



Shaft Drive Lines

February 2013



2013-14 Membership Renewals are now overdue













What's On

- March Sunday 3 Alternate Breakfast, [Outsider Café](#), Captains Flat.
- March Sunday 24 Black Dog Ride, Leaves CMC Fyshwick
- March Wednesday 27 BMW MCCA 2012 AGM & 2013 Committee Election. Rolfe Classic Motorrad Showroom, Botany Street, Phillip.



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ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings: For 2013, monthly Club meetings will start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at president@bmwmccact.org.au.

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.

Whilst we make every effort to keep the [What's On](#) page 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 Membership Secretary of changes to your contact details. The website contains the most up-to-date information.

Charity Support: Profits from the Club's Kosciuszko Rally, held each October, are used to support a nominated charity. There was no profit in 2012.

PRIVACY OF CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION

The Club's *Privacy & Spam* policy is available on the webpage or on request.

SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the Editor has absolute discretion, we welcome contributions to the Club's magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Email is preferred to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au or by @mail to

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DISCLAIMER

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

The opinions, articles and pictures published in this magazine are those of the individual writer and not the BMW MCCA Inc, Editor or BMW Motorrad. Technical articles and other such information where provided is for use at the discretion of the individual and are not intended to detract from genuine BMW spares, service and warranty.



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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

I do hope you are all getting out on your bikes to enjoy the best riding season of the year and the company of fellow BMW enthusiasts. There is no reason to stay at home if you lack companions or ideas for destinations, as the past month was typical of our calendar. Starting with the Alternate Breakfast in Jugiong, the NSW Touring Club's 36th annual Karuah River Rally, a day ride to Eden, the Adventure Bike Training Course on the South Coast and finishing with the TS Safari in Victoria.

What all these events do show is that the Club has an event to suit everyone's calendar, spare time and riding style. However, these events do not organise themselves, so if you would like to assist the Club in a formal way, please look at the committee and supporting positions and put in a nomination for a role. The AGM will be held at Rolfe BMW on 27th March where elections for all the management positions will be held. Please contact me for a profile and responsibilities of any committee position or supporting role.

If you aren't able to assist the Club via the Committee, you can still help at the General Meeting Breakfasts or lead a ride on your favourite route. The Ride Coordinator would appreciate these ideas and assistance. Also, our Editor is always looking for ride reports, adventure stories and product reviews to share in the Club's magazine. Ideas and suggestions for Club activities, whether they are social gatherings, rides or magazine stories will always be considered. So talk or email any of the Committee with your suggestion and we may all benefit from the idea.

See you all at the AGM

Martin Robertson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

None this month ☹

CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings for 2013 will be roving and held at 0930 on the third Sunday of each month, following a BBQ breakfast and before a ride decided on the day. The venue will be advised by email to members and on the Club webpage or contact the President president@bmwmccact.org.au.

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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. 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.bmwsmccact.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](#)

Date	Detail	Contact
4 th Sunday each month	For 2013, monthly Club meetings will start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. A BBQ breakfast from 0830 is available to members and visitors (\$5 for an egg & bacon roll and a coffee) followed by the meeting and a ride after decided on the day.	The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at president@bmwmccact.org.au .
Riding events	Rides will be notified by email and updated on the webpage. If you are going on a ride and want company, then email the Ride Coordinator before hand with ride and contact details and an email will be sent to members.	Contact the Rides Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au)
Social events	Social events will be notified by email and updated on the webpage. If you want to come to or plan a social event and looking for company then email the Social Secretary before hand with event and contact details and an email will be sent to members.	Contact the Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au)

2013	Date	Detail	Contact
March	Sunday 3	Alternate Breakfast - Outsider Café , 86 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat NSW 2623. (02) 6236 6160	Make your own way there for 0930 Social@bmwmccact.org.au
	Friday 8 Monday 10	28th Annual Cold Flame Rally, NSW. Pinch River site, Barry Way approx 64kms, 33kms dirt, south of Jindabyne.	Sue & Bob Coleman, email srcoleman@bigpond.com
	Wednesday 13	BMWCMCCACT Committee Meeting	Contact president@bmwmccact.org.au .
	Saturday 16 Sunday 17	Weekend ride to Mudgee. Details TBA closer to the date – watch for the email.	Rides@bmwmccact.org.au
	Friday 22 Sunday 24	MRA Capital Rally, Caloola Farm 32km south of Tuggeranong on the Bobeyan Road	See this magazine for information. GS riders can go via Captains Flat – Cooma – Adaminaby – Bobeyan Road ~334km.
	Sunday 24	Black Dog Ride (see the flyer in this magazine); http://www.blackdogride.com.au/	Meet Canberra motorcycle Centre from 0830; ride leaves at 1000 Rides@bmwmccact.org.au
	Wednesday 27	2012 AGM & 2013 Committee Election BMW Rolfe Classic Motorrad Showroom Botany Street, Phillip. BBQ from 1800 and Meeting starts 1930	See the nomination form in this magazine President@bmwmccact.org.au Bring Your Own Chair!
April	Sunday 7	Alternate Breakfast – Paragon Café 174 Auburn Street, Goulburn NSW 2580 Leaving BP Servo Watson 0830	Social@bmwmccact.org.au
	Wednesday 10	New 2013-14 BMWCMCCACT Committee Meeting!	Contact President@bmwmccact.org.au

2013	Date	Detail	Contact
	Saturday 20 Sunday 21	Weekend ride to Buchan Caves (or thereabouts). There are separate routes for GS and TS riders. Email + details to follow.	Rides@bmwmccact.org.au
	Sunday 28	Venue TBA. Monthly Meeting (& breakfast) \$5 for an egg & bacon roll and hot drink.	President@bmwmccact.org.au
May	Sunday 26	Monthly Meeting (& breakfast) \$5 for an egg & bacon roll and hot drink.	President@bmwmccact.org.au

20TH ANNIVERSARY OIL HEAD RALLY



The Club is proposing to hold a rally in Canberra to celebrate the 20th anniversary of BMW's oil cooled horizontal twin engine.

This is a call for volunteers to help plan, prepare for and conduct the rally to be held in Spring 2013.

Here is YOUR opportunity to be involved with the Club and fellow BMW enthusiasts.

Contact Martin Robertson at President@bmwmccact.org.au.

Planning has started!



Riders on this year's BMW TS Safari were treated to some special offers that any BMW fan would love to be a part of; first rides of the "Wasser boxer". Following the TS Safari, 20 lucky riders had the opportunity to test ride the highly anticipated 2013 R1200GS "Wasser Boxer" and yet to be launched F800GT. TS'ers only had to grab a raffle ticket during the event and winners randomly selected through the week. Those lucky few Safari riders were the first people in the country to ride these new models.

NEW TO OR WANT TO TRY RALLYING?

Then why not try the MRA Capital Rally at [Caloola Farm](#) this 22-24 March, only 32km south of Tuggeranong. Camping not your thing, then why not make a day ride of it and meet the people! The MRA put on a BBQ and provide toilets and drinks, so there is no excuse not to get out for a ride or overnight.



For the more adventurous, then bring the tent and weather permitting make the most of the camp fires and story telling or at least take a swim in the river, water gods permitting.

The MRA provides a valuable advocacy for motorcyclists and motorcycling community a most worthy cause – by going and buying a badge, not only will you start your collection, but provide support to you in the form of a political voice. See you there...



Ride Coordinator Dave Morgan admires his next bike, BMW's 'Wasser Cooled' R1200GS at the recent Phillip Island Classic Races.

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BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF THE ACT INCORPORATED NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

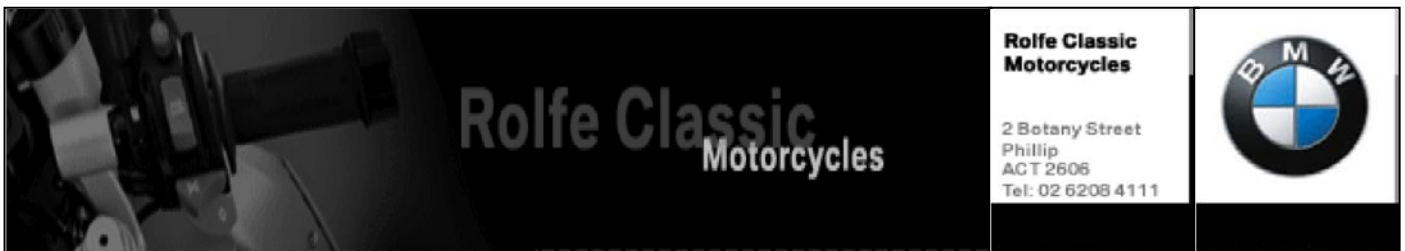
Financial members of the BMW Motorcycle club of the ACT Incorporated (BMW MCCACT, the Club) are invited to attend the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Club commencing 1930 (7.30PM) at [Rolfe Classic Motorcycles](#) showroom 2 Botany Street Phillip on Wednesday 28 March 2013.

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
4. President's Address
5. Presentation of the preliminary (unaudited) 2012/13 Treasurer's Report.
6. Election of Committee and office bearers for 2013/14:
 - 6.1. President
 - 6.2. Vice President
 - 6.3. Secretary
 - 6.4. Ride Coordinator
 - 6.5. Membership Secretary
 - 6.6. Treasurer
 - 6.7. Public Officer
 - 6.8. Webmaster
 - 6.9. Editor
 - 6.10. Social Secretary
7. Naming and call for nominations for position of delegate to BMW Clubs Australia. The President is responsible for appointing a person to this position.
8. Declaration of election results and naming of the Club Committee for 2013/14.

AGM Business

9. Members to vote on advised amendments to the Club's constitution. Notice of the amendments have been emailed to members and posted to the Club's webpage www.bmw-mccact.org.au.
10. Josh & Michael, Sales Executives Rolfe BMW Motorrad will notify the best article published in the Club magazine *Shaft Drive Lines* during 2012.
11. Members may raise business associated with running of and relevant to the Club. Note the AGM is separate to general monthly meetings.
12. Meeting Closed.



The Committee would like to thank Josh, Michael and Rolfe Classic Motorcycles BMW for the use of their showroom and continued support to the Club.

Rolfe's will be offering members and those present on the night special offers and discounts on floor stock, so come along and bring the cash or credit card for that special something that you didn't realise you needed.

If your bike needs a service, why not give Phil Henderson a call or if you're looking for parts then talk with Chris Hodges on 6208 4111.

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Having heard glowing reports of what a fun time is to be had at the classic bike racing held each January at Phillip Island, Sue and I thought it was time we checked it out for ourselves. Accordingly, we packed the bikes the night before, hoping for a reasonably early departure. Getting away just after eight the following morning, we made our final destination, the trackside campground, after stops at Nimmitabel (coffee), Cann River (lunch, gasoline) and Yarram (coffee, more gasoline). Although it was tad longer, the South Gippsland Highway route south of Sale, via Yarram, Welshpool, Foster, Fish Creek, Inverloch is a less busy and more scenic ride than continuing on the Princes Highway to Morwell, etc.

We checked into the track, picked up the tickets and after being told to "pitch the tent anywhere", we duly did, after ensuring we weren't blocking any of the racers from moving their trucks/vans to the track proper at the "book ends" of each day. Being our first time camping trackside, we found the campsite was pleasantly located in the treed grounds of the café/museum/visitors centre complex. Having got the tent & camp sorted, we emptied the R1200R's top box and panniers and headed into Cowes to pick up some supplies/refreshments and grab a bite to eat. Returning to the track with the top box of Sue's R1200R full of ice and drink, we spent the remainder of the evening socialising with fellow campers.

As is usual on any three-day race meeting, the Friday is the quietest in crowd terms and the best day to visit the exhibits and stands. One surprise was at a BMW marquee where BMW had one of the new



Sue Morgan admires the new "precision cooled" R1200GS

"Precision Cooled" R1200GSs on display. Having read about it in various fora, it was something else to see it in the metal. Overall, it looked a very good package, well engineered, but which only time will tell us just how good it really is.

Compared to World Superbikes (WSBK) and MotoGP at the Island, the most noticeable difference with the Island Classics, is just how much freedom to wander about everywhere there is. You can pretty much wander in and about the pits and the central paddock are, with the only "no go" area being pit straight and the track itself.

Then there's the racing itself, which didn't disappoint, being conducted at a fast and furious pace. Management of the very full, three-day program of events was well handled by the race officials. Of course, there was some pretty impressive machinery on display – both on track and in the pit areas. One very nice looking machine was the Irving Vincent Black Lightning, ridden by Beau Beaton. The sidecars were very entertaining as well, being one aspect of motorcycle racing not able to be appreciated at the WSBK and MotoGP. In addition to the racing machinery, there was much to be appreciated in the pit parking area, where many folks had their own piece of classic biking out for the weekend and on display.



Nicely maintained Ducati single

One highlight of the weekend was the four demo sessions by Giacomo Agostini on the classic MV machinery. Given that he'd only arrived, jet lagged, into the country the day before, he had it pretty well dialled in from the get go. He only got better in his ensuing three sessions, of two to three laps each. Ago was also the main attraction at the Saturday night dinner, which according to a fellow BMW rider was an entertaining evening out.

Plenty of characters abound in the bike racing business, not least of which was the dreadlocked, Patric Nussbaum, from NZ riding his 1988 ZX10 Becker Kawasaki street fighter. He got a telling off by the race marshall for pulling a burnout at the grid, after just pulling up at the end of the warm-up lap. At the next race, he pulled an impressive "stoppy" at the end of the warm-up lap instead, much to the entertainment of the nearby crowd.

The occasionally fickle Phillip Island weather did the right thing for the most part. A shower on Friday and some cool breezes, tapered off by the following day. By late Sunday afternoon with racing done and dusted, it was time for some of the racers and crews to relax a tad more, as made apparent by the partying well into the night in some areas of the campground. Come Monday morning, we packed up the tent and bikes and were soon retracing our route home, stopping at Yarram (brunch, gasoline) and Cann River (coffee, more gasoline), and copping a rain shower from just south of Williamsdale, before reaching Jerra.

If you have considered going to the Island Classic, but haven't yet, its good value for money, with a full weekend of quality entertainment, at a reasonable price, but without the contention of huge crowds. And from our part of the world, there's many good bike roads in the "getting there" part too.



Well-sorted Indian twin



One of the best looking bikes at the weekend, Irving Vincent 1000, ridden by Beau Beaton



Classic race bike - a Norton Manx



The race marshals sort out the grid

2013 CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COMMITTEE ELECTION

Rolfe Classic BMW Motorrad have offered to host the Club's AGM in their 2 Botany Street Phillip showroom from 1930 27 March 2013 preceded by a free BBQ from 1800. **Bring your own chair!**

The AGM is an important event on the Club calendar with all members encouraged to attend and fulfils a number of important functions to maintain our incorporated status including (1) President's report (2) presentation of the clubs financial accounts, (3) vote on any constitutional amendments (4) election of a new Committee for 2013-14.

You must be a current financial member of the Club to nominate for a committee position and vote at the AGM. Annual memberships are due on 28 February 2013. Look out for the email or paper invoice and please pay on time so you can practise your democratic rights in how the Club operates.

Want to be part of the Committee and help run the Club? No prior experience is required but enthusiasm is, as is a small commitment of time to attend the various committee meetings. The committee positions and functions include:

- **President.** Holds the formal position representing the Club to members, BMW Clubs Australia, other BMW and motorcycle clubs and community.
- **Vice President.** Deputises for the President if away or unable to fulfil his or her duties.
- **Ride Coordinator.** Coordinates the Club's riding calendar. Members are encouraged to submit their own ideas for rides or lead a ride to their favourite destination. Club rides are posted to the website, included to the magazine and emailed to members.
- **Secretary.** Responsible for taking and publishing the Committee, AGM and Monthly meeting Minutes; monitors the Club's post office box and responds to correspondence and other matters pertaining to the Club.
- **Treasurer.** Maintains the Club's financial accounts including membership applications and renewals, advertising and other revenues, whilst paying accounts as required. A financial balance sheet is required at the AGM and submittal to the ACT Registrar's office through the Public Officer.
- **Public Officer.** Is responsible for the maintaining the Club's incorporation with the ACT Office of Regulatory Services. For more information see here: <http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/associations>
- **Membership Secretary.** Manages the Club memberships register and processes new and renewing membership applications. From 2013 this will be on-line using the Club's new website and software.
- **Social Secretary.** Responsible for arranging the Club Award & Christmas dinner, alternate year mid-winter Club dinner and weekend with the BMW MCCVIC and infrequent social activities not necessarily motorcycle related.
- **Webmaster.** Looks after the Club's online presence www.bmw-mccact.org.au that requires some back of house IT skills or enthusiasm to learn.
- **Editor.** Edits and arranges publishing of *Shaft Drive Lines*, the monthly magazine of the BMW MCCACT. An opportunity to put into practice your hidden or latent journalistic talent.

- **BMW Clubs Australia Delegate.** Represents the Club at BMW Clubs Australia that provides a formal link between BMW Australia and the various BMW motorcycle and car clubs in Australia. There is generally one formal meeting per annum in Melbourne.

If standing for a formal position is not for you, yet, then why not volunteer to assist in other regular club activities like the Club's *Kosciuszko Rally*, Club concourse run concurrently with *Shannons German Auto Day* or monthly breakfast and meeting. Or contact any of the Committee members to find out what is involved. You will get more from the Club by contributing to it rather than sitting on the sidelines. Why complain when you can do!



CLUB MEETING @ BLACK MOUNTAIN

Jane (pics) & Garry Smee, R1200ST

President Martin's January monthly meeting, c/w breakfast and RC Dave's ride after popularity continues to rise. January's meeting saw 25 (or 27) members attend to watch the mad people (rowers, runners & cyclists) wear out their bodies whilst munching on a egg & bacon roll washed down with latte coffee for \$5. Followed by ~7+ heading off to Cowra by indirect means for lunch (see [Martin Little's story](#)). Next meeting is Sunday 24 Feb at Molonglo Reach Picnic Area.



2013-2014 Committee Nomination Form

Only a current financial member of the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Incorporated (the Club) can nominate and be elected to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Ride Coordinator, Social Secretary or Membership Secretary. See the Club Constitution for details at www.bmwsmccact.org.au.

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

I (print name) of
..... (print address), being a current financial
member of the BMWSMCCACT (the Club) wish to nominate for election to the following
2013-14 Committee position(s):

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

A financial member of the Club must second all nominations.

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

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

.....
(print date)

Return this completed form to the secretary@bmwsmccact.org.au as a PDF file or @mail marked for the Attention of the Secretary, BMWSMCCACT PO Box 4042 Weston Creek ACT by 13 March 2013.

BMWCCACT ONLINE

The Club is moving online to a new home <http://bmwmccact.wildapricot.org/>

Your complaints, the Webmaster's bloodied fingers, Treasurer's gnashing of teeth and new Membership Secretary's anticipated joy have been heard. After months of research the Webmaster, supported by the Committee have selected the *Wild Apricot* software platform as our new cyber-home.

Your current membership details have been transferred and your email address is the basis of your online account. A temporary one-use password will be emailed to you directly. Once you have your login and password you can customise your information and update personal details in real time and contact other members directly or collectively.

The Ride Coordinator will update rides and email members directly, whilst the Treasurer can generate invoices (for renewals) automatically with members able to pay directly online, again in real time. In addition, intending members can join online directly to the Membership Secretary. Future options include setting up an online store for Club regalia; members posting their own ride reports and pictures to the webpage and creation of member special interest groups.

The Committee intends using the new software to generate the 2013 Membership renewals for your payment by 28 February 2013. If you want to stand for election to the 2013 Committee or vote at the 2013 Annual General Meeting you need to be a current financial member of the Club.

Despite exhaustive background testing, there may be some teething issues. If you have any concerns please email the Webmaster directly but remain positive, patient and understanding.

This software will enhance the Club's on line presence, intended to make your engagement with the Club a more attractive experience and lighten the burden on the Committee charged with operating the Club on your behalf.

IMPROVING 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.academyofoffroadriding.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 BMWCCACT 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 IDENTIFICATION

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 members@bmwmccact.org.au to arrange for pickup, delivery and payment.

CLUB RIDE TO COWRA 20 JANUARY 2013

Martin Little, R1200GS, Photomontage. See Dave Morgan's same ride [report](#).



Save someone's life, donate and share your blood now. Do not forget to tell them that you are with the BMWCCACT and you need to register your preference online beforehand!

PRODUCT REVIEW – REDVERZ GEAR “EXPEDITION SERIES II” TENT

David Morgan, R1200GS

Reaching that stage in life when a tad more comfort when motorcycle camping, is welcome, I had been researching the market for tents that were still reasonably light and packed down enough to carry on a bike, and yet was high enough to stand up in. As a consequence of this exercise, I settled on the Expedition Series II Tent from Redverz Gear. The Redverz web site blurb claim that the tent was designed with motorcyclists in mind, having amongst other features, the ability to "garage" your bike in the mid section of the tent. I bought the tent online from Adventure Moto, who included a ground sheet that fits under the floor of the inner tent, as part of the deal. The tent weighs 6 kg (13 lbs) and packs down to 23 cm x 53 cm (10 in x 21 in). When set up the tent provides 1.95 m of headroom.

Setting up was very quick, a matter of a few minutes, comparable to setting up my smaller Black Wolf hiking tent. Three aluminium section poles provide the main structure. Setting up is simply a matter of pegging out the outline of the tent, then feeding the three poles through their respective sleeves and securing the ends. Job done! If the wind picks up significantly, as we found out on our first morning at Phillip Island, the person ropes provide effective stability in the face of the gales. The supplied pegs are aluminium and quite up to the job, although we did notice that a couple had started to bend at the tops where they had been hammered into the harder ground. I have since supplemented the original pegs with a few similar ones acquired from Anaconda, as back ups. The vestibule areas providing ample room for storing gear while at the same time, having sufficient room to cook, relax, etc, under cover when conditions are not so clement. When packing the tent away, getting it well rolled up tight is key to keeping the packed size down, so we found the supplied straps and clips less useful (i.e. inclined to "slip" around when pulling them tight) than a pair of cords with loops at one end, which were more effective in tightening up the tent roll. Although at the high end of the price range, you get what you pay for overall, in that the tents are good quality, light and small for their size. Well suited to motorcycling.

More information on the tents themselves can be found at the Redverz Gear web site <http://redverz.com/Tent-SeriesII.html>

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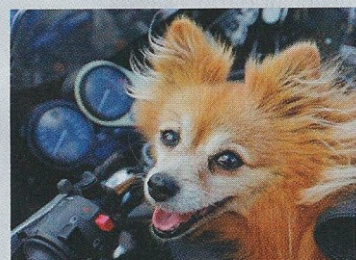


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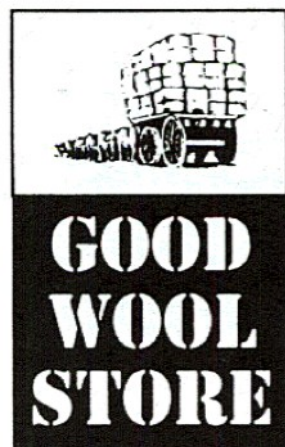
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THE EDITORS FILL

Wanted: Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2013 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au with captions and photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

So, you have a BMW, are in the Club, but ride with your friends or alone? Then why not ride with the Club or attend one of President Martin's inspirational Sunday morning breakfasts and go to prayers, see the in-laws, parents, kids or grandkids later in the day? Über Ride Coordinator Dave is doing a great job thinking up and often leading rides – only to have the same faces come along, albeit enjoying a great ride in the countryside. If you ride a bike; then you can lead a ride!

As you read this you should be asking yourself; having paid my \$40 by 28 Feb 13 to be a member of the Club, should I; nominate, attend & vote at the Club AGM, give back to the community or how can I best wear out a set of tyres? They do go off you know?

Then why not go on the Black Dog Ride (24/3/13) or MRA Capital Rally (22-24/3/13) just past Tharwa. Neither ride involves much planning and in the Capital Rally's case you don't even have to camp as motel accommodation is available in Tuggeranong only 32km away for those who live north of the lake. See here <http://goo.gl/maps/5G5WW>. Can't afford a motel or have no camping gear? Please give me a call or email if that is what's stopping you from going on a Club ride. The Black Dog often eats fish 'n' chips, again an easy ride.

That's my fill,

Garry Smee, Editor@bmwmccact.org.au



Rob, the New Year's Rally convenor and BMWTCNSW Karuah River Rally organiser has bookended 30 years of BMW boxers with his new (last of) R1200GS and R80ST converted to hybrid GS and last seen at Cape York following the 2012 Off Centre Rally. Now which one goes to Drysdale Station WA for the in 2014 OCR?

CLUB RIDE TO COWRA SUNDAY 20 JANUARY 2013

Dave Morgan, R1200GS

At the conclusion of proceedings at the Club General Meeting at Black Mountain Peninsula, seven riders, headed off to the north of Canberra, with our first stop as Cowra for lunch. Our group comprised "Kiwi" Martin (R1200GSA), Dean (R1150RS), Dave (R1150GS), Hoss (R1150GS), Bob (F800GS), Ian (K1200GT) and me (R1200GS). Weather was ideal for riding first up, as we tracked across to the Federal Highway to pick up the Sutton-Gunning Road. After a brief pause at Gunning to consolidate, the group pressed on up into good riding territory on the Gunning to Crookwell road, where we had another brief stop before pushing on to pick up the Boorowa Road. The Boorowa road is a great bike road with little traffic, in reasonable condition, and some great corners, sweepers and the like. After a brief stop to consolidate the group, we turned north up the Frogmore Road, which seemed a busier road and in a worse state than the road we just turned off from (Ian took the shorter option home, continuing on separately towards Boorowa). We soon made Cowra where we pulled into the conveniently located Rose Garden Café, at the junction of the Lachlan Valley Way, Olympic Highway and Mid Western Highway, for lunch. By this time, the day was well warmed up, in the mid 30s. Warm enough we thought.



The group take in the view of Landra Castle (L-R: Martin, Bob, Dean and Hoss).

After topping up the tanks at the adjacent Mobil servo, we headed west along the Mid Western Highway for about 24 kms before turning off south to pass through Greenethorpe then down the Landra Road. About 9 kms down the Landra Road, we pulled off for a brief look at the impressive Landra “castle” and surrounding properties. Landra environs was once a virtual village in its own right, while the nearby village of Greenethorpe, was the renamed Landra siding, once providing rail services to the property. More information on this interesting property can be found on the web at <http://iandrastle.com.au/>.

Leaving Landra behind, we continued south through Monteagle to reach Young, where after a brief discussion and reconsideration of routes, we followed Hoss’s lead through Young to pick up the Moppity Road, which took us SE, through Galong, to pick up the Burley Griffin Way between Harden and Binalong. After continuing along the BG WAY to Bowning, we pulled into the Rollonin Café for some refreshment before the final leg home. A good day’s ride of around 530 kms, by the time I arrived home at Jerra. For those interested, the route taken can be viewed on Google Maps at <http://goo.gl/maps/FQfyK>.



Figure 1 Last stop before home, Rollonin Cafe, Bowning (L-R: Martin, Bob, Dean, Hoss, Dave).

Dave Morgan, R1200GS

Living at Orange and working as a "FIFO" miner at one of Australia's remote mines in the Great Sandy Desert, any opportunity to get a ride in is to be taken, so when Peter Morgan rode down to Jerra to get some tyre fitting done in Canberra he was determined to get in a ride to the coast, making the most of a free Saturday afternoon. I didn't need any convincing either so with the GSs fuelled up, we headed off around 12:30 PM into a relatively cool afternoon, for this time of year, with the coast as a destination. We took a direct route down Kings Highway, down the Clyde Mountain to make Nelligen, where stopped for a quick lunch at the Nelligen Cafe (excellent fish & chips). We decided to backtrack a couple of kms to take the River Road, via Shallow Crossing, to Milton. The bikes were in their element on the twists and turns of the River Road's gravel, splashing across the ford at Currawang Creek and eventually making Shallow Crossing some 15 kms in. After a quick pause to inspect the depth of the Clyde River, running just above knee height, I started across in 2nd gear and failing to keep the revs up succeeded in stalling the bike. Damn. Wet feet. Pete ploughed on past to the other end and after a restarting the motor, I joined him on the other side. There we came across a couple of blokes on lighter, mid sized GS-type machines, one of whom was trying to work out why his bike died altogether half way across. Shallow Crossing Camp Ground seemed popular with the 4WD set in particular.



Clyde River Causeway, Shallow Crossing

Moving along, we continued along the River Road to eventually pull over to try to make sense of the road signs. We found we were on Boardinghouse Road and continued along that to hit the coastal Highway at Termuel, well short of Milton. We rode on towards Nowra, getting fuel along the way turning off the highway some distance shy of Nowra onto the Turpentine Road (some 9 kms of which is gravelled and pot-holed), taking us onto the Nerriga Road. We set a good pace up the Nerriga Road, to make Tarago and then Bungendore, reaching Jerrabomberra around 6:30 PM, having covered a tad over 500 kms for the afternoon.



Break in the ride, River Road

Subsequent scrutiny of Google Maps, showed where we deviated from the River Road. Ah well, that navigational anomaly will have to be rectified another day. Here's a Google Maps reference to our ride for those who may be interested

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Garry Smee, R1200ST F800GS R100GSPD

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BMWTCNSW KARUAH RIVER RALLY, 8-10 FEB 2013

Garry & Jane Smee, F800GS

The 36th Karuah River Rally was held in the Chichester State Forest under most unusual conditions – it was dry!

This may have something to do with the (reported) 250 attendees who all enjoyed the dry conditions along with the goannas who were out and about. This was the 800's first trip two up, handling the conditions well and we even managed to get most of the usual rally gear on board, with some fine tuning to come. M'ship Secretary Steve Retallack (F800GS) also made the trip and joint return via Bylong and Oberon home. Despite a number of ACT redgo plates in attendance, no other members were sighted.



A visit to the KRR often includes a rest break at the Bank Hotel Dungog on the way.

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BMW R1200R 9/2008



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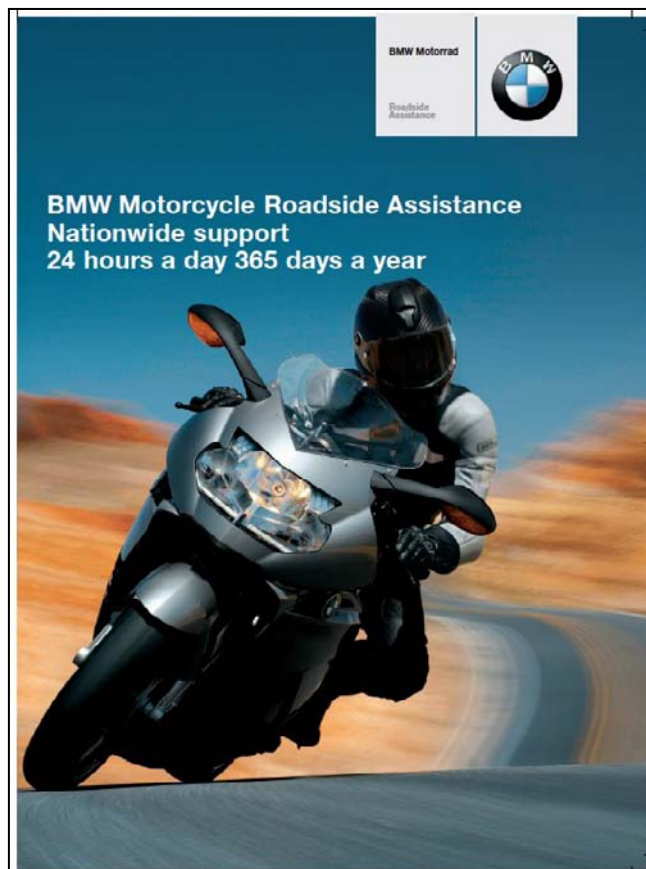
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