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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,
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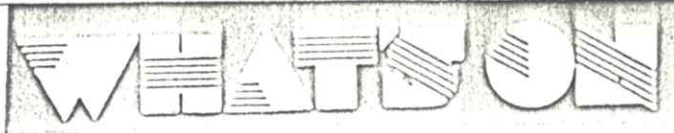
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CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERLINED

NOVEMBER

29/30

- Boggy Creek Rally, West Coast of Victoria.
- Long Flat Rally, near Wauchope, NSW.
- Christmas Rally, at Yadboro, near Ulladulla, NSW.

DECEMBER

7 (SUN)

- CLUB RUN, to Fitzroy Falls via Batemans Bay, Kangaroo Valley for BBQ lunch, then return via Goulburn. Meet at Weston Motorcycles, Dundas Ct. Philip, at 9-30am.

8 (MON)

- GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.

13 (SAT)

- BMW CLUB XMAS PARTY. BBQ at Cotter Reserve from 5pm. Bring your own meat and drinks, salads etc. will be provided. Please notify Ken Parrington on 973 472 (AH) if you can attend so that the catering can be organised.
- MRA Toy Run. Meet at Parliament House at 9-30am and travel via Woden to Civic. Bring along a donation (toys or tinned food) for the Smith Family and Salvation Army who benefit from the run.
- Canberra League of United Bikers (C.L.U.B.) Inter-Club Xmas Rage at Gudgenby campsite near Ororal Valley. Camping and food available for \$5.

JANUARY

12 (MON)

- GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.

24-26

- Karuah River rally, near Dungog, NSW.
- Clubman Rally, near Jingellic, NSW/Vic. border.

- NOTE THERE IS NO CLUB RUN IN JANUARY.

FEBRUARY

7/8

- CLUB RUN through the Snowy Mountains to Tumut and staying at the Tumut Caravan Park. Another run for meeting our country members.

10 (MON)

- GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/ GET TOGETHER.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE DECIDED ON AN INFORMAL EVENING BAR-B-QUE AFFAIR TO BE HELD OUTDOORS AT THE WELL KNOWN COTTER RESERVE FROM 5PM ON SATURDAY DECEMBER THE 13TH.

THE TIMING IS INTENDED TO AVOID INTERFERENCE WITH THE USUAL ROUNDS OF COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR SO YOU CAN COME ALONG FOR JUST A WHILE OR STAY FOR DINNER OR STAY ALL NIGHT.

THE AREA IS LARGE AND QUITE SUITABLE FOR FAMILY GROUPS, YOU COULD EVEN GO SWIMMING,

THE CLUB WILL SUPPLY SALADS, MUNCHIES, BREAD AND SOME DRINKS BUT PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MEAT AND Grog SUPPLIES,

EARLY ADVICE OF YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL IF THE CATERING IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL SO PLEASE CALL KEN PARRINGTON ON 973 472 AFTER HOURS TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 10.11.86

MEETING OPENED: 8.25 pm

VENUE: ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, WESTON

APOLOGIES: Bill Searle, Peter Oliver, Fiona Millar, Jeanette Hahn, Debra Parrington, Jenni Cole.

PRESENT: 19 members

VISITORS: Peter Hopkins, Ethel Parker (UK)

NEW MEMBERS: Kathleen Phillips R60/2

MINUTES of previous meeting accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OUT - Nil.

IN - Magazines BMW WA, NSW, VIC, QLD; Bank Statement No33; BMW Touring Club NSW-River Rally 1987; Canb Road Racing Club-Cricket Day 16 Nov; The Colour Works-Advertising leather/vinyl (tabled); Campbell MC Touring Club-Xmas Rally 1986; Te Waipounamu MC Tours NZ; BMW MCC Vic-Calder Test Synopsis & National Body (tabled); Ogilvy & Mather-Advertising BMW K-Series.

PAST EVENTS REPORTS: M Houston - Combined BMW Clubs Concourse D'Elegance Weston Park. Thanks extended to Fran & Warren Gilchrist for their substantial contribution to the event, 18 members entered with bikes. Winners K-Series Jim Frost K100RT, Post '70 Lesley Cameron R60/6, Pre '70 Craig Johnson R69S. Bob Rumsey - BUCHAN CAVES. Chris Fulker-WAGGA WAGGA W/e 8/9 Sept.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: No takers for Cricket Match, Sec. to contact Club. Sec. to acknowledge letter from NZ MC Tours. All present voted to support the National Body - Committee will take this matter up with Victoria on behalf of the Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Anyone interested in obtaining touring info. re NZ MC Tours, contact Ken Parrington 973472(H). Suggestion that BMW Car Club be invited to Xmas Party, Fran Gilchrist to take up at their Club mtg 19 Nov. Dave Stone & Ken Parrington are the organisers for our Xmas Party. Ring Ken before 3rd December to advise intention of attendance or otherwise. Members supply own meat. Organisers to supply ancilliary 'eats', Meeting agreed expenses to be taken from Club funds for food purchased by organisers.

Meeting discussed Perpetual Trophy for Concourse. Unanimous agreement. Concourse Committee (to be elected) to arrange for trophy and set criteria. Individual trophies will also be presented and Perpetual Trophy retained in a central fixed position, to be decided.

WEDDING BELLS for Fiona Millar and Peter Oliver. Fran Gilchrist to purchase a "good wishes" token from Club Members.

WANTED:.....MORE PEOPLE TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR MAGAZINE.

NEXT RUN: 7 December, Fitzroy Falls (see "WHATS ON")

NET MEETING: 8 DECEMBER 1986

MEETING CLOSED: 9.50 pm

Current Membership = 68

'BITS AND PIECES'

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BMW CLUBS.

The Victorian BMW Motorcycle Club is proposing the formation of a national body to foster a closer formal relationship between the six Australian clubs.

The aim of this is to improve the relationship between clubs and BMW Australia, improve communication between clubs and help with co-ordination of events such as rallies.

Geoff Coat, of the Victorian Club, has visited the BMW club secretariat in Munich which is responsible for all BMW clubs such as BMW Club Europa and BMW Owners of America in order to appraise their operation. Unfortunately they recognise the BMW Drivers' Club of Australia as our national body, one thing that the proposed national body could sort out.

In order for discussions with the BMW secretariat and BMW Australia to proceed beyond the present, agreement in principle to the proposal by us (and other clubs) is required. So the matter has been considered by the committee and will be up for discussion at the next general meeting, December 8.

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FUTURE CLUB RUNS.

The next club run will be on Sunday December 7 going to Fitzroy Falls, near Moss Vale, via Batemans Bay, the south coast and Kangaroo Valley.

Plenty of wild and winding roads for those who like a bit of serious riding and good scenery for the more touring oriented.

We will have a BBQ lunch at the spectacular Fitzroy Falls and return via Goulburn, or the coast if you prefer.

Next february, on the weekend of the 7th and 8th, a journey through the Snowy Mountains to Tumut is proposed.

Camping at the excellent Tumut Caravan Park, we hope to meet our many country members there, a follow up to the recent Wagga Wagga run.

The Tumut area is renowned for its trout fishing for those so inclined.



BMW CONCOURSE D'ELEGANCE-

The first combined BMW car and motorcycle Concourse D'Elegance took place at Weston Park, Canberra, on Sunday November 2.

The event coincided with the 'Terribly British Day', at the same venue, under an adjoining tree. There were many fine examples of the level of engineering excellence once attained by the British automotive industry. 'E' type Jaguars, Austin Healeys, Rolls Royces, MG's and many fine old motorcycles presented by the members of the Canberra Veteran, Vintage and Classic Club.

It was pleasing to see the number of Bavarian machines competing for the judges' eyes and the very worthwhile BMW accessory prizes. The bikes were judged under three separate categories; pre 1970 twins, post 1970 twins and 'K' series. Of the twenty two bikes judged on the day, the one selected as most outstanding by the judges was an R69S with Steib sidecar attached owned by Craig Johnson from Cooma (pre 1970 class). Craig has since joined the club and we can look forward

to seeing him on our runs in the future.

The post 1970 twin class was won by Leslie Cameron with her beautiful R60/6 and the 'K' series class by Jim Frost with a Silver K100RT.

My thanks to all competitors for the many hours spent in preparing their machines for judging and to the other two judges, Doug Bryant and Paul Brogan for their time and effort.

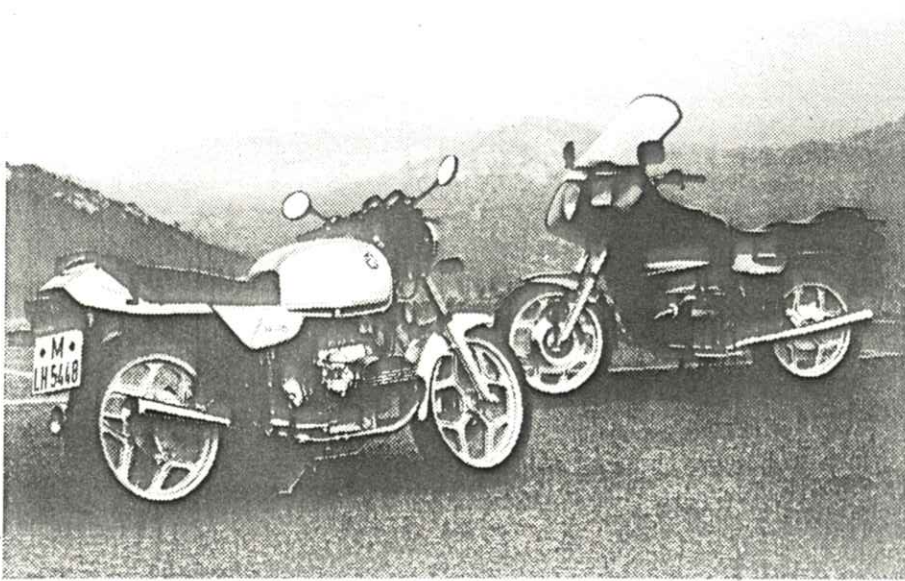
A good day was had by all and those of you who were unable to attend should mark it in your calendar for next year for it is intended that the Concourse should become an annual event. By then we should also have a perpetual trophy up and running as well as the individual prizes presented this year.

Regards, Mike Houston, President.



Photos; Bob Rumsey.

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'NOT THE RABBIT FLAT RALLY' AT BUCHAN CAVES, VICTORIA.

By various club members.

The Victorian BMW Club having invited all BMW Clubs to an informal rally at the Buchan caves Reserve near the township of Buchan in East Gippsland, several of our members participated. Graham and Leslie Cameron travelled down on the Friday, Bob Rumsey arrived at midnight Friday (typical) and Mike Houston, Warren and Fran Gilchrist and Ken Parrington came along on Saturday.

Some Victorian members also arrived early and, surprisingly, one rider from Queensland. But the main contingent from Melbourne turned up late on Saturday afternoon. Their excuse being the requirement for numerous comfort stops for their sophisticated pillion passengers. Strangely, no members of the NSW club attended, why not?

The ride down to Buchan is very enjoyable, covering a great variety of countryside and different road surfaces from the gravel section near Bombala to the excellent Cann Valley Highway racetrack. The scenery varies from alpine grazing land around Cooma and Bombala to lush forests and coastal dairy country near Orbost. All the roads on the Victorian side are of course, excellent.

The Buchan Caves Reserve is an ideal campsite in a narrow gorge filled with an enormous collection of European trees, many planted over half a century ago. Facilities are numerous and good quality, many are near new, there is even a small shop and a swimming pool, spring fed. The town is within easy walking distance.

It was rumoured that the table at the campsite was graced with a silver service and candelabra but most of us Canberrans headed for the pub which serves very good meals. Unfortunately our intentions here were thwarted by an untimely power failure and we could only manage a few drinks in the dark before retiring to the campsite to share the communal kitchen fire with the resident possums.

Mountain Designs

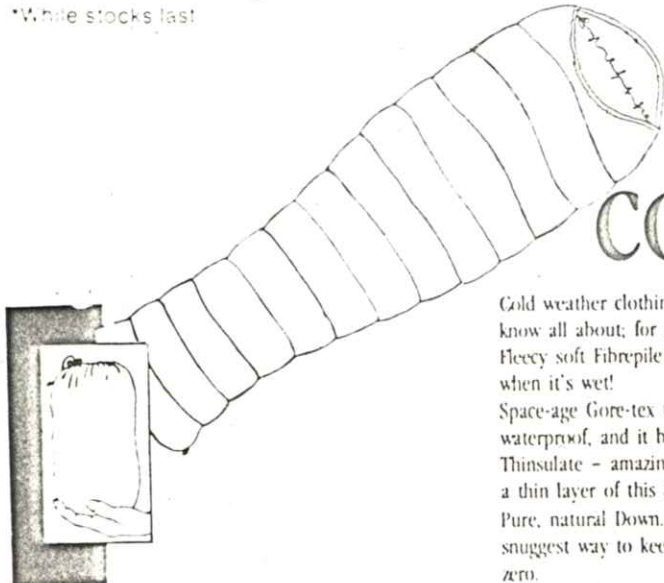


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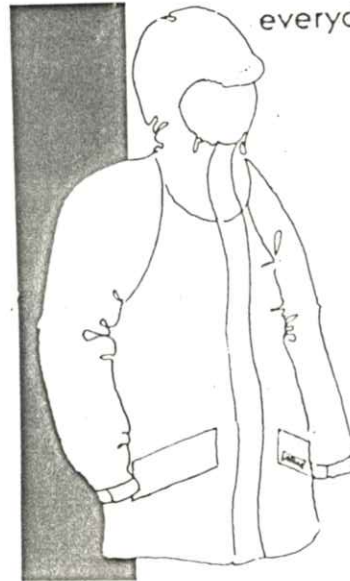
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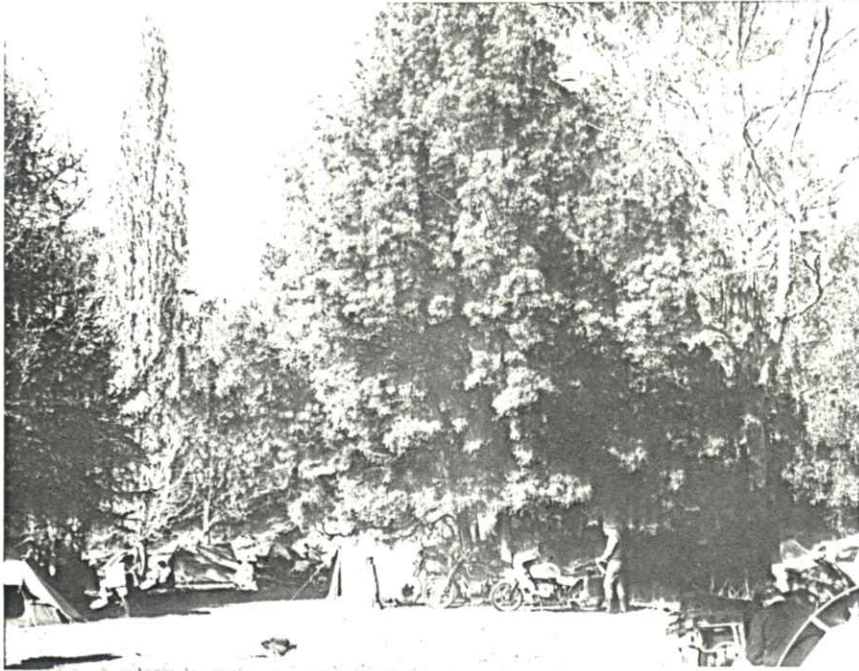
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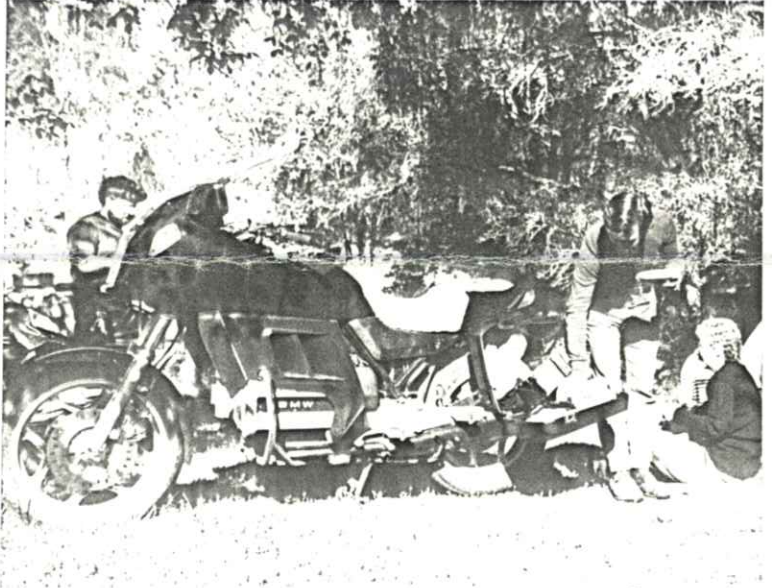
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As we mentioned before, the facilities here are great, there is an under cover though still open, kitchen with tables, seats, running water and fireplaces and a similar laundry building nearby.

So the remainder of the evening was filled up with dining, drinking and chatting in relative comfort and good company.

Sunday dawned rather late and a bit hung over for some of us though the weather was beautiful. It rained most of the weekend in Canberra (Ha Ha).



After breakfast some set off to explore the limestone caves for which the reserve is renown, others indulged in discussions with the Victorian Club's executives and yet others just wondered what happened last night.

A late burst was made via a very interesting and twisty back road through Orbost to make it to the Cann River Hotel by lunchtime and we all enjoyed the prompt and cordial service available at this well known establishment before setting off along the Prince's Highway towards home.

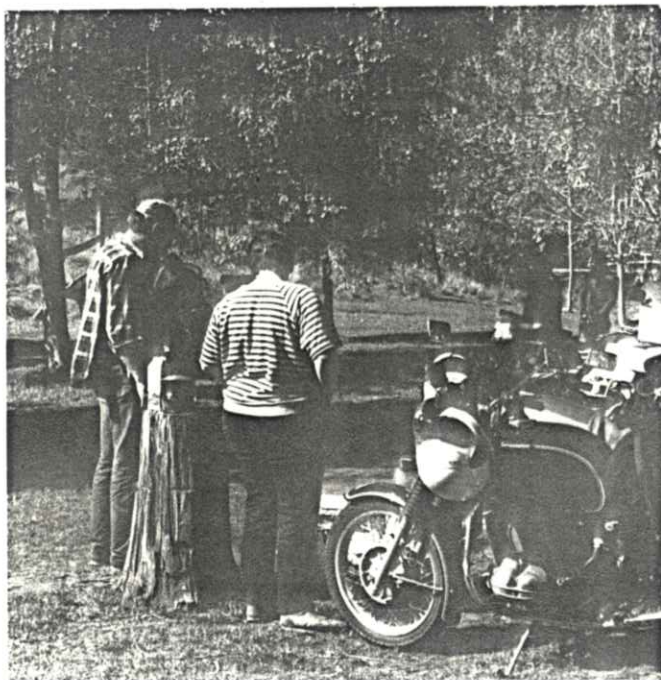
Rather than travel on the same old route up the coast, most of us opted for the much more interesting Mt. Imlay road which turns off towards Bombala south of Eden. This road, built by the forestry industry through very wild country, has been described as one of the best 'fang roads' to be found anywhere and the 'boy racers' among us certainly did it credit.

The Mt. Imlay road brings us out onto the gravel section of the Cann Valley Highway where its only a short but suddenly cold trip to Bombala for a Petrol stop. While we were fortunately putting on our cold weather gear it began to rain and then snowed briefly and

BUCHAN CAVES- CONT...

we set off into a strong, freezing head wind that persisted all the way home.

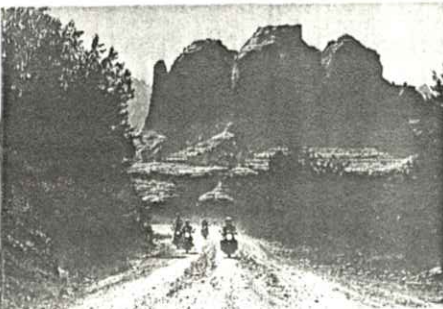
Altogether though, it was a very pleasant weekend get together which will hopefully become a permanent fixture in the BMW clubs' calendar.



Photographs, Bob Rumsey.

— LOOSE SPOKES —

- **** Our president, Mike Houston, has recently been seen sampling the delights(?) of riding a Harley Davidson which he was lucky enough to win in a recent Canberra club raffle.
- **** Peter Oliver and Fiona Millar will be married on Saturday December 6th at Peter's parents home on the south coast. The Club would like to express its best wishes to Peter and Fiona. Good Luck!
- **** Stuart and Hilda Sunderland have recently acquired a new R80RT to replace their "old" R80. Anyone in the market for an excellent condition and low mileage R80 can contact Paul Brogan's.
- **** Bob Knight of Wagga Wagga has traded his K100RT for a 23ft cabin cruiser (hardly a good trade- Ed.) but is planning on another BMW purchase in the future. Meanwhile he can always ride one of Joe's 'fleet'!



CLUB RUN TO WAGGA WAGGA.

By Chris Fulker.

Ken Parrington and I left Weston Motorcycles at about 9-15 on the Saturday morning under cloudy skies. It seems that everyone else slept in.

On arriving at Wagga Wagga around one o'clock, the weather was warm and sunny and we met up with those country members who could make it.

Joe Knight, from Wagga, with his immaculate and radical 1959 'R60' "cafe racer" and Bob and Margaret Hackett on their black K100RT special were first to arrive. Later Richard Gordon (R80GS) and Andrew Wells (R65) turned up from Young, explaining that they would only be able to stay for lunch.



As we sat on the grass outside the caravan park several other bikes (and riders) came by, Mark Hunter from Wagga, who was interested in joining our club, then Geoff Egan from Cootamundra (R100RS), who was in town visiting friends and is also keen on joining up, stayed for some time talking before returning home.

Some other country members, although unable to attend, had been interested in another future gathering and a weekend at Tumut during February was suggested. This will be the 7th and 8th of February.

After a couple of hours of chatting and comparing notes we each went our various ways as most had to return home that evening. Overall though, it was a good gathering for the country folk. Perhaps the Canberra folks can make a better effort to meet and mix at the Tumut weekend.

As I was the only one staying overnight, Joe Knight kindly invited me to the Wagga Wagga Vintage Motor Clubs' social activity that night. They had a 'Spit Roast' (choice of pork and lamb) and inter-club games challenge with a breakfast run on Sunday morning at 7am.

On arrival I was met by another couple of BMW's, one an R60 and the other a newer R65. The owners, Lynn and Ron Smith, had travelled down from Griffith and were camping overnight in order to go on the breakfast run.

We all had a very enjoyable meal, for only \$3 each and I found all of Joe's fellow club members most friendly.

Photo, Chris Fulker.

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