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CLUB ACTIVITIES

GENERAL MEETINGS SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, FROM 7:45pm
 ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, WESTON.
 CLUB RUNS FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH (SATURDAY OR SUNDAY)
 MEET AT PAUL BROGAN'S BMW, DUNDAS COURT, PHILLIP.
 SOCIAL EVENTS SEE "WHAT'S ON" PAGE.
 KOSCIUSKO RALLY FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK,
 GEEHI HUT CAMPSITE.

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ON THE COVER:- BMW K75C.



CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERLINED

OCTOBER

- 4, 5 & 6 -KOSCIUSKO RALLY, meet at Weston Motorcycles, Dundas Ct. Phillip at 9-30am, Saturday or phone Chris Fulker on 310114 for details of advance party leaving on Friday.
- 12 -Castrol 6 Hour Race at Oran Park, Sydney. A club group is going, contact Mike Houston or Paul Brogan.
- 13 -GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.
- 7-11 -MRA BIKE WEEK display at Belconnen Mall, primarily a trade only display.
- 13-18 -MRA BIKE WEEK display at Woden Plaza, A.C.T. clubs' display. (Setting up will be on Saturday 11th).
- 18/19 -Not The Rabbit Flat Rally, informal meeting of all BMW clubs at BUchan Caves Caravan Park (a beautiful spot), at Buchan Caves near Orbost, Vic.
- 25/26 -The Hat Rally, at Araluen near Braidwood.
-Spaghetti Rally, Buckland River, Vic.

NOVEMBER

- 1/2 -Capital Rally, at Tharwa.
- 2 (SUN) -Combined BMW car and bike clubs' concourse and BBQ at Weston Park, Canberra. Meet at Weston Park.
- 8/9 -CLUB RUN to Wagga Wagga, meet outside Weston Motorcycles at 9-30am Saturday for weekend trip.
Country members please note- this one's for you.
- 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.

DECEMBER

- 6/7 -CLUB RUN, to be advised.
- 8 (MON) GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.
- 13 (SAT) -CHRISTMAS PARTY BBQ, from 5pm, bring the family. Details of venue next time.

 DON'T FORGET THE FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL SIPS AT
 MATILDA'S TAVERN IN THE WESTON CREEK SHOPS.

KOSCIUSKO RALLY

THE FIRST WEEKEND NEXT MONTH (LONG WEEKEND) IS OUR ANNUAL KOSCIUSKO RALLY. AS THIS IS THE CLUB'S MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE THERE AND LEND A HAND TO THE RALLY COMMITTEE. IT WILL CERTAINLY SAVE US ALL FROM WORRYING ABOUT FUND RAISING FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

AN 'ADVANCE PARTY' GROUP WILL BE TRAVELLING DOWN TO GEEHI ON FRIDAY, CONTACT CHRIS FULKER FOR DETAILS. SEE YOU THERE????

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

OPENED : 8-15pm
VENUE : ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, WESTON.
APOLOGIES : Bob Rumsey, Peter Oliver, Anne Fulker, Ian and Jeanette
PRESENT : 19 MEMBERS Hahn, D Parrington, S&H Sunderland, L Oliver.
: VISITORS
NEW MEMBERS Robert Boughton and Lee Wren (K100RS), Bernard Holt (R80 GS)
MINUTES of previous General Meeting accepted. Moved by
Seconded by

CORRESPONDENCE

OUT : Nil.

IN : ACT BMW Car Club, re combined concourse on Nov. 2.
BMW MCC Vic. re Buchan Caves meeting, Oct. 18 & 19.
Rally entry forms, Hat Rally Oct. 25/26.
Renault Car Club, economy run Sept. 14.
ACT Combined Motor Clubs, minutes.
BMW Drivers' Club Aust., re international BMW Clubs Council.
Council of ACT Motor Clubs, minutes.

~~Journals~~ BMW MCC NSW, MRA.

PAST EVENT REPORTS
September Run to Geehi;
Members were turned back at Dead Horse Gap by heavy snow storm.

BUSINESS 1. Combined BMW Clubs Concourse and BBQ to be at Weston Park on Nov. 2. Several prizes to be provided from club funds. Warren and Fran Gilchrist to liase with BMW car club.
2. Minutes of September committee meeting read and discussed.
3. Discussion of Xmas BBQ, to be on Sat. December 13. Site and other details to be organised by Ken Parrington and Dave Stone.
4. November Club Run to be on Nov. 8/9 to Wagga to meet with country members.
5. MRA Bike Week, business display at Belconnen (8th to 11th) Clubs' display at Woden (13th to 18th). Club bikes wanted for display- to be organised by Paul Brogan.
6. Discussion re Kosciusko Rally, prices for folding table to be checked.
7. Treasurer's report: \$171 received, \$796.26 spent (rally badges).
8. MRA rider training for learners at Tech College has fallen through temporarily.
9. Steve Cavanagh is organising "Stay Upright" courses for

NEXT MEETING : Monday October 13. Canberra.

NEXT RUN : October 4,5&6- Kosciusko Rally.

CLOSED :

Current membership is

Thanks to Chris Fulker for standing as secretary.

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'BITS AND PIECES'-

NOT THE RABBIT FLAT RALLY

All Australian BMW clubs have been invited to attend an informal get together weekend camp at the Buchan Caves Camp Ground in eastern Vic. The event will be on the 18th and 19th of October 1986.

There will be no organised events or catering on site, neither will there be any entry fees or badges and it is definitely easier to get to than the Rabbit Flat Rally.

Buchan Caves is less than 500km from Canberra via Bombala, or even closer via Jindabyne, there is a pub, shops and beautiful scenery and campground there (excellent facilities).

This run was jointly proposed by us and the Vic. club and, to quote from their letter, they look forward to seeing us at this "laid back affair" so that we can all have a "really good time".

ANOTHER JOINT BMW CLUB EVENT

The BMW Drivers' Club of Canberra have invited us to join in a "Concourse D'Elegance" at Weston Park (near Yarralumla) on Sunday November the 2nd.

This will be a BYO, BBQ lunch type affair and prizes for several categories will be supplied by the club.

Don't forget to BYO BMW too.

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BREAKFAST RUN

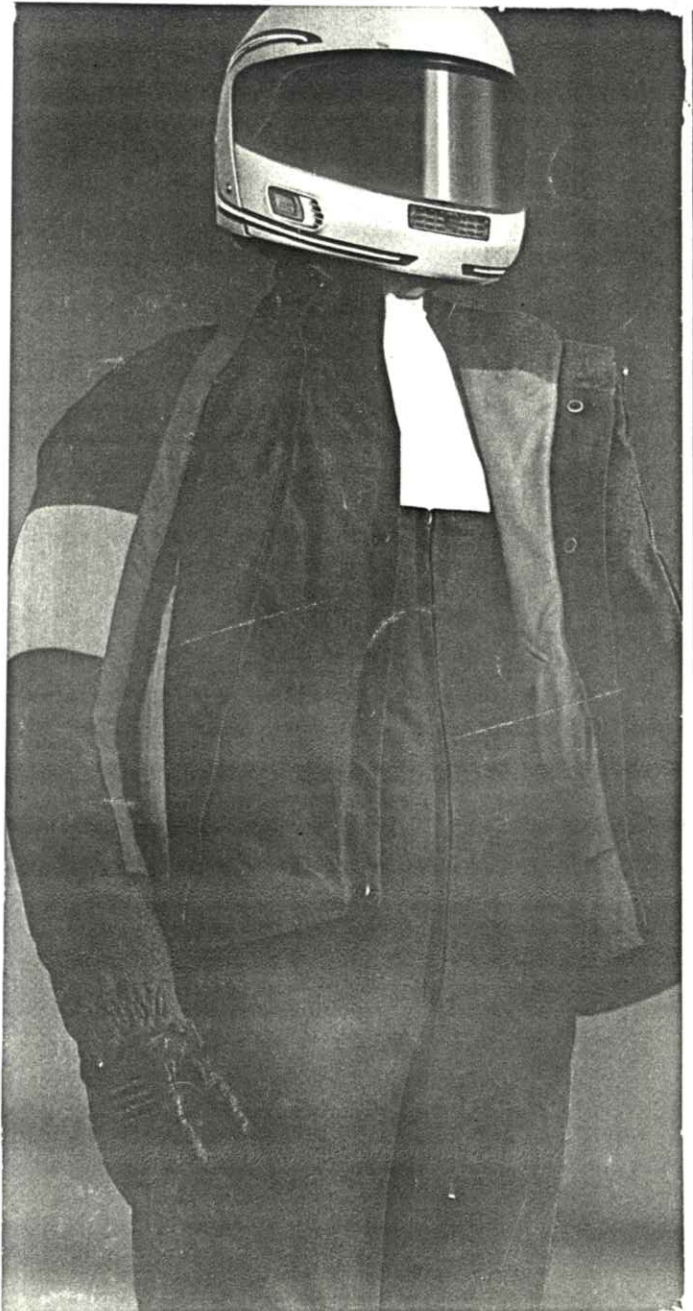
The annual ACT Motor Clubs' Breakfast Run will this year be organised by the MG Car Club and will be on Nov. 9.

BMW GORE-TEX RIDING SUIT

BMW have created "a new dimension in motorcycle wear" with the release of a new riding suit incorporating the space age material 'Gore-Tex'.

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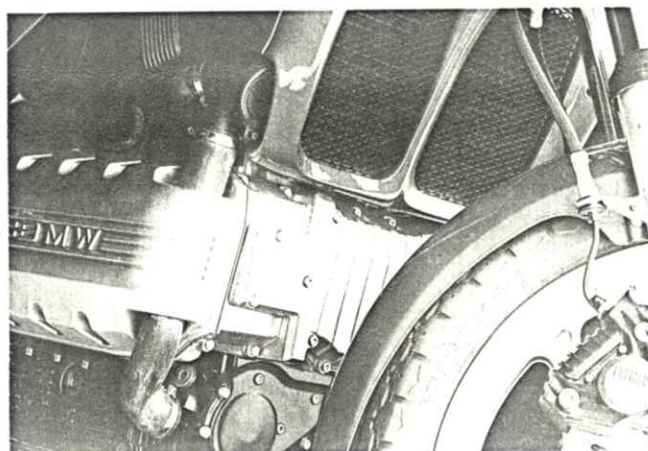
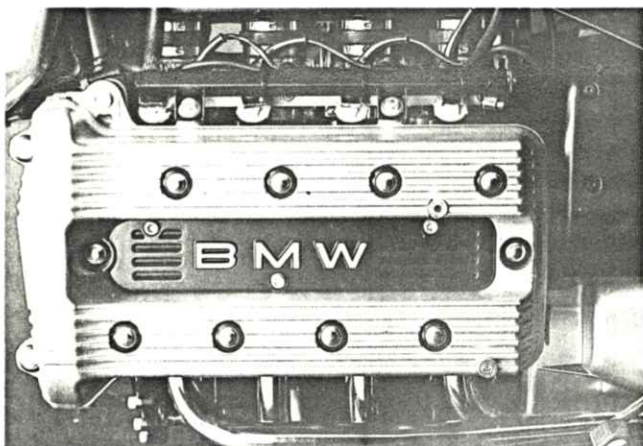
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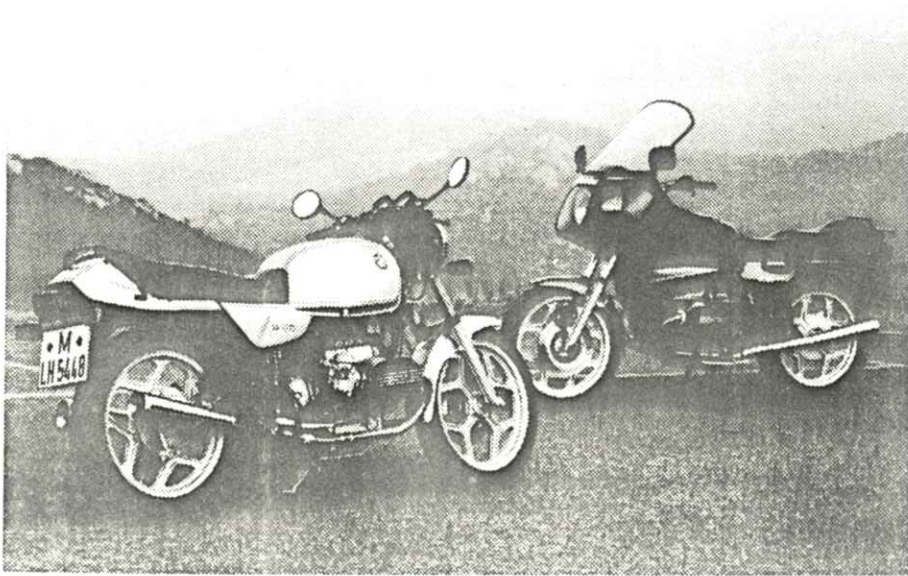
PHONE JEANETTE HAHN, 838 126. A.H.

— LOOSE SPOKES —

- ** Ken and Debbie Parrington, will be departing for the USA in December as Ken has received a posting there with his employer AWA . (See ad above). Good luck from all of us.
- ** Secretary Hilda Sunderland has returned from her sortie to the old country (England). Welcome back.
- ** We are happy to announce the engagement of long time club member, Peter Oliver to Fiona Miller. The wedding will be in December this year. Congratulations Peter and Fiona.
- ** Warren and Fran have sold their 'old' R100RT and are looking around for a good K100RT to replace it.
- ** Tim Morrissey, Famous (?) Canberra Cannon and basketballer recently purchased a new R80.
- ** There hasn't been much "social sipping" lately. Does anyone have some suggestions on how to revive the "sips"?



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KOSCIUSKO RALLY TIME AGAIN.

Our club's Kosciusko Rally is on again at Geehi on the first weekend in October. This also coincides with the celebration of Labour Day on the Monday for fortunate residents of the A.C.T. and N.S.W.

Geehi (pronounced as in 'jeep') is the site of the rally, situated in the Snowy Mountains at the Khancoban end of the Alpine Way which runs between Jindabyne and Khancoban.

For those newcomers who are unfamiliar with the area and are deciding which approach to take, Geehi is 43km from Thredbo which includes 30km of good dirt, or 35km from Khancoban with only 3km of dirt.

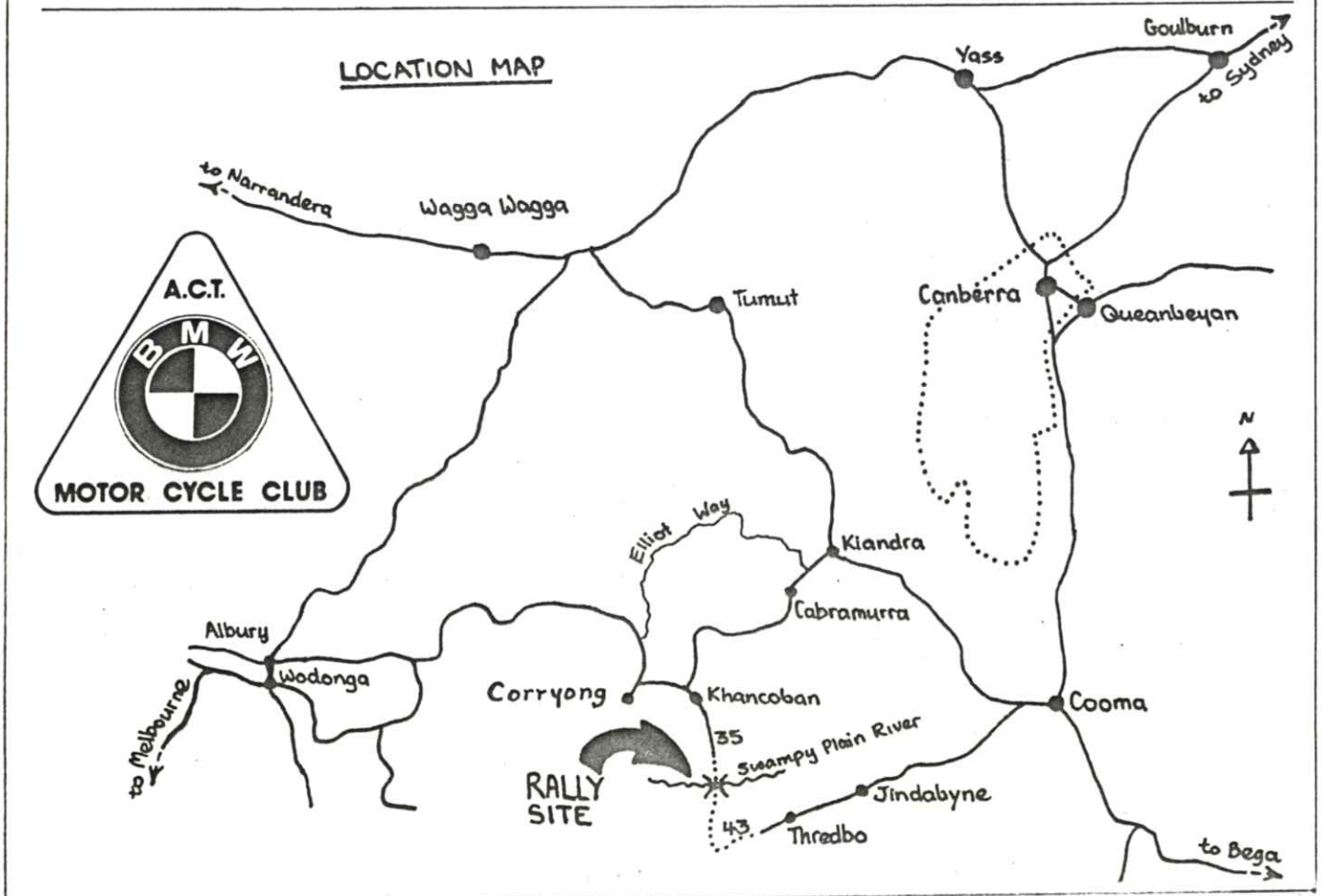
The site itself is in a most beautiful alluvial valley surrounded by snow capped peaks at this time of year. The temporary tent dwellers site themselves and their fires along the bank of the cold, clear, snow chilled waters of the Swampy Plain River whilst a small airstrip arrows up to the rally headquarters at the far southern end of the valley.

This rally has experienced great success in it's previous four years and all members, and especially our new members, are encouraged to come along, to have a great weekend and to assist our hard-working Rally Committee to raise the flag of the A.C.T. BMW Club.

There will be groups of club members leaving Canberra for the rally site from Friday morning on. So if you are looking for some company to ride down with then phone either: Chris Fulker- 310 114 or Bob Rumsey- 919 329.

Don't forget now- the first weekend in October for the best rally of the year, the KOSCIUSKO. See you there.

Regards to all,
Mike Houston, President.



MOTORCYCLE ELECTRICS (Watch the sparks fly)

No bike can run without electricity, and although electrical failures cause more breakdowns than any other fault, most riders are painfully ignorant about this aspect of their machine. Electricity provides the ignition spark, which makes the engine run, and the power for many other components, such as the lights, which are essential, and electric starters, which are convenient.

The electricity needed by a bike is produced by an engine-driven generator. On most modern bikes this is an alternator. Other machines may have a dynamo or magneto. The power is regulated to produce 12 volts or, on old machines and most trail bikes, 6 volts.

Most machines have a battery to store this power, so that it can be used when the generator is not producing as much as the bike is using. Occasionally the generator is connected straight to the electrical components, and no battery is fitted. This is called 'direct electrics' and means that the ignition and lighting only work when the engine is running.

Each system is connected to the power source, usually by separate wires. One side of the circuit is made by connecting the component to the metal frame of the bike, which is connected to the power source. This is called the earth (ground) connection. The ignition switch controls power to all systems, but each usually has its own switch as well.

The power also flows through one or more fuses. A fuse is a thin piece of wire which burns out quickly if too much current passes through it, stopping the current and so protecting the rest of the circuit.

The ignition system has a separate circuit, switched on by the ignition switch. This circuit includes the contact breaker points (or an electronic trigger), coils and spark plugs. The spark plugs have high-tension leads which are connected with insulated plug caps.

FAULT PREVENTION

There are four main reasons why electrical systems fail:

- 1) A circuit can break because a wire has chafed through.
- 2) A loose or corroded connector stops power getting through.
- 3) A short circuit develops, allowing electricity to find an easier path than through the component usually because a wire has worn through and made contact with the frame to earth.
- 4) The power source itself can fail.

Protection against the first two faults is easy, and consists of making regular checks to see that none of the wires is strained or rubbing, and making sure that all the connections are sound. If a wire is at fault, bind it with insulating tape or replace it. Trouble with connections is often due to water, which corrodes them or causes short circuits. This can be prevented with a moisture dispersant spray or by binding with insulating tape to keep water out. Always clean the connection thoroughly first. Replace corroded connections.

Generators rarely fail and are not easy to repair if they do. Most power failures are due to a faulty battery, so regular checks are important. Keep the fluid level up to the mark by adding distilled water. If the battery is in a low state of charge, use a battery charger to keep it topped up. Make sure the terminals are clean, and prevent corrosion by smearing them with petroleum jelly. (Note, Winter is the time most batteries choose to fail! due to the extra demands placed on them.) Check the other components from time to time, and clean or replace them if they are suspect. Pay particular attention to bulbs, contact breaker points and spark plugs.

It is a good idea to carry replacements for the components which are most likely to wear or which may develop faults. Spare bulbs and fuses are essential (see July issue of this journal for item on safe storage) but also carry replacement spark plugs and contact breaker points (if fitted; K100 owners need not worry themselves with this last item).

(Material from "The Motorcyclist's Handbook" by David Minton)

MOTOR CYCLE ELECTRICS,

COMPONENT FAULTS

Many electrical faults are easy to check and put right with only simple aids. A circuit tester is a cheap and useful checking tool consisting of a bulb, a battery and two wires, fitted with probes (firm metal ends), so connected that the bulb lights when the two probes touch each end of a conductor, or one another.

At the first sign of an electrical fault, check to see which circuits are working. See whether all have failed at once, or if the fault is confined to one component.

If only one component has failed, such as a light, check to see whether the filament has broken, and then check the fuse for that circuit, as a blown fuse will stop the power. Also check the rest of the wiring for damage, which may have caused the fuse to blow, and repair it before fitting a new one. If the fuse is sound, disconnect the component and check for faults. Apply the probes of a circuit tester to the terminals. If the tester does not light, the component is faulty and you need to fit a replacement.

If both the fuse and the component are sound, check the wiring, including the switch, for breaks.

IGNITION FAULTS

If the engine stops suddenly, remove a spark plug, hold it against the cylinder head and crank the engine over. If there is no spark, check the wiring and plug cap for damage. In wet weather, dry the lead and plug cap thoroughly or treat with a moisture dispersant spray. Check the contact breaker points (if fitted), to see that they are adjusted and operating properly. Electronic trigger mechanisms can only be inspected for physical damage. (So don't get physical with them!) And testing requires sophisticated equipment (i.e. go see Doug...)

Sudden total power failure may be caused by a blown main fuse, which should only be replaced after checking for other faults. It can also be due to a faulty ignition switch, so inspect this carefully, and operate it several times to see whether it works properly. Another cause may be a broken battery lead or loose terminal, so check these and repair if necessary. One of the commonest causes of failure and erratic performance is a bad earth (ground). Locate and check these connections following fuse inspection.

Gradual total power failure is indicated by the lights dimming and the engine stalling at low revs. It is usually due to a faulty charging system, where the bike is running only on the power reserve in the battery, which will not last long. The charging system is difficult to check, but make sure that the battery connections are sound, and inspect the wiring for any damage where power might be leaking away.

A faulty charging system is also difficult to repair, so the best course is not to stop but to ride on, using as little power as possible by avoiding the use of non-essential systems such as turn signals. At night avoid riding if possible, dim lights are an extreme danger to yourself and other road users.

Whenever electrical failure occurs get it properly checked later with a test meter, starting at the component involved - such as a plug cap which might short out when damp. Use your machine's circuit diagram to work through in stages.

Christopher Fulker

*LIFE IS NOT SO SHORT BUT THAT THERE IS ALWAYS TIME FOR MOTORCYCLING
ON A BMW.*

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Our club has received a valuable sponsorship from the Budget Rent a Car Company recently. The deal involves the provision of transport for this year's Kosciusko Rally in exchange for advertising and endorsement. Other sponsors of this year's rally are BMW Australia, Weston Motorcycles, Castrol Australia and Don Wilson Motorcycles.

The paid advertising incorporated recently in our magazine has met with good reactions from both members and customers and has been of benefit to us all.

So what I'm really on about is that we should all support our club's sponsors and advertisers when possible and let them know that you heard about them through our club or this magazine. Advertisers featured so far have been; Weston Motorcycles, Mountain Designs, ACT Automotive Services and Budget Rent A Car.

If any members (or other readers) are interested in advertising in our newsletter or if you have any articles suitable for publication (or unsuitable ones that I can belt into shape) please let me know. There is always plenty of space.

Bob Rumsey (Ph919 329)

HERE'S A BIT MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEW BMW RIDING SUIT-

The trousers and jacket of the BMW GORE-TEX® suit are connected by a zipper round the waist. (1) Integrated stretch-pieces provide excellent elasticity.

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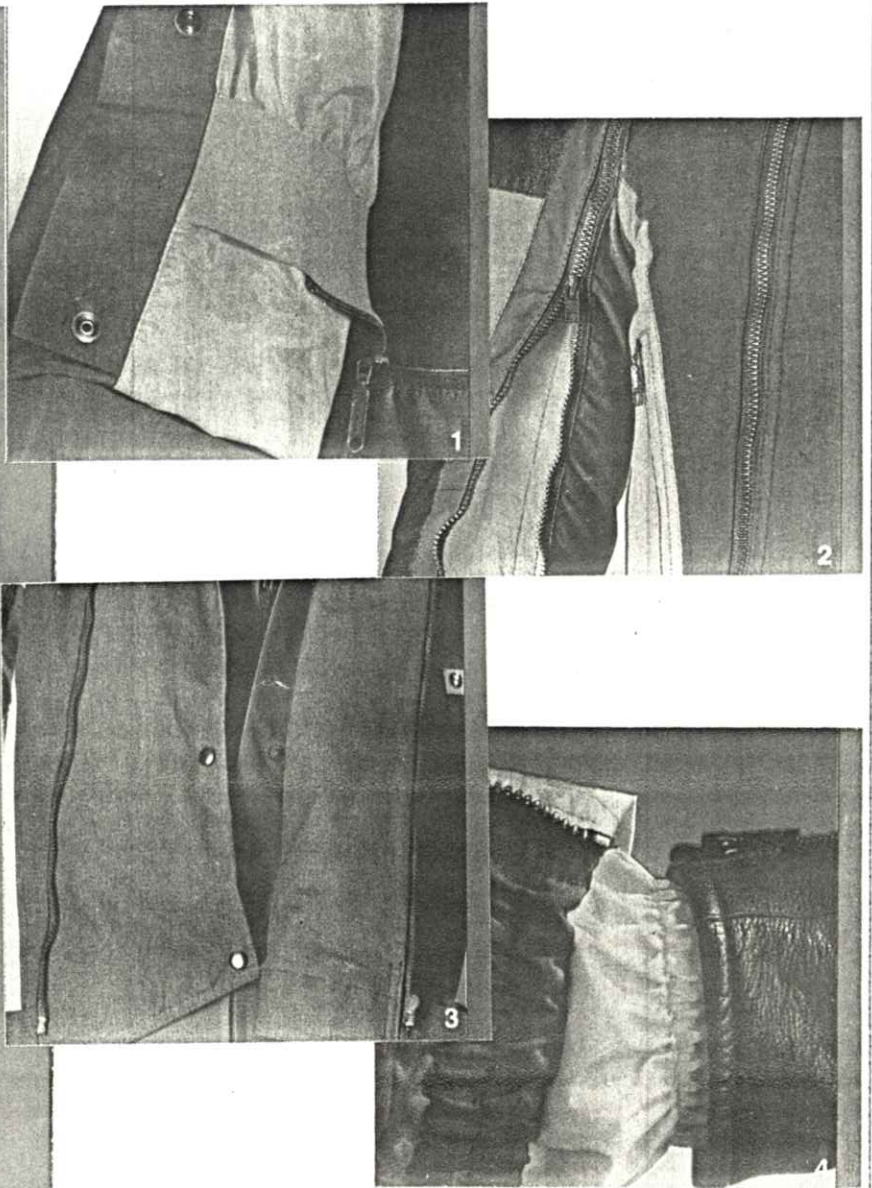
Long zippers down the trouser legs and bib plus the wide cut for extra comfort make it easy to put the trousers on, even on top of other garments. The zippers rest on wide strips of fabric to keep out wind and water. And a velcro fastener keeps the trousers tight at the bottom.

The jacket also offers a wide range of practical features: The high upright collar with soft knitwear lining can be adjusted by zipper. And two-way zippers in the sleeves give the rider optimum adjustment round the shoulders and arms. (2)

The suit therefore always fits perfectly - even on top of a thick pullover.

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