



Shaft Drive Lines

July 2012



What's On

- 3 - 5 August. Hat Rally, Araluen NSW
- 4 & 5 August. Border Run, Border Village SA/WA border
- 11 August. Off Centre Rally, Bramwell Station FNQ
- 12 August. Gluhwein Rally, Casuarina Sands (Cotter)

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

Web Site: Check the Club's website <http://www.bmwmccact.org.au> for updates to rides and social events and keep in touch by joining one of our Yahoo groups:

- BMW MCCA: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>.
- ACT Gravel surfers: <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 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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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

Here we are in the depths of winter and I see those hardy daily riders dressed like polar explorers, but longer days are coming and with it a busy calendar for the club. By the time you read this, many of us will have been down to Mallacoota for the weekend with another weekend ride planned for the mid-west of NSW - check the calendar for details.

Other highlights on the Spring calendar are the German Auto Fest, now known as Shannons German Autodisplay, held on September 23 in front of the National Library. This is a great opportunity to show off your bike as the club holds a concourse at this event, but if you don't think your bike is of "show quality" bring it along anyway as the general public is always impressed by the extent and variety of bikes and cars produced out of Germany. This is one of our bigger events and I urge all club members to come along to say g'day and catch up with what the club goings-on.

If you like a long ride to see more of our wide brown land, join our editor on his trek to the *Border Run* and the *Off Centre Rally*, details of both events are in this month's *What's On* calendar. Later in the month, several of us will be attending the weekend motorcycle races at Wakefield Park. Where a round of the YMF Loan Yamaha Australian FX Superbike Championships will be held.

Lastly, please come to our General Meetings and breakfasts and share experiences on why the BMW is the best bike for you and talk about rides and experiences you would like to share with like-minded individuals. It is an old saying that you only get out of life what you put in and this is true of our club. If you are looking for some company to go along on a ride or are looking for advice on clothing or getting your bike serviced or repaired. Come to a club event or drop me an email and they will always be several people who can assist.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Robert Myers R1200GS

Lee Talbot S1000RR

Alan St. Vincent R1200R

Sam Donney S1000RR

Welcome, see you on a ride ☺

CLUB MEETINGS



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

You can usually find parking past the Police Station here: <http://goo.gl/maps/NjrP>

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WHAT'S ON

Club members meet for an informal breakfast each Sunday from 0845 at the [Thymes Thirty Three Café](#) 3/33 Ellendon Street Bungendore. Owners Karen & Alison offer BMW Club members a free small coffee when they purchase the big breakfast of 2 eggs, bacon, sausage tomato and mushrooms for \$16.00.

Everyone is welcome from 0830-1000 and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards. Please free up the tables from 1000 if you are not eating to make way for other customers.

This calendar lists Club activities and updated on the web page (www.bmwmccact.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
August	Friday 3 Sunday 5	Hat Rally Araluen NSW. Araluen camping area approx 3kms before Araluen pub. Signposted from Braidwood. \$15.	Contact Al 0447 278 122. Back to basics. Firewood, limited water and toilets provided. Usual awards inc Best Hat. Low key rally in the valley
	Saturday 4 Sunday 5	Border Run, another unofficial rally for the hardcore rider meeting at the Border Village SA (to WA). For those that need a map .	Not a Club Run, but some rider's plan on doing both this and the OCR the following weekend.
	Saturday 11	OCR 2012 meeting on Saturday 11 August 2012 at Bramwell Station , far North Queensland, 3300km from Canberra and ~200km from Cape York.	You can read all about it on ADVrider (http://www.advriders.com/forums/showthread.php?t=668527) or load the Google Map Reference (12.093483 142.558383) into the navigator.
	Sunday 23	The Annual Gluhwein Rally. Meet at Casuarina Sands (Cotter) from 9:30am for a hot breakfast of egg and bacon rolls, and a variety of hot soups, fruit juice and coffee/tea.	Veteran & Vintage Motorcycle Club ACT www.vvcmcc.org
	Wednesday 8	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Wednesday 22	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Saturday 25 Sunday 26	TTT Thrasher's Terrifying Trek (or TTT Rally). Signposted off Wombeyan Caves Road, NSW on private property.	Unsealed roads and tracks that vary in consistency from easy hard gravel to treacherous mud and slime. Road bikes can make it in and out (usually without help). If you haven't done one of these before, expect the unexpected. The weather can change from year to year. Usually an explosive event and I don't just mean the port (which is lethal). Thrasher
	Friday 31 Sunday 2/9	2012 YMF Loan Yamaha Australian FX Superbike Championship @ Wakefield Park	See: http://www.formula-xtreme.com.au/
September	Saturday 1 Monday 10	2012 Postie Bike Challenge; Perth to Broome WA. See: http://www.postiebikechallenge.org/index.htm	Contact the Ride Coordinator
	Wednesday 12	Committee Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President
	Saturday 15 Sunday 16	BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham the centre of NSW; raises funds for MARI	For information see www.bmwtcnsw.org
	Sunday 16 Saturday 21	BMW GS Safari 2012 Ballina – Foster	Bookings are essential: http://www.bmwsafari.com
	Sunday 23	Shannons German Autodisplay. On the lawns of the National Library, Parkes ACT	Contact the Ride Coordinator
	Wednesday 26	General Meeting, The Canberra Club	Contact the President



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ALTERNATE BREAKFAST RIDE TO JUGIONG 3 JUNE 2012

Notwithstanding the cooler season now upon us, it's good to see that Club riders are still getting out and about on their bikes. Despite the previous night's inclement weather, 6 riders - bolstered by another 10 folks in tin-tops - rode out of Hall lay-by at 8:30 AM for breakfast at Jugiong's Long Track Pantry. Heading along the Barton Highway and then the "Doom Boreway", we had the usual uneventful ride, pulling into Jugiong at 9:30 AM, without encountering any showers, notwithstanding the dark and lowering clouds in places. I believe everyone enjoyed their breakfasts at The Pantry, or if they didn't, I didn't hear about it. Having been fed and warmed up by some hot food and drink, and with the sun coming through, Olaf Moon, Bill Brown, Ian Hahn, Sue Morgan and myself, headed north up the Jugiong Road to Harden.



From Harden we tracked about 4 kms east along the Burley Griffin Way to Cunningham, where we turned onto the Harden-Boorowa Road, riding through Boorowa's streets and picking up the Narrawa Road. Riding through some excellent scenery we passed through the small village of Rugby, climbing in altitude as we approached Crookwell. From our west approaches, Crookwell looked to be buried by dark cloud and looked ominously wet! On the outskirts of Crookwell, we re-grouped for a few minutes, while we waited for Ian to catch us up after his unscheduled stop in Rugby to examine the architecture of a quaint little brick building that was open to the public. We then pressed on to Goulburn, through lightening skies again. Passing the 100% full Pejar Dam on the Wollondilly River, between Crookwell and Goulburn it was hard to



(L-R) Olaf, Bill and Sue

recall that the same dam was essentially bone dry in mid 2009. After fuelling the bikes, we pulled into the "Greengrocer on Clifford" for a light lunch, coffee, and a break. Leaving Goulburn in mostly sunny weather, we split up with Bill and Ian heading home down the Federal Highway, while Olaf, Sue and I took the road to Tarago, Bungendore and home.

All up it turned out to be a fine day for a 450 km plus ride on the bike, with dry, mostly sunny skies, no traffic, excellent roads and of course, good company. As a day circuit, this has much to recommend it.

David Morgan, R1200GS

ALPINE RALLY, QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, 9TH-11TH JUNE

Editor Garry has very well covered the Alpine Rally; suffice to add that it was an entertaining time in a fine bush setting by the Goodrabidgee River, in good company. I'd left Queanbeyan for a brief lunch stop at Weston Maccas, then on towards Brindabella Valley. Pretty uneventful until I came across a feller who'd passed me in some hurry earlier on, parked at the road side a few clicks short of Piccadilly Circus.



*A conversation overheard Sunday morning:
"I hear it was minus 8 overnight...really?"*

Seemed he'd laid the bike down on the frosty surface of the next bend. Fortunately, he was mostly fine and the bike ok as well. His misfortune was my good fortune - to stay frosty when tracking along some of the well shaded bends. Notwithstanding several further patches of frosty road, they didn't amount to much and the rally site was made about 2 PM. With the tent set up, I caught up with Editor Garry and Jane Smee, El Presidente Martin and others around the fire.

Sometime after turning in, I heard the nearby gathering deciding to turn in also, having decided on their fire maintenance roster for the night. Shortly afterwards, one of them could be heard heading into the edge of the scrub and calling for someone named "Ralph". Dunno if he found him. Seemed like a waste of good alcohol. Notwithstanding the cold night, I was pretty warm in the down sleeping bag and on the [Exped Downmat](#). The latter proving again

that it is the best inflatable mattress going, well worth the expense. The following morning was pretty frosty, testament to the low temperatures overnight. However, site selection proved itself with the sun breaking cover and beaming in on my tent site. Nice one.

Having broken my fast and packing up, a neighbour was having no end of trouble getting his R80GS arced up. After some strenuous exercise by Editor Garry and me in trying to push-start him, to no avail, the job finally got done with Dieter's nifty pair of compact motorcycle jumper leads and Henning's bike. Even then, it took some coaxing before it finally fired up proper like. Hope the rider and his R80GS made home in Victoria ok. I left the rally at 11:00 AM, turning west at the Canberra-Tumut Road for Tumut.

The fang along that road was a good run in excellent weather before coming along a sports bike rider crawling along through the thick blue metal, laid own around the current working forest coupes. He pulled over and as I came up to him, he asked: "Gee, how much does this s#^t go on for?" I replied, "Only another 500m or so up and over the hill and he'd find good tar". Looking in the mirrors, I saw him pulling over at the top of the open hill where some other riders had stopped to admire the view. Of course, the tar started where I said, and I fully expected Sports Biker to come flying up past me, but he evidently stayed admiring the view. Or the blue metal.

I made Tumut, then Gundagai for a light lunch at the old Niagara Cafe. From there I'd hoped to take a minor road north towards Cootamundra, but couldn't pick it up through Gundagai, so decided to just go direct to Orange via the Hume to Coolac, then towards Cootamundra, turning off well prior to Cootamundra at the Old Gundagai Road to Wallendbeen, then on to Young for fuel, then Cowra, Canowindra, and finally making Orange about half 4. On Tuesday, I departed Orange just before noon for home via Blayney then the road south through Trunkey Creek to Crookwell, Gunning, Gundaroo and finally Queanbeyan. Notwithstanding the few showers around, the ride conditions were pretty good, rounding off a good weekends riding.

David Morgan, R1200GS,
Rides@BMWCMCCACT.org.au



(L) – The frosty breakfast; (R) ®, Yamaha XS Outfit (B) President Martin, Editor Garry & Jane, with Steve in the background all holding our stoves warming the hands. Pictures: D. Morgan

BMW SAFARI - BALLINA TO FOSTER NSW, 16-21 SEPTEMBER 2012



The BMW Safari organisers have a new website <http://www.bmwsafari.com/>; in future those registered for emails will get a short update and link to the website for detail. Alternatively, save the address as a favourite and visit whenever you want.

You can still register for this year's Safari, but time is running out and spots are filling fast. Due to a number of unplanned road closures the Safari will now finish at Foster NSW.



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BMW Clubs Australia Nationals 2013



Easter Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April 2013

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- Friday Night Meet and Greet Cocktail Party around the pool at Silverwater Resort.
- Saturday Celebration of Excellence on the lawns overlooking the water at Silverwater Resort.
- Saturday night Dinner at the Nobbies Function Centre and viewing of the Penguin Parade.



- Sunday Motorsport Sprint Day at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.
- Sunday Touring Event through the rolling hills of South Gippsland.
- Sunday option is to have some "Pace Car Laps" around Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.



- Sunday Night Presentation Dinner to be held at the Silverwater Resort.
- Monday Stayer's Lunch at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit Museum.
- Monday option is to race Go-Karts at the miniature Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Registration of Interest to nationals@bmwccv.com.au

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THE OCR2012 DIARY

The story so far, the *Off Centre Rally* or OCR is held every two years at a different location on a State-by-State rotating basis (excluding Vic & Tas), with the location agreed by those attending the previous rally according to the story. You can read about the OCR on Adventure Rider (www.advrider.com) then search the Australia page for OCR).

Whilst at the *Loaded Dog*, campfire talk was of this year's OCR at Bramwell Station (<http://www.bramwellstationtouristpark.com.au/>) about 200kms this side of Cape York FNQ. Rob was looking for a riding companion and with Jane's okay, I immediately set to preparing the R100GSPD for the ~7000km round trip.

This month saw the engine, gearbox and final drive oils changed; with new tyres and oil change planned for Cairns. Having overhauled the carburettors, I reset the valves and checked the timing. Using my new Wurth individual 0.10 & 0.20mm feeler gauges, I could remove the feeler gauge 'set' I used to carry saving a massive 75g. Of course, I won't be able to check final drive backlash, but plan not to have too. I also took this opportunity to replace the paper rocker cover gaskets with reusable silicone ones, the result of an earlier 'farkle spree'.



Wurth 0.10mm blade

Next on the list was the headlight, if I didn't own another bike the GS headlight would be akin to a butane lighter, but compared to the 1200ST, it is closer to a 1 year old's birthday candle. After an extensive Internet search, it came down to a HID retrofit or supplemental LED given the massive power generating capacity of this bike (~280W, probably near redline). I ended up getting a combination flood/spot LED whose performance turned out to be disappointing and probably explains why rally cars still have large conventional spot & flood lights.



(L) Xenon (R) Halogen

Back surfing I found two 'xenon' H4 globes for A\$10 including postage. Having arrived one was installed last night and compared with its predecessor a Repco 50%+ halogen in the driveway and performance measured using a Lux meter.

Distance from headlight (m)	Xenon (Lux)		Halogen (Lux)	
	Low	High	Low	High
0.5m	138	670	210	560
3.0m	33	29	82	46
6.0	5.0	3.2	6.0	5.0
12.0	2.3	1.4	2.4	2.1

Looking at my readings it would seem that there was little difference, but visually this was not the case, as having lit up the driveway, I cannot wait to give the new Xenon headlamp a road test.

Next on the list will be a test pack of gear, but given this will be the same rally gear that is left all over the 'formal lounge' this should not take long and order the TKC's to be fitted by Westco, Cairns BMW dealer and on a 5-7 day backorder.

PS: I gave my new headlight a run in the dark the other night and was suitably impressed; not as good as the ST's but significantly better than the candle flicker of old. Further our tyres have been ordered and are on their way north – 2 weeks to go ☺

Garry Smee
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The Annual Gluhwein Rally" Sunday, 12 August 2012

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hot soups, fruit juice and coffee/tea.

Then a ride up to Corin Dam, and return to Casuarina Sands
for a **BBQ lunch and hot Gluhwein** (*the famous Ray Scott
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AUGUST 2012 SHAFT DRIVE LINES

The Editor is going to the 2012 Off Centre Rally at Bramwell Station FNQ and will be away from Canberra for all of August. A shortage of volunteer editors suggests the August magazine will be published on my return in early September or possibly a bumper two-month issue. Late aspirants can contact the President.

Cheers

Garry
Editor *Shaft Drive Lines*

RUN-IN WITH A SNAKE

From the Editor: I received this from a friend and posted to an intranet bulletin board ~May 2012...

I was riding home Sunday night when I hit a snake on the road. This had to be the dumbest snake in the history of snakes because I think it was a grand total of 4 degrees outside. I tried to swerve but just clipped him. It threw the snake up and hit my shoulder bouncing off and landing in a neat pile on my fuel tank just next to my crotch. Mr snake decided then that it was too cold on the fuel tank and as I was unable to stop due to loose gravel on the side of the road, he then decided to slide under my jacket and wrap himself around my rather warm belly.

I figured at this stage it would be in my best interests to pull over. I stopped and very gently opened my jacket and removed the now comfortable snake. I have no idea what it was it was a dark night however, the snake was about 1-1.5m long and think it was all one colour but couldn't tell. Given that it was in the ACT, it was probably very deadly (makes a better story if it was).

For those who were concerned about the snake I don't think I hurt it if I had I would have been bitten and there was no blood on me or the bike when I got home.

IMPROVING CLUB MEMBER RIDING SKILLS

One of the Club's objectives is to improve club members riding skills. In recent years, the Club has sponsored and organised rider skills training and motorcyclist first aid courses. This year the Committee has adopted a different approach where you book, pay and attend a selected rider training program and on completion present your 'certificate' to the Treasurer who will reimburse you \$100 off the course cost. Sorry no reimbursement for travel, accommodation, meals or entertainment: training course only.

The Committee has approved the following training providers and courses. If you find another one, please send the details to the Committee@bmwmccact.org.au for consideration.

- Stay Upright ACT @ Sutton, <http://www.stayupright.com.au/stay-upright-act-0>
- Academy of Off Road Riding @ Nelligen, <http://www.academyoffroadriding.com.au/adventure-bike-courses/>
- Top Rider Motorcycle Rider Training @ Marulan, <http://www.toprider.com.au/Pages.asp?PageID=42> (occasionally in Canberra, check the web).

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, the subsidy is capped at 20 member courses for 2012. We will keep you up to date on where we are at and if you are concerned please email the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMW MCCA ACT Inc. Yes, we will check.
- You must book, pay and attend a course with one of the 3 rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your certificate to the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au with your contact and bank details who will reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can only be reimbursed once in this program cycle, April 2012 to March 2013.

CLUB MEMBER FIRST AID TRAINING

Know all there is to know about cornering, braking and riding safely on road or dirt? Then maybe a first aid course is more to your liking or need; not having done a rider skills course.

The Club has arranged and will subsidise a motorcyclist centric first aid course. This one-day course will not turn you into a paramedic, but may give you the skills to help at an accident until one turns up. Depending on where you are, this may be quite a wait and worth having some basic first aid skills like:

- Being Prepared
- Mechanism of Injury
- Scene Safety
- DRABCD action plan & CPR
- Choking
- Wounds & Bleeding
- Head, Neck and Spinal injury
- Chest & Abdominal injury
- Breaks & Dislocations
- Medical Emergencies

The dates of each course will be notified by email, so may sure that you are a financial member and look out for the email. More Rules: Only BMW MCCA ACT financial members will be accepted and preference given to those who have not completed a previous first aid course.

The cost of the subsidised course is \$40 per member who can live without the certificate and \$50 for those who want to be assessed and if successfully completed awarded a nationally recognised qualification in 'Provide Emergency Life Support' (HLTFA201B).

'Remember the life you save doesn't have to be your own, so make sure you bring a riding buddy.'

CLUB IDENTIFICATION

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Looking for a sticker of the Club logo for your bike or badge to wear? Small Stickers \$0.50, large ones \$1.00 and enamel pin badges \$5.00. Send an email to Ian Hahn at members@bmwmccact.org.au to arrange for pickup, delivery and payment.



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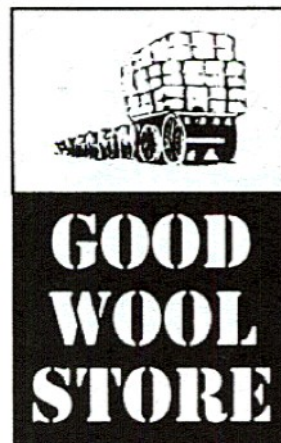
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THE EDITORS FILL

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 with captions and photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

We have broken the back on short riding days, but not the cold it seems. With the *Alpine* and *Casper Rally's* done for another year, my winter sleeping bag has gone to the back of the wardrobe. With the *OCR*, *Cold Flame Rally*, the Club's *Kosziousko Rally* and Casey Stoner's last MotoGP at Phillip Island in October along with the Shannon German Autodisplay and Club concourse my riding year is looking full. Throw in work and some University studies and Christmas will be here and another year done.

If you have wanted to get involved in the Club, then why not nominate yourself to assist with the *Kosziousko Rally* or Christmas (Awards) Dinner. Contact the Ride Coordinator Dave Morgan or Social Secretary Steve Hay respectively as there is nothing surer than volunteer hands making light work.

A plug for the VVCMCC *Gluhwein Rally*, this attracts a good collection of pre-60's rattlers for those into those, but the rally also attracts a lot of 70's and 80's euro sport bikes generally in very good condition.

Lastly corrections; I apologise to members for getting the Winter in June (July) dates wrong; to Jim and friends who organise the *Loaded Dog Rally* and not the Wobbly Boot Tourers (who are all very nice) and *The Ton* (as in 100mph) who entertained us in the howling frost chilled wind. It's good to see at least two people read the magazine and as penance will send myself to FNQ for a month.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee

Editor@bmwmccact.org.au

27TH CASPER RALLY



After the *Alpine Rally*, the weather at this year's SCUM MTC 27th *Casper Rally* was balmy. Alan's (F800ST) plan to make an early start and stop for lunch on our way to Bummaroo Ford Campground the home of the *Casper* had a slight setback with his blown headlight and detour to Supercheap for a replacement. Garry (R100GSPD) compounded the delay by catching up with his neighbour back from the coast and renovations to the retirement home.

Mitchell (F650GS), our tame Rolfe BMW apprentice mechanic was on hand to provide technical assistance but wouldn't touch the non-genuine BMW part; and there we were thinking we had Roadside Assist.

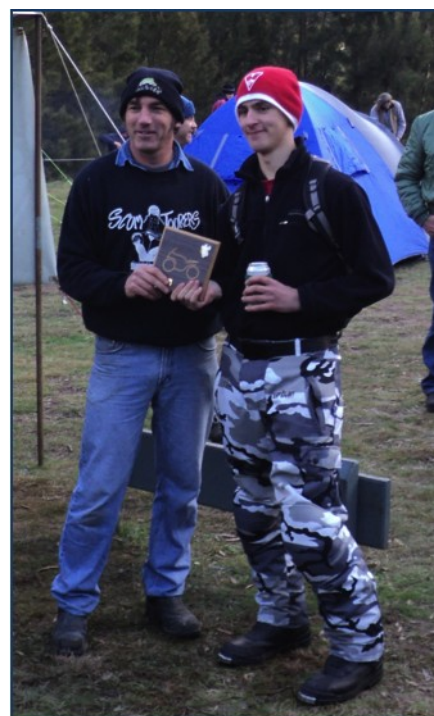
Fuelled and ready to go we made a slow and steady assessment of every red-light between Tuggeranong and Watson before making the Federal Highway and turning off for Sutton, Gundaroo, Gunning, Crookwell and Taralga. The short sections of dirt between Crookwell and Taralga were evidence of councils efforts to improve and upgrade this road at the expense of *Gravel Surfers* but when finished will add another local road to the sport bike list. Stopping at the Taralga Hotel for light refreshments we were welcomed by a warming fire, good lunch and pleasant hosts; a welcome change to some recent ride stops. We weren't alone with a few other rallyists stopping by for the same and buying the necessary anti-freeze and social dis-inhibitors.

Under threatening skies, we made short work of the Taralga – Bummaroo Ford (Abercrombie River) rally site and checking in and collecting a few raffle tickets in anticipation. Whilst looking for a campsite we came across Sue and Dave Morgan (Ride Coordinator) and parked alongside. We had only just off loaded the bikes and made the first firewood run, before being summoned back for the awards and raffle.

Sue and Dave had a good outing taking home a weekend for two at a Batlow B&B, a bottle of tawny port and a 50mm x 1m Gotcha strap (see https://www.adventuremoto.com.au/index.php?cPath=131_168); whilst Alan, Mitchell and I could only score a bottle of red after dinner cordial. Mitchell also took out the *Youngest Rider* award amongst the usual



<http://www.taralgahotel.com/>



Mitchell claiming the 'Youngest Rider' award from Andy, SCUM's president.



Winners are grinners: (L) Sue & Dave Morgan, a no tent weekend away to Batlow including drinks. The also rans: (R) Alan and Mitchell, a bottle of red stuff.

awards and a unique one that ranks the largest engine capacity bike and rider making the shortest distance run to the rally or the most inappropriate use of horsepower.



A paddock of BMW's

Awards and raffle done we caught up with other rallyists and recounted our various exits from the *Alpine Rally* (see Dave Morgan's [pg6](#) story) and ride to the *Casper* and travels in-between before making our way back, fire wood #2 in-hand, to make camp. Tents up and beds made, it was time to light the fire that despite our best scouting skills only came to light with the assistance of Dave's fire lighters and liberal application of Alan's Metho; anyway who needs to cook Trangia style when you have a caveperson approved camp fire.

Camp made, fire lit, dinner done all that was left to do was socialise and watch

the embers glow...glow...then darken...and emergency fire wood collection trip #3 to see us through until morning. More so as early riser Sue kicked the embers back into life, so that by the time we arose, all we had to do was warm the hands.

With Mitchell off to BMW Springvale for his first 'factory training' course, we made an early start home. Saying our farewells over coffee we headed back the same way, with a stop at Maureen & Russell's *Lynams Café* in Crookwell for breakfast, who according to the [Crookwell Gazette](#) recently celebrated 30 years in the business. Our run home was made in good time and without incident accompanied by gusty winds that kept our attention and very little traffic closing out another great weekends riding.

Garry Smee, R1200ST



2012 Casper Rally crew: Dave (R1200GS), Garry (R1200ST), Sue (R1200R), Alan (F800ST), Mitchell (F650GS) and missing Steve (R1150RT)



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- Best BMW Sports bike
- Best BMW Touring bike
- Best BMW GS bike
- Best Pre 1985 BMW bike
- Presidents Choice BMW

A \$2 entry fee is collected from each rider for his or her bike, at time of entry to support the organising committee running the event.

Contact Martin Robertson (President@bmwmccact.org.au) or Steve Hay (Social@bmwmccact.org.au)

CLUB GOING ON'S

CLUB GENERAL MEETING 27 JUNE 2012

The meeting opened at 1952.

Apologies: G. Smee, S. Hay, G. Melling, D. Morgan, and S. Morgan.

Club Activities

The President advised that only one person had applied for the Rider Training grant from the club at this time.

The Social Secretary & the President were coordinating functions to be held in conjunction with BMW MCCVIC at Beechworth next weekend.

The BMW Motor Club is holding an event at Phillip Island 29th March thru 01 April 2013.

The President described the Brindabella Rally with apparently a good roll up but very cold conditions. Ameliorated somewhat by the local farmer providing copious amounts of firewood and free access to the property.

The Treasurer

Advised current bank balance of \$9336.09 that includes the Christmas in July balance.

The First Aid course that was so well attended last time around was not yet finalised. Cost will be approximately \$60, but a contractor and venue are yet to be finalised.

An auditor for last year's accounts has yet to be arranged. Our last auditor is currently recuperating after an accident.

Membership

The Membership Secretary advised that we have 171 members. This comprises 123 members and 48 dual memberships.

General

Discussion followed about increasing social activities and suggestions included:

Chomp & chat revival. Social nights (movies, coffee, no-ride Sundays for a BBQ at, say, Point Hut etc). Joint German bike & car club functions. The Gold Coast BMW club had cards printed with "Wanna go 4 a ride with us" which were placed on BMW bikes found in parking lots etc.

The meeting closed at 2107.

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

Rolfe Classic BMW have an eBay store here: <http://stores.ebay.com.au/Rolfe-Classic-BMW>

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Michelin Cross Competition Tyre (new)

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WANTED TO BE 😊

K100 Koni Shock

Koni shock to fit K100, K75 must be in good condition. Call or text Peter on 047 512 474 or email Peter at pweee@optusnet.com.au.



R100GS Rear Wheel

The Editor is looking for a rear wheel in good condition for a R100GS (4 bolt pattern), so that he can change between knobbies and road tyres. The one Upside Down Greg generously donated him is beyond economical repair.

Contact Garry at garrysmee@gmail.com

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PO Box 4042 Weston Creek, 2611

EFT to: BSB 806-022, account 03318092.

Account name: BMWMCCACT

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

Payment Type: (please check) EFT ☐ Cheque ☐ Money Order ☐

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

\$40.00 plus \$5.00 joining fee. Total \$45.00

(If joining after the general meeting in October the fee is \$20.00 + joining fee)

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An extra \$5.00 is required for Partner, Joint or Family Membership.

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Participants in Club activities are advised that they do so at their own risk. You are required to obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

I / We agree to comply with the rules of the BMW MCC ACT according to its Constitution.

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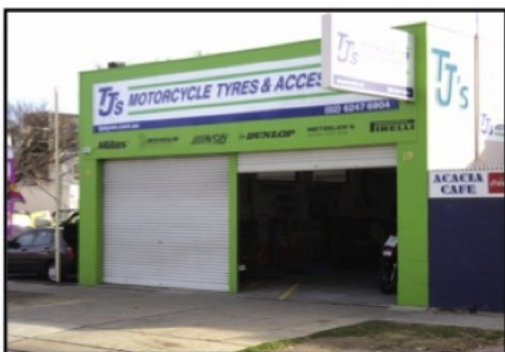
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