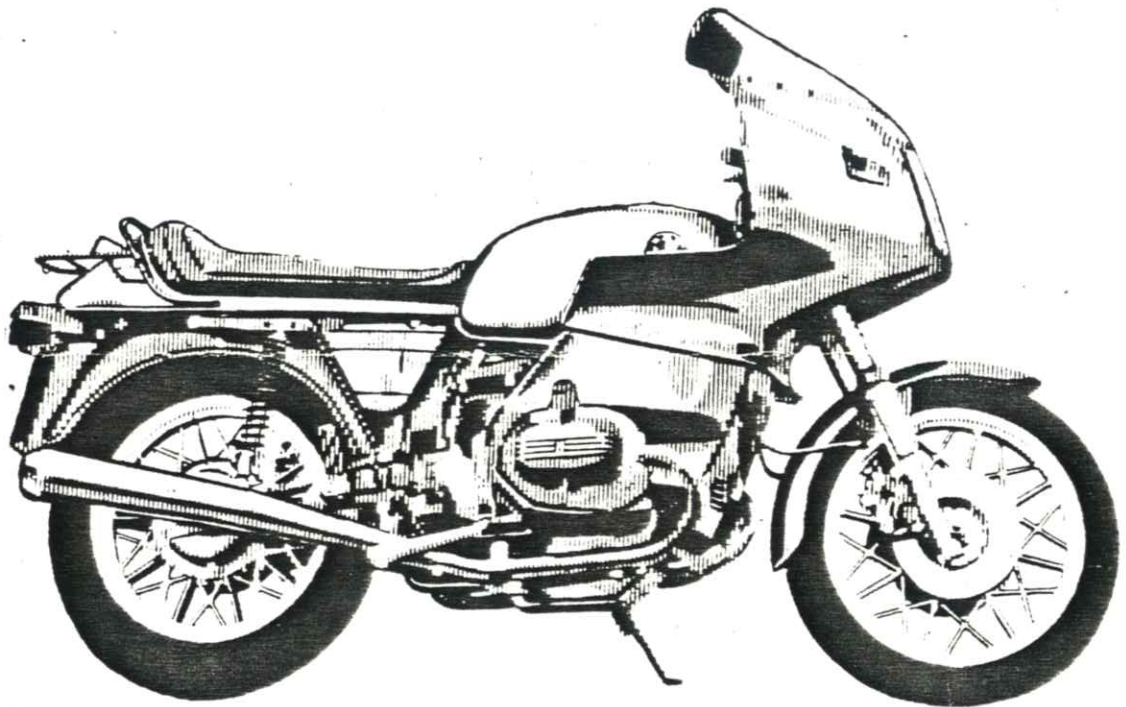


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A (CHRISTMAS) GREETING FROM THE PREZ.



Christmas time is here again, does'nt time fly when you're having fun ? It seems like only last month I was putting things away from last Christmas.

The committee and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members, and friends, of the club Seasons Greetings for Christmas and the new year.

We hope that everyone will enjoy the break from work and that those who are going away to visit family and friends have a good journey and return home safely.

Please ride or drive with care and keep alert for others on the road who may have had a bit too much 'spirit' for the season. (The Booze Buses will no doubt be doing a roaring trade.) We look forward to seeing you all again in '84.

THUS ENDS THE FIRST LESSON.....

Last week I was able to take a ride on a new K100 at last, (Thanks Doug,) and I was most impressed, agreeing with what Brian and Randal had to say about the bike at the last meeting.

It was a delight to ride, feeling much lighter to handle than you would expect when you first see it, very smooth with very little buzz or vibration (I kept it below 4 000 rpm as it was new and did not have many K's on the clock.) I thought the gears were well spaced and 3,000 rpm gave 80kph in top that was fine for around town work, at that speed overtaking was a breeze, a little twist of the throttle to 4,000 revs (about 104 k's) out and back into your lane in a few seconds, no fuss, very safe, now if I could just do that on my R60,....

For the short time and distance on the bike, over to QBN. and back, I could not find any thing to complain about. The seating seemed good, the mirrors well located and clear (at town speeds) the switch gear was easy to get used to, apart from the horn button that I kept hitting to cancel the left indicator when changing lanes, instead of the correct switch in the same place on the right hand side. Not a problem, if I owned one I would soon get used to it.

Perhaps one of the members who have their own K100 s will give us an article when they have a few more kilometers under their belts ?

Till next time then, ride safe and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHRISTOPHER.



MINUTES OF MEETING, 8 DECEMBER 1983

The meeting was opened at 8.25 pm at Werner and Ursula's place following a Barbecue. There was a very good turnout of 28 members and apologies were given by George Bornen and Alex Leitch.

Correspondence Received

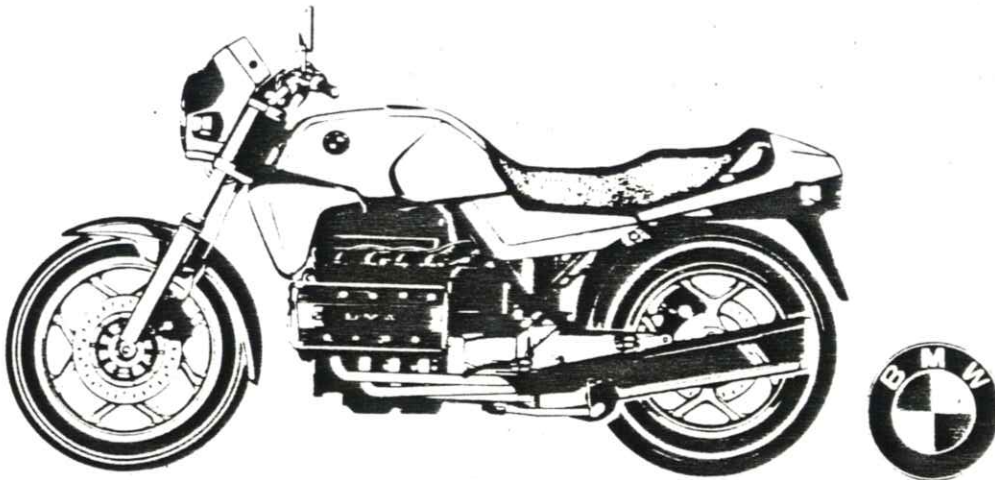
Club journals Qld, NSW, Vic, WA. Letters from MRA about Toy Run on 10 December, BMW Vic Club invite to their ANZAC weekend rally. Christmas card from Four Owners, Canberra. Mr J Hall from Lockleys, SA thanked us for a well run Rally and recommended same w/end next year. Mr C Jeffries from Boolaroo, NSW inquired about Club events calendar. Minister for Territories and Local Government thanking us for letter concerning Canberra Motor Racing Circuit (House of Assembly considering circuit plans). Eldridge Yamaha, Wannambool purchase of second Ultra wildlife unit.

Business

Christmas dinner arrangements finalised. Club photo album suggested by Jeanette Hahn and Frank Millwood suggested the inclusion of a scrap book (his?). Next run decided for 7/8 Jan to Lake Eucumbene (details elsewhere). Next general meeting at Austrian Club 12 January. Orders for Club jumpers to be placed within two weeks.

Reports

Brian Blemings gave an owner's impressions to date of his K100. Supper served at 9.15pm and then Randal and Craig from the AFP gave a rundown on the K100 test ride at the AFP driver test track.



WHAT'S ON.....

- JANUARY, 1/2/3. Run/ camp at the Geehi site, Kosciusko National Park, Contact Bob Rumsey or Chris Fulker early if you have nothing else planned for this week end, as we would like to go and see the Ranger about the Rally site(as mentioned after our last rally) to see what we can do about donating some money to a project at Geehi, it's a nice spot and if the weather is kind it will be a good chance to look around the area.
- JANUARY, 7.(sat) Lake Eucumbene, (Angler's reach area.)
Meet at the Phillip Motor Registry 9:00 am.
(Option of a day run,or stay overnight at this top fishing spot and earn additional clubman points.)
- JANUARY, 12.(thur) General Meeting at the Austrian Club. 7:45 pm.
including a talk from a representative of the Cooma Gliding Club.
- JANUARY, 21 or 22. Tentative, Gliding day at the Cooma Gliding Club's strip this side of Cooma on the Cooma road. Decision at the January meeting.
- JANUARY, 28/29/30. Australia Day Rally near Dungog in N.S.W.
Organised by the BMW Touring club of N.S.W.
Same place as last year, \$5:00 for entry, forms to come from N.S.W. soon.
- FEBRUARY, 9 (thur) General Meeting at the Austrian Club.
- FEBRUARY, 18/19 Third Swamp Rally by Disciples MCC.
By the shore of the Kandos Weir in Rylstone area N.S.W.
Entry forms incl. map from Bob.
- APRIL, 21/22 Easter/Anzac weekend. BMW MCC VIC. 5th. Bi-Annual Rally at Charlies Steamhouse, 7 Klm. N.W. of Clunes in Victoria's Highlands. \$5:00 adults. Children \$2:50.
Entries close 30 th. March '84.
- ***** FOR ANY DETAILS CONTACT BOB RUMSEY 977507. *****

Also for those that are free over the next few weeks Ian Hahn will be taking his family up to Hume Park again and they invite any one to drop in for a day or so, to visit or go water skiing etc. the dates they intend to be there are:

Dec. 28th to Jan. 2nd. and Jan. 9th.to 15th.

Contact Ian or Jeanette as soon as you can if you are interested, 319314.

DOUG BRYANT AND HIS STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH THE CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HOPE TO

'83 M.R.A. TOY RUN

On Saturday 10th December the MRA conducted their annual Toy Run for the Salvation Army toy appeal.

About 300 motorcycles, most with pillions, lined up in front of Parliament House for the 'wave off' by Ros Kelly at 11 am with Capital 7 recording it for the evening news. I think more would have turned up if not for the overcast weather.

Only 3 other club members attended, but several other BMW bikes were there to wave the Blue and White Roundel. (Where were the rest of you? Sleeping in?).

We left the start on time and made our way in two rows across Commonwealth Ave Bridge and along Northbourne Ave with Police escort to the Salvation Army Citadel in Elder St Braddon, where the toys were donated and a collection taken for the Smith Family as well.

The response this year was quite good and we were thanked for our efforts by the Salvation Army and Smith Family representatives.

MRA had also organised a free Poker Run in the afternoon, and their Christmas dinner was to be held that evening.

If you missed the Toy Run this year I can recommend you make the effort to go in '84, as it was a good PR exercise for motorcyclists.

Christopher

If you keep your head when those around you are losing theirs, perhaps you've misunderstood the situation.

Some folks are wise, and some folks are otherwise.

We can complain because the rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because the thorn bushes have roses.

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

Preserve wild life- pickle a possum.

To live at all is miracle enough.

You are never alone with Schizophrenia.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Thursday evening, 15 December at the Austrian Club, there were thirty two members and one non-member partying on at our Club's Christmas Dinner. It was an experience for me to see so many members sharing social intercourse, a wide range of (motorcycle?) topics, coloured refreshments, and culinary delights served in three courses. Because so many members were present and remained sober but happy, I won't reminisce about the various dishes. Although one member was noticed to knuckle down to a slightly different feast, he assured us it was a good percentage of bone content.

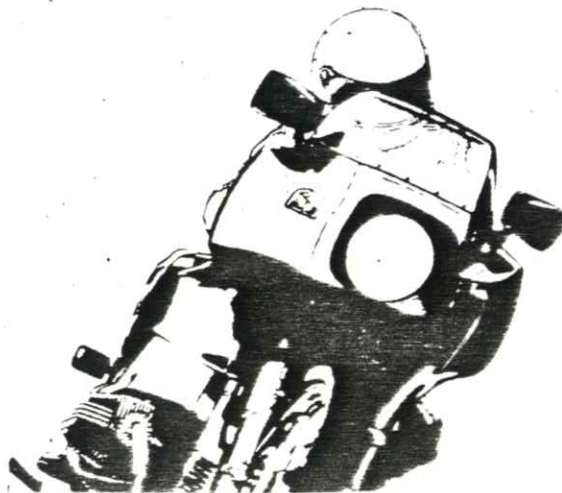
At the beginning of proceedings each person was issued with a stick-on name tag and code. The code to be broken was a sentence which most people worked out correctly - although some who guessed a word or two got it wrong.

After the evening got under way some prizes were given away to those who had broken the code correctly. Werner Strotmann won a bottle of wine as did Hilda Sunderland, and Helen Bryant and Peter Oliver each won a box of after dinner mints. Then to the amazement of many, each person was asked to vote for their favourite/popular member. After an interestingly contested count, Ursula Strotmann won a now coveted one-off trophy simply entitled "Members Choice 1983".

Next the Pres. fumbled with something which took on the shape of a toilet roll. "And now an ex gratia gift for being a good helper" etc ... Then the embarrassment hit me, he said my name. To calm my nerves I held out my hand and exchanged shakes. The gift was a bush damper kit - contents and recipe in a billy.

After more mixing and talking Tony got out his piano-accordion and gently hit our ears with very pleasant music - as he usually does. Ever wondered what's going through his mind when he plays away and has that cool smile? A few group photograph shots later some dancing expanded the general enjoyment of the evening.

Although the night was warm, it was surprising how many of us forgot about it after a brief time. In the words of a great scribe who handed me his report on the evening "Everybody had a great time at the Christmas Dinner" (Frank Millwood c. 1983)



(MARK COGLAN)

'HUME PARK REVISITED' (or How the Hahns' got
to dunk the Prez in Deep Water)

Saturday 3rd of December was the date for the club run to Hume Park, near Yass, for a weekend of water skiing on the Dam. However the day began very overcast with some showers and in the light of that the Hahns and I decided it may be best to call it off. We rang around to tell those that we thought would be going of our decision.

Later in the morning the weather improved so Ian rang back and said he would go after all and Don Burt (and son) would join them for the day.

Anne and I had a quick look at the AFP lost and found auction (a waste of time as it turned out) at Belconnen and returned home, packed our camping gear, and made our way to Hume Park.

We joined the Hahns and I had a go at water skiing during the afternoon before the weather changed about 4.30, so we helped moor the boat and put the gear away before setting up our tent etc. Don had a party to go to so he left shortly after we arrived.

Sunday was fine so we made our way to a quiet area (as water skiing championships or heats were in progress off-shore) for several hours before returning for lunch and to pack up for home.

Bob Rumsey had come out for the ride and when the boat etc had been put away, we headed back to Canberra via the alternate route, coming out at the Cotter Reserve area (some 17 km of poor dirt roads, but generally OK).

When we arrived home the sun was shining and it was a good end to a pleasant weekend. Let's do it again some time with warmer weather and some more members (we need qualified boat drivers) for a different kind of activity.

Christopher & Anne

BMW MOTOR



CYCLE CLUB

VICTORIA

PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS 5TH BI-ANNUAL RALLY.

to be held at **Charlie's Steamhouse** 7 km. N.W. of Clunes in Victoria's Central Highlands over Easter/Anzac weekend, 1984.

The rally is open to all BMW owners and their spouses on their machines, as well as associate members of BMW Motorcycle Clubs.

Official functions will be held on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April. However, organisers will be in attendance over the entire Easter/Anzac holiday period.

ENTRANTS PLEASE NOTE: This will be a B.Y.O. rally other than tea/coffee on arrival.

The following awards are up for grabs.

OLDEST RIDER

HIGHEST INTERSTATE CLUB MILEAGE AWARD!

LONGEST DISTANCE: Male/Female/Pillion/Outfit.

HARD LUCK: (Emphasis on luck or lack of it — not mismanagement).

MOST OUTSTANDING MACHINE — Powered by a BMW Motorcycle Engine.

OST \$5.00 per person.

\$2.50 children under 16.

Entries close Friday 30th March 1984.

Cheques to be made payable to **BMW Rally Committee**

and sent to **P.O. BOX 2298, RICHMOND SOUTH, MELBOURNE, VIC. 3121.**

Rider's Name Model of Bike.....

Address.....
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Pillion (if any).....

Club (if any).....

Spouse's Name Bike.....

Club (if any).....

In Sunday 27th November, three Club members attended the annual
the three rode a Ducati (take off 10 points)!

The day was rather wet although it barely rained while we travelled the 92 kilometre course to Tharwa via Cotter and back via the Monaro Highway.

The proposed barbecue lunch was cancelled due to a monumental downpour and the results were announced at the start/finish Mobil Civic Service Centre.

Both Club members riding BMW's (the other of course was on a Ducati) did rather well. The members were:-

- Chris Fulker - Best economy on a BMW -88.48 mpg
and won a \$25 open order at Doug Bryant's
- Bob Rumsey - Best economy with a sidecar - 59.73 mpg
and \$30 open order at Les Dahlitz Motorcycles

Other results: Under 300 cc

A.Warnes	M V Agusta 150	103.87 mpg
I.Newhouse	Honda 250	96.62 mpg
D.Hinton	Rudge 250	81.0 mpg

300-600 cc

S.Downing	Yamaha XT550	121.1 mpg
P.Chicchio	Morini 500	117.85 mpg
K.Leslie	Honda CX500	115.7 mpg

Over 600 cc

R.Biffin	Suzuki 1000	82.13 mpg
P.Fenwick	Ducati 750	75.3 mpg
D.Bedo	BMW R65LS	65.6 mpg

BOB RUMSEY

