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- Saturday 12+ Loaded Dog Rally Tarago Showground
- Wednesday 9 Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 23 General Meeting, The Canberra Club

June

- Friday 8+ Horizons Unlimited 9th Annual Australia Travellers Meeting, Dayboro Queensland
- Saturday 9+ 43rd Alpine Rally, Brindabella Valley ACT

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ABOUT THE CLUB

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

Membership: Membership forms are printed periodically in the magazine or can be downloaded 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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Charity Support: Profits from the Club's Kosciuszko Rally, held each October, are used to support a nominated charity. For 2011, this was the RFDS.

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SHAFT DRIVE LINES

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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

We had our AGM last month and after two busy years as president and ride coordinator before that, Mark Edwards decided to step down. I am sure that all the membership would like to thank Mark for his commitment and leadership of the club. After a year without a social secretary, Steve Hay has taken on the role, welcome Steve. Steve has already started planning a busy social agenda for the next 12 months. The position of ride coordinator was not filled at the AGM, but I believe that some on-going arm-twisting will turn up a keen volunteer by the next general meeting.

Many thanks to Josh and Graeme at Rolfe's for hosting the AGM, BMW Motorrad for donating the Touren Safari entry prize and to Alan Walsh and Steve Hay for putting on a great BBQ. I understand that Alan, as a vegetarian, took several days to recover from cooking the dozens of sausages.

On a different topic, I was chatting to the proprietor of Moto Central in Mitchell recently and he told me that business was booming. I was surprised by this comment, as big bike sales have been flat or recording a small increase in the last year. Moto Central specialises in learner legal bikes and scooters. After some research, I found that the top ten scooters recorded 1,049 sales in the past 3 months, under 250cc recorded 2,315 sales and BMW dominated the adventure touring sector with 1 in 3 bikes sold being a BMW GS of some sort. So next time you pull up beside a learner legal bike or scooter, say g'day because chances are they will move up to a BMW in time.

For those who don't know much about me, there is a short profile in this magazine.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Robert Berry	BMW F650GS
Jonathan Curtis	BMW R1200GS
David Prest	K750S/C

Welcome, see you on a ride 😊

CLUB MEETINGS

The Club meets 1945 the 4th Wednesday of each month at [The Canberra Club](#) 45 West Row Civic.

We may however be looking for a new venue if the Club closes, according to a recent *Canberra Times* report <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-house-to-be-redeveloped-20120315-1v5l7.html>. If so, that is three meeting venues in the last year so stay tuned.

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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 from 0830-1000 and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards. Please free up the tables from 1000 if you are not eating to make way for other customers.

This calendar lists Club activities and updated on the web page (www.bmwccact.org.au) or by the [Ride Coordinator](#) by email to members. 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
May	Sunday 6	Alternate breakfast @ Outsider Café Captains Flat	Contact Colin McNally at colinmcnally@bigpond.com
	Saturday 12 Sunday 13	Loaded Dog Rally Tarago Showground, 72km from Canberra	Queanbeyan Tourers Jim/Lynne 0432 215 072 or email lynneandjim@grapevine.com.au
	Wednesday 9	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Sunday 13 Friday 18	BMW Touren Safari Bathurst to Sunshine Coast. Registrations open in late January 2012.	You can register your interest to receive BMW Safari updates here: http://www.bmwsafari.com/index/ts-safari .
	Wednesday 23	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
June	Friday 8 Sunday 10	Horizons Unlimited 9 th Annual Australia Travellers Meeting, Dayboro Queensland	See more here: www.horizonsunlimited.com/meetings/Australia2012
	Saturday 9 Monday 11	43rd Alpine Rally. Brindabella Valley ACT on the eastern side of the Goodrabidgee River, approx 8kms from the Canberra-Tumut road.	Henning Jorgensen 47 Palmerston Avenue Dromana VIC 3936 0406 381 247 or Laos +856 020 9994 352 or email hpj333@gmail.com
	Wednesday 13	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Saturday 22 Sunday 24	27th Annual Casper Rally. NSW, Bummaroo Ford camping area, on the banks of the Abercrombie River, approx 28kms north of Taralga.	SCUM Tourers Andy 02 4422 3096 Dieter 0402 396 838
	Wednesday 27	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
July	Saturday 6	Christmas in July at Beechworth VIC. Joint BMWCCACT and BMWCCVIC dinner	Contact the Vice President
	Friday 6 Sunday 8	2012 BMW Motorrad Days, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. http://www.bmw-clubs-international.com/en/index.html	Contact the Secretary
	Wednesday 11	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Wednesday 25	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President

EASTER BRIBBAREE

With Easter looming and no rides at hand I started planning a ride to McKillops Bridge and the north-eastern high country of Victoria. Steve Retallack (F800GS-f¹) was a starter but wanted to fit his latest buy a RalleMoto steering damper and replacement handle bars following an earlier close encounter of the dirt road kind. With forecast variable conditions, our planning was progressing with what could only be described as lacklustre enthusiasm.

However, help was at hand, Rob Lovett the organiser of the BMWTCNSW Karuah River Rally had a tip that the Bribbaree Hotel was worth a run and invited all comers. A round of emailing, texts and calls had Steve and I replan our route to dirt roads and the mid-west, if he could get his bike finished with a Saturday morning start and Monday return.

I preceded to Google Map a route of dirt and secondary roads from Canberra to Bribbaree, sending these to Steve and loading the route to the navigator; or so I thought.

Meeting Steve we headed off for Gundaroo via GDE and what had been thought bubbled as Mulligans Flat Road. This short dirt runs from the Gundaroo Road to Gungahlin, but as an omen, I in what could only be described as a(nother) early onset seniors moment, I could not think the work Gundaroo or recall where the road came out at Gungahlin. Steve duly followed, perhaps thinking that he was riding into the wilderness of the lost. My carefully planned route was of no use, at least to me, as it had failed to arrive in my navigator or had gone to someone else'. Pausing at a set of lights, we regrouped and headed back to the Federal Highway, Sutton and Gunning. Given the gruelling <300km it was time to stop, revive and survive.

For those so inclined, we pressed on via the hamlets of Grabben Gullen, Rugby, Boorowa, Murringo, Monteagle, Thuddungra via back ways, stock routes and interspersed highway. I only saw one ticket seller the whole weekend on the GDE leaving Canberra.



Ralle Moto's F800GS Steering Damper



The Bribbaree Hotel dinner party (L-R); Steve and Garry BMWCCACT enjoying a quiet dinner and ale with Pat, Rob and Dave of the BMWTCNSW.

Arriving at the metropolis of Briddabee, Steve and I wet down the dust before making camp in the Pub's upstairs rooms. We were only there a short time before being joined by Rob (R100R), Dave (K1600GTL) and a little later Dave (VStrom) from the BMWTCNSW.

According to Rob, he had been told that Bribbaree was a place worth visiting and had taken some 10 years to get there. As the evening came, the Pub filled up, surprisingly as I don't know where they all came from, and we enjoyed an evening of story telling, problem solving, reminiscing past rides and planning future ones. All agreed that the Bribbaree Hotel warranted a return visit if for no other reason

the to help the local primary schools meat raffle. I didn't see a butcher either, which may account for why we didn't win – as it wasn't because of a lack of ticket buying on our part. As the night wore on, the crowd thinned and we turned in without the need for me having to find my tent, cocooning the sleeping bag and being serenaded by tent-next-door snoring. Ahhhh, the joy of rallying.

Morning saw us rise to a clear day, with leisurely although steady packing and on the road for breakfast in

¹ Farkled

Young. Rob and Dave were heading back to Cowra, Pat to Sydney (?) and Steve and I back to Canberra. Whilst we could have pressed on for another day, without the need or an end-point we made the run to Canberra under grey but dry skies by lunch.

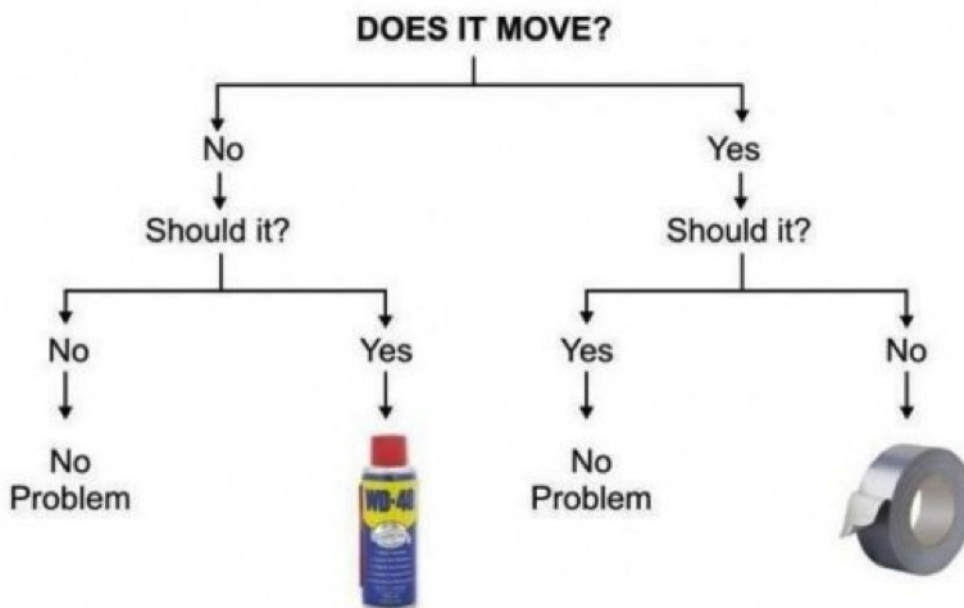
Whilst not a long ride, it was a ride to a place I had never been, enjoying the company of fellow riders at a country pub and friendly locals; surely as good a weekend as any. Until we next return.

Garry Smee
R100GSPD



Even at Easter, parking is no problem at Bribbaree on a Saturday afternoon.

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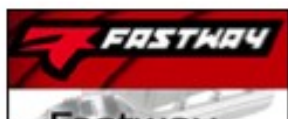
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² Fancy Accessory Really Kool & Likely Expensive.

Editor: The MSF website <http://online2.msf-usa.org/msf/Default.aspx> has many tips including these ones. I particularly like the [Rider Perception Challenge](#), remember you are in the US and the reinforcement of safe riding technique – [Motion Induced Blindness](#).

QUICK TIPS: Should You Ride A Motorcycle?

Riding a motorcycle is a unique experience. Riding is fun and invigorating, yet the skills needed for safe riding, combined with the lack of car-like crash protection on a motorcycle, can cast doubts on whether a person should choose to ride a motorcycle. Some potential riders lack the ability to execute skilled and timely actions in a complex traffic environment; others lack keen judgment or don't have a firm grasp of the concept of risk management.

MSF believes that motorcycling is not for everyone. If you're considering becoming a rider, however, here are some questions for you to use as a self-assessment of the physical capabilities and mental attitude required to safely navigate a motorcycle on the street:

1. Are you a higher risk-taker than others you know? If you tend to need a thrill while driving a car and have aggressive or risky tendencies (following too closely, turning without signalling, talking on a cell phone, getting angry at other drivers, etc.), motorcycling may not be for you. While motorcycling improves the overall quality of life for many, for some it can lead to disaster. Thinking that accidents only happen to others is an attitude that will get you in trouble.
2. Can you ride a bicycle? This is a prerequisite for enrolling in our Basic *RiderCourse* and generally a good gauge of your ability to manoeuvre a motorcycle. Bicycling, like motorcycling, is a physical activity that involves balance and coordination. And speaking of coordination...
3. Can you drive a stick-shift car? This is *not* a requirement, but it may make learning to ride easier because almost all motorcycles have manual transmissions. If you can't get the hang of shifting gears but still want to enjoy a powered two-wheeler, you might want to start out on a motor scooter. Motor scooters generally have automatic transmissions and come in many sizes, from simpler models with an engine size of 50 cubic centimetres (cc) to powerful 650cc models.
4. Do you see well? Riding a motorcycle requires special perceptual skills that rely on good vision. Have you had an eye examination recently? Do you tend to see things that are far away later than other people you know? The ability to see well ahead is important for safe riding.
5. Are you mechanically inclined? Today's motorcycles are very reliable machines, but with all the bolts, nuts, and mechanisms out in the open, and only two tires connecting you to the pavement, you need to be able to inspect your equipment and make the occasional minor adjustment. You don't need to be a master mechanic, but it helps to know your way around a tire pressure gauge and a wrench. Most everything a rider needs to know is in the motorcycle owner's manual, and if you've never read your car owner's manual, that could be a sign that motorcycling is not for you.
6. Are you safety-minded? If you routinely find yourself bandaged up after doing simple do-it-yourself projects around the house, or think it's acceptable to operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, the unique challenges of motorcycle riding may not be compatible with your decision-making. Riders can control their situation only if safety is a high priority. Millions of motorcyclists ride millions of miles without incident, and they likely take safety seriously.
7. Do you respect machinery and other equipment that has risk? For example, when using a lawn mower or chainsaw, do you maintain it properly and wear eye/ear/hand protection when needed? If you're not serious about safety in connection with simple machinery and equipment whose improper use can lead to serious injury, you may not respect motorcycling enough to follow safety precautions. Successful riders know that safety isn't a matter of luck, but a matter of doing the right things to minimize risk.
8. Can you focus? Inattention is a major cause of crashes. Safe motorcycling requires dedicated attention to the immediate task and a keen awareness of everything going on 360 degrees around you. Rush-hour traffic aboard a motorcycle is not the place to be daydreaming. For instance, if you find yourself overusing your brakes because you were caught off-guard, or are often surprised by a passing car or truck you didn't see, your situational awareness could be less than adequate.

9. Can you handle your car in an emergency? Drivers don't often have the need to brake hard or swerve to miss a crash, but it's important to have the skills to be able to do so when needed. On a motorcycle, having these types of skills is essential because other highway users tend not to see motorcyclists in traffic, especially around intersections.

10. Are you willing to invest some time in learning to ride the right way *before* hopping on a bike? Your best "first ride" is a Basic *RiderCourse* where you can familiarize yourself with the safe operation of a motorcycle. You can even take the course as an experiment, to help you better understand the dynamics of good riding and to determine if motorcycling is right for you. Reference: www.msf-usa.org 5/09

QUICK TIPS: General Guidelines for Riding a Motorcycle Safely

Be visible:

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

Dress for safety:

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-coloured helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

Apply effective mental strategies:

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (**SEESM**) to increase time and space safety margins.
- Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.
- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

Know your bike and how to use it:

- Get formal training and take refresher courses.
- Call 800.446.9227 or visit www.msf-usa.org to locate the Motorcycle Safety Foundation hands-on *RiderCourseSM* nearest you.
- Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

Remember: Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed. Reference: www.msf-usa.org 10/06

BMW R1200GS ADVENTURE ALUMINUM CASE INNER BAG SET

These should have been in the [Monthly Farkle](#), but given the number of GS owner riders in the Club warrants its own section. Who wouldn't want a set of waterproof inner bags for the aluminium cases for their R1200GS Adventure? Designed to keep your packed items dry and will do so through taped seams and self-healing zippers combined with a robust heavy duty coated nylon. In a pinch, you can attach the bag to the top of the aluminium case for extra capacity. Set of two will cover both right and left bags. Contact Parts at Rolfes to order.



THE OILHEAD RIDER'S SUPPLEMENTAL TOOL KIT



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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, Club President Martin Robertson tells us a few things about himself...

1. When did you start riding and why

I was always keen on motorbikes as a young kid and was attracted to the sound and speed of motorcycles and their ability to pass cars at will. At the age of 15, I had the opportunity to buy a bike from a neighbour of a school friend, so I paid the mighty sum of \$50 from my hard-earned pocket money. Unfortunately, the bike, a mid 50's, 225cc James Commander two-stroke, wasn't registered or running so I had to push it several kilometres home. This greatly relieved my mother who thought I was too young and foolish to ride such a big motorcycle. Once the James was fixed with a new piston and I had gained my learner's permit, I was hooked on the freedom and experience of riding without the physical constraints that come with a car.

2. What was your first and current motorcycle and was there a favourite along the way

My first bike was sold as "The Famous James", a tribute to British marketing as no one has ever heard of these bikes since the 1950s. I owned the James for a couple of years until I left school, gained my first job, and could afford a much better bike. The replacement was an almost new Yamaha 650cc XS1B, one of my favourites that took me on trips all over NSW and even into southern Queensland! The Yammy XS1 had a reputation, common to many Japanese bikes of the 70s, of being a crook handler. This was certainly true of my bike, it had an atrocious hinge in the middle of the frame that caused it to weave mid-corner, but I forgave it because it went so well on dirt roads. It also survived several crashes as I learnt the limits of my riding ability.

Now I ride a R1200GS, it may not be the best bike for either tar or dirt roads but does everything well.

Smooth, torquey, faultless handling, comfortable, carries a load with ease...do I sound like a biased BMW owner, you bet!

3. How often do you ride

I try to get on the GS most weekends for a run through the surrounding countryside or away for a weekend with the club. I travel about 10,000km each year with almost a third of that distance on gravel roads. I am not keen on riding in traffic, especially avoiding the commute to work, as the risk of being cleaned up by a tin top is too high in my mind.

4. Who do you ride with (Club, friends, social)?

5.

(Editor: the President missed this one, but probably all three)



Martin setting off on a trip in 1973 or 74 on his Yamaha 650.

6. Where is your favourite ride and why?

For a head-clearing cruise (or quicker), I find you can't better the ride from Tharwa to the Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station site in the southern Brindabella's. An alternate run is up to Corin Dam on the Corin Road, accessed from Tidbinbilla Road, starting from either Tharwa or the Cotter. Both these rides offer a good road surface (good on a GS anyway), lots of corners, great scenery and minimal traffic. As always, ride in anticipation of errant sports bikes or 4WDs hogging the centre line and there is often a kangaroo and wallaby thinking of crossing your path.

7. What is your favourite BMWCCACT activity?

I like all our activities whether it is chatting in Bungendore over a coffee or heading for weekend away with friendly, like-minded souls.

8. What top motorcycling tip would you like to share with us?

Every time I head down a tight, winding road, I reflect on the advice from our Stay Upright Training Course in 2010. This is enter wide and exit tight. The effect of this cornering technique, as opposed to the racing line through corners, is that you take a later apex in the corner which allows you to see further around the corner before you are committed to your exit line. On left-handers, this "enter wide and exit tight" technique, tends to avoid most of the gravel that other vehicles have brought onto the traditional cornering line.

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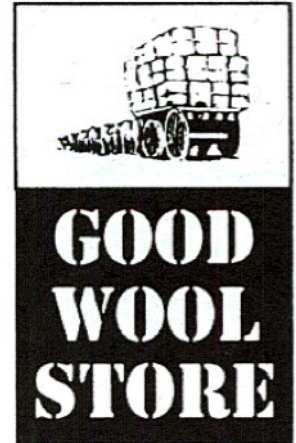
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Wanted: Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2012 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au with captions and photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

April's Club Meeting at Rolfe's saw a new Committee elected for 2012-13. Well done to those leaving the Committee and Martin for volunteering to be elected President. It appears there are still some opportunities for you to get involved in your Club at the Committee level so (as I write his) contact the President if Ride Coordinator or Public Officer sounds like the job for you; no previous experience necessary.

I would also like to fill a line or two and thank BMW Australia for donating an entry to the forthcoming BMW Touren Safari, Josh & Graeme for hosting the Club meeting and providing the BBQ, Rolfes for supporting the *Shaft Drive Lines* best story prize and raffle prize with proceeds going to charity.

With a new Committee comes a new ride calendar, with the Ride Coordinator position vacant, now is the time to put forward that favourite ride and invite some company. Email to the President or Webmaster.

If the Autumn Leaf Rally @ Tumorrana, ADVrider meet at Jingellic or Loaded Dog Rally at Tarago, run by another local Club warranting our support if we want them to come to our Kosciuszko Rally, sounds like a ride, drop me an email.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee
Editor@bmwmccact.org.au

CLUB GOING ON'S

AGM 28 MARCH 2012

At Rolfe BMW, Canberra. Meeting opened 1930hrs

Present: As recorded in attendance book (38 attendees)

Apologies: As recorded in attendance book.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting accepted, moved by George seconded by Steve Murray.

President: Mark Edwards commenced with the intro of new members and thanked Josh and BMW for their wonderful hosting of the meeting.

Reports

Treasurer: Jack Foley presented the 2011 audited account to the members – accepted.

Jack also presented the 2012 unaudited account – this was accepted by the members subject to the audit being completed. There is currently \$9115 in the bank.

Rides Co-ordinator: Martin spoke briefly on upcoming rides and sought ideas with further details to be provided in the club magazine and by email.

General Business

The raffle was conducted for a \$1000 voucher donated by Rolfe BMW. It was won by Daniel Hopkins. All proceeds are to be donated to St Vincent De Paul.

Josh announced the winner of the best article in *Shaft Drive Lines* as Gary Melling's "Unfinished Business" The award came with a \$500 voucher from Rolfe BMW.

A prize of free entry to the TS Safari was also donated by BMW Motorrad Australia. Mark Nugent will be taking up the offer of free entry into the Safari.

BWMCCACT wishes to acknowledge the very generous support of Rolfe BMW with their prizes, the use of their showroom venue and the barbeque before the meeting.

Chris Theodorakis gave a brief on the Condo 750 and his specially prepared BMW450X, which was displayed, in the showroom.

Election of 2012-13 Committee

The election of office bearers was conducted. There were only single nominations for all positions so no vote was required.

- President – Martin Robinson
- VP – Ian Warren
- Secretary – Gary Melling

- Treasurer – Jack Foley
- Social Secretary – Steve Hay
- Membership Secretary – Ian Hahn
- Ride Coordinator – Vacant in the short term

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2006hrs.

COMMITTEE MEETING 11 APRIL 2012

Meeting opened 1939hrs 11 Apr 12 @ Canberra Club (inside it this time)

Present: Martin Robertson, Gary Melling, Garry Smee, Alan Walsh and Ian Warren

Apologies: Steve Hay, Ian Hahn, and Jack Foley)

Agenda Points

1. Possible alternative venue for Meetings.

Outcome – Garry Smee to investigate possible alternatives and report to the next committee meeting.

2. Nominations for Ride Co-ordinator position.

Outcome – Dave Morgan has volunteered for the position and this will be voted on at the next club general meeting.

3. Upcoming Rides.

Martin raised the issue of an upcoming ride to Mudgee and general discussion ensued on the best way to work out a program.

Outcome – Alan Walsh and Garry Smee to investigate the use of Google Calendars as a means of communicating upcoming rides. Dave Morgan to be involved as the incoming rides co-ord. Get well soon Dave, there are plenty of things to be done.

4. Bungendore Sunday Breakfast.

Concerns raised to committee over usage of facilities during the morning.

Outcome – Steve Hay to speak with owner and discuss our intention to utilise the venue from 0800 – 1000hrs. After that time our members will be encouraged to move unless they are still eating or drinking. Garry Smee to investigate alternative breakfast activities at a park

5. AGM Wrap – up

Outcome – President to write letter of thanks to Rolfe BMW and BMW Motorrad for the support and prizes.

6. BMW Calendars for 2012

Outcome – (a) Last of the calendars to be raffled off at the next general meeting. May be lucky door prizes as such. (b) Martin Robertson (since the committee meeting) has suggested that he will ask

for comments and ride reports at the next general meeting with the calendars as a reward for standing up.

7. Winter in July (Jun 30/Jul 1) at Beechworth and Kosi Rally (20/21 Oct).

Outcome – Steve Hay to confirm the following for the Xmas in July:

- Booking of the venue
- Flyer
- Liaison with Victorian Club
- Mechanism for receiving moneys
- Format of evening
- Advertising of the event with members of both clubs

Reports

There were no reports from the committee.

The meeting was closed at 2049hrs.

CLASSIFIEDS

BMW MCCACT 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 your ad. Ads from non-members may be restricted due to space limitations. The Editor and Webmaster have the right to modify (for space not content), refuse or reject any ad without reason.

FOR SALE

BMW K1200S - 2007 model - 58,000k in very good condition and equipped with panniers. Silver with yellow rims (ie standard colours). The bike is located in Canberra - asking \$15,500. Phone Nandor Daday on 0413 877 487.



BMW K75S (1989)



Reluctant sale of a beloved, utmost reliable and trusted companion of nearly eighteen years, in excellent condition and meticulously serviced (for the past 3 years by Mick Owens). Winner of Clubs Australia Best In Class 2 Valve K series 2004, Classic 2009 etc.

Includes pannier system and luggage rack, specialized rear shock absorber with re weighted fork springs, stain tune sports 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. Recently serviced (July) and registered until Jun 2012. All mechanical documentation and history provided. Glass valuation certificate supplied \$5150.00 ono, for more information or pictures contact paulsherriekye@bigpond.com.

2007 Honda postie bike



31000 kms top box excellent condition. \$1800.00. Contact Colin McNally on 6238 1060 or colinmcnally@bigpond.com.

2009 Suzuki DL650

(no picture)

- ABS brakes
- White and black
- 17315kms from new
- Full service history by Dahlitz M/C.

Farkles include: Centre stand, Rox handlebar risers, Scotttoiler, Barkbusters, Oxford heated hand grips, Throttle lock, Shortie brake and clutch levers, anodised, Givi windscreen, Madstad adjustable windscreen bracket.

Richland Rick fork brace, foot peg-lowering plates and mirror extenders. Highway pegs on crash bars.

Pivot Pegs, Front guard extender, B&B bash plate, Radiator and oil cooler guard, Ricoh Intiminators in the front forks (gives a much suppler ride and improved handling); LED running lights on the forks, Phillips hi power headlight bulbs, Led taillight & indicators and LED side repeater strips at each indicator.

Givi E41 keyless panniers and V46 top box, Admore LED brake and rear lighting in panniers and top box, Hepco Becker crash bars, Gear position indicator/voltmeter with GPS RAM mount in custom panel. 3 power points around bike, including one that has plug in jumper leads with power distribution fuse box under seat.

I have not added up the cost of all these extras but it would have to be way over \$2K and probably over \$3K. The bike is immaculate, apart from a small scrape on the bottom of the LH pannier where I dropped it at walking pace in some gravel and a tiny mark on the RH tank surround where the PO fell over in his driveway.

It is registered until August in NSW, has good tyres (Heidenau front, Tourance rear) and has no issues whatsoever.

I am after \$8500 for it, which is a good price considering the extras and low mileage.

Happy to deliver anywhere for cost of fuel.

I will take photos and will email them as required.

Contact Alex Brown by phone 0429363290 or 02 62363290 or email alex1951@yless4u.com.au

BMW Factory Low Seat for R1200RT (05-11)

Part 5253 7718186, used twice. Lower than low position for stock seat (768mm). Cost \$540 new and for sale at \$275 ono.



Contact Bill Brown 0418 131 048.

BMW Top Box 49 litre (holds two helmets)

Suits R1200RT, K1200GT, R1200. In excellent condition and comes with the pillion backrest. Colour - BMW standard silver. \$650ono.



Contact Bill Brown 0418 131 048

G650 Xcountry



6/2009 model, only 1380km and first service completed. Registered to June 2012. Immaculate condition and comes with a tank bag for only \$9500. Contact Ron Andrews on (02) 6496 3493 or 0412 626279.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PO Box 4042 Weston Creek, 2611

EFT to: BSB 806-022, account 03318092.

Account name: BMWCCA

BMW Motorcycle Club
ACT



Membership expires on the last day of February each year.
Applications are subject to committee approval and may take several weeks to process.
Please don't send cash. We do not have credit card facilities.

Payment Type: (please check) EFT Cheque Money Order

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

\$40.00 plus \$5.00 joining fee. Total \$45.00
(If joining after the general meeting in October the fee is \$20.00 + joining fee)

PARTNER/JOINT/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

An extra \$5.00 is required for Partner, Joint or Family Membership.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (mandatory)

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I would prefer the club magazine: electronic mailed
I am willing to accept information on club events via e-mail.

Motorcycle 1	MAKE	PREFIX	MODEL	CAPACITY	YEAR
Motorcycle 2	MAKE	PREFIX	MODEL	CAPACITY	YEAR
Motorcycle 3	MAKE	PREFIX	MODEL	CAPACITY	YEAR
Motorcycle 4	MAKE	PREFIX	MODEL	CAPACITY	YEAR

The fee paid as above entitles member/s to receive the Club Magazine, a club badge, sticker and membership card (for each member) and to participate in all the Club activities.

Participants in Club activities are advised that they do so at their own risk. You are required to obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

I / We agree to comply with the rules of the BMW MCC ACT according to its Constitution.

SIGNATURE 1

SIGNATURE 2

DATE

(Not required if submitting via e-mail)

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ONLY Membership # Date

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

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Show Hal your current membership card to receive 10% off any purchase.

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