



Shaft Drive Lines

February 2011



Look Out For

2011-12 Membership Renewal Due Now

Sun 6 Feb, Alternate Breakfast Moon Rock Café, Tidbinbilla

Sat 13 Feb, BMWTCNSW Karuah River Rally, Dungog NSW.

Sat 19 Feb, President's Overnight Ride to Buchan Caves VIC

Mon 28 Mar, AGM @ Rolfes. Nominate and contribute to your club. Renew now, you must be a financial member to vote!

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<http://www.clubs.bmw.com.au>

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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:

- ACTGravelsurfing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelsurfing/>
- actbmwmcc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>

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

The Editor, Shaft Drive Lines
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WESTON CREEK ACT 2611

For emails, do not embed pictures & compress their size to ≤200kB each.

DISCLAIMER

Participants in Club activities do so at their own risk as is obeying the law. The BMWCCACT, its Committee and members are not responsible for personal injury or loss arising through any Club activity. Remember your riding style impacts on the enjoyment of other road users.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

Hope everyone had a very enjoyable and safe time over the festive season. Looks like the weather is making up for all of those years of drought, given the amount of rain we have been getting. Went up to Brisbane over the break and luckily, at the last moment, I decided to fly up, rather than ride. Dodging floods and damaged roads would have made the ride a bit too interesting. Unfortunately, as I'm writing this, Brisbane is in the middle of a major flood. I hope all of your family and friends you may have up there are safe.

The Club's Christmas dinner was a great night out. Once again, Sue did a fantastic job at organising the event and everyone enjoyed the quizzes that Hugh came up with. A new addition this year was the slide show that Garry had going continuously. It was great to see all those photos of our club members out and having fun. Plus it was a good reminder of all the things we had done throughout the year. We will make that a regular event at the Christmas party and of course the more photos Garry can include in it the better, so don't forget to email him any you take throughout the year. He always needs photos for club magazine as well.

One thing I would like to do is to publically thank all of the local businesses that have generously contributed directly to the club during 2010. Josh and the team at Rolfe's were very generous in donating prizes for a number of our events during the year. Also, don't forget that there are a few more prizes on offer from them. The person who writes what Rolfe's deem to be the best article in our club magazine published before the next AGM will win a pair of BMW All Round boots. Also, the prize they have on offer for those going to the AGM in March will be a Rallye Pro 3 jacket. Mick Owen also made generous contributions to both our rally and Christmas party, as did Hal, from T.J.'s to the competition we ran and finally, BMW GA.

We on the committee are going with the assumption that it will eventually stop raining. At the moment, that does appear to be going out on a limb a bit, but well stick with it. So, we are organising a number of rides and activities for the upcoming months. The Ride and Social coordinators will be sending out more information on those events. But don't forget, if you are planning on going out for a ride and would like a bit of company on it, just send Martin, our ride coordinator an email with the details of it a few days before hand, so he can get that information out to the rest of the club. Remember, the more that people get involved in club activities, the more active, rewarding

and enjoyable the club will be. We on the committee do our best, but ultimately the success of any club like this comes down to its members being active in the club. If you haven't been on many (any?) club events, a good place to start is to join us for Sunday morning breakfast in Bungendore.

Speaking of the committee, the AGM will be held in March. While all committee positions will be open, there are a number of long-serving people on the committee who will be stepping down, so we definitely need some people to 'volunteer' to serve. If you have been thinking of becoming more active in the club by joining the committee, let us know about it, or just discuss it with us at the next club event you are at.

Hope everyone has a great and rewarding 2011.

See you out & about,

Mark

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Gary Melling	BMW R1200 GSA
Joe and Kristeen Clifton	BMW R1200
John Turnbull	BMW R1100

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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 (allow at least two days notice) 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
January	Monday 24	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).	Contact the President
February	Sunday 6	Alternative Breakfast - Moon Rock Cafe, Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, Tidbinbilla at 9.00am. Group departure at 8.30am from Rolfes, Phillip.	RSVP to Sue at social@bmwmccact.org.au or by phone to 62882731 by 3 February.
	Saturday 12 Sunday 13	34 th Karuah River Rally, BMWTCNSW. Frying Pan Creek, Chichester State Forest. 30km out of Dungog NSW (14km dirt). Directions @ Bank Hotel Dungog. The Editor is going.	www.bmwtcnsw.org or Rob Lovett 0417 267 425
	Tuesday 15	Committee Meeting 1930	Contact the President
	Saturday 19 Sunday 20	President's overnight ride to Buchan Caves (NE Victoria). Two groups leaving Williamsdale 0830. (1) Tar via Monaro Hwy to Cann River returning via Bonang Hwy. (2) Gravel surfers via Jindabyne via Barry Way. Camp at the Caves or Guest House's & dinner at the Pub from 1800.	Contact the President Contact the Ride Coordinator
	Friday 25 Sunday 27	1 st Round Superbike World Championship, Phillip Island, Victoria. Bookings: http://www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au/superbikes/index.html	VP Kiwi Martin is going.
	Monday 28	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).	Contact the President
March	Sunday 6	Alternative Breakfast - Outsider Cafe, Captain's Flat. Group departure from Red Rooster, Queanbeyan at 8.30am.	RSVP to Sue at social@bmwmccact.org.au or by phone by 3 March.
	Saturday 12- Sunday 13	26 th Annual Cold Flame Rally. 65kms south of Jindabyne (~40km dirt) on the Barry Way / Pinch River junction. In the National Park with toilets, but take your rubbish out with you.	Cold Flame Tourers. (ex-Prez) Bob & Sue Coleman; email srcoleman@bigpond.com
	Tuesday 15	Committee Meeting 1930	Contact the President
	Monday 28	Annual General Meeting – Rolfe's BMW Phillip. BBQ from 1800 for meeting at 1945.	Contact the President
April	Sunday 3	Alternative Breakfast - Lynam's , 77 Goulburn St, Crookwell. Group Departure, Cnr Antill St and Federal Highway at 8.30am.	RSVP to Sue at social@bmwmccact.org.au or by phone by 31 March.
	Tuesday 5	Committee Meeting 1930	Contact the President
	Saturday 9	Autumn BBQ - Venue to be confirmed.	
	Monday 18	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).	Contact the President
	Friday 22	April, Easter Weekend - Scrapheap Adventure Ride to	Contact Martin Robertson,

2011	Date	Detail	Contact
	Sunday 24th	Cameron's Corner. Martin Robertson went last year and had a ball. Now is the time to start building that old bike in the back of the shed into an "Adventure Bike". Details are on the website http://scrapheapadventureride.com.au/	Ride Coordinator.

2011-12 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE NOW!

Renewal of membership is now due. You will receive a renewal notice in the mail soon. Please follow the instructions on the rear of the form. If followed it will make the process a lot easier for the membership secretary to process your membership quickly. For those who are paying by EFT please make sure to put the details as requested on your payment form. Your receipt number is not transmitted to us so tracking payments without your details is very difficult and time consuming. Thanks

Membership Secretary

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Hi intending Scribes, Journalists and Photographers, I am sure that you all have made the most of the Christmas / New Year break and having getting out on your motorbike(s). After all any days ride is better than the best day at work. So, most of us will be back at work now, whilst others will be planning the next ride and wondering what to do or how do I contribute to the magazine. Good timing, because here are a few do's and don'ts.

<u>Do</u>	Editors Comment
Contribute an article; whilst you won't win a Pulitzer, you can brag that you have at least contributed.	I make no claim to journalistic or editorial talent & limit my part to spell checking (MS), proof reading and adjusting the layout to suit the magazine only.
Send in pictures separate rather than embedded in your document. <u>But</u> please keep an eye on the size, as the modern digital camera will happily snap a 5MB+ picture file.	Big files kill my email! By attaching your pictures to the email, makes them easier to handle at my end._When emailing you will be given an option to compress, select the medium size, ~200 dpi, or okay for printing.
Send photos of people riding their motorbike or scenic photos including a motorbike or riding theme.	Yes, these require a bit of pre-planning on your part, but make for a better visual effect. Static photos at lookouts or other points of interest are okay to.
Send in trip or ride reports. There is no minimum word number or format. But a thesis is probably going too far.	We all like to hear about your adventure or misadventure. No, your contribution be marked and returned.
Send in credited articles or other stories of interest. Can be PDF, pictures or extracts of files.	Please make sure that all work is credited to the document, article or picture owner. Found on internet is not appropriate as credit should be given.
Send your article, pictures, links and gossip here: editor@bmwmccact.org.au	If all else fails, send any pictures you like and accompanying words.
<u>Don'ts</u>	
Send pictures of food or people, even club members, eating food.	This is a motorbike club! Send your food pictures to a 'Food' magazine. Club dinners for example Christmas in July or Awards night are excluded.
Send in panoramic group photos, as they do not work in our magazine format. Attempt to compose your photo or at least have everyone say cheese and look at the camera.	Try to restrict yourself to smaller group shots. Whole rooms do not work when cropped to fit a page, part-page or paragraph. Nobody likes photos without heads, eyes shut, yawning or looking vague and unaware.
Do not send photos of car parks, people & bikes in car parks or bikes lined up in car parks or outside shops.	We all know what a car park looks like. Far better to have a photo from the ride (even moving), rather than the 'this is before we left; all standing around'.

The Editor, Shaft Drive Lines



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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,

I trust we have all had a good Christmas & New Year, received the presents we deserved, didn't eat or drink to much and got out on the bike for some riding. I know I did, the riding that is.

The Club AGM and election of your 2011-12 Committee will take place in March. I mention this to give you time to think and reflect on your involvement with the Club. We cannot do all things all the time, but the Club is a voluntary organisation that relies on its members to volunteer or at least stand for the Club organising committee. This

does not involve a lot of work and you will find any position rewarding. Whilst some Committee members have expressed an intention to retire, others would like to take a break, but hesitate until a person, you, nominates for that position. Given enough nominations, or at least two for the same position, we may even get to have a vote! To get the ball rolling I have included a nomination form elsewhere in this magazine and on the [webpage](#). If you have any questions regarding any Committee position please contact the incumbent or President Mark for a run down on duties.

Lastly, the end of summer is nigh and autumn approaches, both great times of the year to get the bike out and ride...as are winter and spring. Jane & I will be at the BMWTCNSW 34th Karuah River Rally near Dungog, NSW.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee

editor@bmwmccact.org.au



Model	R 75/6
Production dates	1973
Engine designation	247
Engine type	Flat twin cylinder, overhead valve, air cooled
Capacity	750 ccm.
Compression ratio	9.0:1
Power output	50 kW at 6500 rpm (1hp =0.745kW)
Ignition	Battery / coil
Lighting	280 watt 12 volt
Number of gears	5
Weight	200 kg
Fuel capacity	22 litres
Fuel consumption	4.5 litres / 100 km
Top speed	177 km / Hr
Engine numbers	4010001 to 4035306
Number built	25305

Notes: Again with this model and others around this time there were minor changes, which were to improve the series but very little cosmetically not counting the side panels covering the battery. It is quite clear that this photo shows that the disc brake on the front wheel is an undrilled version while in the some photos it shows a drilled version. This appears to have happened on the 1974 version. I did forget to mention that on the very late /5 the swinging arm was extended by about 50 mm to improve its stability at speed. This was continued on the /6 models.

Small changes were made to accommodate the extra power now available. These were again extra webbing inside the crankcase particularly around the head bolts. The rockers on the /5 were plain bearings half width configurations were as on the /6 models used needle rollers at either end of the full width rocker. Another point about this photo is that it shows a kick-starter, which seems to have been lost in 1974.

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BMW Motorcycle Club ACT
Notice of Annual General Meeting
28 March 2011

Committee Nomination Form 2011-2012

Only a current financial member of the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT (the Club) can nominate for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Ride Coordinator, Social Secretary or Membership Secretary. See the Club Constitution for details at www.bmwmcact.org.au.

Club members do not elect the Club Public Officer or BMW Clubs Australia delegate who are appointed by the President and Committee. However, nominations are accepted from financial members interested in appointment to these two positions.

I (print name) of
..... (print address), being a current financial
member of the BMWMCCT (the Club) wish to nominate for the following 2011-12
Committee position(s):

- 1)
- 2)
- 3) (Write on the back if you need too).

A financial member of the Club must second all nominations.

I (print name) of
..... (print address), being a being a current
financial member of the Club second this nomination.

.....
(signature of nominee) (signature of seconder)

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(print date)

Return this completed form to the secretary@bmwmccact.org.au as a PDF file or
@mail marked for the Attention of the Secretary, BMWMCCT PO Box 4042 Weston
Creek ACT by 14 March 2011.

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CLUB GOING ON'S - MEETINGS & MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING, 22 NOV 10

Meeting opened 7.45pm. Services Club Manuka

PRESENT: Nineteen members recorded in the attendance book

APOLOGIES: One member recorded in the attendance book

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved: Moved Jim Reid, Seconded Martin Robertson

Presidents Report

Mark reported on the two first aid courses coordinated by the club for members. The report included the successful nature of the program for the 25 members who attended. Mark highlighted the key priority was to avoid the need to use the skills by avoiding having an accident. With the recently run rider training this completed a successful series of programs focussed on safe riding.

Mark updated members about the upcoming Gulgong weekend ride. Full details are circulated by email and placed on the web.

Committee Positions 2011

Mark drew member's attention to the need for some new blood on the committee with a number of current long serving members standing down. Those positions include Secretary, Treasurer and Social Secretary.

Treasurer

David reported that the auditor has been posted overseas on a temporary posting which has delayed the presentation of accounts. He will be making appropriate alternative arrangements.

Club Funds in accounts \$7958.64 with an additional \$1489.92 in the events account for the Christmas function

Ride Coordinator

Martin reminded members of the Christmas halt to organised rides.

Early next year we have a number of rides planned and full details will be provided to members via email and the web. If a member is planning a ride, an email can be circulated to all members so that others can join in with the fun.

Toy Run reminder was given.

Social Secretary

Sue spoke about the annual Christmas function to be held on 3 Dec.

The next official alternative breakfast will be in February.

Web Master/Public Officer

A new page of appropriate links has been posted. All members are encouraged to inform Alan if they have a helpful site that can be added to the page.

The merchandising page has been updated and all members are encouraged to order some clothing with the new logo and name.

Membership Secretary

Ian reported we have 245 members and 174 memberships.

General Business

Mark Edwards, Roger Paull, Martin Robertson and Dave Morgan all spoke about different rides, they have recently been on. Members were given a range of alternatives of various distances from short half-day rides to overnight trips.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Next Meeting

Next Year

COMMITTEE MEETING, 11 JAN 11

Tuesday 11th January 2011 Garry & Jane Smee's Home

Meeting opened 7.30pm

Present: Hugh Davies, Mark Edwards, Sue Ball-Guymer, Martin Little, Garry Smee, Ian Hahn, Alan Walsh, Steve Hay, Martin Robertson.

Apologies: David Shean

Minutes of Previous meeting: Approved Martin Little
Seconded Martin Robertson

Reports

President: Mark reported on the two successful first aid courses run by the club.

The Club Rally was discussed and minor changes were implemented for 2011. This better reflects the riders who attend. Prizes for the longest distance travelled will have that distance measured as the bike ride from their home to the rally via a direct route. The bike and sidecar category will change to include all three-wheel combinations.

Club person of the year. It was decided that this not be awarded for 2010.

Committee positions 2010. With a number of members not available to stand for election it was decided that prior to the AGM members will be informed of the need for new blood and canvas positions in a general way with members. The 2011-12 Committee Election nomination form will be available in both the February Magazine and on the website for completion and return to the secretary by 14 April 2011.

Sponsors. Mark as President has made direct contact with all businesses that have supported the club and thank them on behalf of the members. In addition, a notice of thanks will be included in the club magazine.

The Club sticker was discussed again this meeting and it was reaffirmed that it would be printed in the colour agreed and voted on by members when we changed our club name and logo etc. Ian will coordinate with Ron for this to be done ASAP.

Vice President/ Clubs Australia Delegate: After a short discussion it was agreed that the club would not nominate members for the following awards as no member met the rigorous requirements: BMW AG recognition as 'Friend of the Marque', Gerhard Knochlein BMW Clubs International Award and BMW Clubs Australia Award for Excellence.

Martin will advise BMW Clubs Australia we have 249 members.

AGM. Martin L will liaise with Rolfe Classic about the arrangements for the AGM.

Secretary: The club received a Christmas greeting from Fran and Warren Gilchrist who have moved to Qld.

Dates General Meetings for 2010 have been booked with the Services Club Manuka.

GENERAL MEETINGS 2011 7.45pm Services Club Manuka	
January	Mon 24th (Australia Day 26th)
February	Mon 28th
March	Mon 28th (AGM Rolfe Classic with BBQ)
April	Mon 18th (Anzac day clash)
May	Mon 23rd
June	Mon 27th
July	Mon 25th
August	Mon 22nd
September	Mon 26th
October	Mon 24th
November	Mon 28th

December	No Meeting
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Ride co-ordinator:

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

Discussion was held about the process of contacting members about rides. It was agreed that the existing procedures were appropriate and would be continued. The committee felt that the ride coordinators control of broadcast emails and distribution of information was important as it maintained privacy of members email addresses, and restricted information to the clubs purpose. Martin R will contact Ian Warren about the decision as he raised a suggestion on a possible change in procedure.

Social Secretary: The program of social events was discussed and full details are published on the club's web site, magazine and reminder emails will be sent out.

Alternative Breakfasts: Feb 6 Moon Rock Café (Tidbinbilla) ride leaves Rolfe 8.30am, March 6th Captains Flat, April 3rd Lynam's at Crookwell

Autumn BBQ Saturday 9th April Tallagandra Hill, Murrumbateman Rd, Murrumbateman

Membership: There are 249 members

2011-12 Renewals are due: expect an invoice in the mail with the Membership Secretary requesting a speedy turn around.

General Business

Martin R raised the issue of the community blood challenge and it was agreed that in support of this excellent cause Martin would take a role Fiona Oliver had championed and provide regular information to members.

Scrapheap Adventure Ride Challenge Martin will put information about this on the clubs web site.

Garry S briefed the committee on the proposed Adventure Rider Training Course and 10 participant nominations received. Garry then excused himself from the discussion. The committee discussed the merits of the rider training program and agreed to subsidise BMW MCCA members \$110 per person; approximately 30% of the training cost and in-line with that provided to the road training course held in October last year.

Meeting Closed 8.45m

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th February, 7.30pm, Joanna & Hugh's Home

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.

For Sale – 1st Month

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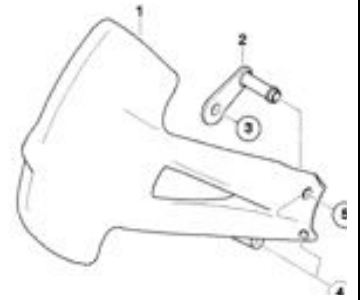
The bike has; sheep skin seat covers, a spare comfort seat, manual cruise control, cylinder head protectors, headlight protector, top box, colour coded panniers with stone protectors, workshop manual, oil filter tool, trickle charger, Rear tyre replaced 80,000km (including brakes/front 85,000km. I'm asking \$8,000.

Contact Gerald Van Ewyk on 62540146. Please leave a message.

Assorted motorcycle clothing for the petite rider or pillion. Contact Editor Garry for a list or to arrange a come & try day.

Wanted – 1st Month

Help Wanted - R1200GS Rear Hugger. Dennis is looking for information or known occurrences of failure involving the rear hugger & mounting bolt. You can contact Dennis by email dennis.littame@defence.gov.au.



For Sale – 2nd 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

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

Wanted – 2nd Month

None this month

2010 CHRISTMAS DINNER PICTURES

Webmaster Alan has posted pictures taken at the dinner on the Club's webpage and provided these handy instructions:

1. The photos of the club Christmas party are available at <http://www.bmwmccact.org.au/gallery/christmas2010/index.html>
2. Full size versions are available by taking "_med" from the end of the URL of each large image.
3. For example:
 - a. http://www.bmwmccact.org.au/gallery/christmas2010/garry_mark_prize_AJW_0026_med.jpg will load the screen resolution image, and
 - b. http://www.bmwmccact.org.au/gallery/christmas2010/garry_mark_prize_AJW_0026.jpg will load the full size.

If anyone else has pictures that they would like to share, please email them to Alan at web@bmwmccact.org.au, who will post them for all to view.

More Sheer Riding Pleasure

Practical Tips



Helmet, Goggles and Gloves

Although wearing a helmet is not required by law in all countries, you should still make it a rule to put on your helmet whenever — and we mean whenever — you take out your bike. After all, a small bump on the side of your car is nothing compared with the same bump on the side of your head when you're not wearing a helmet.

It's also worth considering that when an accident happens the insurance company will want to know whether you had your helmet on. If your answer is no, you might find yourself in trouble.



There are three basic types of helmets you can choose from: Semi-shell helmets (1), jet helmets (2), and "integrated" helmets (3). When buying a helmet it's very important to note that it bears a test symbol to signify official approval.

Unfortunately, these symbols often look very different depending on the country where the helmet was made. For reasons of safety, it's also important to buy a helmet that other people on the road can see very clearly. The best colour is phosphorescent orange, whereas blue and red are not very good. (In this brochure, we'll refer to the importance of

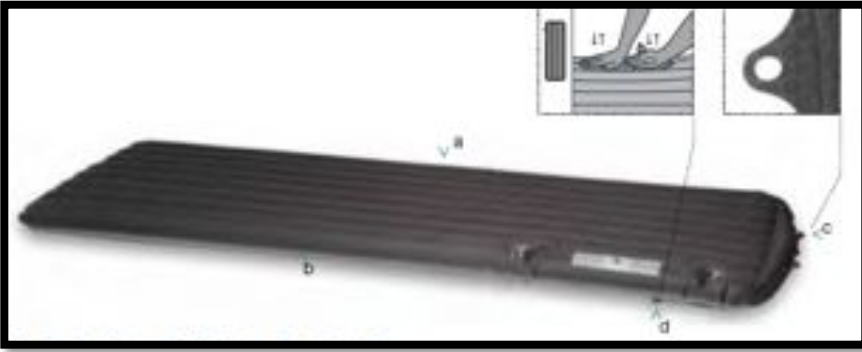
being seen quite a number of times later on.)

It's not as easy as it might seem to paint a helmet after you've bought it. Fibreglass is the only material that is not damaged by chemicals such as petrol, benzene, nitro-enamel, etc.

It's also important to note that these chemicals will make some helmets weaker or even completely useless without your noticing it.

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

FARKLE'S OF THE MONTH.



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Or keep your Thermarest and soften the ground with a high tech cot (micro-stretcher), from Adventure Designs (www.advdsgns.net) and other's.



SOME CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR RIDE PIC'S



Clockwise from above: 2010 Toy Run. The Editor dispenses with more parts on the Numeralla – Bungendore road followed by a stop at Lowden Park Water Wheel to meet with the fringe dwelling forest peoples New

Years Eve bash; 2 of 3 Martin's at Candelo (along with 13 others) who, via the windy parts, made a day trip to Eden for lunch and side trip to Ron Andrews new enterprise. Was it 4 or 5 ex-Prez's in attendance?



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