

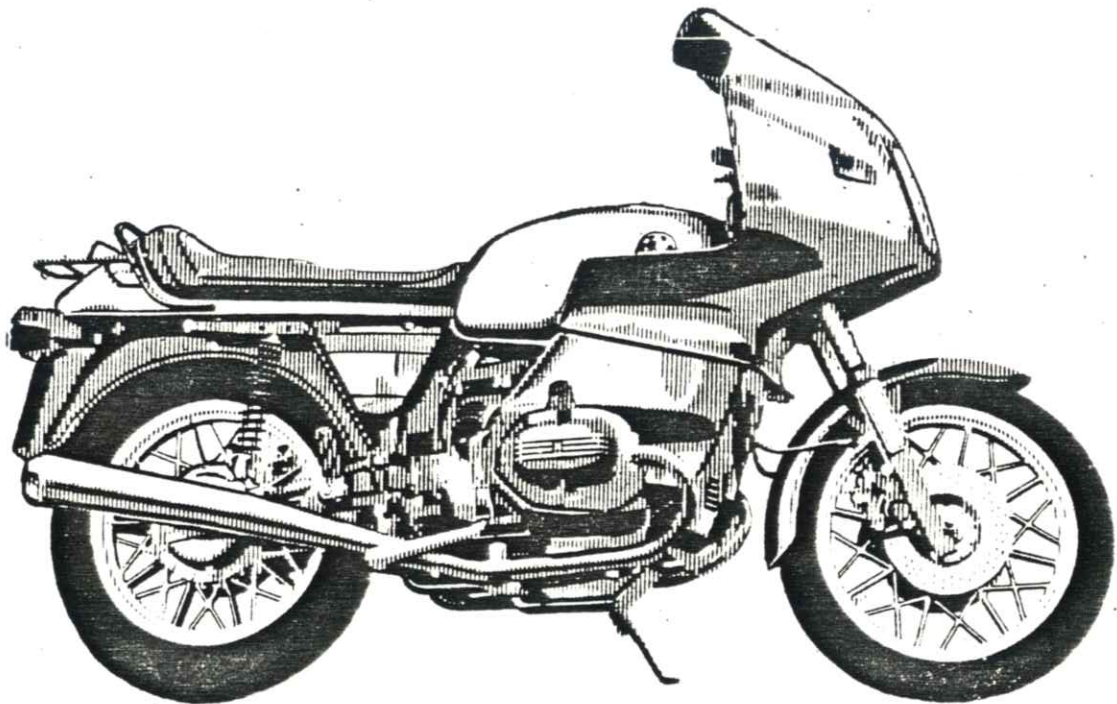


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A SHORT NOTE FROM THE PREZ....

Hello again, well the rally was a success, and the club won a lot of friends for conducting another well run event. We had several people thank us at the rally, and a few that wrote to us when they returned home.

Now on to planning next year's.....

My thanks are added to Bob Rumsey's comments else where in his issue, for the help and support of the members that attended this year (While only 15 in number, that is nearly half our membership, and represents a good proportion in relation to even the Victorian club's 49 out of over 100+, so I was pleased with our turn up, still, several more could probably made the effort to go also.)

The committee has been working on the Christmas Dinner to be held in the Austrian club in December, as mentioned latter, we have had to hold it on an alternate date and we hope this will not inconveniense anyone. My thanks to Ursula for her assistance in this matter also. We hope a few of the members who are not able to come regularly to the meetings will make a special effort to attend, as it will give everyone a chance to meet up with them again.

The club continues to grow lately, with two more members joining this month, and I have been approached by others since the last meeting who are thinking about joining as well, we thank them for their interest and hope that they enjoy being a member. I welcome all the new members and would like them to contribute to the club activities and to the journal etc. as they are able.

This issue will be a bumper edition due to the excellent response by several members and shows what we can do if we try extra hard, I am sure others have stories that they could share with us like Frank and Don have.

The club members at the last meeting enjoyed the video provided by Doug Bryant (From BMW Australia,) about the new bikes and also the last 60 years of the Boxer models, we would like to thank Doug for making it available even though he was unable to attend due to a meeting he had to go to over at Wagga.

Do you like the new cover ? I had some club letterhead prepared after the rally, and as we had to change the names for the committee we thought a new cover would be in order, (it is just a trial at this time, but if you like it we will continue to use it, or change back to the old cover) The letterhead is as per the top part of the cover, printed in blue on white, and will be used in all club correspondence from now on.

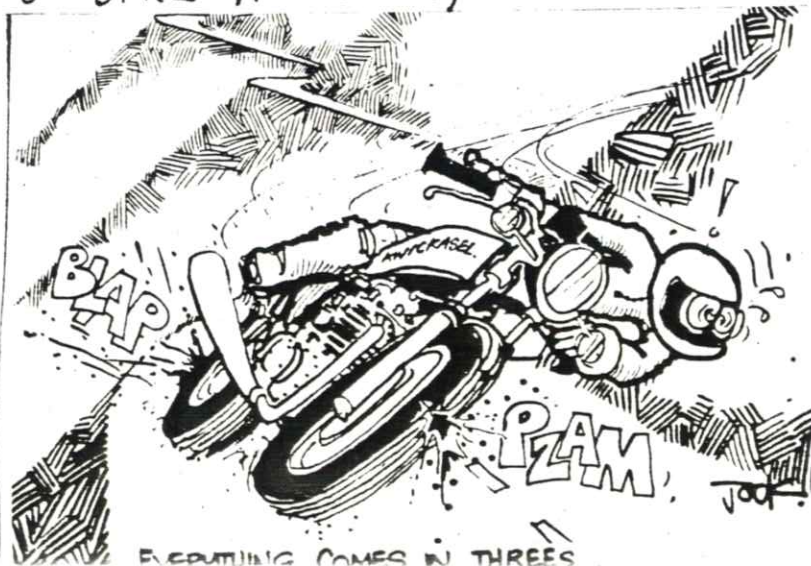
Talking of new committee members, my thanks to Dave for his assistance as treasurer upto now, this last year has been very busy for him and Lesley, with the new house they are building and other matters that have taken up his time. I hope that when the house is finished we will see more of them at our meetings etc.

Mark Coghlan takes over as the new treasurer until the A.G.M. and we wish him well with the task, the club has a few ideas to be considered that will make improvements to the club next year, including the matter of incorporation.

Thats enough from me for this journal, so until next time, Ride Safe.

(GO BIKE AUSTRALIA)

CHRISTOPHER.



DON BURT
MAY BE
ABLE TO
EXPLAIN
THIS)
← SEE HIS
STORY IN
THIS ISSUE....

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING:

OPENED AT: 8.15pm 26 members present. Apologies from Tony Wurzer & Margaret, also David Meek and Lesley Oliver.

Correspondence: From BMW about oil filters etc, and other club journals from Qld, club, Victoria, and NSW. Letters from several people about the rally and requesting information on the Ultra wild-life devices etc. Four Owners advise they now have a post office box (at last).

General Business: Opened with presentation by the president of 'Workers Awards' to three members, Ursula Strotmann, Bill Searl, and Ian Hahn, for valuable assistance at the club's Kosciuszko rally. Mention was made of an individual who complained orally to the Ranger at the rally site that a large meeting like ours should not be allowed in the National Park. (He was a car driver who had arrived on Saturday not expecting to find HIS area taken over by our rally, and felt that he had a right that we do not, that is to enjoy the National Parks that we pay for.) This prompted talk about donating a sum of money to the National Park for the Geehi area, to demonstrate the Club's appreciation and good will. (Committee to advise details). Defence forces style pullover for sale with Club logo proposed. Cost \$30 to Club members and to be ordered through BM Club Vic. Price includes a \$2 saving resulting from motion by Ian Hahn and Werner Strotmann.

A casual vacancy was caused for the Treasurer's position as a result of motion put by Bob Rumsey and Christine C. David Meek ^{PREVIOUSLY} agreed to vacancy due to his personal circumstances with no unpleasanties. Mark Coghlan was voted to fill the vacancy until the AGM in March '84.

Note to be sent to BMW Australia expressing gratitude for donation of the mugs. For the awards at the rally.

Next meeting proposed to be Christmas dinner at the usual venue (Austrian Australian Club, Mawson) Because of a booking problem explained elsewhere in this issue, the dinner will be a week later and a BBQ will replace the usual meeting time. A motion was passed that the Committee organise and cost the dinner, and decide members contribution with balance for food only from Club funds.

Club run for the month elected to be held on the first weekend of the month commencing from next run. Next run decided upon, being to Hume Park Burranjuk Dam area near Yass for waterskiing with the Hahns on Saturday 3 December 1983.

Meeting closed with supper and video of the K100 and other BM's in production. *
BM PR video. time: 9.20pm

Frank.



BABEE
INITIALS OF
CLUB ON
SHOULDER
PATCH

ILLUSTRATED IS THE JUMPER MENTIONED IN THE MINUTES, BLUE IN COLOUR, WITH BMW CLOTH PATCH, AND WOVEN IN INITIALS OF THE CLUB. PRICE IS \$32:00, BUT ONLY \$30:00 TO MEMBERS, \$2:00 MET BY CLUB. SIZES AVAILABLE, 14 to 24. WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHAT SIZE TO ORDER, AND FULL PAYMENT (½ Deposit by arrangement if required.) BEFORE ORDER IS PLACED. WE WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A BULK QUANTITY SOME TIME IN DECEMBER, SO LET US KNOW BY THE NEXT MEETING IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE. (SEVERAL WEEKS DELAY TO FILL ORDER.)

C.A.F.

IDEAL FOR COLD WEATHER RIDING

BOB'S RALLY REPORT, KOSCIUSKO '83.

Official attendance at this years Kosciusko rally was exactly 500, about 50 more than last years attendance, based on entries logged in our entry book.

Weather this year was perfect as was the site, thanks to the N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service.

1800 metres above us, the high peaks had a fair covering of snow, the Geehi Hut area was a foot deep in grass.

Most rallyists arrived by mid saturday although a fair number had already camped friday night. Saturday night was quiet and there was dancing and singing in the 'control' shack, (a small group of club members and a few others who had wandered in from the night, led by Tony's performance on the accordian, some stayed up till very late.)

The only minor disturbance was caused by some idiot on a trail bike who had taken the muffler off the bike and was roaring up and down the road, doing wheelies over the bridge and generally making nuisance in the area, some club members and the ranger spoke to him and eventually he got the message, still, if that's all we have to worry about.....

Awards were made as follows on Sunday morning and the camp was almost deserted by the afternoon.

AWARDS:- Open class; Longest distance, Male; Doug Foster, Perth. L.D. Female; Cassy O'Brien, Glenelg S.A. L.D. Pillion; Carmel Limkin, Deniliquin. L.D. Side car; John Cecil, Bendigo.

Oldest Bike/Rider; Jim Ryan, 63 years.

Youngest Entrant; Ben Thomas 14 years. (Some others were younger, but for one reason or another they were not nominated.)

Largest club attendance; again this was taken out by the BMW club of Victoria with 49 members present, and we were told that it was a new record for their club.

BMW AWARDS:- This year BMW Australia kindly donated several Beer Stiens and glass mugs with BMW motifs to the rally and these went to Riders on BMWs only. (There was a very good turn up of BMs this year, nearly out numbering other makes.)

L.D. BMW Male; Doug Foster, again, he went home very pleased with himself. L.D. BMW Female; Cassy O'Brien, same same. L.D. Pillion;- Jannine Ackroyd, Melbourne. Oldest BMW/Rider; Brian Eldridge, Warnambool. Youngest entrant, BMW (Passenger,) Christopher Hahn 2 years old. And he travelled all the way up on the back of Ian's bike !!

The Winner of the Pelstaff jacket was Mary Sinnott, from Melbourne. this jacket and several motor cycle accessories was raffled at the site, Don Wilson motorcycles in Sydney kindly donated the jacket, and Doug

RALLY REPORT, cont.

Fifteen members of our club attended this year and I would like to thank all of them for their participation and help before, during and after the rally.

That sums up the rally for '83, we hope to be able to improve the rally again next year as we did this time, the arrangements for tea and coffee etc. went well and there was not the same over crowding in the 'control' shack that we had at times last year, the area was left much tidier by those that attended, and when the clean-up party went around on monday morning, they made the rest of the area up to scratch, all the ranger had to do was to load the bundles of garbage bags onto the back of his truck and take it to their tip somewhere.

We hope the committee will get the same support for next year's rally from the club, so that the good standard of our rally will continue.

Bob Rumsey.

Touring secretary.

WHATS ON, :- WHERE, WHEN, ETC.....

DUCATI ECONOMY RUN: 1983, The economy run is on again this month, same place as last year, that is, starting from the Mobil Cinema city service station, at 9:30 am. (Be there early please, about 9:00 to 9:15 am.) SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER (THIS SUNDAY)

The course will be the same, 92.2 Km. run out via Cotter and Thawa and return, and this year there will be no 'Time/economy' event, however a two hour time limit will apply, if you take longer than that you will be disqualified from the results,

About \$ 800:00 worth of trophies and prizes will be awarded this year and there will be awards for the BMW bikes that do best, donated by Doug Bryant, (So lets make sure it goes to some one in our club !!!) Thank you Doug.

Entry this year is \$1:00 per head, (or per bike....) pay on the morning when you line up for the start. Several members have already indicated that they will be going, and the club won several awards last year, so look for other club members when you arrive on sunday.

MONTHLY RUN:- Saturday, 9:30 am. DECEMBER 3. Please note that our monthly runs will now be on the first weekend of the month, this is to allow more time to get this news letter to you and to allow you to plan ahead,

THIS MONTH'S RUN is to Hume park, near Yass, and the meeting point is the Phillip Motor registry, at 9:30 am. (For those that live on the North side of town, you may wish to meet at the Victoria St. turn off at Hall, about 10:00am. and wait there for the south-side mob to roll up when they eventually get on their way....) Some are planning to stay the night at the camping area, so come prepared to stay as well if you can, the cost is \$1:00 per night, and hot (warm...) showers are available, 10¢ in the slot, bring some change.... Water ski enthusiasts can take to the water behind the boat, as long as they contribute to the cost of fuel. (59¢ per litre. see Ian Hahn) Bring food for a bar-b-que or picnic by the water. For those that would like to go on Sunday instead there is a map provided, somewhere, so you should be able to find the others up there when you arrive. (Look for the Yellow boat on the water, named

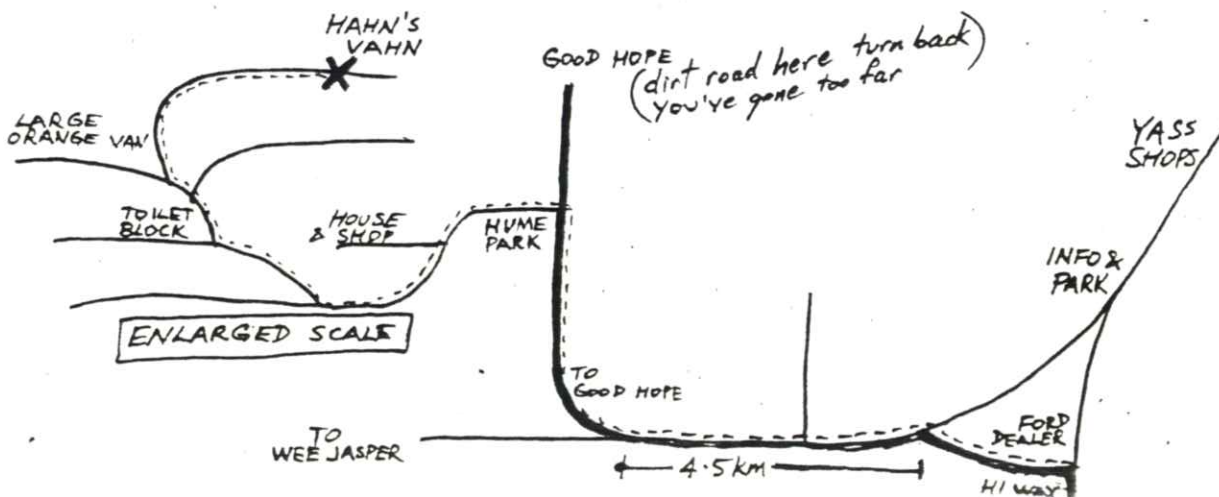
WHATS ON cont.

THE NEXT MEETING on Thursday 8th. December. Please note that weather permitting the next meeting will be a bar-b-que at Werner & Ursula Strotmanns' 22 Duncan St. TORRENS (Write it down if you have not been before,) from about 6:30pm. If the weather turns wet and windy, not an unusual thing in Canberra of late, than the meeting will be at the Austrian club as usual, in the room on the left as you enter, as our room out the back is booked for a dinner, and the Christmas Dinner for the club has had to be moved to the following Wednesday, more details later. For those that are not able to come early for the Bar-b-que, just come along when you can, a normal meeting won't start 'till we have eaten any way. Please note, bring your own meat etc. to cook, Werner has a big built-in Barbie to cook on, but even they can not feed the hordes..... The club will provide some supper as usual.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER : At the last meeting it was decided to have a Club dinner at the December meeting, however, due ^{to} circumstances beyond our control, the room we would have used is not available, so the next best date was booked for us on the following Wednesday, 14th. Dec. from 7:00pm. Please try to arrive by 7, as the chef needs to be able to serve the meal on time. The location for those that were not at the last meeting will be the room out the back where we normally meet at the Austrian club, Mawson. The committee have arranged for a three course meal to be provided, (Fixed menue, Soup, main meal, and apple strudel) and the club funds will be used to pay for most of the dinner, the cost to members attending will be \$ 2:00 each, plus cost of your own drinks. (Non members who may accompany a member will be \$7:00, unless otherwise advised.) We hope to have a good turn up of members, and it will be important to have numbers attending confirmed by Monday the 12th. December at the very latest. And payment in advance if possible, so if you do not come to the next meeting, but would like to come to the dinner, than could you please phone one of the following, (or post your money with your name/s to the club c/o the p.o.box as per the front cover address.)

CHRIS FULKER 31 0114 (H) Mark Coghlan 31 8059 (H) Or Ursula Strotmann 86 4057 (H)
We will try to contact any that have not advised by the 11th Dec. However it's up to you to let us know if you are going to join in.

MONTHLY RUN HOW TO GET THERE



\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

WANTED TO SELL, One R100RS BMW Motorcycle, Owner going overseas, (lucky devil!, Will he bring back a K100????????) This bike has covered 80,000 Kms. and has several accessories fitted, Piranah ignition, cast iron disc brakes, S&W shocks, fork gaiters, '84 rego, Bike available from December, \$3,800:00 (Or nearest offer?) for more details on this machine contact Peter Oliver, you can phone him on 54 2461 at home or on 52 7135 at work.

Even if you are not in the market for this bike, take a note of the phone numbers and tell your friends who may be after a good second hand bike, I am sure Peter would appreciate it if you did.

WANTED TO SELL, One side car, DJP Tourer, This unit has only been on a bike for 1500 Kms. and is unmarked, white in colour, with black trim that is in excellent condition, has special fittings to suit Suzuki GS.1000 G (WHAT EVER THAT IS.....) or several universal fittings, Would suit New side car buyer at the price of \$900:00 it represents a saving on the market price. For more details or to arrange a look at the side car, contact Chris Nicholls. Phone 47 5217 at home, or 47 8949 at work. (Chris now rides a BMW, Even if MRA duties have not given him time to join our club!!)

EXCHANGE: Alex Leitch wants to exchange a R100RS seat, (Single unit,) for a /7 series touring seat, can anyone out there help ? you can contact Alex on (062) 549979.

FOR SALE, Odds and ends,.....

Ian Hahn has several items available, Driving lights and brackets, to suit BMWs, S/H exhaust pipes and mufflers, a fully reconditioned /6 seat, that has been rust proofed, fitted with new cover and trim etc. other assorted new and second hand bits, for more info. contact Ian at home on 31 9314, please don't ring too late and wake Hahn jnr. as Jeannette likes him to get a good night's sleep, (And so does Ian.....)

FOR SALE: Some one was after a BMW horn a while ago, if they still want it they can ring me at home on 31 0114 as I have fitted a pair of FIAM Electric horns and so have a BMW type that is available, price on application.

Christopher.

DONT FORGET THIS PAGE IS FOR YOUR USE, IF YOU WANT TO BUY OR SELL ANYTHING, OR JUST LET OTHERS KNOW ABOUT SOME ITEM OF INTEREST THAN THIS PAGE IS THE PLACE TO DO IT, ITS YOUR JOURNAL SO YOU MAY AS WELL GET THE MOST OUT OF IT, BY PUTTING THE MOST INTO IT.....

THE SECRETARY LOST IN TIME

(Continued from last month)

As I was wearing my Belstaff with it's busted zip and a pair of "Wheels of Man" overtrousers, which although excellent leg warmers, proved to be a let-down as wet weathers. So I got a bit damp at the usual points - knees, ankles, chest, crotch, and as the seat had collapsed, I was sitting in a pool of water, so I got a bit damp there as well.

Although I did get a bit damp in places, I wasn't cold and the trip was not that uncomfortable. Coming into Mittagong I met up with my brother. We stopped there for a cup of coffee and a chat. Back on the road it was still raining cats, dogs and elephants! I stayed on the freeway into Sydney, stopping at another brother's place where I dried my clothes and waited for brother number one to show up.

Part Four : The Trip

After spending a few days in Sydney looking up a few friends, I packed all the gear onto the bike (not having my brother's car to carry it any more) and headed off. Out on the road it didn't feel any different to the trips I took on the bike when I got it 12 years ago.

In 1971, riding up to Yass with my brother as pillion, bike running well on (what was for me) it's first out of town run, my brother asked if we could stop for a cigarette. "Why not, we are in no hurry". In 1983 travelling the back roads around Newcastle trying to make Myall Lake by nightfall meant I had Buckley's chance. Then getting on the road to Tea Gardens the bike goes onto reserve. Coming into Tea Gardens I look around for a petrol station and find one, but as it is already nightfall, it's closed. Travel down to Hawks Nest and found another petrol station but it is closed as well. May as well stay here for the night. Next day saw me heading for Coffs Harbour - I could always see Mayall Lake another day. In 1975 with a week off work heading to Adelaide with my brother as pillion, arriving at Hay on the second day, we took a vote and abandoned the trip to Adelaide in favour of a tour of the Riverina instead. We did not want to spend the whole week riding to Adelaide and back. Back to 1983. Coming into Coffs Harbour I stopped at the Tourist Information Centre to find where the Botanic Gardens are as I have a friend who works there. I spent a few days in Coffs Harbour with my friend and his wife. We went for a drive out to Bellingent and had a good look around the place. Because it was raining most of the time I was in Coffs Harbour, I wasn't too eager to be back on the road.

However, waking up one day to find a clear sky I decided to set off again. Travelling along the Pacific Highway I abandoned the idea of going all the way to Cairns and thought that I would make my next stop at Ballina. Coming into Ballina I started to look around for a place to camp. Not finding anything in Ballina itself, I headed out along the road to Lennox Head where I found a camping ground that was 1km from town, set in natural bushland, and only 500 metres from the beach. It was such a good spot I stayed there for most of the week. While I was in Ballina I gave the bike an oil change and went for a couple of day runs, one up to Byron Bay and one to Eureka which is a bit inland from Bangalow.

At night I was doing a Harry Butler, spotting flying foxes and possums in the trees around the camping ground. It must rate as one of the best camping grounds that I have stayed at. Each tent site had it's own fireplace with free wood supplied and cost was \$2.00 per night. A five star award to the Ballina Council. With the weekend coming up I thought I would go up to Surfers Paradise and see the Swann Insurance 3-hour. Arriving at the Surfers Paradise Raceway I saw a big sign proclaiming next meeting Speed Week Oct 29 - Nov 4. Maybe the 3-hour is on at Lakeside. So I headed off to Ipswich to find Lakeside. Coming upon a bike shop I stopped to ask them if they knew where Lakeside was, but was told that if I was going to the 3-hour, then I would be better off going to Surfers Paradise. So I went to do some banking and find the camping ground there. I got to the bank just as it closed, leaving me with little money for the weekend, but I did find the camping ground and booked a site. The next morning I went down to the raceway to see the practice. When I got there very little was happening so I went over to a guy I saw and asked him what was happening.

"There will be some practice this afternoon but the main practice will be tomorrow" was the reply.

"Tomorrow! But the race is on tomorrow isn't it?"

"No, the race is on Sunday, not tomorrow."

"But I though tomorrow was Sunday."

"No, tomorrow's Saturday."

(There you go. Must be on holidays). So today is Friday. Well I had better go to the bank and get some money out. One thing about riding around this part of Queensland is that you see a lot of "For Sale" signs on houses and flats. At one place I saw about five real estate agents side by side. Makes one think that Queensland's major industry is "selling the farm". Saturday was spent sitting around the camping ground reading the last chapter of Setting Free the Bears, a book by John Irving, the author of The World According to Garp. Sunday was spent sitting around Surfers Paradise Raceway watching the 3-hour race which was won by a Yamaha 900 with a Suzuki 1000 coming second.

Part Five : Going Home

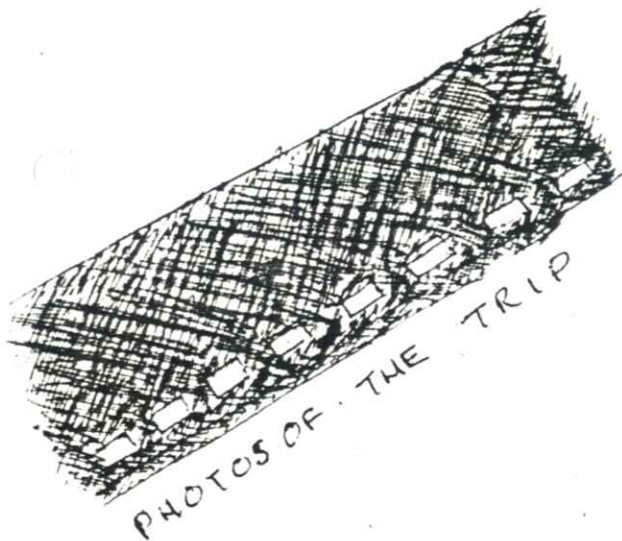
Monday morning I packed up the bike and headed off to Ipswich. Out on the road I was overtaken by a car giving strange hand signals and then it pulled up in front of me. So I pulled up behind him to see what was up. A man jumped out of the car to tell me that my camera had fallen off the bike. As the camera was an old Kodak Instamatic I wasn't too worried about it, but it was a shame to lose the photos of the trip so I turned back only to find the camera had been run over! Arriving in Ipswich I then headed down to Warwick and on to Glen Innes where I spent the night. Next day I headed down the road to Armidale and from there onto Tamworth where I stopped for lunch. After lunch it was down through Muswellbrook and onto Singleton where I turned off to Windsor. While travelling along the Putty Road I felt something hit my head. A rock!, no bit soft for a rock, must have been a magpie. While I'm on the subject of birds, have you ever noticed that when you come across most birds on the road they will scatter all over the place but crows will always fly away from the road, never across it!

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Back to my story. I proceeded through Windsor onto Sydney, arriving at my brother's place at 8.00 pm. Up early the next day for the last leg home to Canberra. I travelled down the Hume Highway through Mittagong into Goulburn where I had to ride through a rain storm, the second time for the whole trip. Arriving in Canberra about lunch time, I unpacked the bike and had a rest for a few days before going back to work.

• All in all, not a bad trip for \$400.00.

The end.



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THE VIEW FROM BYRON BAY

BMW Australia Ltd.



Date October 31, 1983
Subject

Dear Mr. Fulker,

Recent feedback from members of our Dealer network and BMW Owners Clubs indicate a degree of confusion exists over motorcycle oil filter servicing levels and availability.

Oil filters serviced on R100 Series are as follows:

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Application</u>
11 42 1 337 198	\$4.25	Non Fairing
11 42 1 337 570	8.35	R100RS, R100RT
11 42 1 337 575	9.57	Models with Oil Cooler - (2 piece)

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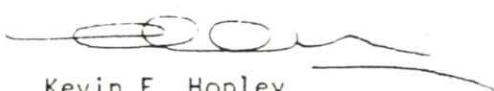
a) BMW Motorrad has contemplated discontinuing 11 42 1 337 198 and replacing it with 11 42 1 337 570. Prior to taking this action Motorrad had the foresight to seek the opinion of its customers. BMW Australia, amongst others, rejected the proposed supersession, consequently 11 42 1 337 198 is available and will continue as a current service item.

b) Hinged type oil filter 11 42 1 337 570 is designed to enable ease of installation on R100RS and R100RT. This obviates any potential confusion with "O" rings that may occur if whilst exchanging the filter, an "O" ring was inadvertently left in the base of the filter housing. The performance of the genuine oil filter is assured as all BMW parts conform to the engineering specifications laid down for original equipment.

We believe that all BMW owners would prefer to maintain their investment in its original condition especially as the additional cost over a non-genuine filter is minimal.

The two-way communication between BMW Australia and club members has risen to an excellent level during the previous two years, similarly we value your support and appreciate your comments/suggestions whenever they may arise. If any further information is required on the above subject, kindly contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,
BMW AUSTRALIA LTD


Kevin F. Hopley,
Managing Director

INCORPORATION OF THE CLUB

Why should the Club become incorporated? you may well ask. This subject has been mentioned on occasion by some members, so it seems timely to provide some details and prompt your thoughts. Naturally, it is only fair to give reasonable warning of such an important issue so that informed comment is fostered prior to it becoming an agenda item. The subject will not be discussed at any length at the December meeting.

Incorporation is controlled by legislation and the relevant legislation for the ACT is the Associations Incorporation Ordinance 1953 As Amended. Each Committee Member has a copy of the Ordinance.

For the purposes of assisting you to form an attitude either for or against, there are some advantages and disadvantages to consider. Firstly the advantages:

- . The Club would become a body corporate which, unlike us, never dies - it has perpetual succession.
- . All personal property considered to belong to the Club legally becomes vested in the Club.
- . Each member is not liable to contribute towards payment of debts and liabilities of the Club, except as provided in the Club Constitution.
- . The Club would be capable of suing.
- . Money may be raised as the Club sees fit subject to the Club Constitution.

Now the disadvantages:

- . It will cost money to become incorporated
 - \$29 fees to the Corporate Affairs Commission (ACT) plus mandatory advertisement costs (est.) \$82, possibly totalling \$111.
- . The Club would be capable of being sued.
- . A little more organisation would be required to comply with the legislation
 - all changes to name, committee, constitution, public officer (explained later) and twelve monthly audit of finances must be notified to the Commission
 - fines are imposable for non-compliance.

The above information should at least prompt some thoughts, and by the way, the process from notice of intention to apply to being issued a Certificate will take at least 2½-3 months.

On The Way To Louth.

With a little persuasion I managed to talk my boss into giving me the Friday off thus getting an extra long weekend for the trip. My wife Chris had never been out West and decided she would like to come on the trip as well. As she was going to drive the car this also gave both my kids, Karen and Andrew, the opportunity to come.

Friday came at long last and the weather was fine. Both the car and the bike were quickly loaded and we were on our way with Andrew as the first passenger on the back of the bike. We headed out along the Barton Highway, through Yass then stopped at the turnoff for Cowra for the car to catch up. Chris was not as far behind as I had thought and she was soon on her way in front of us. Taking it easy we caught up a few kilometers short of Cowra where we stopped for lunch and an enjoyable wander through the Japanese gardens.

It was soon time to hit the road again and Karen's turn to become pillion. Our next stop was Parkes where we pulled in to look at the radio telescope and go through the exhibition centre. From there it was on to Peak Hill where we had booked a Pub for the night. There was still plenty of day-light left so we wandered off to look at some of the old gold mines in the area. It was then back into town for tea and then back to the Pub. I went down to the bar for a couple of ales and had an interesting time talking to a few of the locals. A couple of the locals seemed to find it a little suprizing to find that a motor cycle rider from the city could be a reasonably respectable type.

The next morning we left fairly early and made Dubbo for breakfast for both ourselves and our machines. It was then on to Nyngan for morning tea and the on to Bourke. This time Karen was on the back again and as there was very little traffic and dead straight roads I pushed along at a little higher speed of 150KM/Hr. This time we left Chris in the car well behind. When I reached Bourke I stopped at the town sign and took a slide of Karen and the bike just to prove that we got there. From the cold of Canberra we were now definitely into shorts and thongs climate. We went a little further into Bourke and found a Pub where we ordered a couple of cold drinks. We had just taken delivery of the above and moved into the beer garden when Chris arrived in the car. We had underestimated how far in front we were. Two more drinks were quickly ordered and then we found a nice shadey park for a picnic lunch. After lunch we re-fueled then headed for the dirt road to Louth not quite knowing what to expect. One of the locals had informed us that the road was closed due to bridge damage from when the Darling River had been in flood. Another local informed us that the road was now open as the bridge had been repaired three weeks ago. I took the latter's advice and headed off

into the red bull dust with Andrew on the back. About 40 Kilometers out of Bourke I felt the rear end of the bike get a little untidy. I pulled up to find the rear tyre completely flat. Now I had never removed a wheel from the BM before let alone remove a tyre from the rim. It didn't take long to find out how to remove the wheel and threw it into the back of the waggon. This was one moment that I had no regrets about having a tin-top along with me. We took the wheel back into Bourke where we found a garage that lent me some tools and a hot patch to make my repairs. Inside the tyre I found a great lump of fencing wire that had done the damage. The tyre was soon repaired and we headed back out to the bike. Fitting the wheel proved to be not quite so easy. A fully inflated Touring Elite just did not want to fit in. I finally got it back into place by removing to left hand side pannier rack and throwing many hefty kicks to the wheel.

Unfortunately this was not the end of my problems. The axle seemed to want to go in too far. I positioned it to a position that looked correct, tightened the nuts and headed on my way again. There was still a twitch in the rear end particularly when I accelerated or slowed down so I took things very easily. After an hour or so riding things felt bad enough for me to stop again. The patch that I had applied had not held and once again I had a very flat tyre.

By this time the sun was getting very low and I had no idea of the remaining distance to Louth. I was still scratching my head trying to work out what to do next when I spotted the first vehicle we had seen on the road. When flagged down I found that we were only about 15KM from Louth. The vehicle I has stopped turned out to be the local postie in a small truck. We managed to find a suitable mound to use as a ramp and loaded the bike onto the back.

We arrived in louth to wild cheers at the sight of a bike on the back of the truck. The postie would take no payment for his help but I managed to push a few tinnies under his arm. Most of the good camping areas in the town were already occupied so we decided to set up the tent in a grassy area on the other side of the river. It was dark by this time but we managed to get the tent up under the car headlights. As soon as the camp was organised we went back into town and had a bar-b-que put on by the local tennis association. I managed to find a local who thought he had a spare tube that would fit.

The next morning I was up early , took a couple of slides of the area, had a quick breakfast then into the pub where

I had left the bike. It was off with the wheel and tyre

again. I had been told that some of the new tubes will not take a heat patch so this time I used a glue job. It was now that I found what was wrong with my back wheel. I had lost my left hand spacer. No wonder the axle wanted to go through too far. Luckily the publican just happened to have an old lathe out the back and after a bit of a rummage around the junk piles managed to find a suitable piece of mild steel to turn up a new part. Cost? a whole \$5.00.

With the tyre re-patched I returned to the tent. Shortly afterwards the local I had spoken to the previous evening pulled up outside the tent. True to his word he had returned with a spare tube. I thanked him for his trouble but informed him that I had already carried out repairs. I put the pressure gauge on the tyre just to prove my point and found the pressure down to pounds. The new tube was then gladly accepted. When he removed the tube from his vehicle I noticed a hand gun and holster on the front seat. Being an ex pistol club member I asked him about it. The pistol turned out to be a .44 Magnum, one of the largest hand guns around. When offered a couple of shots I had no hesitation in accepting. Soon the silence was shattered with the blast of the .44 Magnum. Surprise surprise I even managed to hit the tree I was aiming for. My friend explained that he used the pistol to chase pigs on a motorcycle. Sounds exciting but I didn't give it a go.

With a new tube in hand it was back to the Pub to once more remove the tyre and fit the new tube. I now feel as though I have reasonable idea on how to change a tyre. I must offer my thanks to the boys from the N.S.W B.M.W. Club who were a considerable help with all my problems.

The tyre now repaired for the third time I again returned to the tent, this time to pack up and get ready to head home. We were soon on the dirt again this time heading for Cobar. On the way We stopped for a couple of slides but other than that the trip was uneventful. We had lunch at Cobar then headed off to Nyngan then Dubbo where we camped for the night in one of the best camping sights I have come across. I can't remember the name but it was opposite the Drive In and the proprietor is pro motorcyclist. Next time any of you are out Dubbo way drop in for the night. You wont be dissappointed.

My greatest dissappointment for the trip was not reading up the Rally pages. The Bonnaville Ralley was on in Dubbo and I could easily have dropped in. The next morning we watched all the bikes move through town as we broke camp.

On the road to Louth, cont.

It was back on the road again on the final leg of the trip. The weather remained perfect until just short of Canberra. We arrived home in a light but steady rain.

The whole trip was most worthwhile and enjoyable, I didn't get to see much of Louth or to mix a lot with the N.S.W. Club due to my tyre problems, but I gained a lot of valuable experience. Would I do the trip again?, I certainly would.

Having the car tagging along behind wasn't even too bad, I can see we will probably do a few more Ride and Drive trips, as this way the whole family can become involved.

Don Burt. (& Family)

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS :- As it is getting close to THAT time of the year again, (Doesn't time fly when your having fun?) we thought that a Christmas WISH LIST was in order, so we have compiled a list of items that may be of interest, the idea is to leave this list, (suitably marked to indicate what you would like to find in the early hours of Christmas Day under the tree or where else you put the presents,) Some where about the house so that the family/ wife/ friends can see what to buy for you this year, instead of another pair of socks/ tie / after shave / blow up doll or whatever they gave you last year that you wish they had'nt.....

PLEASE NOTE, even though we have given the price etc. and place to buy the items from, we are not endorsing any particular item or shop. We simply went about getting some idea of what is available locally, and some shops will give discounts on showing our club card. Now on with the list;

First the BMW Accessories etc, from Doug Bryants, Some items may have to be ordered as all items listed are not in stock, prices are to club members on presentation of the club card.

BMW Cloth badge \$1:00. Lapel badge, 7mm 95¢ 12mm \$1:10. BMW Leather key wallet \$2:15. BMW Key ring, \$4:60. BMW Motorcycle History book '23 to '76, \$18:50. BMW Cricket disposable lighter, \$4:10. Pocket lighter, electronic, light alloy casing, matt black finish, \$38:50, Same again, chrome plated, \$53:00, Chrome anodised, \$38:00 Also pocket lighter with leather case/cover \$43:50. BMW Kidney belt, \$41:00, bag for this belt, \$16:00. BMW Leather gloves, wool lining, \$29:00. BMW Cap \$4:95, sun-glasses \$36:00 + case \$3:70, Windjacket \$44:00. BMW Steel safety lock \$21:00. Motorcycle First aid kit, \$10:95. BMW super tool kit \$80:00. Multi purpose lamp, \$25:00 BMW Rain gloves \$14:00 BMW Tank bag, \$110:00.

A range of BMW Beer Stiens and glass mugs: Tall glass \$32:00 Short glass, (blown) \$33:00, Ceramic (Arms of Bavarian) \$29:00. same with old Bavaria, \$25:00.

Mini glasses, (pr.) \$13:00. (OTHERS AVAILABLE)

BMW tie \$15:00. as well as all the above, the girls at Doug Bryants can show you the other similar items from BMW that are listed on the Accessories brochure and they also have some items on display.

NOW AVAILABLE New BMW Helmets, we have mentioned these in other journals and now you can buy one from Doug, if he has any left, for \$182:00 to club members. I've bought mine, and so have several others, you can have any colour you like, as long as it's white with orange trim! A top class helmet, that is very quite, and after a day or so getting used to it, is also very comfortable. Go and try one out.

OTHER ITEMS:- OTHER PLACES:

SLEEPING BAGS, from \$54:00 for synthetic, reasonably warm, to Down bags for really frosty stuff, at \$280:00. wide choice of prices in between.

Billy; from \$6:00 Aluminium etc. choice of sizes.

Tents; lightweight 2'1Kg Bertoni scenic, single bowed centre pole, 2 man \$212:00 Conventional types like Coleman from about \$70:00

Bed Rolls; Foam Karrimar or similar \$20:00. Foam, plus air valve, self inflate.

Thermarest, short \$72:00, long \$100:00

Knife, fork and spoon sets, Stainless steel, Hercules. \$5:80

Space blankets, use as ground sheet etc. \$24:00

Burners/ stoves. Wide variety, too long to mention individually (When you are running out of room on the page..) Spirit burners \$42:00 to \$48:00 TRANGIA, Fuel bottle 300ml. \$6:40, 600 ml. \$8:75, 1Ltr. \$9:60. Coleman Peak 1 stove \$72:50

Svea (Sweden) burner only. \$40:00

CHRISTMAS LIST ... CONT.



- . Survival Handbook - full of interesting ideas for use at rallies.
From AGPS Bookshop , Alinga Street City opposite new Post Office.
- . Motorcycle Models - metal cast 1:10 scale Guiloy \$37 ; 1:15? scale \$20 Police R100RS (doubtful value for money)
- plastic kits 1:6 Tamiya \$95, 1:12 Tamiya \$16
1:15 Union \$11, 1:8 Nitto \$53
- . Model brush-on paint Humbrol \$1 per colour.
From The Model Shop, at Woden adjacent to Youngs in Clock Court.
- . Tank bag, Jab \$73
- . Gloves Tourmates, summer weight \$18; winterweight \$30
- . Handgrips, Grabon. \$10.65
- . Rainproofs, Carbro pants \$67.60, jacket \$128
- . Overmits, rainproof Belstaff, \$16.50
- . Octopus straps \$0.80 to \$2
- . Helmet visor anti-fog liquid, Nava, \$3.60
- . Intercom unit Nava, \$82.
- . Leather jackets, Waldon Miller from \$142
- . Top Box, f-glass black or white \$80.60
- . Panniers 'police style' f/glass black or white \$125 pair
Range from Genge Motorcycles Lonsdale St Braddon.
Discount available - variable according to price and item.
- . Motorcycle Helmet, plastic, novelty pencil sharpener \$2. Ideal for the person who has everything else. From good stationers, newsagents.
- . Comprehensive range swiss army style pocket knives Victorinox \$7 to \$60
Available from Sporting World East Row City. (AND BUSH GEAR, CAGA CENTRE.)
- . Fishing Rods, Black telescopic trout, \$25 - \$35; two piece rods \$10 - \$100
Range available at Anglers Art Colbee Court Phillip.
- . Metal Cast Models from POLISTIL (Italy)
BMW R 75 'Elephant outfit' about 1:15 scale, well finished, Black with White pin-stripe side car on right hand side, 2 into 1 exhaust, tractor seats etc.
- . Also similar bike as solo only, plus 2 BMW Police Bikes and BMW AFRIKA CORPS Outfit in the same brand, (may have to be ordered in) Prices from \$21.95 to \$38.45.
Available from Peter Pan
Garema Place, Canberra City.

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SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSS WORD.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE LAST TWO CROSS WORDS, WE WILL TRY TO DO SOME MORE IN LATTER ISSUES, DUE TO GOOD RESPONSE FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS, THIS ISSUE WILL NOT HAVE ROOM ^{FOR} A PUZZLE.

MY THANKS TO MARK FOR HIS EFFORTS IN PRODUCING THE CROSS WORDS FOR US.

C.A.F.