



# Shaft Drive Lines

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We have a new meeting venue, the Harmonie German Club Canberra, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah, ACT

- August 5,6&7. Hat Rally @ Araluen, 3kms from the Pub.
- September 18-23. BMW GS Safari - Broken Hill to Port Lincoln South Australia.
- September 17-18. BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally @ Tottenham NSW.
- September 18, Shannons German Autofest - Canberra.

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## ABOUT THE CLUB

**Meetings:** 7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month at the [Harmonie German Club Canberra](#) 49 Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah, ACT or by [Google Map](#).

**Membership:** Check this magazine for a membership form or down load one from the website <http://bmwmccact.org.au/>.

**Web Site:** Check our website <http://www.bmwmccact.org.au> for updates to rides and social events and keep in touch by joining one of our Yahoo groups:

- BMW MCCA: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>.
- ACT Gravel surfers: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelsurfing/>.

**Activities:** The Club endeavours to have at least one organized run and social event per month and listed on the [What's On](#) page. The Club welcomes suggestions for rides or social events and these should be emailed to the Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

Whilst we make every effort to keep the [What's On](#) page accurate, changes to meeting times and places can occur between publication dates. The Club uses email to inform Members of late changes to rides and activities or general information including ad-hoc events. If your email address has changed or your mailbox is full, we cannot contact you, so advise the Membership Secretary of changes to your contact details. Our website contains the most up-to-date information.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

Boy, things have been busy the last month or so. Haven't done much riding around here, but did do some around South Carolina and the neighbouring states in the US.

Was visiting some friends, Dave and Lynn, over there, who I know from the Californian BMW bike club days; turned out to be great timing, Dave had just bought a second bike just a few days before I arrived (a pristine K75C with under 7k miles on it) so I got to ride that. My first time in that part of the world and was really impressed by it. The size of the ranges is similar to the Great Divide around the Victorian Alps, but it's a lot more extensive, so many roads that snake along them. Highlights were the Blue Ridge Parkway and Deals Gap. The Blue Ridge goes along the top of a range, one lane in each direction, with no crossroads, lights or signs on it. Really beautiful scenery. Deals Gap is a motorbike Mecca, with, as they say, 318 curves in 11 miles. Did that section in both directions and by the end of the day, I think I had done the most number of corners and curves in any single day of riding.

Interesting that like all the villages and towns around here, there are war memorials. Though the ones over there are all commemorating a particular war, as the locals call it, the war of northern aggression, ie the American Civil war. Seems like they haven't really gotten over it yet, in spite of this year being the 150th anniversary of the start of it.

Anyway, as I said, some great roads and scenery over there, plus really friendly people, so well worth a trip if you get the opportunity. Also got to check out the BMW factory at Spartanburg, where they used to make the Z4. The new ones with the folding hard top are made in Germany, along with the convertible 3 series. Given that I just bought a 2006 Z4, was nice to see where it was made.

See you out & about,

Mark

*Editor: See some of Mark's [pictures](#) later on.*

## THE VP'S BLATHERINGS

The VP is out this month.

Ian W.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Rob Booth

R1200GS

*Welcome, see you on a ride*

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## HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB CANBERRA



The Club has a new general meeting venue, Harmonie German Club Canberra.

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Directions: [Google Map](#)



# BMW SAFARI



## Broken Hill to Port Lincoln 18-23 September 2011

Thank you for registering your interest in the BMW Safari. With over 750 people registering their interest, it is obvious that there is a huge amount of anticipation for the BMW GS Safari and TS Safari events.

We are happy to advise that the new event agency has been selected and will be announced this week. What we can tell you is the dates for the 2011 GS Safari so you can mark the dates in your calendar and apply for leave.

The event will kick off at Broken Hill in NSW on Sunday September 18th with registration and welcome event, departing Broken Hill on Monday morning. The event will conclude at Port Lincoln in SA on Friday 23rd September. We are planning a 2 day pre-Safari off road rider training course with Stay Upright, so this will kick off on September 17th and finish on the 18th in the Broken Hill area.

Booking details for the 2011 GS Safari will be available very soon; this is sure to be a memorable event. Apart from the incredible riding and great people, we hope that Lake Eyre is still full of water in September.

More information will follow very soon.

Kind regards,

Miles Davis  
Marketing Manager  
BMW Motorrad Australia

Keep up to date and register here: <http://www.bmwsafari.com/>

## BMW TS SAFARI 2012

Planning is also underway on the next BMW TS Safari. At this stage it looks like timing will be early 2012, more information will be available in the New Year. Please register your interest to receive BMW Safari updates here: <http://www.bmwsafari.com/index/ts-safari>.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the next BMW GS Safari and/or TS Safari event.



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Here is a list of Club arranged activities. This does not stop you from arranging a ride, and if you want company, let the [Ride Coordinator](#) know and they will pass your planned trip on to the Club members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send them to the [Editor](#).

2011	Date	Detail	Contact
<b>July</b>	Monday 11	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a>	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Monday 25	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
<b>August</b>	Saturday 5 Sunday 6 Monday 7	Hat Rally 2011. At Araluen 3kms from the Pub. Best Hat & other wards; limited firewood + water and toilets. Catered from Friday pm, Sat night lamb spit roast. \$15 includes your badge & proceeds to charity	Contact Al on 0409 920526 for more info.
	Monday 8	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a>	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Monday 22	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
<b>September</b>	Monday 12	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Saturday 17 Sunday 18	Far Cairn Rally, Tottenham NSW. Hosted by the BMWTCNSW with pre-registration & proceeds to Motorcycle Accident Research Initiative (MARI).	Details <a href="http://www.bmwtcnsw.org">http://www.bmwtcnsw.org</a>
	Sunday 18	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Shannons German Autofest - Canberra.	Contact the <a href="#">Ride Coordinator</a>
	Sunday 18 Friday 23	BMW GS Safari 2011, Broken Hill to Port Lincoln. You <u>MUST</u> pre-register	See <a href="http://www.bmwsafari.com/">http://www.bmwsafari.com/</a>
	Saturday 24 Sunday 25	Queanbeyan Swap Meet at Queanbeyan Showground.	
	Monday 26	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>



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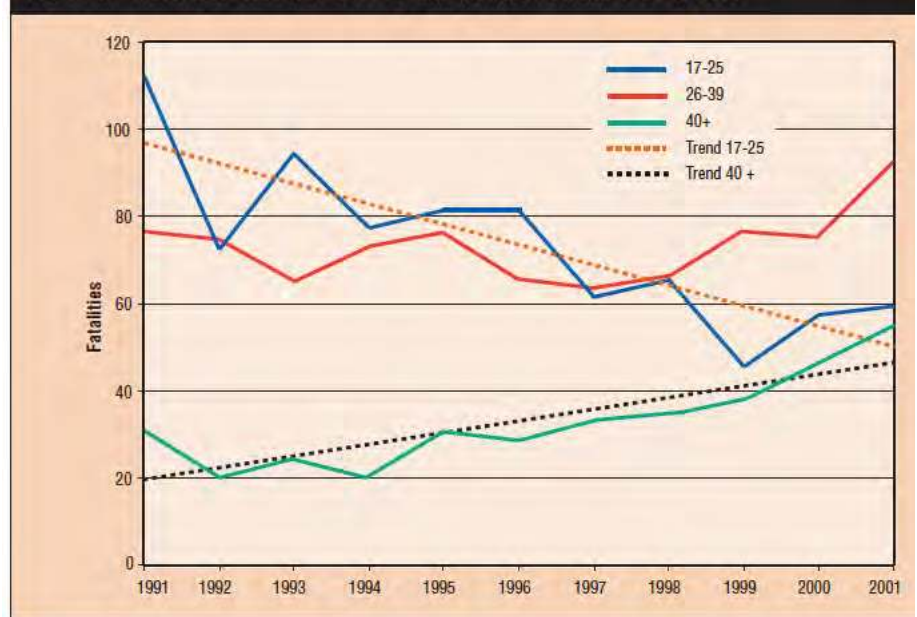
## MOTORCYCLE RIDER AGE AND RISK OF FATAL INJURY

This is an extract from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau Monograph 12 *Motorcycle Safety* published October 2002 and accessed here [http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/publications/2002/pdf/Mcycyle\\_Age\\_1.pdf](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/publications/2002/pdf/Mcycyle_Age_1.pdf).

### Key Findings

- Fatalities among riders aged 17 and over decreased by around 6 per cent between 1991 and 2001 while over the same period fatalities among riders 40 years and over increased by 77 per cent.
- Fatalities among riders 40 years and over as a proportion of all rider fatalities, increased from 14 per cent in 1991 to 27 per cent in 2001.
- The popularity of motorcycling appears to be increasing significantly among the 40 years and over age group.
- Despite the significant increase in older rider fatalities, the risk of fatal injury to motorcycle riders per distance travelled is still significantly higher among younger riders.
- Motorcycle riders are around 29 times more likely to be fatally injured than operators of other vehicles travelling the same distance.

**Figure 1: Motorcycle rider fatalities by age group, Australia 1991 to 2001**



### Conclusion

The data presented suggest two key motorcycle safety issues. One is the issue of increasing fatalities among older motorcycle riders. While older riders have the lowest fatality rates based on kilometres ridden, the rate of increase in fatalities among this age group is the highest. Older rider fatalities are becoming a steadily increasing proportion of motorcycle fatalities.

Part of this increase in fatalities is due to an increase in motorcycle riding among the 40 years and over age group. This is most likely a result of the combination of an increase in the general population of people 40 years and over and an increase in the popularity of motorcycles among this age group.

Even when increased exposure is taken into account, the rate of older rider fatalities is rising at a greater rate than might be expected. If the number of people 40 years and over taking up motorcycle riding continues to rise, the problem of motorcycle safety among this age group is likely to become an increasingly important issue.

The second issue is the continuing poor record of younger riders. Younger riders are still at significantly higher risk of fatal injury than older riders. Although the overall number of fatalities has decreased among riders between 17 and 25 years, their rates are still significantly higher than older riders. Rates among the 26 to 39 year group are also significantly higher than older riders. There is also evidence suggesting that, fatality rates per vehicle kilometres travelled among these ages are actually increasing.

**Table 3: Rider and other vehicle operator fatalities per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled, between 1998 and 2000<sup>1</sup>**

Age of operators (years)	17-25	26-39	40+	All ages <sup>8</sup>
Motorcycle riders	47.0	14.5	7.7	14.9
Other vehicle operators	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.5



## YERRANDERIE RIDE, 28-29 MAY 2011

By Mitchell & Garry Smee R100GSPD

Six of us took the overnight ride to Yerranderie located at the headwaters of Lake Burrendong (Warragamba Dam) Martin (R1200GS), Andrew (R1200GSA), John (R1150GS), Rob (R1220GS) and Matt (R1200GS).

A cool and foggy morning saw us leave Watson on time and ride to Gunning until breaking free of the fog into bright sunshine just before Crookwell. After warming up at the bakery, it was on to Taralga and light dirt to get us in the mood.

The stretch from Taralga, Bumford Ford and up the (Abercrombie-Oberon) hill to the turn off was made in quick time, with little traffic, before reaching the turn-off. Yerranderie is located within the Blue Mountains NP and catchment of Warragamba Dam. The 60km of dirt road was in very good condition, some of the best I have ever seen within a NP, saw us arrive around 3pm. Pausing to regroup and having lost two, Andrew rode back to find Martin & John who had found a creek crossing with a deep hole. Fortunately, the only damage to John was water ingress and a broken pannier bracket repaired later that evening using some heritage items and assorted cable ties.

Yerranderie is a private town that was sold to NP's in March 2011. Whilst its future and access is unclear, there are a range of accommodation options including camping (\$12), basic (\$33) and lodge (\$44). Keeping with the GS reputation it was the lodge for us except Martin, who has an image to uphold. The only others were some 4WD campers.



The Lodger's moved in, walkers walked, repair crew set to work and all settled down for the evening. Early evening saw us retire to the Lodge's lounge and fire, before Martin decided to join us. This was fortunate, as our fire was looking decidedly ill until Martin applied his Sea Scout fire setting skills. The evening progressed with robust discussion on many and varied topics.

Morning broke with light cloud and the promise of a return ride via Oberon and Tuena. John made an early start and headed home, whilst the rest variously breakfasted, packed up and took the short walk to the ruins of the Silver Peak Mine. At its height Yerranderie was home to some 2000 people before a combination of industrial unrest, depression and falling silver price saw the town decline from the late 1920's. Scott the caretaker opened the museum and provided a backdrop story to the mining, town and history.

Having taken our fill, we left for the return leg and made good time up the hill and back to the bitumen. The last 15kms was made in light showers and temperature steadily dropping before regrouping. A group decision as

taken to ride to Oberon for lunch and fuel, before abandoning the Tuena route and dirt. With continuing showers, we headed back to Goulbourn via the Taralga road, coming back into the sun on the Taralga side of Abercrombie River.

With little traffic, good time was made into Goulbourn, where Andrew left us for the Hume and home.



Matt and his R0200GS





Photo: [www.smh.com.au](http://www.smh.com.au)



The diminished group continued on the back road to Taralga and Bungendore making it all the way to Chisholm before splitting up and home.

An excellent ride, even by car, and well worth the effort before the two year moratorium ends on the status quo for Yerranderie. The next trip will include the Kanangra Walls and Jenolan Caves loop.

Want to go, then you can read more here: <http://www.yerranderie.com/welcome.htm>



Photo: Rob Booth

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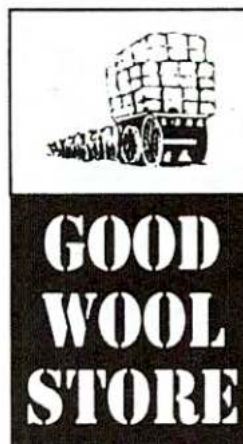


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Hi Riders,

Well winter has arrived, meaning less dust and more mud, along with that unpleasant feeling of rain seeping through a seam somewhere. But, we should still be getting out. Six of us took a ride to Yerranderie overnight staying in the 'Lodge' of what was a thriving silver mining town in the 1920's and well worth the ride before NSW NP lock it up. I write this having returned from #42 Alpine Rally with snow on the ground and wood smoke in the air. The Casper is next on the calendar for the cold weather tourers.

I visited Hal at TJ's who has reaffirmed his long-standing offer of 10% discount to current members, so remember to show your card when shopping for tyres and do not forget our other sponsors Rolfe's, Mick Owen and the Good Wool Store when looking for service, parts, accessories or a fluffy seat! The Club's long trip planning is advancing, so keep an eye out on this 10 day ride and if you would like to be part of the planning team for either dirt or bitumen legs contact the Ride Coordinator and register your interest.

For another take and laugh on Charlie & Ewan see:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xorQyl121l&feature=related>

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee

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## NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2011 - 2020

Wonder what the Department of Infrastructure and Transport have been pondering over summer in respect of motorcyclists and motorcycling? From the draft *National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020*:

### SAFE ROADS, SAFE SPEEDS, SAFE VEHICLES and SAFE PEOPLE

On average, four people are killed and 80 are seriously injured every day on Australia's roads. Almost everyone has, at some stage, been affected by a road crash.

Australian Transport Ministers have asked the heads of transport and roads agencies around the country to work together to prepare a new 10-year National Road Safety Strategy for the period from 2011 to 2020. The new strategy is intended to set an ambitious long-term vision for road safety improvement in Australia and to guide national action over the coming decade.

Transport agencies developed a draft National Road Safety Strategy that was released for public consultation on 1 December 2010.

- Investigate the potential for all motorcycles to be equipped with Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS).
- Introduce regulation to improve stability, traction and braking on motorcycles.
- Introduce a GLS (graduated licence scheme) for motorcyclists including those returning to motorcycling after some years
- Develop a national rating program to assess motorcycle helmets (and potentially other protective gear for safety) to promote market demand for safer helmets.
- By 2020, introduce greater use of effective helmets and protective gear by motorcyclists.
- Road improvements for motorcyclists, cyclists, pedestrians, older road-users and users of public transport will be a focus.
- Introducing motorcycle black spot and black link programs in all States and Territories, possibly funded by a levy for (on? Editor) motorcyclists.
- Applying technology to ensure speeding motorcyclists are detected.

You can access and read the full draft strategy on the Department of Infrastructure and Transport's website [http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/national\\_road\\_safety\\_strategy/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/national_road_safety_strategy/index.aspx)

## BMWCCACT 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT

2011 is the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Inc. and Kosciuszko Rally 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To celebrate we are selling printed T-shirts sporting the following design provided by ex-Presidente Ron out of his Eden print shop facility.



Back



Front

To assist in your sizing, I asked Ron to measure each size laid flat on a table across the armpits. They are a unisex design (ie: male) so ladies choose your size accordingly.

Small 53cm	Medium 54cm	Large 55cm	XL 58cm	2XL 60cm	3XL 64cm (white only)
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These sizes provide a firm fit, so if you like your T-shirts loose choose the next size up.

Prices: White \$30 or Black \$40 (requires more preparation and labour) including GST.

You can have black or white, noting the production run of white T-shirts will not have any text shadowing as the design guru felt this made them less appealing. There are some other pictures on the webpage.

Your order will only be placed once payment has been received, details to be advised, and collected at a General Meeting or by prior arrangement. Postage additional.

Want one? Then email your name, size, colour and quantity to the [editor@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:editor@bmwmccact.org.au)

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**Battery Type:** 3 x AAA Lithium Standby mode: 94.7 days SOS/HELP: 2.8 days Track Progress: 4.3 days  
**Check OK/Custom Messages:** 350 messages

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## CLUB GOING ON'S

### GENERAL MEETING 23 MAY 2011

General Meeting Monday 23 May 2011 @ Harmonie German Club Canberra

Meeting opened 1944hrs

Present: 18 members.

**Apologies:** 161 members

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the Apr General meeting were accepted as an accurate reflection of that meeting.

#### Reports

**President – Nil** as Mark was still not back from overseas.

**Vice President** – All committee and Club monthly meetings have now been booked with the German Club until the last one in November.

**Ride Coordinator** – Martin gave a short brief on upcoming activities

**Secretary** – No correspondence in or out.

**Treasurer** – Jack and David Sheehan have finalised 2010 report and are still working on the 2011 report. There is currently \$8,736 in the club bank account. There has been a delay in the payment of the BMW Clubs Australia account due to signatory issues with the new office holders. It is expected to be resolved shortly.

**Public Account Officer** – The legality and appropriateness of the appointment of Sarah as an auditing officer for the club accounts is being investigated.

#### General Business

- 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary ride was discussed. Further details are contained in the club magazine and on the web site. Any further suggestions should be forwarded to the committee for consideration.

- There was robust discussion on ride procedure when out on a group ride. This was raised as a result of the discussion re the ride to Jugiong the previous weekend.

- Club 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-shirt was displayed courtesy of production by Ron Andrews. Prices will be \$40 for the black version and \$30 for the white.

- There were no member numbers communicated, as Ian Hahn is currently overseas on an extended holiday.

- There was discussion on another Stay upright course being partially funded or sponsored by the club. The club welcomed new member Robert Booth. Robert is the proud owner of a 2009 R1200GS.

- Martin gave details of the upcoming weekend ride. Cost was \$12 for camping, \$33 and \$44 for rooms at the property.

- Members were reminded again of the Alpine Rally on the 12 – 14 June and the Christmas in July with the BMW Club of Victoria at Rutherglen.

- Club is still seeking a Social Secretary. If anyone is keen, please step forward for what is a highly rewarding labour of love.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Harmonie Club.

Meeting closed at 2021 hrs

### COMMITTEE MEETING 9 MAY 2011

Monday 11 April 2011 @ Harmonie German Club Canberra

Meeting opened 1945hrs

Present: Steve Hay, Garry Smee, Ian Hahn, Gary Melling, Martin Robertson, Alan Walsh, Ian Warren, Jack Foley.

**Apologies:** Mark Edwards

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Moved by Ian Hahn, Seconded by Garry Smee that the minutes of the previous committee meeting in Apr is a true and accurate reflection of that meeting.

#### Action Items from previous meeting

Ian Warren deputised as the President in the absence of Mark Edwards and dealt with action items as per the following:

**Audit** – Discussion on merits of gaining the services of a registered auditor and whether that was in fact necessary. Steve Hay undertook to clarify the requirements. Jack Foley tabled the 09-10 accounts for audit and reported that the 10-11 would be ready in the not too distant future. He is working closely with the previous treasurer in order to complete the handover.

**Clubs 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary** – Ian Warren to gain/get hold of the Club Logo T-shirt made by Ron Andrews and given to Martin Gilbert previously for presentation to the members at the next monthly meeting.

Post meeting: Ron Andrews contacted Garry Smee and will be delivering a further T-shirt design next week for consideration.

**Long Trip** – Ian Warren presented an option for the long ride. This is to be tabled at the next monthly General Meeting and is attached to these minutes as an annex.

**Membership renewal** – Robust discussion on the merits of the current method of dealing with members changes on renewals. Decision taken that the form will not change in its current format. If a member pays his membership and no information is supplied it will be accepted that there are no changes.

**Christmas Party** – Menu to be settled one month before event. Deposit has been paid to confirm booking at Hellenic Club, Woden for 9 Dec 11. There will be follow-up promulgation at the club monthly meeting and within the club magazine.

**Club Incorporation** – Steve Hay to follow up incorporation with ACT Department of Justice & Community Safety (<http://www.ors.act.gov.au>).

**Social Position** – Martin Robertson to confirm numbers with the Long Track Pantry Jugiong for upcoming ride on the 15 May 11. Club still does not have a member to fill the Social Secretary role so it will continue to be addressed via the committee on an ad-hoc basis. Rutherglen Xmas in July meeting was discussed with all pertinent information available in the club magazine.

**NOTE:** an email was received 11 May 11 via Sue Ball-Guymer from the Victorian club advising that numbers for this event currently stand at 44 persons with 15 of those being from ACT.

**Club Constitution** – Ian Warren undertook to have the words “DRAFT” removed from the Club Constitution document that currently sits on the web site.

## Reports

**President – Nil**

**Social Secretary – Nil**

**Ride Coordinator** – Martin spoke on this month’s events and the upcoming event to Yerranderie. This will be promulgated again at the next monthly meeting.

**Vice President** – All committee and Club monthly meetings have now been booked with the German Club until the last one in November.

**Secretary** – A membership bill for \$249.00 from Clubs Australia was received and presented for

payment. Moved by Ian Hahn and seconded by Garry Smee that the bill be paid by the treasurer ASAP.

Secretary to engage with ACT RTA for possible road safety lectures to be delivered to the club at a training evening or some other occasion. This will be reported on at next committee meeting.

**Membership** – Ian reported 179 members and 123 memberships. Ian reported that he will away for the period 22 May – 18 Jul and arrangements were made for his duties to be covered during this period. Ian Warren will address memberships on his behalf.

**Editor** – Garry Smee undertook to forward the Social Secretary’s list of contacts to the committee members.

**Treasurer** – Jack Foley to make appropriate arrangements for the new signatories on the club accounts to be Jack Foley, Mark Edwards, Ian Hahn and Ian Warren. Other previous account signatories would be removed. Jack to investigate the feasibility of changing the account name to BMWCCACT in line with the clubs incorporated name.

**General Business** – The committee to consider future suitable training courses in line with funds availability and members’ wishes. To be discussed further at the next club monthly meeting, subject to the Treasurer providing an accounts and budget estimate of operating costs after his handover is complete.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Harmonie Club.

Meeting closed at 2106hrs.

## ANNEX TO MAY MINUTES

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride Suggestion (Ian Warren)

Time – 12 days (including three rest days)

Location

Mostly South Australia with a split point being around Port Augusta for those wishing to go to the Flinders Ranges and the others south or wherever

Budget

Distance – approx 3981km

Fuel - \$280 @ \$1.40 litre average and 5 litres per 100km (do your own sums as appropriate)

12 breakfast @ \$15 each

12 Lunch @ \$15 each

11 Dinners @ \$45 each

11 Motels @ \$80 per night

Total would be something around \$2015 (plus incidentals)

Day	From	To	Distance	Time
1	Canberra	Hay	527	06:05
2	Hay	Broken Hill	527	06:06
3	Broken Hill	Pt Augusta	414	04:48
4	Pt Augusta	Pt Lincoln	341	04:38
5	Rest Day			
6	Pt Lincoln	Streaky Bay	293	03:08
7	Streaky Bay	Pt Augusta	391	04:32
8	Rest Day			
9	Pt Augusta	Adelaide	307	03:50
10	Rest Day			
11	Adelaide	Echuca	667	08:22
12	Echuca	Canberra	600	07:11

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The Editor and Webmaster have the right to refuse or reject any ad without reason.

### BMW R1150GS ABS

Compliance plate says Nov 2001 and first rego'd in January 2002. She's only done 73k and has been serviced meticulously every step of the way. New gel battery fitted May 11. Tyres are Heidenau K60's. Front is at least 80% and the rear is probably 70%. Great tyres for gravel roads and a very good semi knob on bitumen. The bike is located in Tathra.

Accessories:

- Wunderlich low seat. (40mm lower than standard) Original seat available as an alternative.
  - Staintune collector box and muffler to make it sound better and go better.
  - Panniers colour matched to the bike.
  - Steering stop protector.
  - Bark busters to keep the cold off your hands.
  - Heated grips.
  - 2 accessory plugs and additional electronic speedo to assist navigation.
  - MRA adjustable screen.
  - Ventura rear rack (not fitted in the photos)
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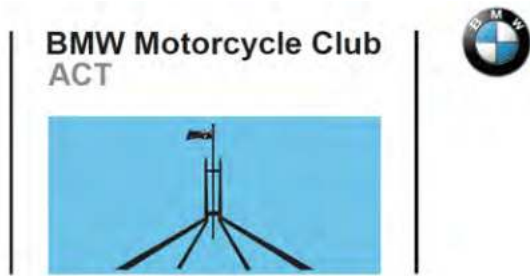
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Small ~50 x 25mm @ 50c each  
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## G650 Xchallenge



9/2008 model, 3900km with 12m NSW redgo.  
Immaculate condition asking \$11000 but haggle  
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## G650 Xcountry



6/2009 model, 1330km (1<sup>st</sup> service completed) with  
12m NSW redgo. Immaculate condition asking  
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0412 626279.

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The Editor & Mrs new rally accessory.  
The stove & tent had to go to make space  
and it knocks the battery around, but the

## LOOKING FOR A MOTORCYCLE TOUR COMPANY?

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Name	Description
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## ALPINE RALLY #42



Garry & Jane Smee, R1200ST

A mid-week snowfall saw the Snowy Mountains highway closed to vehicles, then opened with chains, then upgraded to slush & carry chains. Ahhh, Queens Birthday long weekend and the opening of the ski season is also the host to Australia's longest running consecutive rally of the modern era the Alpine and for 2011 #42.

Saturday broke cool and clear so we headed off to Adaminaby in light traffic making good time to the Snow Goose Hotel, arriving shortly after Sue & Bob Coleman with their friend Bruce on Spyder + R1150GSA. With lunch over, it was back on the bikes for the quick 60 km run into Yarrangabilly Homestead. The road was clear although there was plenty of evidence of snow, with the sides and most of the grass open

areas covered in snow. Arriving at site saw the set up of camp before re-acquaintances and new friends of the rallying community made.



Sue C, Rob, Dave R, Bob C, Bruce & Jane S



Another motorcyclist with fine taste in brand and model. Photo; Editor



The evening saw an assortment of festivities and campfire visits under what was a mild and starry night. Sunrise was again bright and clear for the speeches and story telling to the some 200 assembled rallyists. Packing up and farewells said saw us on the road for the trip home. Others were staying for the weekend with a planned trip up to the thermal pool for a swim whilst others were taking a ride over to Tumberumba via Cabramurra. Under threatening skies and light drizzle, we took the run back the way we came. For the pillions, the highlight was the two herds of Brumbies about 40 in total grazing near Kiandra. None of the riders saw them, so perhaps that was a testament of the wet road conditions.

I have only seen evidence of and a couple of horses in KNP over 30 years, otherwise we would have stopped and taken some photos; Jane thought I had seen them as Sue had thought of Bob & Bruce. The ride home whilst overcast was made in good time. Until next year and a return to the Brindabella site.



**PRESIDENT MARK VISITS THE US**



(L) Dave is at the Tree of Shame at Deals Gap û they hang up bits from the bike crashes that they have there. And in summer, they have lots of crashes. (R) Monument to the war of northern aggression.






(T) Mark at Carney Fork  
lookout on the Blue Ride.  
(M) The G/S is at the  
Spartanburg factory.  
(B) Start, middle or end.  
(Ed?)  
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