



# Shaft Drive Lines

March 2012



## What's On

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## ABOUT THE CLUB

**Meetings:** 7.45 pm, fourth Wednesday of each month at [The Canberra Club](#) 45 West Row Civic, ACT or by [Google Map](#).

**Membership:** Membership forms are printed periodically in the magazine or can be downloaded from the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au/>.

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- BMW MCCA: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>.
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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 and welcomes suggestions for rides or social events. Send your suggestions to the Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

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**Charity Support:** Profits from the Club's Kosciuszko Rally, held each October, are used to support a nominated charity. For 2011, this was the RFDS.

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### SHAFT DRIVE LINES

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi,

Could it be that the flooding rains have finally abated? Hopefully that's the case. Of course, one of the positives of all the rain we have been having of late is that the countryside is looking fantastic. On the Canberra Day holiday, I did a ride with Jack, Roger and Martin Robertson. We met up at Roses café in Goulburn. Though what started out as a beautiful sunny morning in Canberra turned into a cold and foggy one by the time we hit the Lake George area. At the café, we also met up with Goulburn locals Pete and Fiona, plus Alan who had driven up to drop off his K75C seat at MJM to have it recovered. We eventually dragged ourselves away from the warmth of the café to head up to Crookwell. By about halfway there we were back in sunshine. From there, we took the road via Rugby to Boorowa. At Boorowa Martin had to leave us so he could go home to get the room ready for his new cat – which we refrained from making too many comments to him on that. The rest of us took the back roads to Jugiong for lunch. Given all of the flooding, the roads were in surprisingly good condition, and yes, the countryside is looking great. So, make the most of the conditions and head out for a ride or two.

This will be my last report as President. With the AGM at Rolfe's in March, a new committee will be taking over. I've been on the committee for a while now, including several years as Ride Co-ordinator. I have really enjoyed my time on the committee, and, as I've said, if you want to get more involved in club activities, being on the committee is a great way to do that. Thanks to all the committee members who have made my job over the last two years a lot easier. And finally, one of the things that make club activities more enjoyable is the support we get from various people. Josh and his team at Rolfe's have done a lot over the years to support our club, both in terms of providing prizes for various activities, and, more importantly, having a dedicated and committed local dealer is so important for the ongoing health of the local BMW motorcycling community. Also Mick Owen and Hal at TJ's for their ongoing support of the club.

See you out & about,

Mark

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Thorbjorn Johansen	BMW K1600GT
James Kalma	BMW S1000RR
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Anthony Craig Owens	BMW S1000RR
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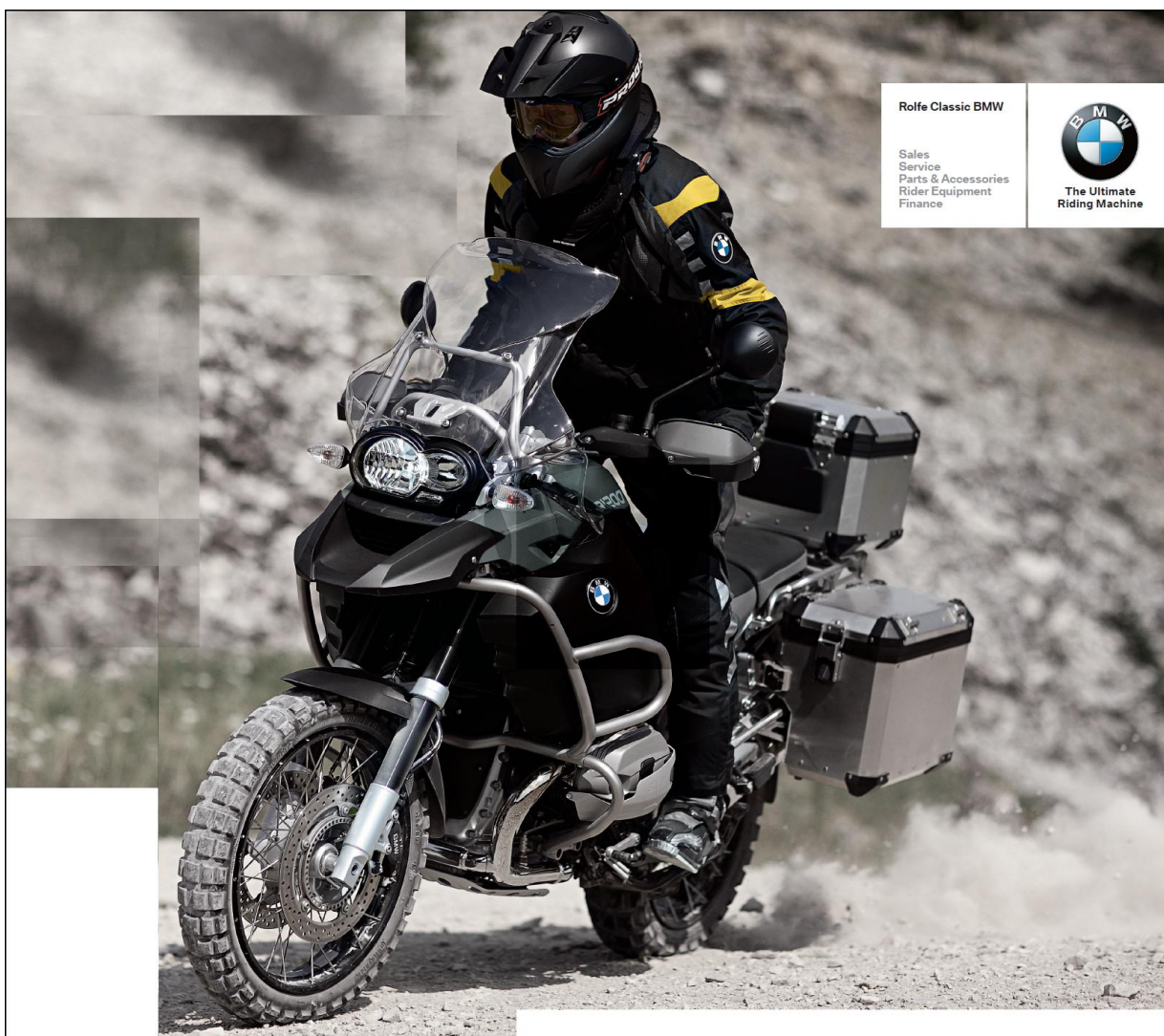
## CLUB MEETINGS

The Club meets 1945 the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at [The Canberra Club](#) 45 West Row Civic.

We may however be looking for a new venue if the Club closes, according to a recent *Canberra Times* report <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-house-to-be-redeveloped-20120315-1v5l7.html>. If so, that is three meeting venues in the last year so stay tuned.

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## WHAT'S ON

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Everyone is welcome and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards.

This calendar lists Club activities and updated on the web page ([www.bmwmcact.org.au](http://www.bmwmcact.org.au)) or by the [Ride Coordinator](#) by email to members. This does not stop you from arranging a ride, and if you want company, email the [Ride Coordinator](#) who will pass your planned trip on to the Club members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send those to the [Editor](#)

2012	Date	Detail	Contact
April	Wednesday 11	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Wednesday 25	Anzac Day. No Meeting, moved to Thursday	
	Thursday 26	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
May	Wednesday 9	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Wednesday 23	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
June	Wednesday 13	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Wednesday 27	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>



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## PHILLIP ISLAND WSBK TRIP 2012

Leaving Canberra it was great to riding in warm sunshine for a change. The wet weather gear was packed away (but handy, just in case). The ride to Lakes Entrance on a sunny Thursday afternoon was under a warm blue sky. The run down the Monaro Highway into Cann River was sublime. At Cann River the number of motorcycles increased dramatically on Princes Highway, so we weren't lonely on the final run into our overnight stop at Lakes Entrance.

Dinner at the Central Hotel showed there were quite a few Canberrans on their way to the Island. There was not too much sleep that night as there were several parties at our motel determined to stay up to the wee hours of the morning, and share it with all the other motel occupants. Leaving at 0630hrs the next morning we had some satisfaction in starting the bikes in the dark and riding off for brekkie.



Friday morning's ride into the Island

was sublime with the route taking us through back roads from Bairnsdale to Sale (through Meerlieu), and through Fish Creek to Inverloch, where we re-joined the main highway for the 30-minute drone into San Remo. After a very pleasant lunch in San Remo sitting outside in the warm sunshine, we checked into our digs and then spent the afternoon at the track, watching the various warm ups and getting into the rhythm of the weekend.

Saturday and Sunday were blazing hot, the hottest days I've experienced for some time and combined with awful humidity. Still the racing was awesome, with track conditions being perfect both days. It was a relief to be able to get into some shade in the Bar SBK tents that were scattered around the track; this is well worth the extra \$ over the basic ticket.



Highlights of the racing were many including seeing Carlos Checa spat off his Ducati through the middle of turn 12 onto the straight at about 240kms an hour. My spot for this was at the exit of turn 12, so I had an unobstructed view of this. Then to see him return in Race 2 and run away with the win that he made look so easy! Having said, the ride of the Race 2 must go to Max Biaggi who after running off in Turn 1 at the start of the race rode through the pack to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Checa. Very impressive!

The BMW's did better than last year, but clearly have some work to do, to get consistently onto the podium let alone the winners spot.

Sunday evening was spent in Cowes for dinner, and we made back to the digs in time for the biggest thunder and lightning storm ever. At one point lightening was striking the ground 500m away from our cabin. Monday morning dawned wet and blustery and after an early coffee at the San Remo Bakery (surprisingly good) we headed home in the pre-dawn darkness, retracing our route through Fish Creek to Foster, then into Yarram, by which time we had ridden ahead of the rain front and into warmer weather.



Taking the GAR from Bairnsdale to Bruthen, the temperatures jumped higher into a heatwave, and by the time we stopped at Orbost we were parched. Talk about extremes in weather! The run up the Bonang into

Bombala was a blessing, with the temperatures falling thankfully. It was a great ride, with no trees across the road this time, and 2 hours later we were refuelling in Bombala along with hundreds of other bikes returning home. There were some road works this year on the Bonang, relatively minor, as they are improvements, including sealing some of the dirt road sections near Delegate. Progress I guess.

From there, it was the drone back into Canberra, where it started to rain as I rode into the drive at 5:00pm. Excellent timing! All in all, another excellent trip to the Island with good company. Next year's trip is already booked!

Martin (Kiwi) Little  
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## THE ANNUAL BUCHAN PILGRIMAGE (BEING A TALE WITH TWO ENDINGS)

Your scribe joined the motley crew at the appointed hour of 8.30 a.m. at Williamsdale. Tidings were disappointing – President Mark Edwards had bailed – something to do with inclement weather. However there were enough riders for an enjoyable weekend. Ride co-ordinator Martin Robertson (GS1200), Roger Paull (F650 GS), Andrew (GSA), Bob Ellison (F800 GS) on only his second ride, and Bob's mates Mick (Triumph Sprint ST) and John (VStrom). Martin and Allison Gilbert were to join later.

A boring trip down the Monaro ensued, always scanning for the mobile revenue raisers, followed by a slightly less boring run to coffee at Nimmitabel.

The forces then split up – Robbo, Bob, Mick and your scribe elected to ride the good gravel and tar back roads across to Dalgety, and join the (very rough) dirt of the Barry Way down to Buchan. Martin, Alison and Roger took the leisurely all tar journey via Cann River, then to Orbost and Buchan.

The Barry Way is a genuine alpine dirt road and always provides a challenge – a rough, tight, steep dirt track with lots of loose rocks, washouts and loose gravel in certain areas – a test of one's dirt riding prowess, particularly on a large loaded adventure bike on compromise tyres. Don't look down – there's no bottom. A large proportion of the Park was burnt out in the 2003 holocaust – and regeneration is very slow.

Once down the steep ranges, the journey continued along the "flats" on the banks of the Snowy River, where the road maintenance crews had recently blessed us with a liberal application of clay-based medium. Unfortunately, there had been a huge rain dump on the area two days before, and these roads were very slippery underfoot, and, while no mishaps were reported, some came close. Sadly, that heavy rain precluded a planned return detour via McKillops Bridge, and on to Delegate via the Bonang Highway, as the Buchan locals had confirmed a huge recent storm in that area as well.



*Nimmitabel Coffee Stop*



*Wallace Craigie Lookout on the Barry Way*

Once on the tar amongst the farming properties – a rider's nirvana slowly evolved. Surveyed roads carelessly winding down the valley through the canopy of trees invited riders to establish a smooth flow, with minimum braking. The overcast conditions meant a lack of dappling effect on one's road vision, perception and judgement.

On arriving in Buchan, Robbo, Roger, Bob and company set up camp at the Caves, while your scribe unloaded at the Buchan Motel, but only after surviving a near disaster on the pebbly car park of the Motel where a soft pebble-coated underlay threatened a few topples of the GS while manoeuvring.

A chance conversation with the proprietors of the Buchan Cabins and the Motel revealed a “no room at the inn” situation – including the cabins at the Caves. Earlier, this lack of accommodation had caused Martin and Alison to ride back to Orbost from Buchan before locating a cot for the night.

It seems our timing for this year’s trip was somewhat astray – that very Saturday featured Buchan’s one and only social event of the year – the annual race meeting. At 6.00 p.m. the hordes, in various states of sobriety and dress, mostly in cars but some in courtesy buses, descended on the Caves Hotel for more grog and some food. Judging by the number of unaccompanied, racily dressed young women filling every nook and cranny of the pub, it seemed the occasion could be described as a mix of a country debutante ball (post midnight) and a bachelor and spinsters booze-up, on the second day. Or, for those of a certain age, it looked like an event similar to “Sadie Hawkins Day”, from Al Capp’s “Li’l Abner” comic strip.

All our travelling party could do was to gaze in wonder at the unfolding events and social interactions, have a few beers, and remember to order meals early.

Breakfast dining options on Sunday in Buchan were very limited, with both cafe and pub closed. Reportedly, the servo did a breakfast, of sorts, but the general consensus of the party was to ride to Orbost, via the Princes Highway, for breakfast at a cafe that had been checked out on the way down, with the intention of dining with Martin and Alison Gilbert if they could be located.



*Old school house at Suggan Buggan*



*The group takes a breather on the Bonang Highway*

Robbo and your scribe decided a riding challenge was in order, and elected to ride the back way to Orbost, avoiding the fixed speed cameras on the highway (yes, there was one and Bob missed it). Although tar all the way, this back road began with some narrow winding and bumpy secondary roads which are always a challenge, particularly with large dollops of cow poo on the apex of blind corners, but doubly so when fog restricts visibility down to 40 metres. Despite the time of day, and dire warnings from those who rode that route into Buchan on the Saturday evening, no wildlife was sighted.

Breakfast deliberations in Orbost arrived at a consensus (is Robbo the new Bob Hawke) where we decided that all would venture back to Canberra up the Bonang Highway, with lunch in Delegate. By any standards, this is a great bike road –

even the small 15k dirt section was smooth and surveyed and the car traffic was very light, but there were a lot of motorcycles heading south.

A Delegate decision (or is that a delicate decision?) at lunch split up the group after passing through Maffra, via Bombala. Roger and your scribe, with one eye on the gathering storm-clouds and occasional lightning bolts in the dark blue distance, took the cautious decision to ride home via Cooma, initially on the back roads into Cooma, with the road surface showing evidence of very recent rain of some volume. With great

angst, we suited up at the Polo Flat servo, only to find all rain gone by the time we reached Bunyan.

Robbo and company headed off from our separation point at Maffra to Berridale for a refuel, and then took Middlinbank Road to Adaminaby for a final fuel up. Robbo commented that while it's only 56 kms from Berridale to Adaminaby, it is yet another engaging back road in the Monaro that rewards those who like maintaining a good average speed, corners notwithstanding.

At just under 900 kms for the weekend, it was a great weekend ride.

Oh, and for those interested in having a reason for a ride, we arrived in Buchan too late for the Caves tour. Oh well, seen one cave, seen them all.

Bill Brown

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Andrea Sommer

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*This month, Josh Edwards Sales Executive at Rolfe's BMW Motorrad tells us a few things about himself...*

1. **When did you start riding and why?** I started riding when I was 6 or 7 on Honda 50cc, then Honda XR100, then Yamaha DT175. My grandparents had a farm out in Roma, Queensland. My cousins and I would make enduro tracks. I still remember the tracks vividly.
2. **What was your first and current motorcycle and was there a favourite along the way?** First motorbike was a 2009 G650GS, bought from Ron Andrews at Rolfe Classic. Now I have a 2010 R1200GSA, which is a great machine. I also love to ride all of our demo's; my favourite would be the S1000RR.
3. **How often do you ride?** I ride as much as possible. It is fun to explore little parts of Canberra. I like to have breaks every now and then to get the Ewan and Charley feeling of adventure. I am reading Jupiter's Travels by Ted Simon at the moment; a great read. It makes me want to go around the world!
4. **Who do you ride with (Club, friends, social)?** I ride with friends mainly and would like to ride with more people, but it does not help working 6 days at the dealership!
5. **Where is your favourite ride and why?** Favourite ride would be anywhere off road. I have found all roads from Canberra out into NSW are brilliant. Whether you point the bike in the Tumut direction or the Eden direction or up to Goulburn, you get a great dirt road.
6. **What is your favourite BMWCCACT activity?** My favourite activity with the club would be the Club AGM, as we can get a good crowd of people together. I would love to see the club grow more. Grahame and I at the dealership always push the club, and we ask that members reciprocate.
7. **What top motorcycling tip would you like to share with us?** My top tip would be having the right gear. I see people every day ride in shirts, sand shoes, and no gloves – they look they should be playing tennis, not riding a motorbike. A bit of peer pressure would not hurt to get all motorcyclists and pillions on the same page. Why would you want to hurt yourself when you have access to the best gear in the industry these days? On that note, the safety message in the photo does not come across that well. I was pretty stoked I landed that jump. The forks on the DT175 bottomed out faster than I anticipated. My cousin got the image though and we were pretty happy with ourselves. If anyone has a classic photo like this, please send to Garry Smee in the Club!



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*Club member Jim Reid taking ownership of his new bike from Rolfe's.*

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**Wanted:** Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2012 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the [Editor@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Editor@bmwmccact.org.au) with captions and photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

Well summer is over, we have had enough rain to fill the enlarged Cotter Dam and Club AGM is complete, so welcome to new and returning Committee members. Autumn is good riding weather and for Jane and me a busy time of the rally calendar; I write this watching the weather – more rain - and roads to the *Cold Flame* that are currently closed. Brown Mountain is also closed due to landslip and VP Ian Warren was first on scene at a bike prang returning from the alternate breakfast at Braidwood.

Whilst not a club member, the rider was fortunate not to have had any serious injury but still scored an ambulance ride. From Ian's account the rain had damaged the Kings Highway road pavement; a warning to us all as we go about our favourite rides that the road ahead may not be the same as when we last road through. If you need to test yourself and bike, then consider a closed track day event at Eastern Creek, Sydney or Wakefield Park, Goulbourn both have supervised novice road bike race days.

For those so inclined to report these things, the ACT Government's *Canberra Connect* website allows you to report damage to roads and even upload photos! No guarantee of having them fixed, but at least you will have down the civic thing, you can start here: <https://www.contact.act.gov.au/app/ask/c/2825%2C2836>.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee

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## CLUB GOING ON'S

### GENERAL MEETING 22 FEBRUARY 2012

The President opened the meeting at 1948 at the Canberra Club.

Present: Ian & Jeanette Hahn, Mark Edwards, Jack Foley, Alison Gilbert, George, John and some other old bloke whose name I can't recall...

Apologies: ???

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were proposed by George, seconded by John and accepted by all.

Alison reported on the weekend prior's ride to Buchan. Several attended with one group travelling on the tar via the Cann River road, and the others on the dirt via McKillops Bridge. Accommodation was something of a problem due to other events being held that weekend in the Buchan area.

Mark Edwards reported on a motorcycle crash he came upon the previous weekend. The Harley rider in question had seriously overestimated the cornering ability of his Hog in trying to take a corner at a speed slightly in excess of half the recommended speed.

The alternative brekkie for Sun 4th Mar will be held at a café near the car/bike model shop in Braidwood. Col McNally is also asking for as many airhead BMs as possible to turn up.

The Cold Flame rally will be held on the following weekend of 10/11 Mar.

The Treasurer provided the club balance as \$8656.86.

The next monthly meeting will be the AGM at Rolfe's BMW showroom in Phillip. Rolfe's will be generously putting on a BBQ for the occasion.

New Committee members are needed for the AGM on the 28th of March, Especially so, as 'el Presidente' is departing the country to avoid impeachment, trial and execution for crimes against humanity.

We are responsible for arranging this year's joint ACT/VIC club 'Xmas in winter' weekend ride to Beechworth. Date TBA once the Public Officer Steve Hay gets a chance to discuss with his counterpart in VIC.

The Membership Secretary advised that he would be chasing up non-renewer's via email shortly.

Rumour has it that Jimbo has already picked up his new K1600GT, although this story may be a complete and utter fabrication...

The 'old bloke' whose name escapes me reported  
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on the BMWTCNSW Karuah Rally, which 4 x BMW MCCA members attended. Much to the surprise of all, apparently it rained and then it poured and then it rained again over the weekend.

The meeting closed at 2014.

### COMMITTEE MEETING 11 MARCH 2012.

**Committee Meeting** – 15 Mar 12 @ Canberra Club (well just outside it actually). Meeting opened 1949hrs

**Present:** Mark Edwards, Gary Melling, Steve Hay, Martin Robinson, Ian Hahn and Jack Foley, Alan Walsh and Ian Warren

**Apologies:** Garry Smee (almost made it but for parking issues)

#### Action Points

**Item 1** – New members. Mark Edwards outlined and re-emphasised reasons for approval process of new members. Outcome – No further discussion

**Item 2** – Nominations for committee positions. General discussion on noms received so far and vacant positions. Outcome – Current forms received were signed off and will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

**Item 3** – AGM at Rolfe's Classic BMW. Mark Edwards advised the committee of current plans for AGM at Rolfe's. Outcome – Mark to advise of any further requirements after confirmation with Josh.

**Item 4** – Membership Renewals. Outcome - Ian Hahn advised that an email has been sent out to club members chasing renewals

**Item 5** – Clubs Australia Annual Meeting. Outcome - Gary Melling advised that he has raised two issues for discussion at the AGM (on agenda), these being the PESP support breakup to clubs and participation in the Annual BMW Motor Days in Germany. Outcomes will be reported back to the club in Apr/May.

**Item 6** – BMW Calendars for 2012. Outcome – They have finally arrived and are available for members for the outstanding price of \$5 each. OK, so we are a little late in getting them but the picture quality is outstanding. They will be available at the AGM for sale.

#### Reports

**Public Officer** – Steve Hay gave advice on current arrangements for the Xmas in July annual get together with the Victorians. To be held in Beechworth on Jun 30/Jul 1. More details to follow.

**Treasurer** – \$9257 currently in bank. Discussion on

reports at AGM and decision was taken to provide audited statement from last year along with unaudited statement from this year.

**Ride Coordinator** – There was discussions re upcoming rides over the coming weeks. This will be published on the club web site and notified through the normal email process.

**Secretary** – Email received from Clubs Australia advised of special deal for club members for the German DTM championship in 2012. This has been forwarded to Garry Smee for publishing in the club mag.

**AGM** - Apologies received from Ian and Janette Hahn, Ian and Margaret Warren along with Brian Weir for the AGM

**Membership** – Ian Hahn reported that we have 145 members with 48 yet to renew.

Meeting closed at 2003hrs before the members of the committee were arrested for loitering in the park.

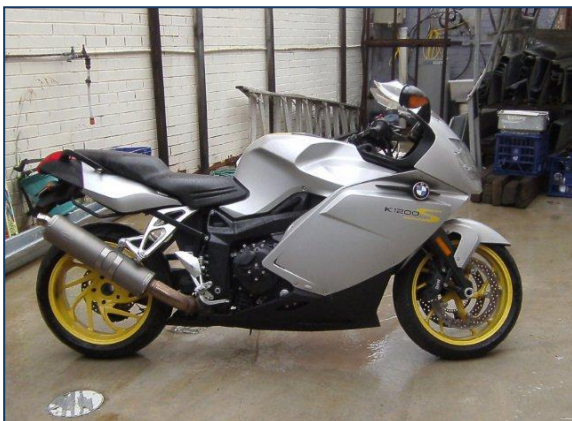
NOTE: - further action is being undertaken to establish accuracy of information and timeline for closure of Canberra Club and other businesses in that building. It seems we are the 'Kiss of Death' for Businesses supporting our meetings. More to follow.

### CLASSIFIEDS

BMW MCCACT 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 your ad. Ads from non-members may be restricted due to space limitations. The Editor and Webmaster have the right to modify (for space not content), refuse or reject any ad without reason.

### FOR SALE

**BMW K1200S** - 2007 model - 58,000k in very good condition and equipped with panniers. Silver with yellow rims (ie standard colours). The bike is located in Canberra - asking \$15,500. Phone Nandor Daday on 0413 877 487.



### BMW K75S (1989)



Reluctant sale of a beloved, utmost reliable and trusted companion of nearly eighteen years, in excellent condition and meticulously serviced (for the past 3 years by Mick Owens). Winner of Clubs Australia Best In Class 2 Valve K series 2004, Classic 2009 etc.

Includes pannier system and luggage rack, specialized rear shock absorber with re weighted fork springs, stain tune sports exhaust, genuine low seat option, fork gaiters, braided fuel and brake lines, polished honeycomb wheel rims and custom paint highlights. Heated handgrips, hazard lights, hubcap and sheepskin throw over – original manual and handbook complete this bike. Recently serviced (July) and registered until Jun 2012. All mechanical documentation and history provided. Glass valuation certificate supplied \$5150.00 ono, for more information or pictures contact [paulsherriekye@bigpond.com](mailto:paulsherriekye@bigpond.com).

**Due to a bike upgrade**, the following items are now surplus and for sale:

- Brand new top box (still in the original carton); Colour – Black; 49-litre capacity, will suit R1200RT, K1200GT, R1200. \$850.00 ONO

- R1200RT sheepskin seat covers. \$85

- Wunderlich bike cover will suit K1200LT, R1200RT (unfortunately it does not fit my bike), \$90.



Contact Mark Nugent on (02) 6155 1001

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### **2007 Honda postie bike**



31000 kms top box excellent condition.  
\$1800.00. Contact Colin McNally on 6238 1060  
or [colinmcnally@bigpond.com](mailto:colinmcnally@bigpond.com).

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### **2009 Suzuki DL650**

*(no picture)*

- ABS brakes
- White and black
- 17315kms from new
- Full service history by Dahltz M/C.

Farkles include: Centre stand, Rox handlebar risers, Scottoiler, Barkbusters, Oxford heated hand grips, Throttle lock, Shortie brake and clutch levers, anodised, Givi windscreen, Madstad adjustable windscreen bracket.

Richland Rick fork brace, foot peg-lowering plates and mirror extenders. Highway pegs on crash bars.

Pivot Pegs, Front guard extender, B&B bash plate, Radiator and oil cooler guard, Ricoh Intiminators in the front forks (gives a much suppler ride and improved handling); LED running lights on the forks, Phillips hi power headlight bulbs, Led taillight & indicators and LED side repeater strips at each indicator.

Givi E41 keyless panniers and V46 top box, Admore LED brake and rear lighting in panniers and top box, Hepco Becker crash bars, Gear position indicator/voltmeter with GPS RAM mount in custom panel. 3 power points around bike, including one that has plug in jumper leads with power distribution fuse box under seat.

I have not added up the cost of all these extras but it would have to be way over \$2K and probably over \$3K. The bike is immaculate, apart from a small scrape on the bottom of the LH pannier where I dropped it at walking pace in some gravel and a tiny mark on the RH tank

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surround where the PO fell over in his driveway.

It is registered until August in NSW, has good tyres (Heidenau front, Tourance rear) and has no issues whatsoever.

I am after \$8500 for it, which is a good price considering the extras and low mileage.

Happy to deliver anywhere for cost of fuel.

I will take photos and will email them as required.

Contact Alex Brown by phone 0429363290 or 02 62363290 or email [alexb1951@yless4u.com.au](mailto:alexb1951@yless4u.com.au)

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### **BMW Factory Low Seat for R1200RT (05-11)**

Part 5253 7718186, used twice. Lower than low position for stock seat (768mm). Cost \$540 new and for sale at \$275 ono.



Contact Bill Brown 0418 131 048.

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### **BMW Top Box 49 litre ( holds two helmets )**

Suits R1200RT, K1200GT, R1200. In excellent condition and comes with the pillion backrest. Colour - BMW standard silver. \$650ono.



Contact Bill Brown 0418 131 048

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## WANTED TO BE 😊

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### BMW R80GS

Preferably a Dakar, in going condition but not too flash or expensive as a project to rebuild for my son so that he can get into some rally's.

Olaf Moon

[Olafmoon@ozemail.com.au](mailto:Olafmoon@ozemail.com.au) 0418 21 4567

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### Krauser Pannier Locks



Des is looking for Krauser pannier locks or parts to suit the Starlet or Star 40 litre panniers.

Contact Des by phone 0419164442 or email

[desayres@optusnet.com.au](mailto:desayres@optusnet.com.au).

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Club Member and his new prototype BMW (surely).

Picture: Olaf Moon

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## 2012 BMW G650GS SERTAO REVIEW

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*The sporty BMW single cylinder enduro for offroad and everyday.*

With its new BMW G 650 GS Sertão, BMW Motorrad has added a new, sporting chapter to the history of single cylinders in the BMW GS family. Whereas the G 650 GS thrilled riders with its lean, wiry offroad stature, the G 650 GS Sertão promises even more sporting characteristics, even greater offroad capabilities, and an even stronger desire for adventure.

2012 BMW G650GS Sertao standard factory equipment Spoke Wheels, High Windshield, Aluminium Engine Guard, Handguards, Heated Grips, ABS

Running Gear: Adjustable rear rebound damping, Telescopic front fork with fork stabiliser, Braided steel brake hoses, Side stand with starter inhibit, Chain guard, Cast Aluminium wheels, Hydraulic rear spring preload adjuster, Single disk brake front and rear.

Electronics: Speedometer with total and trip odometers, rev counter and clock, Permanent headlamp beam.

Equipment: Toolkit, Windshield, Integral ignition and switch and steering lock, Side stand, Luggage rack, One key system for ignition, steering, fuel filler cap and storage compartment locks, Cockpit fairing fixed to frame, Lockable storage compartment at rear

Longer spring travels and wire spoke wheels for greater offroad fun.

Want one? Contact Josh or Graeme at Rolfes for an arrival date and book a test ride.

<http://www.totalmotorcycle.com/motorcycles/2012/models/2012-BMW-G650GSSertao.htm>

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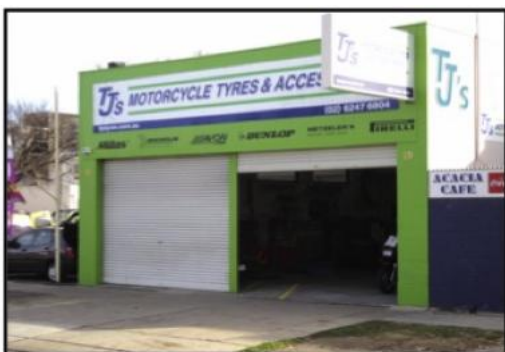
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