



# Shaft Drive Lines

September 2011



## Look Out For

The Club meets at the Harmonie German Club  
Canberra, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue Narrabundah ACT.

- September 4, Araluen top down run leaving Bungendore 1030.
- September 17-18, German Autofest 2011, National Library Lawns.
- September 17-18, BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally, Tottenham NSW
- October 1, 2 & 3, Roonkatreffen, BMW Owners Club of SA Rally
- October 22-23. 30<sup>th</sup> BMW MCCA ACT Kosciuszko Rally.



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## ABOUT THE CLUB

**Meetings:** 7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month at the [Harmonie German Club Canberra](#) 49 Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah, ACT or by [Google Map](#).

**Membership:** Check this magazine for a membership form or down load one from the website <http://bmwmccact.org.au/>.

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

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

**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 for rides or social events and these should be emailed to the Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

Whilst we make every effort to keep the [What's On](#) page 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 Membership Secretary of changes to your contact details. Our website contains the most up-to-date information.

**Charity Support:** Profits from the Club's Kosciuszko Rally, held each October, are used to support a nominated charity and RFDS in 2010.

### 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 *Privacy* and *Spam* policy available on the website or email request.

### SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the editor has absolute discretion, we welcome contributions to the Club's magazine *'Shaft Drive Lines'*. Please email copy to the [editor@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:editor@bmwmccact.org.au) or by @mail to

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

The weather hasn't been conducive to riding of late. Hopefully it will cooperate for (as I write this) this coming weekend, for the ride to Eden. Haven't been out on the bike much of late (alas, been busy with other things) so looking forward to the ride. Plus the roads around Candelo, Wyndham and Cathcart are superb.

Don't forget about the German Autofest on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. There is always a superb collection of cars and, of course, bikes on display. Also, if you have never come along to it with your bike, it's well worth the effort. We give out trophies for what we consider the best bike in a number of categories, including sport, sport-tourer, tourer and GS. Note that we don't treat it like a concourse, in that it isn't just about who has the cleanest, shiniest bike. We also factor in things like how many kilometres on the bike (the more the better) and what modifications have been made to make it work better for its intended role. So, hope to see a lot of bikes out there on the 18<sup>th</sup>, to make choosing really hard for the judges.

Also, looking a bit further ahead, our rally down at Geehi will be on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> of October. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> one the club has run, so hopefully we will get a good turn out for it. The roads and scenery around that part of the world are spectacular, so worth getting the tent out and heading down to it.

See you out & about,

Mark

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Al & Carol Blake BMW R1200GS

Peter Philipzen BMW F800GS

Welcome, see you on a ride ☺



The President holds court at Bungendore.

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## HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB CANBERRA

The Club meets 1945 the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Harmonie German Club Canberra.



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

Directions: [Google Map](#)

The club has a Chinese restaurant no need to book!



## BMW TS SAFARI 2012

Planning is also underway on the next BMW TS Safari. At this stage it looks like timing will be early 2012, more information will be available in the New Year. Please register your interest to receive BMW Safari updates here: <http://www.bmwsafari.com/index/ts-safari>.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the next BMW GS Safari and/or TS Safari event.

## FIRST AID DRESSING

Following on from our first aid training, I have been looking for a long-life trauma dressing; one that is robust enough of withstanding being thrown in the bottom of the tank bag or pannier.



I have found a supplier in Perth, [www.kitbag.com.au](http://www.kitbag.com.au) who stock a trauma dressing used by the IDF for \$15 + shipping. The ADF equivalent is currently out of stock and only ordered in 25 000 lots by the Australian importer! You can read more on this particular dressing here: <http://www.kitbag.com.au/products/Emergency-Haemorrhage-Compression-Israeli-Army-Trauma-Bandage.html>.

I have asked Kitbag for a bulk order discount price and will coordinate orders for interested club members. If so, please email me your name, contact email and quantity required. You will need to pre-pay before ordering through the Club (detail TBA) with pickup at a Club meeting or by agreement. Alternatively you can order them yourself ☺

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Going to New Zealand in January 2012? Then add this weekend to your itinerary as the bikes get a run too.

## 2010-11 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

After some delay, the Club has completed its financial audit for 2010-11 as required by the *Associations Incorporation Act 1999*. Rather than commit twelve pages of *Shaft Drive Lines* to its printing and distribution, the financial record and audit report have been posted to the Club's webpage, [www.bmwmccact.org.au](http://www.bmwmccact.org.au). A hardcopy will be available at the Club's September General Meeting.



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# BMW Motorrad

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### 0317 - R 1200 GS

**00 00 131 BMW Inspection with Annual Inspection (see Maintenance Schedule)** (annually, every 20,000 km)

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**Equipment trim-level variant:**

0771 - Cross-spoked wheels

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Date

Mechanic's + Manager's signature

Reading fault memory with (BMW Motorrad) diagnostic system	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engine-oil change, with filter	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 00 510 Gearbox-oil change (maintenance) *)	every two years or every 40,000 km <input type="checkbox"/>
Adjusting valve clearance	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 12 509 Replace all spark plugs (as part of maintenance) *)	every 40,000 km <input type="checkbox"/>
Replacing air filter element	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 31 657 Replace belt for generator (as part of maintenance) *)	every 60,000 km <input type="checkbox"/>
Visual inspection of hydraulic clutch system	<input type="checkbox"/>
34 00 616 Changing brake fluid in Integral ABS wheel circuit, front (as part of maintenance) *)	every two years <input type="checkbox"/>
34 00 617 Changing brake fluid in Integral ABS wheel circuit, rear (as part of maintenance) *)	every two years <input type="checkbox"/>
34 00 608 Change brake fluid in entire ABS control circuit (maintenance) *)	every four years <input type="checkbox"/>
Checking freedom of movement of throttle cable and checking for kinks and chafing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking tyre pressures and tread depth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking spoke tension, adjusting if necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking ease of movement of side stand	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking ease of movement of centre stand	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking lights and signalling equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Function test, engine start suppression	<input type="checkbox"/>
34 00 650 Brake check for BMW Motorrad Integral ABS (as part of maintenance) *)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking synchronisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test ride as final inspection and function check	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading fault memory with (BMW Motorrad) diagnostic system	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checking battery charge state	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirming BMW Service in on-board documentation	<input type="checkbox"/>

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☐ not as per the normal schedule

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## 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
September	Sunday 4	4th September - Araluen top down run leaving Bungendore 1030. Look out for the email.	Contact Colin McNally
	Friday 9 Sunday 11	31st Dargo Rally. Talbotville Victoria, campsite 34kms north of Dargo. 17km bitumen and 17km of dirt. Dirt can be tricky if wet and rider not experienced. Do not go down Bull Town Spur Track! Water in river is good quality. Limited firewood provided.	Monarchs Motorcycle Club  <a href="http://www.monarchs.net.au">http://www.monarchs.net.au</a>
	Monday 12	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Saturday 17 Sunday 18	Far Cairn Rally, Tottenham NSW. Hosted by the BMWTCNSW with pre-registration & proceeds to Motorcycle Accident Research Initiative (MARI).	Details <a href="http://www.bmwtcnsw.org">http://www.bmwtcnsw.org</a>
	Sunday 18	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Shannons German Autofest - Canberra. Lawns of the National Library	Contact the <a href="#">Ride Coordinator</a>
	Sunday 18 Friday 23	BMW GS Safari 2011, Broken Hill to Port Lincoln. <b>Booked out &amp; registrations closed!</b>	See <a href="http://www.bmwsafari.com/">http://www.bmwsafari.com/</a>
	Saturday 24 Sunday 25	Queanbeyan Swap Meet at Queanbeyan Showground.	
	Monday 26	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
October	Saturday 1 Sunday 2 Monday 3	Roonkatreffen, BMW Owners Club of SA rally at the <a href="#">Roonka Water Activities Centre</a> 7km from Blanchetown on the banks of the Murray River.	Prepaid! Details here: <a href="http://www.bmwocsa.org.au/">http://www.bmwocsa.org.au/</a> 1061km from Canberra
	Saturday 8 Sunday 9	30th Thunder Rally. NSW. Sheba Dams near Nundle. DOCNSW PO Box 124 Haberfield NSW 2045. <a href="http://www.docnsw.org.au/">http://www.docnsw.org.au/</a> . ~684km	Thunder Rally info here <a href="http://www.docnsw.org.au/thunder.shtml">http://www.docnsw.org.au/thunder.shtml</a>
	Saturday 8 Sunday 9	Formula Xtreme, Round 5 Wakefield Park Raceway (NSW). <a href="http://www.formula-xtreme.com.au/xtremema.nsf/1-FrontNewsPage">http://www.formula-xtreme.com.au/xtremema.nsf/1-FrontNewsPage</a>	
	Monday 10	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Friday 14 Sunday 16	Round 16 MotoGP at Phillip Island. Tickets, accommodation etc from here: <a href="http://www.motogp.com.au/home/">http://www.motogp.com.au/home/</a>	Looking for starters? Contact the <a href="#">Ride Coordinator</a>

2011	Date	Detail	Contact
	Friday 21 Sunday 23	14th Golden Dragon Rally VIC. Tarnagulla Reserve, Tarnagulla, approx 55kms west of Bendigo and 37kms north of Maryborough. Pre-paid entries to: Central Victoria Ulysses Branch PO Box 736 Bendigo Central VIC 3552	Tony 0409 411 557 Andy 0417 575 617 <a href="http://www.cvulysses.net/Tarnagulla.htm">http://www.cvulysses.net/Tarnagulla.htm</a>  Contact the <a href="#">Editor</a> . 698km from Canberra.
	Saturday 22 Sunday 23	30 <sup>th</sup> <a href="#">BMW MCCACT Kosciuszko Rally</a> . Your Club Rally. Geehi campsite on the Alpine Way between Jindabyne (70km) & Khancoban (30km). Fuel & Drink at Khancoban, show restraint from Khancoban. 254km from Canberra.	Contact the <a href="#">Ride Coordinator</a>
	Monday 24	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Sunday 30	The 2011 24th Canberra Annual Swap Meet, 7am to 3pm at Exhibition Park (EPIC), Northbourne Ave. Canberra.	Contact <a href="#">The Veteran Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club ACT Inc</a>
November	Friday 4 Sunday 6	17th Annual Trout Rally on the foreshores of <a href="#">Three Mile Dam</a> , approx 16kms east of Cabramurra or turn off the Snowy Mountains Highway at Kiandra and it's just past Mount Selwyn.  One of the <a href="#">Editor's</a> favourites; sealed road all the way to the rally site and gravel road on site.	Tumut Valley Riders MC Inc <a href="http://www.wangelfire.com/in/tvrmc">http://www.wangelfire.com/in/tvrmc</a>  212km from Canberra via Cooma; yes it has snowed!
	Saturday 5	2011 The Snowy Ride is a motorcycle event run annually in the Alpine Region of NSW with the aim of involving motorcycle riders from all over Australia to raise money for Childhood Cancer Research. Read more here: <a href="http://www.snowyride.org.au/index.php">http://www.snowyride.org.au/index.php</a>	Any takers?
	Sunday 6	Alternate Breakfast at Captains Flat; group departure 0830 from Red Rooster Queanbeyan. Look out for the email.	RSVP Colin McNally on 6238 1060 by Tuesday 1 Nov 2011
	Wednesday 9	<a href="#">Xtreme Ride Day</a> @ Wakefield Park Raceway	
	Monday 14	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a>	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Saturday 19	Celebration of Motorcycles, Bombala Showground.	Any takers?
	Saturday 19	Temora Aviation Museum, Major Air Show 2011	Any takers?
	Wednesday 23	<a href="#">Xtreme Ride Day</a> @ Wakefield Park Raceway	
	Monday 28	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>





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**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](mailto:Editor@bmwmccact.org.au) with or without captions or photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

I turned 50 this year and to celebrate decided on a double arthroscopy after ~2 years pain. With the benefit of modern surgery this was a walk-in walk-out affair and all very painless; more so if you pay the bills on separate cards – I might even get a flight one day. Mind you, the neighbour had the same op and 8 weeks off. Whilst recuperating and playing with Jane's iPad I ended up buying a F650GS, damn eBay. Can I send the bill to the surgeon or claim on Medicare as a part of the procedure? All is not bad though as our middle son Mitchell has taken up riding and Jane is not averse to the idea (2012 Cold Flame dear). This has delayed my other eBay options of R100RS (nostalgia

and 1<sup>st</sup> BM), 850T3 Moto Guzzi, another Ducati or R90S but \$20K and list goes on. The upside, I have reacquainted myself with all my Oz and OS supplies of Farkles. Mitchell has even joined Jane in the AdvRider vortex giving the Xbox & PS3 a rest.

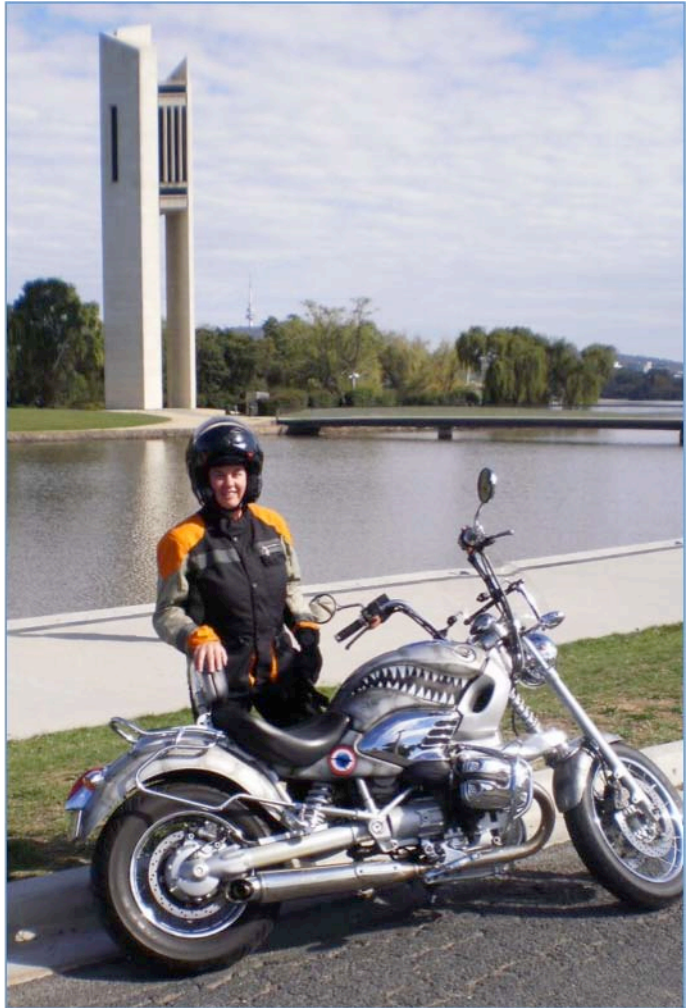
The Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Kosciuszko Rally is on 22-23 October, the week after the PI MotoGP. If you don't do rallies, like camping or can't cook, this shouldn't stop you from at least making it a day ride. An early start, some of the best roads in Australia and little traffic – what more could you want! Otherwise, join those who like waking up being kissed by kangaroos, smelling of wood smoke and the refreshing embrace of alpine waters.

See you there, that's my fill, have a good ride,  
Garry Smee

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## RIDE PICTURES



Macman & Mandy out and about Canberra



Some pictures from Jack Foley's ride to Eden ~June 2011

**Some drivers believe they may be subconsciously influenced by a desire to 'beat the clock' once a target has been set**

By Adam Sherwin, Friday, 29 July 2011

Can you reach your destination before the predicted sat nav arrival time? GPS racing is the dangerous new driving game, which is placing motorists at risk, according to new figures, which suggest that more than 7 million motorists are engaged in a daily race against time inspired by their GPS devices.

Entering the destination in their Garmin or TomTom triggers a frantic battle to beat the estimated arrival time on the road as many drivers exceed the speed limit and throw road safety considerations to the wind.

An ICM survey of drivers found that an estimated 7.2 million have raced to a destination to beat the predicted arrival time on their vehicle's GPS.

Some drivers believe they may be subconsciously influenced by a desire to "beat the clock" once a notional target has been set.

Almost 3.6 million motorists admitted to breaking the speed limit when racing against their GPS in the last 12 months.

Over 144,000 GPS racers admit to having being involved in a collision with another vehicle or hitting a parked car. More than 200,000 motorists have hit the curb while driving erratically and dangerously.

There are also concerns that GPS racing can prompt road rage. More than 161,000 drivers admitted to having flashed their lights or gesticulated at other drivers to try and get them to speed up so they could race to their destination.

Residents of the Yorks and Humber region admit to GPS racing more often drivers in any other area of the country.

The ICM survey found that 1.2 million GPS racers admitted to having driven through amber lights changing to red with more than 570,000 admitting they did not slow down appropriately at roundabouts and crossroads.

Caroline Perry of the road safety charity, Brake said: "People who are racing their GPS system are putting themselves and the lives of other road users at risk. Speeding is a highly irresponsible act, which causes deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

"Every road death is unacceptable and causes devastation to families, so it is essential that drivers give the act of driving their full attention when behind the wheel, and they obey the laws of our roads at all times," she said.

Ben Tyte, head of car insurance at Sainsbury's Finance, which commissioned the research said: "Used correctly GPS units are a fantastic invention that help drivers navigate effectively and concentrate on the road far more than when using maps or printed directions.

"However, we are encouraging drivers using this new driving technology to have the safety of any passengers, other road users and pedestrians at the forefront of their minds and not be tempted to become GPS racers."

(Editor: Originally read in *Saturday Canberra Times* 30 July 2011.)



Some drivers believe they may be subconsciously influenced by a desire to 'beat the clock' once a target has been set.  
Photo: John Lawrence.



## PRODUCT REVIEW AND RIDE REPORT. SEAT 'N' SOCKS

Unlike tin-top seats, which have a large adjustment range up/down, for a motorbike seat what you see is what you get. This was OK when it was a flat ironing board seat (think 70's Triumphs) so long as feet could touch the ground further adjustment was a matter of sliding back or forth.

Seats now have a lot more slope and finding a comfortable position often means pushing back with the arms &/or legs to stop becoming friendly with the tank, fatiguing on a long trip.

To ride 'loose' on the 1200GS with elbows bent and not locked straight I fitted handlebar risers, which positioned me in the seat hollow, but my knees were still bent more than desirable. A sheepskin cover makes for a comfortable temperature and pleasant tactile experience but it can't alter the seat shape.

On a group trip north last year I was determined there had to be something better so I fashioned a seat modification from layers of cardboard (beer carton) held by gaffer tape slipped inside a supermarket plastic bag tape to the seat and covered by the sheepskin. Though firm, it achieved the riding position that I wanted. Six months later I had almost forgotten it was under my bum until a ride on a wet day had me thinking of 'what if' the supermarket bag starts to disintegrate I'd be sitting in a cardboard swamp!



Choosing a forecasted fine late July day for the ride up over the Clyde Mountain I met with Peter Oliver at Goulburn's Green Grocer Café then we rode around the corner to see Mick McCarthy of [MJM Custom Motorbike Seats](#) (ph.4821 6166). Mick listened to my tale, smiled at my motor trimming attempt then noted how I sat on the seat, how I planted my feet on the ground all the time writing on his clipboard. Mick then quietly made suggestions about form, shape, colours and finish.

1200GS's would be the seat Mick sees most. So many that he has a loan seat. Ask him how he came by it. There is a lot of experience behind his suggestions, which should be heeded. All this while talking motorbikes.

A week later early August unseasonal mid twenties temperature I'm back in Goulburn for lunch at Roses Café next to the courthouse opposite the central park (Good suggestion Peter – this is one the locals obvious keep to themselves!) Lunch finished and I've time to spare before my 3.30pm fitting appointment at MJM.



I could wander around town but the magic ribbon to the top of the Great Divide at Crookwell beckons. Not only is this one of my favourite bike rides but also there was another reason – the sock shop.

In autumn'11 as I passed through Crookwell, I stopped for coffee (the coffee revolution has struck here, there are now several decent cafes) and visited the Lindner's sock shop having missed a club excursion there a while ago.

So far this cold cold winter my first pair of all wool Lindner's socks have been doing a rotation with my Explorers (wool nylon) and Rivers (wool nylon) \$2 specials. The Rivers quickly lost the 'wool' from the nylon mesh looking more fishnet than sock before the heels opened into holes large enough for a top hatted mouse to walk through. As well, they weren't that warm but at a \$1/sock what'd ya expect.

My Explorers I've thought were the bees' knees but the Lindner's have knocked ...well knocked the socks off them by a country mile.

As Mrs Lindner explained, it's all to do with the quality of the wool. Made in China socks just don't have quality wool. Or to paraphrase Mr Castrol 'Wool ain't Wool, Sol'.

Rivers socks are likely to be made from fluff caught on the exhaust filters at the mill or lint from the navels of millions of Chinamen or both.

When your feet are hanging off your legs at the bottom of your bike in freezing cold weather is not the time to wish you spent the extra \$.

So, with three pairs of Lindner socks, they're also available at Bus Depot Markets check @ [www.Lindnersocks.com.au](http://www.Lindnersocks.com.au), it was back down the magic ribbon to MJM.

With seat fitted and paid for (\$285 front \$100 pillion) it was on to the open road for the test. The twisties down the almost deserted Clyde Mountain proved to be an excellent testing ground.

The seat was all I had hoped-good support while allowing me to sit comfortably without unconsciously bracing myself with arms or legs.

Unlike the original seat that had only single density foam throughout the variable seat thickness thus disproportional settlement, the new seat has different foam densities at various locations and a more uniform settlement.

In profile, it is flatter front to rear with more horizontal support for the bum.

With black top and grey side panels the new addition nicely colour co-ordinates with the bike.

Ross Hayward

R1200GS

MJM Custom Motorbike Seats: <http://www.mjmcustommotorbikeseats.com.au/index.html>

Lindner Sock Factory: <http://www.lindnersocks.com.au/>



*(Unsolicited email)*

#### **RALLY INDOCHINA: GREAT RIDE, GREAT CAUSE**

Event: Rally Indochina

Dates: April 9-21, 2012

Website: [www.rallyindochina.com](http://www.rallyindochina.com)

Route: Ho Chi Minh Trail, starting in Hanoi, Vietnam

Contact: Glenn Phillips, +84 912 105 075, [glennoi@me.com](mailto:glennoi@me.com)

Ride the Ho Chi Minh trail to support Vietnamese children in crisis.

After successfully raising US\$43,200 for disadvantaged children in Vietnam in April 2011, the organisers of Rally Indochina are planning to hold the second annual rally in April 2012.

Earlier this year, 15 riders handed over their donations to the Blue Dragon's Children's Foundation (<http://bdcf.org>), which works with children in crisis throughout Vietnam. The Intrepid Foundation (<http://www.theintrepidfoundation.org>) generously matched the first 12 riders' donations dollar-for-dollar, effectively doubling their contributions.

"The funds raised by the inaugural Rally are being used to rescue trafficked children and to provide essential relief to their families and communities," said Blue Dragon founder, Michael Brosowski. "We recently rescued the 101st child from slave labour in sweatshops. The second Rally will help us meet our goal of ending child trafficking from Hue by 2016."

The Rally will follow sections of the Ho Chi Minh Trail network south of Hanoi, and will meet with representatives of Blue Dragon along the way to witness the work they are doing in local communities throughout Vietnam. Participants will ride exclusively on fully restored Soviet-era 650cc Ural motorcycles.



"The ride through Vietnam on classically restored Russian Ural motorbikes will be a wonderful experience. Aside from spectacular scenery, friendly people, fantastic food and comfortable lodgings, the Rally will give something back to disadvantaged communities along the way," Rally organiser Digby Greenhalgh said.

The Rally will depart Hanoi on April 11, 2012, and ride to the World Heritage sites of Phong Nha, Hue and Hoi An, as well as historic battlefields. They will then fly to HCM City at the end of the ride for a few days of R&R and sightseeing.

"The ride was amazing," said participant Mil Clayton, from Brisbane, Australia. "Riding through small rural villages, we were greeted on the road by endless waves, smiles and 'high fives' from excited children. Rally Indochina was the best holiday ever! Each day was such an adventure. Chris and I enjoyed every single minute on the bikes and we really wanted to bring the old Ural home."

"It was wonderful to officially hand over the 'big cheque' (literally!) in Hoi An and know that the money would be gratefully used by the foundation," Clayton said. "A truly great cause!"

The Rally is the brainchild of Digby Greenhalgh, an Australian who has spent the last 16 years living in Hanoi and founded Explore Indochina (<http://www.exploreindochina.com>), the region's premier motorcycle tour operator. Greenhalgh has extensively researched and rediscovered the original Ho Chi Minh Trail on both sides of the Vietnam/Laos border. Explore Indochina provided complete support for the BBC's Top Gear: Vietnam Special, and has also worked with Charley Boorman and Gordon Ramsay.

Two fellow Australians, Mark Wyndham and Glenn Phillips, have joined forces with Digby Greenhalgh to organise Rally Indochina. Mark Wyndham is the founder of Hoi An Motorbike Adventures (<http://www.motorbiketours-hoian.com>), while Glenn Phillips has worked with both Explore Indochina and Hoi An Motorbike Adventures.

"We hope that all Rally participants return home with a deeper understanding of Vietnam, both past and present, and a strong sense of having made a direct contribution to local children not as fortunate as ourselves," Greenhalgh said.

For more information, visit [www.rallyindochina.com](http://www.rallyindochina.com), email [info@exploreindochina.com](mailto:info@exploreindochina.com) or follow us on Twitter at @rallyindochina.



From Touratech News: G 650 GS: Touratech Accessories for BMW's New Single Cylinder Bike



Due to its tried and tested technology, simple handling and low fuel consumption the BMW G 650 GS provides all-terrain riding fun. As the previous model, the F 650 GS, was a very important bike in the history of Touratech, it is no surprise that we offer a wide range of accessories for the new single cylinder BMW as well, turning it into a reliable long-distance bike with great potential for adventure riding. So, make sure to have a look at the Touratech [Webshop](#) before you set off.

T-Shirts are one thing you can hardly have enough of in Summer time. All fans of this comfortable and easy to wear piece of clothing can now benefit from our special Summer Sale offering our Touratech classics for

a fantastic price - a great opportunity for everybody looking for a bargain or collector's item. Click here to find your favourite [T-Shirt](#).

## THE VP'S OUTBACK WANDER

As previously advised at Meetings, Minutes and *Shift Drive Lines* our VP Ian Warren is leading a 12 day ride through western NSW to Broken Hill, Pt Augusta, Adelaide & return. Both Touren (road) and GS (dirt) groups will be catered for with attractions and adventures abounding for all.

Ian is now calling for interested starters to contact him directly [vicepres@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:vicepres@bmwmccact.org.au) so that he can start detailed planning and is particularly interested in hearing from **members** interested in assisting with said planning or individual preferences for date, route, attractions, accommodation and so on...

The adventure is only as good as the planning or you may really be in for an adventure. Poor planning leads to disappointment >>

**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	Rest Day			
3	Broken Hill	Pt Augusta	414	04:48
5	Pt Augusta	Pt Lincoln	341	04:38
6	Rest Day			
7	Pt Lincoln	Streaky Bay	391	03:08

Day	From	To	Distance	Time
8	Streaky Bay	Pt Augusta	391	04:32
9	Rest Day			
10	Pt Augusta	Adelaide	307	03:50
11	Rest Day			667
12	Adelaide	Echuca	667	08:22
13	Echuca	Canberra	600	07:11

## CLUB GOING ON'S

### COMMITTEE MEETING 11 JULY 2011

Meeting opened 1937hrs @ Harmonie German Club Canberra

Present: Steve Hay, Garry Smee, Gary Melling, Mark Edwards, Alan Walsh, Ian Warren, Jack Foley and Alan Walsh. Apologies: Martin Robertson

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of pervious meeting accepted as accurate.

Discussion Points (from President):

- General discussion on number of T-shirts currently sold which is sitting at 6.
- Agreed that the "Long Trip" details will be put into the club magazine again this month. Any people wishing to participate should contact Ian directly on his email address
- Short discussion on location of meetings with Steve Hay to investigate other options. It was agreed to hold the next committee meeting at the Canberra Club.
- Short discussion on Rolfe's new sponsorship scheme and agreement that it was a great scheme

and we need to continue our support at every opportunity.

Social Secretary – Nil

Ride Coordinator – Martin is currently away.

Vice President – Ian made a general statement of "thanks" for the work that Jack has put into the books so far. This was unanimously agreed to by the committee.

Secretary – Short discussion on unfolding sideline events with BMW Clubs Australia. No effect on our club for the time being. Secretary undertook to lodge support application for prizes at the Kosciuszko rally.

Membership – Ian Hahn is enjoying himself on holidays.

Webmaster – Alan to approach Qld BMW MCC to see how they look after their membership databases.

Treasurer – Jack spoke about the audit and it is proceeding well and will be completed soon. He reported the following financials:

- \$5540 in the small business account
- \$110 in the event account

- \$2700 in the short term investment account

Jack reported that the Clubs Australia account was paid.

Editor: Garry Smee spoke about First Aid trauma dressings. He undertook to place a notice in the next magazine to get takers for a group buy.

General Business:

- General discussion on another course with Stay Upright to be sponsored/supported by the club. Jack agreed to undertake investigation of previous courses and subsidy levels, reporting to the committee.
- The committee agreed to place more advertising (Garry Smee and Ian Warren to corroborate) in the club magazine about the Christmas function. Menus and subsidies to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for the Canberra Club. Meeting closed at 2130hrs.

### GENERAL MEETING 25 JULY 2011

Date & Time: Monday 25th July 2011 opened at 1947.

Venue: Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah.

Apologies: Nil

Attendance: 24

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted, moved Ian Warren, seconded Mark Edwards.

New members or visitors: Mitchell Smee

President's notes:

- Brief report on Kiwi Marten's Bungendore - Batemans Bay - Eden-Cooma – Home ride.
- No alternate breakfast for August due no Social Secretary yet.

- Long trip – Ian W. Presented minor updates to schedule with particular comments about an extra rest day at Broken Hill.
- The committee will investigate the Canberra Club as an alternate to the Harmonie German Club. The HGC is secured as a meeting place until at least November.

The Treasurer reported that we have approximately \$8400 in our accounts. That the audit for the 2009/10 and 2010/2011 has been completed. The President complimented the Treasurer in the timely and efficient work he has done. The Treasurer will provide signed documentation to the Public Officer for submittal to the Regulator.

The Editor had nothing to report.

Ride Co-ordinator, Secretary and Membership Secretary are "swanning around" in South Africa, Mongolia and Europe respectively. Consequently no report from them.

Other member's comments and contributions:

- Allison G – her R100 RS was now back on the road after many years vacation.
  - Martin G – had very good results requesting electrical components over the internet from "Eastern Beaver" <http://easternbeaver.com/>
  - Steve H – the Bush Ranger hotel at Collector was now open under new management and would surely like us for breakfast.
  - Roger P – extensive reports on several bike and car sites visited in Europe (Goodwood etc.). The Editor was noticed to be salivating about an article in an upcoming newsletter.
- The meeting was closed at 2025.

### COMMITTEE MEETING 16 AUGUST 2011

*With the Secretary...*



## BMWCCACT 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT

2011 is the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Inc. and Kosciuszko Rally 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. You can help celebrate and remember this milestone by ordering your own 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-shirt.



Back



Front

To assist in your sizing, please select your favourite fitting T-shirt; lay it flat on a table and measure across the armpits. They are a unisex design (ie: male) so ladies choose your size accordingly.

Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	3XL
53cm	54cm	55cm	58cm	60cm	64cm (white only)

These sizes provide a firm fit, so if you like your T-shirts loose choose the next size up.

Prices: White \$30 or Black \$40 (requires more preparation and labour) including GST.

You can have black or white, noting the production run of white T-shirts will not have any text shadowing as the design guru felt this made them less appealing. There are some other pictures on the webpage.

Your order will only be placed once payment has been received, details to be advised, and collected at a General Meeting or by prior arrangement. Postage additional.

Want one? Then email your name, size, colour and quantity to the [editor@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:editor@bmwmccact.org.au)

## CLASSIFIEDS

BMWCCACT members can place an advert in this newsletter and on the website (including a photo) free of charge. Please include your membership number when placing ad.

Ads from non-members may be restricted due to space limitations.

The Editor and Webmaster have the right to refuse or reject any ad without reason.

### BMW R1150GS ABS

Compliance plate says Nov 2001 and first rego'd in January 2002. She's only done 73k and has been serviced meticulously every step of the way. New gel battery fitted May 11. Tyres are Heidenau K60's. Front is at least 80% and the rear is probably 70%. Great tyres for gravel roads and a very good semi knob on bitumen. The bike is located in Tathra.



#### Accessories:

- Wunderlich low seat. (40mm lower than standard) Original seat available as an alternative.
- Staintune collector box and muffler to make it sound better and go better.
- Panniers colour matched to the bike.
- Steering stop protector.
- Bark busters to keep the cold off your hands.



## FARKLE OF THE MONTH

- Heated grips.
- 2 accessory plugs and additional electronic speedo to assist navigation.
- MRA adjustable screen.
- Ventura rear rack (not fitted in the photos)

Why am I selling? To make room in the garage for a new one! Price \$10,100 **\*New Price\***

Email me at [richardsally@comcen.com.au](mailto:richardsally@comcen.com.au) for more pictures and information.

Richard Gallimore on 0429 051 123

### BMW K75S (1989)

Recipient of the Clubs Australia Best In Class 2 Valve K series 2004, Classic 2009. Excellent condition serviced by Mick Owens. Pannier system and luggage rack, Specialized rear shock absorber & fork springs, stainintune exhaust, genuine low seat option, fork gaiters, braided fuel and brake lines, polished honeycomb wheel rims and custom paint highlights. Heated handgrips, hazard lights, hubcap and sheepskin throw over – original manual and handbook complete this bike.

July serviced and registered until Jun 2012. All mechanical documentation and history provided.

\$5150.00, contact Paul at [paulsherriekye@bigpond.com](mailto:paulsherriekye@bigpond.com) for more photos.



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