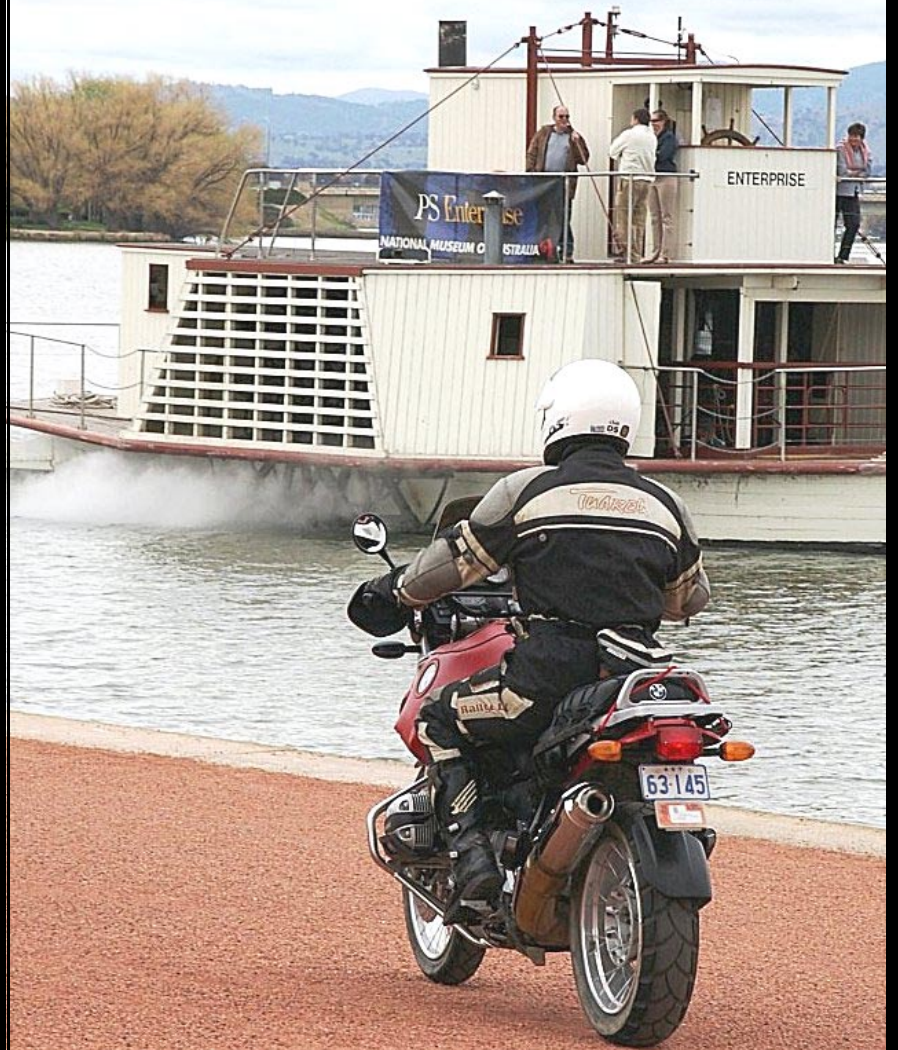


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## Shaft Drive Lines

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## 'Shaft Drive Lines' – November 2005 – Volume 25 No.10

### Meetings:

When: 7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month  
Where: Italo -Australian Club, 78 Franklin Street, Forrest.  
Next Meeting: Monday 28 November 2005

### Membership:

Membership fee is \$40 per year. A small joining fee applies to new members and includes your membership badge. A membership form appears in the back pages of this magazine, or you can obtain one by writing to :

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ACTBMWMCC  
PO Box 1042 WODEN ACT 2606

Please advise the Membership Secretary of changes to your contact details.

### Activities:

Club runs and social events are detailed in the *What's On* page in this magazine. The Club endeavours to have at least one organized run per month. Suggestions for runs and activities are welcome to the Ride Coordinator or the Social Secretary.

Every effort is made to make the information on the *What's On* page accurate but changes to meeting times and places etc can occur between publication dates. Members will be reminded of rides, activities and general information by email. If your email address has been changed or your box is full, we can't contact you, so advise the Ride Coordinator of changes to your contact details. The most up-to-date information will be posted on our website <http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au>

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**Details of the Club's policy were in the May 2005 newsletter.**

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### This month's cover:

Like a proper GS rider— Gareth departs the Sunday Autofest/Concours early so that he can make the most of the day and go for a REAL ride.

# The Presidential Hookah



A couple of us were discussing the kilometres we do on our bikes. Until this year, I have averaged 12,000kms per year over the last 7 years. For all sorts of reasons, I have made the grand total of 2500kms since January this year. It's a wonder I haven't forgotten how to ride. I didn't make it to Tumberumba, so my new tyres have done about 160kms, two trips to Bungendore. I am looking forward to the Rally at Geehi to get the wheels rolling again.

Speaking of the rally, the major prize for the raffle this year is a Sport Integra helmet, provided by BMW, so if you want the chance to win this top class helmet, come along to the rally and invest in some tickets.

The Club is planning a long day ride for November, a loop through Bombala to Cann River and back via the Mt Imlay Rd or possibly Mt Darragh. This is a good ride, over good roads and is just the trick to get the blood flowing again after a dreary winter.

The German Autofest and Club Concours day has come and gone and was a resounding success. Thirty plus members showed their pride and joy on the day, and I understand the judges had their work cut out as everyone paid a lot of care and attention to detail in the preparation for the day. A big thank you goes to Ruth and Howdy Farrar for the big effort they put in to the organization of this very successful event.

The Club received some unpleasant news recently. New member, Vic Garland who joined up on the night of the meeting at Rolfe, was involved in an accident with a car in the Hunter Valley. He ended up in John Hunter Hospital Newcastle with a number of injuries. Inquiries with the hospital indicate he is doing OK. A floral bouquet was sent to him on behalf of all members.

Good riding, and stay safe  
**John**

This very neat outfit was extremely popular and won the vote as 'peoples choice' in the bike division of the recent ACT German Autofest



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## Welcome to our new members:

- » **Collette & Greg Oakes**
- » **Ron & Mark Quinn**
- » **Jane & Gary Smee**



## What's On - Rides, Events & Meetings

**Next General Meeting is on Monday 28 November 2005, at the Italo-Australian Club, 78 Franklin Street Forrest at 7.45pm.**

**(Remember that unless you're a financial member of the Italo-Australian Club, you should sign the "Group Sign In Sheet" at reception when attending meetings.)**

### October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17	18	19	20	21	<b>22</b>
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22/23 Kosciuzsko Rally, Geehi Hut

24 General Meeting, Italo-Australia Club, Forrest  
7.45 pm

### November 2005

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2 Chomp & Chat - Delissio, 83 Theodore Street, Curtin, 6.30 pm

5/11 BMW Safari Rally for GS

6 Alternative Sunday Breakfast, Captains Flat 9.30am to 10am - ish.

13 Day ride

17 Committee meeting

25/27 Snowy Ride

28 General Meeting, Italo-Australia Club, Forrest  
7.45 pm. This is the last general meeting for the year.

### december 2005

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4 Christmas Picnic, Corin Forest from 10.30am

9 Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night, Hudsons in the Gardens, Australian National Botanic Gardens

10 MRA Christmas Toy Run



# More What's On

## 22/3 October - Kosciuszko Rally

The club's annual weekend in the mountains at Geehi Hut. Details in this newsletter at page 8.

## 2 November - Chomp & Chat - Delissio

One of our members has recommended Delissio, 83 Theodore Street, Curtin. The food is a mixture of modern Australian and Italian. We hope to book a \$22 banquet—check the website for details soon. Bookings to Pam on 6255 8045 or social@actbmwmcc.org.au by 28 October.

## 5/11 November - BMW Safari for GS

There is now a waiting list for places on this year's GS safari. See the BMW Safari website for up to date details.

## 6 November - Alternative Sunday Breakfast, The Outsider, Captains Flat

One of our favourite Sunday places. The meals are huge and more of a brunch than breakfast so we've booked in for 9.30 am ish. We have to give the restaurant final numbers beforehand, so please rsvp to Pam on 6255 8045 or email social@actbmwmcc.org.au by 29 October 2005.

## 13 November - Day ride

This has been changed from a weekend ride to a Sunday ride down the Monaro Highway to Cann River and return via the Imlay Road. Leaving from Rolfe at Philip at 8am and Williamsdale at 8.30am

## 28 November - General Meeting

7.45 pm Italo-Australia Club, Forrest. This is the last general meeting for the year.

## 4 December - Christmas Picnic Lunch, Corin Forest

There won't be an alternative Sunday breakfast in December as the Club's Christmas picnic will be on the first Sunday in December. It will be a traditional picnic with games — start practising your helmet throwing now! The venue is Corin Forest Mountain Recreation, Corin Road, off Tidbinbilla Road.

## 9 December - Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night

Everyone had a great time and great food last year, so we're returning to Hudsons in the Gardens, Australian National Botanic Gardens for our Christmas Dinner and Presentation Night. You can find the booking form later in this newsletter. RSVP and payment by 28 November 2005.

## 10 December - MRA Toy Run

Yes, it is the morning after our Christmas dinner, but that's no excuse not to turn up to support a very worthy cause.

## Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night

Everyone had a fabulous time last year so come along and join in the fun. More details on page 9.

## And it's time to start thinking about nominations for the Step Off Award!

This is the Club's annual award to the person with the most in-elegant departure from a motorcycle. We've already heard of a few members who would like to proudly display this coveted trophy in their home for the next 12 months. There's still time to enter, nominations close on the night!

## Going my way?



**GS Safari.** If you're going to the GS Safari contact Upsidedown Greg on [gs@actbmwmcc.org.au](mailto:gs@actbmwmcc.org.au) or give him on call on 0407 415 294

We often hear of someone planning a longish ride, so if you'd like a riding companion for a trip please contact the Editor so it can be included in the newsletter and on the website.



# The Vice Report

**Just when you think that summer is nearly here, the winds return and you wish you hadn't put your summer jacket on; the one with all the holes.**

Summer can't be all that far away but as I write this report I notice that the weather is not looking too good for the Kosciuzsko Rally at the Geehi Hut on the weekend. What the hell I'll be there anyway.

Just before the last meeting about 30 bikes turned up for the German day by the lake. This was after the usual breakfast at Manuka. The event was very well organized; we even had a Marshall telling us where and how to park our bikes. "No, no put that one over there" and "yes the GSs's are over there". "Bring that one a little bit forward..." Thanks Ron. However, the event was not without its critics. One of the 'organisers' made a number of comment by way of a wrap-up including: "Also, one or two of the BMW's were intentionally losing traction on the grass, which was entirely inappropriate, and other BMW's were not adhering to the speed limit when crossing through VW display area."

A special thanks must go to Ruthie and Howdie for their efforts. Well done! And thanks to all those that attended. The awards will be announced and trophies presented at the Christmas party on Friday 9 Dec. (See the What's on page for details.) We should lock this event into next year's calendar, once the organizing committee confirms the date.

Leena and I and the Brammall's spent a week on our bikes heading for Bermagui through Victoria. Just out to Wagga Wagga to Corowa. Then almost due south through Benalla (and the bakery); Bonnie Doon and to Alexandria for lunch. Down through Healesville, to Leongatha. From there we detoured to Wilson's Promontory where we checked out Tidal River. Looks like a great place for bush walking and there are lots of cabins available. From there we headed to Paynesville where we got a tour of the great lakes, 90 mile beach and even the Methodist Ladies College (Melbourne) summer camp on the lake, courtesy of Mary's brother who is the Construction Manager.

By the time we got to Merimbula and met up a group headed for Bermagui, Leena in particular was sick of the wind and rain. Seems that we had just missed a hail storm as we arrived at Mallacoota. There was hail piled up in the corner of the laundry block at the caravan park. Victoria has lots of great roads where we hardly saw a car let alone the police. Unfortunately many, many of the roads are gun barrel straight. Whenever we got on an interesting bit of road, eg into Mallacoota or into Healesville it was raining or the roads were really wet from recent rain.

No mishaps and about 2,050 kms. I was really pleased with our Autocomm intercom as the four of us were able to keep in touch most of the time. I have scored some valuable points for the TJs Touring competition, pity about the Victorian factor of 1. For example 21 points for Wahgunyah; 18 points for Uranquinti and 19 points for Yarrawonga.

The crowd at Bermagui numbered about 14 and it was just our club members. A good night was had by all. Perhaps we should revisit this weekend and see if we can involve the NSW Club again.

So many roads and so little time.

Ride Safe

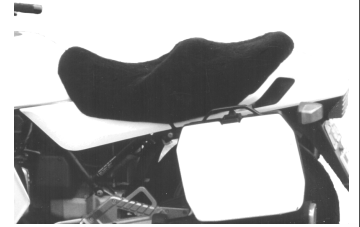
Colin Ward





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## ACT BMW MCC's Kosciuszko Rally 22 and 23 October

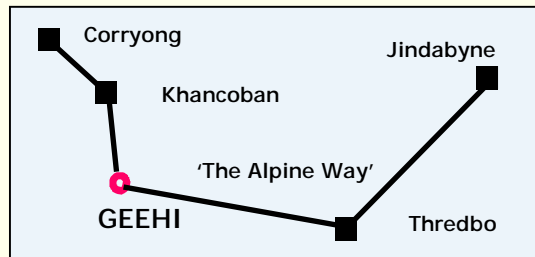
in the Snowy Mountains at  
Geehi Hut campsite

— Between Thredbo and Khancoban (signs will be out on the Alpine Way)

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Check our website for up-to-date details <http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au>



Couple of photos from the 2004 Rally. Very scenic location and lots of fun. Come along this year!

## Letter to the Editor

Without wishing to proselytize, may I refer the erudite Upside-down Greg to the doyen of English Language Dictionaries, The Oxford, wherein will be found a reference to the offending word "organize" but only a secondary reference to organise, butchered by that peculiar American method of replacing the good English Z with the American S. Even Microsoft Word recognises organize ( and blitzkrieg is spelt so!)

John McKinnon



The ACT BMW Motorcycle Club invites all members to the  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**Friday 9th December 2005 from 7.00pm**  
**The Australian National Botanic Gardens Restaurant,**  
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breakfast. Full payment MUST be made by Monday 28/11/05.

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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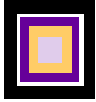
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# Report: World's End Rally

## Fred Pensko recently went to the World's End Rally in S.A.....and it seems he took a camera...but did he remember to take photos for TJ's competition?

The 30th anniversary of the first World's End Rally held in 1975; that sounded familiar. So I looked through some of the old memorabilia and sure enough here was the old badge from the 1976 rally.

The memory banks began to open. I recall taking one of my daughters to the second ever World's End Rally when she was only 8 years old. That year I managed a loan of a 650 Yamaha. To save on space the decision was not to take a tent "we'll just take the fly, it never rains in the Flinders Ranges". Ha ha. Well I recall the rain began around about Wagga.

From then on almost every town we came to the first thing was to find a Laundromat to dry gloves etc. It was fine when we finally arrived in Quorn. A few purchases and then it was out to the rally site. During that night the heavens opened again and to this day I'll swear that we did not make camp in a creek bed, but the next morning we had a 100mm high water mark in our helmets. That seemed to satisfy the gods and we had an uneventful trip through Adelaide and home. That was in '76 was she a little trooper.

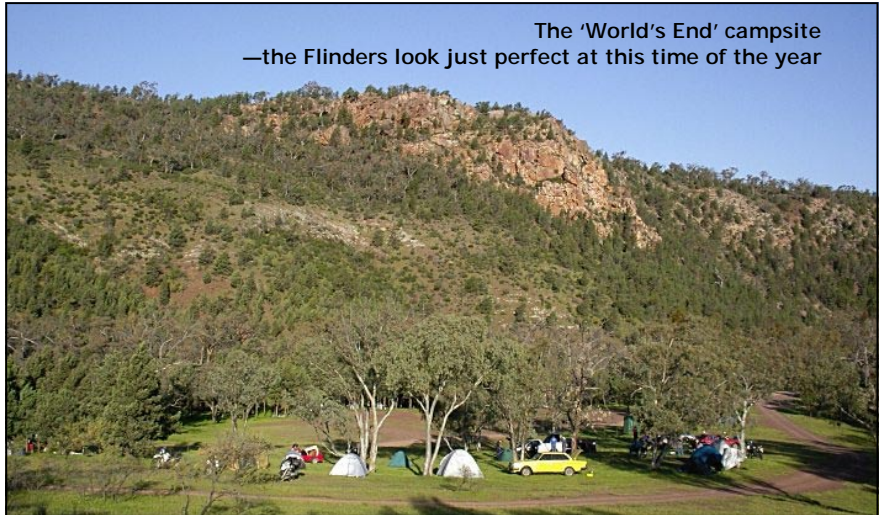
Armed with these pleasant memories and not having ridden the bike for some months, what the heck this was too good an opportunity to miss. Thought I'd just have a short first day and visit with friends in Leeton, good choice because the rain absolutely hissed down something fierce and enough wind to blow tails off dogs. I thought this would be great all the way to the Flinders Ranges. Not so, the next morning sunshine of the highest order and so it was to be for the rest of the trip.

On arrival I could see that almost nothing had changed over the last 29 years. Sure age had crept up on some of us, but a Moto Guzzi could still only get to within the last kilometre before expiring with throttle cable problems, thank goodness I was riding the GS. The stories were as good and tall as I remembered them, the evening camp fire still had the highest flames, the Flinders Ranges were as magnificent as ever and the World's End Rally will continue to be a great rally. It was held on a rather steepish side of the gorge and it was difficult to get a good photograph of the whole camp. It was a good turn out with some 200 bikes making the journey from all over.

That's how I spent my October long weekend, how did you spend yours???

**Freddie**

ps. Don't stop taking photos for TJ's tyre competition. Freddie's back. Hee hee hee hee.



The 'World's End' campsite —the Flinders look just perfect at this time of the year



Freddie's also had a chance for a close up look at the HP2



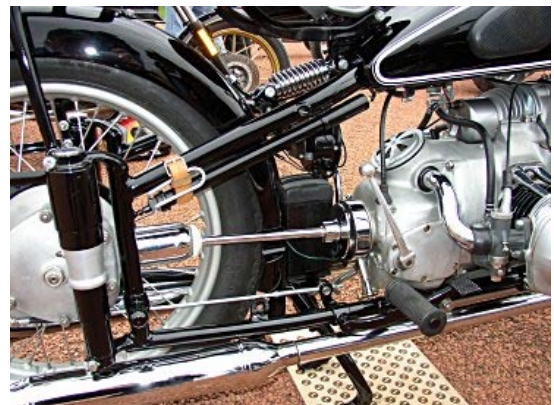
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This year Our Clubs Concours was held on Sunday 25 September, in conjunction with the German Autofest.



# GERMAN AUTOFEST

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**Despite the dull weather and threat of rain, we had a very good turn up for an early pre-Concours breakfast, at My Café in Manuka.**

Because of the early start we managed to beat the crowd and so made the best of the prime kerbside parking spots outside the café, which made for an impressive line-up of bikes.

However ... bet the regulars were hoping that we weren't planning to make it a routine Sunday morning destination.





Our members are to be congratulated on the event—with 26 bikes on display and most showing evidence of a recent clean and polish. Much more difficult for the judges this year!

A highlight of the Autofest and our Concours display was the number of really immaculate airheads on display.





The K1200LTs attracted a lot of interest amongst Autofest spectators and our LT riders were only too happy to demonstrate everything that opens or shuts.

Here (left) Ron is either explaining the intricacies of the BMW Motorrad GPS—or demonstrating the operation of his cup holder.



# Around Australia on a K1200 LT.

(Well, Almost)

By Ian Hahn

Part 1: Canberra to Darwin

Since I have had a large bike, 600 cc plus I have always wanted to do the trip around Australia. The time had arrived.

A nice little package from work persuaded me to leave and become a grey nomad. Well almost.

After purchasing a new BMW K 1200 LT in August 2004 it has taken me a whole year to make my dream come true. I have seen most of the east coast up to Port Douglas and from the southern tip of Western Australia to Denham, Monkey Mia. This is a silly statement but there are two ways to go, clockwise or anticlockwise. I had not made up my mind when I left Canberra to which way I should go. If I decided to go anticlockwise it would be up to Queensland by the inland route on to Mount Isa, Three Ways (Tennant Creek) and Darwin and come home the long way via Perth. Most people go in a anti clockwise direction so I considered the option to go in a clockwise direction just to be different. That would be something like Wagga Wagga, Hay, Port Augusta, Perth and then all points North returning via Mount Isa and Bourke.

Still kitted out in winter gear I left Canberra on a cloudy and cool morning fuelled up at Curtin (123.5 c/l) and headed to Yass, but by the time I reached Yass it was obvious a right hand turn was needed to get north as soon as possible. So it was Cowra and all points north. Second fuel stop was Wellington (129.0 c/l). I have been to Bourke several times so while I cruised at legal speeds I did not stop to see anything except to take some photos. Nyngan was the first night stop (578 km). Something about settling in the bum. Second day is the worse on the bum but it gets better as time goes on. Next night was to be Charleville. I can't help thinking of how the townships in this area look so wrong.

Refilled at Nyngan (130.9 c/l). The day was fine but cold again and I was looking forward to getting further north to warmer weather. Went to Barrington and filled up (119.0 c/l) and had a bite to eat. Could only find standard so I put in 5 litres which should get me to Cunnamulla. So I sat back, set the cruise control and watched the world go by. As the day



progressed I noticed that the road kill was increasing so I turned on my extra sense and used the scanning of moving objects against a still background. While this takes some of the enjoyment from the trip it is necessary to survive. The road kill increased to an unbelievable level until I reached the Northern Territory where it continued but on a lesser scale. Maybe the wildlife in the Territory are smarter than those in Queensland. Filled up at Cunnamulla (129.9 c/l) and continued on to Charleville where I stayed the night (662 km).

Today it was to get to Longreach so I headed off keeping a sharp eye out for live stock, lots of unfenced roads out

here, and other wild life. The day again was fine and dry, cool in the morning but nice and warm during the day. Time for a detour. I always was going to take detours if the road suited the bike, so I decided that a left turn at Blackall was a good idea. The map showed a sealed road to Isisford. So after lunch and I filled up the bike again (128.0 c/l) it was off to Isisford. The road was sealed all the way but was only single lane so I hoped that I would not meet any road trains on the way. The road was good but the cattle grids were bad. Broke the right plastic hinge on the vanity mirror in the top case. Too

much heavy stuff in the compartment. Must replace it with a metal one as I have done on the left side. Isisford was a small town on the banks of the Barcoo river with the local caravan park just over the bridge on the river bank. It was full with the Grey Nomads with their vans parked so close together there was not enough room to pitch the proverbial tent. Must be good fishing in the river.

On I went to Longreach where I was going to stay for at least a day (549 km). The next day I went to the Qantas museum where the history of our famous airline was displayed. There were lots of exhibits and audio/visual units showing and telling how the airline was formed and its





progress through the years to today. There were lots of documents, clothing, photos and Qantas aircraft of the past. The one thing that stood out as far as I was concerned was a section on the flying boats around the 1950's. I remember my dad taking me to Rose Bay in Sydney to see the flying boats take off and land. We all remember the film "The Aviator" and the Spruce Goose flying boats were going to be the way of the future. Well it did not happen and the last flight from Sydney to Lord Howe Island in a Sunderland (?) flying boat was in the mid 1950's. Other exhibitions were the old office and workshop with other motors and aircraft used by Qantas. The last part of my tour was of an original 747B which we are told is still in flying condition and if required it could be flown out of Longreach in a few days. Personally I think it is there for good. If it stays they are going to build a cover for it to protect it from the sun. This tour I found interesting in many ways but the most interesting was how they determine the life of an aircraft. It is calculated on the number of pressurisations of the aircraft. Qantas uses a figure of 19,000. Once this figure is reached the plane is retired.

Another visit I took was to the old powerhouse which is now a museum. This was very interesting because of my background in the industry. As I travelled further I recognised the familiar type buildings in all the towns. In a lot of towns in Western Australia they are still using these powerhouses for their electricity. It is hard to believe that a lot of these towns only changed over to the grid system in the 1970's.

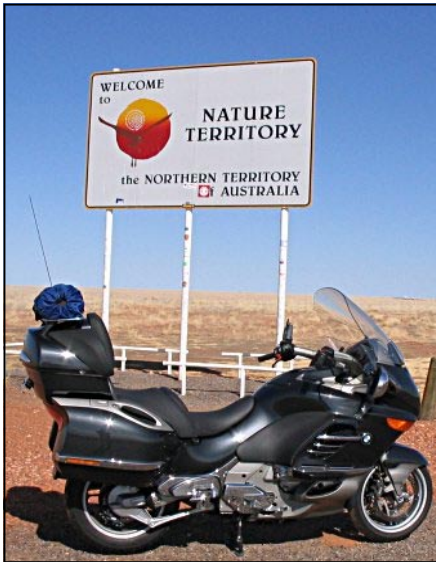
I would hate to think the cost of electricity then as all the diesel had to be trucked in and today with the cost of diesel the electricity bill must be enormous. They also had many other exhibits of old network equipment and household appliances. The generating plant were usually of a 8 or 12 cylinder in line water cooled diesel but one of the units at Longreach was a horizontally opposed unit. (Shades of a Large BMW). It was a 6 cylinder water cooled and ran on either diesel or gas.

Next stop Mount Isa. Left Longreach 0800 and it was still very cold of a morning. Still had on the winter gear. Filled up at Winton (122.9 c/l) and on to Cloncurry for a late lunch. Filled up again (130.9 c/l). Camooweal filled up (139.0 c/l). Arrived Mount Isa (647 km). Booked in, showered and went for a ride around the surrounds and then dinner. This is the place where I dropped the bike for the first time. In the car park of the local club I turned into a row the wrong way with a car coming toward me, saw a vacant spot on my left went to turn in quickly at 1kph and over we went. Big cheer from the club patrons in the outside dining room. No help so I picked it up myself.

First job the next day was to look for a new front tyre. The only place in town with any road tyres was the Honda dealer. They had only two front tyres and one looked like Noah used it on the Ark and the other I thought it was not suitable for the LT. Of course the majority of tyres in stock were the off road type. If you are travelling think about where you may need tyres and check if available and if they have a tyre changing machine. I hope that this front tyre will get me to Darwin (another 1700 km) where there should be a good selection. Spent the rest of the day touring around looking at the mine and other local attractions.

Left Mount Isa for Tennant Creek. Very cold again in the morning. Around 50 km out of town I came across a road train accident. What a mess. Prime mover with four cattle trailers on its side. Cattle roaming all over the place and a lot just lying down not moving. I stopped and took some photos. It looked like a strong wind had just pushed the whole unit on its side. Everything was almost in a perfect straight line with all the trailers still attached to the prime mover. It looked to me like the driver had gone to sleep and put the nearside wheels of the prime mover off the tar seal and into the soft verge. Everything just followed and fell





over. Very handy to do an inspection of the underneath of the unit. Looking at the accident you most likely would have to disconnect all the trailers pull each up right and then the prime mover, check the oil and water reconnect the trailers and drive off.

Tennant Creek (657 km). Booked in to the motel and walked around to the local club and had dinner. All you can eat for \$16.00. Only had one serving but over did it again. This place had the same feeling as some of the other towns had. Took some good photos from the look out next to the motel.

Filled up Tennant Creek (139.9 c/l) and left for Katherine. Not much to see so I sat back engaged the cruise control and watched the world go by. Passed through Renner Springs, Elliott, Newcastle Waters, Dunmarra (standard only available 139.9 c/l) Daly Waters, Larrimah, (144.5 c/l) Mataranka and then Katherine. I found it difficult to find a room so I ended up at a place out of town on the river. Do not think I will go back to that motel again.

At this point I must pass on an observation about accommodation. With the advent of contract labour becoming the done thing with governments, local councils and large firms, rooms in hotels and motels are becoming hostels for workers who stay in one place for a period of time, from several days to weeks, and then move on to the next town or job. They work long hours, sun up to sunset and most likely go to the pub for a beer and dinner after work. This means late night showers, discussions of the next day's work and mobile phone calls etc. with early morning departures around 0600 hrs. and usually driving diesel powered vehicles. I liked to finish my riding at 1600 hrs get cleaned up, go

for a walk around town and then to the pub have a beer and get some dinner, in bed by around 2200 hrs, get up around 0700 hrs and be on the road at 0800 hrs.

So with this problem of accommodation in mind I went to the local tourist bureau and tried to book ahead. I succeeded to book Darwin and Jabiru. Expensive. This time of the year is peak tourist time and with school holidays in the south coming up I found it best to try to book ahead. If you can stand the heat and humidity the best time is summer time.

Next stop was Darwin where I was going to spend a few days, get a new front tyre and an oil and filter change. Not to get into what happened too much, the local BMW dealer sent me to the local Honda dealer for the new tyre. Once again not much of a selection as there are a lot of dirt bikes and not many road bikes. I

arranged to have the oil and filter change done the next day and this worked in just fine as one of the things I wanted to see was the B 52 bomber which is in a big hanger just opposite the dealer. I always thought that it would be bigger than a 747 but no, it is smaller. Again the other exhibits were well worth seeing. I went back to pick up the bike and pay the bill (\$168.00) for a filter and oil change and walked outside to get the bike and found it parked on the side stand facing downhill in neutral with the side stand in a section of new tar seal and slowly sinking in to it. I reckon I got there just in time. Not impressed and I let them know.

**Next month Ian covers the next part of his trip from Darwin to Western Australia.**



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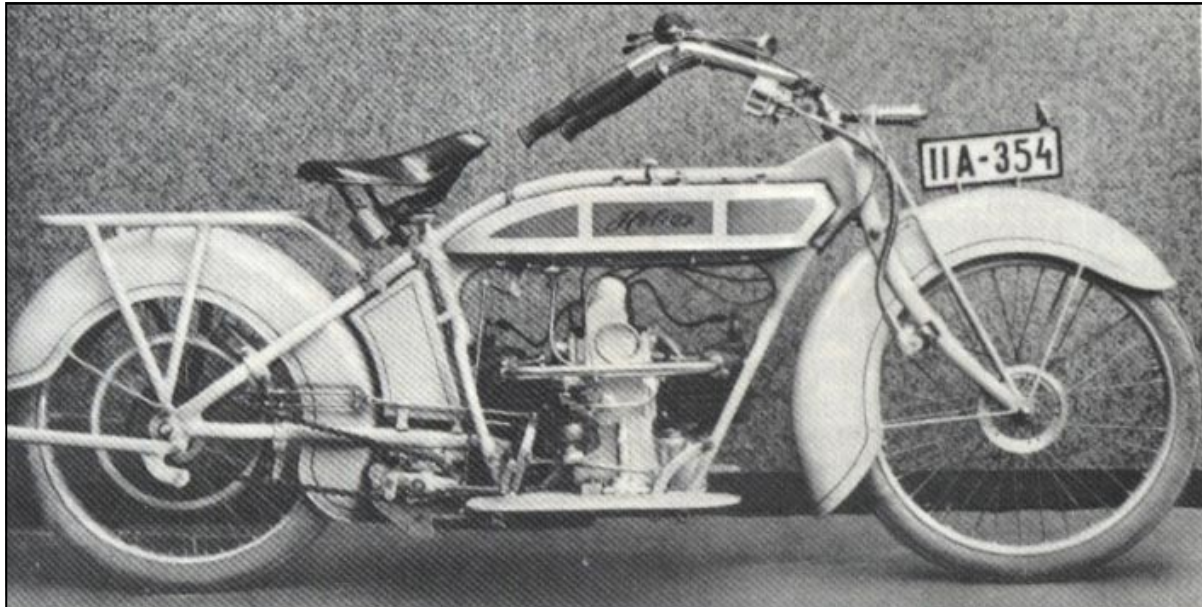
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## BMW Helios



Model	Helios
Production dates	1921-1922
Engine designation	M15a pre production. M2B15 production
Engine type	Two cylinder flat twin 4 stroke, side valve
Capacity	494 ccm
Compression ratio	5.0 : 1
Power output	6.5 HP
Number of gears	
Ignition	
Weight	
Fuel capacity	
Fuel consumption	
Top speed	
Engine numbers	
Number built	

### Notes.

This motorcycle was made by the company BFW the forerunner to BMW. (Bayerische Flugzeugwerke).

This engine was based on a design of the English 'Douglas' and was offered to various motorcycle manufactures to fit into their frames. The best known was the 'Victoria'.

The cooling fins ran downward from the valve gear to the crankcase. This engine was also used for stationary purposes and was fitted with a cooling fan. It also found a home in a light aircraft designed by Ing F. Budig. BMW designed and built its own carburettor, which was mounted more toward the front cylinder. The castings were made by BMW and showed a high quality of finish with the BMW logo cast in.

Power was transmitted to the rear wheel via a 3 speed gearbox and chain. Braking was by a wooden block rubbing on a rim fitted to the rear wheel.



# Minutes Of September General Meeting

**Held on 26 September 2005**

**Attendance:** as per attendance book.

**Apologies:** Alison & Martin Gilbert

**New members and Visitors:** Martin Robertson, Alan Osborne

**Minutes of previous meeting approved:** proposed Peter Oliver, seconded Pam Paul

**President:** This will be a quick meeting to allow time for Alan's presentation on Canada. The German Autofest was a resounding success all credit to Howdie and Ruthie Farrar. Next event is the Club's annual rally at Geehi Hut on 22/ 23 October.

**Vice President:** No NSW Reps at Bermagui this year. The hotel has got a bit expensive at \$90 per night. The concours was well attended. Trophies to be awarded at the Christmas party. Badges have been ordered for the rally. BMW has donated a voucher for a helmet. Firewood for the rally has been organised

**Secretary:** advice from Italo Australian Club re unavailability of upstairs room on 26/9/05.

- Various clubs magazines
- Various flyers
- CPS Credit Union statement for September
- One new membership
- Payment for badges

**Treasurer:** S10 Smart Saver \$2196.96  
S70 Business Cheque \$5090.28

**Editor:** Would like more articles for the newsletter. Deadline is the middle of the month.

**Ride Coordinator:** Asked if everyone was getting emails from him. Look out for potential new members at Northside meeting place on Sunday mornings. Sunday 2 October - Breakfast at Grapevine Café, Braidwood. Meet at the usual rallying points or Bungendore roundabout at 0850. Saturday 8 October - Long day ride - Kangaroo Valley; Bungendore—Bundanoon (smoko!) - Robertson (pie shop!!) Jamberoo - Kiama - Berry (lunch) - follow Olaf home.

**Social Secretary:** Next Chomp and Chat on Wednesday 5 October is at Piyaros Thai, Lonsdale Street Braddon. November Chomp and Chat - to be advised. Alternative breakfast 6 November at the Outsider Restaurant, Captains Flat; numbers required. Club Christmas picnic at Corin Forest on Sunday 4 December from 10.30 am. BBQ area has been reserved for our use. Christmas party and presentation night at Hudsons in the Gardens, (Botanic Gardens) on Friday 9 December, RSVP and payment required by 28 November.

**Clubs Australia:** Generous response from BMW for our rally this year.

**Membership:** Back after his 4838 km trip.

**Webmaster:** New magazine up on the website; a few changes have been made in the last few weeks

**Merchandising:** Trickle of sales since the last meeting. Some progress on Merchandise items for our anniversary next year: Swiss Army Card tool, mini maglite torch, Club port and travel alarm clock and Calculator will be special merchandise on sale. There will also be a 25th anniversary badge for all members.

**General Business:** Jim Reid talked about Bermagui. Have been exchanging emails with Sydney people some of whom are still interested in having combined club runs. Ian Hahn visited two dealers on his trip and was very impressed with the BMW dealer in Perth who had a necessary part air freighted in and quickly fitted. The experience in Darwin was not as good. Alan gave a talk with lots of photos on his 14 day trip through Canada as part of an organised Harley tour.

 <h2>Merchandise</h2>	
The Club has for sale a range of good quality clothing embroidered with the club logo at very reasonable prices. Come along to the next club meeting to see the sample range. You can also purchase or place your order (cash or cheques only) at the meeting with Fiona Oliver, our Merchandising Officer. Orders can be collected at the next meeting.	
Polar fleece zip jacket (mens and womens) Black, navy or red	\$45
Polar fleece contrast sleeveless vest (unisex) Black/red, black/gold, black/grey, navy/red	\$40.50
Long sleeve denim shirt (unisex) Medium blue	\$35
Long sleeve chambray shirt (mens and womens) Light blue all cotton	\$49.50
Mens rugby top Navy with denim collar	\$42.50
Ladies rugby top Navy or red with white collar	\$30.50
Short sleeve polo shirt (unisex) Navy with contrast trim on collar	\$35
Thinsulate beanie Black or navy	\$25
Neck warmer Black or navy	\$12
Peaked cap with club logo Black or navy with contrasting trim	\$20



# Minutes Of Committee Meeting

Meeting held October 2005

**Present:** John McKinnon, Pam & Roger Paull, Fiona & Peter Oliver, Olaf Moon, Colin Ward, , Ian Hahn, Stephen Hay. Members Leena Ward, Jeanette Hahn

**Apologies:** Mal Elliott, Martin Gilbert

**President (John McKinnon):**

- Minutes of previous meeting endorsed as a correct record.
- Final arrangements for the Geehi rally—leave from Williamsdale at 8.30 on Sat 22 October; John will ask Mal Elliott to send out an email on this. George Penfound will be going down on Friday with his trailer if anyone wants to transport gear with him. Treasurer to arrange a cheque for \$200 for Ian Hahn to pay for the firewood. Rally entry \$15. Raffle tickets (6 for \$5) will be on sale - Colin Ward to arrange. First prize is a voucher for a Sportintegral helmet.
- Flowers have been sent to Vic Garland who's in the John Hunter Hin Newcastle after an after accident.
- The letter sent to Mr Ridgwell declining membership was returned by the post office. We will try to check his address before resending.
- German Day wrap up. John was unable to attend the wrap up meeting. He's sent a email to Ruthie Farrer congratulating her on the organisation of the event
- Next general meeting will show a DVD of Peter Stanfield sky diving.

**Vice President (Colin Ward):**

- Club badges for next year's silver anniversary have arrived and will be distributed to members when they renew their membership.
- He will organise the quotes and invoices for concours trophies.
- He will chase up MRA on its general fund for injured motorcycle riders: if this has not been established the club will donate the \$500 from our assistance to BMW at the Ulysses AGM to another local charity.

**Treasurer (Peter Oliver):**

Cheque account \$4,937.36 , Smart Saver \$2,196.96 Auditor's report has come back. Current membership needed. Financial money trail needs to be tighter.

**Secretary (Steve Hay):**

- Italo Australian Club Letter seeking our application for ongoing use of the club in 2006.at \$25:00 per meeting. Steve to meet with the functions manager to establish what our options are. He will also advise them of our 2006 meeting dates.
- CPS Credit Union Statement
- Two cheques for Christmas dinner (Gilchrist & Major)
- membership renewal Frank Crews
- Club and Rally Badges
- Returned registered letter still at the Post Office.
- BMW Motorcycle Club of WA October Magazine
- Email from Peter Major re Breast Cancer fund raiser.

**Editor (Roger Paull):**

We are a bit short on for material this month but we will get by with photos.

**Ride Coordinator (Mal Elliott):**

Apology.

- Olaf suggested the planned weekend ride on 12/13 November be changed to a Sunday day ride down the Monaro Highway to Cann River and return via the Imlay Road. Depart from Rolfe at 8am and Williamsdale at 8.30am.
- Fiona has had five women contact her for the women's ride.

**Social Secretary (Pam Paull):**

- Chomp & Chat Wed 2 November at Delissio, Curtin on Steve Hay's recommendation.
- Alternate breakfast 6 November at Captains Flat - numbers needed.
- Christmas picnic Sunday 4 December at Corin Forest starting at 10.30am. Fiona will be the games mistress.
- Christmas party Friday 9 December - rsvp and payments due by 28 November (last club meeting for the year).

**Web (Olaf Moon):**

New front page on the website. Not all of the new email addresses are working and Olaf will follow up with ISP.

**Merchandise (Fiona Oliver):**

- We need a good copy of the club Badge artwork for the Port supplier and other 25th anniversary merchandise. Steve Hay has ordered samples of the Victorinox Swiss lite card and AA maglite torch to see if they are suitable 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary merchandise.

**Public Officer (Fiona Oliver):**

Fiona will arrange lodgement of audited documents at ACT Registrar General's office.

**Clubs Australia (Martin Gilbert):**

Apology. John was unable to attend the tele conference in Martin's absence.

**Membership (Ian Hahn):**

- 232 current members
- 1 New membership application received tonight from Gary & Jane Smee. Application accepted by the Committee.

**General business:**

Ian said we have two copies of the Club's Constitution with the same date but different text. Fiona Oliver (Public Officer) will follow this up.

**Next meeting 17 November 2005 @ the Hahn's.**

## For Sale

**BMW K1200RS** 2001 Update model. Black, 38500 kms, full service history, ABS, panniers, heated grips. High and low screens. **\$14 900. Call Jack on 0408 611 565.**



**K1200RS**, an 02 with less than 20,000 km, all long distance "over 55" type rides, it is silver and red, panniers, cruise control, ABS and lowered pillion pegs. It is in "as new condition" with great new Metzler Z6, tyres and 10 months ACT rego asking price is **\$16,500 ono.**

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**Adverts are run for 2 months, so please let the Editor know if you've sold or bought after your advert first appears. Ads also appear on the club website.**

## Wanted

**R1200GS** - low k's and very good condition required. **Call Grahame on 0417 668 729**

## For Sale Second Month

**BMW R100GS 1989** model in very good original condition, WP rear shock. Full service history. Good tyres. ACT rego. **\$5500.** Contact **Geoff on 62832187 (w) or 63846328 (h)**

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**K1100RS 1993.** Red with panniers and genuine BMW tank bag. As new rear Metzeler. NSW rego until 27/1/06. 125,000 well maintained kilometres - barely run in! The exhaust system was replaced with a near new system from a wreck and is in excellent condition with no cracking of the headers. Some minor cosmetic scratches on lower fairing and chrome muffler cover due to slow speed slide on a muddy road last year - much to the amusement of my mates. Reluctant sale - the cash will go to the restoration of a 1963 R60/2. **\$5,500. Contact Ian (02) 9913 9361 or e-mail ianralph@optusnet.com.au**



## Wanted second month

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Does anyone have an **exhaust system for a 1985 K100RS** that makes the bike actually sound like a 1000cc. Hopefully a decent after market brand ie Staintune. Email **david\_usher@iprimus.com.au**

# ACT BMW Motorcycle Club

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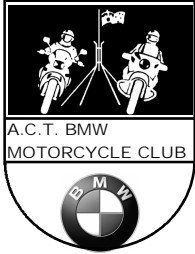
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