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1982 MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions are now due and are payable either by posting to our P.O. Box or at our April meeting.

Unfinancial members will not receive newsletters after April. Single memberships are \$10 and joint memberships are \$12.

GREETINGS

This is the first Journal put together by the new Committee elected at the AGM (details in the following article). We are looking forward to serving the Club over this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Committee members for their efforts last year and particularly Peter Robleski for his initiative in forming the BMW Club in the A.C.T.

Also, I would like to congratulate the other office bearers of the new Committee and look forward to working with them in running the Club and the Journal as we set out on our second year.

We have had our first Committee meeting and some new ideas have already been suggested. The first is the new front page of the Journal, we hope you will like it, some extra items to be included regularly, such as a members list, service page (for sale, wanted adds etc.), a cartoon ... to brighten your day, and continuing our regular items of Run reports, rally news and so on.

The Committee welcomes any contributions or ideas for the Journal from other members. Feel free to phone, write or see us at the general meetings with your items or suggestions.

Don't forget our 'FREE AD' service if you have an item to sell/swap/or want to buy.

Also, we are considering having the general meetings on the first Thursday of the month (instead of the second) so that the Committee can give you earlier notice through the Journal before the monthly run on the fourth Sunday. For example, in May we would meet on the 6th in lieu of the 13th and the run would be on the 30th as normal. I shall be bringing this up at our next meeting for discussion. By the way, April's meeting is the third Thursday (on the 15th) so that those going away for Easter need not miss out on leaving early.

Well, I guess that's enough for now, so until the next issue farewell and safe riding!

Chris Fulker

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Our last Club meeting saw the election of new officers to the Club. Our new Committee is as follows:-

Chris Fulker was elected as our new President, taking over from Peter Robleski (a founding member) who is going overseas in the near future.

Our new Secretary is Lesley Oliver filling in what was a vacant position after the premature resignation of Piers Crocker due to unfortunate circumstances.

Bill Searl was elected as Treasurer and is taking over from Peter Wickham, who also left for overseas last Saturday and last, but not least, Bob Rumsey remains as Touring Secretary.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the elections by their attendance at the meeting and am sure everyone enjoyed the excellent array of Lebanese food, pasteries, cheese cake etc., provided.

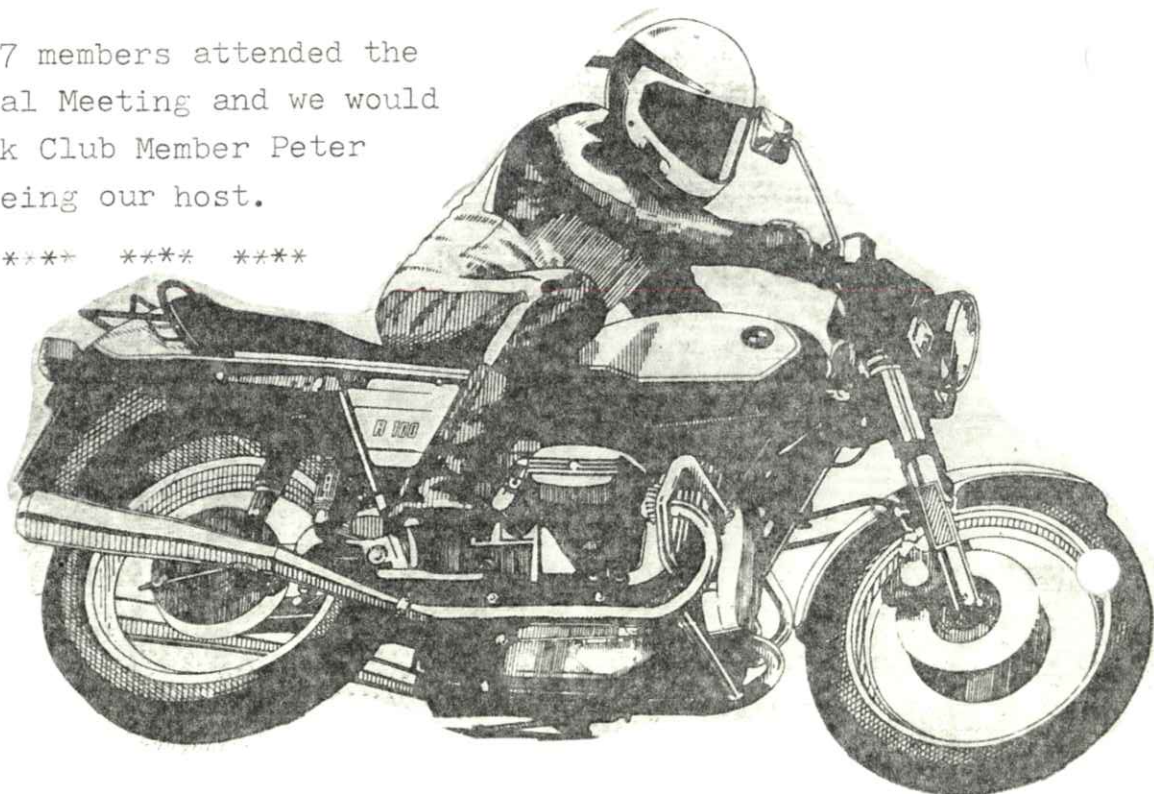
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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 46 Euree Street, Reid on Thursday 15 April at 7.30 p.m. Our host will be our new Treasurer Bill Searl. If enough people are interested we can watch videotapes of 'Descent on the Mountain' and/or 'Silverstone Dream'.

17 members attended the Annual General Meeting and we would like to thank Club Member Peter Oliver for being our host.

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RUN REPORT:

"ANOTHER CAFE RUN" - held on Saturday
27.2.82

Rather a late start for the February run; three BMW's (all with front drum brakes, not a "new-fangled" disc in sight) and 4 people set off for Rosedale on the coast at 9.45 a.m.

The original idea was to ride straight to Rosedale, but as it was an overcast & cool morning we stopped at the "Baker's Paddle" in Braidwood for refreshments.

Rosedale was reached in the early afternoon via a 10km "goat track" from Mongo. The beach at Rosedale was not considered to be attractive enough, so we rode north to Malua Bay and had a swim for half an hour, the weather still fairly overcast. The "Baker's Paddle" once more provided refreshments on the return journey and the discussion around the table included the fact that we had all seen the 'blup' of two extremely fast RSs rounding a left hand corner some 6kms from Batemans Bay - a most impressive sight!

Canberra was reached by 6 p.m. making it a pleasantly 'sedate' run for a day.

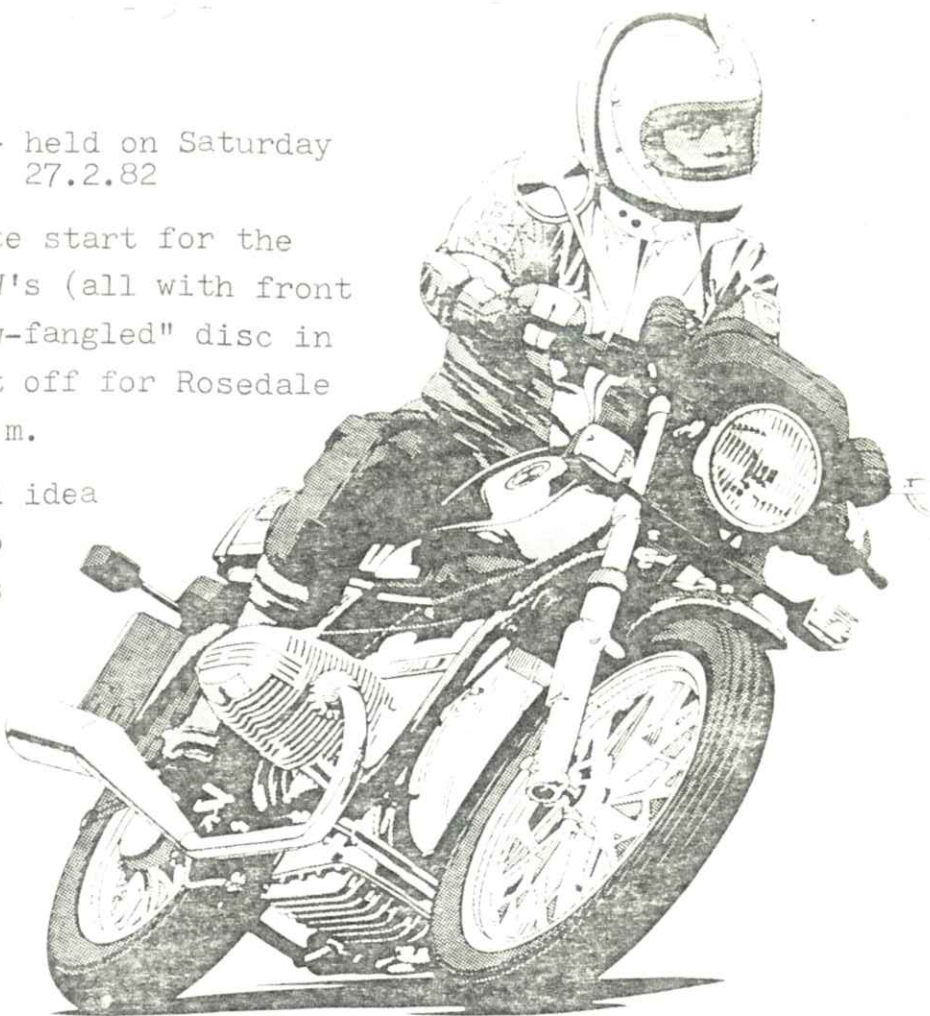
Peter Wickham

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ADVERTISEMENTS:

INTERESTED IN CHEAP CONTINENTAL TYRES? - Then contact club member Peter Oliver on 527135(B.H.) or see him at our next meeting.

The Practika Camera which was advertised in the last issue has been sold to Peter Robleski.



ADVERTISEMENTS: (Continued)

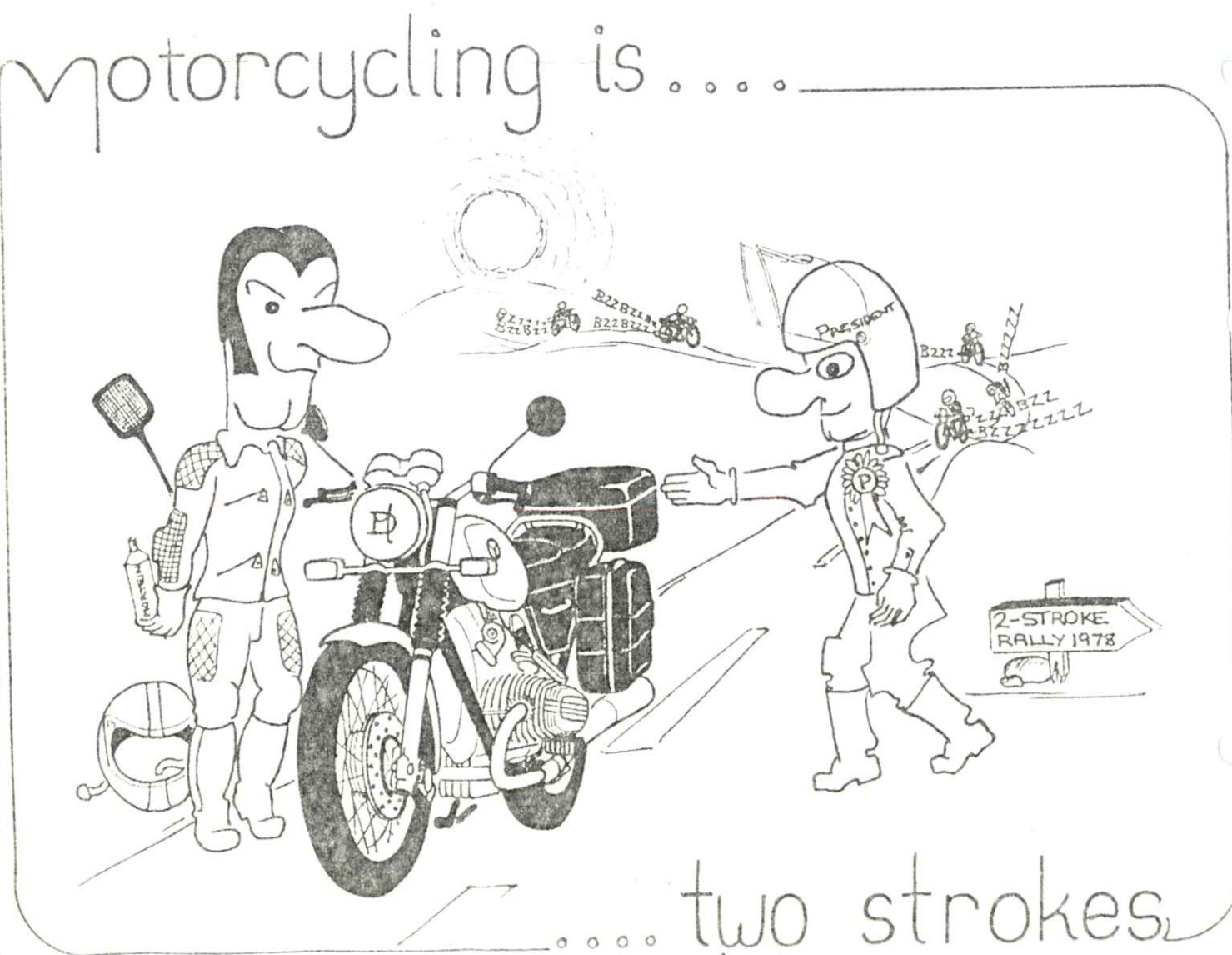
For any leather repairs to motorcycle gloves, boots, jackets, etc. I can recommend a shop in the Wales Centre. They have repaired several gloves and a boot for me at very reasonable prices, and as it's nearing the 'wet season' in the A.C.T., perhaps now is the time to check your gear for any repairs or maintenance required before its too late. The shop is:-

Tim's Shoe Repairs,
Shop 3, Wales Centre,
The Boulevard,
CANBERRA CITY (opposite the side of
Electricity House in
London Circuit)

Ph: 480298

Chris Fulker

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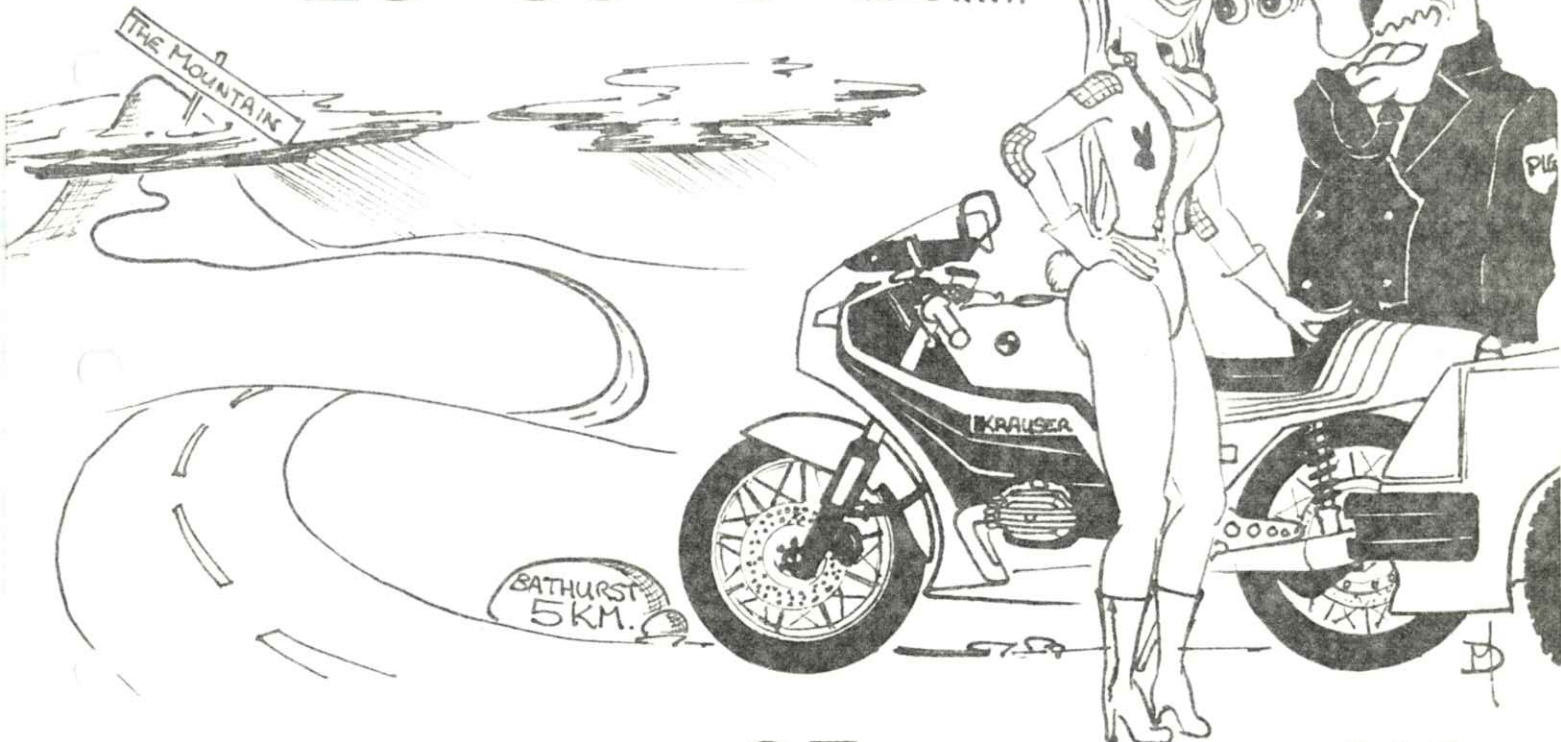


March

28 MONTHLY RUN

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
MONTHLY RUN	29	30	31	You're not going to believe my name.....		



April 15 GENERAL MEETING

25 MONTHLY RUN

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	GENERAL MEETING	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
MONTHLY RUN	26	27	28	29	30	

T-SHIRTS:

Club member Des Cannon was present at our last meeting and reported on the various potentialities and problems of arranging club T-shirts. His well detailed report on the difficulties of various methods resulted in Peter Robleski (our past President) motioning we buy our own screen for screen printing. Such an undertaking would cost the Club approximately \$40 and was considered the best and most economic method. The motion was accepted unanimously and moves will be made to acquire the screen. It was decided at the Committee meeting that a charge of \$2 would be placed on each T-shirt.

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TOURING REPORT:

The next Club run, to be on Sunday 28th March, will be to Bungonia Gorge, about 30km east of Goulburn.

This destination, suggested by Ian Hahn, is the site of the first Australian Motorcycle TT races which grew up to become the famous Grand Prix races held at Bathurst yearly.

The proposed route is via Bungendore and Doughboy to Lake Bathurst and then to Goulburn where we turn off to Bungonia (probably about 20km or so of dirt road), total distance approx. 140km. There are a number of different return routes available.

We hope to have a BBQ lunch so bring the appropriate equipment and supplies.

Meeting place will be at the Dickson Motor Registry at 9.00 a.m.

COMING EVENTS:

March 28	Club run to Bungonia Gorge
April 9-12	Cane Toad Rally, near Mackay Qld.
April 9-12	Bathurst Races
April 24-25	Rainforest Rally, near Kenilworth Qld.
April 24-25	The BMW Rally, near Ouyen Vic. For BMW owners & club members only.
May 22-23	Croweater Rally, near Flinders Rangers S.A.
May 29-30	Roo River Rally, at Kangaroo Valley near Moss Vale.

A.C.T. B.M.W. M.C.C. RALLY

The running of our own rally, which was discussed at the AGM is now underway. Publicity and entry forms are now being printed and the proposed logo appears below. The site is to be the Geehi Hut area where we camped on our club run last December.



PROPOSED RALLY DESIGN
(by Bob Rumsey)

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES have been taken from the Queensland B.M.W. M.C.C. Journal -

KEEPING YOUR BATTERY IN TRIM

The battery is the heart of your bike - whether it lets you down, or does its job accordingly, depends on how you treat it. If you want to look after it, it helps to know how you should look after it properly.

It pays, in more ways than one, to look after your bike's battery. Besides helping to ensure that the electrics function as well as possible, proper battery care will keep running costs down. A well maintained unit may live a ripe old age of three years, perhaps longer, but if ignored, or even abused it may not even live to see its first birthday. To appreciate the importance of battery care, it is best if the basic workings of the device are understood. First off, there are two types of batteries, primary & secondary. Primary units are those which are a once only proposition. These are commonly employed in torches, radios, etc. The secondary type however, may be discharged and recharged until it deteriorates to the point of necessary replacement. These batteries are found in bikes, cars and other applications where extended life is required. These two types are referred to simply as dry or wet. Unless your motorsickle is of the disposable type, it should have a wet battery. If your battery is provided with a vent outlet, it should be unrestricted, routed somewhere where the discharged gasses won't cause corrosion.

BATTERIES (Cont..)

Petroleum jelly or Vaseline smeared over the terminals, after you've polished them will prevent the formation of iron-sulphate deposits. Remember, the electrolyte is the lifeblood of the battery, so check it regularly. Top up when found necessary. There's no substitute for distilled water. Keep your eye on the max. and min. marks, and if you find that you have to replenish the battery quite frequently, daily, weekly or after having covered a reasonable mileage, have your scooter checked over. The charging rates and electricians need checking out. Use a Hydrometer to check the electrolyte's specific gravity, it'll give you a good indication of its condition. When not in use, it should be recharged at least once a month. Never let one discharge completely (go flat that is). Look after your battery, it deserves and demands respect.

SAFER MOTORCYCLING

I recently heard an interesting comment from one of those people who believe that all good things come in fours. After listening to this chap, I wonder why his bike has only two wheels. If he were consistent, he should have four wheels - some people would call the extra two training wheels.

Anyhow, in all seriousness, he informed me that BMW's are dangerous - wait for it - because motorists can't hear you coming.

In my book, Number One - never assume that a motorist knows you are there, and Number Two - never assume that he is going to attempt to avoid a collision. The defensive driving is up to you, the motorcyclist.

Have you ever followed an ambulance on a mercy dash? What with flashing lights and sirens, the great majority of motorists get a shock as the ambulance goes past.

Yes, I normally ride with the lights on all the time and like to use the headlight flasher, but I use the horn only as a last resort. After all, you should never wake someone who is sleepwalking.

We have all seen the motorist who is shut up tight in his glass case, or trying to light a cigarette, or trying to talk on his C.B., or still showing signs of anger after an argument with his boss, wife, girlfriend, the demon grog or just some motorcyclist who burst his ear drums with a four into nothing.

There is no way that motorists are going to hear or see you on a bike, and you are probably better off if he doesn't. Just use your superior manoeuvrability and acceleration to avoid him. Defensive riding is the name of the game.

Just an exercise, as you follow a car, move around so that you can see the driver's eyes in his rear view mirror. By elementary physics, that is where his mirror is pointing to. Don't get upset if you can't see his eyes - he probably doesn't know where his mirror is pointing to anyway.

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STOP PRESS:

Four members of the club attended the MRA gathering at the Police Driver Training Centre on the Sutton Road on Saturday 20th March.

Unfortunately the turn-out was much greater than expected (nearly forty bikes) which meant that the rider participation part of the programme was more or less abandoned, except for half a dozen MRA members who joined the two constables to perform for the Capital 7 camera. Because the training programme only runs till the end of May and because the MRA will be going back in smaller groups it seemed prudent to book the BMW Club in at an early date.

Accordingly we have the place to ourselves on Sunday the 18th of April, there being no Saturday class that weekend. The ideal number is 12 but 14 or 15 can be accommodated. I think the police would be a little disappointed if there were less than 9 or 10 so I recommend that you come if you can. The atmosphere is very friendly and informal. The morning begins with a classroom session which takes account of the experience of the group so in our class it would not be too basic and boring. A couple of short, somewhat dated but worthwhile films on riding safely are screened.

For indemnity reasons the police like to have a look at the bikes so that glaring hazards such as bald tyres can be identified. The outdoor session involves some slalom manoeuvres where the object is to lean the bike through the course rather than steer it - some braking demonstrations and exercises and some cornering exercises on the loop track.

The morning ends with a barbeque - they provide the gas BBQ - you provide the food.

So come along to the Centre on Sunday 18th April at 8.30 a.m. through till about 1.30 p.m. for an informative morning followed by a pleasant social gathering over lunch with an opportunity to ask the police those questions you've always wanted to ask!!

P.S. You will find negotiating the tall witches hats easier with your panniers off!

