

# BMW Club

## Shaft Drive Lines

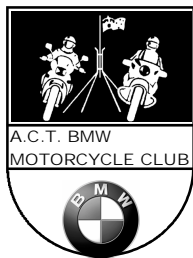
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## 'Shaft Drive Lines' — August 2005 — Volume 25 No.7

### Meetings:

When: **7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month**  
Where: Italo Australian Club, 78 Franklin St FORREST  
Next Meeting: **Monday 25 July 2005**

### Membership:

Membership fee is \$40 per year. A small joining fee applies to new members and includes your membership badge. A membership form appears in the back pages of this magazine, or you can obtain one by writing to :

The Membership Secretary  
ACTBMWMCC  
PO Box 1042 WODEN ACT 2606

**Please advise the Membership Secretary  
of changes to your contact details.**

### Activities:

Club runs and social events are detailed in the *What's On* page in this magazine. The Club endeavours to have at least one organized run per month. Suggestions for runs and activities are welcome to the Ride Coordinator or the Social Secretary.

Every effort is made to make the information on the *What's On* page accurate but changes to meeting times and places etc can occur between publication dates. Members will be reminded of rides, activities and general information by email. If your email address has been changed or your box is full, we can't contact you, so advise the Ride Coordinator of changes to your contact details. The most up-to-date information will be posted on our website <http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au>

**Participants in Club activities are advised and reminded that they do so at their own risk and are fully responsible for their own riding. Please obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.**

### Charity Support:

This club proudly supports the Cardio-Thoracic Unit of The Canberra Hospital.

**Web Site:** <http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au>

**Check the web site for updates of rides and social events.**

### About 'Shaft Drive Lines':

Relevant Contributions to this Club Journal are most welcome, and should be directed to the Committee at any general meeting, or posted to:

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or email to [shaftdrivelines@yahoo.com.au](mailto:shaftdrivelines@yahoo.com.au). The deadline 10 days is before the next meeting. All disks & photos etc. will be returned upon request. Articles and photos sent as attachments are preferred in Word or JPEG formats respectively. Please keep photos separate and do not embed them in your document.

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### Privacy of Club Member Information

The Club is aware that privacy of personal information is an issue of growing concern and for that reason has a declared policy as regards *Privacy* and *Spam*.

**Details of the Club's policy were in the May 2005 newsletter.**

Any members who have queries should contact the Club President in the first instance, or alternatively, raise these issues at the Club's monthly meeting.

### This month's cover:

**David Morgan doing an aircraft inspection at Wagga on the way to Christmas in June at the Lake Hume Resort.**

**(Do you really need more than two cylinders?)**

# The Presidential Hookah



Last month I wrote about the likelihood of some unpleasant weather in the offing. I couldn't have been closer to the mark. It has been wet, cold and miserable for the last few weeks. While I don't begrudge anyone benefiting from the rain, it would be good if it kept to weekdays and let us have some good weather for the weekends. Our ride plans have been thrown into a state of disarray. Having said that, it was good to see so many taking advantage of the sunshine and heading out to Bungendore for breakfast last Sunday. I took a break from the dreaded bathroom renovations and blew away the cobwebs on a most enjoyable run.

If you have caught up with Martin Gilbert's report from the Clubs Australia meeting, you will know that the combined Bike and Car Nationals are a thing of the past.

In future, there will be separate events for each. To start the ball rolling, a small working group from the committee is looking into the feasibility of organizing such an event, looking at the effort that will need to go into it, and whether or not we can commit the resources required to plan and execute such a major function. No small part of the task would be the selection of a suitable venue. We'll keep you posted.

I know I have written about the topic before, but it is so important it deserves another mention. Last week a motorcyclist was involved in a serious accident with a car which made a right turn across the path of the M/C. The rider later died of his injuries, and the driver was reported to be over the limit. Safety for you as a rider cannot be left to anyone but yourself. You have to assume that every driver is unaware of your presence; it is only your vigilance and caution that will prevent him or her taking you out.

If you haven't been out on your bike for a while, don't forget to check your tyre pressures. Despite all the modern technology, alloy wheels aren't all that good at holding air and you might be surprised at how much your tyre pressure can drop while the bike is sitting in the garage.

There are some interesting Chomp & Chat and breakfast venues coming up. Ride Co-ordinator Mal has been racking his brain to come up with some good rides (keep your fingers crossed for some good weather), so check out the What's On page or the web site.

Safe riding,

John

## Welcome to our new members:

Iain & Eleanor Stuart: F650CS

Martin Robertson: R1200GS, Moto Guzzi 650TT

Mick Owen: F650CS

Alan Paterson: K1100RS, Honda XLV 750

Scott & Melinda Hayward: R1150GS

Wayne & Heather McMillan: R1150RT, Ducati 600SL

Mark & Daniella Bulic: R1200C

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Another hearty 'alternate' Sunday breakfast ride —July's was at the Bushranger Hotel in Collector. The fog may have lifted, but we were still in for a cool ride home.





## What's On - Rides, Events & Meetings

**Next General Meeting is on Monday 25 July 2005, at the Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.**

**(Remember that unless you're a financial member of the Italo- Australian Club, you should sign the "Group Sign In Sheet" at reception when attending meetings.)**

### July 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25 General Meeting, Italo-Australia Club, Forrest  
7.45 pm

### August 2005

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3 Chomp & Chat - CIT Training Restaurant,  
Building K, Constitution Avenue, Reid 7pm.

7 Alternative Sunday Breakfast - Mystery Ride

11 Committee meeting

19/21 NSW Club's 25th Anniversary GS rally

21 Gluhwein Run

22 General Meeting, Italo-Australia Club, Forrest  
7.45 pm

### September 2005

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4 Alternative Sunday Breakfast, Homestead Café, 214  
Gooramon Road, Hall

7 Chomp & Chat, Star Q Deli, Queanbeyan

15 Committee meeting

17/18 Club's annual weekend ride to Bermagui

25 German Autofest & Club Concours

26 General Meeting, Italo-Australia Club, Forrest  
7.45 pm



# More What's On

## 25 July - General Meeting

7.45 pm Italo—Australian Club, Forrest

## 3 August - Chomp & Chat at CIT Training Restaurant, Reid

There are only a couple of places left so book now to avoid disappointment! For \$22, you'll have a three course meal prepared by the trainee chefs at the CIT Restaurant in Reid.

Note this is a 7pm start.

RSVP to Pam on 6255 8045 or email [editor@actbmwmcc.org.au](mailto:editor@actbmwmcc.org.au) by 25 July. Sorry, no late bookings can be accepted as the restaurant needs early notice of final numbers.

## 7 August - Mystery Ride Alternative Sunday Breakfast

This will now be a mystery ride as the café we'd intended going to has closed. Only one meeting point for this ride: Rolfe Motors at Philip at 8.30 am.

## 21 August - Gluhwein Run

The ACT Vintage, Veteran and Classic Motorcycle Club's annual run. Meet at the Cotter barbecues from 9.30 am for breakfast then off towards Corin and back again for hot soup, crusty bread and lovely Gluhwein.

## 19/21 August - 25th Anniversary of the GS - Gloucester

The BMW Touring Club of NSW's Rally at Cundle Flat Farm, set in a beautiful valley 50kms north west of Gloucester on the unspoiled Upper Manning River. More details at pages 7 and 22 of this issue.

## 4 September - Alternative Sunday Breakfast at Hall

On the recommendation of one of our gourmand members we're going to the Homestead Café, 214 Gooramoon Road, Hall. Yes, it is Fathers Day so we've picked a venue close to town so you can get home in time for the wonderful lunch your kids have cooked for you.

## 7 September - Chomp & Chat, Star Q Deli, 101 Monaro St, Queanbeyan

Several Committee members have tried the food here recently and given it the thumbs up. On the menu are wood fired pizzas (not the usual toppings), pasta, salads and main courses including char grilled chicken wrapped in bacon with roast tomato sauce, rosemary pumpkin mash and rocket

salad, woodfired whole baby snapper, scotch fillet steak and lamb and Kilkeny pie. The restaurant is licenced, no BYO. RSVP to Pam on 6255 8045 or email [editor@actbmwmcc.org.au](mailto:editor@actbmwmcc.org.au) by 5 September.

## 17/18 September - Bermagui

The club's annual ride to beautiful Bermagui. Dinner will be at the hotel so please let Pam know by 10 September if you're coming. RSVP to Pam on 6255 8045 or email [editor@actbmwmcc.org.au](mailto:editor@actbmwmcc.org.au) Please book your own accommodation.

... and there are rumours that some members are planning an extended ride—heading southwards—following straight on from this weekend?

## 25 September - German Autofest and Club Concours

More details in the next newsletter. We'd really love to see lots of members supporting the Autofest and of course, entering in the Club Concours.

## 22/3 October - Kosciuszko Rally

The club's annual weekend in the mountains at Geehi Hut. Details in this newsletter at page 7.

## 5/11 November - BMW Safari for GS

If you haven't already registered, you'd be very lucky to get a place at this late stage ... however more details at page 13 in this issue. See the BMW Safari website for up to date details.

## 9 December - Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night

At Hudsons in the Gardens, Australian National Botanic Gardens. More information in a future newsletter.

## 10 December - MRA Toy Run

Yes, it is the morning after our Christmas dinner, but that's no excuse not to turn up to support a very worthy cause.

## ? December - club picnic or barbecue

We hope to have an informal picnic or barbecue in December; date to be advised.



# The Vice Report.... From Finl and

Terveisiä lämpimästä ja aurinkoisesta Suomesta missä kesäaikaan ei ole koskaan pimeää. (Greetings from warm and sunny Finland where in the summer time it really never gets dark.) We have been enjoying the summer days and can't get over just how many lakes, how much forest and how much daylight there is in the summer time. The daytime temperatures have been in the mid to high 20s all the time. We have survived with very little sleep as it seems silly to go to bed when it is broad daylight.

We have seen a number of (moottoripyöriä) motorcycles on the roads in Finland from mopeds to K1200 LTs; even a couple of R1200GS. However any time we were on the roads we were on the highways, mostly straight and lined by forests; not the place where you would expect to see motor cyclists. We did chat to a German on a Ducati in Hanko, a port on the south-west coast. He had been up though Lapland and was heading down the west coast to catch the ferry.

For my part I have enjoyed our holiday but am now really looking forward to running in my new bike. We will be back for the July meeting and I will have something from our travels for the heads and tails at the meeting.

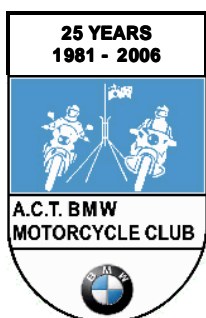
Sinne saakka turvallista pyöräilyä. (Until then safe riding.)

Colin Ward



We wonder if Colin and Leena went to see the World Wife Carrying Championship held annually in Finland? Maybe this could be an idea for the club's Christmas picnic?

(Ed.)



## Our 25th anniversary in 2006

The club will be 25 years old on 22 March 2006 and the Committee is busy planning a series of events to celebrate this event.

The first event on Saturday 25 March will be a re-creation of the club's first run to Point Hut Crossing followed by a barbecue. More details nearer the event, but mark this date in your diary. We'd like to see a really big turn out of members.

Later in the year we hope to have a catered barbecue, a dance and some surprises!

Fiona Oliver our Merchandising Officer, has already started looking for some quality items which will be specially marked for our 25th anniversary.

If you have some old photos or stories or anecdotes about the club over the past 25 years we'd like to include them in the newsletter and on the website.

Join us on Sunday Mornings!

At the Arté Café, Bungendore

For breakfast or just coffee - good company guaranteed!

Make your own way, or meet and depart from the Shell Gateway Service Station, Mitchell, or the Red Rooster (top end of Queanbeyan) at 8.30am.

The first Sunday of each month we head off to somewhere different, (see 'What's On' for details), but you'll still usually find someone at the Arte Café - so come along!



# Upcoming Rallies

## The BMW Touring Club of NSW's ....

### **"GS 25th Silver Anniversary Rally 19-21 August 2005**

Our beloved GS will be 25 this September. Australia will be honouring the birth of adventure tourers at Cundle Flat Farm, set in a beautiful valley 50kms north west of Gloucester on the unspoiled Upper Manning River. ([cundleflatfarm.com.au](http://cundleflatfarm.com.au))"

**Entries by 7 August. See page 22 for the rally entry form, which contains further details**



## The BMW Owners Club of South Australia's 2005 biennial rally....

### **"Friday 7 Oct to Sunday 9 Oct 2005**

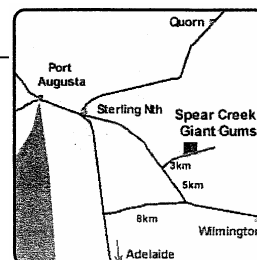
**'All Motorcyclists Welcome'**

**At Spear Creek, just west of the Flinders Ranges near Port Augusta**

"Accommodation is available to suit all needs from basic (bush) camping, unpowered sites, powered caravan sites, bunkhouse, cabin and bungalows.

See registration form for costs. Enquiries to John Sargent [08] 83445770 .."

**(Ed: If you are interested, contact me for a copy of the entry form containing details.)**



## And...our Club's own



# Kosciuszko Rally

22 and 23 October

in the Snowy Mountains

At Geehi Hut campsite

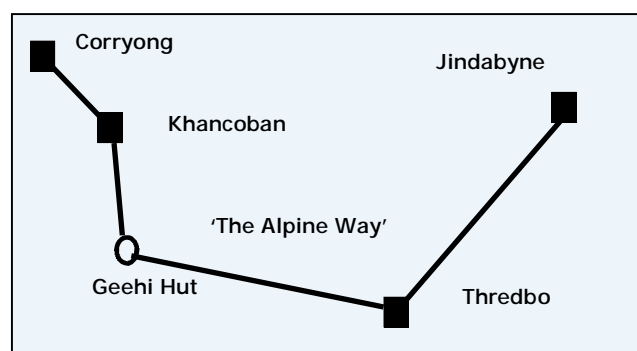
Between Thredbo and Khancoban  
(signs will be out on the Alpine Way)

The ACTBMWMCC's annual rally and  
a fun weekend for everyone.

This year it's BYO everything—  
camping gear, food, drinks, but  
firewood will be available.

Entry fee is \$15 per person payable on arrival.

Trophies in many categories, e.g. youngest, oldest, distance, etc., raffles,  
good times assured.



Check our website for up-to-date details

<http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au>





# Product Report—'Motor Mover'

A while ago I started to write an article for **Shaft Drive Lines** which went something like this - "The tally by Ian Hahn (**Shaft Drive Lines** April '05) of bikes owned and sometimes operated by club members ( 271 Beamers and 69 Others ~ 4 : 1 ratio) also made the comment that it would be good to see more of the 'Others' out and about".

Maybe many of these 'Others' are inaccessible at the back of the shed or a project in progress. Perhaps they are not seen due to the time and effort to bring them out front to ride or work on. Any hesitancy, head or bum scratching by you is quickly picked up by the ever alert financial controller/domestic bank manager/swmbo who suggests a more urgent priority – mow the grass, paint the house. Desirous of a motorbike project (R80GS) to tinker with I knew it faced the prospect of numerous other projects that are buried at the back of the shed never to see light of day.

Unless tinkertoy was always accessible to work on, the time and effort required for a short burst of work activity may be quickly overtaken by a more urgent priority. It started me thinking;

*If only;* a trolley to move tinkertoy in and out of storage in the shed

*But how;* buy one or make one. For \$200+ there is a swish steel motorbike trolley advertised in various bike magazines but if I could make one that's \$200 I could spend on something that I couldn't make.

*Oh;* I don't have the requisite equipment/skills to cut/bend/weld a metal trolley.

*I wonder;* could it be in timber, might be a bit rude, crude and how's your father but should work.

*Strategy (luv dat talk);* needs to be small enough not to trip over but big enough to be stable, low enough for the centre-stand but high enough for any deflection to clear the floor, minimum bulk but strong enough at the critical stress points. So with secondhand wheels (ex broken office chair), timber (ex decking timber- hardwood), bolts (restricted choice, had to buy them) a prototype Heath Robinson model was built sans engineering plans.

Prototype modifications required: widen between rails due to inherent bulk of timber to clear bike stand freely; plastic chair wheels did not roll well ( load was above recommended limit) or pivot much better and they would not stay still while pulling bike onto the centre-stand (didn't have locking tabs) The lower the trolley platform the easier it is to pull the bike onto the centre-stand. A block of wood under the back wheel (20-50mm) also helps heaps. Trawled the usual DIY shops for wheels but settled on grey rubber castors with locking tabs from



**Ross Hayward tells  
what a little ingenuity  
and patience can do.**



Capital Bearing Services Fyshwyck- 'do you need an invoice, no, then that's \$10 each mate' ( Google web for Fallshaw Castors - more info than you'll ever need on wheels). So with new wheels and wider trolley it works really well on a smooth concrete floor- I can whizz it out at a moment's notice and can be up to my armpits in oil and bits before a more urgent priority can be pasted on the fridge door "Do



List".

Speaking of floors, with light coloured paving paint I did the immediate work area ( there's no need to get rash and do the whole garage now) and found that when I drop things ( during a senior moment) they are a lot more easy to find even without my glasses. Also since concrete dusting has been eliminated things stay cleaner longer.

It continued on a bit about timber dimensions, wheel diameters etc which in hindsight is a bit booring and if the editor includes some photos you can work it out for yourself or give me a call.

Funny how things turn out. I was so pleased with the ease of moving tinkertoy around on a trolley, I now own a bought one and made another. My going bike (K1100RS) regularly shares with my son's R80 a small garden shed which is very squeezey and requires shuffling to access either. Needing a slim efficient trolley for the heavier K1100 a Motor Mover from Becker Enterprises was purchased (knew that \$199 + \$14 freight) would come in handy). For the R80, four pieces of 50cm long decking timber were placed side by side drilled transversely at each end, skewered by threaded rod and "prestressed". Four secondhand skateboard wheels were then slipped on the rod. Hey presto, a one-directional trolley for the purpose of only moving 30cm sideways it's OK.

Trolley Summary: Tinkertoy's Heath

Robinson model moves in all directions does the job but is heavy and bulky. R80's trolley is slimmer, lighter but is only one-directional and won't carry much more weight. K1100RS's Motor Mover is value for money. Constructed from 8mm tensile steel it's a slim, 300kg capacity neat design easy to move in all directions. I found Win Becker's service very prompt and helpful. Becker enterprises website [www.beckerenterprises.com](http://www.beckerenterprises.com) has a video showing a bike u-turning inside a shipping container. Give it a call.

So, if your other bike(s) is at the back of the shed perhaps this has given you some ideas which will allow you a wardrobe of bikes.



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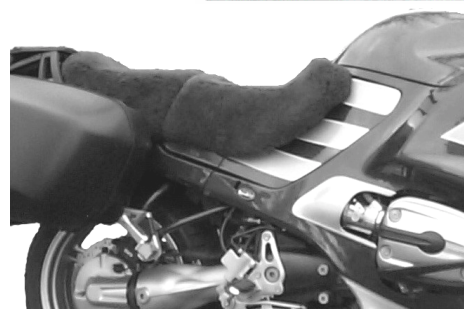
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## Montauk rider Denis Murphy recounts his day at a Stayupright course.

Although the weather conditions made it more difficult for all concerned, I certainly benefited and will be keeping in mind the lessons, such as:

- Mount in sequence- hand brake, leg over, side stand up, sit, foot brake on, hand brake off, clutch, gear
- Maximise Space, Scan well forward, sides and back, monitor the Surface, i.e. S-S-S
- Use all 4 fingers on the brake lever
- Touch the foot break when using engine braking to activate brake light to warn those behind.
- Emergency brake in sequence- roll back throttle, squeeze hand brake, clutch, foot brake, drop gears - right/left/right/left
- Enter bends wide, apex past corner, leave right of centre, position wide of next bend
- Keep clear of the centre line on RH turns,
- Stay focussed on riding by continually thinking the actions.
- Avoid riding when fatigued
- Approaching a stop sign sequence- scan, rear view, gear down, brake, rear view, repeat etc, stop in first.
- Hold in first while waiting to go

(And a few others not in the book, eg: arrive on time, kneel and cross yourself if you are not, don't get too warm and cosy at lunch time, take your corrective medicine like a man, and don't give any lip to the instructor - it's your life that is in the balance)

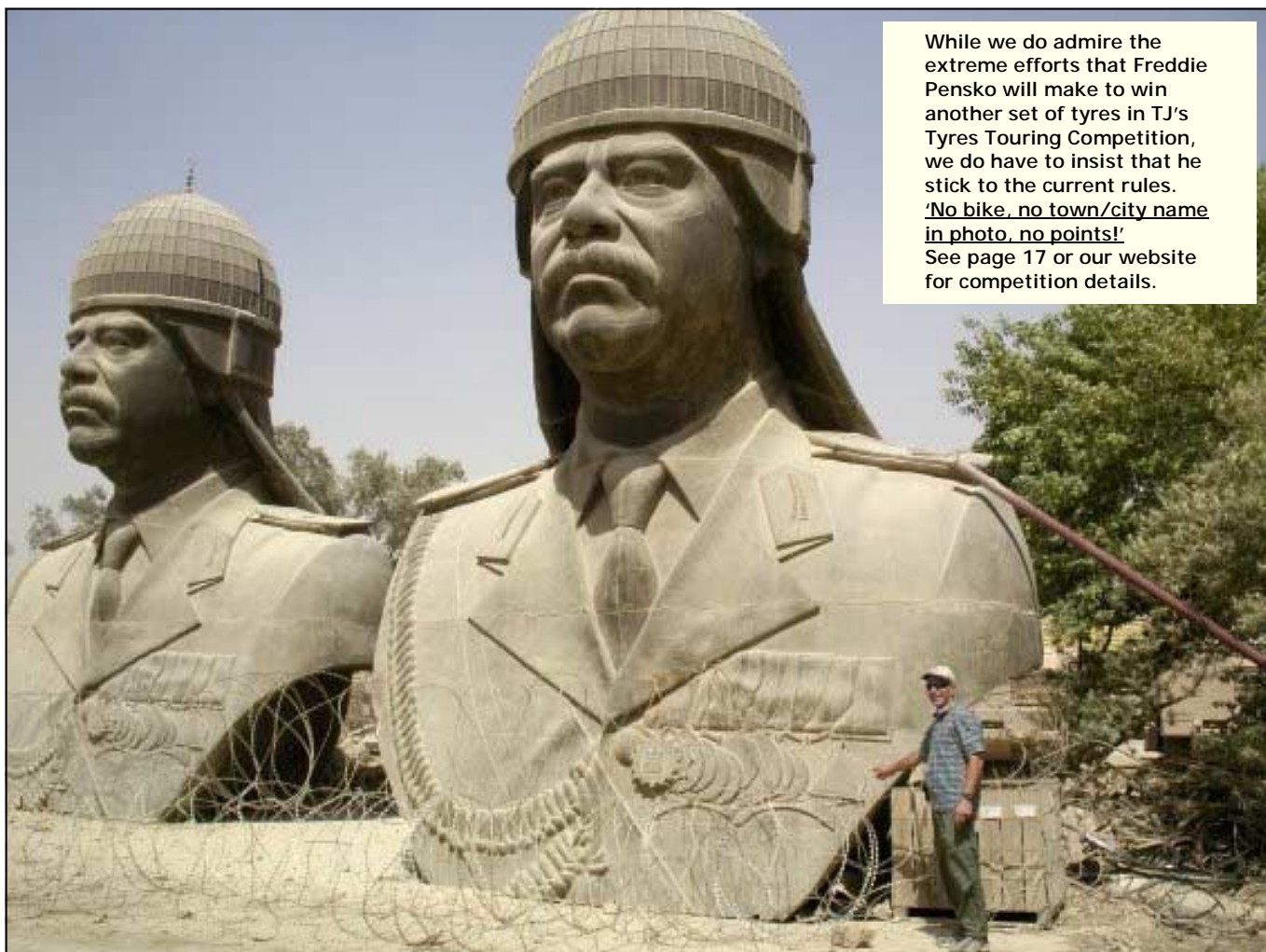
## 'Recollections at Stayupright mature age refresher course'

*Quotes of the day after a failed test:*

*"Are you thinking of selling that bike?"*

*"What do you think you were doing at the hairpin?"*

While we do admire the extreme efforts that Freddie Pensko will make to win another set of tyres in TJ's Tyres Touring Competition, we do have to insist that he stick to the current rules. 'No bike, no town/city name in photo, no points!' See page 17 or our website for competition details.



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**Ian Hahn**

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# The Odd Spot



... at Lake Hume Resort ... 'Christmas in June'

What's Ian saying? What's Colin thinking?  
We'll publish the best printable entries in next month's newsletter. Send your captions to [shaftdrivelines@yahoo.com.au](mailto:shaftdrivelines@yahoo.com.au)



Spotted by Murray Parker.



## Merchandise

The Club has for sale a range of good quality clothing embroidered with the club logo at very reasonable prices. Come along to the next club meeting to see the sample range. You can also purchase or place your order (cash or cheques only) at the meeting with Fiona Oliver, our Merchandising Officer. Orders can be collected at the next meeting.

Polar fleece zip jacket (mens and womens) Black, navy or red	\$45
Polar fleece contrast sleeveless vest (unisex) Black/red, black/gold, black/grey, navy/red	\$40.50
Long sleeve denim shirt (unisex) Medium blue	\$35
Long sleeve chambray shirt (mens and womens) Light blue all cotton	\$49.50
Mens rugby top Navy with denim collar	\$42.50
Ladies rugby top Navy or red with white collar	\$30.50
Short sleeve polo shirt (unisex) Navy with contrast trim on collar	\$35
Thinsulate beanie Black or navy	\$25
Neck warmer Black or navy	\$12
Peaked cap with club logo Black or navy with contrasting trim	\$20

**Let Fiona know if you've had trouble with the zipper in your club jacket.**

### Dirty tricks

It could be a hit in Double Bay, too. British motorists can now buy spray-on mud for their four-wheel-drives to give the impression they have actually ventured off-road. For £7.95 (\$18.86) drivers can buy half a litre of diluted Shropshire mud, filtered to remove anything that could damage the vehicle's paintwork. It is also guaranteed biodegradable. But we can't guarantee that any users won't be dismissed as

Spotted in the Sydney Morning Herald by Mark Edwards. Is there any truth in the rumour that gravel surfers want to buy some?

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(The following  
is an extract from the  
Safari website:  
[www.bmwsafari.com](http://www.bmwsafari.com)  
/news)

Dateline -  
Friday 1 July 2005

**"GS almost fully booked & more  
on TS location**

Here's the latest on the BMW GS Safari - since our last news update we've gone from a steady stream to a torrent of registrations. Numbers now stand at 91 leaving just 9 places not spoken for - probably even less as you read this! It's great news that the inaugural GS Safari has turned out to be so popular and is going to be a full house! We expect to reach our limit of 100 within the next few days. Subject to confirmation of crew and press numbers (expected to be around 15) we are hoping to be able to make an additional 5 spots available to meet the very strong demand.....which means a total group of 120. Any registrations received after the "full" sign goes up will be placed on a wait-list to fill any subsequent cancellations.



We are currently working on the Accommodation Booking Form which we'll start sending out as an email attachment from mid-July (fingers crossed!) in the order in which you booked (those without an email address will receive this by mail). We are also busy matching the around 300 GPS waypoints recorded during our recce trip with the manual road book record to ensure that you'll be staying on track in November. This is always a very interesting exercise as we often have to back-track after meeting insurmountable obstacles like flooded rivers, dead ends, private roads and even people's back gardens! We actually did end up in two of these in May when tracks inexplicably turned into driveways!

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Our start point in November has now been confirmed and is a great riverside location not a million miles from Sydney. And it is here where we'll be having the "Welcome" party. We've also confirmed night two in a luxury "mountain-top" wilderness resort on over 4 square kilometres of natural bushland....it really is something special and at a very special price.

Everything for the November GS Safari appears to be coming together nicely (more crossed fingers!) and we've included a few more images that will become reality for you later in the year! For those of you who have been making inquiries about choice of tyres, what to bring and what to wear we'll be getting back to you in a news update closer to departure.

### And the BMW TS Safari in April 2006.....

**Location, location...**where is the BMW TS Safari going next year? Thanks to all those who've sent in their suggestions for where we should go. On a current count NSW is definitely ahead.....not surprising since a BMW Safari has never actually managed to stay within the state of NSW. We've spent the odd night in it on the way to somewhere else but have never really explored the fantastic motorcycling opportunities it offers. Queensland is the next most popular choice and a very close second. That's hardly surprising because it really offers everything you could ask for.....and we should know because over the past ten years three BMW Safaris have been held there! WA had some good support but is not really in the running for consideration at this stage, although it hasn't been discounted for a future event. A final decision will be made by the end of July and announced in our next update. We hope all of those thinking of coming have been looking at those amazing new BMW models arriving in the showrooms!"



## 'Christmas in June'—at Lake Hume

Seventeen of us went down to the Lake Hume Resort near Albury in June for the third Christmas in June get together with the Victorian BMW club.

Not everyone took the direct route down the Hume: after coffee at Gundagai, who said "Follow **ME**" and promptly headed east to Tumut, turned around and went west to Wagga for lunch and took the back roads via The Rock, Henty and Culcairn? The explanation was that it was a nice sunny day.

The resort was on the banks of the not-very-full-at-all Lake Hume and had facilities for boating, fishing, swimming and mini-golf. It also had a spa which the management happily switched on for one of our members - the said anonymous member trotted down in eager anticipation of a relaxing time only to find that it was an outside spa. While it might have been toasty warm in the water, the exposed bits of her body were at serious risk of getting permanently goose-bumped and our member decided she wasn't quite that brave...or stupid.

There were fifty seven people for dinner which is the best ever attendance. The Victorian club members are very friendly and it was good to catch up with some of the people we've met on the last two mid winter Christmas dinners. They had organised some door prizes donated courtesy of the BMW dealer in Albury but unfortunately none of our members won anything. The Victorian club "choir" sang "'We wish you a Merry Christmas" and challenged us to do better next year. So if you've got hidden talents as a singer, juggler, dancer, high wire artist or whatever we need you in 2006!

On Sunday morning we met up with the Victorians for breakfast in Albury, conveniently located near the BMW dealer where we looked in envy at their great range of accessories behind the closed doors. Ian Hahn went there on Saturday morning and said there's even more stock than what could be seen through the window. After a good breakfast (the eggs Benedict were delicious) it was time to fuel up and head for home after another good weekend away.

It's our turn to organise the Christmas in June/July in 2006 so we hope that you'll come along and join in the fun.

*Ed: Thanks to Ian McKenna,, official Victorian Club photographer for many of these photos.*

### Another successful mid—winter Christmas celebration with the Victorian BMW MCC.



Some of ACT contingent at Wagga





Chris & Rick Hyslop with their new Victorian chums



Pam & Roger Paull with Tony Wheare



Martin Gilbert & Ian Snadden



The Victorian choir



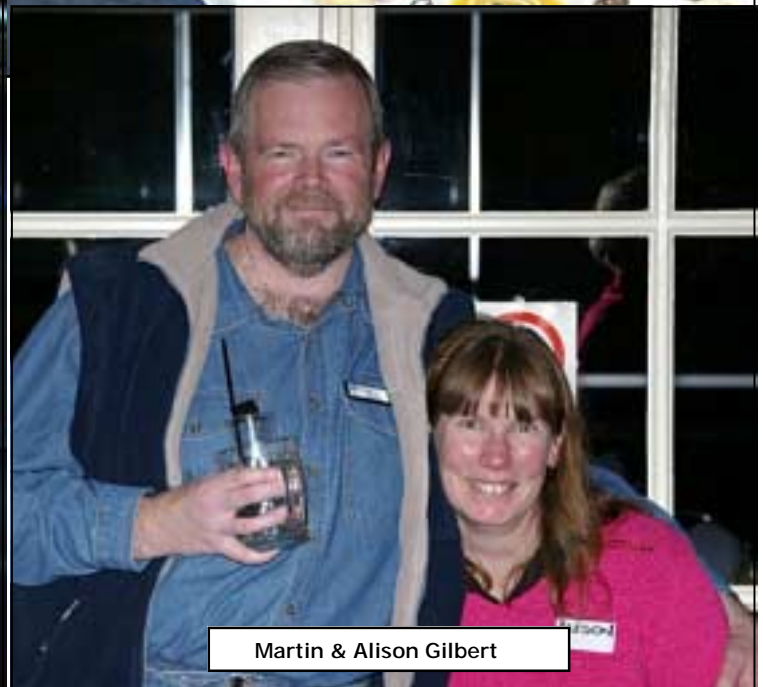
Alison, Mal and Jacki



Elissa & Mark Bottomley and Colin Dickson with their new Victorian friend



Rick Hyslop



Martin & Alison Gilbert





Ian McKenna, the Vic Club's photographer, for once in front of his own camera



Sunday breakfast—as normal—but this time at the Electra Café in downtown Albury



Tony Wheare—geared up for breakfast



An Albury breakfast Elissa, Mark, Roger & Jeanette



Mark, Esther, Dave & Sue Morgan





# TJ's Tyres Touring Competition

The Judge has been **UNDERWHELMED** with entries for this year's TJ's Touring Town Scrabble Competition. Fred Pensko did send in a photo but alas, it didn't have a place name or his bike in it... though we did work out where it was.

There's a monthly prize for the highest scoring photo received - a very easy way to win something... not forgetting the main prize of tyres to the value of \$400 from TJ's.

The rules are simple:

- » The qualifying photo is still of the entrant, bike and Hal outside TJ's - worth 20 points.

To score points, you have to take a photo of your bike in front of the signboard giving a town's name. Distance signs such as Yass 50km, Gundagai 200 km, Melbourne 650 km don't count, it must be the sign at the entrance to the town.

**Points are scored according to the Scrabble letter value of the town's name:**

- » No points for anywhere in the ACT except the photo at TJ's.
- » Single word score for towns in NSW and Victoria.
- » Double word score for towns in SA and QLD.
- » Triple word score for towns in WA, NT, Tasmania and overseas.

**The rest of the rules:**

- » Photos of suburb names don't score any points so you can't just go to Sydney and take photos of Bondi, Chatswood etc.
- » Only one photo per town per entrant- you can't put in multiple photos of the same town.

**Scoring examples:**

QUEANBEYAN

Scrabble value 10 +1 +1+ 1 +1 +3 +1 +4 +1 +1 = 24 points, Single word score

LAUNCESTON

Scrabble value = 1+1+1+1+3+1+1+1+1+1 = 12, triple word score because it's in Tasmania makes it 36 points.

**Scrabble letter values**

A =1 B=3 C=3 D=2 E=1 F=4 G=2 H=4 I=1 J= 8 K=5  
L=1 M=3 N=1 O=1 P=3 Q=10 R=1 S=1 T=1 U=1  
V=4 W=4 X=8 Y=4 Z=10

Send your entries to [tjscompetition@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tjscompetition@yahoo.com.au) or post to TJ's Competition, ACT BMW MCC, PO Box 1042, WODEN ACT 2606

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# Getting Trucked

## Olaf Moon's gourmet biking weekend away

Foodies of the gourmand type will tell you that the ultimate dining experience is a degustation dinner.



This is one where there are ten (or so) courses, all small but each offering a veritable cornucopia of tastes designed to tickle your every taste bud. Of course, the ideal degustation also includes half glasses of wine, each chosen to perfectly complement each and every course, starting with French champagne. Frankly, I find it to be the ultimate aphrodisiac. But when the meal is in Melbourne, and three international chefs from Spain, Italy and Australia combine their talents, this is an event not to be missed.

"I've booked us in for a great meal – three international chefs are visiting Melbourne – can you get there on Friday week? This is classic Sheryle, organising the world. "But I wanted to go riding that weekend" was my reply, followed by her quick response – "I'll organise it!"

The dinner was to be worth every minute, every dollar and every pain of getting there. Fresh oysters with champagne to start, but not the ones from Sydney or weedy ones from Bateman's Bay, but the really plump creamy ones from the Dentrecaesteaux Channel on Tasmania's south coast. Then seafood morsels, sashimi to start, with Australian wasabi (the world's best), Balmain bug tails in butter, sliced rare wagyu beef, cream leek soup, truffles, Chinese duck, peppermint gelati and a host of other minute offerings, each provided with a perfect match of wines commencing with a whiff of a great riesling from



Tasmania, a pinot from Spain or NZ, something from Margaret River to shiraz from Rutherglen and a noble rot sticky from the Hunter.

As they say, "the angels were truly dancing on my tongue tonight". Only Tetsuya from Sydney could have done better, and then it would have had to have been on one of his really great nights.

But to make it to this veritable feast *and* to ride our bikes back to Canberra via Orbost was going to take some special organisation up front. And so she did, calling "Bikes Only Transport" in Queensland who happened to have a service centre in Queanbeyan. They transport motorcycles, and only motorcycles, around Australia.

As it happened, I need to be at home one lunch time when they came to collect them. Of course the truck driver is a biker, and readily claimed to be a multiple-miscreant, owning more than one machine. So you can imagine he took special care. Firstly they very carefully look over each bike for damage, to avoid later arguments then load them into a 15 tonne van, using a hydraulic lifting tray. Then the bikes are strapped via the handlebar and across the mounting plates built into the floor of the truck (see the picture). I paper and and joy hope that that I couple

seats, to especially the truck (see signed the waved my pride goodbye, hoping on all would be ok and won't be collecting a of hundred kilos of scrap metal at the other end.

Two weeks later, I fly into Melbourne and cab it to Sheryle's local office, which happens to have an Audi dealership on the ground floor. Of course, that is where the bikes are sitting, perfectly safe. A couple of locals have already spied the ACT registration plates and are fascinated to find out what we are up to and how the "little Vespa" came to be in Melbourne. After packing her computer and papers somewhere, we ride to the hotel, which was just down the street and dress for dinner. As mentioned, the latter turns out to be one of the best, and half the foodies from Melbourne have turned up for the French truffles and ultra-fresh seafood, plus magnificent wines.

Luckily we have walked from the hotel for dinner, and now we stagger slowly back along the river, hoping uselessly that the little exercise will offset the food and alcohol.



The next day, Saturday, we had decided to ride the short distance to the Yarra Valley and stay at the Sebel Lodge, not so ex-y (especially if booked via the internet) and very quiet. It is set in the countryside to the east of the city. However, the internet mapping system from which we had printed the directions took us via the back streets of Melbourne, with one wrong turn, that was completely my fault, resulting in an interesting U turn on a busy road and some very discernable semaphore from Sheryle, clearly aimed at the fool on the silver R1150RT.

The rest of the ride took us out and around the winding roads of the nearby hills rather than directly up the express way – great for the ride, difficult for the navigation. This prompted me to seriously consider the BMW Navigator II but at a retail price of \$2600 is simply too much – one day it will be on special and I will be the first in the door to acquire one – or maybe I should just attach an old GPS to an equally ancient PDA and make maps (there must be an article in that one for someone with some computing knowledge!)

The Sebel is set in the rolling hills of the Yarra Valley, and apart from stylish rooms, offers two other services that we will definitely avail ourselves of. The first is its "Spa" which includes a brilliant massage service of which we avail ourselves. Guys – if you have never had a massage (other than the Fyshwick type) then try an hour of pummelling – it really cleans the system out and puts a hop in your step.

The second is the food of chef, Marc Brown, African American and ex of Axis Restaurant at the National Museum in Canberra. We take it easy, as tomorrow will be a long day.

Sunday dawns fine and cool. This time I have taped a local map onto my petrol tank so as to "lead the way with style and aplomb" – not pretty but very effective. Nowadays, gaffer or PVC tape must be the 8 gauge fencing wire of noughties. The road winds off through the hills, and I choose to take the scenic route, almost to Mt Baw Baw. The corners become more frequent and decidedly interesting, to the point where the local authorities have put up the yellow "slippery" diamond signs – only this time they have a bike on them, not a car. The slip-road back down to

the Maffra and the Princess Highway before Bairnsdale is one lane wide, but perfect hot-mix bitumen snaking its way through a huge eucalypt forest – what a find!

Around Lakes Entrance we paused for a comfort stop and Sheryle asks how many kilometres she can run the Vespa on a full tank – to which I reply airily – 300. A quick calculation tells us that the distance from our start to Orbost is 304 km and you guessed it, she ran out of petrol with the odometer reading 299 kilometres from the last tank full! A quick nip into Orbost on the 1150RT saw me acquire a gold plated, most extravagant five litre fuel drum in Australia (plus petrol) to get us both back to the station and a coffee and chips. How low had we sunk!

At this point I had planned to ride to Bega and stop in a local motel, unbooked, then ride home via the winding Imlay Road the next day. But Sheryle had other ideas, so we headed straight up the Bonang and Monaro Highways to Bombala and Cooma and home, to spend the Monday with our children. Little did they know or care about my sacrifice!

But the ride was perfect. We covered over 700km that day, with the little Vespa and the BMW not missing a beat. The high plains road between Nimmitabel and Cooma is one of my favourites, wide open, sparkling and free so we will return another day soon, to wrestle with the Imlay or wander the deep south – Victoria's Gippsland or maybe a quick fang to Phillip Island – what do you say to that eh?

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# Snowy Region Motorcycle Safety Group

**Many of our members are frequent riders in the Snowy Mountains so we're pleased to be involved with the rider safety committee.**



A meeting of the Snowy Region Motorcycle Safety Group was held in the Tumbarumba Council Chambers on 21 June 2005

There were several groups in attendance including the three local councils represented by Trudy Stewart, Albury, Holbrook and Tumbarumba police, National Parks and Wildlife Services, Roads and Traffic Authority, Ulysses Club from Wagga Wagga and organisers from the Snowy Ride.

This is only a brief report on the meeting. *The full copy of the minutes is available by contacting Ian Hahn at meetings or at [membership@actbmwmcc.org.au](mailto:membership@actbmwmcc.org.au)*

**1. Printing of the 'Snowy Region Motorcycle Booklet'.** No funds were available at this time. Costings were presented but were outside any funds available at the time.

Suggestions to raise funds were presented.

A PDF file be sent to all clubs so they could publish it in full or select sections to be published at the clubs leisure.

Motorcycle manufactures, dealers and clubs be approached to sponsor the booklet with the appropriate recognition.

**2. The group riding brochures** have been printed and are available to any group or person by contacting the NSW RTA Resource Centre. They will be made available to all NSW motorcycle registrations next year.

**3. Review of signage on the Alpine Way.**

A review has been conducted but the report is not yet available. It concerns the inconsistencies of speed signs and the upgrade of speed advisory signs.

**4. The Snowy Ride for 26 November 2005.**

Last year there were 2500 entries. This year 120 have already been received.

Points to be looked into include a letter in the starter pack from the police about the importance of not speeding on the ride and rider safety.

The location of VMS boards. (They are the electronic signs which can be programmed to give a set message).

**5. Brochures.**

Single sheet information instead of brochures covering a single safety item in a bold format. These may be better accepted than a brochure covering a lot of information. These would be easier to produce and less expensive.

**6. Radio Campaign.**

Community service announcements. Would this be effective? To be investigated.

**7. Traffic Counters.**

The manned entry gates have data available but it needs to be downloaded from the computer.

Next meeting to be advised.



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## For Sale Second Month

**K1100RS SE Bahnstormer.** My specialist tells me I need to stop playing gridiron, tossing the caber, headbutting brick walls and riding motorcycles that put strain on my decrepit cervical spine - so Bahnstormer and I must finally part company. I knew it would outlast me! Besides, I should be looking for an old R80GS to suit the country property my wife and I plan to retire to next year. Bahnstormer is a rare model, K1100RS SE in black and silver, March 1997; last of the good looking K11s before the bulbous and front-heavy K12s came in. Done 76,000kms, in peak condition, as Taffy will testify. All the goodies including Aeroflow screen, raised bars, throttle lock and full luggage. Awesome express tourer and I love it, but there you go I wouldn't mind getting **\$11,000** for it, but a suitable owner is more important, so reasonable offers will be considered.  
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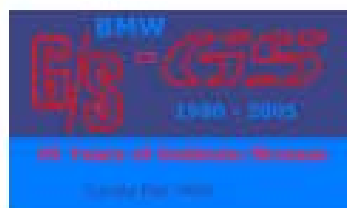
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Ads also appear on the club website.

## Wanted

**K1200RS pannier.** I am currently rebuilding my K100RS and am on the look out for either a good secondhand left side pannier or the inner (the side that is closest to the pannier holder) slight damage is ok. Contact **Brett on 0417 431760** or on line at **bchristmass@ozemail.com.au**.



# GS 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary Rally



**19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August 2005**

Our beloved GS will be 25 this September. Australia will be honouring the birth of adventure tourers at Cundle Flat Farm, set in a beautiful valley 50kms north west of Gloucester on the unspoiled Upper Manning River. ([cundleflatfarm.com.au](http://cundleflatfarm.com.au))

There will be a Bike Show with prizes for Best Mono Lever, Para Lever, Tele Lever and F Series. Entry to the bike show is free. BMW have contributed riding apparel to the value of \$550 that the winner can order from a BMW dealer. There will be a gate prize to be drawn on Saturday night and you must be there to win.

Dormitory accommodation and camping on the riverside park are available, with BBQ facilities as well as hot showers. A celebration dinner will be held on Saturday evening to people that pre book, so that the caterers can prepare, but lunches and breakfast will available over the whole weekend.

Weekend schedule: Friday –Early starters arrive and register.

Saturday – Registration on arrival.

10am – Morning navigation ride.

2pm – Bike Show. & display of history

6pm – Celebration Dinner, Bomb fire

9pm – Presentations.

Sunday – Farewell breakfast and departure.

*Please send entry in by 7<sup>th</sup> August 2005*

Entrants Full Name:			
Pillion/Partner:			
Address:			
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Dormitory Accommodation @ \$15/night	\$15.00		\$
Celebration Dinner/ person	\$20.00		\$
Rally Tee Shirt – Size .....	\$25.00		\$
Rally Sweat Shirt - Size .....	\$35.00		\$
Rally Bluey (100% Aussie Wool)Jacket – Size .....	\$85.00		\$
Late Entry Fee	\$8.00		\$
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**I / We agree to comply with the rules of the ACT BMW Motorcycle Club according to its constitution.**

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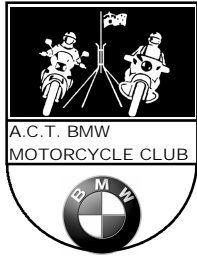
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