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Next Meeting: Monday 26 February 2007

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 :

The Membership Secretary
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.

Participants in Club activities are advised and reminded that they do so at their own risk and are fully responsible for their own riding. Please obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

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The Club is aware that privacy of personal information is an issue of growing concern and for that reason has a declared policy as regards *Privacy* and *Spam*.

Details of the Club's policy were in the May 2005 newsletter and are available on request.

Any members who have queries should contact the Club President in the first instance, or alternatively, raise these issues at the Club's monthly meeting.

Cover photo

Roger Paull shows there's still plenty of time to ride even if you're the Editor.

THE PRESIDENTIAL HOOHAH

Martin Little

As many of you will know the date for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been set for 2 April. The AGM will see a new Committee for the New Year. The success of the club is due in no small part to our Committee. Their enthusiasm and passion for not just BMW bikes but also the Club and its members as a whole is commendable, even more so when you consider the Committee members are essentially "volunteers" who give their valuable time freely to the running of the Club. I can speak from recent personal experience that being involved at Committee level in the Club is an extremely satisfying experience and one that I intend to continue, subject to your agreement of course! So if you have had thoughts of how you could make a contribution to the Club, or perhaps felt you would like things done differently, then why don't you get involved with the incoming Committee? As we all know, watching from the sidelines makes us all armchair experts, but getting involved in the game is even more satisfying! At this stage it appears we are looking for aspiring editors, web masters and social secretaries to throw their hat into the ring.

At the February Committee meeting the draft Constitution was finalised by the Committee and should now be available on the web for viewing by all. This will then be voted on at the AGM, and for it to be accepted by Club members we will need a good attendance to ensure we have the numbers to do this. If you can't attend the AGM, then please ensure you use the proxy form included in this magazine.

The last week of March sees the BMW TourenSport Safari being held almost in our backyard. I will be attending along with my wife, Viv and other club members. If you haven't already please drop me an email letting me know you are attending.

Later in the year, I will be in the lucky position of taking several months leave from work. As well as spending time with family, I will also be spending more time on the bike. My plans include some long rides followed by a much longer ride in June and July. One of the first rides planned is a trip to the Great Ocean Road via the Victorian Alps with Hugh Davies and his R1200CL. The dates for the GOR ride are departing 22 April and returning 26 April, so if you would like to come along with Hugh and myself then drop me an email. Oh, if you would like to do a regular midweek ride then let me know also!

Having said all this there is one slight glitch in the planning.....you see I decided that I needed something slightly larger and more appropriate for some distance work than the R1100 so put it on the market a couple of weeks ago. (The thinking was it would sell within a couple of months and by then I would have a replacement bike!) Well the R1100 sold within a few days and I now find myself sans bike. The best laid plans! As Viv said so eloquently as we sat today discussing our plans for the Safari "Don't forget we need a bike". My reply? I'm working on it!

See you out there!

Martin Little

Acting President

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Welcome to our new members

- » Chris Bourke R1150GS
- » Graeme Broughton R1200ST
- » Mark Waterson & Dawn Duensing K100RS
- » Leesa Adams R850R

Our next General Meeting is on Monday 26 February 2007, at the Canberra Services Club, Manuka at 7.45pm.

Going to the Safari?

Martin Little has started a list of Club members heading off to the BMW Safari in March. If you're going please get in touch so he can put you on the list so we can keep in contact with other ACT BMW MCC members en route (and maybe catch up for a meal or a drink).



Calendar: February to April 2007



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26 General meeting , 7.45pm

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- 1 Alternative Sunday Breakfast
- 2 Annual General Meeting
- 4 Chomp & Chat
- 21/22 Historical Aircraft Museum Albion Park Rail
- 23 General Meeting

March 2007

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- 4 Alternate Sunday Breakfast
- 7 Chomp & Chat
- 17/19 Mudgee
- 25/31 BMW TourenSport Safari

Don't forget our regular Sunday breakfasts at Café 2621 in Bungendore.

26 February 2007 - General Meeting

7.45pm Canberra Services Club

4 March 2007 - Alternate Sunday Breakfast

A member has kindly offered to host breakfast/brunch at his home in the Southern Highlands. While the numbers who attend are not restricted the member providing brunch has asked that final numbers be advised in advance for catering purposes. **RSVPs are essential** so you must book with the Social Secretary or Ride Coordinator by 28 February (details on page 2). If you don't book in advance, you can't come along. The cost is \$10 per person. Those who have booked will be led on an enjoyable mystery ride to the brunch destination - leaving from the roundabout in Bungendore at 9.30 am.

7 March 2007 - Chomp & Chat

Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant, Woden (next to Hogs Breath) at 6.30 pm. RSVP to Sheryle or Olaf Moon (details on page 2) by 4 March.

17/19 March - Canberra Day Long Weekend trip

to Mudgee via Goulburn, Taralga and Oberon. Departing from Rolfe at 8.30am and Queanbeyan at 9.00am. If you're planning on going please contact Ride Coordinator Mal Elliott who will have some accommodation options for you.

1 April 2007 - Alternative Sunday Breakfast

We're planning a long ride to Ulladulla to the Harbourside Restaurant, owned by motorcycle rider John Payne. The group departure point will be Red Rooster, Queanbeyan at 8.00am (yes it is early but you've got a fair distance to cover). RSVP to Olaf or Sheryle Moon (details on page 2) by 28 March.

2 April 2007 - Annual General Meeting

7.45pm Canberra Services Club.

4 April 2007 - Chomp & Chat

The prices have changed but not much else has over the past 20 + years at our venue for April - Woodstock in City Walk, Civic. Usual time of 6.30pm with RSVP to Olaf or Sheryle Moon (details on page 2) by 2 April. The plan is to have a quick meal and then head off to the Dendy cinema.

21/22 April 2007 - Weekend ride

Note the change of date. We're planning a weekend trip to the Historical Aircraft Museum located at the Illawarra Regional Airport, Albion Park Rail (Wollongong way). More details in the next newsletter.

23 April - General Meeting

7.45pm Canberra Services Club. The first meeting with the new Committee.

... and a bit further ahead

12 May - MRA Blanket Run

Our chance to support a good cause and win back the trophy!

30 June/1 July - Christmas in Winter

At Harrietville with the Victorian Club.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The March General Meeting has been postponed for one week as we will have a number of our members away on the BMW TourenSport Safari and will now be held in conjunction with the AGM on Monday 2 April .

SITUATION VACANT - EDITOR

After 3 enjoyable years as the Editor of this esteemed publication, I have decided it's time to put away the pencil and give someone else the opportunity to contribute to the Club. I will provide training and support to the new editor while he or she finds her feet...or should that be pencil or keyboard?

I have written just one article in three years so don't stop reading now if you think the Editor has to actually write anything - you don't, unless you want to. The job entails pulling together articles and photos from other members, using Microsoft Publisher (if you can use Word you'll pick it up in less than an hour) and arranging the printing and distribution.

The pay is non-existent, but you do know what's in the newsletter before anyone else does.

Contact me if you're interested in finding out more.

Roger Paull

RSVPs

Our Social Secretary and Ride Coordinator put a lot of effort into booking and arranging functions and rides. We would like to remind members that if you intend going please RSVP.... and if you've said you're going, then turn up or let the organiser know in advance if you've changed your mind!

We have to book restaurants and if 40 turn up instead of the 20 people who have booked, it puts an unreasonable demand on the venue, is embarrassing for us and is unfair to those who've done the right thing and let us know they're coming.

With rides, please let the Ride Coordinator know you're going otherwise he might think there's no interest and cancel the ride.

While it wasn't the most interesting ride on the highway to Yass, over 30 members did have a very pleasant breakfast in the cool, covered courtyard at Café Dolcetto. The staff did well to cope with the numbers, considering we'd booked for 20! Everyone had been fed and latte-ed by 10.15 with some people choosing to head off for a ride on the windy roads around Boorowa.



Members are advised that the 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 2 April 2007 at 7.45pm at the Canberra Services Club, Manuka Circle, Manuka.

As well as the normal procedures, (e.g. election of the new Committee and finding out who has won TJ's Tyres competition), the Committee is proposing that the Club's existing Constitution be replaced in its entirety. The Constitution redrafting process is now complete. At its February meeting the Committee signed off on the final amendments to the draft Constitution which will now be submitted to the members for approval at the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the draft Constitution will also be sent to the Office of the ACT Registrar General for a final check prior to the Annual General Meeting, just to make sure that the Club has dotted all its "i's" and crossed its "t's".

The Committee would like to thank the following members for their thoughtful contributions to the consultation process that developed the new draft Constitution: Sue Ball-Guymer, Ian Hahn, Jeanette Hahn, Geoff Harders, Graeme Moffatt, John Shepherd, Murray Parker and Pam Paull.

The draft Constitution in its final form is available on the Club's website and all members are encouraged to read the final draft prior to the February General Meeting. If you are unable to access the Internet, then you should contact the Public Officer (0409 424516) and ask to have a hard copy mailed to you.

At the February General Meeting there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions about the content of the new draft Constitution. However, there will be no further amendments made to the current draft. The consultation process to develop the Constitution has taken four months and the Committee feels that sufficient time and opportunity has been allowed for members to contribute to this process.

A single motion will be put forward at the Annual General Meeting in April to accept or reject the new draft Constitution. Given the problems the Club has had in the past in getting a quorum at its Annual General Meetings, it will be vital that as many members as possible attend that meeting or send their proxy to vote on the motion regarding the new draft Constitution. One of the key changes in the new draft Constitution has been to relax the quorum requirements so this will cease to be an issue once the new draft Constitution has been accepted. However, until then, everyone must make the effort to either vote in person or vote by proxy. The motion on the Constitution will be as follows:

"That the members agree to replace all prior versions of the Club's Constitution with the new draft Constitution in its entirety, and including any mandatory changes required by the Office of the ACT Registrar General."

If you have any questions about the new draft Constitution, you should contact the Public Officer on 0409 424516.

We will still need a quorum as described in our existing Constitution to vote on, and hopefully accept, our new Constitution, so it will be vitally important that we get a good turnout of members at the 2007 Annual General Meeting. If you are unable to attend, please use the proxy form below.

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,..... (Full name) of.....

..... (Address) being a financial member of the ACT BMW

Motorcycle Club Inc, hereby appoint(Full name of proxy) of

.....(Address) being a financial member of the ACT BMW Motorcycle Club as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf on all business at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on the 2nd day of April 2007 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote according to her or his judgment in regard to Committee positions and any other Club matters that may arise throughout the meeting.

..... Signature of member appointing proxy

Date.....

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The day ride to Charlotte's Pass on 20 January was cancelled due to bushfires near Thredbo and predicted high temperatures. Having already arranged a "leave pass" for the day, Dean Marshall headed north.....and in a few other directions.

Last year I missed every long ride and most Sunday get togethers primarily due to a change in work circumstances. Having settled into the 'new' job I figured this year I'd play a bit of catch up so when I saw about the ride to Charlotte's Pass a few weeks ago a plan was set in motion. I marked the family calendar with the date and destination, obtained the necessary leave pass from the 'boss' and organised alternate activities for the not so little rug rats.

I was keeping track of the fire activity in the 'hills' and spoke to the 'boss' about the probability of an alternate destination being organised and kept my eye on the e-mails. I was 'psyched' for a big day out and chomping at the bit to get going. You can imagine my disappointment when I read that the ride had been cancelled. So, I waited until the boss got home from work on Friday evening and gave her the 'good' news. 'What are you going to do?' asked the boss. 'I still want to go for a ride - figured I might take a few back roads to Wollongong and come home via the Hume - try out the cruise control Mick fitted at the last service'.

So, to cut a very long story relatively short, I departed the home front at 0815 and headed off from the south side of town. Took the Monaro - Lanyon - to Queanbeyan - Bungendore - Tarago - Lake Bathurst - Goulburn - Bungonia - Marulan - Bundanoon - Moss Vale - Wollongong. Stopped there at 1130 for lunch and a leg stretch. Left Wollongong at 1210 and headed inland towards the Hume. Wasn't until I crossed the Hume and heading towards Picton that I realised the Beemer wasn't interested in going home that way - oh well, may as well see where she wants to go..... Camden, then Northern Road - Glenmore Park - M4 - up the hill through Katoomba and next thing I know I'm stopping in Bathurst to check in with the home front at 1530 (about the time I was due back home) to say I'd be another couple of hours.... 'on, on, on'... Cowra, Lachlan Valley Way to Boorowa - fuel, leg stretch and bottle of h2o. Boorowa to Hume - Barton Highway - Northbourne - Adelaide Ave - and finally back at Richardson at 1845hrs.

All up there was only a small patch where traffic was an issue - on the Princes Highway after leaving the Illawarra Highway into the 'Gong' and a few spots up around the Blue Mountains but nothing of any real consequence. The road up there has improved significantly since I lived there some 9 - 10 yrs ago. Only saw two highway patrol cars all day - one just east of Bathurst enjoying a chat about the weather with a motorist on the side of the road and the other on the Barton Highway heading towards Murrumbateman - looking for a motorist to have a chat with about the weather..... Of course there were the obligatory 24 hour speed cameras along the way as well....

In the end I was out for 10 and a half hours, travelled 870 kms, had a fantastic ride and to be honest it was all I could do to get myself out of the saddle when I stopped - the lack of long rides in recent times has softened the rear end a little....

I hope you enjoyed the sleep in.....

cheers,
Dean

BMW MOTORRAD CELEBRATES A YEAR OF MILESTONES



- . 100,000 motorcycles produced and sold in 2006
- 1,610 Motorrad sales in Australia
- 2,000,000 produced since 1923

2006 was a year of superlatives for BMW Motorrad. On December 15th, the 100,000th motorcycle was built at the Berlin plant, the first time that magical milestone had been achieved in a single calendar year.

And even more impressive, exactly 100,064 BMW motorcycles were sold worldwide – the highest number ever supplied by the company to customers in a single year.

Compared with the 2005 total of 97,474 machines, the sales increase was a satisfying 2.7 percent.

BMW Motorrad in Australia posted a similarly superlative 1,610 sales in 2006, thanks to the success of the R and K series machines and the enduring appeal of the F 650 family, not to mention the excitement surrounding the arrival of the F 800 S and F 800 ST.

BMW Motorrad is also proud to record another proud statistic for 2006: in December the number of all BMW motorcycles produced since 1923 reached the two million mark.

By the end of the year a total of 2,061,977 motorcycles had been produced, 1,616,016 having come off the production lines of the motorcycle plant in Berlin-Spandau since 1969.

In keeping with the company's roots, the 100,000th motorcycle was a flat twin "Boxer", a R 1200 R Roadster in Nocturnal Black non-metallic fitted with Integral ABS.

Hermann Bohrer, head of production of the Berlin plant since September, was very pleased: "100,000 is great symbol for the work done here in the plant in recent years. This kind of thing can only be achieved with a strong, well-motivated workforce. Six new models have been a big challenge to the plant. I would like to thank everyone. Their efforts have made this great success possible."

The foundation for increased production was laid by

investments made in past years. Some 117 million euros was spent on developing motorcycle production in the Berlin plant between 2001 and 2003. Today it is regarded as one of the most modern motorcycle plants in the world.

Sales results mainly achieved in Western Europe. The markets in Western Europe accounted for the lion's share of the impressive sales results. In Germany, a total of 23,617 units had been supplied as of December, making BMW Motorrad the market leader in its home territory. Advance sales due to the imminent VAT increase resulted in a surge in sales towards the end of the year.

For Rodger Bothmann, head of motorcycle sales in Germany, 2006 was an unusual year: "We presented five new models at INTERMOT and gave the notice of our plans to deliver the new single-cylinder models of the G 650 cross series, the K 1200 R Sport and the HP2 Megamoto. We will continue the success of this product offensive in 2007."

The second strongest market for the company was Italy with 13,651 units, followed by the USA (12,825 units) and Spain (10,002 units).

The R 1200 GS – along with its sibling model Adventure - achieved phenomenal sales success with 31,138 units. Not only is it the market leader by a long way among big-engined enduro motorcycles, it is probably one of the best-selling motorcycle model worldwide in the 500 cc and above category.

Ranking in second place in terms of popularity of BMW motorcycles is the R1200 RT tourer with 13,384 units. The single-cylinder F 650 GS and Dakar models collected 12,511 sales.

The largest manufacturer of large-volume motorcycles in Europe in one decade. Within a decade BMW Motorrad has become the biggest and most successful manufacturer of big-engined motorcycles in Europe. But for Dr. Herbert Diess, the managing director of BMW Motorrad, volume increase is not the ultimate objective: "Our company strategy is long-term and oriented towards the permanent profitability of all products, it is not simply geared towards volume.

"Rankings in registration statistics are not the main focus of our interest. We invest carefully in innovations and technologies for new models, consolidating and extending our segments and market positions. This secures a strong position within the market for ourselves and our dealers."

The record figures of the year 2006 mark the latest high point in an impressive success story for BMW motorcycles which started back in 1993 with the 4-valve flat twin generation and the revitalisation of the single-cylinder segment in 1994. Since then sales have been virtually tripled (from 35.219 units in 1993 to 100,064 units in 2006).

New company orientation and model offensive since 2004. The continuous extension of the model program and from

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2004 the new edition of the 4-valve flat twin "Boxer" – completely redesigned - much lighter, more powerful and more agile than the predecessor generation, are further pillars of success. Today it encompasses eight different models, of which the sportiest – the R 1200 S – has an output of 90 kW (122 bhp).

With the 4-cylinder motorcycles of the K series, also completely redesigned, BMW Motorrad extended its range towards the high-performance motorcycle from 2004 onwards, too. This was followed by a strategic reorientation of the entire model range with significantly increased dynamic performance and sporty flair.

2006 saw a further milestone: entry into the hotly competed medium category segment with the two new models F 800 ST and F 800 S. The state-of-the-art parallel twin, unique in its design, now forms the basis for an additional model series – the fourth – which is to be extended in the years to come. The product spectrum is rounded off at the lower end of the scale with the single-cylinder models G 650 Xchallenge, Xcountry and Xmoto, which were presented to the general public at the end of 2006.

Virtually the entire model program has been completely renewed over the last two years with 17 new motorcycles having been launched since 2004.

The current range is divided into four core segments: Sports, Touring, Urban and Enduro. There are a total of

20 different models – from the 650 cc hard enduro to the 4-cylinder high-performance sports machine with 1200 cc and 122 kW (167 bhp).

It is the biggest, most diverse and most exciting model program of all time.

Dynamic performance and power have become the new trademarks of BMW motorcycles, combined with traditional values such as ecological compatibility, safety and reliability.

Looking ahead to 2007.

BMW Motorrad starts out into 2007 with five new models. The new single-cylinder series with the G 650 Xchallenge, Xcountry and Xmoto models, and the K 1200 R Sport will all be available from dealerships in Germany from March 10th 2007, the HP2 Megamoto follows in late spring.

The sole G 650 model to be offered locally, the G 650 Xchallenge will arrive early in the second quarter and the HP2 Megamoto will be available to special order from mid-year. There are no plans to bring in the K 1200 R Sport.

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BMW Clubs Australia Delegate
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....and guess who's leading the points score as at 14 February? None other than the inveterate photographer and multi TJ's Touring Competition Winner Fred Pensko on 863, quite a few photos ahead of Olaf Moon on

333, Martin Little on 76 and Alison Gilbert on 20.

There is still time to get out and take plenty of photos to rocket to the lead and win tyres to the value of \$400 courtesy of Hal Caston of TJ's Tyres.

The rules are simple You need to have a qualifying photo of yourself, your motorbike and Hal outside TJ's – worth 20 points. Just ask Hal nicely to pose with you—you don't have to buy something from him.

To score points, you have to take a photo of your motorbike in front of a sign on a public building in a town showing that town's name. The entrant does not have to be in this photo.

A public building means:

a public (not a private) school; a town hall or council chambers; a public (not a private) hospital; a police station; a post office; a court house

Photos taken outside any other building will not score any points.

Scoring Points

Points are scored according to the Scrabble letter value of the town's name:

- ◆ No points for anywhere in the ACT except the photo at TJ's.
- ◆ Single word score for towns in NSW and Victoria.
- ◆ Double word score for towns in SA and QLD.
- ◆ Triple word score for towns in WA, NT and Tasmania.

The rest of the rules:

Photos of suburb names don't score any points so you can't just go to Sydney and take photos of Bondi Public School or Chatswood Police Station etc.

Only one photo per town per entrant— you can't put in multiple photos of the same town.

Points are scored according to the Scrabble letter value of the town's name.

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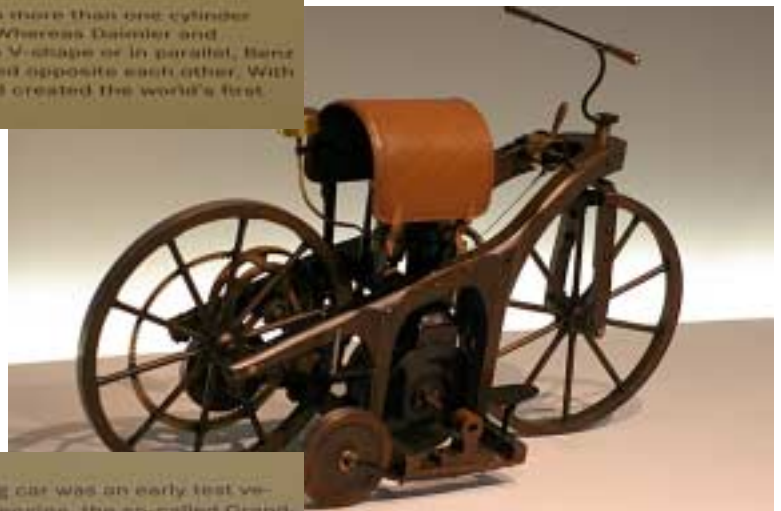
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Being just a little miffed at visiting Munich late last year and not being able to see BMW's Museum (closed for renovation) or their private 'Mobile Tradition' exhibition, we did the next best thing and went down the road and visited the 'Opposition's' new museum in Stuttgart. Very, very impressive and highly recommended if you are in the region. Perhaps combined with a visit to new BMW's Museum when it re-opens?

5 hp Benz two-cylinder opposed-piston engine
Karl Benz did not develop his first gasoline engine with more than one cylinder before 1897 but he was doing it for a new principle. Whereas Daimler and Maybach built their engines with cylinders arranged in V-shape or in parallel, Benz developed an engine family with two cylinders arranged opposite each other. With this design, which he called 'contra engines', Benz had created the world's first horizontally opposed piston engine.

Information panels on the displays are reproduced without comment. Now, if they only managed to combine the two?



Daimler riding cars
For Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach, the riding car was an early test vehicle for their small high-speed internal combustion engine, the so-called Grandfather Clock. The riding car - of which you see a replica here - was not only the first gasoline-engined vehicle but also the world's first motorcycle.

CLUB STUFF

Merchandise

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 our Merchandising Officer. Orders can usually be collected at the next meeting.

Polar fleece zip jacket (mens and womens)	\$45	Short sleeve polo shirt (unisex)	\$36
Polar fleece contrast sleeveless vest (unisex)	\$42	Thinsulate beanie	\$25
Long sleeve denim shirt (unisex)	\$35	Neck warmer	\$12
Mens rugby top	\$42.50	Peaked cap with club logo	\$20
Ladies rugby top	\$33	Travel clock/alarm/calculator	\$12
Summer hats (limited stock)	\$18	Long sleeve tee shirts (limited stock)	\$19

We list the meeting point/s for organised Club rides in the "What's On" pages and for the benefit of newer members here are more details.

Red Rooster, Queanbeyan

Bungendore Road, just past the corner of Yass Road), opposite Spotlight.

Shell Servo, Watson

Federal Highway, opposite Stirling Avenue.

Hall Lay by

On the Barton Highway just past the ACT/NSW border - on the left hand side as you head north.

Rolfe, Phillip

Outside Rolfe BMW bike showroom in Botany Street.

Bungendore

Two meeting points depending on the day/destination - the actual point will be notified in the "What's On" page. Either Café 2621 on Malbon Street (aka the road to the coast) or the roundabout on the road heading to Tarago/Goulburn.

Williamsdale

On the Monaro Highway, at the service station.



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**BMW CLUBS AUSTRALIA****PRESS RELEASE****DIRECTOR OF MOBILE TRADITION, MR HOLGER LAPP, MOVES ON**

AFTER six years as the Director of BMW Group Mobile Tradition, Mr Holger Lapp, will relinquish his position with effect from 01 April 2007.



Mr Lapp moves to a new position in the Public Relations area of the Corporate Affairs Division, in the Chairman of the Board's Department at BMW Head Office in Munich.

Mr Lapp has been with BMW for 24 years, and considers the Mobile Tradition position to be "one of the best jobs in BMW" where he was able to express his passion for the history of BMW through his involvement with the heritage business of the Group. Recently, Mr Lapp commissioned the build of a "new" 2002 model to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the iconic car. Mr Lapp oversaw BMW's involvement in such events as The Ville d'Este Concours, Mille Miglia Retrospective, and Goodwood Revival, often being seen at the helm of one of Mobile Tradition's collection.

His successor has yet to be announced, but we are assured that the position will be filled with a person from inside BMW of like passion in this important role.

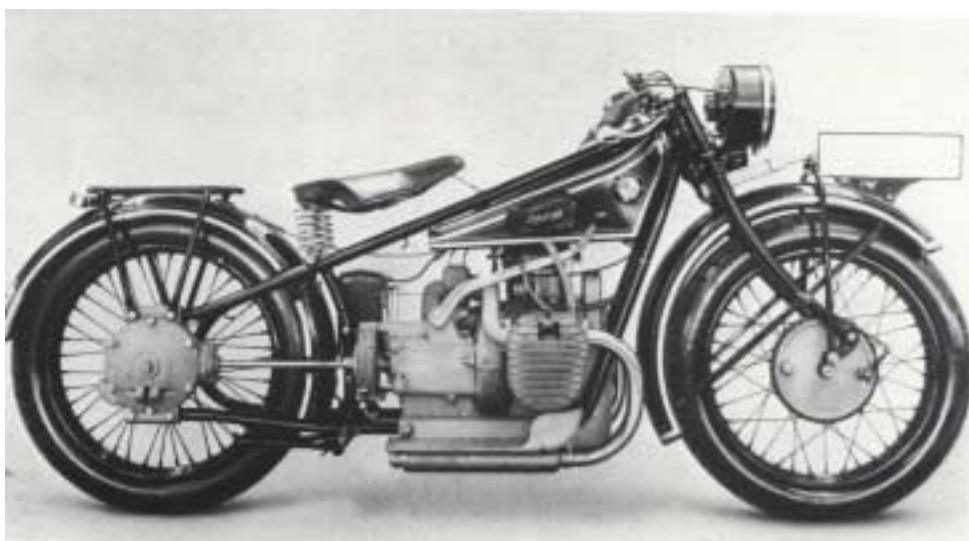
My personal dealings with Mr Lapp have been memorable in his very visible passion. He listens, considers, and comments, his words carrying great depth and authority.

In a personal letter advising of the changes to International Council Chair Ian Branston, Mr Lapp expressed his thanks for Ian's commitment to the worldwide Club community and passed on his wish that the Council and Clubs give his successor the same support he has enjoyed.

The Australian BMW Club community extends its best wishes, and thanks, to Mr Holger Lapp for his direction and passion while Director of BMW Group Mobile Tradition, and every success in his new position.

- *Stewart Garmey, International Delegate, BMW Clubs Australia*

BMW R 62



Model	R 62
Production dates	1928 to 1929
Engine designation	M 56 S I
Engine type	Flat twin cylinder, side valve, air cooled
Capacity	745 ccm.
Compression ratio	5.5 : 1
Power output	18 PS at 3400 rpm
Number of gears	3
Ignition	Magneto
Weight	155 kg
Fuel capacity	12.5 litres
Fuel consumption	5 litres / 100 km
Top speed	115 kph
Engine numbers	60001-73984
Number built	See notes.

Notes. This was built as a touring solo and as a sidecar unit as it was available with two gearbox ratios and two final drive ratios. With the both gearbox and final drive having the sidecar ratios the top speed would be somewhat slower than the quoted 115 kph. The first production run up to engine number 64101 had a single plate dry clutch but from this number on they were fitted with a double plate dry clutch and a new type thrust bearing. This would seem to indicate that the load on the single disc clutch plate with a side car had caused some problems. Photos again seem to indicate that they were available with or without lights. Engine and frame numbers do not seem to give a good idea of the numbers built. Seeing there was a lower number of frames built than engines I would say that there were 10,600 built. Brakes were a single shoe front and an external shoe type on the shaft at the rear of the gearbox. A solo bike at 155 kg moving at 115 kph with these brakes stopping would be a little difficult. But with a sidecar near impossible.

Held at Canberra Services Club, 22 January 2007

Attendance: as per attendance book.

Apologies: Peter Stanfield, Macca, Sheryle Moon.

New members and visitors: Mark Waterson, Paul Gary.

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved they be accepted by Martin Gilbert seconded John McKinnon. Passed.

President: John McKinnon. Colin Ward's condition continues to be a worry. MCRA are planning a trip to Darwin

Vice President: Martin Little. Welcomed everyone to our new venue; the Canberra Services Club is making it available free so he encouraged our members to support them by becoming a member (cost \$5.50).

Treasurer: Graeme Moffatt. Finances have reverted to normal after our Christmas activities.

FORECAST DEBITS AND CREDITS

Debits	Cheques not yet presented	
	- c/n 525, ACT Registrar-General	\$28.00
	- c/n 540, Fiona Oliver, postage for Constitution	\$100.00
	Other expenses	\$60.00
	- MRA ACT membership	
Credits	Advertising to be invoiced (Roger to advise)	

OTHER COMMENTS

Cash resources back down to normal level, after payment of Xmas party expenses.

Inventory issues to be discussed with auditor before finalisation of accounts

CURRENT ASSETS at 22/1/07

Smallbiz Account	\$4,199.13
Special Purpose Savings Account	\$0.10
12 month term deposit	\$2,500.00
Petty cash float	\$263.80
Total funds	\$6,963.03
Value of merchandise held (Pam's 10/1 inventory list)	\$1,353.50
Badges and stickers (estimate)	\$400.00
Total current assets (est)	\$8,716.53

TRANSACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

	Smallbiz Account and Petty Cash	12 mth term deposit
GM 27.11.06	Smallbiz Account <i>Petty Cash</i>	\$6852.17 <i>\$120.80</i>
Debits (Expenditure)	c/n 533 c/n 534 c/n 535 c/n 536 c/n 537 c/n 538 c/n 539	\$216.46 \$266.00 \$250.12 \$2798.00 \$285.03 \$423.50 \$30.35
Credits (Receipts)	Membership fees, banked 29/11 Xmas party payments banked 29/11 Merch. Sales banked 29/11 Xmas party payments, banked 15/12 Interest 30/11, 30/12 Merch sales, to petty cash 29/11	\$166.00 \$660 \$285 \$503 \$2.42 \$143.00
Bal. 22.01.07	Smallbiz Account <i>Petty Cash</i>	\$4199.13 <i>\$263.80</i>

Secretary: Stephen Hay. Mail this month consists of:

Letter from ACT Register Generals Office re registration.

Two new membership applications and four renewals.

CPS Statement.

MRA Invoice.

QBE advice of ongoing renewals available.

Other clubs' magazines.

Post box last cleared Monday 21 January.

Editor: Roger Paull. Thanked members for their contributions to the news letter but as usual we are looking for contributions, particularly feature articles. Roger will not be standing for the Editor's position at the next AGM.

Ride Coordinator: Mal Elliott. Thanked members for being understanding about the Charlottes Pass ride that had to be cancelled. Mal spoke at length on up coming events that are detailed in his email.

Social Secretary: Sheryle Moon. On her behalf Olaf said the next Chomp & Chat will be at APK Woden and asked for RSVPs to be sent to Sheryle (details in the newsletter).

Webmaster: Olaf Moon. The website has not been updated for the last five weeks while he has been away.

Membership: Ian Hahn. Membership is now due. Current membership is 269 excluding people who joined tonight.

Clubs Australia: Martin Gilbert. Rather quiet at present. Noticed BMW was crowing about selling in excess of 100,000 motor bikes last year.

Merchandising: Pam Paull. Existing merchandise is still 20% off. We have lots of alarm travel clocks at \$12 each.

Public Officer: Fiona Oliver. Version three of the Constitution will be going up on the website soon. We are looking to finalise members' comments by mid February.

Gravel Surfers: Greg Barber is moving to Sydney however the Yahoo group will continue to function to arrange rides.

General business: We are light on for TJ's competition entries, and Martin Little encouraged others besides him and Olaf to enter.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm

February Committee Meeting

Held on 15 February 2007.

Present: Steve Hay, Graeme Moffatt, Martin Gilbert, Pam & Roger Paull, Olaf Moon, Fiona Oliver, Ian Hahn, Mal Elliott. Also present members Peter Oliver, Jeanette Hahn, Alison Gilbert.

Apologies: Martin Little, John McKinnon, Sheryle Moon

Minutes of previous meeting: Endorsed as a true record.

President: John McKinnon. Apology.

Vice President: Martin Little. Apology however he had passed on to Steve that that he would like the agenda items on Rolfe, TJs Competition carried over to the next meeting. He wanted to nominate "Hospital in the Home" as the Club's new Charity for this year. The Committee for 2007; The Web Master, Social Secretary, Editor and Ride Coordinator will not be seeking re-election so people are needed to fill these positions. Mark Edwards is willing to nominate as Ride Coordinator.

Martin Gilbert chaired the meeting.

Treasurer: Graeme Moffatt. Marymead wrote to him saying thanks for his personal donation of \$225, being proceeds from the auction of the poster at the Christmas party. He presented a full financial report as at 14/2/07 which is summarised below:

Total funds: \$7080.07

Merch: \$1575.50

Total current assets: \$8655.57

Forecast debits: \$365.07

Forecast credits: \$833.31 (incl. advertising excl. renewals)

Gaye D'Arcy has kindly agreed to audit the books again.

Secretary: Stephen Hay. Mail received:

Letter from ACT Register Generals Office re registration; 3 membership applications; 32 membership renewals; 1 membership resignation; CPS Statement; other clubs' magazines; Copyqik bill; Great Lakes motorcycle trailers flier; Shannon's auto auction flier; 2007 manual of motorcycle sport.

Editor: Roger Paull. Pam will do the March and April newsletters as he will be working overseas. We still need contributions.

Ride Coordinator: Mal Elliott. Accommodation an issue for this weekend's ride to the Snowy's. Richard Gallimore's lodge was recommended if it is available. Martin Gilbert volunteered to lead the ride. Other upcoming rides as per circulated emails. Discussion about need for members to advise that they will be part of a ride so that planning for accommodation and meals is easier to organise.

Social Secretary: Sheryle Moon. Apology. March Alternate Breakfast will be hosted by a member at his home and preceded by a mystery ride. Cost \$10 per person with booking essential for catering purposes. Alternate Breakfast and Chomp and Chat for April discussed and agreed the breakfast be held at the Harbourside Restaurant in Ulladulla with an 8.00 departure. Option for return trip through Kangaroo Valley. Chomp and Chat suggestion is Woodstock in Civic with a movie afterwards at Dendy Theatre if people want to do that.

Webmaster: Olaf Moon. Increase in web usage of 4.5 times recently. Increasing number of adverts being received

from people interstate and overseas. The site sells bikes. Rule of thumb is that the website is for members' benefit and that should be the criterion for deciding whether not to run an advert.

Clubs Australia: Martin Gilbert. Has received free DVDs courtesy of BMW Australia for the Club to use as they choose. Changes are afoot for the BMW corporate image and this will have an impact on the look of our Club badge. Will be an opportunity for us to update our badge. Perhaps run a competition for the design of the new badge, once we know what the parameters are.

Public Officer: Fiona Oliver. Constitution Update. A new proxy form is being finalised for absentee voting. As Public Officer she will run the elections at the AGM and noted that nomination forms for Committee positions must be received prior to AGM. Continuing problems with ACT Registrar General's office not communicating internally.

The suggested amendments to the constitution received since the last Committee meeting were reviewed. The amendments will be presented to the February General meeting and the final draft posted on the website. Fiona will ask the ACT Registrar General's office to vet the draft before the AGM. The rest of the Committee thanked Fiona and Graeme for their work and the members who have contributed to this review process

Merchandising: Pam Paull. Visited Action Sportswear in Belconnen. Can order single items but prices are higher than from our current supplier and high set up costs for embroidery. Suggest we stick with current supplier until we know the outcome of changes to the logo. Suggested we keep a sample range of clothing but otherwise order to member needs.

Membership: Ian Hahn. One resignation, three new members, and 36 renewals. Currently 273 members.

General business: Report on Archives - Jeanette Hahn. Sorting and copying is completed. Presented receipts to reimburse for costs associated with copying. PDF copies are being made of the archive magazine collection as well. No papers from Secretary from 1999, 2000 odd bits and pieces, 2001 draft minute book, subsequent years there are no papers from the Secretary. Need as much of this stuff as we can find to include in the archive.

Name Badges. Olaf to send info to Pam, who will then organise an order form in the Newsletter so that members can order if they wish. Club will subsidize \$5 per badge.

Committee Operating Guidelines - Martin L would like Committee members to flesh out content relating to roles. Confusion about the various awards, when they are awarded and what the criteria are. Pam will redraft and distribute ready for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Road Safety for Club members - HART course? Many Clubs have a safety officer whose role is to remind folk about safe riding, safe equipment etc. Need to have a longer discussion about this at the next meeting.

Technical Days - when will we have another one? This should be considered by the new Committee when forward planning the Club's activities.

Promotional - Olaf suggested we develop a quality new promotional postcard about the Club that we leave at various motorcycle premises. Also suggested we consider a promotional pack about the Club that can be handed out by the dealer when someone buys a bike.

Next Committee meeting: 15 March 2007.

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BMW R1200GS 2005. Yellow/black, 15000 km, immaculate (bitumen use only), ABS, heated grips, factory panniers, Staintune, oil cooler screen, front fender extender, new battery, available late Feb. \$19990. Ron (02) 6282 2229

BMW R1100GS 2000. 56,000 km. Red, new tyres, panniers, Vario Screen, dual horns, c/control, etc. Exc. Cond. \$9500. Contact Neil or Graz on 02 6282 2767 ah, or Neil.Hamilton@anu.edu.au

BMW F650 CS 2004. Light blue 8,000 km with Top Box. No accidents, July 2007 rego. \$8500 o.n.o. Call Michael on 62519333 or 0416206360

BMW F650GS '03 Black BMW Vario Panniers, BMW Soft Luggage Set, Wunderlich Ergo Screen Power Acc. Socket, Handguards, Micks Offroad Pegs BMW Motorrad Navigator Colour GPS, City Navigator Australia & Metroguide, Car Power & Speaker Adaptor, Datascard and USB programmer. Less than 3000 km old - Chain, F/R Sprocket New Battery and F/R Pads & Rear Disc \$10990 Andrew 0413 383 209



BMW R1100S. 1998 red. Staintunes, Power Commander, K&N filter, Bagster tank bag, Venture sport rack & head light protector. New M6 tyres. 60,000km service just completed. V.G. cond. \$10,700 ono. David 0423269451 or (02)6292 4488.

Wanted

Panniers & frame to suit a /6 BMW. Preferably Krauser. Call Hans Kauffmann on 0417 043 033.

BMW R12 1940. A few original parts wanted. scott@warwicks.com.au

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BMW System Cases to suit 1200GS. Left and Right in good condition, have done many trips and show minor scrapes and dents on the silver parts as to be expected, the interior is like new. Will change the locks to suit your key if collected locally in Canberra \$950 ono. Martin Robertson (02) 6292 3129 or 0439 646 251 or email martgs12@optusnet.com.au

Panniers) R1100/1150 series. Left side in good condition and painted Cobalt Blue, right side has broken locking attachment to bike otherwise ok. \$200 for both (negotiable) Phone Paul 0412 4237 317 or email paulsayers@homeemail.com.au

BMW K1100RS Exc. Sports Tourer in v.g.cond. 10000km, FSH. ABS brakes, full BMW pannier system, headlight protector and sheepskin seatcover. NSW rego 9/07. Price \$7000. Paul (02) 6297 4148 or macca650@yahoo.com.au

BMW F650 CS 2002. 43,715 km, orange/blue. ABS brakes, heated grips, BMW hand guards, Scarver back pack, helmet spider. \$7,600 ono. Alex 0404 904 364.

1984 R65. Black, VG running order - ready to register, panniers & luggage rack, touring spotties. Recently overhauled, needs standard headers with cross over pipes to go back on.

1984 R100RS. Exc. motor & gearbox, grey. Needs some work but too good to wreck - call for details. Phone Carolyn 0401 160144 (Tas) for info or photos. \$3800 neg - freighted to NSW or ACT.

2004 BMW F650 GS in exc. condition:ABS brakes, heated grips, hand protectors and lockable top case. 16,000 km. FSH with Rolfe. Rego 3/07. \$10,000. Cameron 0401 020 859 or email cameron@cloudlife.com.

1986 K100RT. Runs great, very reliable and comfortable. ACT rego 3/07. \$2900 ono. Contact David on 0408275244 or at dkking13@bigpond.com

Wanted - second month

BMW R 80 RT or R100 RT - LT, any year. Call Colin on 6238 1060

ACT BMW MCC

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Please print and complete noting *mandatory information required TOTAL

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The fees paid as above entitles me/us to receive the Club journal, membership card and for new members, a club badge, sticker and card (for each membership) and to participate in all the Club activities.

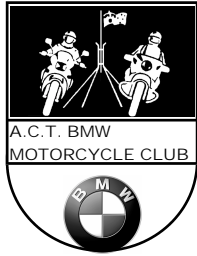
Participants in Club activities are advised that they do so at their own risk. You are required to obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

I / We agree to comply with the rules of the ACT BMW MCC according to its Constitution.

Signature 1 _____ Signature 2 _____ Date _____

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