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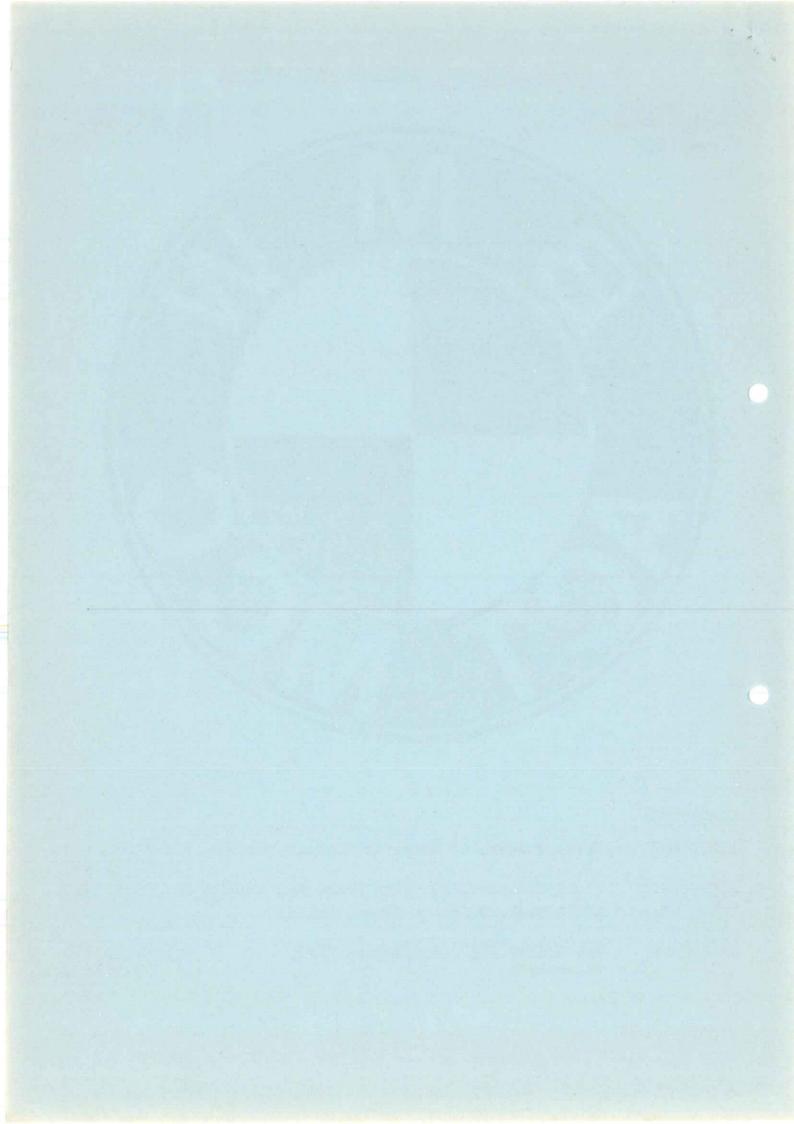
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The rally is on this week and I would like to thank every one who has helped so far, the badges have arrived from Sydney and most of the last minute details have been seen to. Still, there will be lots of odd jobs to be done at the site itself, like helping with the tea and coffee, collecting wood, water, and keeping the area tidy, plus the job of issuing the badges and so on.

If you are going this week end I hope you will join in and assist where ever you can, after all, its your rally and the money raised will benefit all the members, not just the few who usually do most of the work. Please don't get me wrong, I am not having a 'go' at any one, I would just like every one to share the work so that its not left to a few of the regulars.

Some members will remember my suggestions last year about how to load the bike etc. for a safe trip, I won't go over the same ground again, but just remind every one, my self included, to check the load along the way to make sure you have not left half of it on the road 2 klms. behind you, about to be run over by a Big Mack.

The road to Cooma and beyond is regularly patrolled by the Radar boys, some times in a Ford XE, and often in a white Commondoor. Don't say you weren't told.....

My Congratulations to the Hahn's on the safe arrival of their latest addition, I still think it is a lot of trouble to go to just so they can get the youngest entrant award two years in a row!!

BMW Aust. have advised me care of Bill Searl that the items for the BMW awards at the rally will arrive early this week, so I will take this opportunity to thank Steve Crouch and his team for their interest and the items they are sending. (You will find out what they are at the rally....) We are to keep in touch with BMW and so if you have any thing you would like to bring to their attention, or an idea for an improvement on the bikes etc. see me some time and I will make a note of it for next time I see the boys from BMW again.

That is about all for the moment (Stand up that person who said "thank goodness!!!")....... Ride safe, and hope to see you at the rally.

MINUTES FOR MEETING 13 OCTOBER 1983

Meeting opened: 8.15 pm

Members present : 16 + 3 new members (total 19)

Apologies : Frank Millwood, Peter Robleski, Dave Cartledge Correspondence : Other Club Journals, Letter from Bike Magazine

declining invitation to Rally

Welcome to New Members : Graeme Cameron & Lesli Owen and Theo Barth

- 1) Theo spoke to the meeting about the Canberra International Raceway Committee. He would like the Club to write to the Minister for the ACT and others via the CIRC supporting the building of an international standard raceway in the ACT. Members present agreed. Also a petition for the race way to be available at our Rally for interested persons to sign.
- 2) Pamphlets and information for the new K100 BMW now on display at Doug Bryants. Those that saw it on Thursday were impressed.
- 3) Don Wilson Motorcycles (Sydney) have donated a Belstaff jacket for our Rally. Moved and Seconded that jacket be raffled at the Rally. Motion carried.
- 4) Rally trophies shown. BMW Aust. to be approached about trophies for BMW awards.
- 5) Discussion was held as to the Rally dates for next year do we try for the long weekend at the start of October (1984) or leave it till the end of October as now? Decision to ask for a show of hands at the Rally by those attending and decide at the November meeting.
- 6) Committee for Rally arranged to meet at the Hahns' (those going on Friday). Ideas for billies, etc to be raised at that meeting. Flag found. Hahns to take car with trailer for club stores (tables, urns, tea, coffee, etc).
- 7) Werner Strotmann gave a good report on the Ultra Wild Life device mentioned last month. He has fitted a pair and found them to work well. Over 100-110 kph no insects, animals (birds) seem to get out of the way better. Under 100-80 kph insects are unaffected and strike as normal. He said they are worth the money and fitted his just below his indicators.
- 8) Several items for sale (list elsewhere) were noted. Jeanette Hahn to get details for party theatre bookings.

Meeting Closed: 9.30 pm with supper.

CONGRATULATIONS: TO IAN & JEANETTE HAHN re the new model which arrived last Saturday (only 6 days late) at 5.33 pm weighing in at 4560 g and measuring 55 cm. To be known as Andrew David Hahn. (1574.01708ER)



AS our rally is on this week end, (For those that didn't know...) the monthly run will be the trip to the rally, how ever we have not set a designated time or meeting place as several people will be leaving on friday, and the rest some time on saturday.

If you would like to travel with some one else in the club I suggest you 'ring around' to see who is leaving when. Bill Searl, myself and Werner & Ursula will be going on friday morning, (If the bikes are going by then...) and Mark Coghlan is leaving on saturday, (Bob Rumsey may be going friday as well.) We hope to get away from my place about 9:30 am friday if any one else is interested in coming along then. If you like to phone Frank or me to arrange a time and place for saturday we will try to do so.

The next meeting will be at the Austrian Club as usual on the 10th. of November. at the normal time, 7:30 to 8:00 pm. see you at the rally or the next meeting.

CHRIS FULKER.

OUT DOOR ACTIVITIES.....

Despite the fact that spring is well and truly with us, and there are dreams of idylic summers days motor cycling to be had in the months ahead, remember, this is the Southern highlands we are living in. So, a few words at the start of summer on warm clothing!!! We at Bush Gear have witnessed over the past few years, a revolution in insulating clothing.

Gone are the days of wooly singlets and thick wooly jumpers, they have been replaced by items bearing the names such as Polypropoline, Chlorofibre, Fibrepile to name a few.

While it may be possible to debate various advantages and disadvantages of an R series BM. vs a K series, a discussion involving the new synthetics vs older woolen fabrics is absurd. They are just that far in front. Apart from having higher insulating values than wool their performance when wet or damp is remarkable.

A couple of items of interest particularly for motorcycling would be the Peter Storm Clorofibre underwear from \$30 to \$40, or a Helly Hensen polar wear suit for \$80.

Feel free to call into Bush Gear and talk about the right gear for your needs, and don't forget your club discount card. STEVE HARDING

THE SECRETARY LOST IN TIME

As this is a Club mostly for B.M.W. owners, most B.M.W. owners are touring types, and B.M.W. often tells us that it's bikes are built for touring, I thoughtthat apart from articles on the monthly run and the occasional story of someone going to a rally, there was very little in the way of touring stories in our Journal. So I thought it was about time the Club Journal had a good story in it. Therefore at great expense to myself I took four weeks off work, packed up the bike and headed off on a tour, so that I would be able to write this story for you.

Part One: Making Plans

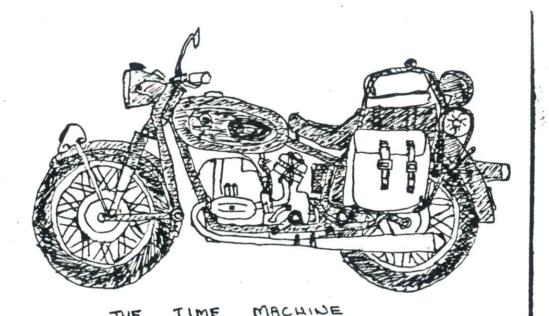
To some people this is the mostimportant part, . the preparation. You know, like making sure you have enough clothes for the time away, booking into the best motels along the route, and go out and buy a R100RT for the trip. Now for planning the trip itself. Let's see, firstly I always think it's better to travel on a weekday if at all possible (less cars on the road and everything open). Then I should leave Canberra on Monday the 5th September for Sydney where I will spend a day or two with some people I know. Leave Sydney on Wednesday 7th for Coffs Harbour where I know some more people, so I'll probably spend a day there. If I leave Coffs Harbour on Friday the 9th, I could head for Noosa Heads to spend the weekend there. Then on Monday the 12th I'd move on for Rockhampton where I'll take a day to look around. Then on the 14th I'll shove along for Mackay. Yes, an overnight stay in Mackay would be ideal so that I could arive in Cairns on Thursday the 15th. A good rest in Cairns and then leave on the 28th for Hughenden. Stay overnight at Hughenden, night after at Charleville, and following night at Bourke. Using a cunning bit of coordination here, I'd leave Bourke on Saturday the 31st and head for Louth and the B.M.W. Touring Club of N.S.W. get together. Finally I would leave Louth on Monday the 2nd October for home. Plans completed, I can start preparing for the trip.

Part Two: The Preparation

The first thing, of course, is to have the bike ready. Then, while still on the frequency of having the bike ready, I studied the status of the bank account and quickly sabotaged any plans of getting a R100RT for the trip. Just as well I had an alternative plan. I gave B.M.W.Aust. a ring to ask if I could have a K100 to do a road test for the Club Journal. One of the cleaning staff answered the phone and informed me there was no one around who could help me. I don't know what went wrong, but Melbourne is three hours behind Canberra isn't it? Well I guess I will have to use the old R59S for the trip. That has the bike preparation completed. Now for accommodation. A closer look at the bank account tells me that if I stay in motels, the trip would only last five days. Better take a tent and sleeping bag with me. That fixed the accommodation. Now for clothing Two pair of jeans, two sweatshirts(?), a few T-shirts, underwear, socks, and a jumper for when it gets cold should do. Now put it all in a couple of 'Glad'bags along with the sleeping bag, air bed, and a few other odds and ends. Putting all that in a couple of ex-army ammunition packs finished the trip preparation.

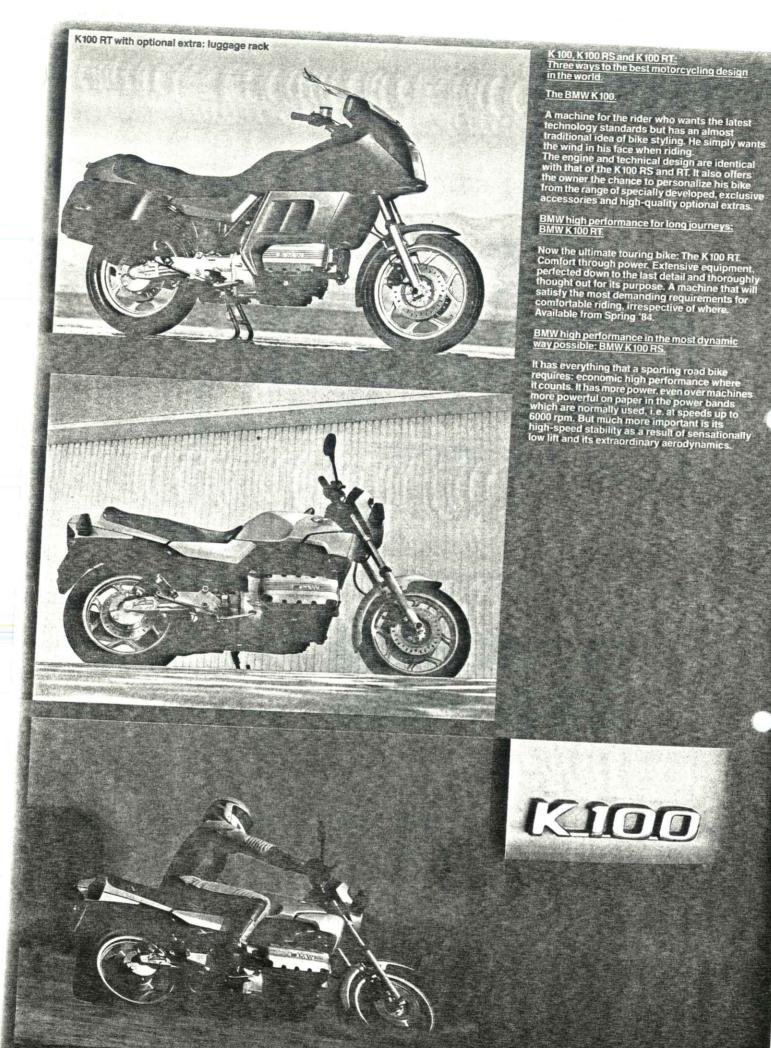
Part Three: The Departure

As the weather on the Monday wasn't looking too good, I decided to wait for a day or two and see if it would improve. After a few days with no improvement of the weather in sight, I decided to depart anyway. Fortunately one of my brothers was going up to Sydney that day, so I got him to take my gear up in his car, agreeing to meet him in Sydney. After getting out on the road it proved to be a waste of time waiting around for the weather to clear. It started to rain, and it was not just one of your Spring showers either. The whole heavens just opened up: It was so heavy I swear that I saw the Queen Mary sail overhead! As I was wearing my old....



THE ROAD TO SYDNEY

(UNDER A BIT OF WHTER...) ...



A DAY AT THE RACES

On Sunday 16th October Doug Bryant, Werner and Ursula Strotmann and myself left Canberra at 5.45am to go to the Castrol 6 hour at Amaroo (Too early to be up on a Sunday morning - but we wanted to arrive in time for the start).

Arriving at the track at 9.30 we found a spot to park Doug's Datsun bus and moved down to the trackside where we came across the BMW 'camp', the Service training bus and tent and a display of new K100's and 2 BMW Police bikes.

Settling down for the day we had a reasonably good spot to view the track, apart from Honda Loop, and not too crowded. However we were a bit far from any loudspeakers so we missed most of the commentary.

The race started on time and soon turned into a race between several Honda VF750's vs a couple of Yamaha 900's with an occasional Suzuki trying for the top 6 places.

The middle of the race was a little dull for the spectators, and there was a lot of interested people taking this time to look at the new K100's.

Most seemed impressed, a few thought it was 'different' and so on.

Four o'clock and Mal Campbell brings his Honda over the line for a well deserved win, and the BMW camp is open to BMW Club members for free drinks and a look at the bike etc.

We packed up and headed off about 5.40pm and Doug gets lost on the way home via Penrith. No trouble though - we find the Great Western Highway again and get onto the road to Camden - 15 minutes or so later than we would have.

Stopped for something to eat at Mittagong - a bit cold outside with a chill wind, but we were soon on our way again. Raining by the time we arrived in Goulburn, but not much traffic. Doug's a bit tired so I take over at Collector. We arrive back home about 10.00pm tired, but having enjoyed an interesting day.

I don't think I would go every year, but Werner and Ursula say they would. Home for a cup of coffee and a good night's sleep. Thanks for the ride, Doug.

Chris Fulker

R60/6

SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE

If you should happen to browse through confidential reports on staff, you might need to interpret the language used, the following is offered as a guide for the beginner.

PHRASE	INTERPRETATION
"Exceptionally well qualified"	Has committed no major blunders to date.
"Active socially"	Drinks heavily.
"Has socially active wife"	She drinks too.
"Quick thinking"	Offers plausable excuses for blunders.
"Indifferent to instruction"	Knows more than superiors.
"Approaches difficult problems with zest"	Finds somebody else to do the job.
"Often spends extra hours on the job"	Has miserable home life.
"Takes advantage of every opportunity to progress"	Buys drinks for senior officers.
"Expresses himself well"	Speaks English.
"Demonstrates qualities of leadership"	Has loud voice.

Has vast repertoire of blue jokes.

Usually gets to work on time.

"Keen sense of humour"

"Very fine officer of great

value"

R 100RS 1978 80,000kms, Piranha electronic ignition, cast iron disks, S&W shocks, fork gaiters, almost 12 months rego. Will be available in December 1983 (owner going O.S.). Price on application.

Peter Oliver ph. hm.54 2461, wk.52 7135

DBT leathers. Mens size, black torso with green arms and jeans. Zip together but can wear jacket separately. Very good condition. \$150.00 John Elliott ph. hm. 81 4265

Driving lights with brackets to suit BMW. S/H exhaust pipes and mufflers fully reconditioned. /6 seat, rustproofed, new cover and trim.

Assorted new and S/H bits. See Ian Hahn ph. 31 9314 hm.

IMPROMPTU RUNS

Frank (the Secretary) is prepared to coordinate the occasional impromptu run. That is if you are free one week-end and would like to take a short trip or run somewhere and you would welcome some company. You can contact Frank during the week to register your name and then he will let you know of the other folk who have also been in touch, etc.

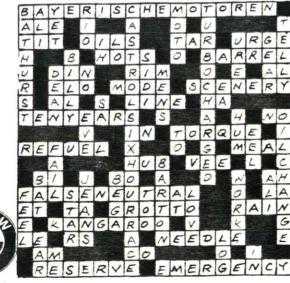
Frank's phone no. is 95 7349. You can ring during the day and leave your name and phone no. on his brother's answering machine. He will then in turn contact you with any details.

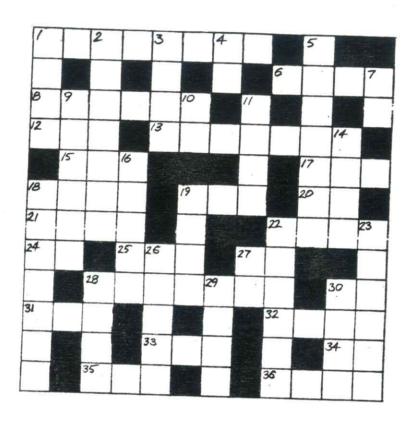
Recently three members went for a trip out Cowra way on a Saturday and I'm sure they found, and that you will find Frank's service very helpful. However it is only going to work if you let him know that you are interested. So see Frank at the next meeting, or the Rally, or run, and let him know whether you think he has a good idea.

Here are the answers to

last month's cross word.







ACROSS

- 1. engine size reference
- 6. constabulary
- 8. peaceful feeling
- 12. speak
- 13. ladies light clothing
- 15. yes (old English)
- 17. immediately
- 18. towel names, his & _
- 19. long rear brake part
- 20. alternative to 'a'
- 21. naughty word for bum
- 22. as well
- 24. postal script
- 25. type of welding
- 27. time before midday
- 28. knee cover
- 30. means overproof (liquor)
- 31. record company
- 32. international exhibition
- 33. free commodity for breathing
- 34. name for some Club members
- 35. for security, ignition, etc.
- 36. otherwise

DOWN

- 1. removable tops or covers
- 2. special words of religious
- BM electrical unit (has 2) 3.
- thankyou
- 5. Club magazine
- street
- 9. veneers/ hens
- 10. a Princess' first name
- 11. seen a few years
- 14. extremely long time
- 16. Ass'n Sth East Asian Nations
- 16. occurs
- 19. competitive bike event
- 22. an electrical measure
- 23. go other way
- 26. small box with BM headlight
- 27. Alcoholics Anonymous
- 28. ____ start lever
- 29. loving attention
- 30. music composition, classic.