



Shaft Drive Lines

March 2011



Look Out For

Sunday 6 March, Alternative Breakfast - Outsider Cafe, Captain's Flat. Group leaves Queanbeyan Red Rooster at 0830.

Saturday 12 Sunday 13 March, 26th Cold Flame Rally. 65kms past Jindabyne (40km dirt) on the Barry Way.

3 Day Ride - 12, 13 & 14 (Canberra Day) March. Route to be advised shortly, catering for road and GS bikes and varying accommodation.

Monday 28 March, Annual General Meeting @ Rolfe's BMW Phillip. BBQ from 1800 with the meeting at 1945. Renewal's now overdue and you must have a current membership to vote at the AGM.

Sunday 3 April, Alternative Breakfast - Lynam's, 77 Goulburn St, Crookwell. Group Departure, Cnr Antill St and Federal Highway at 8.30am.

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trencher on a ride to
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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:

* BMWWMCCACT: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>.

* ACTGravelsurfers:
<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 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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For emails, do not embed pictures & compress their size to ≤ 500 kB each.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

Well, my prediction last month that the rain would eventually stop seems to be on shaky ground. As I'm writing this, another storm is rolling into Canberra. It's obviously great that the drought has finally broken, but really, enough already. Though at least we aren't getting the extreme weather that's occurring up in Queensland. Hopefully the wether will be kind to us for the run to Buchan.

One of the drawbacks of having several bikes (I have four, which, in my view, is the bare minimum that a person needs) is having to pay multiple registration fees on them. I let the rego lapse on my R80G/S PD last May, and the other week I decided to get it back on the road. So, I charged the battery and did an oil change and, amazingly enough, it fired right up. Rode it out to breakfast last Sunday and it was an absolute joy to be on it again. Almost like getting a new bike. Those old airheads really are wonderful bikes. Not necessarily the quickest bikes around (so great bikes to ride during double-demerit-point periods) but quick enough, and they have such a light and nimble feel to their handling. If I could only have one bike (and that's not a scenario I really want to spend too much time thinking about) then it would be the R1200GS. Second bike would still be my 900SS Ducati (fuel-injected version), but third bike would have to be an airhead. It's also good to see a number of club members currently doing up various airheads, ranging from R75/5's to R100RS's. So, if you have been thinking about getting another bike, I think an airhead would be a great choice, and, of course, if you get an older one, you can put it on vintage plates.

Don't forget about our AGM in March at Rolfe's. If you have been thinking about getting more involved in the club by getting on the committee,

let us know about it. Also, remember that Rolfe's have a Rallye Pro 3 jacket that will be given away as a prize at the AGM.

See you out & about,

Mark

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

See you on a ride...

None this month; bring a friend to the AGM

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2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your membership is now overdue and must be current for YOU to vote at the AGM. Your invitation to renew included 'how to' instructions on the rear of the form. Please follow them as this will make the Membership Secretary and Treasurers' lives so much easier, as your details do not always seamlessly transfer and included to your bank's transfer to the Clubs. Thanking you in advance,

Membership Secretary



Do something special. Make an appointment **13 14 95**

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	Detail	Contact
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	26th 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
	Saturday 26 Sunday 27	BEARS Racing at Wakefield Park. See http://www.ozbearsracing.com/	Contact Martin Robertson, Ride Coordinator .
	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 12	Committee Meeting 1930	Contact the President
	Saturday 9	Autumn BBQ - Venue to be confirmed.	
	Sunday 17	Lunch at Araluen. Depart Bungendore after breakfast at 10.30am. A good 'hood down' run for those with four-wheel vehicles; the rest of us will ride out bikes.	RSVP to Sue at social@bmwmccact.org.au by 12 April.
	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 Sunday 24	April, Easter Weekend - Scrapheap Adventure Ride to 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/	Contact Martin Robertson, Ride Coordinator .
May	Tuesday 10	Committee Meeting 1930	Contact the President
	Friday 6 Sunday 8	Loaded Dog Rally, Tarago Showgrounds. Go to breakfast at Bungendore from the other side! Garry Smee (editor@bmwmccact.org.au)	Queanbeyan Tourers Jim/Lynne 0732 215 072 or email lynneandjim@grapevine.com.au
	Monday 23	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

Bike tested by Nigel Paterson and published in *CycleTorque* February 2011 magazine (www.cycletorque.com.au) that is available free from Rolfe's and other motorcycle outlets.

Adding performance

BMW'S HIGH PERFORMANCE RACE KIT MAKES THE S 1000 RR A TRACK WEAPON.

THERE aren't too many changes to report on the BMW S 1000 RR for 2011. There are new colours: Light Grey Metallic or Thunder Grey Metallic join the still available white/blue/red version.

What is new is the Power Up kit - for about six grand you can get 12 more horsepower, lose nearly 7kg and actually make the bike easier to ride fast around a racetrack.

Around mid 2010 BMW started fitting the new, homologated-for-racing crankshaft and there have been some small changes made to the production methods of the bike, but nothing which materially affects the specifications.

So in stock trim there's 186HP. Optioned up with traction control, race ABS, speed shifter and selectable ignition modes, the S 1000 is one of the most easily personalised machines available. It's also one of the fastest, but most controllable sports machines ever built, and has been winning all sorts of production-based

by-case basis, but officially there's no warranty if you're running the race kit.

So it's not for everyone. Good.

And it makes your high performance track-ready S 1000 RR worth over \$30,000, but wow, what a machine.

I've never ridden such a fast machine with such confidence. This bike goes hard, really hard, but so easily. The traction control, with its four modes (rain, sport, track, slick) offer an incredible margin for error, as does the race ABS.

The S 1000 RR is all about going fast. It has an aggressive riding position, high footpegs, only a cursory nod to carry a pillion passenger, and little luggage capability. All that's as it should be: if you want something more versatile, BMW has many bikes in its range which should suit you. This machine is about going fast - in a straight line, around corners, in the dry, in the wet. And doing it safely, improving your

racing classes right around the world.

Adding more power and reducing weight via BMW's High Performance Race Power Kit takes the bike to a new level.

The kit includes an Akrapovic titanium exhaust system (with removable baffle) and replacement engine management unit.

The result is more power, but possibly more importantly, more midrange. Heaps more midrange. From 4500rpm to 12,500rpm there's more power right through, but there's up to 20 per cent more torque, too - which means getting out of tight corners (especially) is so much faster.

The kit, only available and must be fitted by your BMW dealer, is not ADR approved (it's not called a race kit for no reason), and you must sign a waiver of your bike's warranty if you order one.

CycleTorque understands if anything goes wrong after that BMW will look at it on a case-

confidence, making your adrenaline pump and giving you the rush which only fast riding can provide.

And when the standard machine is no longer fast enough, adding the race kit will give you more. The pipe makes the bike sound better and go harder, the reduced weight improves performance and handling.

Sure, you can buy much cheaper track bikes, but if the technology available for the S 1000 RR saves you from one crash, it could easily save you the difference in the price, never mind the potential for injury and the hassle of crash repairs.

I used to believe the occasional tumble, if you did enough track days, was kinda inevitable. With an S 1000 RR, Race ABS and traction control I'm not so sure: I reckon a sensible rider could ride one for many, many track days, exploring their own limits, without ever crashing. ■



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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 hope that you all have been getting out on your bikes, now that summer has arrived! Jane and I made it to the Capital Rally on the banks of the Goodrabidgee River in the Brindabella's, a cracker spot. Whilst there we had the opportunity to assist a fellow rider with a flat tyre; whilst ~20 people wanted to watch & 6 offered repair kits, only a couple of these were useable with the glue having gone off in most and others missing parts. Our repair kit uses a waxy cord inserted using an awl, once you have removed the cause of the puncture and cleaned the hole. Re-inflation requires 2 x 45g CO2 cartridges (\$20 each), hand or 12V electric pump. The lesson I took away from this was if you are going to cart stuff around make sure you know how to use it and that it is in working order. To his credit, one rider commented that he carried a range of spares and a service manual, in the hope that 'someone' would be able to help him if required. The AGM is this month, so if you cannot commit full-time (for a very part time job)? Then how about offering to organise or assist in running an event. I will be on the Adventure Bike Course when you read this, so pictures and story next month ☺

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee
editor@bmwmccact.org.au

Martin (Kiwi) Little.

With the weather being so unseasonably wet for this time of the year, this ride was always going to be lottery as to whether it actually happened. The BOM forecast looked terrible with rain and the odd thunderstorm thrown in for good measure. Saturday morning reality couldn't have been further from this, a beautiful blue sky day with temperatures already in the low 20's at 7:30am.

From Williamsdale five of us Moi (GS1150)/Gary Smee (R1200ST), Jack Foley (GS1200), Brad Greer (GS1150) and Allan (Z750) departed on time and motored our way sedately to Cooma, where Brad promptly rode into Cooma, while the rest of us took the Polo Flat turnoff for Nimmitabel. Being good folk that we are, we waited for Brad on the other side of Cooma where he sheepishly rejoined us. From here, it was a short gallop across the plains to Nimmitabel, with hardly any traffic to hinder progress in the early morning temperatures. Perfect riding conditions for warming for the coastal mountains to follow.

Morning tea was at Nimmitabel where we lazed away some time with coffee and toast with John McKinnon joining us (he had ridden up from Eden to share the ride down the hill) and fellow Canberrans Martin Robertson (R1200GS) and Martin Gilbert on his brand spanking new 1200GSA and Alison on her F800. This was a great opportunity to catch up fellow club members and while away some time in a shady spot.



Alison G's F650 at Wyndham



Two Martin's rehydration stop @ Candelo Hotel

Dragging ourselves away we headed off to Bombala, where we then turned off to Cathcart and down Mt Darragh where we stopped for a toilet break at Wyndham. The mountain road wasn't in too bad a condition, no traffic to speak of, which combined with the sun beating down made for great motorcycling. From here, we continued onto the Bagt Creek road turnoff to Nethercote, from where we wound our way down the hills into Eden. The sea was sparkling in the bright sunshine, with a gentle breeze building to help cool things down. For those who haven't ridden this route, this is challenging 60 odd kms of corners, corners and more corners as the road drops down from the escarpment at Cathcart to Wyndham and then snakes along the river valleys to Pambula and Eden at the coast. Whichever way you ride it; it rewards good

cornering skills but also offers up great views to be sneaked through the pristine bush. Lunch in Eden was on the wharf which Ron and John had organised a table for us, and it was a large group with Jimbo already in Eden, in total we had 15 at the table and we spent a very pleasant time in the sun eating fish 'n' chips and idling away the day. (The club roll call at the table included 5 past club presidents, other committee members, a current VP, the current ride coordinator, and editor). This was followed by an impromptu visit to Ron's shop and workshop to view his wares and place a few orders. Martin and Alison decided to stay longer, while the rest of us fuelled up and commenced the homeward journey.

The ride back home was back the way we came as far as Wyndham, where we took the Myrtle Mountain turn off and rode through to the Candelo in the Bega Valley. This road is sublime as it twists its way through the Myrtle Mountain forest before descending into the Bega Valley. Candelo required a stop at

the pub to slake our thirsts, as by now it was pushing 30 degrees, with what felt like 100% humidity. From there, we continued onto Bemboka, and then up Brown Mountain to Nimmitabel for afternoon tea where Alison and Martin rejoined us.

I can report the Brown Mountain was in good condition, with a number of corners freshly resealed in asphalt (not chip seal) and we had a great run to the top, with virtually no traffic to mention. As we climbed upwards, the falling temperature was a welcome relief to us all.

From Nimmitabel, it was home to Canberra in the heat. All up just under 600ks covered with good company, a great lunch at Eden with our fellow club members all in glorious sunshine! Must do this again soon.

ALTERNATE BREAKFAST – MOON ROCK CAFÉ, TIDBINBILLA, 6 FEBRUARY 2011

DSS43 70m Antenna



Jane & Garry Smee.

Thirty members made the trip out to the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex

(www.cdsc.nasa.gov)

at Tidbinbilla for February's alternate breakfast at the Moon Rock Café. Chris and team made light work of the morning rush with 'big' breakfasts and coffee popular along with the health conscious raison toast and skinny lattes, before Glen Nagle (Public & Communication Manager) provided a short presentation on current and future NASA funded and JPL managed space missions supported by the site.

The morning concluded with a walking tour of the complex and control room before every one made their separate ways home.

A good morning enjoyed by all those who could make it.

DSS34 34m Antenna





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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.bmwmccact.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 BMW MCCA ACT (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)

.....
(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, BMW MCCA ACT PO Box 4042 Weston Creek ACT by 14 March 2011.

By email: Hi Garry,

Hope the meeting went well last night. Sorry I couldn't be there. Had to get a sneaky mountain bike ride in while the weather is great! I wanted to send some photos in for the cover or any page of the newsletter.

We did a ride a few weeks ago from Canberra to Bungonia. Maybe it can provide some inspiration to go for a nice local ride. I can provide a summary of ride for anyone.

Thanks, Josh



Editor: Josh and friends had a ride to Bungonia and provided these pictures and few words as they detract from the riding, demonstrating here how to trench using your GSA, if you ever need too.



Model	90/6
Production dates	1973
Engine designation	247
Engine type	Flat twin cylinder, overhead valve, air cooled
Capacity	898 ccm.
Compression ratio	9.0:1
Power output	60 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	5 litres / 100 kM
Top speed	188 kM / Hr
Engine numbers	4040001- 4063018
Number built	23017

Notes.

This was the first bike to come with an undrilled single disc brake. The next one (1974) came with a drilled item. An interesting item found on this bike was the position of the master hydraulic cylinder for the front brake. It was mounted on the main frame member under the fuel tank and operated by a cable from the usual position on the right hand handle bar. The bike in the photo has been fitted with a second disc. The /6 was the first to be fitted with a 3 position hydraulic steering damper.

There were 2 main problems with this bike and they were the rear main crankshaft seal and the drive splines on the rear final drive. This also occurred on all the bikes with / series. As the power of the motors increased the load on the rear splines was too much and the wear even with the correct maintenance was excessive.

The photo above was a locally owned bike.

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GENERAL MEETING 24 JANUARY 2011

Held 24 January 2011 at Services Club Manuka

Attendees: Recorded in attendance book

Apologies: Recorded in attendance book

Guests and New Members: Marcus and Karen Best and Bill Brown introduced themselves and gave an account of their motorcycles and motorcycling history

Minutes of previous meeting are accepted. To be recorded at February General meeting

Presidents Report: Welcome to everyone for the first General Meeting of the New Year from Mark.

Mark reminded the 1st Aid course attendees to collect their certificates from him.

Christmas party was well attended and thanks to Sue and Hugh for their sterling efforts, plus Gary for photomontage of club events from times gone by.

A reminder re upcoming events ie: Buchan caves weekend/WSBK @ Phillip Island and the GS Riders course, which is subsidised as part of the clubs support for rider training.

Vice Presidents Report: Ride report from the day trip to Eden:

- 9 bikes from ACT (7 GS's)
- Brown Mountain in great condition/Mt Darragh not so much and Myrtle Mountain sublime
- Eden turned on a stunning blue-sky day, and lunch on the wharf with our south coast members. Included 5 past presidents in attendance.

WSBK coming up. Martin Little is planning to ride down to PI on Friday 25 Feb and home on Monday 28 Feb.

Record of mail received

1. Magazines from
 - a. Victoria BMW Bike Club
 - b. Vintage Bike Club
 - c. CPS bank Statements # 102 and 103
 - d. Christmas card from Warren and Fran
- Gilchrist now resident in sunny Queensland

Secretary: Apology, see above for record of incoming mail

Treasurer: Apology

Ride Coordinator: Upcoming rides;

1. Karuah River rally 12 Feb 11.
2. WSBK Phillip Island 25-28 Feb See Martin L if interested in riding down together.
3. Buchan Caves Weekend Ride 19-20 Feb. (date trip is an option for those to Cann River or thereabouts)
4. Martin R planning to participate in Scrapheap Ride to Cameron's Corner- See Martin R for details if interested.

Editor: Magazine is up on website.

Looking for more articles, also Garry wants photos of bikes in interesting places, less food shots please.

Social Secretary: February Alternate breakfast scheduled for 06 Feb at Moon Rock Cafe. For details check the website for *What's On*.

March Alternate breakfast scheduled for 06 March at Outsider Cafe Captains Flat. For details check the website for *What's On*.

April Alternate breakfast scheduled for 06 March at Lynams Cafe Crookwell. For details check the website for *What's On*.

Autumn BBQ coming up on 09 April. Check website for details.

Web Master: Alan reported all well in their world.

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

Clubs Australia: Safaris are now back in business with the GS scheduled for September 2011 (commencing in western NSW). See the safari website for details. TS scheduled for early 2012 with location TBC (one assumes not Queensland?).

K1600GT is coming to Rolfes end of March. See Josh for more info

2010 BMW sales stats confirm top selling BMW models worldwide are:

1. GS1200
2. GSA1200
3. RT1200

General Business:

Jim Reid reported on their recent weekend trip to Gulgong that extended to include Northern NSW and Queensland. Plenty of rain as they visited Queensland towns that were eventually

inundated as part of the recent flooding disaster in Qld. Apparently roadwork's and Bruce Campiglis K1200GT do not mix well. (Bruce may report on bike cleaning activities at the next meeting)

Martin Gilbert, recipient of a brand new 2010 1200GSA pre Christmas, provided a report on his new steed. All Good! Has a brand new set of Karoo knobbles to sell with proceeds to the Qld flood appeal. (The meeting expressed some comment that Martins bike is not likely to see much gravel surfing) Also, Martin has a brand new (not used) BMW Motorrad/Enduro Helmet for sale. Contact Martin for details.

Martin Robertson reported on his recent visit to Phillip Island for the Island Classics racing. An excellent event that he recommends to others.

AGM: Scheduled for 28 March at Rolfes. BBQ from 6:00pm, with the AGM from 7:30pm. Don't forget a number of positions will be vacant, so don't hesitate to get your nomination form in. See any committee member for details.

Meeting closed at 0830pm

COMMITTEE MEETING 15 MARCH 2011

Tuesday 15th February 2011 Joanna & Hugh's Home

Meeting opened 7.30pm

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

Minutes of Previous meeting: Approved Martin Little Seconded Mark Edwards

Reports

President: Discussion was held about payment options for club fees. Various commercial options were considered but it was decided that the current arrangements are best suited to our needs.

Various options for on line forms were considered and it was decided that the current availability on line, in the monthly magazine and a mail out from the membership secretary currently meets our needs but we were open to future changes based on suitable technology.

The renewal date was discussed and despite having the problem of future funds being collected in the current financial year the need for renewals to be made before the AGM was the driving factor in the timing.

Ron is on target to produce the stickers as requested.

The financial statements have completed and will shortly be ready for presentation to members. The committee is looking into a permanent audit arrangement rather than the current procedure that requires the treasurer to see a donation of the service.

The financial outcome of the Club Rally was discussed and approx \$450.00 will be forwarded to the RFDS on behalf of members.

Committee positions 2011. Members will be informed of the need for new blood and committee members will canvas positions in a general way with the members.

The AGM will be held at ROLFE Classic in March. Various committee members have volunteered to assist Josh with the set up, BBQ and clean up.

Vice President/ Clubs Australia Delegate:

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

Martin shared with the committee membership numbers for all clubs that are part of the Clubs Australia group.

GS Safari in September looks good with a start in NSW then through the Flinders Ranges ending up on the SA coast.

Treasurer: David gave a comprehensive report on income and expenditure over the last 12 months. Following extensive support of both rider training and first aid courses, as well as our usual social activities, club funds now stand at approximately \$4000.00, which the committee thinks is an appropriate sum for the club to have in reserve.

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.

Buchan Caves ride is attracting a large group of members.

In addition to all rides already advised to members a discussion was held about a three day ride over the March long weekend. Martin will consider options and advise members.

A big trip was discussed such as Northern Rivers or Tassie. Martin will look into the options.

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.

Autumn BBQ Saturday 9th April possibly Doonkuna Winery, Murrumbateman.

Sue has contacted the Victorian Club re Christmas in Winter. We await the outcome of their next meeting.

Club members have expressed a desire to have a Bike and four-wheel bike run (with hoods down) to Araluen on 17th April. Sue will advise members.

Membership: There are 248 members

2011-12 Renewals are due.

General Business

Sue will send all members an email from Josh about the new K1600GTL that will be on display in the dealership.

The Adventure Rider Training Course has 5 club and 3 non-club attendees, totalling 8.

Preliminary discussion was held about a 30th anniversary Rally T Shirt for this year. In addition, a general club 30th anniversary T Shirt was raised. These were given in principle approval. More details to follow as the design progresses.

Meeting Closed 8.45m

Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th March, 7.30pm, Viv & Martin's Home



Clockwise: Ian Hahn's assorted collection; a good use for those rally badges – make them into a table; when you're not riding, take the train.

Alan (G650GS), Jane and I (R1200ST) took the ride up to the BMWTCNSW 34th Karuah River Rally (KRR) at Frying Pan Creek in the Chichester State Forest 30km from Dungog NSW; 580km from Canberra. Jane and I left early on the Friday to stop by Bundanoon to look at a trailer before pressing on to Sydney to visit friends. Alan made the trip to Sydney a caught up with family, before all meeting at the Jolly Frog in Windsor on Saturday. Windsor is one end of the Putty Road, a legendary biker's road that runs up to Singleton. It is also the scene of many serious road accidents, so must be ridden with care, not only by you but watching for the person coming the other way. The overcast weather and threatening rain promised a livery run, with the rain limited to light showers only. A midpoint stop at the new Grey Gum Café (Putty) provided a break for breakfast.



The Blue Gum's owners are targeting bike riders and provide visor cleaner, a bike only concrete

hardstand (& planned cover), free camping and amenities – along with the food. The Putty Road has obviously been the recipient of some recent funding and was in good condition with plenty of riders making a day trip from a HOG chapter through to Jap sport bikes; even a Ural chair on its way to the KRR. More showers saw us arrive to a humid Dungog and Bank Hotel to catch up with acquaintances of old and recent times before riding out to the rally. With ~100 at the rally, the atmosphere was convivial more so given the dirt road, rather than more common mud. Even NSW Forests had thrown some rocks around. For Jane it appeared that our run of raffle luck has come to an end, so we spent the evening



catching up with and meeting new friends; in the inevitable and unsurprising rain. For Jane this is proving exciting in placing names to ADV Rider avatars.

Alan and I made do with the more conventional meeting protocols. Sunday saw us make an early start along with others from Queensland and Victoria in breaking camp for the run home.

The BMWTCNSW includes a breakfast, but their start time and its popularity saw us forgo the queue and head back into Dungog via the lower of the two access roads. From here with threatening rain and predicted thunderstorms, we opted for the ride down the freeway. Whilst uninspiring, it does make short work of the trip to Sydney before hitting the M7 and Hume to home. Until the 35th KRR.

Garry Smee



An eager crowd pick through the raffle prizes

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BMW 1200 GSA – NEW Karoo tyres & BMW Motorrad Enduro Helmet size 63/64. Off and a promotion to Martin Gilbert's new GSA and not to his liking or need. Contact Martin to negotiate a price, with the tyre proceeds to be given to charity.



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Contact Garth on 0427882733.

Wanted – 1st Month

None this month

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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.

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Contact Colin 6238 1060.

Wanted – 2nd Month

None this month



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Some thoughts for the discerning GS rider - <http://www.bmw-gs-accessories.com/>



Got a fixed but flat tyre, emptied the CO2 cartridges (or too cheap to use them at \$20 each) and flattened the battery using your pocket air compressor, then perhaps it's time to return to the foot pump. I found this one at Adventure Moto (<https://www.adventuremoto.com.au>) but there are others in the market.

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