



Shaft Drive Lines



December 2010



Look Out For

1st-2nd January 2011. New Year Rally. [Micalong Creek Reserve](#), NSW. Camping fees, basic facilities & likely fire ban. Turn left after Wee Jasper (no fuel, Pub or food mid June 2010). Unsealed roads.

7th-9th January 2011. Annual MRA Capital Rally ACT. On the Canberra side of the Goodradigbee River. Take the Uriarra road to Tumut and turn right at the bottom of the hill. Unsealed roads.

Monday 24 January 2011. No Club Meeting in January!

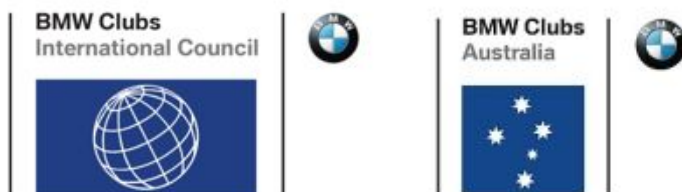
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Send an email before hand to the [Ride Coordinator](#) who can
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Cover Photo:
Six R80GSPDs and three R100GSPDs made it to the Kosciuszko Rally.
Dave R.



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ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings: 7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month at the [Canberra Services Club](#), Manuka Circle, Manuka (next to Manuka Oval) or by [Google Map](#).

Membership: A membership form may be in this magazine or available for download from our website <http://bmwmccact.org.au/>.

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

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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 that should be emailed to the Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

Whilst we make every effort to ensure the [What's On](#) page is 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 Ride Coordinator of changes to your contact details. Our website contains the most up-to-date information.

Charity Support: The club supports a nominated charity using profits from the Kosciuszko Rally.

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 *Privacy* and *Spam* policy available on the website or email request.

SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the editor has absolute discretion, we welcome contributions to the Club's magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Please email copy to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au or by @mail to

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

We are getting lots of rain at the moment, which means that the countryside looks fantastic. So yet another good reason to get out on the bike. Of course, the downside of that is occasionally you can get rained upon while out on a ride. Which brings us to our rally down at Geehi. This one had the feel of some of those from the early noughties: back before the start of the drought.

That said the weather looked like it was going to be a lot worse than what it ended up being. The group that I was riding with only encountered intermittent showers on Saturday, nothing too bad. Though the area clearly had a few decent storms in the preceding days, given the amount of standing water around the place. Also a local dam had got washed away, which took out some of the approach roads to the bridges around Khancoban. The required detour meant we got to go on some interesting back roads. In spite of the weather, we had a good turn out with 84 attendees and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves, which is the most important thing.

Also, in spite of the tricky conditions, everyone (as far as I know) got back without having any accidents, which meant that those of us who had recently completed the first-aid course didn't get to try out our newly acquired skills. That, of course is a good thing. By the end of the second course, there will be about 30 people in the club with bike specific first-aid knowledge, so that should mean that there will be one or two on most club rides. While the aim is not to crash in the first place (and our recent rider training-day helps with that), and so not require medical help, it is important to know what to do in an emergency.

See you out & about,

Mark

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dion Isaacson BMW R1200GS

Chris Roberts Ducati ST S

See you on a ride...

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IGNORANCE

Just because the clunking sounds stops, doesn't mean the problem has gone away.

WHAT'S ON

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	Details	Contact
November	Saturday 20	First Aid Course for <u>pre-booked</u> Members	Contact the President
	Saturday 20	19th Bombala Bike Show, Bombala NSW	Celebration of Motorcycles Association Inc.
	Monday 22	General Meeting—7.45 pm at Canberra Services Club, Manuka Circle, Manuka. Pre-meet for dinner from 1830 (please call the club if you plan to eat).	
	Saturday 27 Sunday 28	President Mark will be leading an overnight ride to Gulgong via the <u>dirt</u> . Leaving the Greengrocer on Clifford Café in Goulbourn @ 1000	Contact the President
December	Friday 3	2010 Presentation Night & Christmas Dinner, Lassiters @ Gold Creek.	RSVP to Sue by email to Social Secretary or by phone to 62882731 by 19 November 2010.
	Saturday 25	Merry Christmas. Ho Ho Ho!	Have you have been naughty or nice?
	Monday 27	No Club Meeting in December	Contact the President
January	No organised Club rides, but if you are planning one and want company email the Ride Coordinator who will send out an email to members		
	1st-2nd January	New Year Rally. Micalong Creek Reserve , NSW. Camping fees, basic facilities & likely fire ban. Turn left after Wee Jasper (no fuel, Pub & food).	Contact rob@gaslightbooks.com.au
	Saturday 1 Sunday 16	2011 Dakar Chile - Argentina. http://www.dakar.com/index_DAKus.html	Watch on SBS 1800-1830 nightly.
	7th-9th January	Annual MRA Capital Rally ACT. On the Canberra side of the Goodradigbee River. Take the road to Tumut and turn right at the bottom of the hill. Unsealed roads.	Phil 0418 639 483 or Catbert 0400 438 251 or email catbert@hotkey.net.au
	Tuesday 11	Committee Meeting 1930	Contact the President
	Monday 24	No Club Meeting in January!	Contact the President



Peter van Maale taking the line on his F650CS



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THE EDITORS FILL

Wanted: Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2011 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au with or without captions or photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

Well the 2010 Kosciuszko Rally has been and gone. Informal counting had 84 riders attend on what was a miserable Saturday afternoon. However, the company was good and plenty of people got around to the various campsites socialising. Some club members even made a day ride of it. A highlight (for some/me) was the six R80 GS in attendance and two R00GSPD's as well. Alas, Jane and I were on the ST, something to do with the run down from Dead Horse Gap to Jindabyne or was that up? The ride home on Sunday was a cracker with fine, although cold weather, with roads in top nick. Next year is

the Clubs 30th Rally so pencil that one in now. This magazine will be published before the Club's Christmas Dinner & Awards Night, so send your pictures in for February.

Whilst the committee and club take a formal break over Christmas and January, there are still plenty of rides on or to be had. Remember if you want company or would like to lead a ride send Martin as [Ride Coordinator](#) an email who will send out an email. The AGM is in the New Year, so perhaps you would like to stand for election to the Committee. Have a think about it?

Wishing you and your families all the best for a merry and safe Christmas, keep riding and catch you all in the New Year. That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee
editor@bmwmccact.org.au



The snow of 2009 gave way to steady heavy rain in 2010. 84 rally goers made their way to Geehi from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, including some for just a day. Not to be put off, there were plenty of camp fires and socialising to be had...with the keen taking a scenic ride to Corryong in the rain. The raffle was a success with a good mix of recipients, none more so than Fred who carried off the BMW Rainsuit, congratulations to the winners. Equally, the awards went to a varied lot with the BMWTCNSW (7) narrowly beating the Eastern Suburbs MCC (6) for highest club attendance. Next year is the Club's 30th Rally so see you then.

Garry & Jane Smee R1200ST / R100GSPD

BMWCCA CT KOSCIUSZKO RALLY 2010, PRIZES & AWARDS

Awards

Largest Club attendance, BMWTCNSW (7), followed by Eastern Suburbs MCC (6)

Longest Distance Male, Jason from the Central Coast (1350km indirect) Suzuki Bandit

Longest Distance Female, Cheryl (450km) Suzuki V Strom 650

Longest Distance Pillion, Glenda (Central coast) Honda ST1100

Raffle Prizes

1. BMW Rain suit, Fred DR650
2. BMW Duffel Bag, Andrew R100GSPD
3. BMW GS Cap, Rob R1100RT
4. Mick Owen's \$75 voucher, Cheryl (?)
5. Mick Owen's \$75 voucher & GS T-shirt, Dave R80GS

Longest Distance Combination, Doug XS1100 & chair

Youngest Entrant, Johno ~8 pillion BMW R1100RS

Youngest Rider, Gerald (33) Yamaha XV Virago 250

Oldest Combined Bike & Rider, Chris McCardle (90yrs) R100RT

6. BMW Gloves, Lloyd Suzuki 1800

7. BMW S Cap, Stuart R100GSPD Classic

8. BMW 30th GS T-shirt, Greg BMW 1200GS

9. BMW T-shirt, Peter ZZR1100

10. BMW Key Fob, Rob R1150R

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THE TRUE COST OF TYRES



True cost of tyres

A survey of Australian cars by tyre maker Kumho has found that some 30 per cent of cars are being used regularly with at least one illegal or damaged tyre.

This is an increase of 11 per cent over a similar survey conducted by 100

Whilst this article is on cars, it is of interest and equally applicable to motorcycles.

Editor

tyre retailers last year.

Other scary numbers to come from the survey show that 72 per cent of us drive with under-inflated tyres which increases fuel use, tyre wear and braking distances while 80 per cent of cars have badly worn tyres with illegal tread depths.

Pointing to the fact that modern cars now regularly run 10,000kms or more between services and garages now no longer have tyre pumps on their forecourts, Kumho Tyres national marketing manager David Basha says that many drivers no longer have any idea of the condition of their car's tyres.

Kumho suggests Australian drivers are collectively wasting more than \$250m worth of fuel each year by driving on under-inflated tyres.

Driver Briefing (Canberra Times 23 Oct 10)

RIDER TRAINING DAY

After rising on Sunday morning to more rain after a whole night of the stuff, I did not think that rider training would be held, but fortunately, it started to clear, so after dressing for the worst, I set off for the Sutton Road Driver Training Centre. You can imagine my surprise when I found the car park full of bikes, both learners and our own group. All up, 19 of us attended the road skills course conducted by Stay Upright.

The course started with a classroom session covering road craft, risks and rider attitude and the differences between riding on the road and the racetrack. We then progressed to standing on the closed track with our four instructors, each detailing aspects of road craft including on-bike posture, your position on the road, scanning the road ahead, gear selection appropriate to corner speed and brake application. Throughout the day Dave, Steve, Richard and I demonstrated cornering and braking techniques observed us trying out



their suggestions and answered our numerous questions.

We were run through cornering (wide in, tight out), always looking ahead up the road, what to do if you find you are going too fast into a corner, effective braking (use all four finger tips and a gently squeeze), emergency braking and even how to mount your bike.

I found that my own riding style was biased toward cornering and braking on the assumption that my bike handles so well that I will get out of all unexpected situations - obviously a risky assumption.

Fortunately, we were shown techniques that greatly reduce risks and what we should do if we need to make an emergency stop. We also got to try out these techniques under the supervision of our trainers. I guess that I rode around the Sutton Track over 25 times; several of us had to buy more fuel during the lunch break - what a buzz.

Our instructors also took into account the large numbers of GS owners in the group and setup a course in the gravel pit with an emergency stopping point. Not only did the dual-purpose men give it a shot but several "roadies" had a go as well. I am not sure who enjoyed this part most, Upsidedown Greg or Kiwi Martin; they both had grins that escaped their helmets.

I had a great day, many thanks to the club for organising and subsidising the course and especially the team from Stay Upright who conducted a well-informed, non-confronting and informative training day.

Cheers Martin Robinson





FIRST AID TRAINING #1



In early October 12 members met at the Tuggeranong Community Centre for a Club supported first aid training course. The training was delivered by an ex-London paramedic and motorcyclist against a national unit of competency customised for injuries you may come across riding motorcycles.

For some this was a refresher and updating of skills particularly regarding resuscitation and the revised 30 compressions to 2 breaths. Other subjects include hazard awareness, control of bleeding, management of

shock and the all important helmet removal technique.

The training culminated with the mass casualty exercise with 6+ victims requiring assessment and CPR, whilst providing status reports to the 'ambos' to take over.

Let's hope we never need to use it, but I am sure we all left the day with some new skills and the confidence to use them.

Garry Smee



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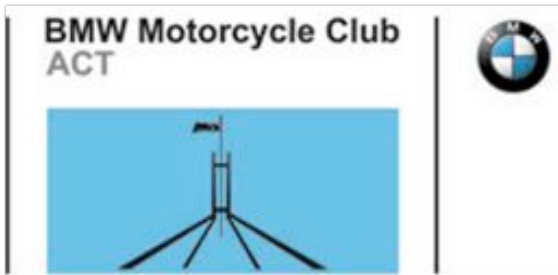
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**ADVENTURE BIKE COURSE
BATEMAN'S BAY, FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011**



Following on from the successful Stay Upright road-rider training courses at Sutton Driving Training and Wakefield Park the Club proposes to arrange a similar themed course for the GS owner's and those who insist on taking their road bikes to dirt road rallies, like the Editor who has a GS (but it's worth more than the 1200ST). Lyndon Heffernan and staff of academy@offroadriding.com.au will run the course.

This course and dates are unconfirmed pending sufficient expressions of interest and confirmed bookings (minimum of 6). The Committee intends the Club subsidise members attendance (\$ to be agreed).

At the Course, you will learn: all the skills required to corner, brake, hills, logs, jumping, creeks and sand to enjoy riding your Adventure Bike Off road. (Editor: log jumping optional and content to be fine-tuned).

Location: Quart Pot RV Park, [Quart Pot Road Buckenbowra](#) 150km from Canberra via the Kings Hwy and Old Bolaro Rd. Starting at 8.00am with signing of indemnity forms, briefing and course outline, we finish around 4:00/ 4:30 pm. Disclaimer: Please note Motorcycling is dangerous and all participants will be required to sign and indemnity to cover our insurance, sponsors, the Academy of Off Road Riding and the landholder.

Logistic Stuff: The course fee covers tuition only. You must bring own bike, riding gear, and organise your own accommodation, fuel, spares, food and drinks.

From Lyndon...*happy to put on a special 2-day camp for your group. We can do it adventure style with you guys bringing everything and we just provide training, venue and morning tea, or we can cater for lunch both days and dinner on Saturday night. By that time, I will also have an accommodation block set up (for the softies) which will be \$40 per head per night including continental brekkie, but we might make that an optional extra, the real men can swag or camp.*

Cost for course, venue and morning tea only is \$295pp; cost for 2 x lunch and sat BBQ dinner would be \$365.00 pp. So let me know what you think would be the best option and we will go from there. February / March are all yours at this stage so let us lock in a date soon.

Garry Smees has offered to coordinate expressions of interest and your preferred weekend of: (1) Sat 12/Sun13 February 2011, (2) Sat 19 /Sun 20 February 2011 or (3) Sat 5 /Sun 6 March 2011.

Email your details **in the following format** to Garry Smees at editor@bmwmccact.org.au:

1. Name
2. Contact details, phone number and email
3. Preferred weekend date, and second option. The course is two (2) days.
4. Accommodation option of -
 - 4.1. Camp & self-cater. \$295pp
 - 4.2. Camp and Academy cater. \$365
 - 4.3. Accommodation (Sat night) & self cater. \$335
 - 4.4. Accommodation (Sat night) & Academy cater. \$405

The club subsidy will only apply to the rider training cost!

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'JEANETTE'S LAST TRIP TO THE KOSCIUSZKO RALLY' (2009)

Ian has taken a break on his BMW Data sheets for this month and provided his take on the 2009 Kosciuszko Rally...Ian,

Just a quick story on our last trip to the Kosciuszko rally held by our club every October at the Swampy Plains Camping grounds.

It was time to gear up for our 2009 Kosciuszko rally held by the BMWCCACT at the Swampy Plains camping ground on the Alpine way between Thredbo and Khancoban in October each year.

Jeanette and I always go to the rally for three reasons. One our club holds it and it would be the best rally site in Australia and the access to it would be on three of the best roads that you could ride on.

Usually the day before I give the bikes, Jeanette rides her own bike, the once over to make sure that all is O.K. Jeanette looks after the food and clothing and I do the camping gear and bikes.

Come Friday morning we leave Canberra around 1000 hrs. and head off to Cooma and then Jindabyne for lunch. A lot of riders do not like the road from Canberra to Jindabyne they say it is boring. I myself look at it "I am riding my bike all is good regardless of the road".

Leaving Jindabyne we head for Thredbo and stop to pay our fees at the Kosciuszko Park gate. Now comes the fun. I would like to point out my first trip along this road was to work on the Geehi dam and tunnel project in the early sixties. It was all dirt from Dead Horse Gap then. While the road surface is now excellent a lot of care must be taken. With the improvement to the road more and more traffic now use it from motorcyclists to tour buses. I have even come across a semi trailer one year going down the mountain near Leather Barrel creek.



Jeanette on her R 65 LS arriving at Leather Barrel Creek.



Taking a rest stop at Leather Barrel Creek.

If you must look at the scenery stop have a rest and collect your thoughts and take some photos.

One of the nicest spots is Leather Barrel Creek. Stop rest and take in the surroundings. Beautiful. Next stop is Tom Groggin at the bottom of the mountain. What a trip down the mountain. Now comes the stretch to Swampy Plains. Here the speed can be upped a little but the corners still present a problem with on coming vehicles. Remember they are out there to see what they can do and you will often find them on your side of the road. There is not much time for reaction and correction.

Speed limits now have been imposed to restrict speeds but it is difficult to exceed them for more than a few seconds. With the larger vehicles on the road taking blind corners too fast and on the wrong side can be fatal. I make it a point to draw an imaginary centre line and stick my side of it. If a truck is coming the other way there is NO room in most corners. With this all said it is a breath taking ride.

As I said before the camping ground at Swampy Plains is excellent with toilets and cool clean water and large grassed areas to camp. The views are something to behold. One year I got a contour map and calculated that the view from the camp ground to the highest peak you can see is Australia's highest vertical view. The height of the camp ground is 440 metres and the highest mountain you can see is Mount Townsend. Wow. This view is 1769 metres

A couple of days here will do wonders for the spirit. If you have a suitable bike a trip to Geehi dam is well worth the trip. The entire length is around 20 km from the Alpine Way and I can recommend the trip. Some of the views and the flora and fauna are spectacular. Slow and steady is the way as there can be vehicles coming the other way. A trip in to Khancoban and a stop at Murray 1 ns 2 are also worth a visit.

After a few days here it is time to go home but this time we go back the way we came but the trip via Cabramurra is great. Again watch out for on coming traffic.

Home again and working out when I can ride the Snowy's again. It is a comfortable day trip from Canberra during the off snow season.

See you on the road preferably the roads in the Snowy region.

Ian (Member #68) and Jeanette Hahn



A view from the camp site to Mt. Townsend.

TJ'S TYRE COMPETITION 2011

Do you want to have the chance of winning a set of tyres for your bike? If so send Myles Leniston the details of your bike model and odometer reading to mylyn226@gmail.com. Updating of kilometres travelled is required through 2011 and will be advised to members by email. Winners at Christmas 2011.

The TJ's Tyre competition rules are available on the website. Thanks to Hal Caston (owner manager) and TJ's Tyres for their on going support to the Club. See <http://www.tjstyres.com.au/setup.htm>.

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COMMITTEE MEETING, 13 OCT 10

Tuesday 13th October 2010 Fraser ACT

Meeting opened 7.30pm

Present

Mark Edwards, Sue Ball-Guymer, Martin Little, Garry Smee, Ian Hahn, Alan Walsh, Steve Hay, Martin Robinson.

Apologies

Hugh Davies

Minutes of Previous meeting: Approved Mark Edwards seconded Sue Ball-Guymer.

Reports

President

Mark reported that the initial first aid course will be held on 17 October at Tuggeranong. It will be followed by the second course on 20 November. Members will be asked to pay their contribution of \$25 each on the day.

The Autofest winner list is now available.

An address has been provided to allow the Autofest organisers to send out the People's Choice prize.

Donated goods from Rolfe BMW and other vendors were divided as prizes between the rally and Christmas events.

The Rally: Steve Hay will be leaving for the rally site on Saturday morning. He will take the club banner, tarpaulin and other large materials and will collect signs from Lou. Martin Robertson will travel to the venue on Friday morning and coordinate the wood delivery.

Mick Owen will be present at the next general meeting with a sales event. A flyer is available and Alan was directed to add it to the website and e-mail a link to Sue for e-mail distribution to members.

Mark will e-mail/call National Parks regarding the Club's rally plans.

Martin/Mark will cal Lou regarding outstanding rally arrangements.

Vice President/ Clubs Australia Delegate

Discussion about club participation in the German Autofest on 19 September was generally positive. Over 40 motorcycles were on display. There was negative comment on the distribution of voting forms, both for the event competition and club concurs. It was agreed that Ian will

forward copies of older form to Mark who will direct that new forms are produced prior to the next Autofest event. It was also agreed that prior the next event, lines will be marked to enable better organization of motorcycles into judging groups.

Secretary

In the Secretary's absence, the following accounts were presented: A term deposit of \$2685 (CPS, about to mature, will roll over); CPS statements; and an invoice for \$352 for the printing of the Club banner.

Treasurer

Not available.

Editor

Next magazine is in hand.

Gary will investigate a local two-day ADV course and report back to the next Committee meeting.

Web Master

Alan reported that updated information about club merchandise has been added to the website.

Public Officer

Nothing to report.

Ride Coordinator

The program of rides was discussed and full details will be published on the club's web site and reminder e-mails will be sent out.

Mark proposed an overnight ride to Gulgong on 27/28 November, probably leaving from Greengrocer on Clifford. Details to be provided.

The MRA Toy Run will take place in December.

Martin will look at other possibilities, including Mallacoota early in the New Year.

Social Secretary

Only one more breakfast remains for 2010 - at the Old Hume Café, Gunning on 7 November. Meet up will be Watson at 0830. There was discussion of alternative return rides through Crookwell and Lake Bathurst.

Nominations for the Christmas Party are slow. It was agreed to e-mail reminders over the next few weeks.

Membership

Ian reported no new memberships.

Alan tabled a draft membership application form. Discussion about minor amendments and

whether it could be used for membership renewals. Revisions will be made.

There was discussion about the need to allow easy on-line payment for club services such as membership renewal and other ad-hoc payments. It was agreed that Alan, Ian and others would investigate the feasibility of introducing an appropriate system.

Other Business

Notice will be made of alternative group ride opportunities for the trip to the rally.

Meeting Closed 8.45m

Next Meeting

To be advised

GENERAL MEETING, 25 OCT 10

25 October 2010

Attendees: Recorded in attendance book

Apologies: Recorded in attendance book

Guests and New Members: None to record

Minutes of previous meeting are accepted. Moved by John Kemp and seconded Jeannette Hahn

Presidents Report:

Welcome to everyone from Mark.

Mark reported on the 1st Aid course run for club members, 12 members attended, with the content being very useful and he encouraged others to take up the opportunity as there are still places available on the next course scheduled for 20 November.

Kosciusko Rally was a wet one but despite inclement weather approximately 80 bikes attended. Thanks Lou Baljak/Gary and Jane Smee and also Steve Hay for their good work in facilitating the running of the rally.

- Ross Hayward suggested that with next year being the 30th running of the Rally that consideration be given to recognising this with a focus on airheads. For discussion.
- Jimbo noted that there was good attendance from other clubs.

Vice Presidents Report

Reminder that the Stay Upright Rider Training occurs Sunday 31 October. Attendees reminded to contact Dave Gibson at Stay Upright with necessary details plus don't forget to bring your lunch.

Record of mail received

1. Magazines from

- a. Victoria Bike Club
- b. NSW Touring Club
- c. Victoria Car Club
- d. BMW Owners Register NZ (4no)
- e. Vintage Bike Club

Secretary: Apology, see above for record of incoming mail

Treasurer: Apology

Ride Coordinator:

Rally feedback, plenty of water everywhere!

Upcoming rides;

1. Sunday 07 Nov. After alternate breakfast at Gunning, head over to Wyangla Dam via Reids Flat to check the water level.
2. Gulgong Ride 27 Nov. Hopefully this will be drier than the last Gulgong ride with no wet clay.

Editor: Magazine is up on website.

Looking for more articles and also Garry wants photos for Clubs Christmas Party for the visual display.

Social Secretary:

November Alternate breakfast scheduled for 07 Nov at Old Hume Cafe Gunning. For details check the website for *what's on*

Club Christmas Party scheduled for 03 December. Numbers required, so expect a few emails reminding members. All money to Sue please.

Web Master & Public Officer:

Alan and Steve reported all well in their world.

Membership:

Report from Ian, currently 243 members. No change from last month.

General Business:

Lou Baljak reminded members that Bike-Fest on this Saturday 30 October at Sutton Road.

Martin Gilbert commented on the price of airheads, in particular Paris Dakar models seem to have escalated rapidly.

Mick Owen invited members to view his display of products on sale and also reminded members that he would have a Touratech bike on display at Bike-Fest on Saturday

Meeting closed at 0830pm

COMMITTEE MEETING, 9 NOV 10

Tuesday 9 November 2010, Rivett ACT

Meeting opened 7.30pm

Present

Mark Edwards, Sue Ball-Guymer, Martin Little, Martin Robertson, Ian Hahn and Garry Smee.

Apologies

Alan Walsh, Hugh Davies, David Shean

Minutes of Previous meeting: Approved Martin Little, seconded Sue Ball-Guymer.

Reports

President

- Mark Edwards reported on the success of the 1st first aid training course and the 2nd planned for 20 November is on track with 14 members. The club is subsidising the cost of this training.
- 2010 Kosciuszko Rally. The preliminary count of attendance to the rally was 84 (badges sold). Some members made the rally a day ride and are yet to pay and collect their badges. Unaudited cash receipts were \$1 670.00 less expenses with the expectation that the rally costs will be covered. Any remaining profit will be donated to charity; to be advised.
- 2010 AGM & Committee. Some committee members do not intend standing at the 2011 AGM. All members are encouraged to consider nominating for the Committee and assist with the club's organisation. Nomination forms will be made available in the New Year, whilst any person interested in a position and what it entails is encouraged to contact the President or the current incumbent for details. See the magazine or website for contact details.

Vice President/ Clubs Australia Delegate

Nil other than Martin is going to Phillip Island for the World Super Bikes in February 2011.

Treasurer

Absent

Secretary

Absent

Rides

- Mark and the two Martin's discussed various ride options over the December - January period. Historically a time of little formal club activity, ad-hoc rides advised by email to members. A number of overnight and multi-day

rides were discussed from February and these will be advised by email, on the website and in the magazine.

- Martin Robertson to advise Alan Walsh and Garry Smee of dates and detail for the web and magazine respectively.

Social Secretary

- Sue Ball-Guymer canvassed alternate breakfast locations through to March 2011. Details will be emailed to Garry and Alan for the magazine and web respectively.
- Christmas Party. The menu options were discussed and agreed, as were the evening's format and contest prizes. Recalcitrant attendees and payers are encouraged to contact Sue Ball-Guymer ASAP.

Membership

- The club currently has 174 memberships and 71 partners, totalling 245.
- Development of the electronic and paper format membership form and EFT payment is continuing. It is anticipated that the form will be in place for new memberships from 2011.

Editor

- Mark Edwards has asked Mick Owen to contact the Editor regarding new advertising copy.

General

- Rider Training. The consensus of those from the Committee who attended was that the course was good value with many new skills learnt or re-learnt over the day. It was reaffirmed that the proposed GS rider training is in the planning stages for the New Year; see the magazine or contact the Editor Garry Smee.
- Club Badge Stickers. Ian Han is continuing to work with the provider on colour, format and cost options. Ian has replaced the roundel on the club banner and remanufactured its carrying tube to a more appropriate size.
- First Aid Course. The training provider has been paid for the first course.
- Defence Shell Dressings. Garry Smee is attempting to source some ADF shell dressings, as a complete multi-purpose trauma first aid kit. Depending on price these will be offered to members at cost. Details to follow.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be 1930 on Tuesday 11 January 2010 at Garry Smee's house.

Meeting Closed 2030.

CLASSIFIEDS

BMWCCACT 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 ad.

Ads from non-members may be restricted due to space limitations.

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

bars, alloy and wire wheels, crash bars, excellent condition- 20,600 kms. \$11000
Contact Colin 6238 1060.

BMW R100/7+ (models) Multivario Tank bag, expandable and includes rain cover. \$120
Contact Garry editor@bmwmccact.org.au or (02) 6291 5901 AH. Doesn't fit R100GSPD.

For Sale - 1st Month

Assorted motorcycle clothing in good order. Sizes to suit the slight of frame. All reasonable offers considered as even the cupboard is getting to small now. Contact Garry (02) 62915901 AH or editor@bmwmccact.org.au for details

For Sale - 2nd Month

None this month

Wanted - 2nd Month

None this month

Wanted - 1st Month

BMW R1100R 1999 - 75TH anniversary model. All special books available, black with white pin stripping, panniers, screen, ABS, heated

2011 DAKAR - THE AUSSIES ARE COMING!



This year the "Personal Dakar Argentina Chile" has attracted a record number of Australian competitors. On two wheels or four, they might even improve the quality of the performance through sheer strength of numbers. Their best men have set their sights on the Top 10.

The movement is on the march. In the next edition of the Dakar a record will already have been broken with the issue of technical and administrative scrutineering, since eight vehicles driven by Australians are expected at the start of Buenos Aires. It is in the motorcycle category that we can observe a real upsurge from the other end of the world, with six machines already committed and four new participants in the rally. Apart from anything else these four wild rovers make up the first 100% Australian team in the Dakar, GHR Honda, in which they aim to make their presence felt on the track. Armed with the experience gained in the Australasian Safari Rally, the benchmark event in their part of the planet, the "Aussies" are pinning their hopes on the youngest among them to join battle with the best in the discipline. Their spearhead, little wizard Jacob Smith, will be only 22 years old when he come to the start of the Dakar, but his victory in the 2009 Safari gives him all the confidence of a champion in the making: "My goal is to finish in the Top 10. And this year I'm here just to learn the ropes. Then I'll be trying to score a better result!" Sure of his grounds, go-getter Jacob still concedes certain limits as regards global positioning navigation: "now you mention it, I've never used GPS up to now!"

In that respect much is expected of both cars. However, Bruce Garland and navigator Hiroaki Suzuki sport some impressive feathers in their caps, with an overall 11th place in the first South American edition of the Dakar, in 2009. Since which time the words of the driver, incidentally now five-time winner of the Safari, ring out loud and clear as a warning to all the outsiders in the rally: "our goal is to finish in the Top 10 and to be the first in line for the million dollars".

The Australians in the Dakar 2011 - Motorcycles: Mark Davidson, Simon Harslett, Simon Pavey, Andrew Scott, Jacob Smith, Warren Strange. Auto rally: Bruce Garland - Hiroaki Suzuki (Jap), Geoffrey Olholm - Steve Riley.

Read and see more here http://www.dakar.com/index_DAKus.html

More Sheer Riding Pleasure

Practical Tips



The 10 Commandments for the Motor Cyclist

- (1) If you don't feel well, leave your motor cycle at home.
- (2) Always keep your motor cycle in a good condition. Check the tread and the pressure of the tyres. Make sure that the brakes are in good working order and adjusted properly.
- (3) Never ride without a helmet and gloves. And we mean never.
- (4) Always keep an eye on the road to see what the surface is like. Watch out for humps, holes, sand, cow dung and soft tar.
- (5) Never forget that other people on the road find it difficult to see you and often under-estimate your speed. So make it a rule to wear safe clothing and switch on the low beam if necessary.
- (6) Approach right-hand bends, in the middle of the road, but don't cross the centre line. In left-hand bends, always stick to the right-hand side of the road. (Careful, there might be loose sand there.) (In countries with left-hand traffic, this applies accordingly to left-hand and right-hand bends.)
- (7) Never set out to overtake until you've made sure that the overtaking lane is free.
- (8) Always apply the front wheel brake first and brake harder with that one than with the rear wheel brake. Practise how to apply the brakes and let go again with the right feeling.
- (9) Never trust anybody. If a car has come to a stop at a road junction ahead of you, don't take it for granted that the driver has seen you.
- (10) Be particularly careful when you get into your car again. It needs three times as much room and only has one-third of your bike's acceleration.

Courtesy of Sue B-G. Other enlightening pages to follow from this classic c1970 BMW Riders Handbook...

PICTURES FROM THE ALTERNATE BREAKFAST @ GUNNING, 7 NOVEMBER



Photos Sue & Russell B-G

FARKLE'S OF THE MONTH.



↑ Cisco Cruz Tools RTB1 for BMWs (\$216.95). See www.ciscos.com.au or eBay.

And for the intrepid, have no fear tourer, a set of Wunderlich snow chains for your bike. See http://www.wunderlich.de/Kataloge/Wunderlich_Catalogue_International/



Application for Membership of the BMW MCC ACT

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BMW Motorcycle Club
ACT



Please don't send any cash by mail.
We do not have credit card facilities.
Membership expires on the last day of February each year.
Applications are subject to committee approval and can take several weeks to process.

Single Membership \$ 40.00 plus \$ 5.00 Joining fee. = \$45.00 (Fee from after the general meeting in October each year is \$20.00 + Joining Fee)	Partner/Joint/ Family Membership \$ 40.00 plus \$ 7.00 Joining fee = \$47.00 (Fee from after the general meeting in October each year is \$20.00 + Joining Fee)
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_ Mandatory	_ Total \$
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YOUR DETAILS	PARTNER'S DETAILS (JOINT or FAMILY MEMBERSHIP)
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_Last Name _____ _First Name _____ _Post Address _____ _Suburb _____ _PC _____ Phone (H) _____ Phone (M) _____ e-mail _____	_Last Name _____ _First Name _____ _Post Address _____ _Suburb _____ _PC _____ Phone (H) _____ Phone (M) _____ e-mail _____
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By filling in the e-mail address you have indicated you are willing to accept information on club events.

_The club magazine comes in <u>electronic format</u> (default e-mail) or <u>paper format</u> (post) <input type="checkbox"/> X
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Motorcycle 1. Make _____ Prefix _____ Model _____ Year _____
Motorcycle 2. Make _____ Prefix _____ Model _____ Year _____
Motorcycle 3. Make _____ Prefix _____ Model _____ Year _____
Motorcycle 4. Make _____ Prefix _____ Model _____ Year _____

The fees paid as above entitles member/s to receive the Club Magazine, a club badge, sticker and membership card (for each member) 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 BMW MCC ACT according to its Constitution.


Signature 1	Signature 2	Date
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Membership Secretary only	Membership #	Date
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