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REGULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Second Monday of the month, from 7-45pm at ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, BRIERLY ST, WESTON, upper mezzanine room.

CLUB RUNS

Usually first weekend of the month- See 'WHAT'S ON' page.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events as determined at Club meetings, see 'WHAT'S ON' page for details.

KOSCIUSKO RALLY

Held in October at Geehi Hut campsite in the Kosciusko National Park near Khancoban.

CLUB DISCOUNTS

Several Canberra and regional business' have been contacted, but as yet nothing has been finalised (unless you want a discounted haircut -- contact Frank Millwood), so stay tuned and we'll keep you posted.

Contributions to this journal are welcome and should be directed to the Editorial Staff as listed at the top of this page, or posted to the club's mailbox (P.O. Box 1042, WODEN, ACT 2606.). Photos etc. will be returned on request.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

SINGLE \$10.00 JOINT \$12.00
Information about joining is available from the Committee as listed above, or write to the Secretary, ACT BMW MCC, P.O. Box 1042, WODEN, ACT, 2606.

THIS MONTH'S COVER: A WET DAY ON THE ROAD.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE.

Hi again,

First the bad news, Jon Shannon has been requested by his boss to move to another location that is he should go to sea occasionally like all good navy people do. It is sad to see him go after such a short time in the club and even shorter time as secretary. As you will probably read somewhere else in this issue Jon had a great time while he was with the club. He will be back from time to time to see what we are up to and hopefully be back inside 12 months. Now for the good news, I hope I am not letting the cat out of the too soon but Jon and Linda will be tying the knot in the not too distant future. I want to thank Jon and Linda for the work that they put in to help run the club.

Now to more serious things. Do you remember when you saw your first B.M.W.? Well for me it was a fine sunny Sunday morning outside St. Mary's church in North Sydney. Dad and I had just come out of church and we were walking down the street and there it was. A bright and shining black motorcycle parked on the side of the road. "What is it" I asked dad. "It's a B.M.W. made in Germany and it costs a lot of money. Not as good as my Harley though" he said. Not knowing any better at the time I asked if when I grew up I could buy one. Dad said if I looked after my push bike and kept it clean and tidy I could trade it in on a motorbike when I was old enough. I must have been all of 10 at the time. As it turned out my first motor bike was a Harley 6/10 (I think) with the sidecar removed. This could lead to another story later.

The fact of the matter was my first B.M.W. was a R26 purchased in Canberra about 1966. Since then I have several other B.M.W.'s of different types with my favourite being a R69 S of 1968 vintage. This was sold for a R75/5 when they first came on the market in 1970. In hindsight this was a bad mistake as I considered this model to be the worst B.M.W. ever made. The point here is never buy the first of any model.

I now own a R90/6 which has done in excess of 100,000 Km has had a sidecar and trailer attached to it for a large part of its life but it only has the trailer now. It still goes very well and although I would like to have a new bike they are too expensive and the R90/6 goes too well and is simple to fix if something goes wrong.

On to other things now. In this issue there is a piece about SBS looseing the World 500 cc Championship to the Nine network. The Club is going to write a letter to SBS thanking them for the excellent coverage of the races so far, and asking them to try and keep the coverage so we can watch this excellent sporting event commercial free. I think it would be a good idear if all members also write to SBS expressing their feelings on the subject.

Our social secretary has been working hard again and has come up with a wine,cheese and non alcoholic cocktail night and another film night soon. Keep watching these pages for further information so until next time

stay vertical

Ian Hahn.



*** WHAT'S ON ***

CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERLINED

- JULY 8 - 10 WINTER RALLY, NERRIGA, SOUTHERN N.S.W.
 COCKATOO RALLY, BILOELA QUEENSLAND.
- JULY - 11 MONDAY GENERAL MEETING, ROYALS WESTON, 7:45.
- JULY - 17 SUNDAY 500 GP FROM YUGOSLAVIA
 - 24 SUNDAY 500 GP FROM FRANCE
 30 - 31 GUNYA RALLY, LOCKART N.S.W. (JUST WEST OF WAGGA)
- AUGUST 6 OR 7 CLUB RUN, DETAILS T.B.A.
 - 8 MONDAY GENERAL MEETING, ROYALS WESTON 7:45.
- AUGUST 20 - 21 BUCKETS WAY RALLY, NORTH OF STROUD N.S.W.
- SEPTEMBER 3/4 CLUB RUN. DETAILS T.B.A
 - 12 MONDAY GENERAL MEETING, ROYALS WESTON 7:45.
- SEPT 17 - 18 WIDOW MAKER RALLY, SOMEWHERE NEAR GLOUCESTER
- OCTOBER (VARIUOUS DATES) HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUSTRALIA RALLY, CANBERRA, A.C.T.
 WORLDS END RALLY, WARREN GORGE, S.A.
 KOSCIUSKO RALLY, (OURS) KAHNCOBAN AREA, N.S.W.

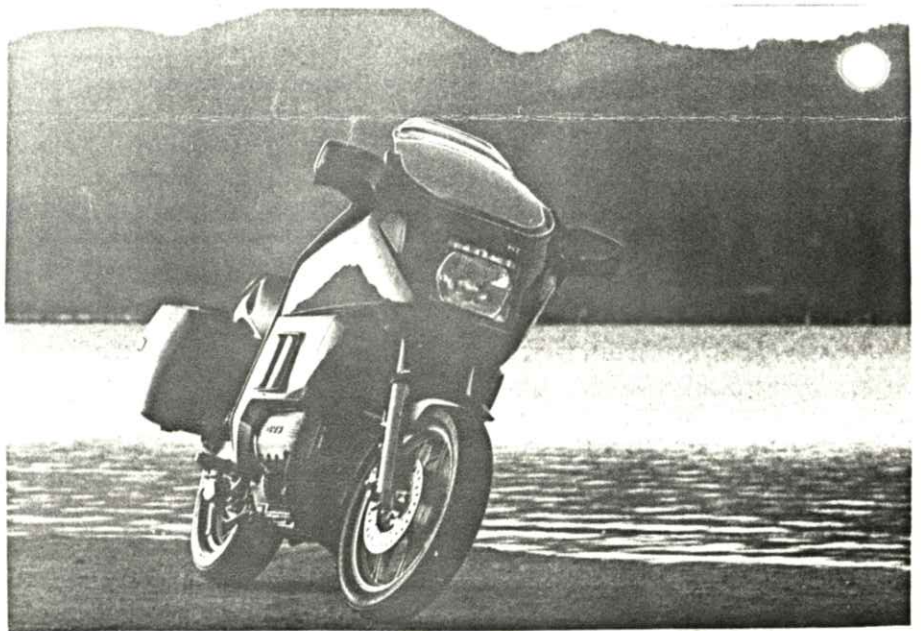
FOR INFORMATION ON CLUB RUNS CONTACT FRANK MILLWOOD 95 7493 (AH)

NOTE: WITH REFERENCE TO THE TELECASTING OF 500 GP RACES. AMCN HAVE ADVISED THAT AS FROM THE DUTCH GP (25 JUNE) CHANNEL 9 WILL TAKE OVER FROM S.B.S.- CAPITOL SEVEN (OUR CHANNEL) HAVE STATED THAT THEY WILL SHOW THE REST OF THE SERIES BUT THEY MAY NOT BE LIVE BROADCASTS, SUBJECT TO REGULAR PROGRAMMING TIMETABLES.

(N.B. MORE GRAND PRIX DATES NEXT MONTH.)

FOR SALE

K100 RT, RED, JUNE '86,
 NEW TYRES, HEATED GRIPS,
 LUGGAGE GRID, ENGINE BARS,
 PANNIERS, ALARM, KNEE PADS,
 30,000KM - \$10,500.
 CORRY MAGER, 4 PALING ST.
 ORANGE, 2800 - PH 621 610.



K100 RT on the shores of Lake Canobolas.



SOCIAL CHIT CHAT

Greetings to all you intrepid bikers out there in TV land. Your social secretary must confess that there were no social functions since the last journal. However, don't write me off as a total waste of time until you have heard my latest scheme.

(to be announced)

On ~~Saturday 16 July~~ there will be a Wine/Cocktail Evening for club members at 13 Barangaroo Street, Chisholm. With a lot of support from club members this could shape up to be the best winter function ever held by the club. The major activity of the evening will be the tasting of wines brought by club members. Don't be alarmed if you know nothing about wines, bring along something with a pretty label and see what it's like. The wines will be ranked by the tasters and the most popular will win a prize (so will the least popular!). For those of you with more austere drinking habits there will be a selection of delicious non-alcoholic cocktails with a classic BMW club cocktail to be unveiled. This is to encourage sensible drink-driving habits.

To further add to the atmosphere of the evening it would be nice if everyone dressed up in suitable cocktail gear or failing that something totally way out. Yes- there will be a prize for the most unusual get-up. The normal array of nibbles will be provided by the club so come on all you wine connoisseurs and plebs, pull out your favourite wine (red/white), sherry, port or liqueur and dazzle and amaze your friends with your expertise.

Other planned events for winter will include two visits to the movies. The films nominated are:

- . War of the Worlds
The 1950 original of the H.G. Wells novel- a must for sci-fi film buffs
Aug 14 \$3.50 per head *Sunday 3.15pm*
- . Animal Crackers
A classic Marx Brothers film
Sept 4 \$3.50 per head *Sunday 3.15pm*

Both these films are part of a children's film festival at Electric Shadows, hence the cheap price. A further incentive to attend is the fact that classic MGM cartoons will also be screened. So all you bike riders with a secret yearning to be a child again ATTEND THESE MOVIES.

Jiona



Callan Athcart, our roving inebriate reported some disturbing news from Mecca (BMW AG) recently. Whilst enjoying a tankard of port at the R&D bar at the factory, he claims to have overheard a devilishly fiendish plot being hatched by top engineers. As part of the factory's diversification policy, it has been decided to market a 'new' model. Externally the new bike will look just like a boxer twin, but the stunning, stupendous horrifying part is that it will have been ENGINEERED to be **UNRELIABLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! SHOCK!! HORROR!!!** Yes, a factory built unreliable Beemer. Callan tells us that the rationale behind this is to make BMW's more interesting for their riders by introducing an element of risk. It seems that their market research has indicated that many potential buyers look elsewhere because of the "boringly reliable" reputation that BMW motorcycles have, so the factory's response has been a plan to incorporate parts from other makes into their bikes.

Number 1 on the list is a batch of Honda RC30 big-end assemblies, guaranteed to make you wonder. Then come the dreaded Ducati electrics (BMW spies are still trying to find the Italian criminal responsible, in order to gain permission to copy his work..) which should keep most riders out of the rain. Next, Honda get to unload all of their CX500 camchain tensioners, and negotiations are under way with them, to divulge the refined secret technique of how not to harden cam lobes properly.....Last, but not least, Harley brakes will be added, along with oil leaks copied from the experienced British.

Callan reports that BMW (AG) expect to attract flocks of people to the new model (especially riders of Italian bikes) with it's built-in 'charisma'. As always however, progress has it's price, and the integration of all this foreign technology is expected to cost you about 25% more than the 'plain jane' models. Remember, you heard it here first!

STOP PRESS!!STOP PRESS!! It's OK folks; Callan has come out of his alcohol-induced catatonia for just long enough to assure us that his above report was actually an excerpt from his last paranoid nightmare. So, the faithful may rest assured --- for now, anyway.....



MOTORCYCLE SEGMENT---2SSSFM

The local radio station 2SSSFM is currently running a motorcycle segment in their Thursday evening program between 6.30--7.00pm.

- The segment is for all motorcycling activities including the following:
-racing events and results(all types-local,national and international)
-social events
-brief local political information concerning motorcyclists
-profiles on different motorcycle organisations/clubs
-interviews with motorcycle celebrities

A profile on the ACTBMW MCC has already been sent in to the organisers, however if you want more information contact:

Kevin Schoevers W..571033 H..540699
 Steve Holloway W..845477 H..585259

Membership Survey

From the survey on membership which a little under 60% of current members completed with their M'ship applications, the following facts were compiled ,listed in descending order of importance based as a percentage of the 28 who filled in the survey.

- 93%.... Club Runs
- 75%.... Maint. Days
- 71%.... Tech talks at mtgs & Tech Articles in mag
- 61%.... Social Gatherings
- 40%.... Rallies
- 32%.... Working on committee

Other areas mentioned were....Discounts , Buying Parts , Discussions of problems with other members.

Johanna SECRETARY.

President
ACT BMW MCC
PO Box 1042

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BELCONNEN ACT
23/5/88



Dear Ian,

This is my official notice of resignation from the position of Secretary of the ACT BMW MCC. As you are aware this has come about because of my immanent posting to HMAS JERVIS BAY. I apologize for the short notice however it seems to have caught everyone on the hop. My brief stint as Secretary has been invaluable for both the experience and entertainment the job has offered. As I will be commuting from Sydney when the opportunity offers to pacify my fiancé, I do not intend to resign from the club however I will be no more than a silent member. My thanks to you and your committee for the support (and patience) given to me over the past few months and I wish you the best for the future.

Yours Sincerely

J. Shannon
Jon Shannon

Happy Birthday Australia Rally update

The Happy Birthday Australia Rally is not an official Bicentenary event, rather an excuse to celebrate motorcycling in this country.

The event has its origins in Australia's biggest ever protest ride. In January 1980, more than ten thousand motorcyclists rode on the old Parliament House in Canberra to make their point of view known to the politicians. The memory of that amazing ride lingers and there were many calls to do it again. In early 1987 three of this country's best known event organisers put together a plan to ride to Canberra again. Peter Thoeming, Hal Caston and Damien Codognotto decided to run the Happy Birthday Australia Rally. The HBA Rally is not political in any way. It's just for fun.

The rally site is at Mitchel, north of the city, in the fork of the two highways that lead in from Melbourne and the south west and Sydney and the north. The rally will be fully catered and there will be a range of official souvenirs such as badges and T-shirts. Live entertainment will ensure that Saturday night is not dull and there will be a motorcycle show which will include trade displays as well as private entries. Aus-

tralian Motorcycle News will sponsor a muscle bike concourse.

The trade show is being organised by well-known motorcycle identity Bertrand Cadart. If you are interested in entering your pride and joy or feel that your business could do with the exposure that such a massive crowd of road riders offers, you can get the details from Bertrand on (03) 523 8015.

The HBA Rally Supporters Club is the key to making the venture a success. The entry to the rally at the gate will be more than ten dollars. Membership in the supporters club is just ten dollars and it includes entry fee, badge, stickers, and a certificate to remind you of an event that is unlikely to happen again this century. The supporters club fees go to help with the cost of setting the rally up. Proceeds from the rally will be used to pay for a media campaign to promote rider training across Australia. In a way, those taking part will be doing more than riding just for fun, they will be directly contributing to motorcycle safety. The HBA Rally will be held in just six months on October 1, 2 and 3. On Friday, September 30, motorcyclists will assemble in Eliz-

abeth Street, Melbourne. At 8am the column will move north along Sydney Road to the Hume Highway. Once on the open road, riders will set their own pace. There will be a break for lunch and to meet the media and local officials at Wangaratta then it's on to Canberra. It is expected that motorcyclists from Tassie, points west of Melbourne, and internationals will be on this ride. The ride is expected

to grow en route as people from towns along the way join in.

How do you get involved? Easy. Just send a cheque or money order, not cash, for ten dollars per head to The HBA Rally, PO Box 34, Higgins, ACT 2615. But remember the supporters club has to close well before the rally so it's wise to get the entries in soon. Let's face it, you don't really want to miss out on a ten-thousand motorcycle celebration now do you?



Stations swap 500cc motorcycle coverage

By PAUL GOVER, Motoring Writer, in Europe

TELEVISION coverage of the motorcycle world championship scene is about to change camps, from SBS-TV to the Nine Network.

The 500cc grand prix title series, with Australian interest focused on defending champion Wayne Gardner and newcomer Kevin Magee, will move to Nine from the running of the Dutch TT at Assen on June 25.

How the changeover will take place, and its effect viewers, is not certain.

The change will mean at least five clashes with Nine's Formula 1 car coverage before the end of the 1988 season.

In the past, SBS-TV has negotiated directly with the host broadcaster in each country, but the Nine deal will be for the full series.

It is expected to tie in with the car grand prix telecasts, and Murray Walker is expected to duplicate his Formula 1 anchorman role on the motorcycle broadcasts.

Former world champion Barry Sheene, who has been Hagon's co-commentator for SBS, was also in Europe this week to finalise his possible contribution to the new telecast arrangements.

The change to Nine coverage comes at a time when grand prix supreme Bernie Ecclestone is moving to put together a

television package — similar to the Formula 1 arrangement — for the full 1989 season and beyond.

The motorcycle organisers have yet to respond to his ideas.

But he has the connections in the television world to give the motorcycle championship much broader coverage in future years.

Ironically, the move away from SBS-TV comes when the broadcaster has finally established the following for the 500cc world championship and after it brought the first major live coverage to Australia during Wayne Gardner's championship season last year.

(COURTESY CANBERRA TIMES)



NOU, here's something you can tell your Mum. "Motorcycling is safer than horseriding."

Yes, it's true. A recent survey, conducted in England, estimated that injury rates among horse riders were 20 times higher than among motorcyclists.

Motorcycle racing was significantly safer than many other sports, with 14 deaths from 1981 to 1983. During the same period, equestrian events caused 47 fatalities, air sports (including hang gliding) - 30, ball games (including rugby and soccer) - 28, mountaineering - 27, and athletics - 15.

(COURTESY ULYSSES CLUB)

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KOSCIUSKO RALLY



THE A.C.T. BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 7th ANNUAL KOSCIUSKO RALLY, TO BE HELD ON THE 8th and 9th OF OCTOBER 1988 (the week after the labour day long weekend in NSW)

RALLY SITE IS THE USUAL GEEHI HUT CAMP SITE at the junction of the ALPINE WAY & THE SWAMPY PLAIN RIVER in the KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK, (turn into the site at the bridge) approx 35km (5 km unsealed) from KHANCOBAN and 43km (33km unsealed) from THREDBO. Care should be taken on the ALPINE WAY, while it is mostly unsealed it is usually in good condition, subject to weather..please watch out for oncoming traffic.

EN ROUTE to the site you will travel on some of AUSTRALIA'S most spectacular motorcycling roads and through the greatest alpine scenery in N.S.W.

NOTE: CABRAMURRA/KHANCOBAN LINK ROAD MAY BE CLOSED, IF SO DETOUR VIA THE ELLIOT WAY NEAR CABRAMURRA. ROAD CONDITIONS ARE POSTED AT JINDABYNE - KIANDBA, AND THE COOMA VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE (phone 064-521108)

APPLIES & FUEL available from COOMA/JINDABYNE - take-aways & fuel from CORRYONG/KHANCOBAN (limited hours may apply).

BADGES available on arrival from Friday evening and tea/coffee/cordial & biscuits provided on check-in, NO OTHER ON SITE CATERING (BYO every thing ! old style rally) fresh water from river, fire wood near site.

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 (open) categories:-

LONGEST DISTANCE TRAVELLED (DIRECT FROM HOME) BY;
 MALE, FEMALE, PILLION, SIDECAR. ALSO;
 LARGEST CLUB ATTENDANCE; YOUNGEST ENTRANT; OLDEST COMBINED AGE.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR BMW RIDERS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED.

PRE PAID ENTRY FEE: riders and passengers \$7:00 each, children under 15 \$3:50, late entry (i.e. on the day) \$9:00 and \$4:50 special lucky draw for prepaid entries at awards presentation.

TO BE GUARANTEED A BADGE, post entry form & fee (POSTAL NOTE/CHEQUE) by 3 OCTOBER 1988 to:

KOSCIUSKO RALLY P.O. BOX. 1042, WODEN A.C.T. 2606.

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, and any one with a pet may be requested to leave). no four wheeled vehicles allowed.

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

ENTRY FORM

NAME PASSENGER

ADDRESS

MOTORCYCLE CLUB (if any)

I enclose CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER \$..... (POST TO: P.O. BOX 1042 WODEN. A.C.T. 2606.)
 (payable to A.C.T. BMW M.C.C.)

IS YOUR BIKE DIRTY ? MINE ISN'T... I CLEAN IT WITH CT 18.

CT 18 IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB TOOLS OFFICER (PETER OLIVER) AS ARE OIL FILTERS ETC. HE CAN ALSO ARRANGE FOR MEMBERS TO BORROW THE VARIOUS TOOLS THAT THE CLUB HAS PURCHASED. CONTACT PETER AT THE NEXT MEETING, OR PHONE HIM ON 47 3641 (A.H.) TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF THE TOOLS OR PURCHASES ETC.

OUR OWN 'ACT BMW CLUB' PORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM KATH PHILLIPS FOR \$4:00 PER BOTTLE AND YOU CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER BY PHONING KATH ON - 807224 (A.H.) OR 805803 (B.H.).

TO:

ACT BMW MCC Library

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FROM: ACT BMW MCC, P.O. Box 1042 Woden, ACT, 2606.