has been planned with full details to be advertised and updated in the club magazine.

Secretary: Spoke of a single space available on an upcoming ride on hire bikes through Mongolia. Will be around 3 weeks in length about the late July/Aug period. Further details available from the Secretary.

Social Secretary: Mark highlighted again the need to fill this position. It is not particularly onerous and Sue is able to provide a good handover and guides. Mark also publicly thanked Sue again for her contribution in the position.

Membership: Ian reported that we currently have 117 memberships and 170 members. Club stickers are available from Ian by personal arrangement (.50c small and \$1.00 large)

General Business: Mark (Edwards) highlighted the value of electric vests for winter riding and spoke at length on different types that are available.

Meeting Closed @ 2015hrs.

COMMITTEE MEETING 9 MAY 2011

DRAFT

Monday 11 April 2011 @ Harmonie German Club Canberra

Meeting opened 1945hrs

Present: Steve Hay, Garry Smee, Ian Hahn, Gary Melling, Martin Robertson, Alan Walsh, Ian Warren, Jack Foley.

Apologies: Mark Edwards

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved by Ian Hahn, Seconded by Garry Smee that the minutes of the previous committee meeting in Apr is a true and accurate reflection of that meeting.

Action Items from previous meeting

Ian Warren deputised as the President in the absence of Mark Edwards and dealt with action items as per the following:

- **Audit –** Discussion on merits of gaining the services of a registered auditor and whether that was in fact necessary. Steve Hay undertook to clarify the requirements. Jack Foley tabled the 09-10 account for audit and reported that the 10-11 would be ready in the not too distant future. He is working closely with the previous treasurer in order to complete the handover..

- **Clubs 30th anniversary –** Ian Warren to gain/get hold of the Club Logo tee-shirt made by Ron Andrews and given to Martin Gilbert previously for presentation to the members at the next monthly meeting.

Post meeting: Ron Andrews contacted Garry Smee and will be delivering a further T-shirt design next week for consideration.

- **Long Trip –** Ian Warren presented an option for the long ride. This is to be tabled at the next monthly General Meeting and is attached to these minutes as an annex.

- **Membership renewal –** Robust discussion on the merits of the current method of dealing with members changes on renewals. Decision taken that the form will not change in its current format. If a member pays his membership and no information is supplied it will be accepted that there are no changes.

- **Xmas Party –** Menu to be settled one month before event. Deposit has been paid to confirm booking at Hellenic Club, Woden for 9 Dec 11.

There will be follow-up promulgation at the club monthly meeting and within the club magazine.

- **Club Registration** – Steve Hay to follow up registration with State Authority
- **Social Position** – Martin Robertson to confirm numbers with the Long Track Pantry Jugiong for upcoming ride on the 15 May 11. Club still does not have a member to fill the Social Secretary role so it will continue to be addressed via the committee on an ad-hoc basis. Rutherglen Xmas in July meeting was discussed with all pertinent information available in the club magazine.

NOTE: an email was received 11 May 11 via Sue Ball-Guymer from the Victorian club advising that numbers for this event currently stand at 44 persons with 15 of those being from ACT.

- **Club Constitution** – Ian Warren undertook to have the words “DRAFT” removed from the Club Constitution document that currently sits on the web site.

Reports

President – Nil

Social Secretary – Nil

Ride Coordinator – Martin spoke on this month’s events and the upcoming event to Yerranderie . This will be promulgated again at the next monthly meeting.

Vice President – All committee and Club monthly meetings have now been booked with the German Club until the last one in November.

Secretary – A membership bill for \$249.00 from Clubs Australia was received and presented for payment. Moved by Ian Hahn and seconded by Garry Smee that the bill be paid by the treasurer ASAP.

Secretary to engage with ACT RTA for possible road safety lectures to be delivered to the club at a training evening or some other occasion. This will be reported on at next committee meeting.

Membership – Ian reported 179 members and 123 memberships. Ian reported that he will away for the period 22 May – 18 Jul and arrangements were made for his duties to be covered during this period. Ian Warren will address memberships on his behalf.

Editor – Garry Smee undertook to forward the Social Secretary’s list of contacts to the committee members.

Treasurer – Jack Foley to make appropriate arrangements for the new signatories on the club accounts to be Jack Foley, Mark Edwards, Ian Hahn and Ian Warren. Other previous account signatories

would be removed. Jack to investigate the feasibility of changing the account name to BMWCCACT in line with the clubs incorporated name.

General Business – The committee to consider future suitable training courses in line with funds availability and members wishes. To be discussed further at the next club monthly meeting, subject to the Treasurer providing an accounts and budget estimate of operating costs after his handover is complete.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th at the Harmonie Club.

Meeting closed at 2106hrs.

ANNEX TO MAY MINUTE'S

30th Anniversary Ride Suggestion (Ian Warren)

Time – 12 days (including three rest days)

Location

Mostly South Australia with a split point being around Port Augusta for those wishing to go to the Flinders Ranges and the others south or wherever

Budget

Distance – approx 3981km

Fuel - \$280 @ \$1.40 litre average and 5 litres per 100km (do your own sums as appropriate)

12 breakfast @ \$15 each

12 Lunches @ \$15 each

11 Dinners @ \$45 each

11 Motels @ \$80 per night

Total would be something around \$2015 (plus incidentals)

Day	From	To	Distance	Time
1	Canberra	Hay	527	06:05
2	Hay	Broken Hill	527	06:06
3	Broken Hill	Pt Augusta	414	04:48
4	Pt Augusta	Pt Lincoln	341	04:38
5	Rest Day			
6	Pt Lincoln	Streaky Bay	293	03:08
7	Streaky Bay	Pt Augusta	391	04:32
8	Rest Day			
9	Pt Augusta	Adelaide	307	03:50
10	Rest Day			
11	Adelaide	Echuca	667	08:22
12	Echuca	Canberra	600	07:11



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WANTED – 1ST MONTH

None this month

WANTED – 2ND MONTH

None this month

BMWCCACT 30TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT

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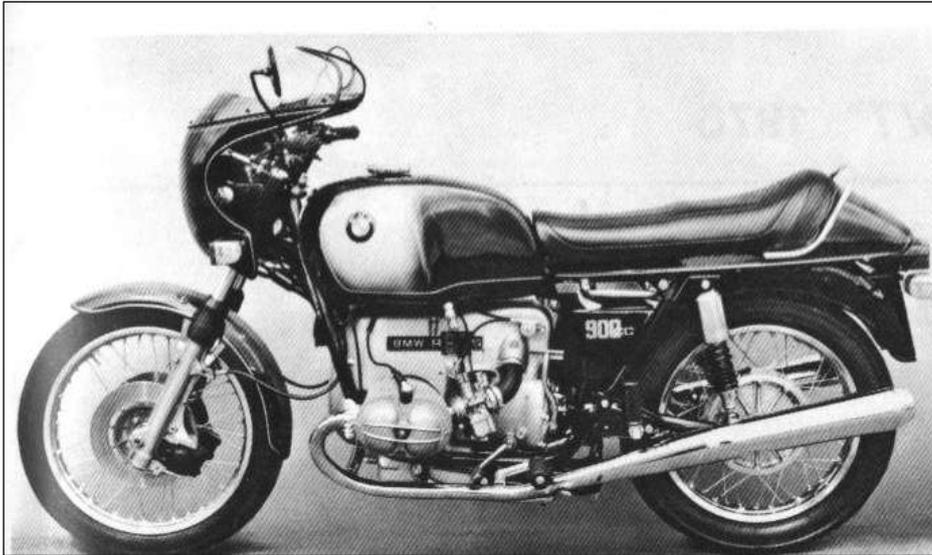
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Model	R 69 S
Production dates	1973 to 1976
Engine designation	247
Engine type	Flat twin cylinder, overhead valve, air cooled
Capacity	898 ccm.
Compression ratio	9.5 : 1
Power output	50 kW at 7000 rpm (1hp =0.745kW)
Ignition	Battery / coil
Lighting	240 watt 12 volt
Number of gears	5
Weight	205 kG
Fuel capacity	24 Litres
Fuel consumption	5 litres / 100 km @110 km/H
Top speed	> 200 km / Hr
Engine numbers	4070001 to 4093724
Number built	17500

Notes.

This model was the bike to really put BMW back on the motorcycling map. This in my opinion will be a serious collector's bike. Just look at the price of restored bikes let alone price for basket cases, if you can find one.

The engine was tweaked slightly with higher compression ratio, a modified camshaft and 38mm Delorto pumper carburettors and 38 mm engine pipes and silencers. This was an increased by 7kW over the /6 of the same year. Up rated braking was supplied by adding an extra disc to the front wheel making a twin disc setup with ATE callipers to compensate for the increased power. All the other components were the virtually same as the /6. To improve the sporty look the gaiters which were on the /6 were removed and replaced with short caps with a felt wiper inside. This led to premature failure of the fork seals due to impact from rocks and insects.

The first model was painted in a colour scheme called 'Silver Smoke' or 'Black Smoke'.

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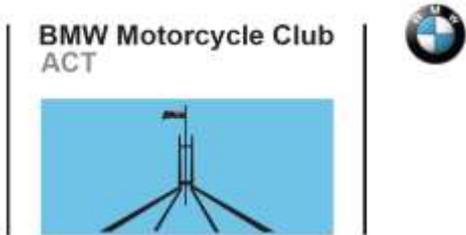
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