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WODEN ACT.

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COMMITTEE

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB

This is the first in what will hopefully be a long series of Journals serving the interests of the ACT. BMW. OWNERS CLUB members.

Although the good response to a small ad placed in the Motorcycle column of the Canberra Times, demonstrated the desire for a local club devoted to the BMW. marque, the initiative came from the chance roadside meeting of three people, each of whom happened to be riding an early model smoky black R90S. As it happened, these people not only thought a club would be a good idea but also had about the same thoughts on what it should be like. The proposed constitution included in this edition more or less reflects the ideas that came out of that animated conversation which happened one warm summers evening along Belconnen Way. You're urged to read the proposed constitution carefully, consider its implications and bring your ideas and criticisms along to the next meeting, the time and place of which are included herein.

Although nothing except adherence to the constitution is mandatory for members, the sum total of the club is the interest of its members and its fate will be decided accordingly. The constitution is merely to provide a structure within which the club can operate and a vehicle for continuity. Hopefully, in addition to providing the journal and other administrative functions the role of the committee will be merely to organize activities suggested by members.

Peter

AGM. REPORT

The first Annual General Meeting was held at Point Hut Crossing on March 29th. The following points were discussed and decided on:

- it was decided to produce and distribute a monthly Journal. This task falls to the committee, consisting of President, Secretary and Treasurer. It will initially be posted by ordinary mail until a Category B registration can be organized.
- a postal box (small) will be rented and used as a permanent address for the Club.
- Motorcycle magazines will be contacted to announce the formation of the Club.
- exchange of Journals with other clubs will be commenced.
- the Club will affiliate with national motorcycling bodies.
- membership cards will be printed and issued at a later date. A logo for badges and stickers will be designed. (Some designs can be viewed at the next meeting - Ed.)
- subscriptions will be \$10 for the next year.
- a draft constitution will be included in the first Journal. Also notices suitable for attaching to BM's seen around the place will be included.
- Committee members for the first year elected. (See front page-Ed.)
- a small classified ad will be placed in the Canberra Times in the motorcycle section for one month to advertise the Club.
- The MOTOR SPORT CLUB will be approached for the use of facilities for monthly meetings.

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INFORMAL ACTIVITIES

There will be a contact number (Ph. 824317 until further notice) which people wanting to go for a run on any weekend, public holiday etc. can ring when nothing official has been organized. People ringing will be put into contact with each other so that hopefully there will always be company for a ride (provided you can agree on where to go !)

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BITS AND PIECES

For those who don't already know, IAN HAHN has a trade account with TOM BURN in Sydney and is able and willing to get you el cheapo parts provided you can wait a few days. If you want things yesterday add the cost of phone calls and air freight.

Ian, whose experience with BM's goes back about twenty years, also does repair work at a price that goes back about ten years, so if you need anything call Ian on Ph. 549705 or 888126.

We'd like to acknowledge the Queensland BMW MCC. whose constitution in a recent Journal provided a model for what follows. Ian Hahn is a member of the Queensland club and you can see his copy at the next meeting.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONTHE CLUB

1. That there be a club to be called  
"ACT. BMW. OWNERS CLUB"
2. That the aims of the club be to:
  - (i) foster the dissemination of technical information and the growth of technical skills relating to BMW. motorcycles amongst the members.
  - (ii) attempt to improve the availability and decrease the cost of spare parts and accessories to its members as far as practicable.
  - (iii) organize social activities relating to the interests of the club for its members.
  - (iv) promote responsible motorcycle riding and improve relations between motorcyclists and public.

MEMBERSHIP

3. That there be two classes of membership
  - (i) full membership open to BMW. motorcycle owners
  - (ii) associate membership open to other interested persons.
- 3a. That members may have a reasonable number of guests in Club activities.
4. That prospective members have a probationary period of six months after which their membership must be approved at a general meeting.
5. That members abide by the constitution and refrain from actions detrimental to the Club whilst engaged in Club activities.

FEEES

6. That full and associate members be liable to a subscription fee to be determined at each AGM. for the next year, payable on joining, from then on payable within thirty days after the AGM., otherwise membership shall cease.

COMMITTEE

7. That there be a committee comprising a president, a secretary and a treasurer, each of whom shall be:
  - (i) a BMW. motorcycle owner
  - (ii) a full financial member for at least six months
  - (iii) elected by proxy vote and secret ballot of nominating members at an AGM. or a general meeting in case of unusual vacancy.
8. That the committee be responsible and have the power for carrying out the aims of the Club including delegating special tasks to volunteer members.
9. That the president, secretary and treasurer form an editorial committee responsible for producing, editing and distributing a monthly journal to all financial members and organizations with whom commitments have been made.

MEETINGS

10. That there be an AGM. held in March of every year in the ACT. at a time and place determined by the committee who shall give fourteen days notice to all members.

That the president shall be chairman and the secretary shall record proceedings. The treasurer shall give a statement of the clubs financial affairs to the meeting.
11. That all committee positions be declared vacant at each AGM. and a new committee elected by proxy vote and secret ballot from the nominating members.

12. That the committee shall call monthly general meetings to be advised in the previous Journal with at least seven days notice.
13. That a quorum for an AGM. be 50% of members and for a general meeting be 25% of members. For motions relating to articles 4, 14, 7, 17 and 18 a quorum of 50% is required.
14. That motions proposing constitutional changes
  - (i) can only be voted on by full financial members
  - (ii) must be seconded
  - (iii) must be advertised in a previous Journal
  - (iv) must be carried by a 2/3 majority
15. That motions not relating to articles 4, 14, 7, 17 and 18 be passed by a simple majority of financial members.
16. That motions relating to articles 4 and 17, 18, be passed by a 2/3 majority of members by proxy vote and secret ballot at any meeting. Motions related to article 18 must be seconded.

#### DISCIPLINE

17. That a member may direct the committee to enquire into a breach of the constitution by another member and if the committee believes the breach proven, may propose, after presentation of evidence to a meeting, the termination of membership of the offending member.
18. That where a committee member fails his or her responsibilities under the constitution, a member may propose, at a meeting, that the committee member be removed from office and the position declared vacant.



THE AUDITOR

19. (i) The Committee shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors annually and shall fix the remuneration (if any) to be paid to such Auditor or Auditors.

(ii) No office-bearer of the Club shall be eligible to be appointed Auditor of the Club.

WINDING UP

20. In the event of the Club proceeding either voluntarily or otherwise into liquidation, the balance of the assets of the Club shall, after the payment of all outstanding debts, be donated to a body, or bodies, with similiar objectives to the ACT.BMW. OWNERS CLUB, if any, or to a charity which the majority of the members present at a General Meeting shall so determine.

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NOTE:

The quorums quoted in article 13 are high due to the present small number of members and will probably have to be reduced later.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Payable now. Send \$10 to the treasurer, or give it to Roger at the next meeting.

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NEXT MEETING:

7/5/81

3D/4 BEETALOO ST HAWKER

7.30 PM.





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