



Shaft Drive Lines

August 2012



What's On

- Saturday 15 Sunday 16 Sep. BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham NSW, raising money for MARI (Motorcycle Accident Research Initiative).
- Sunday 23 Sep. Shannons German Autodisplay, Parkes ACT.
- Saturday 20 Oct. 31st [BMW MCCA ACT Kosciuszko Rally](#). Your Club Rally at Geehi on the Alpine Way between Jindabyne (70km) & Khancoban (30km).

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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/>.
- 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 and welcomes suggestions for rides or social events. Send your suggestions 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. The 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. For 2011, this was the RFDS.

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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

In a few weeks we will all be welcoming Spring and the associated warmer weather - at last, this winter has had some of the coldest days for years. With Spring comes two popular events of our calendar, the GS Safari and Shannons German Auto Display. I am sure we will have several members with tales to tell of the Border Run, the Off Centre Rally and the soon to be run, GS Safari, at our September General Meeting.

The Shannons German Auto Display will be held behind the Treasury Building in the car park, adjacent to Commonwealth Avenue. Check the What's On calendar for more details. I have been meeting with the organising committee to ensure that our bikes get a good spot amongst the four-wheel contingent. This show is always popular and includes the club's concourse where you can display your bike at its best. Unlike some car clubs, we encourage modified, well-used machinery that reflect your personality and have practical improvements that enhance your ride. A muddy GS complete with camping gear would be well received, why should Ewan and Charlie get all the attention!

Those of us who live in the ACT will be aware that we will be having ACT Assembly elections on 20th October. So between now and then is your opportunity to talk to the candidates, usually at the local shops, and discuss their ideas in relation to motorcycling. Most are aware of the various clubs and the impact we have had in reducing the number of cars on the roads and in major car parks. But most would have no idea that all the crash barriers are tested for car control not a rider and their bike. I am not suggesting that you choose one party over another on road issues, but to try to raise the awareness of all the candidates that there is more to road safety than closely monitoring vehicle speed.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mitchell Smee	F650GS
Colin Cooper	F800ST
Julian Talbot	S1000RR

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.

If you can't find a park, there are some past the Police Station here: <http://goo.gl/maps/NjrP>

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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
September	Saturday 1 Monday 10	2012 Postie Bike Challenge; Perth to Broome WA See: http://www.postiebikechallenge.org/index.htm	Contact the Ride Coordinator
	Wednesday 12	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Saturday 15 Sunday 16	BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham the centre of NSW; raises funds for MARI	For information see www.bmwtcnsw.org
	Sunday 16 Saturday 21	BMW GS Safari 2012 Ballina – Foster	Bookings are essential: http://www.bmwsafari.com
	Sunday 23	Shannons German Autodisplay & Club Concourse Treasury Car park, Langton Crescent Parkes ACT	Contact the Ride Coordinator
	Wednesday 26	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	October	Friday 5 Sunday 7	15 th Golden Dragon Rally, Tarnagulla Vic. See http://www.cvulysses.net/Golden_Dragon_Rally.htm
Wednesday 10		Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
Saturday 20 Sunday 21		31 st BMWCCACT Kosciuszko Rally . Your Club Rally. Geehi campsite on the Alpine Way between Jindabyne (70km) & Khancoban (30km). Fuel & Drink at Khancoban, show restraint if coming from/to Khancoban. 254km from Canberra.	Contact the Ride Coordinator .
Wednesday 24		General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
Thursday 26 Sunday 28		2012 MotoGP at Phillip Island. See Grand Prix Travel	 26-28 OCTOBER 2012
November	Friday 2 Monday 4	18th Annual Trout Rally. Three Mile Dam, approx 16kms east of Cabramurra, NSW.	Tumut Valley Riders MC Inc. PO Box 583 Tumut NSW 2720. 0424 042 275 7pm-8pm email tvridders@hotmail.com or web http://www.angelfire.com/in.tvrmc
	Saturday 3	Snowy Ride 2012. 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.	http://snowyride.org.au/
	Wednesday 14	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Saturday 17 Sunday 18	2012 Cold Flame Rally (postponed from March). On the Barry Way at Pinch River campsite 70km south of Jindabyne (~30km dirt).	In Kosciuszko National Park, so take out what you bring in. Contact Cold Flame Tourers Bob & Sue Coleman
	Saturday 17	21st Annual Bombala Bike Show NSW. Bombala Showground, Bombala.	Contact Rick Ingram 0419 622 599 or email info@bombalabikeshow.com.au or web http://www.bombalabikeshow.com.au/
	Wednesday 28	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President



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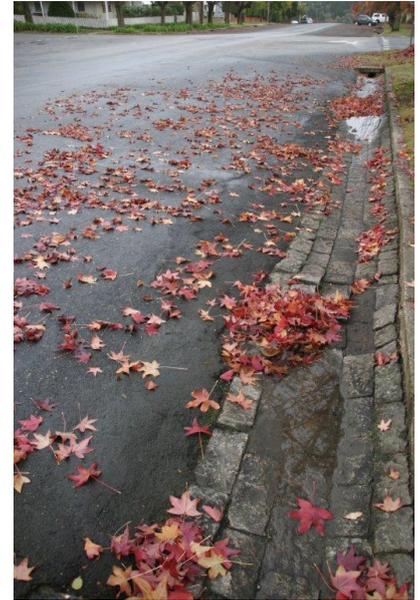
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WINTER IN JULY OR WAS THAT JUNE

It used to be called Xmas in July, and this year it was more like “Antarctica Revisited” as the temperatures were extremely low for the whole of the weekend. Calling the BOM for some actual data proved elusive – they don’t have a fully automated station at Beechworth so they supplied data from Rutherglen, nearby.

- Friday min of -0.4 and max of 15.7
- Saturday min of 0.4 max of balmy 8.0
- Sunday min of 2.6 and max of 7.9

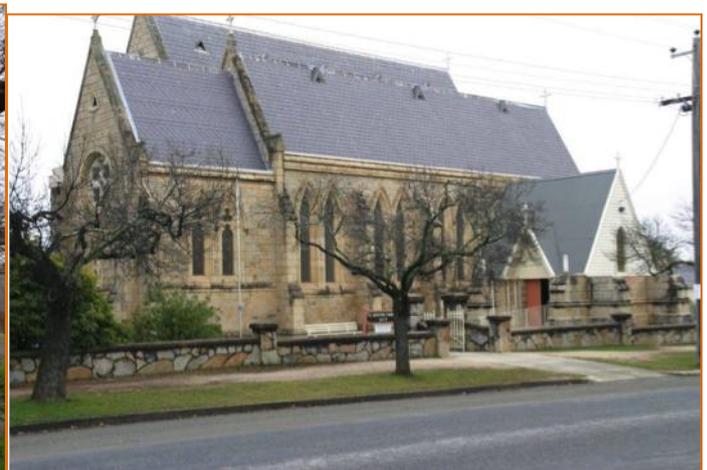
The plan was to leave the Hall lay-by at 10am Friday so we wouldn’t have to face fog all the way to Yass or more and that was accomplished also giving us the Saturday to look around glorious Beechworth and get some good sunny photography on Saturday morning. I had charged up my TomTom GPS the previous day and mounted it on the bike overnight. Gloom – the freezing temperatures affected the battery on the unit and I was GPS-less for the southbound portion of the trip. However, we headed off with four motor-cycles and 3 cars in good spirits and overcast, but dry, conditions. The group split up en-route with several people taking different directions to either stay overnight elsewhere or meander through the countryside rather than blast down the Hume (which some say is boring, but I find as mentally stimulating as you make it). More were to join us on Saturday directly from Canberra.



There appears to be a bit of confusion between NSW and Vic RTA's because coming through Wodonga they either have no signs pointing to the C315 or hide them somehow. This meant that several cars and motorbikes went further down the Hume to the Chiltern turnoff and used the C377. Although this is a delightful piece of motorbike friendly road, the last couple of kilometres are a pain if you end up following a road maintenance vehicle in the really twisty bits at the end. First and second gear work, steep climb and 3 new swear words. The RTA driver at least got her vehicle down and dirty into the gravel to let me past. Thank you.

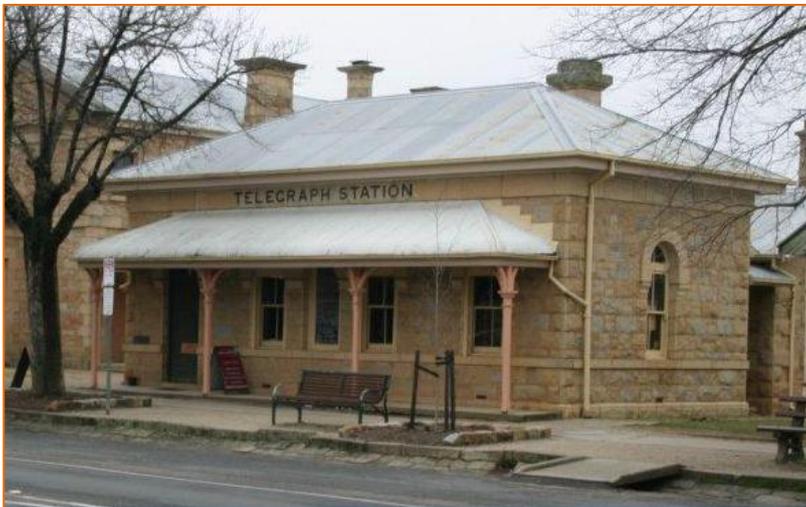
Beechworth at last and the warm friendly motel awaiting – and soon other folk from the ACT arrived and a reviving beer at the Bridge Brewers was called for. Like most of everything in north-eastern Victoria it has some tie or other to Ned Kelly; or claims to. By the time you finish your visit to Beechworth you will have seen the Ned Kelly toilet, the Ned Kelly washing line, the Ned Kelly photography shop etc. You get the idea. An evening meal in a warm pub and we all walked back to the motel with nobody having their hands run over by a passing motorist. We had two thunderstorms pass over us that evening and that was a harbinger of things to come. Two cold fronts were approaching from the west – targeting...US.

You remember (above) that the plan was to take some nicey-feeley photography on the Saturday morning. You know – the low sun angles, the saturated colour-temperature stuff, locals gambolling on the village green. Forget it. With the above mentioned temperatures and fog even the locals take an hour to put on



A small sample of the historic stone edifices to be found in Beechworth.

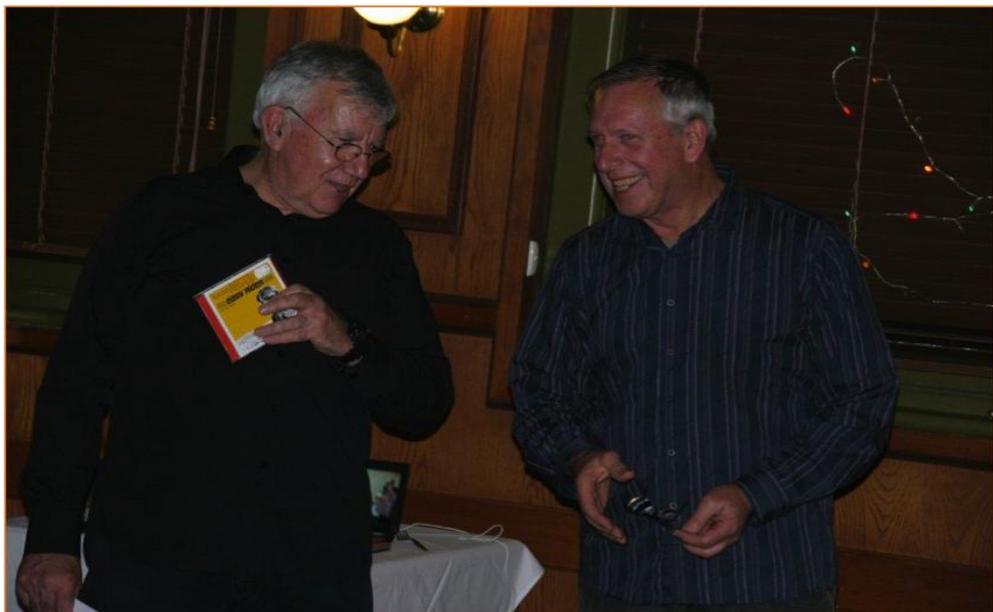
enough clothing after their morning ablutions before venturing outside in their “Ned Kelly approved” parkas. Oh – wait a minute, you already got the idea, so forget I mentioned it. Every street was heavily littered with leaves from an apparently late autumn and you eventually find a town that has no Woolworths, no Coles and no McDonalds as you perambulate the streets, truly a unique find. Although not geographically divided, the town can be viewed as such with retail, church and history being the dominant portions with post-Georgian architecture and small shops. Several of our lady members agreed it was retail therapy heaven in the commercial area. A slow walk down Church St shows how wealthy this area became from gold as the major denominations spent lavishly on their plots of land.



I sauntered between the locals and the visiting motorcyclists towards the historic area in Ford St and was intrigued by the Telegraph Station. It was something personal really. In 1921 or 22 my Father was finally released from the Victorian Repat Hospital (yes, he was at Anzac cove and Beersheba), joined the Post Master Generals Department, and was posted to Mansfield as a telegraphist/postal clerk. I assume the telegraph offices in both locations were similar and so I was interested in the equipment on show at the museum and the displays showing the history of telegraphy in Victoria in its earliest attempts at cross-state

communications. The lady attendant informed me, “There are several retired telegraphists here in Beechworth and they hold monthly meetings here and chat back and forth non-verbally”. I was interested and told her that I could still send Morse at about 20-25 words per minute, but couldn’t receive worth a dam through lack of practice – maybe one evening in Beechworth will correct that someday. It will have to be in summer!

The intent of the weekend, of course, was the Xmas in July function at the Priory. With a small correction to the date, we actually had it on the last day in June. Both Steve Hay and our President were the organisers and it went pretty well. As these functions go there was a large amount of laughter and some pleasant inter-club rivalry between the self-proclaimed “Mexicans” from south of the border and the Canberra contingent. The Vic contingent beat us over-all in the quizzes despite some challenges to the judging (a few won by ACT) and the greater number of Victorians present. The Priory is interesting historically, I’m sure, but wearing motorcycle boots and walking on their beautiful wood floors almost seemed the wrong thing to do. You could imagine a member of a Russian Royal House in riding boots on such a floor and the story being written by Dostoyevsky with the sound effects to go with it. It was clearly the attempt by all religions to get a building at the highest spot in any town that was of significance at the time. Of course there are also some well done leadlight windows at the front of the building. Looking back it may be one of the largest multi-story buildings (except churches) in town.



Organiser Social Sec Steve and Presidente Martin, what’s next?



Don't adjust your vision; this one must have been taken later on in the evening.

Catering was rapid, warm and tasty – an aim some restaurants forget. The quantities were enough to make some patrons adjust their belts a little. High praise, but well earned and no mention of Ned what's-his-name all evening. They probably used a Ned approved dishwasher later.

I had an appointment just after midday in Wamboin on Sunday so I planned on leaving early – even as late as 7.30am but that didn't happen. Damn the port wine our table won on one of the prize giving's. I finally left about 8.15 and worked my way through quite heavy fog and wet roads with possible black ice at the altitude of Beechworth until I descended onto the plains level with Albury/Wodonga. There were a few valleys still draped in fog and I saw one valley (while standing still at an intersection) that had katabatic fog descending down the side of a valley – interesting temperature profile. (See, I told you we don't just go to motorcycle meetings so we can fill our bellies or make holes in the air as we blast along, didn't I?).

Returning through Wodonga on the “correct route” I encountered about 100 round-a-bouts. Well, that's a lie. It was probably 15 but was clearly round-a-bout training grounds for RTA folk. And so onto the Hume and the prospect of warm showers. Refuel at Holbrook and that makes one tank full enough to get home. Remember I said that I had contacted the folk at BOM? Well, I gave them a hypothetical question as well. I wanted to know what the wind chill value was for my return trip. So what did I get? The numbers I gave the BOM for their X-Y graph was simply 110Kph and ambient temperature of between 5 and 8degs C. Whoops – the BOM graph Y-axis only goes to 80Kph. Well, anyway using that value (80Kph and 8 degs c) what's the hypothetical temperature? MINUS 13 DEGs C!

My fingertips eventually returned to my body that afternoon despite heated handlebars and heated seat both on Max during the trip. My GPS said there were several metrics it accumulated for the return trip. These were an average speed of 112Kph, max of xxxKph (you guess), distance of 466 from Beechworth and travelling time of 4 hours 12 minutes between warm showers. All approved by Ned of course, I assume.

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Nigel's 1100S at the Old Priory



*Our Victorian Mates Working Out the Quiz
President Martin Robertson's Beechworth Winter in July
photomontage.*



The Canberra Gang Gets Some Assistance



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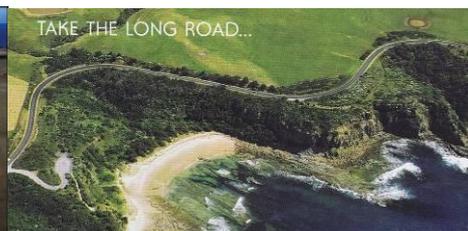
Easter Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April 2013

All Clubs Australia Members and Families are invited to join us at
Silverwater Resort, 17 Potters Hill Rd, San Remo, Phillip Island

- Friday Night Meet and Greet Cocktail Party around the pool at Silverwater Resort.
- Saturday Celebration of Excellence on the lawns overlooking the water at Silverwater Resort.
- Saturday night Dinner at the Nobbies Function Centre and viewing of the Penguin Parade.



- Sunday Motorsport Sprint Day at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.
- Sunday Touring Event through the rolling hills of South Gippsland.
- Sunday option is to have some "Pace Car Laps" around Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.



- Sunday Night Presentation Dinner to be held at the Silverwater Resort.
- Monday Stayer's Lunch at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit Museum.
- Monday option is to race Go-Karts at the miniature Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Registration of Interest to nationals@bmwccv.com.au

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FORM

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STARS SHINE AT GOODWOOD FESTIVAL OF SPEED

England's Goodwood of Speed Festival was held over June 28 to July 1, and it showcased plenty of two-wheeled and two-legged motorcycle greats.

While predominantly a car event, England's Goodwood Festival of Speed an annual celebration of automotive exotica from both the production and racing worlds also shines a light on motorcycling, and this year's event, held over June 28 to July 1, was no different.

Australia's own Troy Corser made the pilgrimage to the Goodwood Estate in Chichester, West Sussex, to take part in the festival, where he took to the 1.16-mile hill climb course on the very same BMW R90S superbike that carried American racer Steve McLaughlin to victory in the very first AMA Superbike race, held at Daytona in 1976.



Troy Corser tests the R90S' handling

McLaughlin defeated teammate Reg Pridmore in a photo finish to claim the win, and the historic model was recently put on display in the BMW Museum in Munich, Germany.

For Corser, the two-time World Superbike champion who campaigned BMW's S 1000 RR before his recent retirement, the R90S gave him a rare insight into a very different superbike era.

"The BMW R90S is a great bike to ride," he said. "I thought it would be a lot heavier but it's actually pretty light and it's got a lot of torque. It's fun to ride and I even did some wheelies on it. Overall, it was a great weekend the atmosphere was really nice and the weather was good, and not too hot.

Read more from **Bikepoint** here: <http://www.bikepoint.com.au/news/2012/stars-shine-at-goodwood-festival-of-speed-31139> and or more information plus photos and videos of the action at Goodwood, head to <http://www.goodwood.co.uk/festival-of-speed/>.

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According to the sign, 100% Organic Cooking. Seen at Camping World Tuggeranong for \$49 (July 2012).

BCF also sell a 'grill bucket' but don't claim any environmental benefits.

Out goes the Trangia, in comes the Lokkii...with the added bonus of being environmentally friendly only burning carboniferous material. Maybe we won't need the rally fire any more either.



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IMPROVING CLUB MEMBER RIDING SKILLS

One of the Club's objectives is to improve club members riding skills. In recent years, the Club has sponsored and organised rider skills training and motorcyclist first aid courses. This year the Committee has adopted a different approach where you book, pay and attend a selected rider training program and on completion present your 'certificate' to the Treasurer who will reimburse you \$100 off the course cost. Sorry no reimbursement for travel, accommodation, meals or entertainment: training course only.

The Committee has approved the following training providers and courses. If you find another one, please send the details to the Committee@bmwmccact.org.au for consideration.

- Stay Upright ACT @ Sutton, <http://www.stayupright.com.au/stay-upright-act-0>
- Academy of Off Road Riding @ Nelligen, <http://www.academyofoffroadriding.com.au/adventure-bike-courses/>
- Top Rider Motorcycle Rider Training @ Marulan, <http://www.toprider.com.au/Pages.asp?PageID=42> (occasionally in Canberra, check the web).

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, the subsidy is capped at 20 member courses for 2012. We will keep you up to date on where we are at and if you are concerned please email the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMW M C C A C T Inc. Yes we will check.
- You must book, pay and attend a course with one of the 3 rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your certificate to the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au with your contact and bank details who will reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can only be reimbursed once in this program cycle, April 2012 to March 2013.

CLUB MEMBER FIRST AID TRAINING

Know all there is to know about cornering, braking and riding safely on road or dirt? Then maybe a first aid course is more to your liking or need; not having done a rider skills course.

The Club has arranged and will subsidise a motorcyclist centric first aid course. This one-day course will not turn you into a paramedic, but may give you the skills to help out at an accident until one turns up. Depending on where you are, this may be quite a wait and worth having some basic first aid skills like:

- Being Prepared
- Mechanism of Injury
- Scene Safety
- DRABCD action plan & CPR
- Choking
- Wounds & Bleeding
- Head, Neck and Spinal injury
- Chest & Abdominal injury
- Breaks & Dislocations
- Medical Emergencies

The dates of each course will be notified by email, so may sure that you are a financial member and look out for the email. More Rules: Only BMW M C C A C T financial members will be accepted and preference given to those who have not completed a previous first aid course.

The cost of the subsidised course is \$40 per member who can live without the certificate and \$50 for those who want to be assessed and if successfully completed awarded a nationally recognised qualification in 'Provide Emergency Life Support' (HLTFA201B).

'Remember the life you save doesn't have to be your own, so make sure you bring a riding buddy.'

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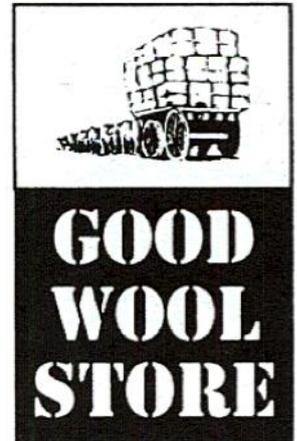
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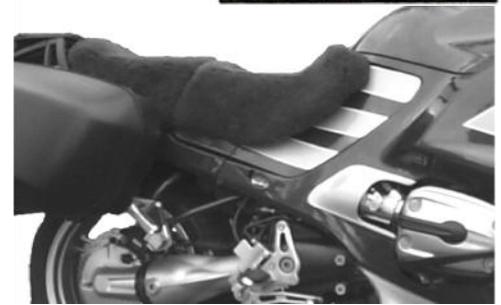


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THE EDITORS FILL

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



Hi Riders,

My OCR adventure was cut short on the way home with a gearbox failure 20k south of Ingham; I did get to the tip though. Next month is the Club's annual concourse and held during Shannon's German Autodisplay on the lawns in front of and around the National Library, so get on and polish that bike, as there are awards for the various model types. Then get it dirty again at the Clubs *Kosziouso Rally* at Geehi. There is still plenty of riding to be had, so keep the Ride Coordinator busy and enthused by suggesting, turning up or lead a ride somewhere. December is the Club Awards Night

and Christmas party so look out for the email.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smees, Editor@bmwmccact.org.au

BMW SAFARI - BALLINA TO FOSTER NSW, 16-21 SEPTEMBER 2012



The BMW Safari organisers have a new website <http://www.bmwsafari.com/>, in future those registered for emails will get a short update and link to the website for detail. Alternatively, save the address as a favourite and visit whenever you want.

You can still register for this year's Safari, but time is running out and spots are filling fast if not already full.

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Change of Venue to
the Treasury Car Park
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This is the Clubs annual concourse and open to all financial members. Enter your bike for the chance to win an engraved award to be presented at the Christmas & Awards Dinner in the following classes:

- Best BMW Sports bike
- Best BMW Touring bike
- Best BMW GS bike
- Best Pre 1985 BMW bike
- Presidents Choice BMW

A \$2 entry fee is collected from each rider for his or her bike, at time of entry to support the organising committee running the event.

Contact Martin Robertson (President@bwmccact.org.au) or Steve Hay (Social@bwmccact.org.au)

(Advertorial)

NEW ZEALAND EXPOSURE...

Most of us have undertaken a tour of some sort on a motorbike whether it's a couple of days with your mates somewhere for the weekend, or a couple of weeks around the country. For motorcyclists more often than not it's the journey, which is more interesting than the destination. How many of you though, have shipped your bikes to a pre-determined destination, ridden for a few weeks and then shipped them back home again? One or two I'm sure, but an increasing number of motorcyclists are doing just that to experience motorcycling in New Zealand, or taking the easier option and renting a motorcycle on arrival in 'The Land of the Long White Cloud' to commence their touring experience.

For many New Zealand is the land of sheep and the mighty All Blacks rugby team, but for those in the know NZ also represents motorcycling nirvana. New Zealand is roughly the same size as the US state of Colorado or just under one-quarter the landmass of South Africa – big enough to see plenty of varying terrain and small enough not to have daunting distances. Both the North and South Islands are roughly of similar size and there are regular inter island car-ferry (similar in size to the English Channel car-ferries) sailings traversing the three-hour journey of Cook Strait. Foreign motorcyclists are always pleasantly surprised how readily kiwi motorcyclists return a wave, or to receive help from fellow motorcyclists if they involved in a breakdown on the side of the road.

If you have ever considered motorcycling in New Zealand, you will be in for a treat. The North Island has the volcanic activity, great beaches with many awe inspiring coastal roads, whilst the South Island has the majestic mountains, sweeping forests and relatively uncongested roads and wide open spaces. If one is pushed for time, two weeks motorcycling can adequately cover the major points of interest throughout New Zealand. Summer is the main touring season from November through to March, and indeed in the month of February both islands are jam-packed with touring motorcyclists. Highways in New Zealand are classified by a State Highway (SH) numbering system and virtually all are tar-sealed. Many of New Zealand rural tar-seal roads are undulating and windy, so it is relatively easy to approach a corner with too much speed.



Molesworth - about 200km northwest of Christchurch

South Island roads are of a better quality tar-seal than the North Island roads due to a ready supply of river shingle for seal chip. Whilst there are thousands of kilometres of gravel roads in the rural parts of New Zealand, nearly all arterial roads are tar-seal, though in the more remote areas motorcyclists do have to pay attention to the locality of fuel stations – petrol is currently (Aug 2012) about \$NZ2.10/litre. Also to factor in are many one-lane bridges throughout the country, and each bridge with their own give way protocol which can easily catch out an unsuspecting motorist. Earlier this year New Zealand changed its right hand turn give-way (yield) road rule of the past 35years, to that of the international community which brings the right hand turn rule in line with Australia.

Three recognized *must rides routes* within the New Zealand motorcycling community for the North Island both starting from Auckland are: the 1000km Northland three day loop and the four day 1200km Round East Cape Run. The third candidate is the Volcanic Plateau 200km day ride loop from Taupo passing the three central North Island volcanoes of Mount Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu. For the South Island the *must ride routes* are the world rating 120km State Highway 94 - The Milford Sound Road- which is hard to beat with majestic mountains and alpine scenery, along with SH6 which goes the length of the South Island and includes the remote Westland coastal forests and accessible glaciers. If your looking for New Zealand's motorcycling festival calendar showpiece then the four-day Burt Munro Challenge held in mid November will be for you (Munro was a Bonneville Salt Flats motorbike speed king from the 1960s). The Burt Munro Challenge is a four-day festival of all sorts of motorcycle racing located at the southern most city of Invercargill. One thing you can not escape in New Zealand is the drizzle and/or rain and even if your planning to ride in the height of summer expect to encounter wet weather at some point of your motorcycle vacation. It always surprises me than when kiwi motorcyclists regale their bike yarns from yester-year they always seem to remember the rides that involved inclement weather.



Homer Tunnel - located near Milford Sound in the southwest corner of New Zealand.

New Zealand is one of the few countries in the world where Suzuki is regularly the annual top selling motorcycle marque, and with Honda second, they both have dealerships in nearly all the provincial main centre's of the country, should any problems be encountered. BMW, Yamaha and Kawasaki have dealerships dotted around the country whereas Harley Davidson dealerships are not quite as prolific. Like any tour, failing to plan is planning to fail, however having said that New Zealand is an easy country to 'wing it' and to motorcycle tour on a day to day basis. So the next time your having your mates around for a few drinks and a barbeque, consider a kiwi motorcycle touring experience next summer.

Robert Scott
Auckland, New Zealand
www.twowheeltouring.co.nz

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 11 JULY 2012

Meeting opened 1930hrs@ Canberra Club, Canberra

Present: Martin Robertson, Gary Melling, Alan Walsh, Ian Warren, Garry Smee, Steve Hay, David Morgan, Jack Foley and Ian Hahn (full team)

Apologies: NIL

Correspondence received – promotional letter received from All Badges

Previous action items – no actionable material tabled at the time

Agenda Points

Item 1 – Christmas in July (June and July really)

Outcome 1 – Steve Hay briefed the success of the event. Steve is to confirm the participants that paid \$32 instead of the \$40 that was needed. He will be in touch with all concerned in the near future.

Outcome 2 – Ian Warren gave feedback from some of the VIC members at Beechworth. It seems that they suffer from memory lapses and have a need for nameplates at these functions. Recognising their collective age as being ripe for memory loss and acknowledging our own problems, the committee couldn't remember what the problem was in the first place and chose to not pursue it. Actually, it was unanimously agreed that there was no need for the club to purchase name tags/plates.

Item 2 – The tyres donated by Rolfe

Outcome – Martin Robertson confirmed that the tyres would be raffled at the Christmas function.

Item 3 –Kosziouско Rally supply of firewood

Dave Morgan is to pursue supply/supplier for firewood at Kosziouско Rally.

Item 4 – Trophies for Kosziouско Rally

Ian Hahn gave a back brief on costs and quotes for the trophies. The committee agreed that Ian would pursue further quotes and report back to the next committee meeting.

Item 5 – Future adjustments to the constitution

Background - There was quite a discussion re how to adjust the constitution quickly, whilst recognising the fundamental requirements of the law and most importantly, the members. As the club has grown and developed, the constitution has not necessarily kept pace with technology. The simple act/process of registering new members has become an onerous multi stage process that could be simplified through potential changes to the constitution.

Outcome – The committee to undertake a first principles review of the constitution via Martin Robertson and Ian Warren, which will be presented at the next committee meeting. Gary Smee agreed to get hold of the legislative requirements and send to all committee members for review/familiarisation before the next Committee Meeting.

Item 6 – Shannons German Autodisplay, Canberra Event – 23 Sep 12

Martin Robertson is to contact the Canberra VW Club (organisers) to confirm the club participation. Contact <http://canberravw.com/events/autofest2011/gaf2011.html>

Item 7 - First Aid Course

Outcome - Discussion on location where to hold the training. The Weston Creek Community Centre was suggested as being appropriate and Jack Foley will pursue on behalf of the committee.

Item 8 – Alternative Breakfast locations and other social activities

Outcome 1 – Lots of discussion with Shaw Vineyard looking good for a shot alongside the pub at Captains Flat.

Outcome 2 – Gary Melling to contact car club (Ian Branston) to see if we can organise a mutual event.

Item 9 – Rider Training

General discussion on the take up, one person only at this point. The committee agreed that the main reason is probably the time of the year and the weather and it is early days yet.

Other Business

Club Badges – Ian Hahn advised that there is a requirement to purchase a new batch. The committee approved Ian to go ahead and do so.

New membership through Rolfe purchases – There was general discussion on its merits with the committee agreeing to continue until a review is completed after the fees are due next year.

Kosziouско Badges 2012 – Committee agreed on the need to purchase 100 for the rally with a 50/50 split on the clasp and/or pin method of fixture.

Kosciuszko Badges 2012 – Gary Melling advised that he had better get off his behind and seek PESP support. Will try and gain larger sizes in the prize range if possible.

Rides Co-ordinator – Dave Morgan gave a short brief on future rides and his thoughts.

Ian Hahn apologies – Ian advised that he will be

unavailable for club meetings for approximately two months from the 13 Aug 12 owing to a hip replacement operation. He advised that he would still be able to carry out other club duties. The club wishes him the best for the operation.

The meeting was closed at 2117hrs.

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Olaf Moon

Olafmoon@ozemail.com.au 0418 21 4567

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The Editor is looking for a rear wheel in good condition for a R100GS (4 bolt pattern), so that he can change between knobbies and road tyres. The one Upside Down Greg generously donated him is beyond economical repair.

Contact Garry at garrysmee@gmail.com or (02) 62915901.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Account name: BMW MCCA CT

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Membership expires on the last day of February each year.
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SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

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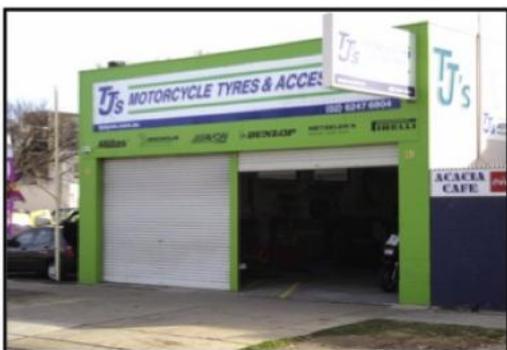
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