Please note that the
General meeting on
23 October will be at
Rolfe BMW, Phillip, from
7.45 pm

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When: 7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month

Where: October venue will be the Rolfe BMW Motorrad showrooms, Phillip, not the Italo-Australian Club (this month only).

Next Meeting: Monday 23 October 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

ACT BMW MCC PO Box 1042 WODEN ACT 2606

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

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.

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 Marymead Child and Family Centre.

Check our web site at http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au for updates of rides and social events. And keep in touch by joining our Yahoo groups.

ACTGravelsurfing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelsurfing/ actbmwmcc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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PRIVACY OF CLUB MEMBER **INFORMATION**

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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 and are available on request.

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

This month's cover:

Talking bikes at Bungendore on a Sunday morning - David Morgan and Timo Lloyd, chatting over Timo's (recently departed) F650 Dakar.



PRESIDENT'S

Hoohah



It's been a little more than 5 weeks since I was laid low and my bike was put under wraps, as you can see!

My recovery continues to progress, although sometimes I get a little frustrated when things aren't moving as quickly as I would like.

Most of my rehab is directed at regaining my balance. It is amazing just what your body

does without you putting in any conscious effort. You only notice this when something disturbs those automatic actions which are then switched on to manual. So they have to be re-learnt. It needs a big effort but I'm getting there, with lots of support from my family. And thanks to members of the Club for all your good wishes and concern.

I went along to the last committee meeting at Steve Hay's place. Steve, for all the damage done to his leg, is very chirpy. It is very heartening to see that his recovery is coming along so well, although it may be a while before we see him and Jacki on 'Dancing with the Stars'.

The Club's annual rally is being held over the weekend of 21-22 October, with details appearing elsewhere in the magazine. This year, for the first time, we have had to make a decision not to supply firewood because of the likelihood of continuing total fire bans in the Kosciuszko National Park. This may be an inconvenience, but I am sure that the ingenuity of members will see that a good time is had by all without having a fire to warm your backside.

At the German Autofest on Sunday 15 October, I had a brief word with Howdy Farrar, who all you know is a mover and shaker behind the success of that show. He told me it was the best ever event for the number of entrants and the attendance by the public. Certainly Lake Burley Griffin is a fabulous backdrop for such an extensive display of German machinery—both cars and bikes.

From the bike side, there were 35 bikes on show. I haven't caught up with details of the winners of the Club's concourse, but thanks to everyone who participated. As Howdy and Ruthie Farrar have been posted to Melbourne, I wish them well and thank them for the effort they have put in over the years to make the German Autofest such a successful event.

I would also like to thank Martin Little for the great job he is doing filling in during my absence.

Safe riding

John

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Welcome to our new members

September, October Meetings

Classifieds

Membership Form

- Andrew Harrison BMW R1150R, Suzuki DR 350 S, VX 800
- Michael & Sarah Bell R1200 GS
- >> Cornelis De Rover R 1100 RT

996 and counting.....

We have now reached our 996th member since the Club's inception in 1981.

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To acknowledge our 1000th member, we will give him or her a club hat to mark this milestone.

And, if introduced by an existing member, that member will receive one year's membership free!

WHAT'S ON

Calendar

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Our next General Meeting is on Monday 23 October 2006, at Rolfe' BMW Motorrad Showrooms, Phillip, from 7.45pm.

- 21/22 Kosciuszko Rally
- 22 Pink Ribbon Ride

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General meeting - Rolfe Phillip, from 7.45pm

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Chomp & Chat - Taj Agra
 Pre-launch unveiling of F800 series. Rolfe Phillip See Rolfe article P11
 Alternate Sunday breakfast - Dellisio Restaurant Curtin
 Walhalla Weekend

General Meeting Italo-Australia Club, 7.45pm

December 2006						
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- Our Christmas dinner and presentation night see page 8 for full details and attendance form
- **9** MRA Annual Toy Run, followed by our Club's Christmas picnic at Uriarra Crossing

First Wednesday of the month -

Chomp & Chat at a local restaurant from 6.30pm. We go to a different restaurant each month so check the 'What's On' pages for the monthly location.

First Sunday of the month -

Alternate Sunday breakfast. Again, details can be found the 'What's On' pages.

Fourth Monday of the month -

General Meeting at the Italo-Australian Club, Forrest at 7.45pm - except special occasions as notified.



... and don't forget our weekly gettogethers for breakfast at Bungendore.

Meet at 8.30am
the Red Rooster, Queanbeyan or on the
northside at the Shell servo, Watson
for a ride to Bungendore
and Sunday morning breakfast
or just coffee at

Café 2621

(on the Braidwood Road)

WHAT'S ON

... looking a bit further ahead

21-22 October - Kosciuszko Rally

Our annual Kosciuszko Rally at the Swampy Plains River Camping Grounds, on the Alpine Way. A great ride, terrific scenery and good camping area. As usual, it's self catering, so b.y.o. just about everything.

<u>Please note</u> that there is a complete fire ban in that area and across the entire Kosciuszko National Park. Therefore fire wood will not be provided and no fires will be lit. So please adjust your catering accordingly.

22 October - Pink Ribbon Ride

If you're not going to the Kosciuszko Rally, then why not help a good cause and go on the Pink Ribbon ride. Details on page 15.

23 October - General Meeting.

This meeting will be held at Rolfe's BMW Motorrad Showroom, Phillip. Unfortunately it's likely to be a little early for the local release of the new F800 twins and the new R1200R, but there'll be lots of other shiny machinery to drool over.

1 November - Chomp and Chat

Our annual visit to the Taj Agra (Indian) at Belconnen at 6.30 pm. RSVP to Sheryle Moon (basmoon@ozemail.com.au or 0419 708675) by 27 October.

3 November - Pre-launch F800

Unveiling of the F800 series at Rolfe Phillip showrooms. See article on page 11.

5 November - Alternate Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast is Dellisio Restaurant, 83 Theodore St, Curtin at 10am, which means plenty of time for the pre-brekkie ride of the twin/triple peaks around Canberra. Leaving from Rolfe at 8.30am. RSVP is essential for breakfast so let Sheryle know by 2 November.

Also on 5 November, the Ducati Club is having an Economy Run. Registration is from 9am at Caltex Braddon (corner Girrawheen & Lonsdale Sts), with categories for all bikes. Further info is available on their web site at www.cddc.org.au

10-12 November - The Snowy Ride

Not a Club ride, but as many of us normally go, would you like to get together and ride down as a club group? Contact to be advised at October General Meeting. See www.snowyride.com..au

25-26 November Walhalla, Vic.

(aka 'Martin G's Birthday Ride) Lovely little old mining town, in the ranges northwest of Sale. A longish ride, but easy to access via good roads. Martin Gilbert will book some reasonably priced accommodation in nearby Rawson (10 km away). Contact Martin on (02) 6296 5758.

27 November - General Meeting

Our last general meeting for the year.

1 December - Christmas Dinner & Presentation

Mark this date in your diary—this year Cape Cod, Deakin. See page 8 for details.

9 December MRA - Toy Run and Christmas Picnic

Looking for a big Club attendance for the toy run. Current plan is for us to go on to our Christmas picnic lunch immediately after the Toy Run. Venue will be the Uriarra East Reserve on the Murrumbidgee at Uriarra Crossing. It offers easy access and is family friendly, so we encourage you to bring along cars, partners, kids, etc. More details sooner to the events.

December/January Sunday Breakfasts

Please note the alternate Sunday breakfasts will not be held in December or January 2007. Breakfast as usual at Café 2621 at Bungendore for those who are in town.



Between Thredbo and Khancoban (signs will be out on the Alpine Way) the ACT BMW MCC Kosciuszko Rally will be a fun weekend for everyone.

Thredbo

Swampy Plains

It's BYO everything—camping gear, food, drinks. Entry fee is \$15 per person payable on arrival. Trophies in many categories, e.g. youngest, oldest, distance, and raffles.

Check www.actbmwmcc.org.au for up-to-date details

Note: Firewood will NOT be available.

Our Tassie trip planned for March 2007 will be rescheduled for later in that year as the BMW Safari is being held from 25-31 March 2007.

Martin Little

THE VICE FILE

Having only lived in Canberra for five years, there are plenty of great roads I have yet to ride. In early October I attended the alternative breakfast at the Araluen. It was a real pleasure to ride down the hill into Araluen with fellow club members. We had one very musical LT 1200 in front providing an early warning for the group (shame about the choice of music), mixed with the 'solid rumble' of a Staintune kitted GS1200 to ensure none of us got bored or fell asleep (thanks Jim).

Seriously, the road down into Araluen is a real cracker, and coming back up the hill is even better. At the hotel we



had over twenty bikes lined up outside, looking resplendent in the bright morning sunshine, while their riders mingled. In my books, it doesn't get any better than that. Also full credit to club members Sue & Jackie who are recently licensed riders who attended also.

On a totally different matter, on a recent typical work day I counted no less than 10 motorcyclists out on their bikes without any protective gear other than a helmet. While I can say truthfully none were BMW's, the reality is that there are fellow riders out there riding the roads in shorts, singlets and thongs. This distresses me as I know from personal experience the amount of pain an individual with bare skin will go through in the event of a spill.

Wherever possible, when I see this occurring, I do try and make the suggestion (diplomatically) that the rider should cover up for their own protection. Needless to say, this results in a few interesting and one sided discussions. Anyway, my message is even though it's hot, please remember we are bike riders and need to protect ourselves, and where possible help other riders also.

Now I've got that off my chest, let me get back to club business and thank Leah McKinnon for standing in as the magazine editor while Roger and Pam are overseas. Leah is pulling together the magazine for the month, with some assistance from John. At the October committee meeting we had Steve Hay back in the Secretary's chair (admittedly a special rehab chair!) ably doing what he does best. John McKinnon was also there. While both Steve and John have plenty of ground to cover in their respective rehab, it is good to see them on the road to recovery.

Finally, I recently indulged myself and took a day off work to do a mid week ride, travelling to Cann River via the Monaro Highway; then up Princes Highway to do the Mt Imlay Road; then the road down to Wyndham via Bombala and Cathcart; followed by Brown Mountain and then home to Canberra. It was a 'Blue Sky' day and just perfect for clearing the mind and getting one's priorities sorted. (Yes, there is a ride report coming.....)

Hope to see you out there. Get on your bike and ride.

(Kiwi) Martin

TJ's Tyres Touring Competition 2006/7

The weather's great, so why not get out on your bike and take a few photos for the TJ's Touring Competition. The prizes are worth the effort. Although the rules have changed a bit from last year, basically you need photos of your bike in front of a public building plus a qualifying photo of yourself and bike with Hal outside TJ's.



Hal Caston of TJ's Tyres

- Entries close on 28 February 2007 and can be
- emailed to tjscompetition@yahoo.com.au
- a photos/disk can be posted to 'TJ's Competition, ACT BMW MCC, PO Box 1042, Woden ACT 2606
- handed over to judge Sue Ball-Guymer at a general meeting.

Full details are on the web site http://www.actbmwmcc.org.au



The ACT BMW Motorcycle Club invites all members to the

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 1 December 2006 from 7.00pm

Cape Cod Restaurant, Hopetoun Circuit, Deakin Shops

Cost: \$55 per person - three course dinner, wine & soft drink included

Dress: Smart casual with a LOUD Shirt

ENTRÉE

Clyde River Oysters with Lime and Ginger King Prawns with Salsa Verde Lemon & Pepper Calamari with Garlic Aioli

MAIN COURSE

Pan-fried Fish of the Day with Yellow Bean Soy & Jasmine Rice Spring Bay Mussels with White Wine & Leeks Green Apple & Pear Salad with Dried Cranberries Steak with Chunky Chips and Chilli Salt

DESSERT

Chocolate Brownie with Orange Curd

COFFEE & TEA

Freshly percolated Lavazza Coffee and Twinings and Herbal Teas

DRINKS

Katnook Founders Block Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz, soft drinks. Beers and spirits can be paid for on consumption.

RSVP to social1@actbmwmcc.org.au or phone Sheryle Moon on 0419708675.

Full payment by cheque to the Treasurer, ACTBMWMCC, PO Box 1042 Woden ACT 2606 (with completed tear off slip below) or pay cash at the meetings or breakfast. Full payment MUST be made by Monday 26/11/06.

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

I / we will be attending.	
Name	(please print)
Number attending	
Payment @ \$55 per person	(no refunds)

Safari Updates

2006 BMW GS SAFARI - CAPE YORK: CAIRNS TO THE TIP

'... Starting on Saturday 19th August 2006 in Cairns, 115 BMW motorcycles took part in the 2006 BMW GS Safari. ... 'You will find a full report on the recent GS Safari on the website - http://www.bmwsafari.com/news/news_15Sept06.htm (We hope soon to have a personal report from one of our own local Gravelsurfer attendees.)



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A couple of the great photos from the website's report. Have a look online to see the tough conditions that GSers have to put up with!

2007 BMW TOURENSPORT (TS) SAFARI

The 2007 BMW TourenSport (TS) Safari will take place from Sunday 25 to Saturday 31 March 2007, The starting venue will be almost mid-way between Melbourne and Sydney. Participants will be riding many of Australia's top motorcycling roads including the Snowy Mountains Highway, the Alpine Way, the Murray Valley Highway, the Cann Valley Highway, the Great Alpine Highway and the Omeo Highway....and yes...there's more!

Overnight stops are planned in the Snowies, on the NSW and Victorian south coasts, with the finish in Victoria, close to the border and the Hume Highway. So that's 6 days of riding over 2,000 km of great roads and 7 nights of socialising. As with all BMW Safaris there will be a full support crew, daily route maps, a lively social program and a T shirt!

Most of the overnight stops are not large places so there will

be a fair spread of accommodation offered from hotels, motels, lodges, cabins, camping and B&Bs. The Accommodation Booking Form will be sent out from 1 November.



Summary details:

- *2007 TS Safari 25 March 31 March
- *Registration Forms available for download from website
- *Accommodation Booking Forms sent to registered participants from 1 November 2006
- *For more information, refer to the BMW website at http://www.bmwsafari.com/

... and don't forget ...
THE NATIONALS 2007
ST KILDA, Melbourne
6-9 April (Easter) 2007

BMW Club members from around
Australia will converge on Melbourne at Easter
2007 to share the passion of the BMW Marque.

Although this is primarily a 'car' event, BMW motorcycle club members are of course welcome.

More info and updates on http://bmwccv.bmwclubs.asn.au/

Useful BMW web sites

BMW Groups Australia suggest the following internet sites are useful sources of BMW Motorrad information.

www.motorcycles.bmw.com.au

www.bmw-motorrad.com

www.worldofbmw.com

www.bmw.ca

www.bmw.co.nz

www.bmwgroup.com

www.motorcycledaily.com www.motorcyclenews.com

If you find something useful while surfing these sits, please inform your editor. Or better still, write an article.





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Media Releases

Editor's note: Space limitations prevented us reprinting this at time of its release in July 06. However I'm sure that it's still of interest to anyone contemplating a new bike in the near future.

"BMW Introduces New Integral ABS and ASC.

Introducing its next generation Integral ABS, BMW Motorrad takes a quantum leap forward in braking technology.

The new Integral ABS incorporates the braking system into a fully networked all-round system and provides the foundation for additional dynamic riding control systems with a reduction in technical requirements and features.

And responding to customer input, BMW Motorrad is poised to develop further rider assistance features in the future.

The first step in this direction is BMW Motorrad ASC Automatic Stability Control, available as early as next year.

This is the first system in the world to control driven wheel spin on a production motorcycle, and will be introduced as an option on touring models in the BMW K and Boxer (R) Series motorcycles. Once again, BMW pioneers the introduction of advanced motorcycle safety technologies. This further enhances BMW Motorrad's leadership of this area, following 15 years of active development.

BMW Motorrad has drawn on the vast experience of Continental-Teves, which has been instrumental in developing braking and traction systems for motor cars for many years. Work on the motorcycle project began in earnest in 2003, with the company working closely with BMW Motorrad to devise an ideal solution for two-wheelers.

Integral ABS.

BMW Motorrad's new Integral ABS technology has been developed separately from the previous system and the entire layout of the system has been newly conceived from the ground up. Capitalising on progress in technology in both hydraulics and electronics, the development engineers have succeeded in simplifying the architecture of the system while at the same time enhancing its functions to an even higher standard. The result is supreme stopping power and very short stopping distances even without electrical power assistance for the brakes.

BMW Motorrad's new Integral ABS is no longer based on the plunger principle or, respectively, the ram pressure process used on previous generations, but instead is conceived as a valve system.

The new control concept is a development of the system used in motor cars. It ensures a very high standard of all-round comfort and convenience. In particular, brake pressure modulation feedback at the brake lever has been reduced by the development of the control valves and management, removing unpleasant effects. It is so efficient and smooth it has been introduced on the top models in the BMW Motorrad range.

The new Integral ABS system applies brake pressure on the front wheel brake solely by means of a hydraulic circuit, thus acting entirely in response to the force applied by the brake lever. Sports riders will enjoy this new level of control and feedback response. It also means riders who switch between machines with and without ABS should notice no difference in braking operation.

The new system naturally maintains the proven semi-integral function. This provides automatic activation of the rear-wheel brake when the front brake lever is operated. Depressing the footbrake alone activates only the rear brake. As with the previous system, the advantages of this integral brake are ideal brake force distribution on both wheels under all conditions, naturally taking load conditions into account. It also gives early warning of the rear wheel lifting when braking harshly, allowing the rider to take appropriate counter-action. To provide the desired integral function, brake pressure for the rear-wheel circuit is generated and built up by an electronically controlled hydraulic pump. This offers the advantage of pressure management and control completely independently of the front wheel circuit - which is the prerequisite for dynamic, adaptive and, ultimately, consistently ideal brake force distribution to the rear wheel as well as fully independent brake management and control.

In the event of any deficiencies in the hydraulic pump or electrical components, the rear-wheel brake acts hydraulically as with a conventional system, overriding the

integral function. This has no effect on the proper operation of the front-wheel brake, the only difference being that the ABS function is no longer operative in the event of such a deficiency.



BMW introduces ASC for motorcycles.

Automatic Stability Control is a meaningful, additional assistance function, particularly useful for a high-torque motorcycle and when riding on slippery surfaces.

ASC is the logical counterpart to ABS. Automatic Stability Control prevents the rear wheel from spinning in an uncontrolled manner when accelerating hard, and thus avoids any loss of grip or stability which could lead to the wheel spinning out of control. Lift-off detection and intervention serves furthermore to prevent the front wheel from coming up when accelerating under full power. Acting together, these two functions enhance riding stability and thus help to ensure a higher standard of safety on the road. Of course the rider is able to deactivate the ACS at anytime, even on the move.

Like ABS, ASC is also subject to the immutable laws of physics, especially while cornering.

The ABS wheel sensors determine the speed at which the wheels are turning. Registering any sudden change in the difference in speed front-to-rear, the electronic control unit is able to detect any risk of the rear wheel spinning. The immediate response is to interrupt the ignition to reduce engine power. If this is insufficient to restrict wheel slip, fuel injection is also interrupted. This kind of control and management is fast and sensitive, with only minor impact on riding comfort or dynamics."



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Rolfe Classic BMW Motorrad



Welcome members to the November issue of the newsletter!

NEW MODELS ANNOUNCED

Well, what a busy month we have already had with announcements of new models for this year and next becoming official!!! Keen web surfers will be spotting (and reading in this great publication) all about the upcoming R1200R, plus announcements of new 650cc range of motorcycles in extreme off road, moto & a street version – all aiming to be lightweight and pure fun. At this stage unless BMW Australia change their tune, we are to only get the off road version here. The K1200R Sport has also been announced, I think one of BMW's best looking and 'most suited to purpose' bike thought of recently by BMW, but again we've been told 'not for Australia'. Pity, because it'd probably replace our current K1200R offering more protection upfront without the full fairing of the 'S'.

The R1200R pricing has not yet been finalised, but BMW expect retail pricing to be around \$18,750.00 plus on roads at this stage, so a well priced machine compared to it's predecessor.

MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE

A short note to notify readers that we consistently advertise bikes for sale on our BikePoint website, which is fast becoming the preferred way to shop for a motorcycle (BMW's recent survey concluded that 50% of buyers found their bike online, 10% in print and 10% by visiting the dealer (70% unknown or not rated)). 24 hours 7 days a week, please browse our site http://bikepoint.com.au/rolfeclassic to see what bikes are for sale and what models we have on an upcoming order.

THE LOOOONG AWAITED F800S & F800ST

Seems in Australia we are making habit of waiting for exciting new models after the press ride them and the rest of the country already have their 10,000km service due! However, it gives me great pleasure to announce that after reading about these bikes in April in the press, we are finally ready to unveil our great mid-sized models early November. Yes, this November!! At time of writing, our F800S in red and F800ST in blue are due to arrive in Australia at the end of this month, therefore we are hoping they'll get our dealership in time for a special **pre-official launch** night for ACTBMWMCC members only (and their partners of course) on:

Rolfe Motor Corporation No1 Pty Ltd A.C.N. 008 629 436

> 2 Botany St Ph**i**lip ACT 2606

Telephone (02) 6208 4111

Facsimie (02) 6208 4112

Service Telephone (02) 6208 4144

Service Facsimile (02) 6208 4123

Parts Telephone (02) 6208 4155

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Dealer Principal Brian Joseph **3 NOVEMBER 2006** starting 6pm for a 6:30pm official unveiling

On the night I request you complete a sign in book and bring an appetite for a Vice President cooked BBQ (no eating beforehand as an excuse!) and be entertained by two great new bikes before the public get to see them. This will also be a chance to book test rides with us before everyone else for the day after. Both bikes will have some accessories fitted also.

Please RSVP before the night to either Robert.Jones@rolfeclassic.com or phone us on (02) 6208 4135 to let us know you're coming, so that we can do our best to cater for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Rob Jones & the team at Rolfe Classic BMW Motorrad

RIDE REPORT

Windy Husky Weekend

Where do you go when you're not going to Bermagui? Why, Huskisson of course. On the weekend of 23-24 September, five of us rode down to Husky via the Clyde - Mark Bottomley, Ian Hahn, Jeanette Hahn, Alison and yours truly. The ride down was good, not too much traffic and just enough spots on the run down the mountain to get by the mobile chicanes. The day was just perfect, you couldn't ask for better, and we were in Husky for a late-ish lunch.

Mark's new toy-a GPS

Now, you will have read in a recent copy of this estimable tome that Mark B has a new toy – a GPS navigation system. He was like a dog with two tails, I tell you. Just because we could, the group left the highway early so Mark could lead us through Sussex Inlet and Vincentia. I'm not sure he meant to take us through 'every' street in those places, but we now have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the suburban areas of those towns – feel free to ask questions.

The afternoon was spent wandering around the shoreline and a quick snooze was in order before tea at the pub. As Alison and I had a motel room with its own separate lounge area, a few bottles found their way into the room after tea. 'Twas most convivial.

Sunday started leisurely

The next day shaped up to be very warm very quickly. Mark left early to meet commitments at home but the rest of us were a little more leisurely in our departure. It wasn't too bad when we left town but by the time we stopped up the road in Nowra for fuel it was already 34 degrees on the RT's thermometer. Funny place Nowra, distinct lack of decent servos on the main road. We took it in turns to fill up at a little servo just before the roundabout where you turn off to Kangaroo Valley.

Finally, with full tanks, and a pause at the roundabout to let about 20 Jaguars go by, we rode up to Moss Vale via Kangaroo Valley. As we climbed the mountain the temps dropped off a little but it was still pretty steamy. The Sydney sports bike crowd were out in force and one of them had come to grief just before we turned up, having run wide on a corner and opened up the side of an oncoming car like a can opener. The bike was spewing fluids but its rider appeared to be fairly unscathed. Alison and I became separated from Ian and Jeanette at this point.

Wild wind storm

When we reached the top of the climb we rode into a wild wind storm. We could see it in the tops of the trees as we reached the plateau but once we came out onto the flat road it was full on. Trees and parts

thereof were being flung across the road and staying upright was a full-time job. The little lake beside the road had whitecaps on it and debris was a constant hazard.

I wasn't sure where we'd agreed to meet up with Ian and Jeanette so I took a detour to the Robinson pie shop in case they should turn up there. As they didn't, we rode to Moss Vale where the wind really became a problem. Raised dust made it hard to see where we were going and we were having trouble staying on the road. Spotting the Hahn's machines in the main street of Moss Vale we found a relatively sheltered spot to leave the bikes and joined them in a local café.

Storm chaos

We stayed there for about 90 minutes waiting for the wind to abate. Lots of other riders thought this a good idea and joined us, filling the café and keeping the proprietors busy. Over a protracted lunch we watched a parade of emergency vehicles going out to rescue people caught up in the storm. We also watched trees over the road get various limbs torn off them and stepped outside occasionally to move them off the road, which is more than most of the car drivers did.

I'm an impatient bugger, and after 90 minutes and little sign of the storm abating both Alison and I decided to take our chances and try to get home.

Riding into the wind

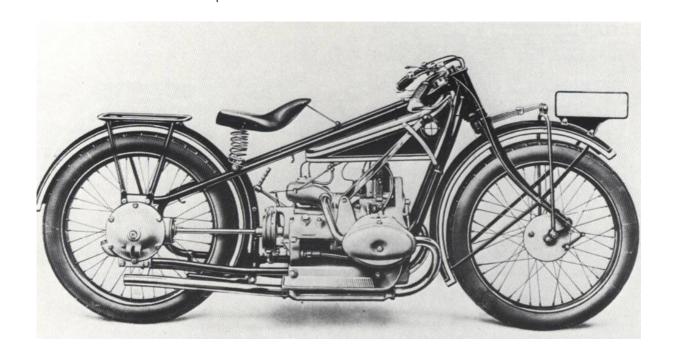
There were all sorts of stories circulating about blocked roads and accidents (and one unfortunate chap on a Harley was killed by a falling branch in Kanga Valley so at least some of it was true) but we rode off into the wind, leaving the Hahns to ponder our sanity.

It was hard work and we encountered the occasional fallen tree and branch but we got through OK. We kept off the Hume as much as possible, taking the tourist drive through the Southern Highlands and the back road from Goulburn to Canberra. The temperature dropped through my boots on that stretch but we managed to get home safely. Good to hear that both the Hahns and Mark did so too, after dealing with their own adventures.

Martin G

RIKES

Data Sheet #7—BMW R 47



Model R 47

Production dates 1927 to 1928

Engine designation M 51

Engine type Flat twin cylinder, overhead

valve, air cooled

Capacity 494 cc

Compression ratio 5.8:1

Power output 18 PS at 4000 rpm

Number of gears 3

Ignition Magneto

Weight 130 kg

Fuel capacity 14 litres

Fuel consumption 4 to 5 litres / 100 km

Top speed 110 km / hr

Engine numbers 34201- 35999

Number built 1798

Notes.

This machine used an up-rated R37 engine and the chassis of the R 42. All these machines were available with two final drive ratios and two gearbox ratios. This seems that they were designed for both solo and sidecar use.

An interesting point is that all overhead valve engines had enclosed valve gear including the singles. While the horizontal opposed engine requires enclosed valve gear the other engines of the day had open valve gear which was most likely drip feed or hand pump every few kilometres.

Lights were an optional extra. This was the case of most machines of this vintage. It seems that riders did not go out at night. I suspect that the lighting left a little to be desired. May be a candle would have been better.

I have just been surfing the net and found a photo of the R47 in racing trim. It had been fitted with an extra fuel tank which looks like a biscuit tin strapped on to the frame above the existing tank with what looks like a chest pad fixed to it which leads me to believe it was used for some type of endurance racing. I can not find any other information on this.

DEREPORT Breakfast at Araluen

On the crisp clear sunny morning of 1 October, which was to later mature into a very warm spring day, 26 bikes made the decent into Araluen for our alternate breakfast.

There were also a couple of quad bikes there and, as they were German, they were welcomed. The ride was relatively uneventful. The strong winds of the past 10 days had eased considerably. The most noticed impediment to enjoyable riding was the number of blue light vehicles around.

Endless tea and coffee was waiting for us when we got there and brunch, as it was about that time, followed at a leisurely pace. A bacon and egg roll at \$4, plus the free tea and coffee, was good value. If you replaced the bread roll with a couple of slices of toast and added one sausage it cost three times as much. OUCH.

After all my words extolling the joys of the ride down and up the mountain I had a very leisurely trip so I cannot write many words on that part of the ride.

The Passive Pillion took the chainsaw on it and her first run, 250kms on her first day on L plates was a good effort. This moderated my rate of travel to a minor degree and provided an interesting study in fuel consumptions.

The chainsaw is a Yamaha 250cc, 4 cylinder, 4 valve with chain drive and it used 4.8 l/100km (59mpg). My K100, now with Staintune exhaust, used 5 I/100km (56mpg) on the same trip travelling at the same speed. The K100 usually uses 6 I/100km 2 up and travelling at Mal-speeds.

Twelve months ago President John wrote on the relative fuel (in)efficiencies of motor bikes vs motor cars based on a consumption to weight comparison. The comparison of the fuel economies above reverse. when limited solely to motorbikes, the theme written on by John and make it very hard to justify buying a small motorbike if you intend to tour. More support for our BI--dy Marvellous Weapons J

Mal Elliott, Ride Coordinator







The Alternate breakfast run to Araluen on 1 October brought together some great bikes and beautiful people!

Enjoy the picture gallery. And for once, Taffie (left) was caught in front of the camera!



Peter Major

Pink Ribbon Ride Saturday 22 Oct.

Hi Everyone,

It's on again the annual Pink Ribbon Ride. A ride where we can make a difference by turning up, buying a wrist band and/or a nice pink hat (I've got one) and having a great ride. Many of us have been impacted by breast cancer, either as a sufferer, a loved one of a sufferer or just a friend. This ride allows us to show our support and make a contribution to the research into the cause and cures for this disease.

So be there:

When: Saturday 22 October
Where: Old Parliament House
Time: 10:00 for a 10:30 departure

Route: Old Parliament House, down to Woden roundabout then back to the front of the National Gallery to merge with the Dragon Boat Races.

There will be prizes for the best dressed rider and bike, remember the colour of the ride.

So spread the word.

Pete Major

President

MRA ACT on behalf of WIMA

Also from Peter:

The MRA ACT joined with the Minister for Territory & Municipal Services John Hargreaves and the AFP to launch the new 2008 vehicle registration labels. These labels represent a positive step in recognising the vulnerability of motorcyclists and the need for all road users to behave responsibly and respect the rights of others.

The MRA ACT will continue to work constructively with the ACT Government to ensure motorcyclists rights are recognised and that motorcycling forms an integral part of a sustainable transport infrastructure.

Detailed below is the Minister's press release.

Ride Safe,

Pete

President, MRA ACT

'Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, John Hargreaves, today launched the 2008 registration label slogans.

"The registration slogans are an important way we can remind drivers about road safety- every time they get in the car," said Mr Hargreaves.

"The 2008 registration labels will features the messages 'BE AWARE OF MOTORCYCLISTS' and 'DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE'

"Sadly, in 2005 there were 26 fatalities on ACT roads, 8 of which were motorcyclists. Two out of the seven fatalities on our roads this year have been motorcyclists. "Motorcyclists face a higher risk of having a fatal or serious injury crash compared to car drivers. As motorcyclists can sometimes be difficult to see and because they have limited protection, it is important that both they and their fellow motorists share the road together safely.

"Displaying this slogan on the back of registration labels is a great way to remind all drivers to "Be aware of motorcyclists' at all times.

In the second half of 2008, the message 'Don't Drink and Drive' will be displayed on registration labels.'



Minutes of September Meetings

September General Meeting

25 September 2006

Held at the Harmonie German Club Narrabundah Meeting commenced at 7.45.

Present: See attendance book.

Apologies: Greg Barber, Sheryle Moon, Paul

Macalister.

Visitors: Mike Bell (GS), Andrew Harrison (R1150R).

Minutes from previous meeting: Accepted: Ruthie

Farrer, seconded: Olaf Moon.

President – John MacKinnon has written his column for the magazine and is in good spirits.

Vice- President - Martin Little.

Geehi rally is in hand however is looking for a volunteer who is taking a car to the rally, to take kettle, banners etc. Also reminds us of the German Autofest and club concours on 15 October.

Secretary – in Steve's absence, Ian has cleared the post office box this afternoon.

Treasurer - Graeme Moffat.

Finances Smallbiz account balance is \$4488.94; Special Purpose Savings account balance is \$2215.24; petty cash float is \$170.80. Pam has now provided an inventory of merchandise held and overall things are much more stable this month.

Graeme also spoke further about banking options and advised the consensus within the committee is that it is not worth chasing extra interest due to risks involved. E.g.: having only one person required to operate online banking. Graeme's favoured option is to invest a level of funds in Term Deposit and have the interest available for charitable donations.

Regarding the constitution and the clubs tax status – there is no intention of ever having to lodge tax returns and clearing up grey areas is an ongoing process as part of the constitutional review.

Editor – Roger Paull

Next newsletter will be done by Leah McKinnon as Roger and Pam are going on holidays. There are a few items in hand but Leah will require more articles. Contact Leah through John's email address. There has not been as much income from advertising this year and Roger will follow this up on return from holiday.

Ride Coordinator - Mal Elliott

Sunday 1 October to Araluen for breakfast. This is a magic road. Meet at Red Rooster Queanbeyan at 8.30am.

Sunday 8 October – Open to suggestions as nothing has been planned.

Sunday 15 October - Autofest – Breakfast at 8.00 at My Café in Manuka. Then to Rond Terrace by 9.30.

Saturday/Sunday 21 and 22 October – Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut.

Nothing planned for the last weekend in October.

Mal is going to plan a weekend or long weekend ride of the Snowy Mountains Highway from end to end. Martin Gilbert gave a brief ride report on the 'not the Bermagui weekend' when the Gilberts, the Hahns and Mark B went to Huskisson.

Webmaster – Olaf Moon talked as both webmaster and **Social Secretary**

Old articles recently loaded on the website include how to get a learners permit and licence. All the club email addresses have been changed to include a '1' due to high levels of spam. Olaf requested that if a home email address is known, that it should be used instead of work addresses. The most popular page on the website is the classifieds, followed very closely by the 'rumours' page.

Christmas dinner will be on 1 December at the Cape Cod restaurant in Deakin. \$55.00 per head includes wine and soft drinks. There is a flash food menu but the restaurant will also provide plain food on request. This is a loud shirt event.

Next Chomp N Chats are at: Monkey Magic Belconnen on 4/10/2006; then Taj Agra Belconnen on 1/11/2006. There will be an alternate breakfast on 7/11/2006, venue TBA.

Following the MRA Toy Run on 9/12/2006 the club will be providing a Christmas picnic/BBQ for members at the Uriarra East Reserve. We will be leaving from Garema Place.

No Chomp N Chat or alternate breakfast for December or January.

Olaf is going to Tassie on 7/10/2006 for 10 days and \$400 will buy you and your bike a berth on the boat. Please contact him if interested.

Clubs Australia Delegate – Martin Gilbert

Nothing in particular to report. Prizes for the rally have been requested and should basically be the same as last year.

Membership - Ian Hahn

252 current members and up to 993 members since inception of club. Person who introduces 1000th member will get year's free membership for themselves and new member gets a club beanie.

GS Report - John Rayner-Sharpe

6 day ride in Victorian Alps in December is going ahead. Around 80% of the roads will be dirt.

Public Officer – No report in Fiona's absence.

Other Business – Roger – Rolfe is still on for next general meeting in October.

General Business

Congratulations to Sue Ball-Guymer on getting her licence on Saturday.

George Penfound has the things which need to go to the rally in a car.

Olaf spoke regarding the trip to Tassie which was suggested for March 2007. BMW have announced the next Safari will be at the end of March 2007 in north east Victoria.

Ruthie advised the Autofest charity will be the ACT Rural Fire Service – they will also be doing basic catering on the day. ACTBMWMCC will be located next to the rare marques display. Please be there by 9.30 and BYO shade. The Autofest will be held on the last day of Floriade. Ruthie and Howdie are moving to Melbourne in November as Howdie has been posted to Laverton.

Don began discussion about new BMW insurance via Allianz where helmets are only covered to \$400. NRMA will cover helmets to \$450.00, Shannon's will replace regardless of cost. NEIB will insure multiple bikes under one policy.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

September Special Meeting

25 September 2006

Held at the Harmonie German Club Narrabundah

Meeting commenced at 8.40pm.

Present: See attendance book.

Chairperson: Martin Little.

The purpose of meeting is to accept audited financial statements for the year 2006/2006.

The financial statements were presented unaudited to the AGM in March 2006. They have now been audited. The auditors only comment was that merchandise should be included as an asset. This has now been addressed and an inventory provided.

Questions were called for by the chairperson, however, none were forthcoming.

A motion to accept the statements was put by Jeanette Hahn and seconded by Howdie Farrer.

A show of hands was counted by Martin Gilbert. The vote for the motion was 31, the vote against was 0. In addition, 34 proxy votes were presented. A quorum of 62 members was required for a valid vote under the constitution, therefore the statements were accepted.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

October Committee Meeting

12 October 2006.

Present: Martin Little, Graeme Moffatt. Stephen Hay, Mal Elliott, Ian & Jeanette Hahn, Martin & Alison Gilbert, John & Leah McKinnon

Apologies: Pam & Roger Paull, Cheryl &Olaf Moon **Minutes of previous meeting:** moved by Graeme, seconded Martin.

President: Meeting was chaired by Martin.

Vice President: General meeting on 23 October venue at Rolf's. Evening 3 November preview of new F800 at Rolf. More details to follow.

Secretary: Thanks to all club members for all the cards emails and visits after the accident. Also thanks to lan for clearing the mail box.

Correspondence received this month: new membership application; 1 membership renewal; 1 cheque for Christmas party; BMW Motorcycle Club of WA October Magazine; Mary Mead magazine October 2006; VV&CNCC ACT Inc October Magazine; BMW Motorcycle Club of Queensland October Magazine; BMW Touring Club of NSW October Magazine; Flat Chat Magazine October

Treasurer's Report: As at 12 October 06
Smallbiz A/c \$4,210.60
Special Purpose Savings A/c \$2,215.52
Petty cash float \$120.80
Value of merchandise held \$2,648.28
Total current assets \$9,195.20

The auditor recommended that the inventory be classed as an asset. We are not continuing to look for the highest available interest rate. The Special purpose account could be moved to a term deposit in sync with the audit cycle. The meeting accepted the recommendation.

Editor: Roger away. Leah filling in and happy to have any additional contributions.

Ride co-ordinator: Sunday 15 October, German Autofest time changes:08.00 breakfast at My Café, Manuka; 0930 on site at German Autofest as other events happening on the lake.

Concours bike categories are

R Series: pre 1970 - pre 1990 - post 1990

K Series: pre 1990 - post 1990 F Series: pre 1990 - post 1990

21-22 October: ACT BMW MCC Kosciusko Rally, at Swampy Plains River near Geehi Hut - to use the correct title for the event. Total fire ban in current in the Kosciusko National Park so there may be some restrictions on lighting fires at the Rally. Plan now for alternate methods of having a warm meal. Contact the KNP rangers for more info on lighting fires in the Park.

The next alternate Sunday breakfast is at Delissio's Restaurant and Bar, Curtin which will follow a scenic ride of Canberra's sites. As seating is strictly limited, members to advise Social Secretary of attendance. Be at the monthly meeting at Rolfe's on Monday 23 October to ensure your name is on the list.

BMW SAFARI 2007: The dates have been announced for the 2007 BMW Safari—from Sunday 25 March to Saturday 31March 2007. Location is NSW and Victorian High Country.

Tasmanian Adventure ACT BMW MCC: The club trip to Tasmania has been rescheduled to later in 2007 to avoid a clash with the BMW Safari.

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October Committee Meeting Cont.

COMING EVENTS

A 3 day ride has been put together for next year, after school resumes, as a conditioning run for the BMW Safari. Route is Canberra - Tathra - Adelong - Albury - Thredbo - Canberra. About 1300 kms and motel accommodation. Each day's ride has been planned to ensure enjoyable riding for newer riders, or those on smaller bikes (chainsaws with wheels). Most of the committee has already expressed a desire to go. Plan now and condition yourself for the Safari.

Social Secretary: Apology. Fiona will be arranging party games for the Christmas BBQ.

Club's Aust: Prizes for the rally. Some requested items are not available. BMW will send what is available. The major prize will be a sports interregnal helmet.

Publicity Officer: Constitution update. Thanks to all the people who got us over the line last meeting. We are not a tax free organisation. We are obliged to pay tax on nonmember income. The recommendation is that the constitution contains a clause that states our non member income will be given to charity. Can we have a discussion on Constitution at the next committee meeting, as an early agenda item.

Membership: Present number of members 256 new plus one received tonight. Ian circulated a draft new membership application form.

General business:

Librarian. Jeanette emailed out a discussion paper. A committee will be formed to look at the most appropriate way of

preserving any existing club records.

German Autofest; Do we need to have a 1970 category split up? Discussion followed o the most appropriate way to divide categories and organise the club on the day.

Kosciuszko Rally. Ian Hahn advised the rally should be called the Kosciuszko not the Geehi rally. Martin will seek advice from Park management on how appropriate it is to supply wood. Graeme Moffitt will be taking his vehicle down to carry any heavy items. Trophies will be ready on Monday

Name Badges. We have already reached a consensus by email. Olaf has sourced an appropriate supplier.

Event Insurance. Our existing insurance will not be available in the future. We need to consider our options

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

There's always space for your bike stories and photos.

Please send contributions to the Editor, Roger Paull

editor1@actbmwmcc.org.au







BMW Motorrad







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For Sale

BMW K1200GT 2003, light grey-green, 33,000km. Has barbacks, colour-coded panniers, heated handgrips, heated seat, cruise control, electric screen (the best one ever), top box, BMW GPS rack and wired for BMW GPS, paintwork immaculate. Has always been garaged, not used for commuting, serviced by the dealer. The ultimate sports tourer, selling only to buy the new model K1200GT. \$19,000. BMW soft box and rack for GT and RS, never been used, \$650.



New Classified Advertisement Policy: ACT BMW MCC members can place an advert including a photo in this newsletter and on the website free of charge.

New adverts from non-members will be restricted to 3 lines with no photos.

The editor and webmaster reserve the right to edit or reject advertisements.

Club Merchandise

Special 25th Anniversary Clock Calculator Limited numbers! Available Now!



For Sale - second month

2001 R1150RT. 15,500 km. ACT rego. \$17950 negotiable. Contact John on (02) 6213 6305 or email johnl@industry.gov.au

BMW R1100R 2004 accessories CD Rom Manual \$50 Rear hugger carbon fibre \$100 Oil filter remover tool \$10. Email chris.s4@bigpond.net

Wanted - second month

Crash bars for BMW R1200GS 2006. Good condition second-hand preferred. Email chris.s4@bigpond.net

Instrument console, with or without gauges for an R65 or R80ST. The R65 console is used on the R80ST. Jeff (02) 49572737 or jpalmer@telpacific.com.au

BMW R1100S Headlight assembly. I have imported my bike from the US and need to change to headlight. Contact Merlin on 0419 322222 or email merlinallan@yahoo.com

Gasket set, piston rings, cam shaft and lifters for my 1960 R50. Call Michael (03) 6231 9000

Swap

Swap a **2006 MV Agusta Brutale** 750 S, 800km, for a newish, low km R1200GS. Will deliver Agusta from Ballina. Greg Allman 0412 878386.

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Note from the November Editors ...

We're glad to finish this issue as our spelling has been sorely tested with every combination of — Koszciusko; Kosciusko; Kosciusko; Kosciusko (where did that one come from?). Of course it's **Kosciuszko** but we're sure that we've missed some.

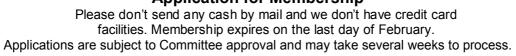
And Roger, long holidays can only be taken in January when there's no magazine!

Leah & John

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Application for Membership





1. NEW Single Membership \$40.00 plus \$5.00 Joi (Fee from the General Meeting in October each year is \$20.00	\$					
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2. NEW Partner/Joint/ Family Membership \$40.00 (Fee from the General Meeting in October each year is \$20.00	\$					
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The fees paid as above entitles me/us to receive the Club Magazine, membership card and for new members, a club badge, sticker and card (for each membership) and to participate in all the Club's activities. Participants in Club activities are advised that they do so at their own risk. You are required to obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.						
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