



Shaft Drive Lines

May 2011



Look Out For

Sunday 15 May. Ride to Jugiong for lunch, from Bungendore or meet in Boorowa with a Martin's Meander route back to Canberra.










Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 May. Overnight ride to Yerranderie, an old Gold Mining town near Warragamba Dam. Hello BMWTCNSW.

Saturday 11 - Monday 13 June. 42nd Annual Alpine Rally, NSW. Yarrongabilly on the Snowy Mountains Highway between Kiandra and Tumut. Can be a day ride or camp.

Saturday 18 June. Christmas in June. Meet & dine with the

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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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

We had our AGM last month. Thanks again to Josh and his team at Rolfe's for hosting it and putting on a great BBQ. Thanks also to those on the previous committee, in particular to those who stood down to take a well-earned rest: Hugh Davies (secretary), Sue Ball-Guymer (social secretary) and Martin Little (many roles over the years, including President and Vice-President). Of course, what this means is that there are a few new faces on the committee, and it's good to see some who haven't been on the committee before, including Jack Foley (treasurer – he does have a nice, newish Aston Martin to pay for....) Ian Warren (Vice President) and Gary Melling (secretary). A downside with getting the new committee organised is that we currently don't have anyone in the position of social secretary. This is actually one of the most important positions in the club, given all the social activities that we do, so we need to fill it. Sue has done an outstanding job over the last few years, especially in compiling a long list of options for alternative-breakfast locations, so it will be a reasonably straightforward job to take on. So, if you have been thinking about getting more involved in club activities, and especially if you have some ideas for new social events we could be doing, now is the time to make your move. Contact me if you are interested.

The weather is definitely getting cooler, though I think that fall and winter are the best times of the year for riding. Of course, you do have to find a way to keep warm and in my view an electric vest is the best way of doing that. When I was in California, most of the riders in the Norcal club I was in used them but it took me a few years to be convinced to get one. I got a BMW vest, and was hooked. Keeping your core actively warm makes a huge difference. One thing that I didn't like about the vest though, was that the arms could get a bit cold, unless you also wore a jumper or the like, which negated some of the benefits of using the vest. Awhile back I got another vest from Aerostich that has zip on fleece sleeves.

<http://www.aerostich.com/aerostich-kanetsu-airvantage-electric-vest.html>

The sleeves aren't heated, but for electric clothing to work, it has to be snug against your body, so having heating elements in the sleeves would be of limited use. This set up works wonderfully, and the air inflatable internal bladder makes it easy to get a snug, but comfortable fit. With the Aussie

dollar currently worth more than the US one, and the weather turning cold, seems like the perfect time to get an electric vest.

See you out & about,

Mark

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

See you on a ride...

Simo Jaatinen Honda CBR1000RR, Kawasaki GTR1400, BMW F800GS

Mike and Sharon Kelly BMW R1200RT

Marilyn Starick BMW F800ST

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Gary Melling provided this month's cover photo & route map of his trip through Russia in 2010.
See the story in the April 2011 magazine.

Cannot get away for 3 months and a trip across Russia? Then maybe something closer to home will do...

2011 GS SAFARI

Get ready for the GS Safari After a short period of uncertainty it is great to be able to provide some information on the next BMW Safari event. The 2011 GS Safari is scheduled for early September, we can't tell you too much right now, but it will start in western NSW and make its way into the South Australian Flinders Ranges, before heading down to the coast and finishing on the edge of the bight.

More information will be provided very soon. Due to some issues with the Safari database is important that you enter your details on the registration of interest form. Please pass this information to anyone who you know that, has attended a BMW Safari previously or would be interested to know more about doing their first BMW Safari.

Safari Tradition The BMW GS Safari (Dual purpose on and off road) and TS Safari (Touren Sport - on road riding) formula is proven, so there are not any major changes planned, just some small refinements here and there. We appreciated all of the feedback provided in the recent BMW Safari Survey and it is clear that many of you are itching for the next events. It's all about getting out on your bike with some great people and doing some incredible riding with the support of BMW and the BMW Safari event team.

Event Dates We understand that many of you are interested to book your annual leave for the 2011 event at this stage aim for the first week of September and will endeavour to confirm the dates very soon.

Bookings Priority Safari registration information will be provided to individuals who have completed the registration of interest form. At this stage, we expect to send out official booking information in April/May 2011. Keep up to date and register here: <http://www.bmwsafari.com/>



Do something special. Make an appointment 13 14 95

Don't forget to tell them that you are with the BMWCCA!

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
May	Monday 10	Committee Meeting 1930, Canberra Services Club	Contact the President
	Friday 6 Sunday 8	Loaded Dog Rally, Tarago Showgrounds. Go to breakfast at Bungendore from the other side! Contact Garry (editor@bmwmccact.org.au)	Queanbeyan Tourers Jim/Lynne 0732 215 072 or email lynneandjim@grapevine.com.au
	Sunday 15	Ride to Jugiong for lunch with a Martin's Meander route back to Canberra. Start at Ellenden St in Bungendore at 10am (after breakfast) with secondary meeting point at Boorowa at about 11:30am.	Contact Martin Robertson, Ride Coordinator .
	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
	Saturday 28 Sunday 29	Overnight ride to Yerranderie, an old Gold Mining town near Warragamba Dam. Details to be discussed at the General Meeting. See http://www.yerranderie.com/welcome.htm	Contact Martin Robertson, Ride Coordinator .
June	Saturday 11 Monday 13	42nd Annual Alpine Rally, NSW. Yarrongabilly Homestead on the banks of the Yarrongabilly River, next to the Snowy Mountains Highway between Kiandra and Tumut.	Henning Jorgensen. 47 Palmerston Avenue Dromana VIC 3936. 03 5981 0140 / 0457 034 488
	Monday 13	Committee Meeting 1930, Venue TBA	Contact the President
	Saturday 18	Christmas in June. Meet & dinner with the BMW MCC Victoria. Organised by the Victorian's at The Poachers Pantry, Rutherglen Victoria.	Contact the Social Secretary
	Friday 24 Sunday 26	26th Annual Casper Rally. Bummaroo Ford camping area. On the north side of the Abercrombie River on the Taralga to Black Springs road, approx 70kms from Goulburn. Sealed road!	SCUM Tourers. Andy 02 4422 3096 or Dieter 0402 396 838 Or Editor@bmwmccact.org.au
	Monday 27	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
July	Monday 11	Committee Meeting 1930 @ Canberra Services Club	Contact the President
	Monday 25	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

COLD FLAME RALLY 2011

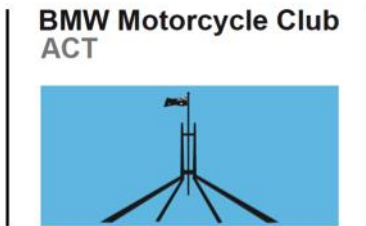
The Canberra Day weekend saw some go riding to the Warrumbungle NP and walking, some to the coast whilst Alan (G650GS), Jane & I (R100GSPD) went to the Cold Flame Rally 2011 on the Pinch River ~60km south of Jindabyne on the Barry Way. We weren't alone with over 100 in attendance from badge sales that included a very nice stubby cooler and visitors.

The odd shower wasn't enough to deter the swimmers who took a dip in the Snowy and more hardy the Pinch River. After an evening of story telling around the campfire, Alan had to come back to Canberra on Sunday whilst Jane and I stayed for the Monday along with ~10 others. Ex-Pres Bob and Sue thought we should enjoy the Spyder experience and offered us a lap of the campsite on theirs. Not content with my test-effort, Bob insisted on pillioning us to show off the Spyder's unique characteristics on the Barry Way. In a word, it rides like a Spyder. Thanks, now how to get one... The road in and out was in great condition with riders from afar as Sydney and Melbourne making the trip. We had an uneventful trip home on Monday and enjoyed watching the Cooma HP berating some 40 cyclists riding in a group, holding up traffic, sans permit perhaps. Until next year.

Jane & Garry Smee; Alan Freemantle



CHRISTMAS IN WINTER



Saturday 18th June 2011 at 6.00pm

POACHERS PARADISE HOTEL 120 Main Street, Rutherglen, Victoria

This year it is the turn of our friends from Victoria to organize our annual get together.

Rutherglen is an interesting tourist town in the middle of an historic wine growing area. For those who arrive on Friday a great self navigate loop ride to Yarrawonga can be done or a bus tour of the wineries can be arranged through the Information Centre Phone 1800 622871. As Rutherglen has a steady stream of visitors, it is suggested that you ***make your accommodation bookings early***. All motels, hotels and the campground are within ten minutes walk of the dinner venue and the main street and have off street parking for bikes. Accommodation can be booked via the net at www.rutherglenvic.com or the Information Centre ph. 1800 622871.

Cost for Dinner: \$ 40.00 per person

Bookings close on **Wednesday 8th June**

Limit of 70 people

Bookings and Payment should be addressed to Graeme Scolah at treasurer@bmwmccvic.org.au or Ph 03 9789 2397

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Any questions - contact Jenny Hensell Social Secretary BMWMCVIC

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A TRIP TO THE ISLAND

This time of year is World Super Bikes and around October is Moto GP time. So who cares? No one until the phone rings and John Scott is on the other end with a ticket and the usual accommodation at Cowes, which Hal of TJ's fame always has booked. Well I am not travelling at the moment; so the answer is yes please count me in.

John now enlightens me with the trip details, it is going to be all dirt over two days and we leave 7.30 Wednesday morning (unknown to me John has purchased a new Husky 610).

Oh great says I who has not ridden a bike for who knows how long, certainly no further than Bungendore for Sunday morning coffee (just as well I take the long way home sometimes), hehehe.

Okay, so now things are beginning to sink into my tiny brain, fitness and tyres are just two items that come to mind immediately. Well I used to be fit, so that's ok. Now let us decide on tyres. Oh yes, I have a new knobby tyre under the house from a previously failed trip a couple of years ago. After more discussion and deliberation Hal came good with a used knobby for the rear. Just a loan you understand. Hehehe, well I will only need it for about 5 days.

All that said and done, 7.30 we were loaded and on our way to the Island.

John's trip plan with the aid of his GPS went something like this, Canberra to Cooma via Shannons Flat; the road condition was better than I remembered. Well Freddie, that was not so bad, you made it to Cooma. Gr8 we must be nearly there then eh John? Kidding, ok then off to Bombala via Myalla, Bald Hill, Teapot Hill, Gunningra and Bukalong. Along this section our first funny occurred. I am riding about 50 meters behind when I observe a flock of about 20 sheep on John's left just before a cattle grid. John at this moment is checking his GPS and of



course, we all know how predictable sheep are (not). They decide on a right turn in front of the Huski, all brakes on full, gees they all get across his path safely then one decides a left turn is in order, no where to go except straight across the grid with John. End result, John stops his Huski safely with heart pumping harder than normal and the sheep looking at his mates from the other side of the fence. You just had to be there.

Bombala to Delegate easy. Then to Bendoc, Bonang, Cabanandra, Deddick and McKillops Bridge, (very impressive). On to Wulgulmarang then Black Mtn road to Benambra. From there to Hinomungi up the Knocker track, (now there is a track, the wash always are big enough to make you think that there is



no way you are coming back down that way, so the track better improve up ahead) on to Glen Valley and towards Omeo Mitta Mitta and then Bogong High Plains road to Falls Creek. This road has been

bituminised since we last travelled along it, (it is a road not to be missed with a good road bike). From Falls Creek, just a beautiful ride down to Mt. Beauty and you all know what that's like. We spent the night at Towonga.

Well that was day one and we covered approx. 650 kms and not a scratch. I do not think I tossed and turned too much that night.

Day two and the excitement has left me and I think I was beginning to get a little tired, I was beginning to ride a little slower, my excuse I had to take some photos although I don't think that John was fooled.

The roads changed a little today, there seemed to be deeper loose gravel, more road works, graders and water trucks (helps to make the GS look really tough with s@#t all over it). Of course, the ever-present scary bull bars of over enthusiastic four-wheel drivers keep you on your toes. We push on over Towonga gap to Bright, Myrtleford and NugNug. Rose River road comes out at Chestnut then towards Mansfield to Jamison, Woods Point, Matlock, The Triangle and left to Noogee, Drouin, Dalyston and finally the Island.



Day 2, approx. 600kms and looking forward to tea and a quiet chat over the past couple of day's events. Strangely it seems, young, middle aged or old, we each had a great couple of days in our own way and neither of us could say we didn't feel it in one way or another, you know, neck, shoulders, butt, legs and anything else you can think of. Would you do it again? Shit yeah.

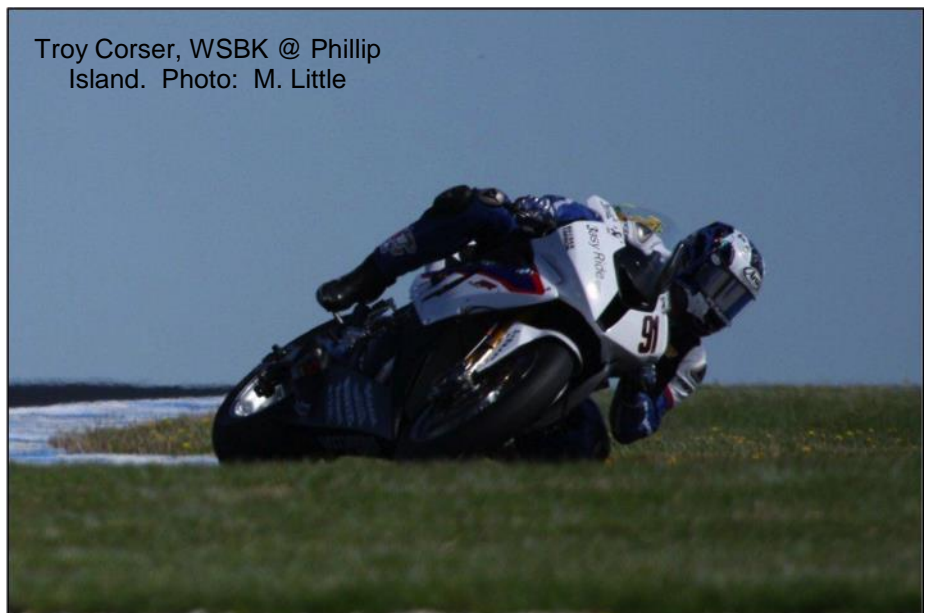
Now for a great couple of days racing, the weather for the Island was great.

This brings us to Monday all too quickly and John is going to do it all again on the way home. Lucky me had to be at work so Steve and I road home uneventfully via Cann River and left Hal to clean the house and make his way home later that day. It is only about 750kms to the Island, hehehe.

How do I tell Hal that the tyre he loaned me is stuffed? Maybe he won't notice????

Thanks guys for helping to make it a great weekend.

Freddie 😊 (Fred Pensko)



Troy Corser, WSBK @ Phillip Island. Photo: M. Little



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TRIP TO PHILLIP ISLAND FOR ROUND 1 OF THE WORLD SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Well 2011 arrived and it was time to for my biennial visit to Phillip Island for the World Supers. I had planned to ride down with my mate Doug (DL650) but as usual, plans change at the last moment and Doug couldn't get away until Friday so I went to plan B.

Plan B was to ride over to Gundagai / Tumut and head down with some mates from back home. So, I was on the road on the Thursday morning with the transport section down the Hume Highway to Gundagai where I met up with Glen (Ducati Multistrada 1000) and Stewie (Ducati Multistrada 1200 Touring). From there, we continued on to Tumut where we topped up the tanks and met up with John (R1200GS).

After Tumut, the plan was to ride as many twisty roads as we could until our overnight stop at Eildon. So away, we went to the Rosewood Road. A minor hiccup at the start of the road as the lower section was blocked off for roadwork. We were directed to a detour which turned out to be a good piece of road anyway that ended up 8 kms south of Batlow between Batlow and Tumbarumba.

We stayed on that road for a short distance before heading back across to the Rosewood road which was a joy to ride as per usual. After Rosewood, we headed towards Tumbarumba but before reaching town we hooked off to the right and made our way down pass the prison farm and through the very green countryside to a regroup at Jingellic.



Continuing over the Murray River into Victoria we were pulled over for a licence / rego check which was no hassle for us. Along this stretch by it was easy to see the results of all the recent rain, as Lake Hume was as full as I have ever seen it. We continued on and over the fantastic Granya Gap to Tallangatta for a refuel of bike and riders. This was really our first chance to catch up with other riders heading to the races and Stewie's new Multistrada certainly caught the eye of other riders.

After lunch we meandered our way on some back roads that run adjacent to the Kiewa Valley Highway before turning right and going through Ovens and on through Myrtleford. Some very good riding through this area before some flat boring roads until we get back into the good twisty stuff from Whitfield to Mansfield.

We refuelled at Mansfield for our last section on the Eildon / Jamieson Road. I had been on this stretch of road back in 1997 (R1100GS) when it was all dirt, dust and corrugations but now it was tar all the way. At the end of a long day, this is a very challenging stretch of road with very few areas where you could take a breather but it was well worth the effort and we all safely arrived at our overnight destination of Eildon after a great day on the bike. For me it was 715 kms for the day and I was pretty stuffed at the end of it.

After a good nights rest and a short ride over the dam wall we made our way to our breakfast stop of the bakery at Marysville. It was easy to see the devastation of the bushfires of 2009 but heartening to see the recovery of the bush and the town. Over a hearty breakfast, the boys had plotted our route for the day and we headed up from Marysville passed by Lake Mountain and rode the Reefton Spur whilst constantly being on the lookout for over zealous police. We continued on through Warburton before taking more twisty little back roads through some amazing countryside (farming and native bush) before heading through Warragul and along the top of the ridges until we ended up in Korumburra for a refuel of bikes and riders. We had lunch on the deck of the Korumburra Hotel (aka the Middle) and I can recommend it if you are down that way.

After a very nice lunch, we made our way down through Archies Creek to Dalyston and then onto our final destination on Phillip Island of the Cowes Caravan Park. After settling in to our accommodation, we walked into Cowes and settled down to watch the rugby/cricket before heading home around 10ish.

Saturday was a fine warm day spent at the track checking out the Expo and bikes. In my opinion the Australian Supersport race on Saturday afternoon was the race of the weekend with four or five bikes dicing for the lead for the entire race. Watching them come through turn 1, touching elbows was certainly a very impressive sight. Carlos Checa was far and away the smoothest rider in the WSBK and was rewarded with pole position for Sunday's races. From the track, we headed to the Phillip Island RSL club for some drinks and a top meal. When we went to leave the club it was just starting to rain so we caught a taxi back to the van park. Would it be a wet day tomorrow?

Sunday dawned damp and drizzly after some steady rain through the night. How would this effect the racing?? Well by the time, we made it to the circuit the rain had stopped and we were there in time to see Glen Allerton win the first race of the Australian Superbikes on his BMW S1000 RR. Would this be an omen for the WSBK races?? We made our way down to Siberia to watch the first race of the WSBK and unfortunately, the win by Allerton was not an omen for Troy Corser or Leon Haslam as Checa was too good. We caught the action of the World Supersports from Lukey Heights and were near turn 11 to catch Allerton winning the second Australian Superbike race of the day – well done that man. The second WSBK race was another win for Checa and saw Corser going backwards after both he and Haslam were in the leading group for a few laps. After the races, we again headed to the RSL club, which was a bit quieter than Saturday night.

On Monday, I said good-bye to the boys heading back to Gundagai as I was riding back to Queanbeyan. Also, after speaking to some friends at the track over the weekend I decided to give a wide berth to Morwell (troubles with subsidence on the highway) and headed from the island to Koonwarra, Meeniyan along the South Gippsland Highway. It was bit drizzly and cool along here but I pushed on until a refuel at Sale. From Sale, I stayed on the Princes Highway as far as Stratford where I turned off onto the Bengworden road, which has less traffic and police than the highway. This road comes out onto the highway just short of Bairnsdale and I had decided that the bakery in Bruthen would be my lunch stop. Unfortunately, the bakery isn't there anymore and as I was riding by myself, I just pushed on until I reached Cann River. A quick stretch and a refill of the camelback at Cann River and I was back on the bike heading for Bombala. Along this stretch, I was able to tag onto a group of



Ron Haslam @ WSBK PI 2011

three bikes that were travelling at a cruising speed that I was comfortable with and we basically stayed together until I waved them goodbye as I stopped for a pie and a rest at Nimmitabel.

After a short break, it was back onto the big K and the boring drone down the Monaro Highway to home. The ride home was 717 km and it was certainly less tiring than Thursday's ride with more open road and sweeping bends rather than the twisty mountain roads of the way down. Still a very good day that's for sure and it was good to get home.

Now to save some coin for WSBK in 2013.

Paul McAlister
1997 K1200RS.



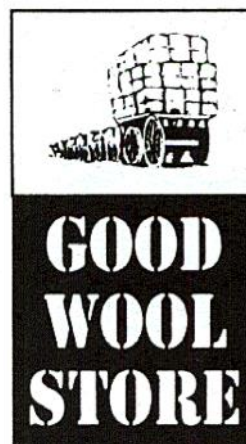


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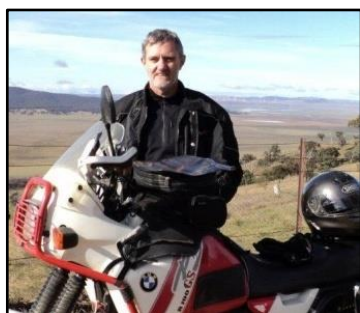
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THE EDITORS FILL

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 2011 AGM has been and gone. Welcome to the new members of Club and Committee. Let us show our appreciation in word by contributing ideas and deed by attending events organised by the Committee for Club members. Our Club, like others is really a collection of factions sharing a common thread, not necessarily all things BMW, and includes social, bakery & latte, short-ride, long-ride, gravel surfers and rallying in dry, wet or any conditions. Some members do not attend any Club events at all, why is that? If we are not doing what you want then tell the President, Ride Coordinator, Social Secretary or any Committee member. After all, we all ride by ourselves

when the helmet is on.

Avid readers of *Shaft Drive Lines* will have noticed some things missing from April's magazine. I had a technology failure at the ready-to-print stage and date and had to start again. I had intended in *The Editor's Fill* to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts and for those stepping down and others leaving the club all the best for the future; au revoir. I have another 12 months at the Editors Desk and look forward to your stories, pictures and tips. There are plenty of rides around and after all we shouldn't need too much of an excuse to get out there.

That's my fill, have a good ride,
Garry Smee
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CLUB GOING ON'S

COMMITTEE MEETING - 15 MAR 11

Venue: Martin and Viv Little's Home

Meeting opened 7.30pm

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

Apologies: David Shean, Hugh Davies, and Steve Hay.

Minutes of Previous meeting: Approved Martin Little Seconded Martin Robertson.

Actions arising from previous meetings;

Club Stickers: held in abeyance pending an update from Ian's communications with our South Coast provider- Ron. Note Ian confirmed that Ron would run off 2 meters of stickers.

Audit of Club Accounts. Committee agreed to the engagement of an auditor (year by year) for the purposes of completing the audit of the clubs accounts.

2010 Kosciusko Rally. Reconciliation of accounts pending Dave's issue of reconciliation.

AGM. Chairs booked by MI through Kennard are who will deliver to Rolfe's on the afternoon of the 28th March. Reminder for club assistance at Rolfe's for set up and tidy up post AGM.

Next major Club Trip. Several possibilities discussed – Tassie/Northern ranges/Central Aust. agreed this to remain as an agenda for the incoming committee.

Ride Coordinator Email Address: Alan to set up outgoing email address as Ride Coordinator.

Reports

President: Kosciusko Rally date agreed at 15/16th October 2011. (Post Meeting Email confirmed this is changed to 22/23 Oct to avoid a clash with the MotoGP)

Membership renewal forms discussed re format and procedural process. Committee to review renewal process. Ongoing.

AGM procedures discussed. ME to coordinate with Steve Hay.

Vice President/ Clubs Australia Delegate: Annual Clubs Australia Delegates meeting in Melbourne cancelled and will not be held this year.

AGM. ML to confirm with Rolfe's chair delivery and check on last minute details.

Secretary: An apology, with the following correspondence received; CPS Bank statement # 105; RFDS letter of thanks to the club re donation; Australia Post Mail Box renewal (required to be paid now).

Ride co-ordinator: Warrumbungle ride report presented by MR and ME. All in all a very good ride with 8 bikes and 9 members in attendance.

Upcoming rides: Wakefield Park: BEARS Racing scheduled for 27th March. MR will issue details via email.

Araluen ride scheduled for 17th April

Social Secretary:

Alternative Breakfasts: April 3rd Lynam's at Crookwell. Departure details to be issued via email and posted on the web.

Autumn BBQ Saturday 9th April Doonkoona Winery, Murrumbateman Rd, Murrumbateman

The Victorian Club is hosting Christmas in winter this year on the 18th June. Venue to be confirmed.

Membership: 2011-12 Renewals have being issued with the current recorded membership; 248 members, 175 memberships, 92 renewals (138 Members) received to date.

Webmaster: Nil to report from Alan

Public Officer: An apology. ME will contact Steve to finalise details for AGM

General Business

Autumn BBQ Menu discussed, and agreed.

Meeting Closed 8.45m

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th April, 7.30pm, with the venue to be confirmed for the new committee.

GENERAL MEETING - 28 MAR 11

Meeting opened 7.20pm 28 March 2011 @ Rolfe Classic Motors.

PRESENT: 45 members recorded in the attendance book

GUESTS: 1 recorded in the attendance Book

APOLOGIES 6 members recorded in the attendance book

Presidents Report: Welcome to members, new members and guests.

Thanks to Josh and the team at Rolfe Classic Motors for hosting the evening and providing an excellent BBQ.

Recent events and rides were reported on by Mark and other members. The ride coordinator put a weekend ride together for the Canberra Day long-weekend.

Upcoming events were discussed and ideas were sought from members. A long ride to the Red Centre, Qld or Tassie was canvassed. Members were encouraged to contact the ride coordinator with ideas.

Rolfe Classic Motors are holding a raffle during the evening with Proceeds going to the Qld flood recovery fund. Tickets \$5 each.

Secretary: I (Hugh) informed members of his decision to move on from the committee and active participation in the club. I thanked members for their friendship and made specific mention of Colin Ward who got me involved in the Club and Kiwi Martin who encouraged me to take an active committee role. I have enjoyed my time on the committee and bid members' farewell.

Ride Coordinator: Dave Morgan reported on the BEARS day at Wakefield Park.

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

Social Secretary: Alternative Breakfast - Sunday 3 April, Lynam's at Crookwell. Depart BP Service Station, Cnr Antill St and Federal Highway at 8.30am. RSVP to Sue at social@bmwmccact.org.au or by phone to 62882731 by 31 March.

Autumn BBQ - Saturday 9 April Doonkoona Winery, Barton Highway, Murrumbateman at 12 noon. The club provides the food all you need to bring is yourself and something to drink. The winery cafe will be open. RSVP to Sue at social@bmwmccact.org.au or by phone to 62882731 by 6 April.

Lunch at Araluen - Sunday 17 April. Depart Bungendore after breakfast at about 10.30am. This is a good 'hood down' run for those with 4 wheel vehicles; the rest of us will ride our bikes. RSVP to Sue at social@bmwmccact.org.au or by phone to 62882731 by 12 April.

Christmas in July. This year the annual get together is being organised by the Victorians. The event is being held in Rutherglen at the Poachers Paradise Hotel Date: 18 June, Cost: \$40 per person. Arrange your own accommodation. Replies and payment is to be made direct to the Victorian Club a notice will be sent to all members.

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.

Membership Secretary: Ian reported on renewals: we have 155 members and 105 memberships.

Dealership News: Throughout the evening Josh Edwards and Grahame Marriott spoke about the range of bikes and rider wear available at the dealership. Josh informed members of the range and sale of clothing on offer at tonight's meeting.

Josh spoke about the new K1600 and gave members a time frame for delivery and the announcement of pricing \$39 K and \$41K.

The Rolfe Classic Motors Raffle in support of the Qld floods was drawn by Grahame and Steve Retallack was the lucky winner. A presentation of a new Rallye Jacket was made. Thanks to Rolfe Classic Motors was noted.

The Rolfe Classic Motors annual prize for the best article in Shaft Drive Lines was presented. Josh spoke of the quality of the contributions and the difficult decision he made specific mention for Gary Melling's article about his trip across Europe and Russia. However, Kiwi Martins article on riding the GS Safari in Tasmania won the day. Martin was presented with a pair of new boots. Thanks to Rolfe Classic Motors for this and other support of the club was noted.

Meeting closed 7.55pm and followed immediately by the 2011 BMW MCCA ACT AGM.

Next meeting: Tuesday 26 April 2011 at the Canberra Services Club Manuka

COMMITTEE MEETING - 11 APR 11

Monday 11 April 2011 @ Manuka Services Club

Meeting opened 1930hrs

Present: Mark Edwards, Garry Smee, Ian Hahn, Gary Melling, Martin Robertson, Alan Walsh, Ian Warren, and Jack Foley.

Apologies: Steven Hay

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as accurate record of proceedings

Action Items from previous meeting

Mark began Action Items from previous meeting by outlining his vision on how the committee should be operating and its interface with the members:

- **Stickers** – Ian Hahn now has a healthy qty of two sizes of club stickers for attachment to bikes. These will be available for sale at club meetings or by personal arrangement with Ian. Cost will be \$1.00 for the large and .50c for the smaller decal.

- **Auditing of club books – The** Handover/Takeover will be complete by the end of May. There was some discussion on the requirements for audit with Garry Smee stating that the current laws do not appear to require the books to be audited by an auditor. An independent person to the club is acceptable under the current regulations. Gary is forwarding the link in relation to the requirements to the committee members for some quiet bedtime reading.
- **Clubs 30th anniversary –** A draft logo for both the Rally and the club anniversary has been created for forwarding to Ron Andrews. Once this has been reworked by Ron it will be presented to the club. There was discussion on the best way for members to get a tee shirt or polo with the logo and the current thought process is for members to supply their own shirts to Ron and he will screen print as appropriate.
- **Long Trip –** Lengthy discussion on where to go. Martin will work up a few options with gates (travel on or go home) for members to consider.
- **Membership renewal –** Discussion on the manner that the renewals are implemented (hard copy – electronic). Current system seems to be working with the only real issue being the updating of current member information. Ian has reported a problem with the credit union statements, which he will continue to investigate.
- **Christmas Party –** Discussion on booking for Christmas with decision taken for Hellenic Club on the 9th or 16th December. Details to be provided at the next club meeting.
- **Social Position –** This critical position is still vacant and Mark will raise this again at the next club meeting.
- **Club Constitution –** It was agreed that the words “DRAFT” should be removed from the document as it was accepted some time ago.

Reports

President – Nil

Social Secretary – Nil

Ride Coordinator – Will work on some more diverse rides in the coming weeks

Vice President – Nil

Secretary – The only incoming correspondence was from a Qld BMW Club with an electronic copy of their magazine. It was agreed that in future the club web site will carry links to all affiliate club magazines for members. As any correspondence is received on this subject from other clubs, they will be advised that it is no longer necessary.

The secretary offered his services as the Clubs Australia Delegate and will discuss the requirements with Kiwi Martin in a handover of the role.

Membership – Ian reported 165 members. Ian is also to have to look at is the presentation of the Credit Union statements and look at a possible change if another Credit Union can offer a better service.

Editor – Anything to go in the magazine has to be submitted by Friday 15th April

Treasurer – See earlier action on Handover/Takeover

General Business – Discussion took place on non-members wishing to place for sale adds on the web site. This was agreed to but at the absolute discretion of the web master.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th at the Manuka Services Club.

Meeting closed at 2045hrs.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Meeting opened 7.55pm 28 March 2011 @ Rolfe Classic Motors.

PRESENT: 45 members recorded in the attendance book

GUESTS: 1 recorded in the attendance Book

APOLOGIES 6 members recorded in the attendance book

PROXY: 0 held by secretary:



BMW MCCA 2011-12 Committee

Back: Gary Melling (Secretary), Ian Warren (VP), Mark Edwards (Pres), Alan Walsh (Web)
Front: Steve Hay (Public Officer), Garry Smee (Editor), Jack Foley (Treasurer), Ian Hahn (Membership)

President

Mark Edwards opened the meeting with thanks to the outgoing committee members and made specific mention of the long term and important contributions of Sue Ball-Guymer as Social Secretary, Hugh Davies as Secretary and Kiwi Martin as both President and Vice-President. Mark invited Steve Hay to assume the position of chair and conduct elections.

Steve declared all committee positions vacant. Steve read the nominations for positions one by one and as each position only had one nomination Steve put the matter to the members. On every occasion the candidate was elected unopposed, unanimously with no dissenting voice:

President	Mark Edwards
Vice-President	Ian Warren

Secretary

Treasurer

Web Master

Ride Coordinator

Social Sec

Editor

Gary Melling

Jack Foley

Alan Walsh

Martin Robertson

VACANT

Garry Smee

The following appointments were made:

Public Officer

Steve Hay

Membership Sec

Ian Hahn

As re-elected, President Mark explained the importance of Social Sec to the club and sought a volunteer from the floor. There was none so the position was left vacant.

Meeting closed: 8.05pm

Next Meeting: 2012



Graeme (Rolfe's) presents Steve with his Rallye 3 Jacket donated and raffled by Rolfe's with money going to the Queensland Premiers flood appeal.



Josh (Rolfe's) congratulates Kiwi Martin on his 'Best Article' in *Shaft Drive Lines* for 2010. His prize is a pair of riding boots, donated by Rolfe's.

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Capacity	490 ccm.
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Power output	35 kW at rpm (1hp =0.745kW)
Ignition	Magneto
Lighting	60 watt 6 volt
Number of gears	4
Weight	198 kG
Fuel capacity	17 litres
Fuel consumption	5.1 litres / 100 kM
Top speed	160 kM / Hr
Engine numbers	564005-565639
Number built	634

Notes.

(This one seems to have slipped through the net. We are up to 49 and this one is 41.)

This bike was the smaller one to the 600 'S' ccm model and basically all the specifications are the same except for the smaller capacity.

Very few made their way to Australia as the larger capacity 600 ccm was the popular one here.

One interesting point was the improvement of the crankcase breather. This was now controlled via a rotating disc mounted on the front of the camshaft and the fumes exited through a tunnel in the side of the timing gear cover.

It also had a vibration damper fitted to the front of the crankshaft to damp out the vibration which was caused by the much higher revs of the 'S' motor. The R 50 maximum RPM was 5800 and the 'S' motor revved out to 7650.

This photo shows the version imported in to the USA with the high handlebars.

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WANTED – 1ST MONTH

None this month

WANTED – 2ND MONTH

None this month

RIDER ESCAPES INJURY AFTER HITTING LOG PLACED ON ROAD

Cook, H 2011 'Rider Escapes Injury After Hitting Log Placed on Road', *The Canberra Times* 7 April 2011, viewed 7 April 2011 <<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/>>.

A motorcyclist who struck a treated pine log deliberately placed on Eastern Valley Way has narrowly escaped serious injury.

Adam Carberry was riding north on the Belconnen road at 1.30am on Saturday when his motorbike struck one of five 3m pine logs placed horizontally across each lane of incoming and outgoing traffic.

After hitting the log and becoming airborne, Mr Carberry landed his bike but struggled to remain upright because of damage sustained to his wheels.

He was approaching the College Street intersection when the incident occurred.

"I didn't see it and got a hell of a jolt. If the traffic lights had been red, I would not have been able to stop and would have gone into oncoming traffic. It would have been life threatening," he said.

Mr Carberry said the logs were designed to cause serious accidents.

He reported the matter to ACT police and removed the logs from the road.

Another motorist is believed to have hit one of the logs placed on the other side of the road.

Motorcycle Riders Association ACT president Peter Major has condemned the individuals who placed the logs on Eastern Valley Way.

"It's a premeditated attack on the life of an individual. I would like to see them in court for attempted manslaughter. You expect the odd pothole or bump but you don't expect someone to place a log in a shadowy position on a road."

He said Mr Carberry and the motorist who struck the log on the other side of the road were lucky to be alive. ACT police are urging any witnesses to contact Crime Stoppers.



Adam Carberry with his motorcycle, which hit a log on Eastern Valley Way.



The damaged front rim to Mr Carberry's motorcycle.

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Date

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