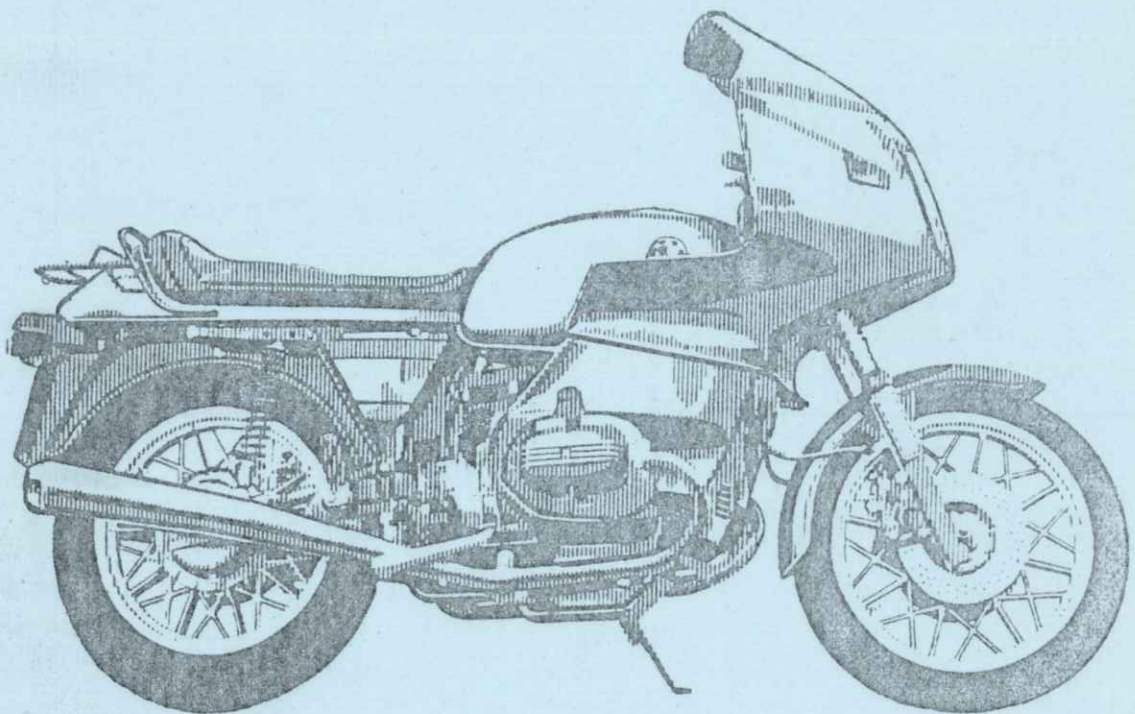


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A NOTE FROM THE PRES.

With our AGM in March not far away, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the others on the Committee, on behalf of the Club members, for the work they have put into the last year. Particularly the work involved preparing for and running our Club Rally and other activities.

All the Committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and it will be up to the members to select, by voting, the people they wish to represent them for the 84/85 Club year. Some of the Committee have advised that they will be available for re-nomination if required, and others have said they will not. So if you think you would like to "have a go" at a position on the Committee, be at the AGM and let someone know you are interested (for new members - a Committee member has to be in the Club for at least 6 months and own a BMW).

Voting is by a "first past the post" system (this isn't Queensland, you know!), and all members are encouraged to attend.

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Several members, including myself, have been able to "test ride" the just-released K100RS at Doug Bryant's this past week (see Bob Rumsey's item), and I think BMW have another winner with this model as well as the standard K100 released late in '83.

The queue starts here (on Doug's doorstep) if you want to buy one, and you had better be quick to beat the inevitable delay in supply, as limited numbers are available at the moment. Go and see Doug and at least look at the RS he has on the floor before they are all sold off. (Who will be first in the Club with one?)

See you at the AGM; till then, ride carefully,

CHRISTOPHER

FOR SALE ...

1976 BMW 900/6 (50,000 genuine KM), with many extras including - BMW Panniers (large) - double discs - kick start - 'S' fairing and instruments - deep valanced f/mudguard - good tyres. Good overall condition, etc. LONG ACT REGO. Contact George Bornen at home on (062) 88 4079.

FOR SALE ...

R90S, Daytona Orange (no other details given).
For info on price etc. contact CHRIS SLATE - 48 0679.

K100 RAFFLE

★ ★ The BMW MCC of Vic. is selling tickets at \$5 each (limit 2,000). ★
★ Tickets will be available at next meeting. Drawn at their Easter Rally.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

9 Feb 1984 at Austrian Australian Club, Mawson.

Meeting opened at 8.10 PM with 18 members present, and apologies from Don Burt, Helen Bryant, Tony Wurzer.

Two intending new members, Roland Altmann and Peter Hempel, were made welcome.

Guest speakers for the evening were Peter Snell (ACT Ambulance Service) and Barry Ogden (St. John Ambulance Brigade).

Correspondence

- . Bikers Ltd. invitation for us to participate in a gymkhana at a date yet to be negotiated/fixed.
- . Entry forms received for Vic BMW Club's Rally over Easter long weekend thru to Anzac Day.
- . Forms received for Easter Rally.

Business

- . NEXT RUN: decided - Run to Cooma district for gliding viewing or participation on Saturday 3rd March. For members who want a longer run - continue down to Bega for an overnight stop.
- . NEXT MEETING: The AGM on 8th March.
- . Doug Bryant will have two K100RS's (one blue, other silver) on display. (- bike cost \$6800 plus on road.)
- . Doug Taylor provided some "Look Bike" stickers.
- . Club to buy a quantity of "Motorcycle Aware Driver" stickers from MRA.
- . Mark Coghlan has Club tools for present.
- . Meeting place for southside runs changed to Weston Service Centre.
- . Photo album obtained by Ian and Jeanette Hahn from Club funds so that Club photograph collection can be started (project agreed to at December 1983 meeting).

Guest Speakers

A general discussion on first aid was given by Peter Snell (ACT Ambulance Service) and Barry Ogden (St. John Ambulance Brigade) spoke briefly on his recommendation that members carry a first aid kit. Peter covered various observations of motorcyclists injuries, usefulness of protective clothing, and how to assist keeping an injured person breathing, stop haemorrhage (bleeding), and bandage broken limbs.

The talk was long and informative, and Peter closed with a suggestion that the Club consider a first aid course at St. John Ambulance be requisite of membership within 6 months of member joining.

Meeting closed without supper due to the time - 10.25 PM, and drinks urn inaccessible - we couldn't use our usual room for the evening.

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 24-26 : Sydney Motorcycle Exhibition at Canterbury Racecourse.
- March 3: Club Run to the Canberra Gliding Club at Bunyan near Cooma. Glider flights can be arranged, an alternate run may be organised for 'low flyers'.
- March 3-4: Ellenborough Falls Rally, near Taree N.S.W.
Tas Rally, near Devonport Tas.
Brigalow Brush Rally, near Dalby Qld.
(no louts allowed)
- March 9-11: Mother Hardy's Rally, near Maffra Vic.
- April 20-23: Bathurst Races at Mt Panorama.
Revs Bathurst Rally, at Ben Chifley Dam, a few miles out of town.
- April 20-25: Biennial BMW Rally, organised by the BMW club of Victoria at a site near Charlies Steamhouse, 7km. N.W. of Clunes.
Retreat Rally, near Mackay Qld.
- May 26-27: Croweater Rally, somewhere in S.A.
- June 9-11: Alpine Rally, at Brindabella.
60th anniversary of the first Australian T.T. Rally to be held near Bungonia where the original course is.

This month's club run will be to the Canberra Gliding Club airfield near Bunyan on the way to Cooma.

Glider flights can be arranged at a cost of about \$20 for one passenger only.

For those of us who are strictly 'low flyers' an alternate run may be organised continuing on from the airfield.

We will meet at the service station next to Doug Bryant Motorcycles on SATURDAY the 3rd of March at 10am.

IMPORTANT: Note the new meeting place. This is in response to suggestions that we should meet at a place where we can fuel up, check tyres, etc.

STOP PRESS: We have been invited by the Four Owners Club to participate in a run/social afternoon on Saturday the 25th of February. Meet at Parliament House at 2pm and a BBQ and volleyball game will be at East Basin at 5-30pm.

TOP TEN CLUBPERSONS TO DATE

1.	Christopher FULKER	140
2.	Bob RUMSEY	136½
3.	(Werner STROTMANN (Ursula STROTMANN)	105
5.	Jeanette HAHN	104½
6.	Don BURT	100
7.	Frank MILLWOOD	97
8.	Ian HAHN	96½
9.	Mark COGLAN	89
10.	Christine CIECHAN	88

who incidentally are closely followed by

11.	Anne FULKER	82
	Margaret WYLDE-BROWNE	82.

Speaking of numbers:- We have the following models
in the Club

R60/6	R60/7	R65	R69S	R75/5	R75/7
R80/7	R80ST	R90/6	R90S	R100/7	R100S
R100RS	R100RT	K100.			

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Would the several members who owe money for their Woolly Pully's (Club pullovers) and/or their Ultra wildlife protection units please bring the money with them to the AGM at the latest. Preferably I can be contacted by phone (H) 31-8059 or (W) 45-2462 to arrange settlement earlier than the AGM, because it's time to balance the books. Thanx

Mark Coghlan

LATE NEWS OF RALLYS

20/23 April 1984 : Cane Toad Rally

Held by QLD BMW MCC

60KM west of Mackay in North Queensland

Cost \$6.00 (\$8.00 Late entries), includes camping fee and badge etc. (\$2.00 children). Rally forms at next meeting.

19-20 May 1984 : Flying Doctor Rally

Near Quorn, 11KM out of Port Augusta, SA.

Tea or coffee on arrival, firewood and water available on site. Cost \$6.00 p.p. (\$7.00 Late entries).

All proceeds to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Good one!)

Post money and details of name, address, bike, club etc. to:

G.G.G. Rally

c/- 5 Holtham Court

Port Augusta West, SA 5700.

TOURING by Bob Rumsey

To try to encourage a bit more interest in 'rallying' I have decided to provide you lucky people with my impressions (or opinions) of coming events that I know of.

Feb.24-26: Sydney Motorcycle Exhibition at Canterbury Race Course is probably the largest and most comprehensive motorcycle show in Australia. Manufacturers' and trade displays of all the new models, accessories, equipment and services available for motorcyclists will be there. Quite a spectacle and well worth the trip.

March 3-4: Ellenborough Falls Rally at Elands in the mountains above Taree on the central north coast (about 160km north of Newcastle), is generally a good, orderly affair with some catering. Many scenic routes can be taken to the site which is approachable only by dirt roads. Of course, Ellenborough Falls nearby is well worth seeing.

April 20-23: Revs Bathurst Easter Rally at Ben Chifley Dam within 20km of Mt Panorama was first run last year. I heard it was a quiet turn out with many family groups present in a pleasant camping spot. Cars are allowed and entry fee entitles you to a discount on the races entry charge.

April, 20-23: The Australian GP Races at Mt Panorama are an 'institution' in the Australian motorcycle scene. Some of the best road racing in the world is to be seen here and the well travelled tourer can be assured of meeting up with many interstate acquaintances in the crowd. Behaviour of both the 'bikie' types and the police is usually harmless while the races are in progress. However there can be serious trouble from either group at other times, especially at night.

As a veteran of 11 consecutive 'Bathursts' and having camped there for the last five years it is my opinion that there may be big trouble this year on the mountain. The police have extended their fortifications and the mob will be out for revenge after last year's riot.

Bystanders are not exempt from being arrested by police and/or beaten up by either group. If you do go, stay away from the police compound and don't take vehicles (especially cars) near any crowds of people.

I won't be camping there.

June 9-11: The Alpine Rally at Brindabella is only 80km away but the trip can be a nightmare for some. As Paul Giles (organiser) said last year after the road being snow covered; "the idea of rallying is to teach a bloke how to ride a motorbike". If you want to learn to ride and camp out in difficult conditions then this rally can be good value. It can also be an easy run, depending on the weather.

Always remember that rallies held near the larger cities generally suffer from the antics of ratbags. Roaring around in the dark (drunk with no mufflers on) is popular around Sydney so be careful where you set up camp. Petrol bombs are more the go down south.

The February club run attracted seven starters despite the early meeting time (8am). We left Philip in nice, clear weather and headed for a regrouping in Braidwood, arriving there after a short demonstration of the excellent roadside servicability of a certain R90S. That's a smart way of saying "it broke down".

Coffee at the waterfront cafe in Bateman's Bay was very pleasant even though the weather had turned to overcast and cool (typical south coast).

After some refuelling we set off along the coast road to Malua Bay where we had our BBQ lunch by the beach. This is a good spot for lunch as there are adequate BBQs tables and shelters, a take away food shop and grog shop nearby and no passing traffic.

We continued on through Mossy Point and Bruclee to return to the 'Bay' via the Princes Hwy which has some rather good winding sections now that they've upgraded it.

After more coffee in Braidwood we all arrived back in Canberra quite early. Shows what can be done when you get an early start.

On the recent long weekend I attended the Australia Day Rally in the Chichester State Forest near Dungog. It was a fairly small turn out and, as usual, a bit damp. Fortunately I didn't stay Sunday night when there was two inches of rain.

There was a good gymkhana on Sunday, the most interesting event being the backwards race. The procedure is to run backwards across a huge mud patch, pick up your bike off its side stand and push it backwards across the mud to where you started. The guy with the R80/7 won.

STOP PRESS (Saturday 18 Feb.)

Just this morning I have been riding the new K100RS. As they say, it has amazing torque and it seems to have a lower center of gravity than the boxers. Its very easy to forget that you're in top gear though, especially coming up to a corner.

The one I rode had quite a lot of vibration below 3000 revs but smoothed out over that. The fairing looks deceptively small from the rider's position but is very effective at over 100km/h. There was no noticeable turbulence at over 130 km/h.

Thanks to Doug Bryant for the ride.

THE SECRETARY RUNNING LATE FOR THE JANUARY RUN TO ANGLER'S REACH:

Well, as a lot of you will know by now, I have purchased Brian Bleming's previous bike (which is an R80ST, not an R80GS, as reported elsewhere.) I took delivery of the bike from Doug Bryant's at the beginning of the year, (Brian had traded it on his new K100) and so I thought that I would take it on the club's first run of the year.

Saturday 9:00am, there was a movement at the station (Phillip Motor Registry,) as the word was passed around that the Secretary would be showing up on his new bike, but it was all to no avail, as he still had not shown up by the time the others got away. Meanwhile back at Frank's place ZZZZZZZZZZZZ..... What's this!??? Still asleep? Hey wake up! it's Saturday the 7th.- We should be going on the Club run today. Ho my god!.10:30, well it's a good day,so I may as well go down to Angler's Reach anyway and see how many of the members have shown up for the run. After getting the bike packed (Made so much easier by the panniers fitted, compared to the old army packs I have had to use on my old bike.) I had a look at the map to see where Angler's Reach was located, and set off.

Out on the road with the bike running well and Frank trying to work out all the new switches and instruments, what do you use a clock for? (Obviously not for getting to the meeting point on time..Ed.) Time soon passed and ^{SAW} me coming into Cooma, and out again, not thinking of stopping 'till I reached Angler's Reach. Just as I was nearing the turn off to the Snowy Mt.s Highway, I came across a K100 travelling into Cooma like a low flying F111! (Chris suggested later that it may have been Brian as he had come on the run as far as Cooma to see some friends who live just south of there.)

On the Snowy Mt.s Highway I pulled over to put on the wet weather gear as it looked like it may rain, however I saw little of it by the time I arrived at Adaminaby where I stopped for some fuel. I pressed on to Angler's Reach and found Chris & Anne Fulker, Werner & Ursula Strotmann, Doug Bryant, with Helen,Family & friend in tow, already settled in and admiring the scenery.

After getting the tent set up I started to prepare my lunch, oh no; not beans again!

THE SEC. RUNNING LATE Pt. 2,

After lunch I tried boiling the billy on the BBQ, gave up and got into hot water from Chris, sorry, I mean I was given some hot water by Chris . We all sat around the (Bush) picnic table near the BBQ with our cups of tea and coffee or whatever and talked about the day so far, the pleasant location that the Strotmann's had for their van and so on. (this is when I mentioned that I had seen the K100 mentioned earlier.)

When we had all finished our brews and had a look about the area Chris took the R65 Doug had ridden down from Canberra and went for a ride around to the Old Adaminaby township, so I took my trusty R80ST for a run and followed behind him, after all, there might have been someone from the ' I Would Like To Own A Harley, Club' out to ambush him.....

We checked out the village and headed back to our campsite, keeping a sharp watch out for the 'IWLTOAH, Club along the way, we probably scared them off by superior numbers,..... On returning Chris gave back the R65 to Doug and went off to pack the R60/6 for his return home.

A while after Chris and Anne had left I spent an hour with some help from Doug trying to stop my tent from blowing away. (The tent is blowing in the wind, by Frank and Doug, ? a new hit song...?)

Saturday night was spent in Werner's caravan with what was left of the group drinking wine and telling fishing (Fishy?) stories, then it was off to the tent, still standing, for a night's sleep. I slept in (AGAIN! Ed.) and missed the fishing trip, but got up in time to see Bob Rumsey arrive on his R80/7. After a morning of coffee/tea and bike stories, it was time to pack up and ride home.

The trip back to Canberra was in good weather with people losing each other but somehow still ending up coming in to Canberra together.

A nice bike on a nice trip to a nice place, now it would be nice to arrive in time to leave with everyone else, must see if I can do it some time..... the end.

Frank Millwood

R80ST.

MOTORCYCLE FIRST AID KIT.

At the last meeting (Feb.) we had a speaker from the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade who spoke about the various ways motorcyclists can help themselves and others if involved in an accident. One of the points raised was that all our members should be encouraged to do a First aid course with St. Johns, or a similar body like the Red Cross, and to carry a suitable first aid kit when riding, especially on long trips.

For those of us that do not yet own K100s or late model R series bikes with the standard BMW first aid kit included, Barry Ogden (Dept. of Aviation officer responsible for checking F/A kits carried in/or approved for/ aircraft in Australia.) has made a list of suitable items for a motorcycle F/A kit, the list was prepared for most situations that could be encountered in general motorcycle related accidents, and has left out bottled products that would be damaged in a fall or by rough roads etc.

The list is as follows:-

4 Triangular bandages	2 #14 wound dressings
1 7.5 cm X 2.5m cotton crepe bandage	
10 cotton buds	10 adhesive dressings (band aids)
1 5cm X 1.5 m conforming elastic bandage	
1 small pkt. tissues	8 Panadol (foil wrapped)
1 Tweezers	1 pr. Tullen kitchen snips
1 eye bath (plastic)	1 note book and pencil (small)

A suitable bag to carry these items would be the resealable plastic bags with the strip along the top, or a small travel bag for shaving gear that has a water-proof lining, with a large red cross on the outside for easy identification.

Other items could be added to the list if a particular situation was likely, i.e. sunburn or insect bites on a long trip.

We thank Barry for his time in preparing the list and for attending the meeting with Peter Snell from the **A.C.T.** Ambulance Service. Everyone present appreciated their comments and most learned some thing helpful.

If interested members could contact Mark we may arrange a course for club members to attend in a group.

C.A.F.

A SPECIAL OFFER TO CLUB MEMBERS FOR MARCH.....

Bush Gear, located in Custom Credit House(Formerly known as the CAGA Centre..) in the south side of the building, have asked us to let you know that they are making us a special offer for the month of March.

Now is a good time to replace your old sleeping bag, or any other item of camping equipment, and on producing your BMW Club membership card, or the Bush gear card for those that have them, Bush gear will give you 15% off. (For cash sales only, and not off items already on sale.)

The store is well equipped with a wide range of camping stoves, sleeping bags of good quality, various types of tents, from the very light weight versions for mountain climbers etc. to the more regular 3 & 4 man (Person....) tents seen at some rallies.

Maps and compasses, winter underwear, -long and short, thick woollen socks and climbing boots, cooking pots — pans and utensils, and special light weight camping food, the freeze dried type, several styles of parkas and other such items are also available.

For the really adventurous they also sell several types of canoes and blow up (Inflatable) dinghies.... (NOT Dolls...)

I suggest you make a list of items you need to buy or renew for the next round of Rallys or camping trips you have lined up, go into Bush Gear and see Steve or one of the staff, and take advantage of the offer they are making us. Now let's see, I need a new.....

CHRISTOPHER.

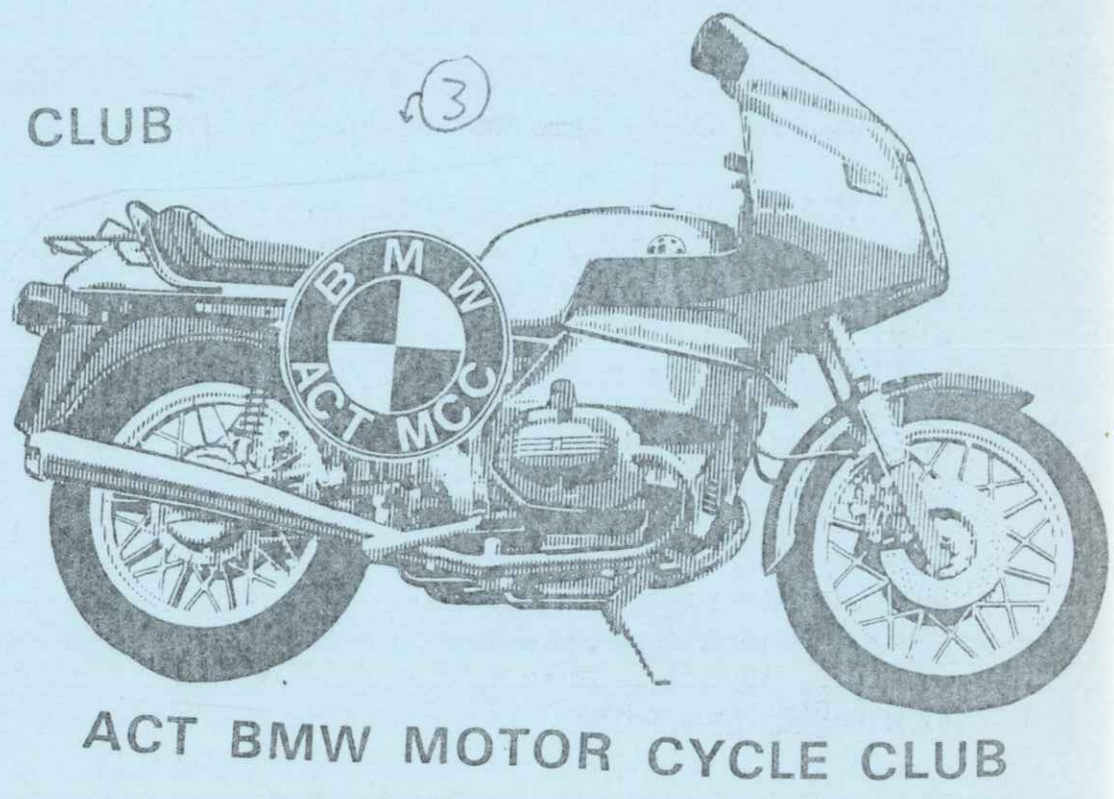
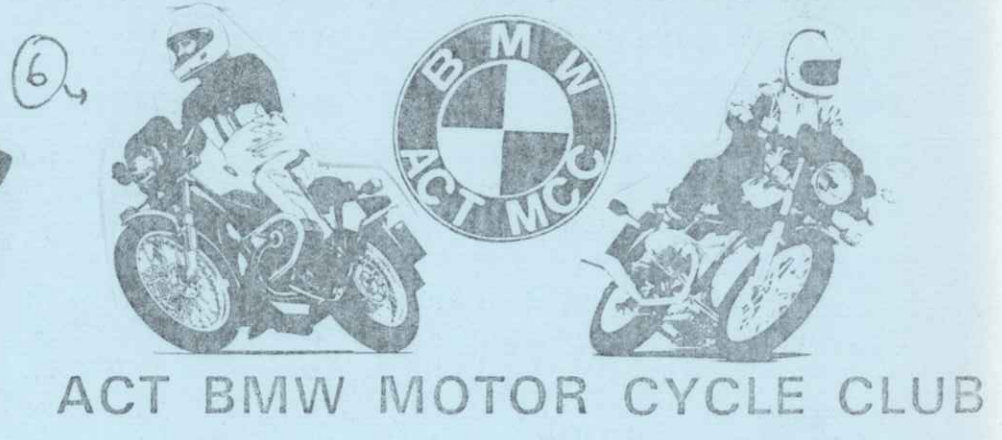
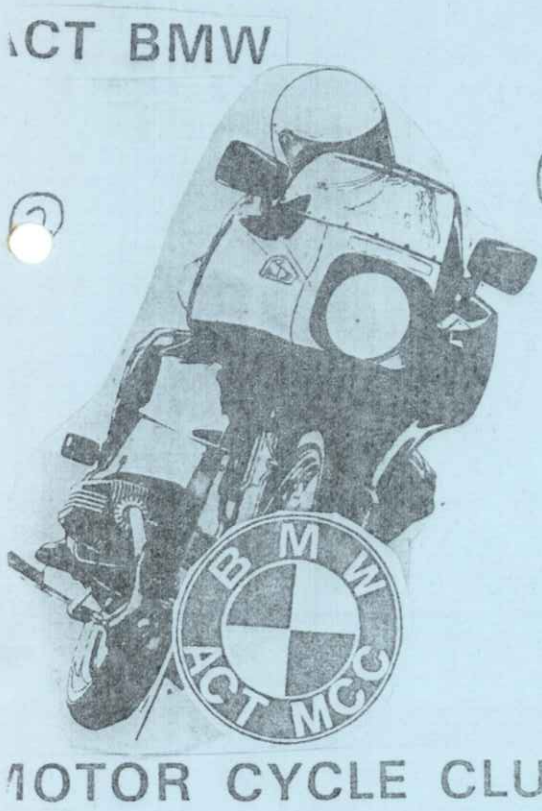
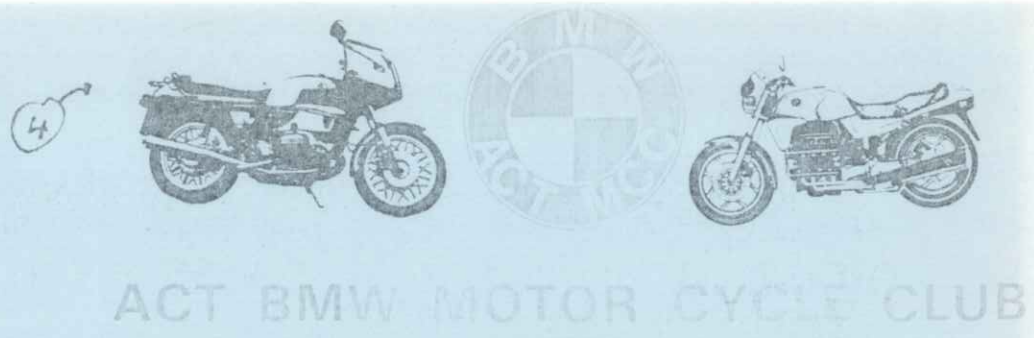
Seeing as you are in the mood to spend.....

The girls at Doug Bryants have told me that spare parts supplies are back to normal at BMW, after the Christmas New Year period, when for one reason or another things seemed to slow down for a while.

Also, while you are in to look at the new K100RS (If he has any left.....) remember that they can get the range of BMW Personal Accessories available on order. (There is a brochure, showing the various items, for you to look through.)

I have one of the BMW body belts, and have found it to be very good, even wearing it when I ride into work and on other such short trips. If you have a birthday coming up, or want to buy a present for some-one else that rides a bike, then check out the range and drop a hint, or buy some thing that will be useful on the bike.

CHRISTOPHER.



YOUR
IDEA
HERE?

SOME IDEAS FOR A CLUB 'STICKER'. PICK ONE YOU LIKE, OR DESIGN YOUR OWN. DECISION MADE AT CLUB MEETING

