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A note from the Prez.....

Hi! Well it's been a busy month since the last issue, for me at least.

I hope those that went away for the long weekend had an enjoyable time. I've heard a little about the rally at Jingellic, and, Anne and I had a day trip to Blowering Dam which turned out to be a weekend venture, due to a flat rear tyre caused by some bright spark breaking a bottle in the middle of the road near Batlow - but that's another story.

The last meeting at the Club was a little more organised. We had the right room and, with a little organising, some hot water etc. for our supper afterwards. As March is the time for our Annual General Meeting we hope more members will make the effort and boost our numbers past the 11 who came last week.

Please remember it's your Club and this is the time you get to have a say in who will help run it for another year. (P.S. the Constitution says we need a quorum to make the voting for a committee - so join in).

I would like to thank the other Committee members at this time for all the work they have done over the past year and I look forward to a bright future for the Club. Thanks also to the members for their support.

The Club extends its thanks to Ursula and Werner Strotman for the great fish B-B-Q on the weekend. Despite the dark clouds about it didn't rain and everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed the delicious trout (expertly prepared and cooked by Werner) and the salads prepared by some of the ladies. After the meal we went inside to polish off a cheese cake with tea and coffee. Thanks once again for your efforts on the weekend (and on the fishing holiday catching the meal!!). Hope we can do it again some day!

See you at the next meeting (AGM), till then ride safely with care.

Christopher Fulker

PLEASE NOTE:

As the next meeting is our Annual General Meeting we ask that all Club members make an attempt to come along to elect the new Committee.

Supper will be provided at the close of the meeting.

NEXT RUN:

Saturday 26th February to the Motorcycle Exhibition in Sydney (Canterbury Racecourse, King Street).

Club members will be leaving at 8.30am from the North side motor registry. This should be a good day so come alone. The meeting time at Dickson is 8.00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: (Thursday 10th March at 7.30 p.m.)

As you will be aware the next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, at our usual location (The Austrian-Australian Club in Mawson).

NOTE:

Doug Bryants have a new R80ST on the showroom floor. Pop down and check it over as I'm sure you will find it interesting. Details on page 6.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

It has been decided that the Club will send \$50 to the Bushfire Appeal. The cheque will be sent on Friday 25th.

Graham and Bev arrived back in their BMW car from a trip into Tumut for a conference to find us resting in the shade of the van, and apologised for their absence earlier, but as they were not sure when we would arrive we told them not to worry about it, and joined in another swim with them and did some sailing till it started to get near sunset and some other friends turned up to spend the weekend with them.

We had a cup of coffee and packed up to return via a short cut to Tumut the ranger had told us about, some one said as we left, that our back tyre looked a bit low, but I thought it was OK and I would put some more air in it when we got to Tumut. However we didn't get very far before I realised it was now a flat tyre on the rear wheel and we wouldn't get much further as it was.

Fortunately we were within shouting distance and after calling out till someone answered, we told them what was wrong and Graham soon came to our rescue. After unloading our gear and removing the rear wheel it was back to the camp site. As it was now about 9 p.m. we made plans to stay the night and joined in a late meal.

Close inspection of the tube showed a very small puncture and when I checked the tyre I found a chip of glass imbedded just off centre in the tread, if I had looked at the tyres after the spot where the glass was on the road I could have found it and pulled it out before it penetrated the tube, that was lesson number one. Lesson number two was to carry some patches!! (I had taken some old patches out of the tool kit some weeks earlier as they were not servicable, and had not replaced them with new ones as I should).

In the morning after a search of the other vehicles present and not finding a suitable patch, Graham decided to improvise and cut a small corner off a blow up mattress. We glued that in place then left it to set. Some time later when it had been inflated to 35PSI and did not deflate, the tube was put back in the tyre and refitted to the bike.

Anne and I decided to stay for Sunday with the others and borrowed Graham's Land Cruiser for a trip into Tumut to stock up on milk/water/newspapers etc. and to ring our friends in Canberra to alter our plans for Sunday. It proved a good excuse to check out the short cut mentioned earlier as well.

On our return with the supplies we joined in a B-B-Q lunch and did some more sailing/swimming/relaxing etc. till about 6 p.m. when we loaded the bike up and headed off home again, this time via the sealed roads into Tumut, then Gundagai, Yass etc. arriving back home about 10 p.m. after 2 short stops.

The tyre continued to lose a little air but I left replacing the tube for 10 days or so until I could get a new Dunlop Touring Elite fitted by Doug Bryants (I had to wait for a new shipment from Sydney to arrive). This tyre has improved the handling of my bike quite a lot and I could