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CLUB ACTIVITIES

GENERAL SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, FROM 7:45pm
MEETINGS ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, WESTON.

CLUB FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH (SATURDAY OR SUNDAY)
RUNS MEET AT PAUL BROGAN'S BMW, DUNDAS COURT, PHILLIP.

SOCIAL EVENTS SEE "WHAT'S ON" PAGE.

KOSCIUSKO FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK,
RALLY GEEHI HUT CAMPSITE.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:- SINGLE : \$10 JOINT : \$12. (A.G.M. MARCH)

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ON THE COVER:- BMW R80 TOURING.



CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERLINED

SEPTEMBER

- 1 (MON) -Committee meeting, contact committee members for details.
- 6/7 -CLUB RUN to GEEHI HUT for pre rally inspection.
Meet at Paul Brogan BMW, Dundas Ct., Phillip at 10am or make your own way to Geehi.
-Puma Rally, near Balmoral, Vic.
-Rally Round The Corner, at Sunny Corner near Bathurst. Organised by the Women's International Motorcycle Association. ** NOTE THAT THE DATE PRINTED LAST MONTH FOR THIS RALLY WAS INCORRECT.**
- 8 (MON) -GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.
- 12/14 -Jack Frost Rally, near Taraiga via Goulburn.
-Wombat Rally, at Charleyong via Braidwood.
-Black Night Rally, near Swan Hill, Vic.
- 20/21 -Broke'n'ill Rally, near Broken Hill, far west NSW.
- 27/28 -Butlers Beach Rally, York Peninsula, SA.

OCTOBER

- 4/5/6 -KOSCIUSKO RALLY, at Geehi Hut, Kosciusko National Park. Club members only \$2, we need as many helpers as possible.
- 12 -Castrol 6 Hour Race at Oran Park, Sydney.
- 13 (MON) - GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.
- 18/19 -Thunder Rally, at Lake Cargelligo, NSW (a rally for Ducati nuts).
-BMW Clubs' Mini Rally at Buchan Caves, north east Vic.

NOVEMBER

- 10 (MON) -GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.
- 15/16 -Oyster Rally, near Nelligen, south coast.
-Little Gem Rally, near Wee Jasper just out of Canberra (formerly Goodradigbee River Rally- name changed).

 DON'T FORGET THE FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL SIPS AT
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 MATILDA'S TAVERN IN THE WESTON CREEK SHOPS.
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OUR FIRST EVER SERVICE DAY!!

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE WITH AN EXPERT FORMER BMW MECHANIC TO HOLD A SERVICE DAY FOR CLUB MEMBERS SOMETIME IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BRING ALONG YOUR BIKE AND HAVE ANY OF ITS MYSTERIES EXPLAINED OR SERVICING PROBLEMS IRONED OUT. THERE WILL BE NO COST TO CLUB MEMBERS FOR THIS SERVICE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED PLEASE SUGGEST A DATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
11 AUGUST, 1936.

OPENED : 8-05pm
VENUE : ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, WESTON.
APOLOGIES : J Cole, D Chown, B Searle, D Parrington, P Oliver, S
PRESENT : S Sunderland. 30
MEMBERS :
VISITORS Mick Jones, Paul van Raak.
NEW MEMBERS : Paul van Raak

MINUTES of previous General Meeting accepted. Moved by
Seconded by

CORRESPONDENCE

OUT : Kosciusko Rally Entry Forms.

IN : Club Magazines: BMW TC NSW, BMW MCC Qld, BMW MCC Vic. MRA
July 1986.
Invitation to NSW Ducati Club 10th Anniversary.
Commonwealth Bank Statement.
Kosciusko Rally Entries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: RECEIVED, \$76, rally entries, new members etc.
EXPENDITURE, \$45-18.

PAST EVENT REPORTS

BUSINESS:-Next run to Geehi Hut (see 'What's On')
-Next Social Event to be a night at 'Canberra Cannons'
Basketball at Bruce Stadium on September 12. Contact Peter
Oliver for details.
-Friday night Social Sip venue moved from the Rose Cottage
Inn to Matilda's Tavern in Cooleman Court. Still at 8pm
Fridays.
-A Service Day has been arranged with Doug Bryant, BMW
expert, it will be on a Saturday afternoon to be decided
at next meeting.
-Paul van Raak will be travelling to Perth in December. Is
anyone interested in a trip?
-The Rally Committee was appointed, consisting of Chris
Fulker, Frank Millwood, Peter Oliver, Fran Gilchrist,
Bob Rumsey and Ken Parrington.

-Videos of Kosciusko Rally and Dutch Grand Prix were
shown after the meeting.

NEXT MEETING : 8th September.

NEXT RUN : 6th and 7th September to Geehi Hut.

CLOSED : 8-35pm.

Thanks to Lesley Oliver for standing
in as Secretary.

'BITS AND PIECES-

R100RS NOT FOR AUSTRALIA

Following up on our report last month about the reintroduction of the 1000cc flat twin it now seems that a 'RS' version will not be destined for the Australian market.

BMW intends to promote a R100GS machine here but any new R100RS will be aimed at the American scene.

This is to avoid competition for sales of the more sporting orientated 'K' series here.

Speaking of the 'K' series, BMW are rumoured to be developing a new version of the K75 featuring a four valve head and carburettors instead of fuel injection.

SOCIAL SIP MOVED-

The weekly 'social sip', up to now held at the Rose Cottage each Friday night, has been moved to MATILDA'S TAVERN at Cooleman Court in the Weston Creek Shops. This is to provide a change of atmosphere (literally) as the Rose Cottage was found to be unsuitable in winter.

Good meals are available at Matilda's and drinks are at reasonable prices so come along on FRIDAY NIGHTS at 8PM and join in.

NEXT RUN TO GEEHI

The next club run will be to our Kosciusko Rally site at Geehi Hut in the Kosciusko National Park to check out the situation before the rally in October.

If you wish to come along and camp overnight meet at Weston Motorcycles, Dundas Ct. Phillip on Saturday 6th of September at 10 am.

If unable to meet this deadline then just make your own way there, its about a four hour, 250km trip via Thredbo.

Note that the Cabramurra to Khancoban road will be closed at this time of year.

Maybe you can't afford to go overnight, then just come as far as Thredbo or Jindabyne on the Saturday.

See you there?

100,000 ON ONE BADGES

The long awaited, much fabled 100,000 on one scheme is finally in sight, reports the Victorian club's magazine.

The idea of the scheme is to provide those of us who have completed more than 100,000km on the one BMW with something to show for the effort, other than a half worn out motorcycle.

An enamel badge and a certificate suitable for display will be available through the scheme to those who are eligible.

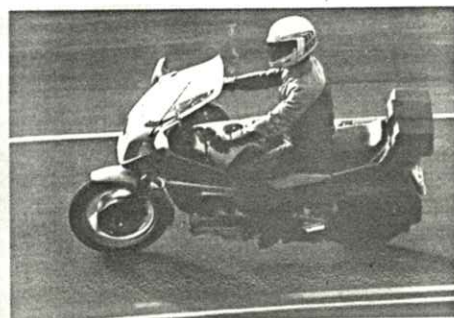
No doubt our club will be obtaining further details, but if you are interested enquiries may be directed to MICK FAGAN C/- BMW MCC Vic. or 13 Eden St. Cheltenham, Vic. 3192.

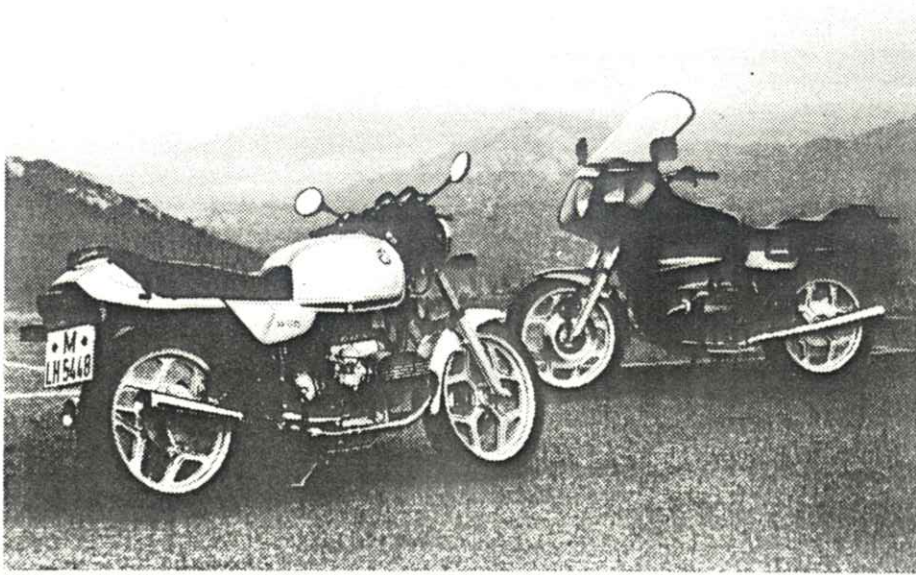
KOSCIUSKO RALLY

An entry form for this year's rally appears on the last page of this magazine.

Entry fees for club members is only \$2 per person, there is no concession for kids as this only covers costs.

It is very important that all club members do their bit for the rally as it is the club's major fund raising exercise for the year. Please pass on the rally details to all your motorcycling friends and if you require more entry forms contact CHRIS FULKER on 310 114 or BOB RUMSEY on 919 329.





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** THE INAUGURAL GUNYAH RALLY **

By Ken Parrington.

It was a sunny eight degrees outside when I proceeded down the stairs to load the RT at around 9-15am. On with the panniers, tent and sleeping bag and ready to roar. 10am and I said goodbye to Debbie for the weekend (oh.. the freedom). First stop, two km down the road for an encounter with the Autobank, then another half km to the garage to fill up on Go-juice. Two stops and I hadn't even left Queanbeyan yet. The usual dodge through city traffic then followed, until at last I was on my way.

The rally was at Lockhart, about 60km west of Wagga, so I planned on a refuelling stop at Wagga and then on to the rally. The route that I took was the usual giant circle (up to Yass and down to Wagga), it seems as if you have got nowhere, even though you have travelled 350km. It was a beautiful day for a ride, not too warm and not too cold, just right. Just outside Gundagai, I was beginning to wonder if I was the only person going to the rally as I had not seen another bike, when suddenly I saw them, two pieces of motorcycle magic (two R80s) parked outside the tucker stop at snake gully. After a daring emergency stop from 120kmh in order to negotiate the turnoff (I actually overran it), I went in to investigate. To my surprise the owners turned out to be Chris Fulker and Peter Oliver. They were just about to leave after having filled their bellies. It was close to noon so I decided to stop there for lunch. Chris and Peter took off and I followed at about 12-45.

I was cruising along just outside Forrest Hill when I came upon Paul van Raak on his R80GS. A quick stop at Wagga for fuel and we were off. Paul and I finally arrived at the rally site (about 20km north of Lockhart on the Narrandera road) at around 2-30pm.

On arrival at the site I was somewhat puzzled at the sea of tin topped vehicles sporting four wheels. After digging through the archives of my mind I remembered that the entry form had the words NO CARS, GLASS OR OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR. Puzzling over this, I thought perhaps our country cousins in Lockhart didn't know the difference between a car and a bike, after all the club was called the LTD's (Lockhart Tar and Dirt riders). Well they did assure us that they weren't Ford owners. Anyhow, from then on it was plain to see that this was to be a rally characterised by the willingness and commitment of the host club to enforce its rules (rule no.1 broken.. one down, two to go). We didn't have to wait long before rule No.3 bit the dust either. A highly intellectual individual who later became known to us as "Spot" decided that he would rather be at a nudist camp and proceeded to stagger around in the first suit his mum and dad gave him (rule No.3 broken). And of course, later on, rule No.2 went down in a screaming heap.

The usual Saturday afternoon frivolity continued with the " Let's see who can wreck their outfit" competition.

Chris and Peter finally arrived at about 5pm after having dropped in on someone on the way. After making a monumental decision on where to place their tent they finally set up. After dinner, warmth was found around our camp fire until it was raided by the inebriated hords. We wandered from fire to fire, nearly getting blown off the face of mother earth by a couple of pipe bombs, and sipping a few beers until we finally bedded down.

Sunday morning 10-30 and the start of the trek home, the weather was fantastic and we had a great ride. We came home via the back route from Wagga to Gundagai where some great scenery was to be found.

In all, the rally was OK, The site was reasonable, it was large and there was plenty of room for tents, local Apex club ran a steak and sausage stall and the LTD's ran a bar supplying the thirsty

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"GUNYAH RALLY" continued...

multitude with plenty of VB. Water was supplied from a large water tank but toilet facilities were terrible (portable loos cut out from garbage cans). The main problem with the toilets was that they weren't emptied enough. I would estimate around 300 people attended the rally which isn't bad for a first timer. I'm glad I went,, as I got to meet a few of our club members but I would probably think twice about going next year. Anyhow, see you around, ride safe.

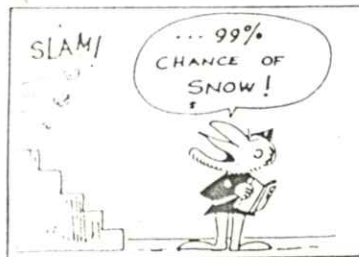
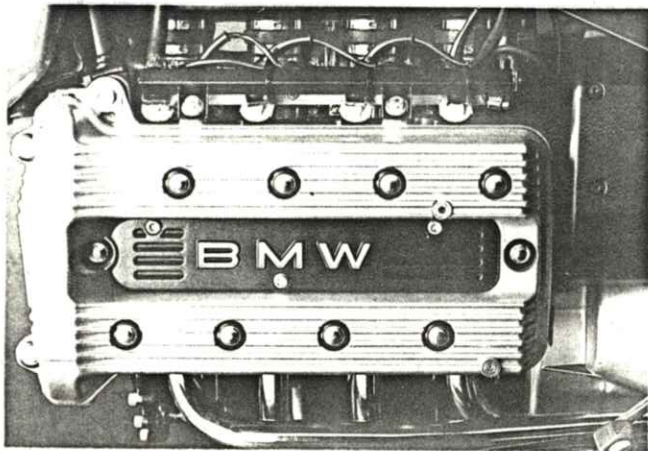
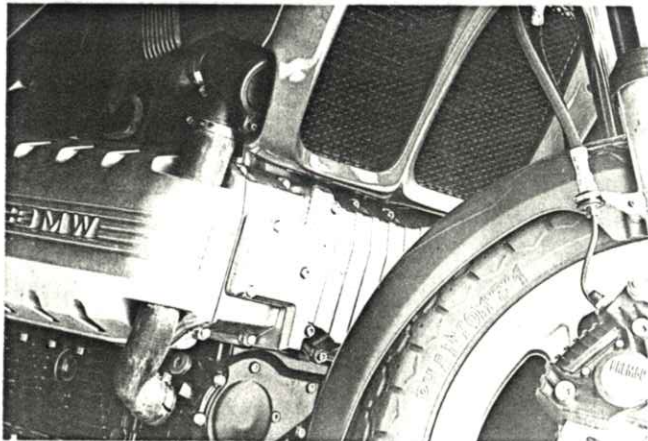
K.P. R80RT.

***** A COUPLE MORE FUTURE EVENTS *****

SEPTEMBER 14- REMEMBER THE RENAULT OWNERS CLUB ECONOMY RUN ? IT WAS APPARENTLY CANCELLED AND IS NOW TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, OTHER DETAILS ARE AS BEFORE AND WERE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY ISSUE.

NOVEMBER 2- WE HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE BMW CAR CLUB TO A CONCOURSE AND SOCIAL DAY- MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH.

DECEMBER 13/14-THE DUCATI OWNERS CLUB OF NSW ARE HAVING A TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND AT ORAN PARK RACEWAY NEAR SYDNEY- MORE DETAILS LATER.



**** "STOLEN FROM...." DEPARTMENT ****

After seeing one of my technical articles, reprinted by Chris Fulker, again reprinted in the Victorian club's 'BEE EM' magazine I've decided that its about time I got into the act also (and saved myself a helluva lot of work too).

So here's an article stolen from the Victorian 'Bee Em' which, I believe was originally pinched from the BMW Owners' News, America.

By the way, other editors, if you want to reprint any more of my articles let me know and I'll send you the originals.

(Bob Rumsey, Ed.)

Seriously, its an excellent article and very applicable to Canberra conditions.

PROLONGING BATTERY LIFE

I always knew winter was good for something, and now I may have found out what. Cold weather slows down the self-discharge rate of your battery.

What? You didn't know your battery discharges itself when not in use? Sure does. In hot weather, a month in storage can be enough that your favourite toy won't start when you are ready to go for that much-delayed ride. More normal summer temperatures take about two months-assuming you keep it charged when you ride.

In addition to self-discharge, the battery loses charge through current drain. This generally applies only to bikes (like many touring mounts, and all K bikes) which have electrical accessories which use current even when the switch is off. This will apply to all bikes with clocks or computers.

Whatever the cause of the battery discharge, the penalties for overlooking it include not only an inability to start your machine when you want to (one of Murphy's Laws of Electricity states that the probability of battery failure increases geometrically as you approach the start of your vacation) but also premature battery failure. Very quickly after the battery drain occurs, sulfation begins. It is irreversible; wherever sulfation has occurred on the plates, the plate will no longer take and hold a charge. After only a few days sitting with the battery discharged, sufficient sulfation can occur to wipe out your battery.

Let's take an example from a recently-received publication from Yuasa-General Battery Company-that battery company headquartered in the typically Japanese city of Reading, Pennsylvania. Combining the normal self-discharge rate of a 20 amp battery at 77 degrees F with the current drain of a computerized motorcycle with an electric clock (30ma draw), you will find a 50% discharge in 12 days. The bike probably will not start. In another 12 days (24 days total), the battery will be dead. Add a few more days, and sulfation has ruined the battery.

Of course, you can prevent this catastrophe. The optimum way is to ride often, fast, and far. If you can't do that, invest in a trickle charger and a hydrometer, and check your battery regularly. Yuasa recommends their YBGC chargers, which put out 0.5 amps; they're good, and you can wire your BMW so you can charge the battery without taking anything off. This can be done with a BMW plug on the charger (my preference) with a pigtail lead provided by Yuasa, or through the cigarette lighter plug on some touring bikes.

Use the trickle charger anytime you have not ridden the bike for two weeks in the summer, or a month in the winter. Leave it on for sufficient time to recharge your battery, and CHECK IT! A 20 amp battery which is 75% charged will require 25 hours to reach full charge. A 28 amp battery which is 75% charged will require 35 hours. If you let your battery get down to 50% charge, it will take twice as long-70 hrs on a 28 amp battery, or about three days. Obviously higher rate chargers will take less time.

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Prolonging Battery Life- Continued...

And be sure that your trickle charger will shut off when the battery is fully charged. Otherwise, you can forget it and boil out the water. This also leads to battery failure. If your trickle charger does not shut itself off, I suggest shopping for a new one.

If your battery shows a variation between cells of more than .005 specific gravity, hit it with an automotive charger with a rate of 2 to 4 amps until the specific gravity comes up to 1.265 on every cell. This will result in uniform gassing from all cells. If this 1.265 cannot be achieved on all cells, your battery is starting to go south.

Now that we've reviewed all the horror stories, what about that battery you left in your bike all winter? Well, if you live in Michigan like I do, and your bike is in an unheated garage (or outdoors), your bike will self-discharge 25% in about three months. If you simply forgot it out there, it is probably still OK. Take time out to take a specific gravity reading, then recharge it if necessary. If you find your battery cracked open and drained all its acid down the frame of your machine, you put it away discharged. Both battery and motorcycle frame are kaput.

Here's a table of % charge, specific gravity, and freezing point. Recharge time will depend on battery and charger size.

STATE OF CHARGE	SPECIFIC GRAVITY	FREEZING POINT
100%	1.265	-75 F degrees
	1.225	-35 F degrees
75%	1.210	-24 F degrees
	1.200	-17 F degrees
50%	1.160	0 F degrees
	1.150	+5 F degrees
25%	1.120	+13 F degrees
	1.100	+18 F degrees
0%	1.050 OR LESS	+27 F degrees

TECHNICAL 'TIP'-

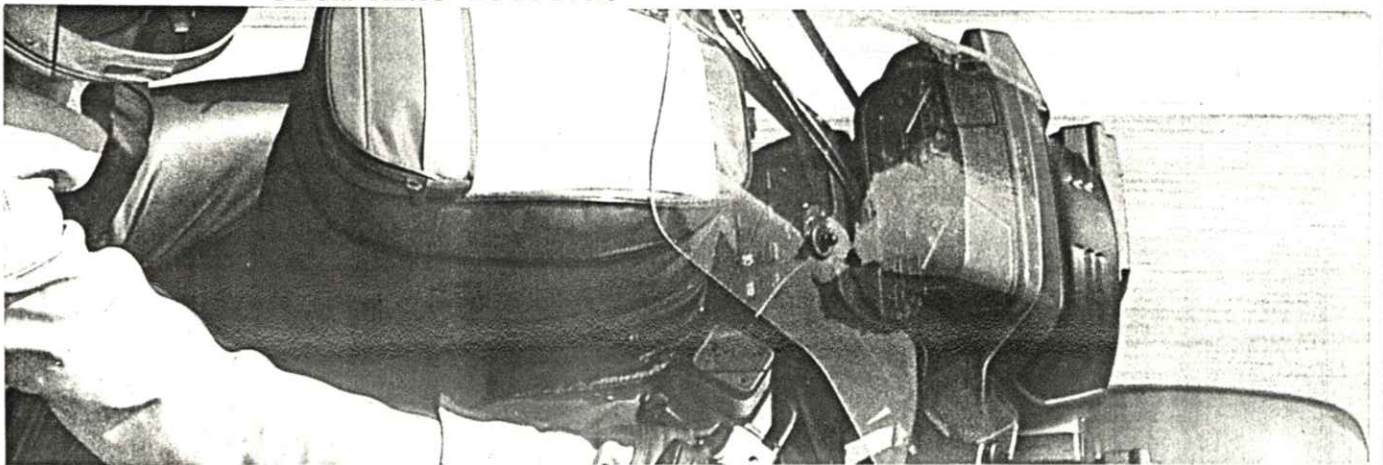
-TANKBAG SCUFFING-

To avoid scuffing the paint on your bike's tank when a tankbag is fitted, obtain a piece of soft cloth, cut it slightly larger than the tankbag base and cut a suitable hole for the filler cap.

The anti-static soft yellow cloth used for cleaning records is ideal.

Fit the cloth loosely beneath the tankbag base and you should not experience any paint scuffing. The scuffing problem usually occurs at or near the top of the curvature of the tank, especially if the bottom compartment of the bag is packed with something heavy like a BMW rainsuit.

From Mike Houston.





1986 KOSCIUSKO RALLY

THE A.C.T. BMW MOTOR CYCLE CLUB INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 5th ANNUAL KOSCIUSKO RALLY, TO BE HELD ON THE 4th, 5th and 6th OCTOBER 1986. (LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND FOR A.C.T. & N.S.W.)

EN ROUTE to the Rally you will travel on some of Australia's most spectacular motorcycling roads and through the greatest Alpine scenery in N.S.W.

RALLY SITE is the GEEHI HUT CAMPSITE at the junction of the ALPINE WAY and SWAMPY PLAIN RIVER in the KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK, (turn into the site at the bridge) approx 35km from Khancoban (5km unsealed) and 43km from Thredbo (33km unsealed). Whilst the Alpine Way is not sealed, the road is usually in good condition, subject to weather. WATCH FOR OTHER TRAFFIC ON THIS SECTION.

CABRAMURRA/KHANCOBAN LINK ROAD may be closed by snow, if so, detour via the Elliot Way near Cabramurra. Road conditions are posted at Jindabyne and Kiandra and are also available from Cooma Visitors' Info. Centre.

SUPPLIES AND FUEL available from Cooma or Jindabyne.

TAKE-AWAYS AND FUEL available in Corryong and Khancoban.

BADGES available on arrival.

TEA/COFFEE/CORDIAL & BISCUITS provided after Check-in. No other on-site catering (this Rally is BYO everything).

AWARDS will be presented on Sunday morning and those wishing to nominate are asked to Register at the Control Point by Saturday night for the following categories:

- LARGEST CLUB ATTENDANCE: YOUNGEST ENTRANT:
- LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELLED (direct from home):-
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To ensure delivery before the Rally, post ENTRY FORM & FEE before 30th September 1986 to:
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(NOTE: Do not sent cash by mail)

THE RALLY is a social weekend for motorcyclists and their families, we ask, therefore, that offensive behaviour be avoided. Dogs and other pets are prohibited by law within the National Park (the Ranger makes regular visits). No four-wheeled vehicles allowed.

THE ORGANISERS CAN ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY INCURRED BY THOSE ATTENDING. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY.

ENTRY FORM

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