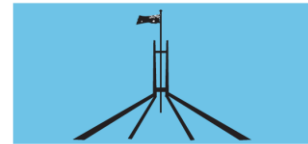




Shaft Drive Lines

February 2012



What's On

- **Sunday 4 March.** Alternate breakfast ride to the Kings Highway Diner, Braidwood.
- **Friday 10 March.** 27th Annual Cold Flame Rally, follow the Barry Way 65kms south of Jindabyne.
- **Wednesday 28 March.** BMW MCCA ACT Annual General Meeting, 1945 @ Rolfe Classic Motorrad Show Room, Phillip. BBQ from 1800. You must be a financial member of the Club to vote.

Club meetings have moved to the 4th Wednesday of each month at The Canberra Club 45 West Row Civic ACT.

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Meetings: 7.45 pm, fourth Wednesday of each month at [The Canberra Club](#) 45 West Row Civic, ACT or by [Google Map](#).

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

Web Site: Check the Club's 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/>.
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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 and welcomes suggestions for rides or social events. Send your suggestions to the Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

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SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the Editor has absolute discretion, we welcome contributions to the Club's magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Email is preferred to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au or by @mail to

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

So, are we ever going to get some consistently good weather for riding? Lots of isolated storms around the place of late, and when we aren't getting heavy rain, we seem to be getting enough to just make the roads wet. It's a shame because the temperature has been ideal for riding.

Don't forget that in March we have the AGM at Rolfe's. For those of you who have been thinking of getting more involved with club activities, this is your chance to do something about it. Just have a chat to any of us currently on the committee and we can tell you what the various positions entail. And, of course, if you have been complaining about the club not doing some activities that you really want to do, being on the committee is a good way to change that.

Given the weather, and how busy I've been at work (yes, we academics do put in long hours) most of my motorbike related activities have been focused on the ongoing restoration of the G/S. Just waiting for a few more parts to arrive from Siebenrock (and to get them to send me the correct luggage rack for the solo seat - they must have sent me the one for the paralever GS) and then get Doug to do the engine work (including the 1000cc kit) and put in the new alternator (third party one that will actually charge the battery, unlike the standard one). Looking forward to having it back on the road.

The other "bike" related stuff I have been doing was looking around for a new road racer – having 4 motorbikes and 4 bicycles in garage seems right. After 26 years, it's time to retire the old Abeni. Like cars and motorbikes, bicycles have come a long way in that time. What is interesting is comparing the relative cost of bicycles here to overseas. Will be getting a US bike from a local store (Cannondale

cost here is about 12% more than the listed US price. Pity motorbikes and cars don't have a similar mark up.

See you out & about,

Mark

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- Phone: (02) 6248 9000
- Directions: [Google Map](#)
- Web: <http://www.canberraclub.com.au/>

The club has a restaurant no need to book!



The Ducati Owners Club NSW snapped during a recent day ride from Sydney to the Loaded Dog Hotel, Tarago.

WHAT'S ON

Club members meet for an informal breakfast each Sunday from 0845 at the [Thymes Thirty Three Café](#) 3/33 Ellendon Street Bungendore. Owners Karen & Alison offer BMW Club members a free small coffee when they purchase the big breakfast of 2 eggs, bacon, sausage tomato and mushrooms for \$16.00.

Everyone is welcome and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards.

The calendar lists Club and other ride activities. The Ride Coordinator emails members of other rides and activities. This does not stop you from arranging a ride, and if you want company, email the [Ride Coordinator](#) who will pass your planned trip on to the Club members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send those to the [Editor](#)

2012	Date	Detail	Contact
March	Sunday 4	Alternate breakfast ride to the Kings Highway Diner, Braidwood	Contact Colin McNally
	Wednesday 14	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Wednesday 28	BMW MCCA ACT Annual General Meeting, 1945 @ Rolfe Classic Motors Phillip Motorrad Show Room. BBQ from 1800. If you only make it to one Club event in 2012, make it this one. You must be a financial member of the BMW MCCA ACT to vote.	Contact the President
April	Wednesday 11	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Wednesday 25	Anzac Day. No Meeting, moved to Thursday	
	Thursday 26	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
May	Wednesday 9	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Wednesday 23	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President



Want to go and need a registration form? See the <http://www.bmwccvic.org.au> website.



From an email; a Pub in Townsville worth being left at.

NSW SHOW SOCIETY'S

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2012 OFF CENTRE RALLY

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Those at the previous years rally pick the location of the following years OCR. You can read all about it on ADVrider (<http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=668527>) without having to register or load the Google Map Reference (12.093483 142.558383) into the navigator.

Contact the Editor if you need someone to dirty up your 1200GSA who will consider other models & makes.

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Part 2 The North Island. Our intrepid travellers Martin (Kiwi) Little, Alison and Martin Gilbert left us on Picton Wharf waiting for customs and the overseas ferry to the North Island NZ.



Martin reports that he is still reliving the holiday and yet to commit finger to keyboard, so Part 2 of their story will appear in a later magazine.

Apologies to Martin, I had lost then found this bike picture from Part 1 of the trip.

Editor

The edge is where...?



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U TORQUE, UPSIDEDOWN GREG BARBER

Here's your chance to tell the Club about yourself. Email your answers including a photo of you and the bike to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au.

This month the Club's [Gravel Surfer](#) convenor "Upsidedown" Greg Barber tells us a few things about himself...

1. When did you start riding and why? I started riding when I was growing up on the family farm. It wasn't something I gave any thought to. It was just something you did. It wasn't until after I had spent a couple of years living in Sydney in my early 20's that I made the conscious decision to ride again -but I sort of forgot to get a licence. I then stopped for a few years before taking it up again shortly after I moved to Canberra about 15 years ago (and finally got that licence).

2. What was your first and current motorcycle and was there a favourite along the way? The first motorcycle I rode was an ex-postie Honda 90. A great bike in many ways

for farm work with its low gearing, centrifugal clutch for one-handed operation, and carry rack. The first bike I owned was a Yamaha XT250 Yamaha - brand new in 1983 for \$1350 (The only new bike that I have ever owned.) My current bike is an 1150GS and the favourite would be a toss up between my R1100Gs on which I had many adventures (and misadventures) and my Kawasaki Z1300 - a great example of the excesses of the late 70's early 80's. 6 cylinders (120hp), heavy (300kg), fast in a straight line (240kph), atrocious handling in corners, which made it a challenge to ride but heaps of fun.

3. How often do you ride? Not enough. The time when I would ride every weekend and average around 30,000 plus kms a year are gone, replaced by some commuting and a weekend away a few times a year. Marriage and family will do that to you.

4. Who do you ride with (Club, friends, social)? It has changed over the years. When I got back into riding, again after moving to Canberra I rode by myself before joining the BMW club and doing club rides, with other club members. I then started doing a lot of riding on gravel roads, and then progressed to fire trails and other places where a heavy dual purpose bike probably shouldn't be taken, and riding with a group of guys that were mainly club members but included other Canberra and region riders who were interested in that sort of riding. With family commitments making it harder to forward plan with any reliability, I've started riding by myself a bit more and as such, the riding has mellowed as well to a mix of gravel roads and tar twisties.

5. Where is your favourite ride and why? Any ride that includes some challenging gravel followed by some great tar corners. Plenty of options for that around Canberra. I think you would go a long way to beat this loop - Doctors Flat Rd to Wee Jasper, then Tumut, Snowy Mtns Highway to Kiandra, then Cabramurra, Khancoban and then Alpine Way to Jindabyne, then Adaminaby, Yaouk, Shannons Flat and back to Canberra via Tharwa. About 650kms of sensational riding.

6. What is your favourite BMWCCACT activity? The Kosciuszko Rally due to the great campsite and the fantastic riding to get there. The Sunday breakfast at Bungendore is a great institution - you know that any Sunday you can just rock up and find fellow BMW riders to have a chat with.

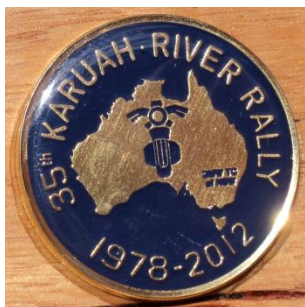
7. If you could ride any bike anywhere, what bike would that be and where would you ride it? Maybe



a hotted up R12GS on slicks around the Nürburgring, but just about any bike anywhere would be a great ride. As long as it has two wheels and the road has plenty of corners, with a bit of gravel thrown in for good measure.

8. What top motorcycling tip would you like to share with us? Ride your bike any chance you get, don't let rain, heat or cold stop you, it all just adds to the adventure.

35TH KARUAH RIVER RALLY, BMWTCNSW



The BMW Touring Club NSW 35th KRR was shaping up as a weekend not to be missed. The atypical rain the week before was reason enough for Forests NSW to close Chichester State Forest to protect visitors and roads from harm and damage. Much pondering was made, take the 1200ST and enjoy the bitumen or R100GSPD for the mud? Friday saw one bike unpacked and GS readied; I must be getting soft or having two options wasteful. Jane and my departure was slowed by a flat tyre, but an emergency call to Hal @ TJ's and a run to Braddon saw someone else's bike being bumped, for 20 minutes, and us on the road by 1pm for the run to Sydney for dinner and overnight with friends.

A late night led to a late morning run up the Putty Road, stopping at the Grey Gum Café +40 sport bikes for coffee before the run into Singleton. So far we had seen the rain but not felt it, could it be a dry weekend.

The run into Dungog via Gresford was uneventful until we crested a ridge to be confronted not only by threatening skies but imminent and **heavy** rain.

This was short lived and our arrival in Dungog and welcoming Bank Hotel saw the rain ease off to a steady fall...ahhh the patina of rain on corrugated iron, how quintessentially Australian. After a few hellos and chitchat on trip thus far, Jane persuaded the kitchen to stay open for one more lunch order, only 1½ hours after normal closing. Thanks!!

There was the usual chatter and debate on road conditions, the top road & Telegraphy River causeway or bottom road, which was closed for bridge repairs and the Forests NSW detour back to the top road. By now the rain had eased to the point where even the greatest pessimist would have had to admit it was almost dry and you could even see sunshine. A short trip to the IGA for the essentials and we motored up



The Grey Gum Café is roughly half way along the Putty Road, is bike friendly and well worth the stop.



Yes dear, Dungog is just over there about 15kms.



the hill for the 15km bitumen and 15 km's dirt into the rally.

Practising my Adventure Bike Rider Training of 2011, we stopped at the causeway along with some other *Shaft Drive Lines*, February 2012 - Page 10, [Contents](#)

riders to compare notes on technique and thoughts or who wants to take their boots off and walk across?

Jane even offered to get off and walk across with wet feet or be left on the wrong side of the rally, so it was decided that we would all take photos and video (http://youtu.be/Le7_s7s9_hM) of each other riding across. Our collective crossing was without incident, even with the water flowing freely and at depth, so stopping, looking and thinking is good practise – walking across would appear to be optional, unless you can find someone who wants to get wet ☺. More so, when you are two up and riding with a full load. Note to self – ride over the weighbridge in Hume one day going to a rally and see how much we + bike + gear actually weighs.



Crossing the Telegherry River on Sunday coming out

We arrived at the rally site in sunshine and after a quick round of hellos picked a high spot and set up camp. House making out of the way left time free to visit various camps finding Olaf (F800GS) and Steve (F650GS) making 4 from the Club – perhaps a rally record? The BMWCCQLD took out the highest Club attendance and award by show of hands. Jane took out Longest Distance Pillion, but was more impressed with holding the ‘pudding’ a rally legend that has probably travelled further and to more rallies than any of us. Reportedly, 150+ badges were sold with a few casuals, plus a few that turned or stayed in Dungog.

The evening progressed in style with varied conversations centred on past, recent and future rides, bikes, vagaries of Clubs and rally community interspersed with a light sprinkling and star lit night sky.

Sunday broke clear and sunny with the early risers leaving by 0730. Olaf, Jane and I took in the BMWTCNSW breakfast, included to the entry fee, before leaving at 0830. Recrossing the causeway without incident and making an excellent run down the hill to Dungog, we stopped so I could let the GS have a rest - on its side – something I had not done for over 20 years.

Jane showed her athleticism by nimbly springing well clear not wanting to relive our Cold Flame experience of 2010. Fortunately my embarrassment was overtaken by having stood the bike up, only to have it fall over again ‘on the other side’ whilst turning around; no harm done apart from a mirror. Mmmm, well yes, thankyou. Reorganising ourselves, with Olaf now stopping well clear at shouting distance, we left returning to Singleton, Putty, Mt Victoria, Oberon, Taralga, Goulbourn and home under threatening although largely dry conditions. All having had a great weekend.

Jane & Garry Smees, R100GSPD

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No not a GSA rather a very nicely finished R1200RT (ex-police?)



Jane was more impressed with holding the ‘pudding’ than winning ‘Longest Distance Pillion’.

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This month the Editor Garry Smees tells us a few things about himself, so unless you want to here more next month, you had all better start sending your own bio's in...

When did you start riding and why? I joined the Navy at 15 and by the time it came to getting a licence, motorbikes were all the go. Contrary to our Commanding Officer's quote "If I had any say and my way, they would all be pushed up and burnt". In hindsight, probably because he was getting the medical bills and losing a lot of apprentices to hospital.

What was your first and current motorcycle and was there a favourite along the way? A mate had a Yamaha AG175, so that was the 1st ridden, followed by a Yamaha RD250 (now in the collector section on eBay), XS400, XS750 triple, Honda CB750FA (lasted 3 days and a meeting with a Volvo), CB900FA; then a BMW R100RS, Ducati SS750 & K100RS all at the same time (the pinnacle)...the children (another pinnacle)...grown kids...before the current R1200ST, R100GSPD & F650GS (note to self; watch – don't bid). My favourite, the R100RS (patience, patience) and for it's ability to turn heads, break your back @ less than 120kph and capability to lose your licence, but fun, the SS750. Yes Jane, I know they are worth \$30k now but at least I didn't lose money seeing it.



2011 Golden Dragon Rally, Tarnagulla VIC.



How often do you ride? I don't ride to work, so that leaves weekends. Jane and I rally, averaging about 8 a year, otherwise it is loops to the coast, south to the Snowy', west to Crookwell and north to Goulburn with a mixture of dirt and bitumen. We work on a week+ trip per year.

Who do you ride with (Club, friends, social)? A mixture of all three, but the majority are social friends, usually going to a rally.

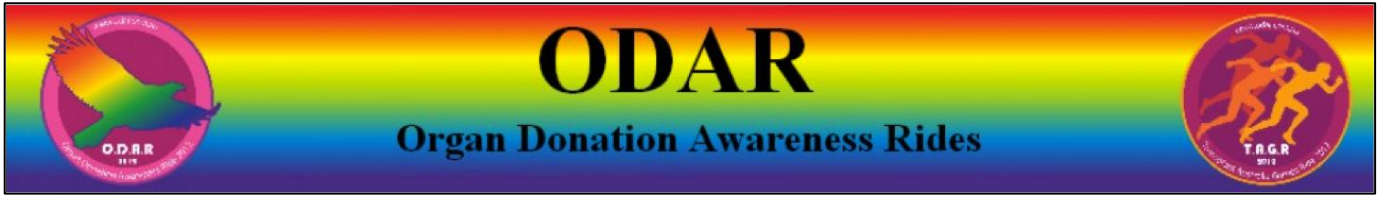
Where is your favourite ride and why? Anywhere with hills, so SE Australia is a good place to start, although open country with sweepers are also pretty enjoyable preferably with little or no traffic and no unwanted stops. After this years KRR, I think down hills are best particularly the early Sunday morning ones when leaving rallies ☺

What is your favourite BMWCCACT activity? The Kosziouško Rally, Captains Flat breakfast run and a run with the Gravel Surfer's.

If you could ride any bike anywhere, what bike would that be and where would you ride it? In the early years, it was to pick up a BMW at the factory and ride back to Oz, with a side trip down the Adriatic coast, which has good riding and scenery by all accounts.

What top motorcycling tip would you like to share with us? Any day riding is better than a day working. Be involved in your bike, if you cannot service it at least take an interest in it, get out, and meet the biking community as you already have a conversation starter.

PS: I wrote this before Greg Barber contributed his answers to U Torque, where are yours.



David Gough's aim is to encourage all Australians to register their wish to donate organs on their death and to discuss that decision with their families. On 4 February 2012, David left Canberra's Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) for Batemans Bay and south east coast before travelling through Victoria, South Australia to Alice Springs NT before finishing back in Canberra on 23 February 2012.



Greg (R1150GS), Jane and I were among the 50+ who saw David leave for his 2012 ride with 30 bikes accompanying David out of Canberra with some riding as far as Narooma and his first overnight stop.

You can read David's 2012 ODAR blog and history here: <http://odar.com.au>. Or register on Medicare Australia's Donor Register (<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/patients/aodr/index.jsp>) making sure that you have discussed your intention with your family – who will make the final decision given you wont be able to.



Garry & Jane Smee, R1200ST

Club members and some of the ADVrider's saluting the finger, who made it to the launch; Jingellic86, Upsidedown Greg, BM_Tourer, Havafati & Billy Pilgram.



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You will need your donor card number before registering here <https://www.donateblood.com.au/club-red/join-a-group> and entering or selecting **BMW Motorcycle Club** in the organisation or group box; don't help the BMW Car Club by mistake, after all, it is a challenge!

The tallying part is automatic and part of the interview and data collecting process so should be seamless. You can only pick one group, so for me I can no longer support work and the bike club in different categories, but that's progress for you.

Look out for updates on how the Club is going and remember you don't have to wait to receive some blood before volunteering to give some up. And imagine the community spirit and well being you will feel afterwards or was that the milkshake, cheese & biscuits?

Garry Smee
Editor@bmwmccact.org.au



BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Notice of Annual General Meeting 28 March 2012

2012-2013 Committee Nomination Form

Only a current financial member of the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Incorporated (the Club) can nominate and be elected to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Ride Coordinator, Social Secretary or Membership Secretary. See the Club Constitution for details at www.bmwccact.org.au.

Club members do not elect the Club Public Officer or delegate to BMW Clubs Australia who are appointed by the President having consulted the Committee. However, nominations are accepted from financial members interested in appointment to these two positions.

I (print name) of
..... (print address), being a current financial member of the BMWCCACT (the Club) wish to nominate for the following 2012-13 Committee position(s):

- 1)
- 2)
- 3) (Write on the back if you need too).

A financial member of the Club must second all nominations.

I (print name) of
..... (print address), being a being a current financial member of the Club seconds this nomination.

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(signature of nominee)

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(signature of seconder)

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(print date)

Return this completed form to the secretary@bmwmccact.org.au as a PDF file or @mail marked for the Attention of the Secretary, BMWCCACT PO Box 4042 Weston Creek ACT by **14 March 2011**.



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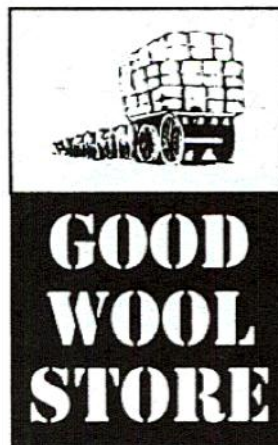
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THE EDITORS FILL

Wanted: Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2012 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the Editor@bwmccact.org.au with captions and photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

The Club's AGM is next month and I encourage you all to stand for a position or consider assisting in how your Club operates which can be as simple as organising a run to your favourite road. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and whilst some of the current Committee are willing to continue, others would like a change and in the case of President Mark, his two mandated terms have run their course. I write this waiting for Jane and my new rally luxury to arrive – the [Kermit Chair](#). Other members and rallyist's have seduced us; what is not clear is what gets left at home to make room. Looking forward, the *Cold Flame Rally* held over the Canberra Day long

weekend offers the dirt road enthusiast a run down the Barry Way to the Pinch River, whilst the *Loaded Dog* at Tarago Showground (12 May) has a sealed road all the way. Both offer a different perspective on the motor bike rally; for those looking for a little more excitement in their camping experience then look no further than the *Autumn Leaf Rally* at Tumorrana Hall on the Wee Jasper to Tumut Road; not the logging road Garry! Given Canberra Day, Anzac Day and Easter can all be made in to or are long weekends there is no better time to get out riding and touring than Autumn. What about it then? Plan a ride, share it and get out there.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smeed, editor@bwmccact.org.au

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Please [click here to complete a hazard report taking care to complete the required boxes \(*\)](#).

Road Safety Links
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How Does This Website Work? Simply complete the information requested in the appropriate hazard report. The report will be automatically forwarded to the relevant road authority for inspection and you will receive an acknowledgement email message, which contains a reference number for further enquiries.

NOTE: Four NSW Councils currently support this website and it is hoped that more will sign up soon. To check if your area is covered start a report by clicking a box above and check the drop down box.

Each council has different methods of managing maintenance requests but all reports will be investigated by the appropriate officer and then be placed in a priority order for action as funding becomes available.

Information from this site will be assessed once per day during weekdays.

CLUB GOING ON'S

GENERAL MEETING 25 JANUARY 2012

Canberra Club, Canberra, Meeting opened 1945hrs.

Present: As recorded in attendance book (19 attendees).

Apologies: As recorded in attendance book.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting accepted, moved by Gary Melling seconded by Ian Warren.

Vice-President:

- Led general discussion around the benefits of colour printing for the club magazine. Members Vote; Front cover to be in colour. Pres / V.Pres to approach and discuss a sponsorship arrangement for the cost with Rolfe's/TJ's/Mick Owen's carrying their ads in colour and prominence on the inside front page. Committee to make final decision at next committee meeting.
- General discussion on the upcoming rides program.
- A vote of appreciation was given for the sterling effort of the Editor (Garry Smees) in producing the magazine.
- Club meetings have moved to the Canberra Club on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Reports

Treasurer: \$7,515 in the accounts. A \$600 cheque donation has been made to the RFDS from proceeds of the Club's 2011 30th Kosciuszko Rally.

A vote of appreciation was also given to Jack Foley for his efforts with the bookkeeping.

Secretary: Email correspondence tabled.

- Shane Khuie - organiser of Horizons Unlimited meeting in Dayboro.
- Electronic copy of flyer to be attached to club magazine for members.
- Richard Maher – notice of Swap Meet at BMW Motorline in Mar/Apr 2012.
- Further details to be forwarded to the editor for publishing in the club magazine.

Editor: Garry Smees spoke of the upcoming BMW TS Safari, with details published in the current magazine.

Social Secretary:

- VP gave final wrap up on Xmas function
- VP announced that Steve Hay has volunteered to be Social Secretary provided the club finds another person to volunteer to be the Public Officer.
- VP also advised that Mark Edwards has

reached his use by date (per constitution) so there is likely to be major muscle movements in the committee structure. VP encouraged all members to consider standing for election to the committee.

Clubs Australia: Gary Melling gave a quick wrap up on issues identified by the National Committee.

BMW Clubs Australia have requested (through the National Executive) that Club Members requiring "Clubs Australia" assistance should approach their club committee or delegate and not approach BMW directly. Why – Group communications at BMW Australia is a busy place responsible for press launches, press liaison and a multitude of other tasks. They simply do not have time to field questions from our membership. By channelling enquiries through the Delegates and the Executive, the questions may be vetted and hopefully answered without recourse of going to Clubs Australia.

Gary advised that he will be raising the issue of why there is a different fee structure for the car clubs as apposed to the bike clubs.

If members have any issues that they wish raised then these need to be brought to the Committee's notice before the National Executive annual general meeting in March.

The organising committee for the 2013 Clubs Australia Nationals has provided some preliminary planning for the event. It is to be conducted during the period of Easter and hosted by the Car Clubs of Victoria at Phillip Island (San Remo). Further detailed information will be provided in the near future as it becomes available.

General Business:

- Sue Ball-Guymer reminded members that the Christmas in July for 2012 would be the responsibility of the BMW MCCA. Decision – The club committee is to address this issue at the next committee meeting in February

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030hrs.

COMMITTEE MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2012

Meeting 15/02/2012 at Canberra Club

The President opened the meeting at 1942.

Present: I. Hahn, S. Hay, M. Edwards, G. Smees, M. Robertson, I. Warren.

Apologies: A. Walsh, J. Foley, G. Melling.

The club magazine: much discussion re costs of a colour front page. It was eventually put to the incoming committee for a final decision. One

suggestion was to have the colour page subsidised by an advertiser on 2 or 3 occasions a year, or on special events only.

The Treasurer (via e-mail) provided the club balance as \$8408.

Members' profiles: one profile had been supplied to the Editor.

New Committee: applicants are needed (and encouraged) for the AGM on the 28th of March.

Membership: Membership Secretary advised that 80 members have yet to renew and they will be reminded soon. Rolfe's had been happy to provide new bike purchasers with a "free" BMW MCCACT membership for one year and supply them with our club's membership application. We have had the first application.

AGM: has yet to be organised, but the President will do so in conjunction with Rolfe's BMW.

E-Mails: the committee have been receiving unsolicited e-mails for such things as touring in South Africa etc. The Webmaster is to respond to these people that they should cease or pay to have advertising in our magazine.

BMW Motorrad Calendars: 20 were ordered but have not been received. BMWTCNSW have already received and distributed theirs.

Late advice: the club had received information from BMW Australia about a function to be held in Germany advising that we would have a certain desk space available should we wish to have a (self paid) representative and presentation material there. The Secretary is to write to them advising that the invitation was sent with far too little time to consider or act on the invitation.

Upcoming rides: with S. Hay volunteering to be the incoming Social Secretary he was provided with many locations for the 1st of the month breakfasts. The Rides Coordinator advised that the upcoming ride to Buchan Caves looks like it will be well supported and he is to keep members updated.

Xmas in July: this annual combined event with BMW MCCVIC may well be held at Beechworth – Social Secretary to confirm dates and locations with the other club to ensure no conflicts. It's our turn to organise this year's function, quiz etc.

The meeting closed at 2015.

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Due to a bike upgrade, the following items are now surplus and for sale:

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- R1200RT sheepskin seat covers. \$85
- Wunderlich bike cover will suit K1200LT, R1200RT (unfortunately it does not fit my bike), \$90.



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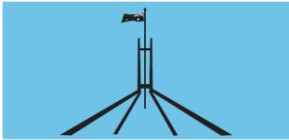
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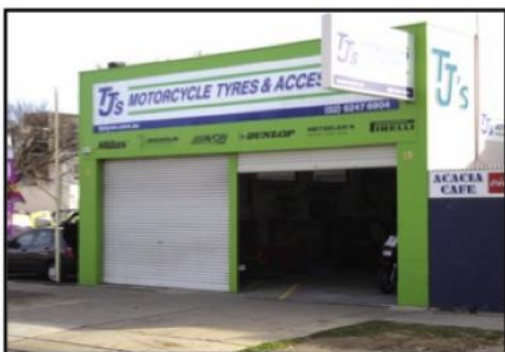
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