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# Shaft Drive Lines

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**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 4042 WESTON CREEK ACT 2611**

*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.**

**Charity Support:**

This Club proudly supports Marymead Child and Family Centre.

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**PRIVACY OF CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION**

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 Photograph**  
**Hugh Davies with a restored 1937 R75**  
**he discovered in Vienna whilst**  
**on holiday**

# THE PRESIDENTIAL HOOHAH

**Bob Coleman**

## WE HAVE A NEW NAME, DO WE NEED A NEW DIRECTION?

As a member and now as President, it is my observation that only a small number of the Club's members get involved in the events and activities that the Club promotes.

There appears to be a core of regulars and some who come along now and then and some who don't get involved at all.

Whilst I understand that some people just want to belong and not get involved in club activities, I wonder if there is something that we (the Club) could do better to encourage more of our many members (over 200) to come and have a good time at our outings.

Of course all of the events that the Club promotes are not everyone's cup of tea and there are probably a lot of other things we could do to interest more members to get involved.

We (the Committee) obviously don't have all the answers so I am calling on the general membership to let us know what type of activities you will be happy to come along to.

Ultimately you may not wish to involve yourself more than you do already, so let us know that as well. We would like to represent all of the membership as best we can and make the Club into a more social place to belong.

Please forward your thoughts to [committee1@actbmwmcc.org.au](mailto:committee1@actbmwmcc.org.au)

Ride Safe  
**Bob Coleman**

## Welcome to our new members

- ≈ **Peter Carew from Mawson**
- ≈ **Dennis Littame and Katie McCauanough from Jerrabomberra**

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**WANTED  
SNIPPETS  
GOSSIP  
PHOTOGRAPHS  
(Don't forget with pictures send names  
of people and bike model)  
OR  
CLASSIFIEDS  
TO FILL  
THE SPACES**

# WHAT'S ON

## Calendar: June to August 2009

Breakfast group at Captains Flat



### June 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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29	30					

- 3 CNC—Ginger and Spice at Gungahlin
- 7 Alternate Breakfast—Lynwood Café, Collector
- 20/21 Weekend Ride to Wellington
- 22 General Meeting

### July 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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- 1 CNC—La Capanna, Kingston
- 5 Alternate breakfast—Rollonin Café, Bowning
- 18/19 Christmas In Winter, Yackandandah
- 27 General Meeting

### August 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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- 2 Alternate Breakfast—Shepherd Run, 344 Norton Road, Wamboin
- 5 CNC—Yowani Country Club, Northbourne Avenue, Lyneham
- 24 General Meeting

**WHAT'S ON**

**Wednesday 3 June - Chomp 'n' Chat**

Ginger and Spice, Hibberson Street,  
Gungahlin at 6.30pm  
RSVP by 2 June either by phone to 6288 8126  
or by email to social1@actbmwmcc.org.au

**Sunday 7 June - Alternative Breakfast**

Lynwood Cafe, Collector  
Group Departure from Shell Service Station,  
Northbourne Avenue, Lyneham at 8.30am  
RSVP by 2 June either by phone to 6288 8126  
or by email to social1@actbmwmcc.org.au

**Wednesday 1 July - Chomp 'n' Chat**

La Capanna, Giles Street, Kingston at 6.30pm.

**Sunday 5 July - Alternative Breakfast**

Rollonin Cafe, Bowning - Depart Hall Layby at  
8.30am

**Sunday 2 August - Alternative Breakfast**

Shepherd Run, 344 Norton Road, Wamboin at  
9.00am.  
Make your own way there.

**Wednesday 5 August - Chomp 'n' Chat**

Yowani Country Club, Northbourne Avenue,  
Lyneham at 6.30pm

**CHRISTMAS IN WINTER - 18/19 July**

This year Christmas in Winter is being

**Don't forget our regular Sunday  
breakfasts in Bungendore is now at  
Bardy's on Ellendon Street**

**Other regular "get togethers":  
Chomp & Chat on 1st Wednesday  
of the month & General Meeting on  
4th Monday of the Month**

organised by our Victorian colleagues and  
will be held in Yackandandah.  
Numbers are limited so book early for both  
the dinner and accommodation. Full details  
and booking form are published on page 13  
and 14.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Upcoming Rides with NSW and SA Clubs.**

Members may be interested in participating  
in some of the events being run by our fellow  
bike riders in NSW and SA. The BMW  
Touring Club of NSW have a detailed web  
site with a very helpful and easy to use set  
of links to the various activities. The NSW  
calendar highlights their rallies and ride  
activity along with other club functions.

<http://www.bmwtcnsw.org/calendar.html>

**Fri 5th - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June**

The Alpine Rally This year is the 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary and will be held at Yarrangobilly  
on the Snowy Mountains Hwy (the original  
site). The club will meet at a Tarago Pub on  
the Friday night then ride together to the site  
on Saturday,  
Al Pennykid 02 4739 3093

**Jun-09**

The Casper Rally will run in June too. The  
club always has a big turn out to this  
one. Dates to be confirmed. It's held at  
Abercrombie River campsite, access from  
Goulburn or Oberon.

Al Pennykid 02 4739 3093

**Sat 19th September**

Far Cairn Rally- Raising money for MARI.  
Held at Tottenham Race course. More  
information to follow.

**Sat 3rd - Mon 5th Oct**

BMW owners club of South Australia is  
holding their Das Hohlentreffen (The Caves  
Meeting) being held on the 3rd, 4th, 5th of  
October 2009, in the south-east of South  
Australia.

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**Ride Coordinator's Report**

Hi,

I hope this glorious fall weather continues up to the end of the month for the Gulgong ride. This has typically been one of the more popular rides, so hopefully that will continue and we'll get a good turn out for it. Been busy with work trips of late, so haven't been organising any day rides, but that should change from June onwards. I organise day rides via email postings, so send Ian Hahn (our membership secretary) your email details if we don't it them already.

Cheers,  
Mark

**Upcoming overnight rides**

**May 30/31:** Gulgong. Always a great ride up there via Wyangala Dam, Sofala and Rylstone. The road from Bathurst to Goulburn via Taralga is fully tarred, so that is a good option for the return trip on Sunday.

Leave Hall lay-by at 0800. First stop will be Boorowa for coffee, so if you miss the start can catch up with us there.

**June 20/21:** Wellington. Good trip for this time of the year. Not too far and a great old Tavern to go to for dinner.

**2009 ACT BLANKET RUN**

Myles and I left home at 7.30am to attend the Charity Blanket Run in Canberra. At Marulan we met up with some of our Wollondilly Wanderer friends who were coming with us. 6 bikes and our Mascot bike "Wolly" set out at 8.00am.

It was a very cold and blustery morning which made riding rather uncomfortable and very difficult at times trying to keep upright against the wind. It was particularly hard along the Collector plain where in fact we came into rain. Fortunately it was not hard enough to warrant stopping to put on wet weather gear.

We finally arrived at Old Parliament House in plenty of time to have a welcome cup of warm coffee. We were however, very disappointed to see only a very few motorcycles on the forecourt. Gradually more motorcyclists arrived and at about 9.55am Peter Major from the MRA gave the ride briefing and dead to time 10.00am we set off.. Sadly this year we had no Police escort, so the group as a whole had to negotiate traffic lights etc. in the normal manner.

The ride around Parliament House and up to the Woden roundabout was very orderly and very small approximately 200 bikes in all. There were only a couple of spectators to wave at which was very sad, as to me this is what makes being a part of this kind of "procession" fun and meaningful.

In no time at all, all the riders were back in the Canberra Centre for the formal part of the morning – the Centre was pretty empty in comparison to previous years.

The Ulysses Club won the award for most attendees - 28 in all Other Clubs had minimal if no representation at all.

Despite the low attendance, the MRA were happy with the event. Over \$1,400 was raised in the bucket collection and there were considerable donations of blankets and food which was very much appreciated by the Canberra Community Care organisation.

By: Lyn Leniston

## RIDE REPORT ON TASMANIAN BMW GS SAFARI

The following is Part 2 of a Ride Report that was written by Steve Holliday of Hobart who was riding a R1150GS

The thought of going back down that hill wasn't terribly appealing and inspired me to take another look at the situation. I looked at the gap under the boom gate at the lock end and then visually measured it up with the width of my bike....

I reckon it would just about fit under if it was laying down !

Worth a try, so it was off with the tank bag, top box and riding gear. Manoeuvred the bike parallel with the gate and rested it over on its side. The handlebars were not going to fit so it was off with the mirrors and on full lock it just fitted under. This was going to work if I could just muster enough energy to drag the bike under. The bike seemed to be pivoting on the footpeg, which was a bonus as it made it easier to wiggle the front then the rear of the bike under. One last effort to pick up the bike and I was through.

Time for a bit of lunch and a rest to recover. Overall it had taken nearly two hours to navigate about 5Km.



The forest road to Lake Leake was a welcome rest after that effort. It was straight over the B34 at Lake Leake and onto the forest roads behind Douglas Apsley Nat. Park. The roads started to deteriorate and it had started to drizzle a bit with a wet misty fog in the mountains. This made the track pretty slippery and I was taking it pretty easy as there were some tricky rocky sections. My caution was well founded as not much further on, there were a couple of riders on the side of a downhill section waving me down, around the corner was a badly smashed bike with a rider sitting in the gutter being attended to by several other riders. The Ambos had been called and there was nothing I could do to assist so went on cautiously.

About 20Km further on towards Fingal I noticed that the GPS track points provided by BMW prior to the safari all seemed to be off to the west of the road I was on, so I decided to take a spur road to see if I could intersect what I thought was the actual route. About 5km on it didn't seem to be the case as the spur road was a dead end and there was no sign of any other track. I put it down to an error in the GPS signal used by Steve Marshall when setting the course, due to the dense forest cover, (I had a signal boosting antenna fitted to my GPS and didn't seem to be having any signal dropouts) so I turned back to rejoin my original route.

You can imagine my surprise when about a kilometre back along this little used track, I came across an ambulance and a paramedic stopped on the track talking. I stopped and they asked if I had seen a bike accident anywhere as they had been given sketchy instructions and were lost.

I said the accident was at least 20k's back and decided the right thing to do was to lead them back to the accident as there had been so many intersections and obscure tracks.





## RIDE REPORT CONT'D

I wasn't keen on going back against the flow of the safari but all the riders coming towards were riding pretty cautiously in the wet slippery conditions and I managed to flag them down before they came across the two ambos following.

After what seemed like hours, I eventually got them back to the accident where they quickly attended the fallen rider. At the briefing that night, we were informed he had a broken pelvis, shoulder blade and ankle. Amazing really as he was up and walking around when I left the scene.

I was now really late and made it to Fingal at about 4pm with quite a bit of dirt still to do to get to Mathinna and then around Ben Lomond and into Launceston.

I was on a really nice bit of wide smooth road and fairly hooking it when at the last second caught sight of a nasty sharp rock sticking out. I Flicked the handlebars to try and avoid it but to my utter dismay it caught the side of my brand new front tyre and ripped a gaping hole in the sidewall, instantly deflating the tubeless tyre. Fortunately the TKC's have a stiff sidewall and the sudden deflation didn't cause any difficulties coming to a stop.

Then it started to rain! Could it get any worse? The instant I saw the hole I thought it was all over red rover and I would be waiting hours for the sweep vehicle. Then I'd remembered all of my preparation and when I thought about it, I had all the necessary equipment to get this repaired and back on the road.

I had a new tube, some stiff flat rubber strips, tyre levers, pump and gas cylinders.



It was off with the front wheel. Too Easy! and then all attempts to pop the tyre into the rim-well by using the heel of my boots failed. ☹

It was then that I remembered that DVD from the Trail Bike Adventure Magazine where they used the side stand of the bike on the edge of the tyre and then pulled the bike over on one leg of the centre stand using the weight of the bike as a big lever. Joy Oh Joy, this worked a treat. (Afterwards I remembered the bit about tying the centre stand with a strap so the bike wouldn't fall off the stand but fortunately this didn't happen). Phew !

The tyre came off pretty easily and with a strip of rubber on the inside of the damaged

section and the tube fitted it was back on with the tyre and start pumping. At about 15psi the tyre popped back out on the rim much to my surprise.

Re-fitted the wheel and it was back on the road within 40 minutes. I was quite pleased with myself.

Took it pretty easy into Launceston and it was now very late, just enough time for a quick shower and off to the rider briefing. It was a quick bite to eat and a very early night for me.



## RIDE REPORT CONT'D

### Day 4 (Launceston to St Helens and return)

I thought I'd get an early start after the troubles of the previous day but as I pulled into the servo for petrol, it looked like a few others had the same idea. No worries, I'd just take it at my pace.

It was a fantastic autumn morning with a bit of a chill in the air and misty fog patches in the valley on the back roads out of Launceston, heading towards Ben Lomond. It wasn't long before the familiar orange route marker appeared right where it should have been according to the GPS and it was off on the first section of dirt, climbing up through the forests behind Mt Barrow. I stopped for a quick photo of the spectacular mountain ranges and then off again.

A couple of corners later I had the strangest experience of riding over a right hand crest to see a rider standing in the low scrub about 30m off the track with no bike to be seen anywhere.

I slowed down and glanced around looking for the bike to see it lying down almost hidden where he was standing. I stopped and walked over to him and it became obvious he'd overshot the corner big time and was very lucky not to have damaged either himself or his 650 GS.

There were some pretty nasty tree stumps and rocks where he had gone in. I helped him lift his bike up and guide it back out onto the road over logs and stumps and after checking that he was Ok, I was off again, leaving him to pull the debris from his bike and have a smoke to calm the nerves.

It was a pretty quiet morning and I was just cruising, enjoying the spectacular roads and scenery. I'd stopped for another photo opportunity and noticed an oil leak from the final drive.



Oh NO !! I'd read so much about the final drive failures on the 1150 GS's and now it was happening to me. I cleaned the oil from around and inside the boot and couldn't make out where it was coming from so decided to take it easy and keep an eye on it.

It didn't seem to be too bad and it was only leaking slightly at the end of the day. Made it back to Hobart OK where I have more time to have a better look.

St Helens seemed to arrive out of nowhere, there were already plenty of bikes at the bakery and petrol station so after some coffee and a bite to eat myself, I was back on the road and onto the famous Pub in the Paddock for a quick hello to Priscilla the beer loving pig. It was a warm sunny day, so the sound of thunder took me by surprise. I looked up into the mountains around St Columbia and Mt Victoria and the clouds were very black and threatening. A quick check on the GPS to discover that is exactly where I was heading.



## RIDE REPORT CONT'D



I was pretty lucky to just catch the trailing edge of the thunderstorm and it had cleared by the time I'd come out at Ringarooma. There were some more interesting tracks through the forests south of Scottsdale.



The rain had made some of the tracks pretty slippery but this just added to the enjoyment as the route wound its way through forests and farmland through numerous twists & turns, marked by those ever present orange arrows. One arrow near the end of the days section pointed down the right of a fork in the track but after following this direction, the next waypoint was getting further away. After a quick check of the route notes it looked wrong so a quick diversion up a farm boundary road had me heading back towards the next waypoint. I was soon back onto the orange arrows but couldn't help wonder how many more of the following riders were going to come unstuck.

After talking with several people that night at the farewell dinner, it appeared to be most of them ! Without making the correction the wrong turn lead back out onto the A3 so no one would have got lost, just missing a few more K's of forest tracks that eventually came out on the A3 at Targa.

I got caught in an enormous thunderstorm on the tar road with only 30 Km's back into Launie. It's been a long time since I've ridden in rain like that ! The lightning and hail was something else, but I was amazed how quickly I dried out.

I had finished the riding in the 2009 BMW GS Safari ☹️

Spent the afternoon with a walk around Launceston and then it was off to the Tram Shed for the farewell dinner. Many awards and lots of tall stories mixed with plenty of good Tassie wine, Tassie beer and good food was a perfect way to end another great safari.

There was also a sad announcement that this would be the last GS Safari for Steve Marshall, who was calling it quits due to various injuries. He will still be doing the TS safari so not all bad news. Managed to find my way back to the B&B, and next morning, a pretty uneventful trip back to Hobart, nursing that fragile final drive.



## CHRISTMAS IN WINTER

at YACKANDANDAH  
Saturday, 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009

**GET IN EARLY** - The size of the restaurant limits the number to 75.

Yackandandah has been chosen because it is centrally located, and because it is a picturesque little town. There are great roads to ride as you commute to it and for those of you who will already be in Yackandandah on Saturday and wish to participate Ralph Czamecki, who is a member local to the area, will lead a ride along the lovely Ovens Valley and through the hills (plenty of twisties).

**Dinner** will be held at Gum Tree Café which has thirty four different types of timber used in its construction and, so important in the middle of winter, a wood fire!

The dinner will commence with flat bread and dips followed by: a choice of two soups; a main course choice of two roasts; and a choice of two desserts. Plus Tea and coffee. Vegetarians can be catered for. Please include details of any special dietary requirements when you book.

Drinks at your own cost at the restaurant. No BYO.

A bus will pick us up at our place of accommodation at 5:30pm to go to the dinner and return us home at the end of the evening.

The cost of the dinner, including the bus, is **\$42.00 per person**.

Restaurant bookings to be paid for by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. (Booking form attached)

**IT IS ON A FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

**Accommodation** has been reserved at the following places. You are responsible for booking your own accommodation at one of these places.

Yackandandah Townshiphill Motel  
Myrtleford Road  
Ph 02 60271467; email [yacktownspillm@austranet.com.au](mailto:yacktownspillm@austranet.com.au)

Yackandandah Motor Inn  
18 High Street  
ph 02 60271155; email [info@yackmotorinn.com.au](mailto:info@yackmotorinn.com.au)

Yackandandah Holiday Park ( cabins and camping )  
Taymac Drive  
ph 0260271380 or mob. 0427 105115; email [yhp@bigpond.com.au](mailto:yhp@bigpond.com.au)

**NOTE: When making your booking you should identify yourself as a member of the BMW MCC because we have reserved all of the nominated accommodation; otherwise you could be told that there are no vacancies,**

**Travel:** It is proposed that there will be group departure from the Hall Layby at 8.00am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**CHRISTMAS IN WINTER CONT'D**

**CHRISTMAS IN WINTER BOOKING FORM**

CHRISTMAS IN WINTER DINNER (including bus)  
Cost \$42:00 per person

Name (s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

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BMWCCVIC - Mob: 0419 103607 or  
email: [socialsecretary@bmwmccvic.org.au](mailto:socialsecretary@bmwmccvic.org.au)

and forwarded with your booking form above to:-

**BMWCCVic**  
**Christmas in Winter**  
**PO Box 2298**  
**Richmond South**  
**Victoria, 3121.**

### NEW RULES FOR TJ'S COMPETITION

In order to encourage more members to participate in the TJ's competition, it has been decided to change the criteria. There will be two competitions as below.

1. Highest kilometres travelled irrespective of the number of bikes used.
2. Closest to average kilometres travelled.

**Example**

Rider One rides 2 bikes. He submits the kilometres on the 2 bikes and they count as one entry as he has done the kilometres. One has done 12,000 km and the other 9,000 km. So Rider One has done a total of 21,000 km but he has only one entry

Rider Two also has 2 bikes. 1 does 500 km and the other 18,000 km. - a total of 18,500 km.  
Rider Three has 3 bikes which the total kilometres add up to 34,000 km. This results in a total of 73,500 km which is divided by 3 entrants results and gives an average of 24,500 km.

So Rider One with 21,000 km is the closest and wins the prize.

It is accepted that not every member undertakes or wants to undertake extended bike journeys but nevertheless in the course of the year covers a high mileage in normal or less lengthy trips.

### FOR THIS YEAR ONLY

From 1st JUNE members who wish to enter the competition should submit the following:

Name, motorcycle and odometer reading as at 1st June to either:

librarian1@actbmwmcc.org.au or  
editor1@actbmwmcc.org.au

(if you have more than one motorcycle, then the details and odometer reading for each bike should be submitted. These totals will be added together to make one entry.)

On 1st November you should submit the odometer readings\* for all bikes nominated.

\* This figure will be used as the starting point for the following year. (Reminders will given in the Newsletter).

**NB:**

For members wishing to participate in the competition and do not have access to a computer, their details can be given by 'phone up to 8.30pm any evening on (02) 4884 4333.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FOR THIS YEAR IS 10TH JUNE**



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## CLUB NEWS

### **The Club has a New Name! Now we Need a New Logo!**

Yes, we will now be known as the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT. For fans of Monty Python and *The Life of Brian*, please resist the urge to make comparisons with political splinter groups ... For a full description of the process that was followed at our last General Meeting, please refer to the Minutes that are presented later in this magazine. The purpose of this short article is to bring everyone up to date about what is happening now.

Firstly, I have advised the ACT Registrar General that we have changed our name, and hence our Constitution, by special resolution as set out in our Constitution. The new Constitution, with the new name, has been lodged with the Registrar General and as soon as we receive notification that they have accepted it we will be good to go to notify BMW Clubs Australia (and hence BMW Clubs International) of our name change.

The next big piece of work is to design our new logo. We already have clear guidelines about the overall design and layout of our Club logo but we need to design a new graphic that fits within that overall design.

**Are you a Club member with creative abilities?**

**Do you have some great ideas about the future look of the Club's logo?**

If you answered "yes!" to either of these questions then you might want to put pen to paper (or fingertips to keyboards) and develop a graphic for the new Club logo. There are no specific criteria set for the design features of the graphic:

It can be an abstract design

It can be a photo (provided it is a photo that we have permission to use)

It can be a symbol

It can be a drawing

You can use any colours that you wish

You won't need to include the BMW Roundel in your graphic, as that is already included in the overall design of the logo.

**Want to know more? Email me and I will send you the design specifications.**

The minimum that we require is a high quality jpeg image that can be incorporated into the logo design. And don't worry if you don't have a computer! Send me your drawings and I will arrange for one of our techno-literate Committee members to transform your drawing into a graphic.

Please submit your designs (yes, you can send in more than one) to me before the **end of August 09**. We will showcase all the designs in the August edition of the Club Magazine and then vote to select the preferred design at our September 09 General Meeting.

Fiona Oliver  
Public Officer

# BMW MOTORRAD OFF ROAD TRAINING COURSES

## 2009 Off Road Training Courses

This winter, the popular two-day BMW rider training courses return to Victoria, Queensland and NSW. There are two types of courses available at each venue:

1 GS "Adventure bike" course GS

The perennial favourite with customers, designed for those on their own BMW GS motorcycle (650, 1150, 1200cc etc). Course cost \$625

2 Enduro "Trail bike" course TB

This course replaces the former "Xchallenge" course. Participants can use their own trail bike (any brand) or a supplied BMW G 450 X. Course cost with G 450 X supplied \$895, or using own bike \$625.

Costs include lunch and refreshments. The courses are instructed by Stay Upright's vastly experienced coaches. Luka Bussa, BMW Enduro team rider, will be a guest instructor, inspiring participants as to how skilled enduro riders can become!

### NSW Dargle Waterski Park

June 11-12th TB                      13-14th GS 1                      5-16th GS

### QLD Green Park, Conondale

July 16-17th TB                      18-19th GS                      20-21st GS

### VIC Werribee 4x4 Training Ground

October 8-9th TB                      10-11th GS                      12-13th GS



For more information see [www.bmwmotorrad.com.au](http://www.bmwmotorrad.com.au) or  
email [info@stayupright.com.au](mailto:info@stayupright.com.au)



**BMW R 51/3**

Model	R 51/3
Production dates	1951 to 1954
Engine designation	252/1
Engine type	Flat twin cylinder, overhead valve, air cooled
Capacity	490 ccm.
Compression ratio	6.3 : 1
Power output	24 kW at 5800 rpm (1hp =0.745kW)
Ignition	Magneto76
Lighting	45/60 watt 6 volt
Number of gears	4
Weight	190 kG
Fuel capacity	17 litres
Fuel consumption	4.5 litres / 100 km
Top speed	140km / Hr
Engine numbers	522001-526206 (1951)
Number built	18500

## Notes.

This was the first post war design. The previous (R 51/1, R51/2) were copies from pre war machines. There were several major changes to the motor notably the change back to a single camshaft directly above the crankshaft and driven from the crankshaft by a set of spur gears. The magneto was mounted on the front end of the camshaft and enclosed in a single cover with the generator which was mounted on the end of the crankshaft on a taper. This eliminated any bearings in the generator.

This design was to be the classic smooth sand cast crankcase which BMW were renowned for. It was oil tight and looked good. Another big step forward was the use of full width shoe style brakes with a double leading shoe on the front one. The unusual method of applying the brakes was the use of both the inner and outer cables operating one operating each shoe. There was no equalising bar. The problem was that most people did not know that there was a small adjusting cam on the backing plate which had to be adjusted to make each shoe touch the drum at the same time. This was a great improvement to the stopping power on such a heavy machine.

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**Held:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
Services Club Manuka

Meeting opened 7.45pm.

**PRESENT:** Forty-one members recorded in the attendance book.

**APOLOGIES:** Nine members recorded in the attendance book

**GUESTS:** One recorded in the attendance book

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved: Moved Sue Ball-Guymer, Seconded Martin Little

## **REPORTS**

### President

Guest and new members were welcomed and introduced to members. Bob extended his thanks and appreciation to the outgoing committee for their efforts and contribution to the club. Bob asked all members to please make sure they have signed the attendance book and informed members of the importance of accurate records for voting purposes. Apologies were sought and recorded in the attendance book.

### Treasurer

All signatures on the club accounts have been updated.

### Secretary

Club magazine from Vic was tabled. Information was provided for members about BMW Motorrad rider training courses & Ride Spain. Lyn the editor is seeking to identify a member who handed her photos on a disc.

### Social Secretary

Full details will be published in the club magazine and on email alerts.

Alternate Breakfasts: May, Albion Café Braidwood, June Collector & July Bowling.

Chomp 'n' chat: May Fish Tales Weston, June Ginger Spice Gungahlin, July La Capanna Kingston. Christmas in July with the Victorian club will be in Yackandandah, information was made available to members.

### Ride Coordinator

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May 30/31: Gulgong.

June 20/21: Wellington.

July 18/19: Christmas in July.

### Public Officer

Fiona informed members we were third on the community blood challenge and a small number of additional donations would move us into second place. The need for blood donations following the severe burns in the Victorian bush fires will be ongoing for many years. This year's challenge ends in June.

### BMW Clubs Australia Delegate

Martin attended the AGM of the meeting in Melbourne and represented us at those discussions. BMW gave an overview of their positive performance during the economic down turn. The new K1300 is now in dealerships and the 800 R should be on sale by about September. Overall BMW Clubs Australia have an increase in members of approx 12%.

### Merchandising

Looking at a new range and will be ready for the new logo and name change when they are decided upon. Merchandising has been on hold pending club decisions re name etc.

### Web Master

All is running smoothly. However, members using hotmail are experiencing difficulty. It could possibly be due to an updated spam filter from MS. Members should consider their email options if they are on hotmail.

### Membership Secretary

301 members at present, which includes 217 who have already renewed their membership for 2009. Reminder letters will be sent out in the near future to all outstanding members. 31<sup>st</sup> May is the cut off for membership renewal.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

As Public Officer Fiona led the detailed discussions that revolved around corporate branding, affiliation and the name of the club. The meeting was guided by a structure that was presented on a PowerPoint slide show. Members were informed that, as per the Constitution, President Bob had requested that a secret ballot be held for the motion before the Club.

As BMW Clubs Australia Delegate, Martin Little, gave a presentation outlining the recent history and structure of the BMW organisation and their relationship to BMW Clubs International and BMW Clubs Australia. This enabled members to see how we communicate with BMW and they with us. BMW Germany is the owner of their name and Cor-

porate Identity and hence can decide who is allowed to use the BMW name and Roundel. This is the reason behind the name change as BMW allow only two user groups of their name in Australia, authorised dealers and authorised clubs.

The benefits to us of being part of the authorised clubs structure include use of the corporate brand symbols (as defined by BMW) including BMW and the roundel. Access to donations for club activities and ability to participate in BMW sponsored events such as the national rally. As discussed at the recent Delegates meeting, BMW Clubs Australia recognise the cost associated with the changes required and have a process in place to take our information and package it for us using the appropriate software to ensure it complies with BMW's Corporate Identity. After approval from BMW Germany, which will be sought via the defined communication route, they will return the finished product on a CD for the club to use in the local ordering of Club merchandising.

A slide was presented by Fiona outlining the discussion and the information time line.

Committee discussions: June 08, January and February 09  
General Meeting discussions: January and February 09  
Newsletter articles: March 09, April 09 and May 09

Fiona made a presentation of the CD from BMW using PowerPoint. This gave an overview of what the branding would look like.

A slide with the motion proposed by the Committee was presented to members:

***"That the ACT BMW Motorcycle Club continues to be affiliated with BMW Clubs Australia, and through them, with BMW Clubs International, and as a consequence of this affiliation, will abide by all of the requirements of this affiliation."***

Fiona chaired a discussion. This robust and informative debate lasted for approximately one hour. Speakers spoke for and against the proposal as well as to give clarification and information. Many members spoke during the debate. The debate resulted in a motion from Denis Murphy and seconded by Fred Pensko that states:

***"That the minutes show the intent of the original motion that the Club "will abide by all of the requirements of this affiliation" is limited to corporate branding. "***

Motion carried: 33 in favour, 7 against, 1 abstention.

The original motion presented to members was then put to the meeting. Alison Gilbert and Jack Foley were appointed to count the votes. The motion was carried.

For	56
Against	2
Informal	1

The vote included 15 proxy voting forms.

Fiona then moved to the next stage of the meeting, the selection of a name. The Committee recommended four options to members. Following discussion Dave Arton moved and Pam Paull seconded a motion that a 5<sup>th</sup> option be put to members. This was carried on the voices.

BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB ACT	2	9
votes		
BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB National Capital	0	
votes		
BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB Capital Region	5	
votes		
BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB Canberra	11	
votes		
BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB Canberra Region	12	
votes		

This vote included 15 proxy votes.

A secret ballot was held to determine the new Club name. Following the necessary registration requirements we will now be known as: BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB ACT.

A vote of thanks to Fiona was moved from the floor. Fiona received thanks and appreciation from all members for her efforts on this matter.

Fiona then outlined future steps to implement the decision. The Committee will have a lot of work to complete but will keep members informed and engaged in the process as and when appropriate.

Bob closed the longest meeting anyone can remember.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.45pm

## Minutes May Committee Meeting

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 – Joanna & Hugh's in Fadden**

Meeting opened 7.30pm.

### Present

Bob Coleman, Leena Ward, Hugh Davies, David Shean, Sue Ball-Guymer, Ian Hahn Graeme Carey

### Apologies

Mark Edwards, Fiona Oliver, Martin Little, Myles and Lyn Leniston, Mark Nugent,

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: Leena Ward    Seconded: Sue Ball-Guymer

## REPORTS

### President

The Kosciuszko rally was discussed. Dates for this year will be 17 & 18 October. Ian Hahn has agreed to proceed with the work and will coordinate badges, timber etc prior to the event. Lou Baljak will coordinate during the rally and Bob will coordinate with Martin re prizes and official paperwork requirements. Bob will prepare a notice to promote the Rally and Hugh will coordinate with other clubs around Australia to seek a notice in the various magazines.

Email and web access to the club magazine was discussed with a view to reducing costs. It was agreed that Hugh would draft a letter to members who receive a paper copy explaining why the club seeks their support in moving to electronic access. This letter will be circulated with their magazine.

TJ's Tyre competition. Bob met with Hal to explain the approach to gaining more entries. Following committee discussion it was agreed that we would run a shortened process for 2009 from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> November. In the June newsletter details on the competition will be provided to members. From 2010 onwards the competition will run from 1<sup>st</sup> November the previous year to the 1<sup>st</sup> November of that year. The timing will enable presentation of prizes to become a feature of the Christmas function.

### Secretary

Mail received included magazine from Vintage and Veterans, NSW and WA. Following discussion it

was agreed that Hugh would highlight various rallies that members may be interested in attending. Hugh will liaise with the editor to ensure they are published in our club magazine.

Holding of Meetings at Rolfe Classic was discussed. The previous two meetings had the highest attendance of all club meetings in the past twelve months. Hugh will meet with Ron Andrews to proceed with the invitation and coordinate the various requirements. A BBQ was a welcome feature of previous meetings. Members will be advised through email and newsletter notifications.

### Treasurer

David provided a great deal of additional paperwork required to update the accounts and signatures. This was completed. At the present time only one committee member can sign cheques. Arrangements have been made to coordinate payment of outstanding accounts.

### Social Secretary

Full details will be published in the club magazine and on email alerts.

Sue is shortly to head off on a round the block trip that will last approx two months. All venues for alternative breakfast and Chomp 'n' Chat have been booked through to August. Jeannette Hahn has offered to assist the club and take bookings for numbers etc. This is greatly appreciated. Broadcast emails have been prepared for distribution when appropriate.

The Hellenic Club has been booked for the Christmas function. More details will be provided in the coming months.

### Ride Coordinator

Full details will be published in the club magazine and on email alerts.

### Membership Secretary

306 members at present, which includes 3 new members since the last meeting. Final renewal reminders were mailed to members. We have approximately 80 members yet to renew for 2009.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Blanket Run this Saturday. A broadcast email reminder will be sent to all members by Sue.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.

Next meeting: 9.30am Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2009,  
Venue: Heritage Café, Bungendore.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### For Sale

**BMW K75s** 1986 - with panniers, rear rack Luggage roll, pannier inners, toolkit, BMW alarm system and engine protection bars. Good tyres Metallic red, 35,984 gen. kms. VIC rego expires October 2009. Manual and service books provided. Price is \$4,500. Contact Glenn Marshall on 0418 578 340



**BMW G650X - 07** model up for sale. 700K's November rego. Hand guards, Remus exhaust, enduro Kit, rear rack. Special colour scheme. \$11,750.00 ono Please contact Tony on 0417 166 698



**BMW 1200 GS—May 2008—**4300 kms -New Cont Road Attack tyres. Almost new original all purpose tyres Custom painted (blue & white). \$21,000 ono. Contact: Rob Hackett on Ph 4883 6750.

**BMW R1100S—** 1999 model, only 32,750kms, excellent condition—\$8,800. Staintunes, chip upgrade, Michelin Pilot 2. Pls call Russell on 0408 690 124



### Wanted

**BMW R75/6 or R75/5—**in good running order—preferably registered. Call Jeff on 0409 710 295

Towbar (all fittings included) for a **2003 BMW K1200RS**. I live in Newcastle and will work with a seller to complete a smooth transaction. Contact Vince on 0402341059

### For Sale—second month

Spanner for removal of oil filter. Fits all Ks and Rs with the exception of the new ones. Marks on it are as follows. HAZET 2169 Germany part # 11 4 650. \$10.00. Contact Ian. 02 62888126

**ACT BMW MCC members can place an advert in this newsletter and on the website (including a photo) free of charge. Please include your membership number when placing adverts.**

**Adverts from non members can be restricted to 3 lines with no photos, depending on space.**

**The editor and webmaster reserve the right to edit or reject adverts.**

**Copy deadline for next issue:  
12 noon, Sunday 14th June 2009**

### For Sale—second month cont'd

Do you want to lower your **F650 Funduro?** I have a full factory lowering kit for sale that includes:  
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**BMW R1200C MONTAUK CRUISER** \$16000 (neg). reluctant sale. Late 2004 cruiser, maintained by BMW dealer. 21,000 kms always garaged. Rego mid-2009. Champagne coloured, lots of chrome. Add ons included: Baehr comms system. Suitable for Grinnell trike conversions. Full specs see: [www.bikez.com/motorcycles/bmw\\_r\\_1200\\_c\\_montauk\\_2005.php](http://www.bikez.com/motorcycles/bmw_r_1200_c_montauk_2005.php) Must sell soon!!! Contact Stu on 02-9499-5908 or [maipenwrite@gmail.com](mailto:maipenwrite@gmail.com).

**BMW R65LS.** 1984. 165000 km Complete respray colour Blue, grey wheels. Learner legal. Krauser Panniers, Staintune S/S exhaust system, ACT Rego till Sept 09, Well maintained. \$4000.



Contact Ian or Jeanette on 02 6288 8126

Vintage 1974, **R60, 600CC,** R6075A, CYC, Engine Capacity 599.0. Both Cylinder Head Base Gaskets replaced /Gearbox stripped and repaired / Light Switch operation repaired / Primer Button repaired. (more photos on request). Call Jules on 0411 39 66 59. **Price: AUD \$**



### 2000 BMW R850C

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### Wanted—second month

**BMW R100/7—**year model 1976 to 1981 Please contact Noel on 0412 894 2961 or send info to [info@noelsbuscharter.com.au](mailto:info@noelsbuscharter.com.au)

**Standard R1200 GS** seat to suit my '07 R1200 GS Adventure. Bike too high/ legs too short. Phone Rob on 0418 216 026.

# A.C.T. BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB

## Application for Membership

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● **Total** \$

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<b>Membership Secretary only</b> Membership #      Date		
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