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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With David Huddy

The AGM was held at the German Club this year and I thank all of you who attended. I did much of my learning in the car-park of the club, so know it well. The accommodation provided was excellent and the staff went out of their way to make our event enjoyable. We had a few apologies this year, but still a good turnout. AGMs are always very formal but the event does provide an opportunity for socializing over a good lunch. Our note of appreciation to Mick Holford has been sent.

The committee which was elected is much the same as last year, with myself as president, Jill has retained the position of Secretary and Ian and Nic have been re-elected. The departure of Mick to Melbourne created a vacancy which has been filled by Rohan who has also kindly accepted the position of Treasurer. Ian has fulfilled that role well for a number of years, and will stay as a committee member. My thanks to all of the new committee members for being willing to serve on the committee this coming year.

As I indicated to the meeting, my priority will be to have our Wild Apricot project completed by the end of the year.

Our scheduled meeting for the 2nd September has been deferred to the following Sunday 9 September, due to the heavy Father's day bookings at the View Cafe which would make communication difficult. Instead, Gordon has put on a breakfast at the Wyaralong dam at 8:30 am. Since this situation arises every year perhaps we might make breakfast at Wyaralong dam an annual event. Any thoughts?

From the "things you never knew department". MRAQ is looking at the situation where Qld has three standards for motorcycle handlebars and they are not all the same! So, if your handlebars meet the National ADR standard, they might still not meet the Qld standard. Go figure!

My sight is now fully restored, having had my second cataract operation, so am looking forward to getting out on the bike again after 5 weeks laid off. Can't wait!

Keep on keeping on.

David



WINDSOR CASTLE AND BEECHMONT

There's an old joke about a tourist who goes to Windsor Castle and notes the heavy air traffic overhead, aiming for Heathrow. At the end of the tour he thanks the guide and then asks: : ***"but why did they build it under Heathrow flight path?"***

Which brings me to Beechmont. A resident of Beechmont, evidently a new arrival, wrote to MRAQ recently to complain about the noise of motorcycles. The Beechmont Road may not be as old as Windsor Castle, but it has been used by motorcycles for as long as any of us can remember, probably before any of the current residents moved there.

***Dear Secretary,
We live in Beechmont and moved here for the beauty and serenity.
Our peace is absolutely ruined by inconsiderate and excessively
noisy motorbikes using the Beechmont-Canungra circuit as a
racetrack!!
How is this cool? Or even remotely enjoyable for residents?
Why is making ear-splitting backfiring noise even remotely
desirable?
We are forming protest groups through political and law
enforcement contacts and you will be banned from the mountain.
Advise your members.***

Note the strong language. ***"you will be banned from the mountain."***

I have been in contact with the author of that email and they agree that banning motorcycles from the road is not possible, However, they are proposing to campaign for other restrictions such as limiting noise levels, (Harley anyone?) time restrictions for MCs and muffler controls. We shall see.

David



Letters to the Editor



Most Newsletters used to have a **“Letters to the Editor”** section.

Now I guess it should be emails to the editor, but that is semantics only.

With social media and all that Jazz letters to the editor seems to have disappeared.

As I have said in my comments on page 7 Motor cycling is a **“Broad Church”** so here we have the first letter to the Editor where members can let us all know of topics which could be of interest. Good, or bad service can be aired and good/bad suppliers/service providers shared.

So I encourage members to let us know of anything which could be of help and we have our first from **Steve Bryant** and what a great recommendation for **BMW** this is??

Hi John,

Recently I rode R1200GS and could smell fuel while riding, as it turned out petrol was leaking on my left leg. This bike was part of a worldwide recall for fuel pump issues and was attended to by Morgan and Wacker in 2015. Instead of replacing the fuel pump, an alloy collar had been fitted to the fuel pump neck as it must not have shown cracking at that stage.

I contacted BMW who took details and they advised taking it to a dealer for inspection.

I used **QMBS 1300 777 627 (a good safe bike set up in a van)** for transporting the bike to Nerang from Currumbin (\$99). I want to broadcast to club members that BMW Motorrad together with Team Moto Nerang Replaced my fuel pump under warranty and at no charge to me except transportation. An excellent result for me as this bike is over ten years old and has done a few k's.

My Thanks to **Tyrone and Brad** at Team Moto Nerang for liaising with BMW on my behalf.

Also Many thanks to **Sal at GC Motorrad** for supplying me with a set of near new headers for the same bike (at no charge). I damaged the left hand header on a fallen tree branch on a ride early this year.

These will greatly improve the appearance of my bike and that means a lot to me.

Again thankyou guys.

Kind Regards,
Steve Bryant

EDITORS COMMENT

What a great recommendation for a BMW recall service.

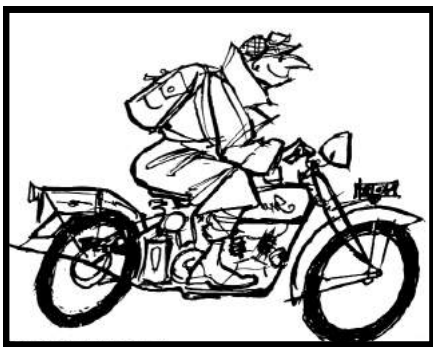
*The Old Fart has had some experience with BMW service and warrantee service over the years and the experience is that if you have a **serious and clearly identified concern** with a BMW it is far better to get **BMW Melbourne** involved early but you **MUST** clearly document everything and succinctly identify exactly what the concern is and who said what to who and when. With this in place the response from BMW Head office can be spectacular.*



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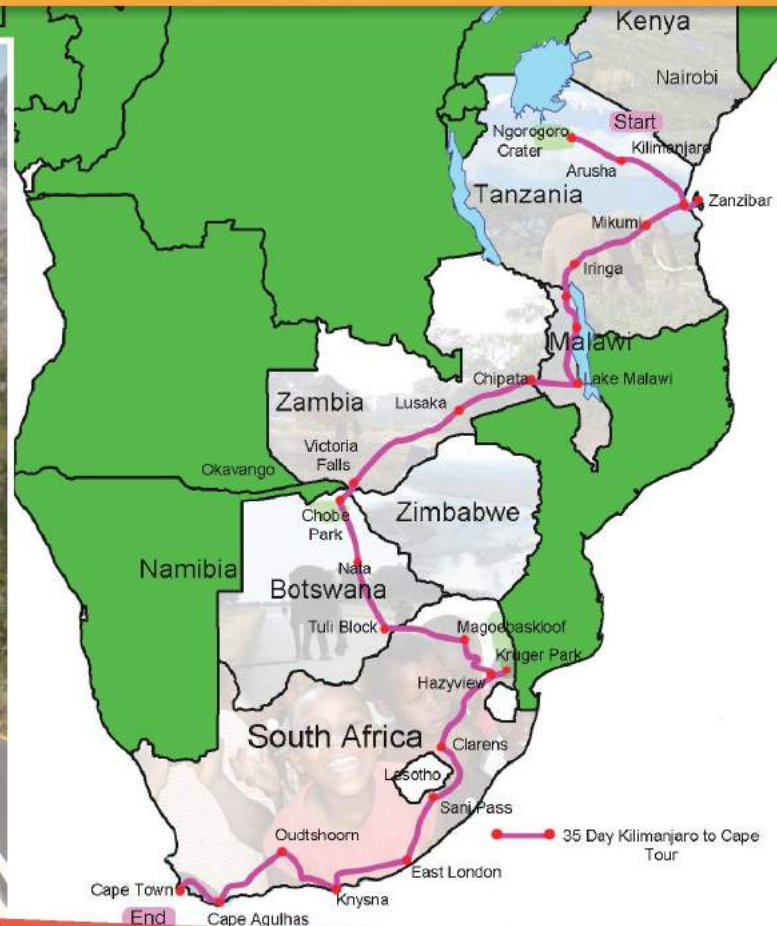
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EDITORS CHATTER

Hi All, The **Old Fart** is back for a brief period, through to the end of the year. To follow the professionalism of Mick Halfords Newsletter Production is going to be a challenge.

Some of the content I shall be providing over the next few months will be **all encompassing Motor Cycle chat**. Motor Cycling, as we know, is a **BROAD CHURCH** and covers a multitude of areas from road riding to off road Vintage, Veteran, Classic and one make clubs and everything in between.

As you know I have been involved with a number of clubs and organisations here on the Coast for a long time and I will be bringing stories and opinions from this diverse background.

A couple of friends, both who own and ride BMW's have given me copy of some recent ride experiences and these are included here.

There is also a write up on a 50th Anniversary rally for the BSA/Triumph Triple machine and the Rally that was recently held at Evens Head in Northern NSW. This also includes a write up on a mammoth ride on a 50 year old machine of some 11000Km from Albany in WA to Evens Head and back. So I hope you enjoy this input, it may not be pure BMW but it is motor cycling at the coal face.

This time of the year the weather conditions are just perfect here in SE Queensland for riding so I look forward to lots of ride reports and interesting stories of your experiences from our members.

Specifically I note that Erik and some other members are attending the BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally 2018, at Wallerawang NSW at the end of September. Now this has got to be fertile ground for a write up? How about it Erik and assorted off siders??

Well that's about all for the first issue.

Don't forget this life is not a dress rehearsal so ride carefully, Keep the shiny side up and Go for it.

The Old Fart



CLUB CALENDAR

September 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Club Dates

September 2nd Sunday Lake Wyralong Breakfast– then a run 180 - 250 k's

September 9th Sunday Hinze Dam Club Meeting then ride +/- 150—250Km's

September 14th Friday Ladies Lunch at Zeus, downstairs outside next to Grill'd at Robina Town Centre, 11.30am

September 23rd Sunday Ken M's Kenilworth Ride

Club Ride Rules

Never pass the ride leader.

To be considered as riding with the group, you should be between the ride captain and the tail-end Charlie. (TEC) TEC hasn't got eyes in the back of their head. When riding in staggered formation, the formation is set by the rider behind the ride captain. When the formation changes, please take care. It is not advised to merely move across. Move across if safe to do so.

The rider behind the ride captain corner marks. Do it safely. Try to be in vision of the riders that you are directing. Do not endanger yourself by stopping in loose gravel, or in a place where you may be hit. Tail End Charlie will wave you to re-join the group as he/she approaches you. Again, do it safely. Join only when you think it is appropriate. If TEC is being followed by traffic, pull in behind the traffic and make your way back to the ride. If it's not safe to pull in front of TEC, don't. Use common sense. Keep safe distance at all times.

Advise the ride captain and tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride before the 'good-bye' point. Be fully fuelled before the ride [The bike guys, the bike]

It is not easy to keep a head count of riders. If you think someone is missing and should not be, ask. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

Never pass on the left; never tail-gate, pass slower riders only when it is safe to do so; be patient.

Abide by the road rules at all times.

2018 RIDE DATES

Gordon McLister

After each Hinze dam breakfast meeting there will be a run 200- 250 k's. Typically lead by us or Steve, or anyone interested to do so on the day. On the third Sunday of each month there will be a run 250 – 400 k's. Each run will be organized by a different person. If you are interested in organising / leading a ride then fantastic, let us know BUT if you just have an idea and want a hand to organise, or would like to organise and let us to lead the ride on the day, or do the whole thing on your own – excellent - anything and everything works. We will be approaching all active club members to volunteer for a date to organise a ride. On other weekends in the month there may be an impromptu run – if you suddenly have an idea then simply contact us, we will promote, arrange, if you like lead the ride, again happy to help.

All subject to change - We will confirm dates, provide detail closer to the time for each event.

September	2nd	Sunday	Lake Wyralong Breakfast– then a run 180 - 250 k's
September	9th	Sunday	Hinze Dam Club Meeting then ride +/- 150—250Km's
September	23rd	Sunday	Ken - Postman's knock to Kenilworth
September	29-30	Sat/Sun	and October 1 - BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally 2018, Wallerawang NSW (Raffle Tickets available from Nic)
October	7th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
October	21st	Sunday	Adrian & Cherie mystery ride
November	2-4th	Fri-Sun	Jacaranda Run to Grafton by David
November	4th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
November	18th	Sunday	Damián's Day
December	2nd	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's

Gordon and Jenny have recently added to their BMW stable a Pan Am Spyder and here they are trying out its capabilities as a Jousting horse. The K1600 is still Gordons “Bike of choice” but these Spyder's are getting very popular but they are an acquired taste for riding as they need motor cycle and sidecar expertise. Hee Hee have fun you two?



BMW CLUB NEWS

AGM Minutes

BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc.

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held at The German Club, 3 Jondique Ave, Merrimac on Sunday 12 August 2018.

PRESENT: David & Barb Huddy, Ian & Rose Proctor, Greyden & Jill Tapp, Gordon & Jenny McLister, Martin & Marion Bell, Greg Lee, John Simpson, Erik & Robyn Lorentzen, Barry Settree, Ken & Lyn Dyne, Dan & Glenys Willmott, John & Julie Vassallo, Greg Kee, John Eacott, Adrian Headon, John & Gayle Vanzino, Troy Power and John & Roxanne McKeon (29)

WELCOME BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

President David Huddy welcomed all Members.

RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES: Steve & Pat Bryant, Ken Madsen, Nicholas Mercieca, Mick Holford and Rohan Bainbridge.

RECEIPT OF PROXIES

Rohan Bainbridge appointed Steve Bryant; in his absence Jim Papandreas. Neither Proxy was present.

Nicholas Mercieca appointed Erik Lorentzen.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 2 July 2017

John Simpson moved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2 July 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Seconded Ian Proctor. All in favour.

RECEIPT OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Ian Proctor moved that the Financial Statement of Income and Expenditure and signed statement for the year ended 30 June 2018, be approved and adopted. Seconded Erik Lorentzen. All in favour

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

Annual Membership fees for the year ending 30 June 2020

That the membership fees be set at:

Single membership \$40

Double membership \$40

The double membership to include one Ordinary or Associate member and one family member.

Moved Adrian Headon, seconded John Simpson. All in favour.

BMW CLUB NEWS

Elected Committee Members

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

Five nominations were received in writing prior to the AGM and the following Members were elected:

President:	David Huddy	Nom. Lyn Dyne	Seconded Nic Mercieca
Secretary:	Jill Tapp	Nom. Nic Mercieca	Seconded David Huddy
Treasurer:	Rohan Bainbridge	Nom. Ian Proctor	Seconded David Huddy
Comm. Member:	Ian Proctor	Nom. David Huddy	Seconded Nic Mercieca
Comm. Member:	Nic Mercieca	Nom. David Huddy	Seconded Ian Proctor

GENERAL BUSINESS – SPECIAL RESOLUTION

David moved a Motion of Appreciation to Mick Holford for his excellent work as editor of the club magazine. An Official Letter will be sent to Mick.

The Meeting was closed at 1.17pm.

Our AGM lunch was held at the German club. An appropriate venue for the BMW club and they really turned on a good venue and the food wasn't half bad either.

Here are some photos of our members enjoying the fellowship at that event.



BMW Motorcycle Owners Club
(Gold Coast) Inc.



BMW CLUB NEWS

Ride Report Sunday 19th August-Gordon

Well the day started great - we meandered to Rathdowney - all over the place - Yes, a deliberate "U" turn followed by an impromptu one. At Mount Barnet the effervescent Ken hoofed it back to Brisbane. The day was just perfect.

Lunch at Kyogle was great , Steve went off to head home - great to see him mobile again.

We were just about over the rutted road north of Kyogle when disaster hit.

Peter on the new RT went into a corner, the bike surged (I think we have all experienced this on the late model BM's - as we grab the front brake our gloves turn the throttle), and what followed was simply unbelievable. Having also had a Scottish up bringing we are told that porridge sticks to our ribs to make us strong - well Peter must have had a ton of porridge.

The RT went across the road, up a hill, got to the top and hit a fallen tree (where I assume this is where the RT snapped the front forks – snapped!) then rolled down the steep embankment with Peter under it but then on top of it it ended up in a ditch with him sitting beside it - seriously the bank had to be 12+ feet high from the bottom of the ditch.

Bruised and a sore chest but no broken bones, I mean the guys makes us all look young and did a somersault on an RT while falling!

Peter is in Lismore hospital for the night and I would suggest tomorrow he is going to be very, very sore. I think he will be a few days.

Thank you for all the guys at the scene, thank you to the off-duty ambulance driver and off duty nurse who stopped.

Also thankyou to Noel keeping us informed. We will wait till Peter's ribs heal before we make him laugh.



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

General Comment- August-Steve Bryant

Last weekend (19th August) I attended the Kyogle loop ride via Rathdowney and Mt Barney View Rd led by Gordon and Jenny. A cool morning to start followed by a windy but sunny afternoon. Others attending were John Smith, John Vassalo, Mike Skidmore, Ken Madsen, Peter, Stan, and Noel (sorry if i missed anyone). I was really pleased to be back on the bike for a decent ride and happy to have done it easily on my RT, better than expected. I left the group after lunch to cruise home for 352 Km's on the clock. A very good day ride with some hiccups late afternoon. I hope you recover quickly Peter, what a dreadful end to the day for you. No more adventure riding on touring bikes ok?

Erik's trip to Inverell in September interested me so I asked if I could have one of the rooms he booked at Glenn Innes for the Friday night 14/9/18. This weekend trip is taking in Old Grafton Rd and will be a good test of my ride fitness on my GS.

Adventure Bikes' Tingha weekend at Green Valley Farm is well worth attending but you will need to book your campsite and catering (Both fabulous). See Erik for further details if you are interested in this excellent run. We are both happy to share if others would like to try riding Old Grafton Rd (an easy dirt run) I am looking forward to it and will probably head home from Glen Innes. We'll see.



**Kind Regards,
Steve Bryant**

DARRYL's TALE

THE OLD FART's COMMENT

Darryl Buckley is one of our longer term Wednesday Mob riders. He has a propensity for "doing his own thing" Recently he decided to try using his very tasty BMW K1200R, which is a very desirable road burner for a trip off road. He is also a great raconteur and as such could not resist giving this write up.

Thanks Mate it is really appreciated.

SO HERE IT IS YOU LOT.

HOPE YOU ENJOY IT.

"Go west old man – so I did.

MY first day ended at Torrington National Park just north of Glen Innes. A dam hard campsite to find. Day one and the bike had fallen over already as it was too heavy for little me, all loaded up with camping gear, water etc. Averaging about 400 Kims a day, none the less I was still pretty knackered by 3pm. The campsite was all mine, not a soul about.

THE temperature dropped to minus 4 overnight. After an incredibly fantastic ride I arrived the second day at Mt. Kaputar National Park just east of Narrabri. Another dam hard campsite to find. My self and another couple were the sole occupants of the mysterious mountain. Stunningly beautiful is how I remember the place. The narrow road up the mountain can be described as being extremely challenging, it was one of the few and rare times when I have experienced fear whilst riding a bike. Being so heavily loaded and feeling tired contributed to my ill feeling.



THE temperature dropped to minus 2 overnight. Another day of entirely different riding took me on the third day to Gundabooka National Park , 50 klms south of Bourke. A good boy scout would have trouble finding this campsite. The colours here are all dark green, bright red and deep blue sky. It is so pretty it is like a dream – the colours and the clarity are simply astonishing.

PLUS 6 degrees overnight. At seven am on the way out of the park I crashed the bike in bulldust and tore a calf muscle while trying to re lift the fully loaded bike. My left leg was now totally useless and could only be used like a pirates' wooden appendage. Aarrrrr !!! Where's me bird now. How I love these kinds of challenges. Setting the controls for the heart of the sun I arrived back home two days later to be met by my wife – angry with me for hurting myself again.

FOR the fun I had – it was worth it. Speed limits were honoured for the majority due to a heavy police presence, kangaroos and safety. On a few occasions I could set the cruise control at 150 Kims / hr but that was rare. 91 ron is only available out west. Café 64 in Walgett serves a great omelette. An R1200R BMW is a monster of a machine, a real good all rounder"



BRINGING HOME THE COUNTESS

Paul Harry

EDITORS COMMENT

As noted in the editors chatter one of the guys I have been riding with for a number of years has just completed a Trans Australia adventure on a K1600GT. His bike was really loaded up as can be seen. Please enjoy this little tale.

In early July this year Paul Harry, a friend of the Old Fart's from Perth in WA was staying on the coast with his K1600GT which he was looking forward to riding back to Perth with his better half Caroline.

He was waiting for his other half to arrive from Perth before setting off on a major trip back to WA via Cooper Pedy and other interesting parts.

Well on the morning of Monday 23rd July it all came together and the Beemer was packed up as can be seen here. What a massive rig this now is?? Perhaps it needs a "Wide Load" label???



These are the photos of the mighty K1600 well and truly loaded up but what is all this gear for?

Here is the tent and camp that it translated into. As you can see the bike is almost back to normal size. This trip sounds great they have been to Fraser Island and the Qantas museum at Longreach, what a trip? And this is just the beginning.



Now how about passing one of these monsters in the Northern Territory? You need to get up to more than 140Km to safely pass!!

The Big Beemer has enough grunt but would you?? It really is a frightening prospect.

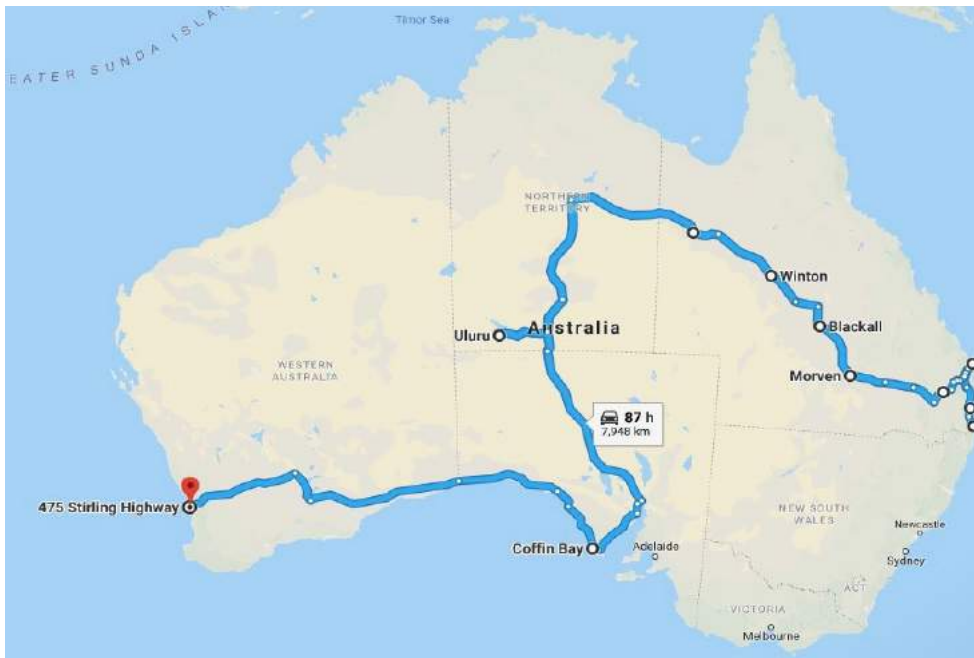
Anyway the above is just the beginning of this adventure. Of more interest to us is what happened on the trip, what were the concerns and how did the bike hold up and these matters are addressed here. But for the complete story of the trip we hope to bring it to you in the next issue of the Beemer.

So here we go.

The trip taken is shown on the map overleaf as are some of the interesting stats and comments on the performance of the K1600GT.

BRINGING HOME THE COUNTESS

Paul Harry



TRIP STATS & COMMENTS

Total Distance covered 8079 kms

Fuel used 510 litres

Total cost of fuel \$922

Average 6.23 litres per 100 kms

Average fuel price \$1.81

Average cost per km 11.41c

Paul advises that the K1600 is usually more economical but the weight is a factor and he believes the wind factor makes the biggest difference.

He had head and cross winds some days and they showed higher consumption. Interestingly the times in the NT where we sat on 130k/hr were below average.

If I remember correctly there was a tail wind that day.

One concern was tyre wear. This showed up at Southern Cross as noted here by Paul.

At Southern Cross we woke up to a flat back tire. It had worn thin and although I was hoping to make it home with around 400 k's left, it seems a small stone was too much for what rubber remained to maintain the necessary airtight integrity.

I did not expect to be able to get a suitable tire in this rather small town but it so happened that someone had ordered a tire for his Harley which died before said tire could be fitted.

Anyway, I now know without any doubts that Alice Springs and Southern Cross are not the cheapest place to buy tires.

Arrived home Friday evening 17th August.

26 days in total and just over 8000 kms but there were 7 days where we didn't rack up any k's. So 19 days where we averaged 425 kms/day. Some days were a bit longer and some obviously shorter but we found that over five hundred started to get a bit tiresome and not so popular with Caroline.

Caroline now has her "10000k Pillion merit badge" and passed with flying colours. Caroline is **THE "Countess"** and her namesake (with two wheels rather than two legs) did a magnificent job of transporting us home.

We were seriously overloaded and by my reckoning we were closer to **600 kilos** than we were to 500 kilos. She handled easily but extra caution was required when we stopped. Some loose ground underfoot could have spelt a win for gravity and a loss for face.

Here we are on the loose gravel, fortunately we managed to avoid an embarrassing incident as to pick up the Countess would have been nigh on impossible.

Hope you enjoyed this little missive of Paul's Trans Australian journey.



Editors Note:-

This article is a reprint of a write up on the International Triples Club 50th Anniversary Rally held in August this year. Not BMW but as noted in the editors chatter it should be of interest to any real motorcyclist so please enjoy this little offering.

THE 9th AUSSIE TRIPLES RALLY AT EVENS HEAD FROM 17th THROUGH TO 19th AUGUST 2018



This was the ninth Aussie Triples Rally and the eighth that the Old Fart has attended. It was also the **50th Anniversary year of the introduction of the BSA Triple in 1968, oh yes we all remember that well now don't we??**

It is always a pleasure to attend this Rally especially as it is held at the wonderfully community minded area of Northern NSW. Over the years the Old fart and Mrs Old Fart have developed some good friendships with the good people in the classic motorcycling fraternity there and it is always a pleasure to revisit them.

For those that don't know the Rally is for Riders of pre 1976 British Triple Motorcycles, that encompasses Triumph and BSA machines manufactured from 1968 through to 1976. These were the last gasp of the British motor cycle industry before the final Japanese invasion.

It is interesting that in the eight years that I have taken part the numbers of entries has risen considerably from some 20 plus machines to this years entry of almost fifty (50). So clearly the Rally has had the desired effect of bringing some very interesting and immaculate machines back to life, but more of that later.

There was a ride on the Friday, about 80Km to Brunswick heads for lunch and a number of the triples went and the weather was absolutely superb, as it was for the whole weekend. The Reflections Holiday park is a great venue for this event and it has been held there for the past three years.

However the Friday ride was unusual in as much as the ride leader "**Young Colin**" had a problem with the mighty T160 which successfully resisted all courses of investigation until the Sunday morning, finally surrendering to the fact that the main jet in the middle carburettor had unscrewed and was causing all sorts of havoc for good running. Of course everyone had a positive suggestion for the problem and Colin was very patient with all but in the end common sense solved the issue.

But back to the Friday ride. Some of the riders got a bit confused and took the wrong turn but never mind all got back safe and sound and thoroughly enjoyed the ride.

The Rally formally commenced on the Friday evening with a meet and greet BYO drinks at the recreation room of the park who provided a BBQ for all and it was a very entertaining evening and provided good fellowship for everyone.

The next morning breakfast and registration was completed at the Bowlo Club next to the caravan park where proceeds from the breakfast were donated to the farm relief for the current drought.

We received a briefing as to the days ride which took us out and about in the NSW countryside. We left the Bowlo club at 9:30am and what a wonderful day weatherwise we had. Out through Woodburn, across the freeway through Casino and on to Kyogle for a fuel and wee stop behind the tourist information centre. It was then around Lismore and on to the lunch stop at the Broadwater Public school.



Most of the bikes were Triumph T150 and T160 models. There were however ten BSA Rocket 3's and it is worth noting that the BSA version was the first of the Triples to be released for sale back in 1968/9. There were also some very "Tasty" improved" Triples that have "come out of the woodwork" including this very beautiful Triton, a Triumph triple engine in a Manx Norton Frame and here it is.

Judging took place at the lunch stop, so none of this trailing the bikes with no running motors and "only for show" in this event. You



Australian Triples Rally- continued

had to ride the bike in the morning before being eligible to compete. The bikes made it to lunch and due to the super weather most of the bikes were in "pristine" condition.

The Old farts Rocket 3, went like a dream and ran just perfectly, as did most of the other bikes, of course we were all very conscientious of the speed limits and obeyed the law. Bearing in mind that when these bikes were first announced in 1968 when they were lapping the IOM "TT" course as fast as the 500cc senior bikes of the day and that was a plus **100MPH lap time??**

Judging and lunch over we took off back to Evens Head getting back about 2:30pm, in good time to get the bike bedded down and have a few beers before the prize giving dinner in the evening. The main run on the Saturday covered some 125 Miles or 202Km (yes it was in miles as most of these bikes had mile clocks)

The evening dinner and prize giving ceremony was, as usual, a very laid back affair and culminated in a spirited auction of some very tasty "T" shirts from the UK Triples club. Anniversary merchandise for the 50th Anniversary of the Triples. This year all proceeds raised were donated to the Cystic fibroses, a very worthy cause.

This year the Old fart scored a trophy for the best Oldest Bike and Rider Combination. Thanks guys it is much appreciated.

The Rally continued the following day, Sunday, with a shorter ride after breakfast and a BBQ lunch to thank members of the local motorcycle club for their help in marshalling and running the rally. These guys really know how to run a good rally and we should support them as much as possible as they are true motor cycle enthusiasts.

Now in 2014 we again had the pleasure of a visit from Albany in WA of Steve Collins who came across on his 1975 T160 Triumph Triple. That was a great achievement and to do that once is great but to repeat the journey in 2018 a second time? Anyway Steve came across for the 50th Anniversary ride and here he is and here is a brief story of that journey to date. ***What an achievement on a machine almost 50 years old??***

Steve left Albany on Monday 6th August and arrived at Evens Head, well at Colin and Nancy's place on Wednesday 15th August. Now this is a distance of some 4400Km and to put it in perspective the distance from London to Moscow is some 3000Km. Steve travelled via Esperance, Broken Hill and on to Tamworth and then down to Evens Head. Steve camped on the way, no motels or hotels for this lad. I say lad but he is 67 years old next birthday. A major concern, camping wise was the fact that he had three (3) air mattresses fail on the way over, now that was uncomfortable.

Concerns with the bike were few. The battery gave up the ghost but Steve tells me that it was some six years old???. The oil pipe feed to the oil cooler developed a split and that took a bit of time to rectify as identifying where the leak came from was difficult. Again all's well that ends well and these concerns were addressed.

As noted above Steve stayed two nights with Colin and Nancy and then moved into the caravan park. It was at the park on the Saturday morning that Steve's T160 picked up a nail in the rear tyre and that stopped him starting the ride. Colin provided tyre levers, a mallet and chalk and all other tools to fix this and fix it Steve did and met us at the lunch stop.

Steve is to continue on to the other rally's and on to Inverell, and then starting home on 3rd September via Sydney, Canberra, and then down to Melbourne before crossing the Nullarbor to home a total "***estimated***" journey distance of some ***11000Km***.

What a trip, Steve tells me that he may come again but it will probably be with his wife on his modern 2016 Triumph Rocket 3. We hope he does return with his better half.

As an aside Steve has a few older bikes including a 1964 Ariel Leader (***remember this two stroke twin?***) and a 1971 BSA Lightning.



I have asked him to send us a catch up write up on his journey when he gets home and we will issue that to complete the story.

Well that is a quick overview of a wonderful 50th Anniversary Rally. It was well run, as usual by Colin and Nancy, thanks for a wonderful event from all of us.



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BMW CLUB NEWS

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BMW MATTERS

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Champion record holder Jordan Szoke (CAN/Mopar Express Lane BMW Superbike Team) secured his 13th title in the Canadian Superbike Championship. Szoke partnered with BMW about eight years ago and has now won seven championships.

In the Ulster Grand Prix, Northern Island, BMW rider Peter Hickman (GBR) recorded a win in the 1000cc Superbike race and a second in the Superstock race. Hickman also won the 600cc Supersport race.

Australia's David Johnson competing for Tyco BMW Motorrad secured his first international podium (3rd) with the BMW HP4 RACE in the Superbike race and a seventh place in the Superstock race.

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Statistics Data

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Motorists charged with Drink Driving - 28,310, Motorists caught driving whilst disqualified - \$10,062, Motorists charged with Dangerous Operation of a Vehicle - 2,018, Motorists charged with Driving Causing Death - 24

UPCOMING EVENTS

1-2 September

All- Historic Racing (2, 3 and 4 wheels) at Wakefield Park, Goulburn. Enquiries 02 4822 2811

8-19 September

Postie Bike Challenge - Desert - Gulf of Carpentaria - Rainforest. Finale is a celebration dinner and a soft bed at a Cairns Resort. www.postiebikechallenge.org

14-16 September

Far Cairn Rally hosted by *BMW Touring Club NSW*. Held at Tottenham Racecourse approx. 3km from the town's centre. Funds raised support the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI).

22-23 September

Sidecar Rally at O'Connell, NSW - Alan 0427 393 093

BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally

29-30 Sept - 1 Oct 2018

at Wallerawang, NSW. Hosted by BMW Motorcycle Club ACT

Register online to include rally registration, dinner Sunday 29th Sept & (optional) breakfast Monday 1st Oct.

The Rally, dinner & breakfast bookings are non-refundable after 14 September 2018. For Bookings visit:

<https://www.bmwccact.org.au/National-Motorrad-Rally>

(Rally entry pp (\$20), Dinner (\$40) & (optional) Breakfast (\$25) are ticketed events for pre-planning & catering. There is NO option to arrive on Sunday night for the Dinner with an expectation you can be catered for).

NOTE: You are responsible for making your own accommodation bookings. The Black Gold Motel is the main venue but other local alternates have been notified of the rally. Mention you are going to the BMW Motorrad Rally when making your booking.

There is a raffle and major prize of a BMW G310GS. Tickets are \$20 and max. 600 sold. President @BMWCMCCACT.org.au

30 September

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride.

See: www.gentlemansride.com/register

12-14 October

Kosciuszko Rally by *BMW Motorcycle Club ACT*

Geehi Hut Campground on the Alpine Way, Snowy Mountains. Partly catered but supplies can be purchased at Thredbo (43km) or Khancoban (31km). Proceeds to RFDS

12-14 October

MOTORCLASSICA (The Australian International Concours d'Elegance Classic Motor Show) at Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne. Experience new and classic cars and motorcycles/Motoring Cinema/Restoration & maintenance/Touring destinations/Club displays/Special guests and more. See: motorclassica.com.au

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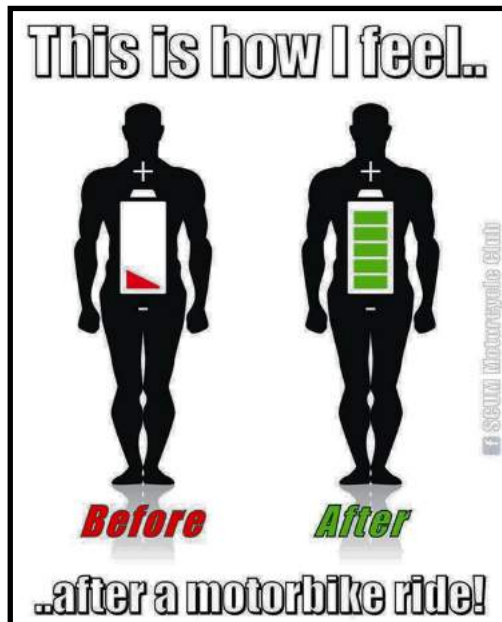
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