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A NOTE FROM THE PREZ.....

Winter will soon be with us , judging from the members that DIDN'T ride their bikes to the last meeting, so now is a good time to check out your wet/cold weather gear, if you have not already had to use it. How about some product review forms from some members on the suitability (Pardon the pun,) of wet weather clothes for the motorcycle.

Some people say that Garbro gear is tops, some others say Belstaff is better etc. Letters to the Editor will be gladly accepted...(So the contents of the journal will be spread out from more than one or two sources as usual.) The address to send your mail to is on the front page.....

Riding/driving in winter has other problems other than keeping dry & warm on the way to work, or on the weekend trip to some far distant place.(No, I don't think Queanbeyan is a far distant place, but you get the idea...)

Road conditions & visibility in rain & fog will soon require you to pay more attention to the road than you may have needed to over the summer months, and I suggest that you remember that a slow^{trip} on the bike is better than a fast trip in an ambulance!! So don't 'throw it away' on an icy patch or some such.

Next meeting is a slide/photo night, so dig out your best shots of the Bike / the rally-trip /the girlfriend or wife etc. & show them to the other Bods in the club. The last slide night proved quite successful so don't be afraid to join in. I am sure you will get a laugh out of some of the slides or photoes, and from what I have seen before, the quality of the pictures is very high. At least it will give some members some thing else to talk about other than the usual motorcycle stories, now they will be able to compare notes on cameras / films and were to go to get that tremendous sun rise/ sun set photo that turned out so well.

Anne and I will be away for a month from Anzac day week end, so if you need to contact some one about club matters, or if you have some thing for the next journal, see Frank, Dave or Bob and they will take care of it. The next meeting will be chaired by the Secretary, if his Bike makes it back from the trip on the long week end! In the mean time we will be enjoying the sunshine and so on up north in Queensland.

Till we return then, ride carefully and
take it easy in the wet....

CHRISTOPHER.

MONTHLY RUN REPORT, The trip to Fitzroy Falls.

Sunday, 9:30a.m. (27 March.) Ian & Jenny arrive with their son Chris to join eight others including my self, the weather was cool but the sky was clear and it looked like a good day for the ride.

We soon sorted our selves out and headed off up the highway to Goulburn, as Jenny was running in the motor in her Bike after some recent repairs she left first a little ahead of the rest, however it was not long before we passed her and as we had arranged to meet in Goulburn we left her and Ian to proceed at a slower pace.

Traffic was heavy in places along the way, but the bikes managed to get by with out too much delay, Bob and Tony (With Margaret) soon left the rest of us in their own little race to be first to the rest stop at the Golden Fleece service station as we entered Goulburn, we settled in and waited for the Hahn's to arrive. Most ordered hot chocolate, tea or coffee with toasted sandwicks to sustain us 'till lunch time, and to warm us up from the cold trip so far.

When the Hahn's arrived they said they would not be going on with us, but would look around town for a while and return, as it was going to be a slow trip for them anyway.

The five Bikes remaining continued up the highway untill we turned off to Bundanoon just past Marulan, this road is fairly narrow and rough in parts, but is more interesting than the GLOOM BYE WAY, and has less police patrolling it, except this time when Bob past one at a little over the limit, Just as well he was traveling in the other direction at the time, and didnt turn around to follow us.

We arrived at the Falls at about 12:40/ 1:00 pm. and soon had a fire going for cooking our lunch, (Lots of smoke as usual.....) and to boil a billy. When we had eaten our various choice morsels we walked over to the Falls area to play 'Tourists', taking a few photoes, and venturing down the walkways to viewing areas located along the valley wall opposite the falls, where the view was much better, no doubt some one will have pictures to show next meeting. The display room provided by the Park Rangers was also visited, here they have various stuffed birds (the feathered kind...) and local animals also some creepy crawlys in glass jars for close inspection, spiders, snakes etc.

After re-grouping at the bikes we planned the return trip, Bob, Tony and Margaret went on down into the Kangaroo Valley and back via Mc Quarrie Pass, the rest went back along the way we came, apart for a detour to Moss Vale for petrol, and a stop over at Tallong for some apples.

All in all a very pleasant day, with good weather, a nice location and good numbers for a club run, the most we have had on a run for a while.

Chris Falker R60/6

A WORD FROM THE COMMITTEE....

Following is a suggested points system for the Clubman (Person!) of the year award we spoke of some time ago, and if there are not too many complaints about it we will continue to use this system to tally points from last month's run onward. The Secretary has a 'Roll book' that we will use to record the progress of points over the rest of the club year.

How points for the award of Clubman (Person....) of the year are to be worked out..

Attendance at:-

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| 1) Kosciusko Rally..... | 10 points. |
| 2) Monthly meeting..... | 5 points. |
| 3) Monthly run..... | 5 points. |
| 4) Social evening/ event.. | 3 points. |
| 5) Other.... | To be advised in Club journal
or at monthly meeting before. |

A club member:-

- A) Receives additional 2 points for a social evening / event held at his / her place,
- B) Receives 3 points for articles / stories for the club journal,
- C) Is entitled to half points for partial attendance of a run, (not 5 minutes only of course)
- D) Has 2 points deducted for attending a club run in a car,
- E) And is entitled to 2 points if he /she notifies non attendance of a meeting (with reason)
- F) Finally, a member will get 3 points for any rally attended, proof should be given, e.g. show rally badge to Committee member, and 8 points if the rally is a club run.

The committee may award bonus points to members rendering special assistance etc. at it's discretion, (Maximum 5 points,) Tallies to be notified periodically in the journal.

We hope that you agree with the above system, even if it may not be perfect, I think it is reasonably fair myself, so become involved in the club and collect some points, and we will start thinking of an item to go with the award.....

The Committee.....

B.M.W. M.C.C. - PRODUCT REVIEW FORM

PRODUCT TYPE (HELMET/BOOTS/ETC) Motor cycle Intercom

BRAND: NAVA

PRICE: \$80:00 Aprox.

WHEN/WHERE PURCHASED: GENGE's Suzuki shop in Civic ACT
In January 1983.

COMMENTS: A boost to motor cycling with a pillion, no longer do you have to shout to the person behind or in front when riding around town or on a trip, and the intercom can be a safety aid with another pair of eyes to watch out for dangerous drivers etc. and tell you quickly and clearly about any problems, like the

MODIFICATIONS OR IMPROVEMENTS
REQUIRED

Police car that just started to
folow you....

Some work is required to fit the microphone & small speakers into your helmet neatly, depending on the type, the task should not take too long. I fitted ours in about 40 minutes with very little modifications to either helmet. (Bell Tourstar & Eldorado)

A kit is available for NAVA helmets or universal type like ours.

VALUE FOR MONEY: YES Probably, depending on how often you want to talk to your pillion.....

BUY AGAIN OR RECOMMEND: YES/NO Yes, I would recommend it for a safety feature if nothing else, as it lets you keep your eyes on the road when you have to say something to the passenger etc.

NAME: Chris Fulker R60/6

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING 14.4.1983

LOCATION: The same old place, Austrian-Australian Club.
So there should be no excuse, for not knowing where the meetings are held.

OPENED: 8.15pm.

ATTENDANCE: 15 members

APOLOGIES: Bill Searl and Geoff Witheridge

CORRESPONDENCE: Castrol sent us a catalogue of their films.

BUSINESS: A motion was put to the meeting by Peter Robleski.

That the club,

1) acquire a selection of B.M.W. special tools to be available for loan to club members and other tools as determined.

2) allocate \$100.00 of club funds to be used to purchase the tools.

3) appoint a club member to be tools officer to manage the tools and their use by club members.

This motion was seconded by Frank Millwood and passed by the meeting.

Another motion was put to the meeting by Rob Rumsey. That Peter Oliver become tools officer and that tools have a deposit of \$10.00 on them if they are not used on the spot. This motion was seconded by David Meek and passed by the meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Oliver, for taking on this job. As you all know Peter is the club's librarian, so this should help members who will have to borrow workshop manuals as well as tools.

There was also talk of having a bowling night and/or dinner at the Stockade one night. If you would like to come a long, for one of these nights or have any suggestion for a club night, come along to our next meeting.

Club badges were handed out to paid up members. So if you would like to have your badge, you better pay your membership fees. You can have extra badges, to glue on your bike or what ever, for \$3.50 each.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.50pm. (WITH SUPPER.)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12th of May at 7.30pm. at our usual location. The next meeting will be a film night, so bring along any slide you think that the members would to see or even ones they would not like to see. I would like to thank Werner & Ursula Strotmann for volunteering to bring along a projector, AND SCREEN.

As our president will be away for the next month the meeting will be chaired by the secretary.

NEXT RUN: Although there was some support for having this months run to BMW Club of S.A. Silver Jubilee Rally in the barossa vally over the long wee kend. It was thought that it might be a bit to far for some of our members. So this months run will be next month, on May the 1st. to Araluen. Who said life wasn't meant to be easy. If you want to come along, be at the Phillip Motor Registry at 9.30am. on the 1st. of May. Bring your own supplies for a picnic lunch or a BBQ if we can work out how to strap a hot plate onto the back of a bike.

BMW CLUB OF S.A.

SILVER JUBILEE RALLY: This rally is to celebrate 50 years of B.M.W. Motorcycles. The rally site is 5kms. from Kapunda on the road to Tarlee in the Barossa vally. It is being held on the ANZAC weekend so why not take the Friday or Tuesday off and take a trip down there.

BATHURST '83: You are probably sick of hearing how the N.S.W. Police have again proven, that they are unable to control a mob of sheep let alone a crowd of people. That blame must be fairly given to both sides... blah.....blah.....blah!.

Well you won't hear it here, as I will not comment on some thing I have not seen myself.

After a small breakfast and packing up the bike I set off for Bathurst at 10.30am.. Hoping to meet up with a brother from Sydney at 2.00pm. out side the town hall. Taking the road up to Yass then on to Boorowa were I had to stop, to repair a airfilter that had worked its self loose and discovered that the bolt from my main stand had fallen off. As there is no side stand on my bike, this left my bike with nothing to stand on. The rest of the ride was uneventfull with a stop at Cowra to fill the tank. I arrived at the town hall at 2.00pm. were I met up with my brother. After saying our hellos we set off for the mountain to put up our tents. After which we went for a walk around to see if Geoff Witheridge had arrived, coming across him just as he was meeting some friends from Wollongong so we let them go off and find a place to camp. The rest of Friday night was spent having dinner and a few borrowed beers around the camp fire. Saturday it was up early, well 8.00am. is early for me, for a small breakfast and down to the circuit for a days racing with a few brakes to go walking around the mountain. After the racing we went down to Bathurst for some dinner and to pick up a few beers. Then it was to the skyline amphitheatre to see Cold Chisel. Sunday moring was spent at the pits, as my brother was able to get some pit passes. The afternoon saw us packing up the bikes ready for the trip home after the races. Coming out of Bathurst I meet up with Geoff on the road so we rode to Cowra were we stoped for coffee and to top up our tanks. Then it was on to Yass were we had another stop for coffee and to put on some warmer clothing. Then on to Canberra and a hot shower.

Frank Millwood.

CAMPING AND TOURING WITH YOUR FAMILY

As families are becoming more active in the Motorcycling area, some hints on making things easier might come in handy. Our son Chris' first experience in touring in a sidecar and camping was at six weeks of age. I have divided changes in necessary equipment and attitudes into three broad segments. The first is as a baby, the second is at mobility (whatever age) and then as a toddler who has a mind of his own.

Taking baby touring there are two absolute essentials, one is disposable nappies and the most important is that the baby is breast-fed. In the rear end department a washable plastic change mat, wet ones and garbage bags all make life easier and cleaner. A sheepskin doubles as the sidecar bump absorbing mattress and the tent mattress at night. Some sort of fly netting is good in summer when baby is asleep in the stroller and you are visiting other campers, it keeps the flies off during the day and the mosquitoes off at night. Alba baby's outdoor lotion is a sunscreen and insect repellent that really works, but be careful when putting it around the eyes and don't put it on baby's hands that might be rubbed into the eyes.

K-mart has a tiny sleeping bag with a hood that is great for the baby in the sidecar. On top of the sheepskin, baby is really cushioned from the road bumps and also not easily able to roll. When ours was rolling it was winter and therefore he was completely zipped up.

Wet ones are great for fingers and faces after eating in roadside cafes and restaurants. Wet face washers get very smelly in a bag in a short time but they also need water which might not be available at that critical time. The plastic crumbs catcher bibs can be wiped out after each meal and do not need to dry like cloth ones.

A carry pouch and later a backpack are essential if bushwalking and caving, and handy if visiting tourist attractions i.e. museums and old ruins. The stroller should fit somewhere between the sidecar and the bike frame. A big orange garbage bag and octopus straps keep it dry in wet weather.

When Chris was tiny and travelling in the side car we had him on the sheepskin and in the bag with his head up in the toe of the sidecar. The co-passenger (usually mum) had her legs either side of him which gave him a bit more protection and was reasonably comfortable for mum. There was quite sufficient air flow (easily detectable on cold days) and he could see and be seen. Communication has to be in sign language during riding as he can't hear you and you can't always hear him. If you have a wakeful baby some visual stimulation would probably keep him occupied instead of always looking at your helmeted face with sunglasses and/or balaclava obstructing his view of you. Think how boring that might get! If you are lucky your baby will probably sleep until you stop, when you feed and change him and feed yourselves. A securely attached toy or cuddle is good for distraction if needed.

If you are used to travelling from Sydney to Brisbane in a day then you will probably have to modify your style of riding. A lot depends on you and your baby and you might not have to change, but do bear it in mind.

Mobility: in our case crawling at 7 months and walking at 9. We only did a few rallies at this time as crawling and winter do not really mix.

We had Chris facing the same way as Mum in the sidecar so he could be lifted up to see what was going on when he was awake. This was not really at all successful as mobility means your baby now needs a car seat of his own fitted to the side car. Our mistake was me staying in the sidecar and trying to control a mobile child from jumping out at 120k's with him constantly fighting sleep and mum because he was hampered in and wanted to crawl and play games. The hassles are not worth it, even the expense of another bike is cheaper than the loss of sanity of the

co-passenger. It doesn't make the experience of touring enjoyable or fun which is after all the main point. A canopy for the sidecar for hot weather protects the child from sunburn and heat stroke which can be extremely worrying.

Necessary now is a securely attached toy to play with. Braces around a soft toy and clipped to the car seat belts are good. They will stretch but won't drag on the road when he throws it out - which he will! It also means dad will not have to turn around to pick it up. He will also attempt to throw out hats, mittens and anything else he can reach or undo. He will never throw them out all together as that would spoil his favourite game.

Clothing - Ski boots for winter are expensive but you will be sure he has warm, dry feet and around Canberra it is a must. A warm coat preferably ankle length keeps him warm when travelling and also doubles as a blanket if you catch an extremely cold night. Waterproof gear should cover everything as they will still want to play outside even if it is raining. I congratulate you if you can keep a toddler inside a tent for 24 hours. Noisy toys are not necessary as the child will supply that and you don't want to hassle the neighbours any more than you can help.

Feeding - Most meals at a rally are quick and mushy. Children will manage what you give them from your own plate. If not, prepare something at home and bring that - have you ever tried eating canned baby meals i.e. meat and veges? Do so then make your own. Fruits and custards are O.K. Snack packs (used in your own jaffles) make a reasonable meal for a toddler if you are having a steak and eggs type meal. Fruit snack packs, boiled-in-the-can puddings and UHT custard go down well too. Don't forget a cold drink for the child, alcohol and hot drinks obviously don't suit and the local water can upset them quite easily even if there is nothing wrong with it.

To stop Chris rolling around the tent at night we bought an inflatable boat. The sides kept him in, which kept him warm as he didn't roll out of his cuddle pouch.

As a toddler your child's needs will be basically the same as yours. Clothing, meals, sleeping gear, riding gear will be just miniatures of your own. Toys will always be necessary as conversation is not their idea of fun. You will also need to bring along the potty during and just after toilet training.

(J. Hahn - continued in next month's
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