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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,
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FRONT COVER:- WHAT THE 'GS' WAS MEANT FOR.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERLINED.

JANUARY

- 3-4 -As usual, in January, there is no official club run, however, anyone interested in a ride should contact Touring Secretary Chris Fulker on 310 114.
- 12 (MON) -GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.
- 24-26 - Karuah River Rally, near Dungog, NSW. Organised by the NSW BMW MCC.
- Clubman Rally, near Jingellic, NSW/Vic. border.

FEBRUARY

- 7/8 -CLUB RUN through the Snowy Mountains to Tumut and staying at the Tumut caravan park. Another run for meeting up with our country members.
- 9 (MON) -GENERAL MEETING, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston.

MARCH

- 1 (SUN) - CLUB RUN- not yet finalised.
- 9 (MON) - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS, 7-45pm at Royals Rugby Club, Weston. Members' participation is essential to the running of our club.
- 14/15/16 -Canberra Day Weekend, anyone for an unofficial run to Buchan Caves Reserve?

CITY VERSUS COUNTRY AT TUMUT, FEB. 7&8!

No, NOT CRICKET OR FOOTBALL, ITS OUR NEXT CLUB RUN TO THE VERY NICE CARAVAN PARK IN TUMUT FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY AND GET TOGETHER WITH OUR GROWING CONTINGENT OF COUNTRY MEMBERS.

WE INTEND TO TRAVEL VIA COOMA AND KIANDRA THROUGH THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS TO TUMUT, AN EASY TRIP IN SUMMER WITH SOME LIVELY ROADS IF YOU ARE UP TO IT.

COUNTRY MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO CAN'T MAKE THE STARTING TIME SHOULD JUST MEET US THERE ON SATURDAY EVENING. DETAILS OF STARTING VENUE FOR CANBERRANS NEXT MONTH.

A COUPLE OF POPULAR RALLIES COMING UP;

ON THE AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND, ½KM EAST OF THE JINGELIC PUB ON THE MURRAY RIVER IS THE VENUE FOR THE CLUBMAN RALLY, USUALLY WELL ATTENDED, THIS RALLY IS KNOWN AS A GREAT SWIMMING SPOT AND MEETING PLACE. THE "ACTION" AT THE PUB IS OF COURSE, LEGENDARY!

SAME WEEKEND IN THE CHICHESTER STATE FOREST NEAR DUNOG VIA MAITLAND, NSW IS WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE KARUAH RIVER RALLY, THANKFULLY BACK FROM ITS AWFUL VENTURE INTO THE INTERIOR A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

UNLIKE THE CLUBMAN, WHERE FIRES ARE BANNED, YOU WILL MOST LIKELY NEED ONE HERE. ITS ORGANISED BY OUR BROTHERS (& SISTERS) OF THE BMW TOURING CLUB OF NSW WHO REALLY HATE A BEER AND A BIT OF MUDDY ROAD.

ALSO, DON'T FORGET THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS COMING UP ON THE NINTH OF MARCH. ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS WILL BE UP FOR GRABS AND ANY PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION WILL BE CONSIDERED SO ALL MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT.

BMW M/C.C of A.C.T. MINUTES OF MEETING

8 December 1986

The President opened the meeting at 8.20 pm, welcomed members and called for apologies. These were:

S & H Sunderland, Bill Searle, Peter & Fiona Oliver, Leslie Oliver & David Meek, Taffy & Nancy Williams.

Minutes

Graham Cameron moved and Ken Parrington seconded a motion that the Minutes of the 10 November 1986 meeting as appearing in the Club magazine be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Rep. Expenditure #388, Received \$212. Cheque book balance \$302.51, Savings investment a/c \$2525.90.

Secretary's Report. absent - no report.

Correspondence: Nil report.

Editorial Committee Report: Request for more articles.

President's Report: At Committee Meeting, reply was drafted to letter from BMW Vic re forming of National Body. This body to liaise with BMW Company to enhance better representation of the needs of BMW motorcyclists. National Body to consist of representatives from all BMW motorcycle Clubs. Ducati Economy Run; well attended by members of ACT Club ...Mike rode forth on the Harley Davidson he won in a recent raffle.

General Business: Christmas party report by Ken Parrington. Catering for salads, etc. for Xmas BBQ is approx. \$3.00 per head, which the Club will subsidise. If fire ban is in place, members requested to bring cold meat.

Concourse d' Elegance Perpetual Trophy - enquiries have been made regarding price of a suitable silver tray. Nothing available at the present time.

Peter and Fiona thanked the Club for their wedding present.

MRA TOY RUN: Members reminded of this event to be run on Saturday 13 December. 9.30 am in front of Parliament House. Bring a toy and/or non-perishable food as donation.

Thank you to Fran Gilchrist for acting as Minute taker.

Meeting closed: 9.06 pm

M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S

FROM THE COMMITTEE

1986 MRA TOY RUN- Chris and Anne Fulker.

Quite a few club members turned up for the '86 MRA Toy Run on Saturday December 13th. The meeting point was in front of Parliament House and bikes began arriving at about 9-30 even though the weather was very overcast and cool.

Our president, Mr Houston, caused a small commotion when he arrived aboard the Harley-Davidson which he recently won, dressed in black open faced helmet etc... Jenni Cole was quick to ask for a test ride but was happy to settle for a pillion around the block (I don't think that T.J. will be selling his 'BM' to buy a new Harley).



The 'Pres', on his new toy.

" I thought this was what the toy run was for " he said.

After a brief announcement by the organisers at 10-30 we were quickly on our way out along Adelaide Ave. to the Philip roundabout and back towards Civic. We were being filmed by the local television station and lots of pillions were waving various stuffed toys to the cameras as we passed the channel 7 crew along the way (a line of about 400 bikes over one kilometre long in two rows).

Anne rode her 250 in the run for the first time and enjoyed being part of the large group of motorcyclists for this once a year parade of bikes.

The ride ended at Civic Square and the collection point for the toys and other donations. The usual speeches were made by the Salvos, thanking the riders for their help and a collection was taken up for the Smith Family followed by the drawing of the MRA raffle. All this seemed to take a long time and things eventually wound up at 11-45.

The channel 7 news spoilt the whole thing by announcing that 'bikies' were trying to improve their image with the toy run- not that motorcyclists were doing a good turn for the underprivileged. Oh well, that's life... See you at the toy run in '87?



ON THE ROAD. - BY BOB RUMSEY.

"STILL CRAZY, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS"

Six twenty Friday evening, seemed like a pretty clean get away for me. All my gear was packed on Thursday night and the bike stood ready in the garage, facing the door. So after a quick change of clothes and a necessary fuel stop at Williamsdale, I was on my way towards Cooma pretending not to exceed the speed limit by a bookable amount.

Beyond Cooma there is only that spot in the pine trees outside the farmhouse, but otherwise I can pretty much go as I please. Back off through Nimmitabel, and after the Bombala turnoff - go for it.

A brilliant full moon burst above the horizon on the Snowy Mountains Highway at 140 km/h and I was low-flying in a deep twilight over the roller coaster road on the roof of Australia. With moonlight as bright as a cloudy day through sunglasses and a total absence of flying bugs at this time of year I made very good time through the unusually warm October evening.

Coming into Bombala, banking around the left hander in a totally illegal manner, I find that some bastard has moved the bridge. So out with the anchors and the bald tyre on the back locks up very nicely - we slide past the new bridge and into the gravel on the river bank. Thank you Department of Main roads.

There is nothing of interest in Bombala on a Friday night so after a brief stop at the Cann Valley Hwy. junction to change gloves and add on a jumper, its becoming rather cool, we streak across the dead flat plateau and onto the dirt towards the Victorian border. The first 10km or so is gently winding and just sandy enough to drift both wheels on most corners at 80 to 100km/h and apart from missing one corner and spearing off up a side track (bald tyre locked up again) its easy going untill the Mt Imlay turnoff where the ever industrious DMR has covered the next few km of road with loose sand and watered it rather well - lots of fun.

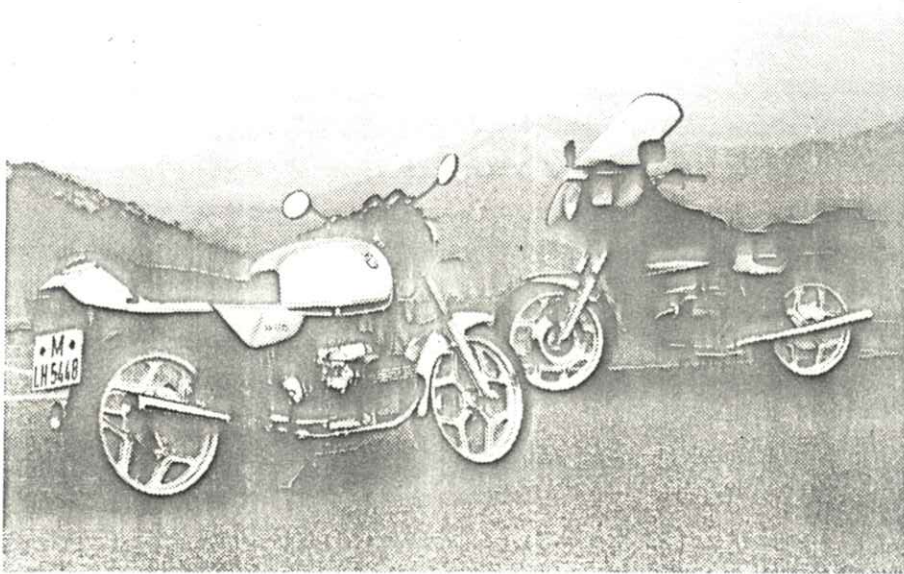
Back on the tar at the border I stop to dust off and clean the visor as we passed three trucks, two cars and a caravan on the dirt (but none on the tar - just lucky I guess) and then embark onto about 50km of downhill racetrack. No traffic, no cops, most right handers taken on the other side of the road. This sort of road makes me want to migrate to Victoria, but their speeding penalties are a bit severe.

In Cann River at about 9-30 I pull up at the usual fuel stop for some dinner (and fuel) . The place has changed hands and is no longer open 24 hours (crazy overnight tourers note that it now closes at 10.) but the food has improved vastly, mixed grill and cappucino for me.

The 110km via the Prince's Hwy. to Nowa Nowa is well known for its continuous long sweeping bends as it winds through dense forest and open dairy country. The fairly regular stream of traffic keeps the wild life at bay and blue uniforms are not often seen. The speedo indicates past 150 quite often.

Turning onto the Buchan road I find an abundance of freshley hit wildlife, mainly wombats, and back off accordingly. Its getting cold now and 110km/h is much more comfortable anyway. Even so no animals were to be seen and with a bit of a blast down the last few winding kilometres into Buchan we arrive, at 11-30.

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CLUB CHRISTMAS BAR B QUE.-

Only about thirty members and family showed up for the club's Christmas BBQ, despite the good efforts by Ken Parrington and Dave Stone who organised the event and 'phoned almost all of the membership, inviting them to come along.

A lot of folk were already committed to other activities, but some who confirmed that they would attend failed to show up on the day, causing a large overflow in the catering department, organised by Ken and Dave.

Anyway, those who were there enjoyed the evening and the variety of salads, bread rolls and fruit juices supplied by the club added to their BBQ dinners very nicely. The location at the Cotter was a pleasant one and not overcrowded at all.

Bob Rumsey and Graeme Cameron even got in a bit of fishing and brought back a nice trout which was cooked and passed around for those still there to sample - it was delicious.

As darkness settled over the valley at about 8-30 we packed up and headed off home, leaving a few behind telling fish tales over a quiet brew or two.

Thanks to Dave Stone and Ken Parrington and the other helpers for organising a great afternoon, lets hope that a few more turn up next time.

Chris Fulker.

AUSTRALIAN BMW CLUBS' NATIONAL BODY-

In response to the Victorian BMW Club's initiatives in proposing a national association of BMW motorcycle clubs a certain amount of discussion has been generated.

A copy of the letter sent on behalf of our club appears opposite (page 7) and here is a summary of a letter received from the Queensland club:

The Qld. club agrees in general with the proposal and points out the following ideas;

1. That a national newsletter be only a long term goal so as not to the financial and work burdens of the clubs too much.
2. That membership should be available only to members of state BMW clubs and funding to be obtained via a levy on that membership.
3. That an annual meeting of state representatives should be held in addition to 'phone conferences every two months. Travel assistance to be provided as finances allow.
4. That the body should promote individual club events.
5. That a national rally be organised to coincide with the bi-centennial.
6. That a yearly anonymous listing of contacts be produced as an aid to Australia wide touring.



Letter to Mr Geoff Coat, Secretary BMW MCC of Victoria from Mike Houston on behalf of the A.C.T. BMW MCC:-

I refer to our discussion at Buchan and your correspondence which you handed to me on that occasion. We have discussed this in Club Forum and also at the Club Committee meeting held on the 18th November, and, as a Committee, have agreed to respond in a positive fashion to your proposal.

The points of your proposal are accepted by this Body as being advantageous to all involved National Members. However, we feel that the establishment of such a Body would require a major emphasis/goal for it to be effectively introduced.

We propose that a National Bicentennial Tour/Rally could provide the substance for such a goal and would point out that such Tours/Rallies have proved to be highly successful in overseas countries. This event, although not refined at this early stage, is envisaged to include a tour beginning at either end of the Eastern seaboard, running through all relevant States, picking up Clubs en route, climaxing in a National Bicentennial Rally on a site, in a State, to be decided upon. It is seen that this proposal could provide a necessary focus for your proposed National Body. Additionally, such an event would provide a significant source of funds which could be utilised to establish the National Body.

It may also be advisable for this newly formed National Body to make an approach to the Federal Government for some funding of this nationally developed and organised Bicentennial event. If this national event were to take place, it would also provide an excellent opportunity for all Clubs to meet to celebrate our Bicentennial and to establish the necessary rapport amongst State Members, required for the successful development of your proposed National Body.

Our Committee expressed misgivings initially about the possible unexplored costs in setting up your proposed National Body. It was understood that these costs which were seen to be quite significant would have to be borne by all individual members throughout Australia. The running of the Bicentennial Tour/Rally, however, was seen as a substitute revenue raising medium and, consequently, removed any negative feelings held by the Committee towards your proposal.

In summary, this Club supports the concept of your proposal and, in addition, suggests:

- . a Bicentennial Tour/Rally be organised by the newly formed National Body;
- . funds raised from such an event to be allocated to the initial establishment of the National Body;
- . National Body to approach Federal Government for funding assistance for the Bicentennial Tour/Rally.

If we are to make good the above recommendations, we would need to expedite the establishment of our joint proposals.

I am available at any time to discuss these matter and hope they meet with your approval.



KARUAH RIVER RALLY

1987



The rally will again be at the Frying Pan campsite in the Chichester State Forest, 31 kilometers north of Dungog. On 24th, 25th & 26th January - **AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND**. A map is provided on the reverse of this form. The rally caters for motorcyclists only. No cars will be allowed.

The standard of behaviour is left to the individual, but don't spoil it for others.

The entry fee will be \$5 pre paid/\$7 late per entrant. This entitles you to an enamel rally badge, and soft drink, which will be awarded upon reporting your presence at the rally to the organisers.

You will be required to provide all camping gear and foodstuffs. Water and toilet facilities will be available. Soft drinks will be available all weekend and hot dogs between 6pm and 8pm Sat.

Postal entries close by 20th January. Entries should be addressed to —

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Rallyists are requested to obey the following rules:

1. No doughnuts or burnouts or wheelspins are allowed.
2. Do not litter, place all rubbish in green bags provided and then leave the bags in the open for collection.
3. No fires
4. No obnoxious or offensive behaviour. Women and children will be present.

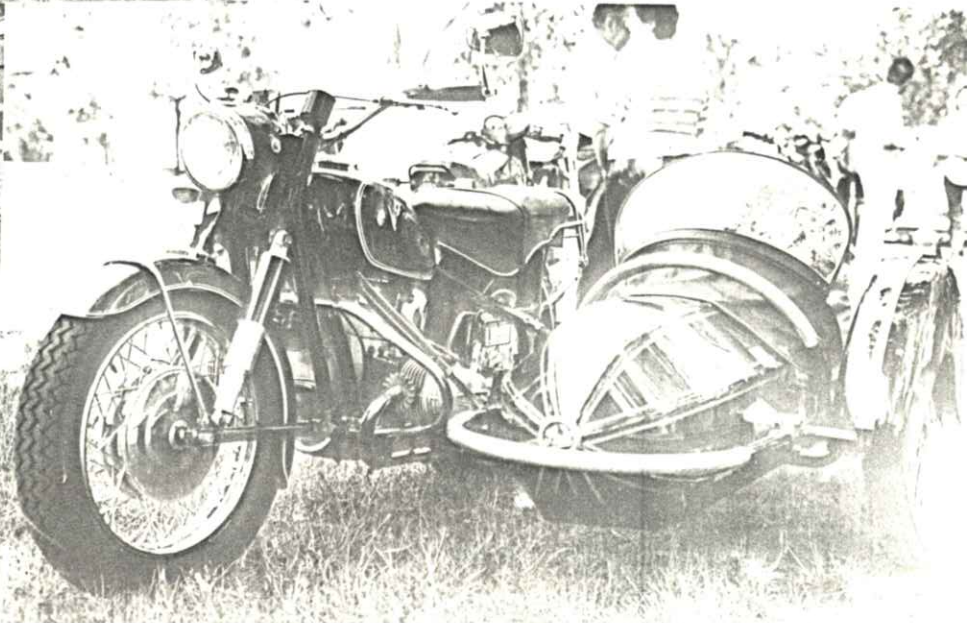
PLEASE REMEMBER that the rally site is made available on condition that these rules are observed. *Failure to observe the rules will jeopardise the availability of the site for next year.* Offenders will be asked to leave!

A section of the campsite will be reserved as a quiet area for family use only.

Badges will be handed out on arrival for pre-paid entries. Awards will be presented on Sunday morning and stickers and soft drinks will be available.

**PRE-ENTRY FEE: \$6.00 PER PERSON
LATE ENTRY FEE: \$7.00 PER PERSON**

The Secretary,
Clubman Rally,
P.O. Box 59
Willoughby, N.S.W. 2068



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