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What's On

- 5-18 Jan 2014. Dakar Rally, Argentina, Bolivia and Chile South America
- 24-26 Jan 2014. 20th International Island Classic, Phillip Island, Victoria
- 15 Feb 2014. Overnight Club Ride to Jervis Bay, NSW



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ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings: For 2013-14, monthly Club meetings will start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au>. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at president@bmwmccact.org.au.

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://bmwmccact.org.au> for updates to rides and social events and keep in touch by joining one of our Yahoo groups:

- BMWCCACT: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>
- ACTGravel surfers: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelsurfing/>

Activities: Club rides, social events and other organised events are listed on the web page <http://bmwmccact.org.au>. The Ride Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au) and Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au) welcome suggestions and can be emailed directly.

The webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au> has the most current information. The Ride Coordinator and Social Secretary will email members reminders and late changes to events. Email is the principal means of communicating with Club members; it is up to you to ensure that your email contact address is up to date and mailbox not so full that messages don't get through.

You can update your personal details by logging on from the Club webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au>.

Charity Support: Profits from the Club's *Kosciuszko Rally*, held each October, are used to support a nominated charity. There was no profit in 2012.

PRIVACY OF CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION

The Club's *Privacy & Spam* policy is available on the webpage or on request.

SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the Editor has absolute discretion, the Club welcomes 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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For emails, do not embed pictures or compress their size to less than 200 dpi.

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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

Merry Christmas or if your email in-box was on holiday, happy New Year. The coming of the New Year is always a time for reflection on the past year and to also make plans for 2014 activities.

A quick run-down of the Club's highlights for the past year includes the Off Road Adventure Bike Course on the south coast; the ever-popular ride to Buchan; Christmas-in-Winter at Corryong; The Oil Head Rally; the dual-sport ride along the entire Lachlan River and the 32nd Kosciuszko Rally. Our Ride Coordinator and Editor both got tremendous use out of their bikes with rides to Orange, Hill End, Temora, the OCR and Touratech Travel Event, plus Garry managed to go to numerous rallies as well.

For the rest of us who are less adventurous or time-constrained, we had general meetings with BBQs the length and breadth of the ACT plus alternative breakfasts in the surrounding district. I understand that the regular Sunday crowd still gathers in Bungendore each week to discuss the good old days when they rode their bikes on adventures.

Whatever your BMW Motorrad interest, the committee is planning an event for 2014 that should spark your interest AND if you have a suggestion on a ride or social event let one of us know and we will try to include it into next year's calendar.

The Club's Christmas party at the Mawson Club went very well with an excellent meal and quizzes. Steve Hay did an excellent job of organising the event and some brain-stretching quizzes. I had the pleasure of handing out awards from our concourse and the Club Person of the Year. Please see the Christmas Party and Awards write-up in this magazine.

Lastly, be extra careful if you are travelling over the holiday period and come back home refreshed and ready for a busy BMW year.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Melanie Davey

Mark Grossbechler

John Liston

Paul Wicks

CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings for 2013 will be roving and held at 0930 (or 1230 in winter) on the fourth Sunday of each month, following a 0830 (1200) BBQ breakfast and before a ride decided on the day and leaving ~1000. The venue will be advised by email to members and on the Club webpage or contact the President president@bmwmccact.org.au.

You can find the next location here <http://bmwmccact.org.au> and 'What's On' tab.

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CLASSIFIEDS

BMW MCCA ACT members can advertise their BMWs and motorcycling related goods on the Club's web page. Send your contact details, advertisement and picture to the web@bmwmccact.org.au. The Webmaster has the right to modify (for space not content), refuse or reject any ad without reason.

2013 BMWCCA CT CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

And for 2013, congratulations to Bill Brown for his contribution to the Club by assisting the organisation and active participation in rides and events.



Previous **Club Person of the Year** recipients are:

2012	Neville 'Taffy' Williams	2002	Greg Barber	1992	Wolf Fahndrick
2011	Not awarded	2001	Ian Hahn	1991	Jon & Linda Shannon
2010	Not awarded	2000	Jim Reid	1990	Rob & Beth Woolley
2009	Not awarded	1999	Jim Reid	1989	Kath Phillips
2008	Sue Morgan	1998	Paul McAlister / Jim Reid	1988	Frank Millwood
2007	Myles Leniston	1997	Ron Andrews	1987	Christopher Fulker
2006	Colin Ward	1996	Ron Andrews	1986	Frank Millwood
2005	John McKinnon	1995	Christopher Fulker	1985	Bob Rumsey
2004	Clair Holsinger	1994	Patrick Sager	1984	Christopher Fulker
2003	John McKinnon	1993	Christopher Fulker		

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. 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.

The Clubs webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au> and 'What's On' tab details Club rides and activities, as does the [Ride Coordinator](#) by email to members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send those to the [Editor](#)

Date	Detail	Contact
4 th Sunday each month	Club monthly meetings start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. A BBQ breakfast from 0830 is available to members and visitors (\$5 for an egg & bacon roll and a coffee) beforehand and followed by a ride agreed on the day.	The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at president@bmwmccact.org.au .
Riding events	The webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au lists Club riding activities and reminders emailed to members. If you are going on a ride and want company, then email the Ride Coordinator before hand with ride and contact details and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Rides Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au)
Social events	The webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au lists Club social activities and reminders emailed to members. If you are coming along or want to host a social event then email Social Secretary of your attendance (for planning numbers) or details of your event and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au)

THE MONTHLY FARKLE

None this month, but if you're looking for that special something, why not check out Motohansa in Sydney and on the web here www.motohansa.com.au.

CLUB IDENTIFICATION

Looking for a sticker of the Club logo for your bike or badge to wear? Small Stickers \$0.50, large ones \$1.00 and enamel pin badges \$5.00. Send an email to members@bmwmccact.org.au to arrange for pickup, delivery and payment.



CLUB MEMBER RIDING PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Having difficulty in putting fingers to the keyboard or finding the words to accompany your riding picture? Well then this is the section just for you. Send your picture to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au along with your name and a caption. If that is too hard, then your picture will go in without credit!



Garry Smee, F800GS

This could be a ride report, but I was the only one on it. Having replaced the 800's Pirelli Scorpions (9500km) with Metzeler Karoo 3's I was keen to test them out.

With Sunday free, I took a trip on the dirt via Williamsdale, Angle Crossing, Bobeyan Road via Yaouk to Adaminaby – bakery stop – back to Shannons Flat and across to Cooma before heading on to Countegany and back up through Deua NP and stopping off at Lowden Forest Park and Water wheel before heading home via Queanbeyan. And for those who want an easy 400km day ride on good dirt see the [Map](#).

Being a Sunday, I stopped at St Johns in Adaminaby (left), but surely riding in the sun is enough worship...and went onto the bakery for coffee and a pie. According to the historical society plaque, this is one of some 150 stone church's in the Monaro district, so once the esteemed Ride Coordinator has finished navigating the rivers of southern NSW looking for the inland sea, well...

Lowden Forest Park – Water Wheel. There also some 'heritage' forest machinery, aka-rusting remnants of our forestry forebears. Also, you can camp there with pit toilets and BBQ campfires.



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SHANNON GERMAN AUTO DAY AND CLUB CONCOURSE

Garry Smee, F800GS

The *Shannons German Auto Day* provides the ideal backdrop for the Club's annual concourse. This year's event attracted 18 entrants and a good number of Club members out riding for the day just looking. Unfortunately I was on 'marquee duties' and had to leave the F800GS at home; it would have been the only entrant and we didn't get a G series, so no awards there either. Congratulations to ALL the winners...



*BMW any model <1995
Jack Foley R75/5*



*BMW S Series
Andrew Yates S1000RR*



*BMW K Series >1995
Adam Logie K1200S*



*Peoples Choice Award,
Steve Pazsit K1300R*



*BMW R Series >1995
Ian Leyton-Grant R1100S*



*Most Farkled BMW any series,
Lou Baljak K1100LT*



*Best Set Up BMW Tourer (any model) that had
evidently 'toured', Bill Brown R1200RT*

2013 BMW MCCA ACT AWARD FOR THE MOST "IN-ELEGANT" DEPARTURE FROM A MOTORCYCLE



An award not generally sought or wanted and often given at great surprise to the recipient.

For 2013, Bob Ellison who unaided other than by himself and nature disposed of his F800GS in the Brindabella's.

Unperturbed Bob has since replaced his old ride with a new 2013 F800GS.

Past winners include:

2012 Not awarded

2011 Dave Morgan.



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2013 BMWCCA CT CONCOURSE AWARDS AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

Martin Robertson R1200R & R80RT (in bits), (and a red bike, Editor)

In September this year, the club joined the many German Car Marques for the *Shannon's German Auto Display*. Please have a read of the SGAD report in the September issue of *Shaft Drive Lines* for a detailed run-down of the event. A traditional part of this event is our own Club Concourse where the keen and fastidious members bring our their polished and detailed machinery to be admired by their fellow club members and the passing bike and car enthusiasts. This year was a bit different from the previous one in that there were fewer GS's and a variety of boxer models plus an oldie (thanks Ian Hahn) and some very new models.

Category	Model	Winner
S Series	S1000RR	Andrew Yates
R Series	R1100S	Ian Leyton-Grant
K Series	K1200S	Adam Logie
There were no F or G series entered		
Most accessorized	R1200RT	Bill Brown
Best in Show	R75/5	Jack Foley
Peoples Choice	K1300R	Steve Pazzit

These winners were presented with their trophies at the Christmas Party or for the missing few, at the next breakfast. Steve Pazzit was voted the peoples choice at the SGAD with his impressive K1300R and received a glass plaque from the event sponsor Shannon's Insurance.

The Club Person of the Year Award was presented to Bill Brown for his efforts in assisting the Club at nearly every event throughout the year. Bill is always ready to wield the BBQ tongs at breakfasts, was a great help at the Oil Head Rally, came on many rides and was the driving force behind the Jackets-for-the-Homeless collection. Many thanks for your contribution Bill.

Unlike last year we had a contender for the Step-Off Award. Fortunately, the recipient, Bob Ellison was able to walk away from his "off" on Bobeyan Road but his F800GS was a write-off. Bob quickly purchased a replacement F800GS from Rolfe's and ran it in on a trip around Tasmania. He has assured me that next year he will make it to the Kosciuszko Rally without mishap.

My wife tells me that the party quizzes were too difficult for normal people, so Steve and I are on notice to come up with "better" questions next year. This did not stop the three competing tables from having close competition and lots of laughs.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson



Members enjoying themselves at the Club Awards and Christmas Dinner. Martin Robertson.

Good News. Your Committee has continued this into 2013

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: only the training course.

The Committee has approved the following training providers and courses. If you find another one, please send the details to the Committee@bwmccact.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, for 2013 the subsidy has a 20-member course cap. We will keep you up to date on where we are at and if you are concerned please email the Treasurer@bwmccact.org.au before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMW MCCA ACT 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@bwmccact.org.au with your contact email and bank details who will reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can claim only one reimbursement for this program cycle, April 2013 to March 2014 AGM.

THE EDITORS FILL

Wanted: Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2013 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the Editor@bwmccact.org.au with captions and photographer credits.

Hi Riders,

This edition of *Shaft Drive Lines* closes out the Club riding year that saw plenty of rides and social events. I had cause to look up our membership and numbers seem stable around 119, but we still have vacancies on the Committee. Surely we are not all so busy that you cannot contribute to your Club? To be fair, many members have held positions in the past, some for a long period of time so they can be excused; but what of our younger term members? Volunteer Clubs are only as good as their members and their support to the Committee. Membership renewals will come out in January, fall due in February and followed by the Club AGM and Committee elections in March, so why not think and **act** on what you want your Club to be.

Whilst my family's 2013 started badly with the unexpected death of our eldest son Tayler, we closed out the year on a positive with daughter Morgane graduating year 12 to start nursing and son Mitchell finishing his auto apprenticeship with Rolfes and got in some rides. Thanks for your support throughout the year.

In closing, I wish you and your families all the best for Christmas, New Year and 2014 and look forward to catching up with you on the next Club Ride. Keep the rubber side down and don't forget to send in a picture or even a story of your next ride.

That's my fill,

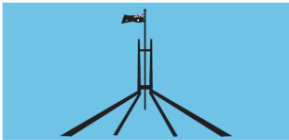
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