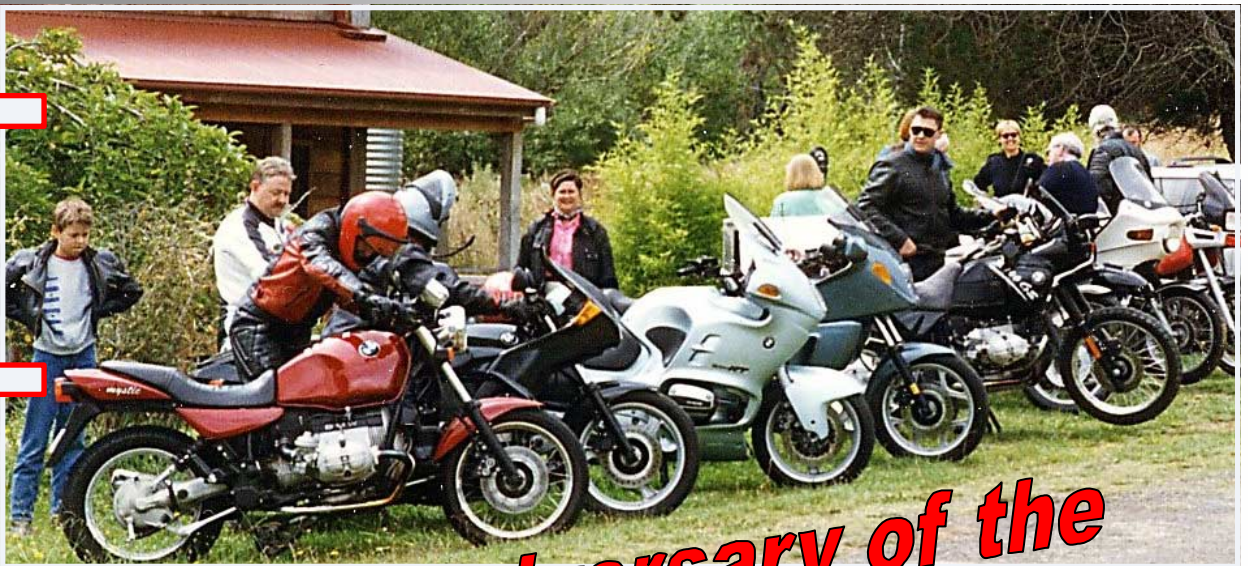
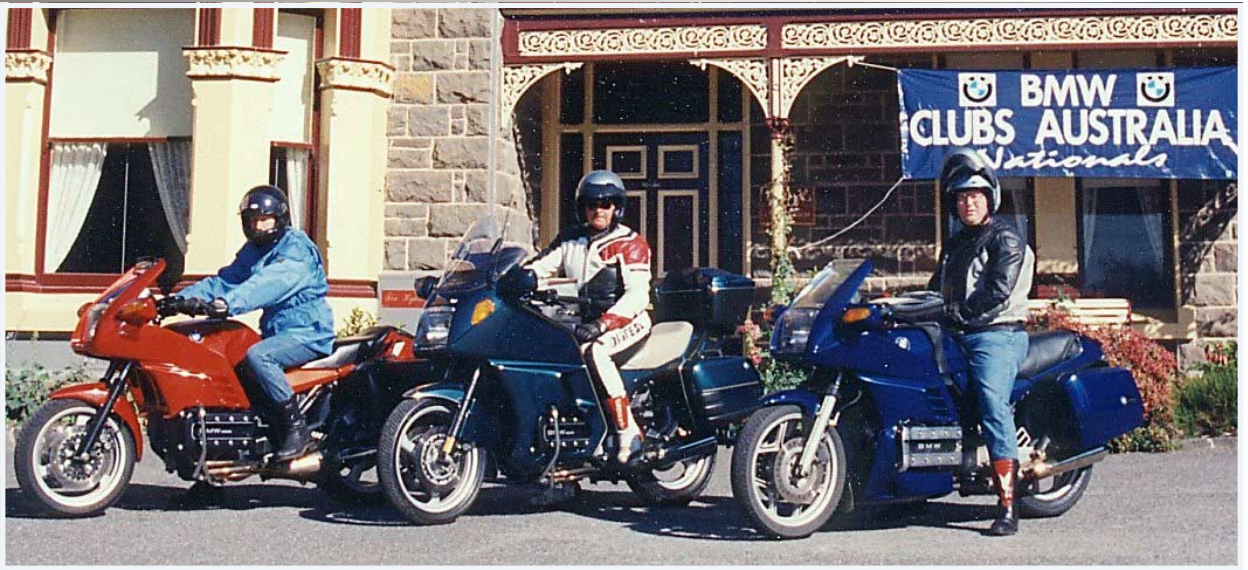


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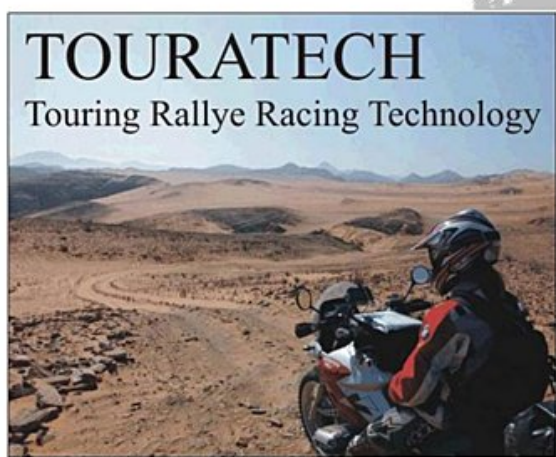
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ACT BMW Motor Cycle Club Inc 25th Anniversary

BMW Australia is delighted to recognise and congratulate the ACT BMW Motor Cycle Club on its 25th Anniversary.

Your large membership - in excess of 235 members - is an excellent achievement for a territory the size of the ACT.

No doubt the success and vibrance of the club is a result of the hard work, enthusiasm and passion of all those who work so tirelessly behind the scenes, as well as those of you who participate in Club life with such commitment.

When the club was founded in 1981, Malcolm Fraser was Prime Minister, the ACT did not have a Chief Minister and everyone was flocking to see the 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'.

Many changes have taken place over the last 25 years with the introduction of several new BMW motorcycles, which in turn have changed the way Australians view motorcycling.

BMW has been the leader in many aspects of motorcycling, from the R 80 G/S touring enduro to the R 1200 C Cruisers, K 1100 LT and to today's K 1200 S sport bikes. Yet all share a common theme; to deliver the best riding experience possible.

There are probably many machines bought new at the time the Club came into being that are viewed as classics today. The common theme is that the bikes engender as much enthusiasm among their riders now as they did then.

On behalf of BMW Group Australia we extend warm congratulations to the Club, and look forward to another 25 years of enthusiastic BMW motorcycling.

Enjoy the ride.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Corne'.

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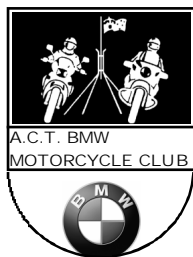
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Where: Italo - Australian Club, 78 Franklin Street, Forrest.

Next Meeting: Monday 27 February 2006

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, Marymead and Koomarri.

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Thanks to Jeanette and Ian Hahn for access to their photo albums covering Club activities going way back when...

Front cover:

- Darrel and Ron Andrews and Paul McAlister at the 1995 Ballarat Nationals
- Mongarlowe 1996
- Tarago ('Loaded Dog' pub) 1990

Back cover:

- On the way to Gunya Rally at Lockhart 1986
- Margaret, Wolf and Greg, at Broulee 1999
- Jeanette and Ian at the Club's formal dinner '99
- Trish Andrews on a Sunday morning at Gibb St Café, Bungendore 2002
- Peter Robleski accepting an award from Miles Stivano (BMW Aus) for getting Club started and as first President

25 Years! The Presidential Hoohah



(for this issue, the index is at page 6)

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of our Club.

The original members were few but keen and from humble beginnings in 1981, the Club has grown into one of the most successful BMW motor cycle clubs in the country. Over the years we have had 945 members through the Club with our current membership standing at 255. The success of the Club over the years has come from a commitment by the members to make it work, a common interest in BMW and a real interest in sharing our passion. To mark this special occasion, the Committee has put together a program of events to be run during the year, and special merchandise to mark the anniversary will be available.

The Committee has also been working on some changes to the Constitution of the Club to bring it more into line with the way we operate. It has served us well over the years, but times change. All proposed changes will be notified in advance, and members will be given the opportunity to comment before a vote is taken.

On a more sombre note, during January Club member John Alexander lost his long battle with cancer. John was a keen motorcyclist, an exceptionally good rider and a good companion. He displayed optimism and courage in his fight against the disease, and joined in as many of the club functions as he could, health permitting, always with a cheery outlook. On behalf of us all, I extend our sympathy and best wishes to his wife Sue and son Mark.

This will be my second last Hoohah. I don't intend standing for the position of President for the coming year. There will be other vacancies on the Committee, so I would encourage you to think about nominating for the Committee, and enjoying the Club from a different perspective.

Keep safe

John McKinnon

Remembering John Alexander (21.8.1951—23.1.2006)

On the 23rd of January 2006 after a long battle with cancer, John Alexander, a much-loved member of the ACT BMW MCC, died peacefully at his home amongst his family and friends.



John was a man with many passions—his family, four-wheel driving, water-skiing and motorcycling to name a few. He was an active member of the ACT Landrover Club for many years and coordinated trips for family and friends. He was well-known for toting carloads of kids (his own and those of his friends) to great places for camping and exploring off-road Australia. Olaf Moon (Webmaster) fondly remembers trips into the Victorian Alps with John and their kids and late night bonfires under a big sky. In earlier days John was also a keen water-skier and Ian Hahn (Membership Secretary) still recalls water-skiing days with John on Lake Burrinjuck, followed by evening conversations under the stars around the campfire.

Most of us, however, remember John the motorcyclist. Like many Club members, John got back into bikes after his son grew up. He replaced his old Japanese bike for his famous R1150RT and became a regular participant in many Club activities when his health permitted. On a particularly spectacular ride to Boorowa in bitterly cold conditions he was heard to say "This is the most fantastic bike I've ever had—I feel so free when I ride!" A sentiment we can all share. Because of his 4WD history, John was a keen camper and on the Club's 2004 Ranges Ride he showed that you don't need to carry much to have a great trip. In recent times, John stretched his riding wings with a Honda CBR 600 and a Ducati 749 just so that he could explore motorcycling to its limits.

Everyone in the Club who knew him will miss John. The Club sent a wreath to his funeral and many members attended to say their personal farewells and to pay their respects to John's wife Sue and his son Mark. The dedication on our wreath said:

"A brilliant rider and valued friend. Two wheels move the soul, John. May your soul keep moving. With love and respect, the ACT BMW MCC."

Vale John Alexander—*One crowded hour of glorious life is worth more than a lifetime without a name* (Tim Bowden)

It's the 25th Anniversary of our Club!



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WELCOME TO THE CLUB

This is the first in what will hopefully be a long series of Journals serving the interests of the ACT. BMW. OWNERS CLUB members.

Although the good response to a small ad placed in the Motorcycle column of the Canberra Times, demonstrated the desire for a local club devoted to the BMW. marque, the initiative came from the chance roadside meeting of three people, each of whom happened to be riding an early model smoky black R90S. As it happened, these people not only thought a club would be a good idea but also had about the same thoughts on what it should be like. The proposed constitution included in this edition more or less reflects the ideas that came out of that animated conversation which happened one warm summers evening along Belconnen Way. You're urged to read the proposed constitution carefully, consider its implications and bring your ideas and criticisms along to the next meeting, the time and place of which are included herein.

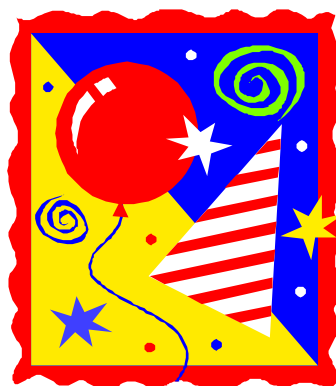
Although nothing except adherence to the constitution is mandatory for members, the sum total of the club is the interest of its members and its fate will be decided accordingly. The constitution is merely to provide a structure within which the club can operate and a vehicle for continuity. Hopefully, in addition to providing the journal and other administrative functions the role of the committee will be merely to organize activities suggested by members.

Peter

- To commemorate 25 years of our Club - the ACT BMW Motorcycle Club - we are organising a number of special events, details of which are included in our 'What's On' section.
- In addition, a good part of this issue of 'Shaft drive Lines' is devoted to looking back over those 25 years ... what we were doing then, what bikes we were riding, and so on ... to find that it's perhaps not so different.
- As Editor I have to thank our contributors, particularly Jeanette Hahn for access to her photo albums (dating from day 1) and the Hahn's perfectly maintained library of early editions of our newsletters.

Photo above:
"meeting of respondents to a classified ad placed in the Canberra Times by Peter Robleski with the aim of forming a local BMW motorcycle club 22 March 1981"

Left:
Page 1 of the first issue of the new Club's Journal



Happy Anniversary!!!

Rolfe Classic would like to congratulate the ACTBMW MCC on 25 successful years.

It is fantastic to see that a club that has been going for so long, is stronger than ever, and we are all positive that this will continue for another quarter century and beyond!

The Dealer Principal of Rolfe Classic, Mr Brian Joseph wishes to pass on his personal congratulations to the club and hopes that we continue the close association that has been enjoyed over the last few years.

Product News

BMW has created two new web-sites for those wishing to find out about the soon-to-be-released R1200GS Adventure and F800 series. You can find these sites at www.bmw-motorrad.com/enduroworld and www.seriousfun.com.

Special Pricing on Selected Models

Our annual demonstrator clearance in January went extremely well. However, it's not too late to pick up a bargain on a few selected machines! Call Kathi or Rob on 6208 4124 to find out about the remaining bikes.

While stocks last, we are also able to do great deals on current run-out models: R1150GS Adventure, R1100S, R1150R, R1150RS and K1200GT. So if any of these are of interest, please call before they all disappear forever!

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

The next General Meeting is on Monday 27 February 2006, at the Italo-Australian Club, 78 Franklin Street Forrest at 7.45pm.

(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.)

February 2006

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27 General meeting, Italo-Australian Club, 7.45pm

March 2006

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- 1 Chomp & Chat - Asian Mekong Delta
- 5 Alternative Sunday Breakfast - Bredbo Pancakes, Bredbo
- 12 Short day ride to Jugiong, Harden, Boorowa
- 16 Committee meeting
- 18/20 Overnight trip to Bright and Mallacoota
- 25 25th anniversary run and barbecue at Point Hut Crossing
- 27 Annual General Meeting, Italo-Australian Club, 7.45pm

April 2006

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- 2 Alternative Sunday Breakfast - to be advised
- 2 BMW Safari starts
- 5 Chomp & Chat - to be advised
- 13 Committee meeting
- 23 Day ride to Robertson, Kiama, Kangaroo Valley
- 24 General Meeting, Italo-Australian Club, 7.45pm

Perfect time of the year for a weekend ride, so

- 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!

Same venue - change of ownership and new name.

What was the Arte Café is now

'Cafe - Steakhouse 2621' - next to the service station on the Braidwood road

Don't be put off by the lack of bikes out front - check out the car park around the back

Join us at
Bungendore
on Sunday
Mornings!





More What's On

27 February - General Meeting

7.45 pm at the Italo-Australian Club, Forrest.

1 March - Chomp & Chat at the Asian Mekong Delta Kitchen

6.30 pm. Corner Alinga & Marcus Clarke Streets, Civic. This will be our third visit here...coz we like the food! We've booked a banquet at \$22 per person. It has a BYO licence too. RSVP to Pam by 27 February on 6255 8045 or email social@actbmwmcc.org.au

5 March - Alternative Sunday Breakfast - Bredbo Pancakes

A ride down the Monaro (or the back roads for the gravel surfers) to build up your appetite for a stack of pancakes at Bredbo. Meet at Rolfe at Philip at 8am or Williamsdale at 8.30am.

12 March - short day ride

Martin Gilbert is leading a short ride to Jugiong, Harden and Boorowa. Meet at the Hall lay-by at the very civilised time of 9.30am.

18/20 March - weekend (Canberra day) trip

We keep talking about it, but do little about it! What about a ride along the Great Alpine Road while we still have good weather! (Plus a holiday weekend here but not there.)

Ride Coordinator Mal Elliott will be emailing more information on the Canberra Day Long Weekend ride to Bright (Saturday night) and then on to Bairnsdale/Lakes entrance area (Sunday night) and home on Monday.

25 March - 25th anniversary ride & barbecue

To start off the Club's silver anniversary year we're re-creating the first run to Point Hut Crossing and having a barbecue. Note this is a Saturday event. More details in the next newsletter.

2 April - Alternate Sunday Breakfast

At a venue to be decided.

5 April - Chomp & Chat

At a venue to be decided.

And pencil in for Sunday 23 April....

A day ride stopping at Robertson (pie shop) for morning tea and on to Jamberoo, Kiama or Berry for lunch and home via Kangaroo Valley. Watch this space for details.

...and apart from:

17/18 June in beautiful Beechworth.

For our annual 'Christmas in Winter' dinner with the Victorian BMW Motor Cycle Club ...

future events will be in the hands of the new Committee

Going to the Safari?

Martin Gilbert has a list of 20 Club members heading off to the BMW Safari in April. If you're going and haven't already contacted Martin, please get in touch so he can put you on the list so we can keep in contact with other ACT BMW MCC members en route (and maybe catch up for a meal or a drink). If you'd like to join a group, to travel to the Hunter, for registration, meet at the Shell service station at Watson on Sunday 2 April at 8.30am.



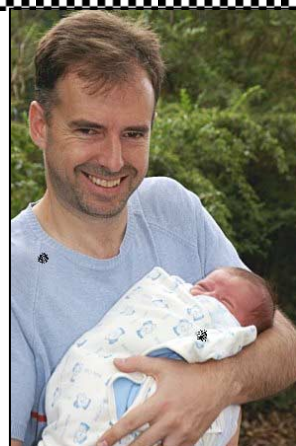
Membership Renewals

..... are due now! Membership Secretary Ian Hahn posted these out in January and would like to receive your payment pronto so he can give you a special 25th Anniversary Club badge. If you've changed your bike/address/phone number etc please mark this clearly on your renewal form so Ian can keep the records up to date.

Congratulations!

...to Guy and Leanne Micklethwait on the birth of Oscar on January 30.

Oscar made his first appearance at breakfast at Bungendore aged 13 days and no, he is not a latte drinker yet.



Guy has the details plus proper photos at his website: <http://guy.micklethwait.org>

Going my way? >>>>>>

We often hear of someone planning a longish ride,

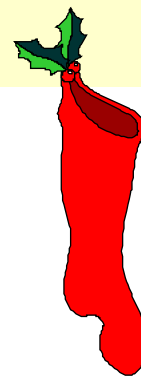
so if you'd like a riding companion for a trip please contact the Editor so it can be included in the newsletter and on the website.



Ross Hayward is riding from Melbourne to Canberra Saturday 25th Feb. - route to be decided. Call Ross on 6298 0163 b/h



Christmas in June....at Beechworth



Our annual 'Christmas in Winter' dinner with the Victorian BMW Motor Cycle Club will be on Saturday 17 June in beautiful Beechworth.

Following the discovery of gold in 1852, Beechworth flourished and became a major regional centre. Today it has over 30 buildings classified by the National Trust and is one of Victoria's best preserved gold towns with a wealth of historic buildings and attractions to explore including the historic and cultural precinct, hailed as Australia's finest heritage attraction.

The venue for the dinner is The Old Priory, a short stroll from the main street of Beechworth. In 1886 four Brigatine Nuns arrived in Beechworth from Ireland to establish a convent with work commencing on the site the following year. A convent and school operated from 1887 until its closure in 1978. The Old Priory is now a popular function centre.

Dinner:

We've chosen a three course meal for \$30 per person with drinks available from the bar (no BYO). **Bookings for dinner are now open;** please contact Pam Paull on 6255 8045 or email social@actbmwmcc.org.au and advise if you have any special dietary needs (vegetarian, dairy free etc) when booking.

Accommodation:

Accommodation is available at The Old Priory.

Single \$50, double or twin share \$80, dormitory (shared accommodation) \$40. These are not ensuite rooms, there are bathrooms down the corridor. There's also a cottage for \$105 or a self contained flat for \$120. All prices include a continental breakfast.

Phone (03) 5728 1024 or email info@oldpriory.com.au

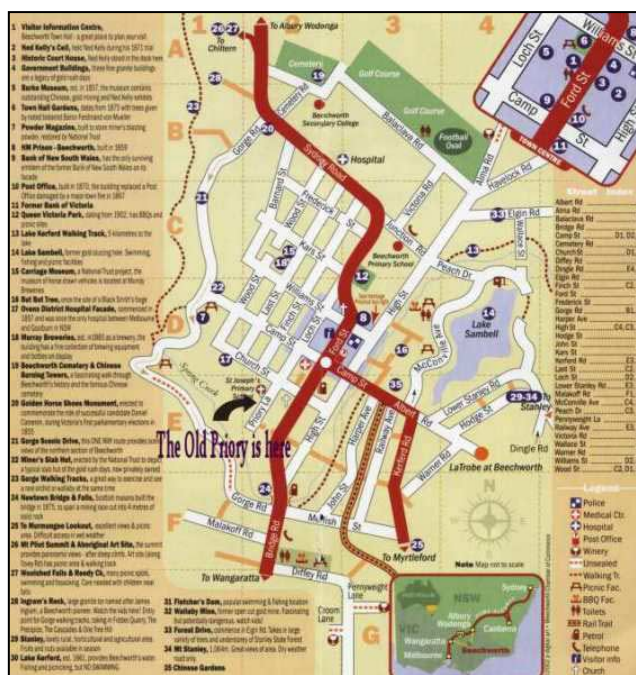
If you prefer to stay elsewhere, try the Carriage Motor Inn (2 blocks away from the Old Priory), or check out www.beechworth.com for information on Beechworth and more accommodation options including other motels, hotels, bed and breakfast or self catering cottages.

***** Please book your own accommodation direct. *****



Beechworth is close enough to 400k's (or 4 hours) from Canberra, if you head straight down the Highway.

More details about a group departure time/meeting point will be advised in a later newsletter.



'A long, long time ago when I could still remember... (The Motorcycle Diaries of Peter Oliver)



So, the Club has made it to 25 years. This got me thinking about my long history with motorcycling, so after rummaging through the shoe boxes and the dusty photo albums, I've pulled together a rough potted history of my life in motorcycling (and boy does it make me feel old!)

1976 - R100S

1970

Honda 90 Scrambler

No surviving photos of the mighty Honda 90 Scrambler which Dad bought me for commuting during my last year at Forbes High School. Little did he realise at the time that he had kick-started my life long obsession with two-wheeled travel. Honda still produces postie bikes with this engine – mine was red! Other than the school run, the only major trip on this bike was with a mate on his Honda 50 to Wyangala Dam one weekend.

R90S being ridden by a fellow from Sydney who was staying at the same campground in Devonport. After annoying him with lots of questions about the bike, he took me for a spin on the back and I was hooked.

1974 - R90/6

1974 saw the first of the dedicated touring bikes arrive



Arguably my all time favourite air-head boxer, the R100S followed the R90/6. Again, a lot of long haul work and frequent rally attendances on this bike. Not quite as plush as the R90/6 (the seat padding was a little thinner), but this one still clocked up 98,000 km in 18 months.

1972

Honda Elsinore 250 Trail

This was the year that I started working in Canberra and a new bike was in the garage. Another Honda, this one was a 250 Elsinore (Honda's first attempt at a two stroke trail bike). This bike did commuting duties during the week and went exploring in the Brindabellas on the weekends. This is where I really learned my riding skills. I did a trip around Tassie on it in 1973 (fully kitted out with a tank bag and a rear rack). It was during the two weeks circling the Apple Isle that I first caught a glimpse of the first of the "modern" BMWs. It was a smoke-grey



the Oliver garage; a lovely blue R90/6. This one did a few major trips – Brisbane, Perth, and Broome – plus lots of rallies in between. It was fitted with Krauser panniers and an "S" fairing. It travelled 120,000 km in the two years that I owned it.

1977 - Ducati 750SS

I went all Italian in 1976 and swapped the R100S for a Ducati 750SS and spent lots of time riding up and down the Clyde Mountain and through the Snowy Mountains on this bike. This was the perfect machine for honing one's cornering skills. Ah, to have lived and ridden in the time before speed cameras. I don't remember how many kms this one covered before I foolishly parted with it. I was off on another European sojourn and thought I might have needed the extra cash – I didn't.



1978 - R100RS

I got sensible again (sort of) and decided I really liked the touring aspect of motorcycling so a beautiful silver R100RS joined the family within weeks of my return from Europe. I really loved this bike. It had a ground-breaking design and a fairing that really worked.

During its five years it received a couple of sets of rear shocks (Konis), an imported two-into-one sports exhaust system (it still didn't sound as sweet as the Ducati though) and some cast iron discs on the front, which turned a completely wooden feeling stock set-up into a bike that stopped reasonably well, even in the wet. I did 280,000 kms on the old dear, with the only problem being some gearbox troubles. I removed the gearbox myself in a couple of hours using not much more than the standard tool kit. BMW even supplied a first aid kit, hand towel and tyre pump in those days.

1981

In 1981 I joined the fledgling ACT BMW motorcycle club. Meetings were held in various members' houses. I remember one meeting held at the house I was renting in Higgins where we decided to spend the entire Club funds on an end of year dinner for all members (Turkish take-away from memory). I can't recall the size of the Club back then but some of those people are still around on two wheels. Peter Robleski, the first president and the chap who kicked off the Club, owned an R90S back then and can still occasionally be spotted on a K100RS.

1984

K100RS (first of the K 's)



The big adventure ... I decided that it was about time to buy a BMW direct from the factory and spend some time discovering the wonderful riding roads that I had seen in previous European trips. Back then BMW Australia ran an overseas delivery scheme: pay for the bike in Oz, collect it in Munich, and have it freighted home while saving enough on the local price of the bike to cover your airfares. Almost too good to be true, which is probably why this scheme doesn't exist any more. I turned up in Munich in March 1984 and was handed the keys to a silver K100RS. I immediately headed south as it was snowing in Bavaria at the time! I had twelve months leave ahead of me. Unfortunately, four months later I was taken out by an inattentive motorist near Dusseldorf whilst on my way to the Dutch GP. I spent three months having my left leg rebuilt in a German clinic. At least I had managed to put up 20,000 km on the bike prior to the accident and had seen a lot of what Europe and North Africa had to offer the biker. I had also managed to disprove the theory that most accidents happen within three kilometres of home ...!

1986

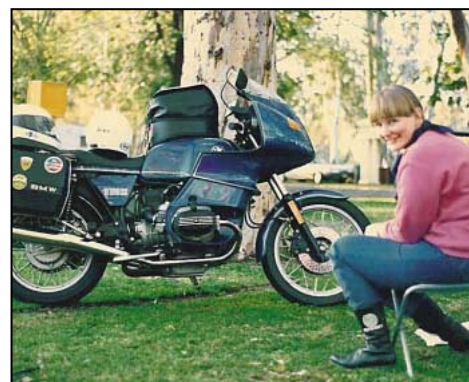
- R80 (mono)

Having recently married the girl of my dreams (Fiona), and following 12 months of learning to walk again, I sold the K100RS and bought an R80 mono (in basic black with an "S" fairing). It was nice to be back on a boxer again. One of the memorable big trips on this bike (two-up now) was to the Flinders Ranges (see photo) after which we decided that a little more power was needed (where did Fiona sit?).

1988

- R100RS (1984 model)

After much looking around we found a very tidy dark blue R100RS to replace the R80 mono. It was low km 1984 model (last of the twin shock versions) and the first second hand bike that I had owned. This bike made a much better two-up tourer and survived a couple of years toting the Olivers and their gear to interesting destinations.



1991 - Penny Farthing – Christchurch Museum, New Zealand

I've cheated a bit here – Fiona and I did the acoustic motor bike thing and cycled a few thousand km around the South Island of New Zealand (thankfully on overloaded mountain bikes and not on this bike). Not bad for a bloke with a dodgy leg.



1991 - K100RS (ABS)

Time to try another K series, as the R100RS was getting a little tired by now. I couldn't believe how different this bike felt to the 1984 model. Typical of BMW, lots of subtle changes had taken place over the life of the model. This one seemed to handle and stop a little better than the original. The seat had also come in



for some attention (reshaped and lowered) so it felt much more comfortable. We didn't own a car in those days so this bike was used as an every day hack as well as on trips away.

1992 - Honda VT250 (1984)

Lost the pillion and gained another motorcycle. Fiona decided that she wanted to get her bike licence so the K was sharing garage space with an immaculate Honda VT250. A fine first bike that even managed a few overnight trips down the coast and out west as Fiona honed her on-road skills.



1997

Garage sale – we sold all the bikes (K100RS, R75/5 (a failed project bike), and Honda VT250) and the Olivers headed south to Melbourne for a few years. What were we thinking ...?

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2000

Good sense prevailed and the Olivers returned to Canberra.

2002

- R1100RS (1995)

After many subtle hints (for example, wandering the house clutching bike magazines and wearing my old helmet around) Fiona finally weakened and sent me off to Melbourne with a cheque in my pocket. I returned two days later wearing a big grin and riding an R1100RS, which can be seen most Sunday mornings at the Club breakfast in Bungendore. Fiona and I happily rejoined the ACT BMW MCC and saw that a lot of familiar faces were still involved with the Club. This bike now has over 100,000 kms on it and is still going strong.



2003

- Suzuki SV650

A new Suzuki SV650 joins the stable. I've lost my pillion again ...



After a twenty-five year association with this Club (and 36 years on motor bikes) it's nice to know that a few special things remain unchanged:

- I'm still making wonderful new friends through my links with the Club and motorcycling;
- Doug Bryant is still servicing my bike (and he still remembers all the other BMs I've owned through the decades, having sold me three of my early boxers when he was the local BMW dealer);
- And finally, although I may have lost the pillion passenger, I now have a choice of bikes to ride – when I'm allowed! It's great having a wife who appreciates a bloke's need to continually spend more hard-earned cash on his bike, provided of course some upgrades happen on hers first!

Peter Oliver
February 2006
(Treasurer)



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Annual General Meeting - 27 March

That's right - it's that time of the year again! Our 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 27 March at the Italo-Australian Club, Forrest, starting at 7.45pm

As well as the normal procedures, (e.g. election of the new committee and finding out who won TJ's Tyres competition), the Committee is proposing a number of amendments to our Club's Constitution.

Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution

The following motions to amend the Constitution will be put to members at the AGM.

That Section 8 be amended to read as follows:

"A quorum for an Ordinary general meeting shall be fifteen percent of the total membership, and for an Annual General Meeting shall be **fifteen percent** of the total membership.

Any three members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.

A quorum for an extraordinary meeting shall be fifteen percent of total membership."

That Section 10(e) be amended to read as follows:

"The Treasurer shall maintain a correct record of the financial transactions of the Club. The Treasurer shall also provide financial reports as required and make available a completed (but not yet audited) set of financial statements for the previous year at the Annual General Meeting for noting by members. Consistent with the requirements of Section 15 (d), a set of audited financial statements must be made available to the Club within three months of the Annual General Meeting." and

"That a clause be added to Section 15 as follows:

D. a copy of the Club's audited financial statements must be approved at an extraordinary meeting held within three months of the Annual General Meeting. The financial statements must be audited in a manner consistent with the Act and lodged within six months of the Annual General Meeting. "

These amendments are required to allow the Club sufficient time and flexibility to meet its statutory reporting requirements under ACT legislation. *(If you want to see the effect of these amendments in the context of the full text of the Constitution, you will find a copy on our website.)*

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,..... (Full name)

of..... (Address)

being a financial member of the ACT BMW Motorcycle Club Inc, hereby appoint

.....(Full name of proxy)

of.....(Address)

being a financial member of the ACT BMW Motorcycle Club as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on the 27th day of March 2006 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote according to her or his judgment in regard to Committee positions and any other club matters that may arise throughout the meeting.

.....

Signature of member appointing proxy

Date.....

* NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Club



January General Meeting

Minutes of the Club's general meeting at the Italo-Australia Club, Forrest on 23 January 2006.

Attendance: as per attendance book.

Apologies: John McKinnon, Colin Ward

New members and visitors: nil

President: as John is away, Martin Gilbert chaired the meeting. Minutes of previous meeting endorsed as a correct record.

Vice President: apology

Secretary: Steve Hay. Mail this month:

- Letter from Italo Australian Club advising our request for the seminar room at the club for 2006 was successful. I have undertaken to pay for the 10 dates we will need the club at the January meeting.
- Other Clubs' magazines
- Slovenia Moto Tours 2006 letter and flyers.
- Cheques from Draggin Jeans Pty Ltd \$150, Good Wool Store Pty Ltd \$150
- New Membership Applications and payments from David Shean (\$45), Rob Woolley (\$40), Mark Hampton & Yolanda Nicholas (\$47), Peter Moran (\$45)
- Nine Club Membership renewals.
- MRA affiliation invoice \$60
- Christmas Card from ACT BMW Car Club
- Email re National Motorcycle Awareness Day
- Shannon's Letter and flier re competition to win \$20K towards a new bike. Enter at shannons.com.au
- Clubs Australia invoice for annual affiliation fees (\$246)
- January 2006 CPS Credit Union Statement.
- Email from Stephen & Bettina Floyd inquiring about membership of the club for now BMW owners. I took the liberty of assuring them it is not a problem and inviting them to the meeting tonight

Treasurer: Peter Oliver. S10 Smart Saver balance \$2200.07
S70 Business Cheque Account Balance \$8540.70. Our cheque for the Christmas party has not been presented yet.

Editor: Roger Paull. Thanks for all the great articles. The reserved articles have been printed so more contributions are now needed. He had heard that some members were having trouble printing off the magazine from the website but that should now be fixed.

Ride Coordinator: Mal Elliott. Good turn up for yesterday's ride to Charlottes Pass. On Feb 19 there'll be a ride to Yass, Gundagai, Tumut etc. and the club is planning an overnight ride for the Canberra Day weekend in March.

Social Secretary: Pam Paull. Feb 1 Chomp and Chat is at Zeffirellis at Dickson. First Alternate Sunday Breakfast will be on Feb f5 at The Loaded Dog Hotel in Tarago. The publican is opening specially for us and would like us there at 9am, so departure from the usual places should be 15 minutes earlier.

Clubs Australia: Martin Gilbert. Nothing new to report.

Membership: Ian Hahn. 34 renewals and 5 new members.

Webmaster: Olaf Moon. Lots of adverts at present. The problem with downloading the PDF of the magazine has been resolved.

Merchandising: Fiona Oliver. Nothing much to report. 25th anniversary Port merchandising proceeding. She has obtained a copy of the Club's Constitution as lodged with the ACT Registrar General's office and it is different from those on the website and those held by some members. Work will be done to bring the Constitution up to date especially about members approving the audited statements prior to lodgement.

Gravel Surfers: Greg Barber not present.

General Business: Steve Hay had an unpleasant experience with an airborne bug of some description and recommends packing "stingose" for summer trips.

Peter Stanfield had received a call from John Alexander's wife to advise that he is critically ill. (*p.s. Sadly, John passed away soon after*).

Jim Reid thoroughly enjoyed Olaf's articles on bike movies and wants more film reviews

Ron Andrews wants the Club to buy a marquee now we have lots of money. Motion moved to look at a foldable marquee for our club for club functions. Discussion followed with Fiona Oliver expressing some concern about the club acquiring physical assets. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Committee meeting.

George Penfound advised that this weekend is a flying weekend at Temora and it could be a disappointment as it will be too hot for some of the planes to fly.

Graeme Moffatt recommended we try to organise a training session with the Stay Upright people. Every one agreed it was a good Idea and the committee will look into it.

Olaf Moon asked if we could have a double thickness magazine with a colour cover and colour pictures in the centre for our anniversary edition. Roger will consider this but noted that it could be too expensive.

Pam Paull would like to know if people are interested in attending a anniversary function possibly with an 80's theme.