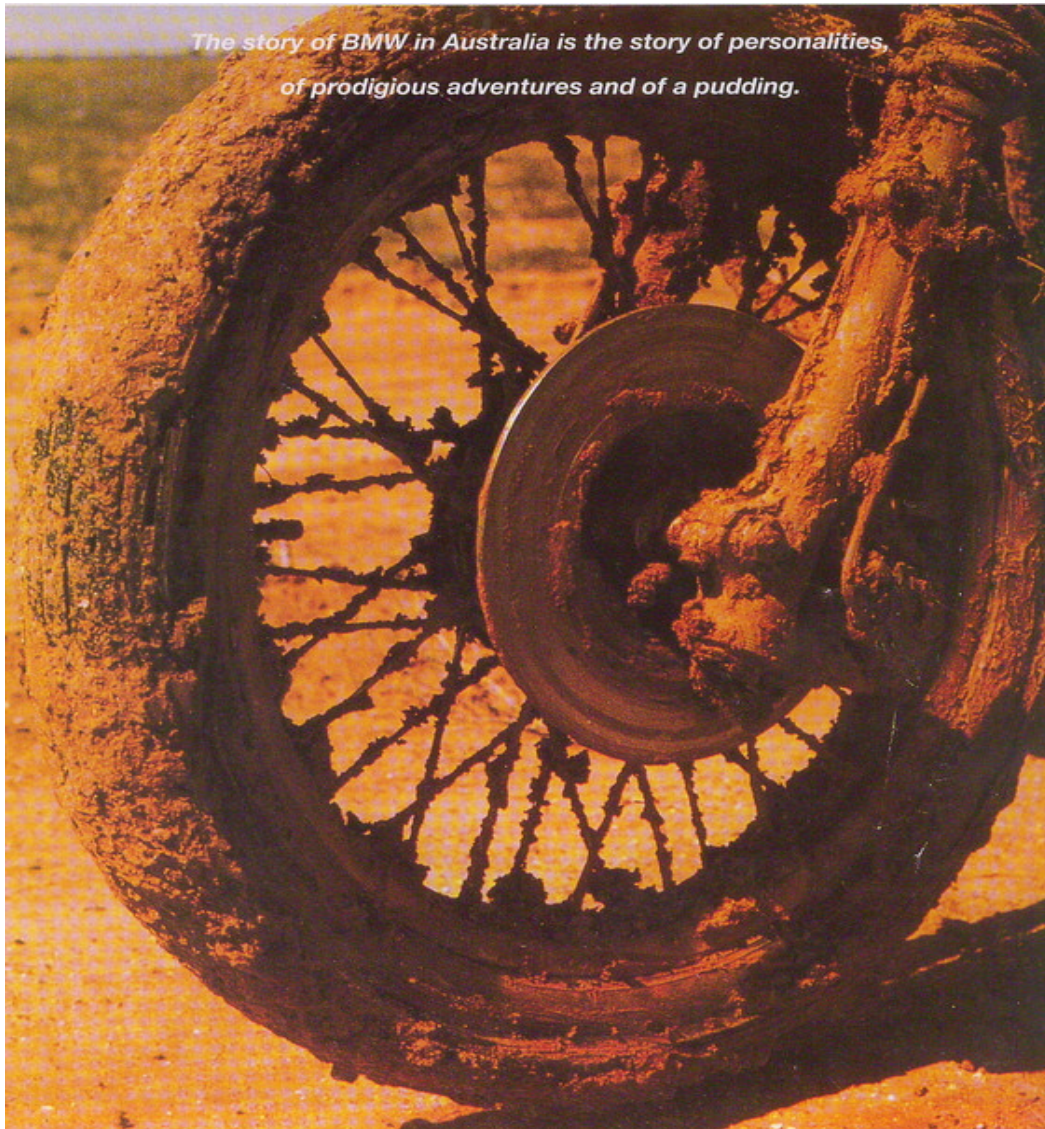


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Meetings

Monthly Club Meetings	Held at 7:30pm at the Andrew Cook Hall, Toongabbie (corner Targo and Toongabbie Roads) on the last Wednesday of each month (except for December)
Sydney Social Sip	Held at 6:00pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Members gather at the Toongabbie Hotel for a chat and something to eat before crossing the road to attend the club meeting.
South Coast Social Sip	Held anytime after 6pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Members gather at the Berry Hotel for a chat and something to eat. (Pub at the Sydney end of Berry)
Newcastle Social Sip	Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Friday of the month. at the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.
North Coast Social Sip	8:30 Breakfast at The Sandbar Café, North Haven. The after "breakfast ride" to be determined over breakfast.

Club Pointscore

Organise a Ride or Event	2
Attend a Social Sip	2
Attend a Social night (Restaurant night, party, etc)	3
Attend a Maintenance Day	2
Attend a Day Ride	6
Attend a Weekend Run or Rally	10
Attend a Long Weekend Run or Rally	12
Self written Newsletter article	4
Attend a Club Meeting – City Member	4
Attend a Club Meeting – Country Member	6
Attend a Night Run	6



Presidents Report

Last month we had our AGM which went well. I would just like to thank our committee again from last year and welcome those that are joining the committee for 2010/2011.

Positions are held by the following members:

President	Andrew Watson
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South Coast	Lex Wheelam
Hunter	Mark Tempest
Mid North Coast	Lin & Pru Van Copenhagen
ACT	Dave Ramsey.

We have just had the 30th GS Anniversary Rally. What a successful weekend and a great job by the Rob Tiedman, Wayne & Jenny Banks, Terry Chestworth, Craig Ireland and Bob Lowe and the Hunter Regional Ride Group, along with Sandra Gluck with her admin support of the event. We had 216 riders pre pay with a great display of GS on show from the past 30 years.

We have a couple more major club events coming up over the next few months. In September is the Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham. And November the Mid North Coast Regional Ride Group is putting on Beemers by the Beach. Squid and Sharon Dwyer are organizing this event while Lin & Prue are travelling Europe. Fliers for both these events can be found in the newsletter.

Unfortunately I did not make it to the Annual Club Dinner this year due to RFS course and work commitments. From what I have heard it was a great event which included a guest speaker, I'm sure we will see a ride report in the next newsletter.

Clubs Award Night Winners on the night were:

City Clubman of the Year	Mal & Marianne Cattermole
Runners up	Alan Pennykid
Country Clubman of the Year	Rob Lovett
Runner Up	Cheryl Ison
Most Active New Member	Pat & Debbie Dwyer
Editors Award	Mick Furchert
Presidents Award	30 th GS Anniversary Committee

I'm sure Ian Horsburgh will be receiving plenty of articles over the next few months with the 30th GS anniversary rally, Border run, OCR, Far Cairn Rally and Beemers by the beach.

FRONT PAGE Courtesy of Kydo

For those going to the Off Centre Rally, you might experience something like this.

MUD!!!

Apparently, at the moment, roads west of Wanaaring are closed due to wet weather.

Ride Calendar

August		
Sun 1 st	First Sunday of month Day Ride - Call Mark between 6pm and 9pm for more information.	Mark Thomson 02 4647 0678
Sun 1 st	Brekky @ Brooklyn – Meet at 9.30am at Leah's Alfresco, on the wharf, Dangar Road, Brooklyn. Possibility of a ride afterwards if you're keen!	Geoff Hickin 0417 290 663
Fri 6 th	Border Run – Border Village on SA/WA border.	Graham Johns 0419 281 875
Sun 8 th	Port Macquarie Breakfast at Crescent Head – Meet at Donut 8am	Harold 02 6559 6199
Sat 14 th	The 2010 Off-Centre Rally (OCR) – This Rally is once every two years. This year it is at Wanaaring, NSW.	Graham Johns 0419 281 875
Thurs 12 th	South Coast Social sip – Berry Hotel from 6pm. Berry hotel is located on the Sydney side of Berry.	Lex Welham 0427 319 906
Fri 20 th – Sun 22 nd	8th Annual The Saucepan Rally NSW – Held at Innaminckatoo, private property approx 4kms on the Merriwa side of Denman. Signposted from Denman.	Al Pennykid 0427 393 093
Sun 22 nd	Port Macquarie Taylors Arm day ride – Meet at Donut 8.30 am	Squid 02 6582 4082
Wed 25 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. – You are also invited to meet for dinner before the meeting at the Toongabbie Hotel from 6pm.	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290
Fri 27 th	Hunter Social Sip – Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham bowling Club) from around 6.00pm	Jennie Banks 02 4982 8073
Sat 28 th	North Coast social sip – Breakfast at The Sandbar Café, North Haven. – meet there at 8.30am. The after breakfast ride to be determined over breakfast.	Jo 02 6559 6199
Sat 28 th – Sun 29 th	TTT Rally – Access from Wombeyan caves or Taralga. A good rally for those who like dirt and a challenging ride. BYO everything. Meet at BP North Richmond on Saturday 28 th at 10.00 am for a ride through Oberon, Edith and fire trails to the Rally. Contact Tony Conliff. Contact Al Pennykid for ride through Wombeyan Caves.	Tony Conliff 0418 466 399 Al Pennykid 0427 393 093
Sun 29 th	Mittagong Breakfast Run – Morning Run down to Mittagong and to meet up with anyone from the TTT. Will continue on down Macquarie Pass and through the National Park back to Sydney. Leave the Cross Roads Servo at 7am.	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290

September Upcoming Rides!!		
Sun 5 th	St Albans - Lunch at the St Albans pub. Depart Mobil at McGraths hill at 1030am. Arriving St Albans around 1130am	Andrew Watson 0419255290
Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th	2010 Formula Xtreme Calendar – Support Glenn Scott & Jeremy Crowe on the BMW S1000RR. Round 4. Wakefield Park Raceway NSW .	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290
Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th	Port Macquarie Stanthorpe Weekend – Depart Donut 7.00 am Sharp on Friday. Staying at the Commercial Hotel in Stanthorpe. \$80 per room (this has great atmosphere is and not your average hotel) Phone: 07 4681 2244 or mobile 0413 218 653 (let them know you are with the BMW touring club) as they have reserved rooms for us.	Pete & Dale 02 6559 8470

Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	Far Cairn Rally – Raising money for MARI. Held at Tottenham Race course. See the newsletter for all the information.	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290
Sat 24 th – Sun 25 th	26th Annual Sidecar Rally NSW – On the banks of the Macquarie River, along the Bridle Track, between Hill End and Bathurst.	Al Pennykid 0427 393 093

October Upcoming Rides!!		
Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th	Bendemeer Pub Run – After the good ride and report done by Shaun Plunkett, we have decided to do this run. Limited accommodation available at the Pub, so be early. Bendemeer Pub Ph 6769 6550. Or accommodation and camping available at Bendemeer Riverside Caravan Park Ph 6769 6604. No camping allowed behind Pub	Mick Furchert 0414 713 359
Sat 16 th	Port Macquarie Pink Ribbon Ride – Meet at Donut at 9.00 am	Pete & Dale 02 6559 8470

November Upcoming Rides!!		
Sat 6 th – Sun 7 th	Camping and Target Shooting weekend – Camp Saturday at Mount Panorama Bathurst and Target shooting at Bathurst on Sunday. More Details in Next month Newsletter.	Mick Moriarty 0427 018 715
Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th	Beemers by the Beach – Refer to the details in the Newsletter. beemersbythebeach@hotmail.com .	Squid 02 6582 4082

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BMWTC of NSW Editors report for AGM 30/6/2010.

Mr President,
Fellow committee Members,
General Membership.

Kydo & I received the club computer at the Far Cairn Rally on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from Marie Pennykid.

The October newsletter was nearly completed (thank goodness) and we finalised it in the next week and got it published.

Since then, we have created 8 nags including 2 super editions. The first super edition was 28 pages in December and another of 32 pages - in April for the membership.

We could have easily had another super issue for the one we're bagging tonight (our outgoing nag) but instead have left the incoming editor with quite a few articles to take up in his first magazine.

We would like to think we have added a bit of flavour (or personalization) to the magazine by including not only mine but also perceptions from my life companion (KYDO).

We will admit we may have been a little cheeky at times however we have always had the best interest of the club at hand.

To that extent, in our last nag, we have made a special limited offer to the membership that will financially benefit one of the clubs favourite charities (MARI) in order to continue to provide a much appreciated service to the motorcycling community. We also thought that as a side issue, the club may give consideration to also producing a limited edition CD / DVD of the 30th Anniversary GS Rally.

Finally, we would like to thank the members who without their contributions the job of putting together the club magazine would prove logistically difficult.

We'll keep sniffing

Adrian & Kydo

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

First of all, thanks to Adrian & Kydo for the articles they've left me, & to everyone for their help to get me started.

In the throes of producing my first newsletter, I'm becoming aware of how much work goes into it's production. Certainly the first couple will require a fair bit of time & diligence.

I think the hardest thing is learning to move & position content with this damn 'word' programme, then to make it stay where I want it. I suppose those who are thoroughly proficient with 'word' will be laughing knowingly!

But, they say the day is lost if you don't learn something.

I thought finding articles would be hard, & I have heaps at the moment, but I will need stuff from everyone to make the whole thing really interesting.

For me to give you interesting stuff, I need to get interesting stuff from you. You can rest assured many, many people will be keen to read whatever you may write.

Please give serious consideration to producing a few lines with your view of an event, & your experiences or rides, current or past etc, or anything else that may be playing on your mind.

Ian Horsburgh

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BMWTCNSW Club Meeting 30th June 2010

Chairperson – Andrew Watson

Meeting opened – 8.00pm

Apologies – Phil Maloney, Bala, Bill Sparks & Postman Pat.

Visitors – Royce (R1200RT).

Previous Minutes – Acc – Adrian Selwyn-Smith
Sec – Ian Horsburgh

Correspondence -

* Magazines from –BMW MCC of UK, VIC, Gold Coast, NZ, WA, ACT & BMW.

* Statement from St George Bank..

* Minutes of MCCNSW June Meeting.

President's Report – Andrew thanked all of the Committee for their efforts in organising all the Club events so successfully.

Vice President's Report – Apologies.

Secretary's Report – As per Minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Chris advised approx \$17.5K in the bank. Membership renewals and GS Rally entries are coming in now. We are in a fairly healthy state.

Membership Secretary – Marie had nil to report.

Editor – Adrian thanked all those members who had sent in articles and advised report in next newsletter.

Regalia – Andrew advised he was organising new stickers.

Assets & Archives – Wozza had nil to report. Chris advised an audit of the Club's assets was required. Audit to be done at handover meeting.

Clubs Australia – Graham advised CA have donated even more towards the GS Rally. .

Webmaster – Roger had nil to report.

MCC – Bruce advised 2 issues discussed – CTP Green Slips and Helmet Compliance. CTP green slips will take time as it is a long process and helmet compliance was messy as there are 5 authorising bodies and police only know of one.

Past Events –

* Formula Extreme – nil in attendance went.

* Parramatta lakes Bush Walk - Paul advised 12 members went on the walk.

* First Sunday ride – nil in attendance went.

* Brekky at Brooklyn - Pat advised 4 turned up at Brooklyn.

* Ruptured Budgie Rally - over 400 attended, great ride and rally.

* Port Macquarie Weekend – John advised he had a good ride and an excellent day.

* Alpine Rally – Ian and Alan advised approx 100 people attended, it was -6 on Saturday night, very cold, a good rally.

* Watagans Dirt ride – nil in attendance went.

* Hexham Social Sip – Malcolm advised approx 20 members attended.

Coming Events – Refer to Newsletter.

General Business -

* Rob Edgar advised members he had volunteered for Dry In July to raise money for cancer research – sponsors welcome.

* Sandra advised that the GS Rally had 185+ entries to date, closing date was Friday 2nd July, entry forms available.

* Marie was taking deposits for the awards night in Bala's absence.

* Marie advised the Christmas Party will be the 2nd weekend in December.

Raffle was drawn – lots of winners – raised \$113.

Meeting Closed : 8.40pm

BALA'S BIG ADVENTURE

Welcome home Traveller!!

Was going to try to include a report from Bala, but what with space constraints, Ross Moorhouse's promised 2nd Vietnam story below, & the excellent & comprehensive visual & written report Bala posted as he travelled, thought it would be much better viewed online at <http://www.advrider.com/forums/showthread.php?t=586595>

Roaming Vietnam - Dream Catching.

2nd instalment Cuc Phoung Ride report. By Ross Moorehouse

We are ready for a decent ride now. Having done a small ride in Sapa on a Honda 110 we are ready for a big bike now. Ready to prove that I can ride in the sheer craziness that is traffic in Hanoi. Home to six million bikes/scooters. Ready to ride south from Hanoi to Cuc Phoung National Park. A round trip of about 300kms. Our touring bike, a Yamaha YBR125 is waiting for us at Flamingo Travel in Hanoi. Yep we have an extra 15cc to propel 2 big westerners along now. The power of this machine will be awesome compared to the Honda 110. Flamingo specialise in guided bike tours, bike hire and any other travel arrangements you can think of in Vietnam or neighbouring countries.

We wish to see the National Park with its Primate Rescue Centre and trek to see the 1000 year old tree.

We have also booked a guide to ride with us for the two day trip. He can get us out of the madness that is the road system in Hanoi. Plus he has been to Cuc Phoung before so knows the way. The GPS on my phone can not pick up any satellites. So we need the guide badly. Don't want to spend five years trying to leave the city.

Mr Pink, as he is known in English, has been a bike guide for 7 years now with Flamingo. He is a very good rider as I was to find out. Riding with him I felt as if we had been riding mates for years. His English was very good. Great sense of humour and a great knowledge of his country.



After doing the paperwork, swallowing very hard as I sign that if I write off the bike off I will pay \$3000 USD we set off to the garage with all the bikes. There awaiting us is our mighty steed. I was going to rent a 250 Minsk. An evil Russian made 2 stroke as I found out in Sapa when I tried to ride one there before taking the Honda. They are smelly and gutless wonders. Yet you see a few buzzing around Vietnam with happy owners. I want something that will not breakdown every few kilometres.

Mr Pink has selected an old XR250. He was going to take a Minsk but decided against as his leg would get covered in 2 stroke oil he said. As our bike is so small we strap our pack onto the XR and head out for the first time in the maelstrom that is the traffic in Vietnam. You don't worry about what is behind you. Just watch 45 degrees either side of you and ahead. Keep hitting the horn when you get close to another vehicle. And close you will get. Some much so that you had better be used to lane splitting traffic in your own country as this will help you handle the traffic in Hanoi. Horn blowing is a language on it's own. It tells others that you are behind the. You are close to them. Get a move on. I want that space on the road and many other things I have not yet translated.

First stop is for fuel for both bikes. The trip agreement with Flamingo is that I pay for the hire of our bike, fuel for both bikes, all accommodation and food for both Jan and I and for Mr Pink.



Back into the never ending stream of bikes as we make our way south and out of this huge city. My thumb is sore from pressing the horn button so much.

In Vietnam the scooter/bike is the carry all vehicle. From the full family, to your pigs or chickens, to things you need to sell our buy.

After all the fog and rain we have had it is good to see the sun again. We motor out of Hanoi and head for the Ho Chi Minh Trail (road). Wow we will be using the road used during the American War to transport men and

supplies south as the North Vietnamese pushed the Americans back to what was then Saigon. In Vietnam what we know as the Vietnam War is called the American War.

We are using one of the main highways to head south to start with. The road is very narrow. I am learning to hug the very right side of the road as the on coming trucks, buses and cars overtake each other. Biggest vehicle of the road has right of way. No matter what direction it comes from. On a bike you get out of the way quick smart or you will be goo

between the tyre treads. We see so many near misses. Yet no one gives each other the bird. There is no road rage. Respect how the roads work here and you will survive and have a great ride.



Lunch time is fast approaching. My tummy is making those feed me now feelings. Not long after this we have pulled over into a road side cafe. This is no MacDonalds as we are so used to in the west. This is a country side road cafe. You sit on the floor here. In one room Government officials are having a business lunch. Lots of food and lots of happy juice is flowing. Ok so business lunches are the same world over.

Mr Pink orders for us. Fried chicken. I would say freshly killed out the back. Sticky rice. Some green plant roots and garlic. Chilli with oil and salt. Then some meat. Before we left Australia Jan had looked up the word for dog in Vietnamese. We don't eat pets. The cafes in the area all had signs up advertising Pho (rice noddles which are so yummy) and the word for dog. I was too busy watching the road and the traffic to see these. Our cafe had this sign too. A bowl of meat is served up to us. I ask what is this and hear the word "Pork". I am not really a Pork eater. Buy hey I am in their country and I don't want to be rude. So I tuck in with my chop sticks. Jan heard "Like Pork".

So it looks like I may have eaten dog. I can never tell our dogs this here at home. They will never talk to me again. Jan did not tell me what she heard till that night when we talked about the lunch. You can imagine how I felt. I did keep my dinner down somehow.

Lunch over and its is time to get off the main road an onto Uncle Ho's road.

By now both our bums have no feeling in them. The seat on the 125 is so narrow its like riding a plank made out of concrete. Jan is suffering more than me. The bike is so small that she is right up against me. The road is now dirt. Many potholes. The bikes suspension is original and not made to take people our size. Every bump is pile driving the bike up into Jan's spin. I go slower. 40 km/h and still we are suffering. Mr Pink on the XR is way ahead. His long travel suspension is soaking up the bumps and he stands up for most of them. I so want my BMW with it's Comfort seat.



The scenery is breath taking. This in a small way helps to distract from the pain we are in. The road is taking us up through the hills. The poor 125 is down to 1st gear as I rev the guts out of it coaxing it like a sick horse to get us up the hills. Also the terrain is getting very lush. We are close to Cuc Phoung.

It is hot. We are tired. We arrive at the Primate Rescue Centre. What we are about to see and learn makes us forget the pain of the tiny seat we have sat on for 160kms. Monkeys from around Vietnam are sent here for healing and rehabilitation back into the wild. They are held in cages at first to observe their health. Then moved to a very large jungle area surrounded by electrical fence. Once they prove they can survive in this contained jungle they are released into the National Park. We heard those that live in the park itself calling to each other from our bungalow. A sound we will never forget as 2 monkeys call to each other through the vast expanse of jungle.

It is quite amusing to see monkeys with German names like Fritz in the Rescue Centre. Then again there are German volunteers working there. So they get a say in the names of the new borns. Even though they might be in cages it is very encouraging to know that soon they will be released back into the wild in a protected National Park. The monkeys I mean not the Germans.

Our accommodation for the night is 17 kms into the park. We ride a very narrow damp concrete road through the jungle. Butterflies leap into the air as the XR drives through them ahead of us. We are given a small 2 bed bungalow for the night. Each bed has it's own mozzie net. Our bungalow comes with red bellied squirrels who like to stomp around all night long above our heads in the ceiling and roof.

Jan and I take a short walk along one of the concreted jungle paths for some first hand in your face jungle experience.

This is nothing compared to what awaits the next day. On this walk we too cause bunches of butterflies to take flight as we walk through them. Never seen so many of these delicate winged creatures before. Also seen on the ground is one huge whopper of a moth. Would hate to have that hit at night when riding.

After good dinner we walk back to our room and find the field near by has 1000s of blinking lights flying around. They are fire flies. Little beetles whose tail blinks on and off. What a great way to end the night.

Morning and not far from our room we find more evidence that things can grow big in this jungle. Are we to be part of some weird growth experiment too?



We have requested to visit the 1000 year old tree. So a 5km walk through the jungle is ahead of us. A good breakfast of scrambled eggs and hot bread is downed before we set of on our trek. I love the scrambled eggs and hot bread we ate in Vietnam. Both so fresh and yummy.

Little did we know that this walk would have us climbing many steps. Trudging along mud paths. Climbing even more steps. And more steps. My legs turning to jelly. Shaking as I tried to walk down the other side of the hills we climbed. It was all worth it though. To be in the presence of something this old and still living was awe inspiring. I feel that this tree is the guardian of this park. Having

seen many generations of monkeys come and go. Lived through the wars that have raged in this country. If only it could talk. This ancient giant is protected from the wood choppers chainsaw thankfully. Shame people have to carve their names into it.

When we get back to our bungalow we mount up and ride back to Hanoi. My legs are killing me. At least I can rest them sitting on the bike. Oh yeah, our butts will again be cradled by the seat of concrete. We are almost begging to go back via a shorter and smoother road route. Mr Pink takes us along Highway 1. Thank you Mr Pink.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu4-znaTUo0> *Video Jan took as we ride out of the national park.*

We stop for lunch at another road side cafe. I am not having anything but chicken this time. We get chopped up fried chicken. Again they are freshly killed out the back. We also are served a liver, cabbage and flower soup. I try this with some boiled rice. The flower is crunchy. Not my favourite dish of the trip so far but way better than "like pork". Highway 1 is smoother that's for sure. Our butts still ache. This is the least of our worries as many buses and trucks force us into the gutter as they overtake each other.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6PT63kUDAY> *How to overtake a lumbering truck in Vietnam 2 up on a 125.*

School is out and we face yet another challenge when riding a small bike in Vietnam. Teenagers on push bikes. At least 3kms of them. We are forced at times into the oncoming lane to get around them all. They wave when they see us westerners on a bike on their roads. In fact lots of people waved to us when they saw we are not Vietnamese.



Hanoi is looming up in the distance. Its haze and smog reaching out to greet us hot and dirty travellers. Soon we will be immersed back into the never ending sound of the horn and millions of scooters fighting cars and buses for a place on the road.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0QUspOP6IY> *Coming into the outskirts of Hanoi.*

Please don't think I am complaining about this ride. I loved every minute of it. My long held dream is ever so real now. I now know I can ride anywhere in the world. I have become like my hero's who I have idolised for 30 years. Roll on the next overseas holiday. We want to ride even further. This time though on a bigger bike with our Airhawk blow up seat cushions cuddling our butts.

Mr Pink it was a true honour to ride with you and have us as your guide. Anyone that wants to do a bike tour in Vietnam please go see Flamingo Travel. We highly recommend them. Ask for Mr Pink as your guide. You will have a great ride with him.



*The BMWTCNSW presents the
Far Cairn Rally*



18th & 19th September 2010

The **BMW TOURING CLUB of NSW** proudly hosts the 3rd Far Cairn Rally in aid of fund raising for **MARI** (Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative) that was started and funded by George and Charis Schwarz and now run by St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney.

A back to basics rally held at Tottenham Race Course and Showground and just three klms from the town centre. Tottenham is approx 120kms north of Condobolin and 120kms west of Dubbo. The Centre Cairn monument is located 33kms out of town near Five Ways and marks the centre of NSW. Erected in 1988 as part of our Bicentennial celebrations, it stands 2m tall and is made of slag taken out of one of the local copper mines.

Accommodation: Tottenham Hotel on 02 6892 4211 or camp on the manicured lawns at the racecourse. No fires on course grounds but there will be a bon fire on Saturday night. There are flush toilets, showers, undercover seating and sleeping available.

Food Supplies: Lunch on Saturday (sandwiches, cakes, hot dogs and drinks) provided on site by the CWA. The Lions Club will cook up a country BBQ Saturday night and will provide breakfast on Sunday Morning.

Fuel: No PULP in town and Sunday trading between 8 and 10am.

All proceeds to MARI . – Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative.

The entry fee of \$25 includes the Rally badge and sausage sizzle for Sunday breakfast, and Rally awards. The Far Cairn Rally is open to all motorcyclists who enjoy a relaxed ride into country NSW. Tottenham is accessible by sealed roads, as well as dirt roads for off road riders, from several directions.

Please send entry in by Friday 3rd September 2010

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The Alpine Rally, 14 June 2010.

A test of endurance or patience on my KLX 250?

It's a good trot from Sydney to Brindabella and having enjoyed the luxury of my R1100R with its comfortable seat, windscreen and heated grips I am very aware of the difference. Once on the dirt, however, the KLX comes into its element.

I made camp on Friday night at The Billy Grace Reserve near Wee Jasper. On Saturday morning I set off southbound on Nottingham Road. My Google map directions suggested a left turn on Ridge Road to cut off the corner at Brindabella Road. I remembered that from the Capital Rally a few years back. Ridge Road was in poor condition with stretches of sand. So a good test for the KLX.

After a kilometre, the road took a dip into a deep valley. The early morning mist was thick and the further I went, the thicker it became. It was like a London fog. I slowed right down almost to a stop because suddenly there was a clear spot like a hole in the ozone. Weird. The engine cut out locking the rear wheel. But my eyes were locked on a corrugated iron capsule thingy blocking my way. It looked like corrugated iron, no seams anywhere, pretty cool, like something out of this world. A ship of some kind. I jumped off the bike to get a better look and was greeted by a motorcyclist in full racing leathers and helmet.

His visor was closed and when he signed, I understood he wanted to jump start the ship. He pointed at the KLX and I presumed it was the battery he was interested in. As we worked to remove the cover, I checked out his suit. There seemed to be gauges of various design along both arms. Maybe one of the new Dainese Delmar jackets fully optioned. And tubes running up into the helmet. Air conditioning? Good one.

I carried the battery over to his ship and he pulled some wires from a panel and a little gadget from a patch on the side of his leg. His visor was still clamped down and it was shiny like the surface of

a DVD. I never did see his face. And I presumed he was a "he" judging by the contours of the suit.

Satisfied with the connections, he signed me to stay put as he disappeared inside. A moment later the engine was running and a circle of lights blazed around the middle of the ship. He appeared at my side and un-hooked the battery. He gave me a badge in a small plastic pouch, slapped his chest and signed that I should stand clear. I walked back to my bike and turned around just in time to see the corrugated iron ship disappear in a swirl of mist.

Later, at the Alpine Rally site, I was telling the story to disbelievers around the fire and I remembered the badge. I looked closely at the inscription: "The Earth Rally"

Well, he would have won the longest distance travelled for sure.

Apart from that little incident the Alpine was again an enjoyable rally.

See you at the next one.

Bill Beggs

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FORMULA XTREME

Glenn Scott & the Motohansa BMW S1000RR

Eastern Creek Race Report: 2nd-4th July 2010

Round 3 of the Australian Formula Xtreme Championship was held from the 2nd to the 4th of July 2010 at Eastern Creek Raceway.

Friday 2 July - Practice Day

Practice consisted of 5, 20 min sessions.

Glenn used Friday's practice time wisely, becoming familiar with the fast circuit, learning the race lines and gaining confidence on the bike.

Glenn made small changes to the set up of his bike. He was pleased with the bike and had good base settings for the weekend.

Glenn's quickest lap time for the day was a 1.37.7.

Saturday 3 July - Australian Formula Xtreme Nationals

Glenn encountered problems during qualifying with the front brakes on the bike after switching brake pads from Friday, however, he still managed to do a 1.37.1.

This put Glenn in 10th position on the grid. Although this time was better than Glenn's time from Friday, he still has some catching up to do, pole position was set by rider Cru Halliday, with a time of 1.34.5.

First race of the day Glenn got off to an ordinary start, but after making some good passing moves he made his way to 8th position, only 0.4 seconds off 7th.

Glenn dropped his time further to the 1.36 mark and did a best lap of 1.36.0.

In the second race, Glenn got off to a blinding start, from 8th position on the grid, he found himself in 4th position in the second corner. After the first lap Glenn then moved into 3rd place.

During the second lap a rider crashed in front of Glenn and another passed him, however, he was still holding 3rd position. Unfortunately, in the next lap Glenn high-sided in turn 7. This crash was in the same corner as the rider who crashed in front of Glenn in the previous lap.

Glenn thinks his crash might have been due to some oil on the circuit from the previous crash, but he also said he was pushing harder, riding faster, wanting to keep his position.

Third and last race for the day, Glenn started 22nd on the grid because of his result in race 2. Feeling very battered and bruised with an injured calf muscle and elbow, Glenn still got off to a great start, by lap 5 he was sitting in 11th place.

In the sixth lap, Glenn was still gaining positions and while he was coming down the straight the bike engine seized in top gear.

Glenn and the Motohansa Team don't know how it has happened, it was extremely unfortunate, but also very lucky at the same that Glenn was not injured in the process.



Glenn was especially disappointed apart from his crash in the 2nd race, he was riding really well and continuously improving. Glenn hopes that the bike will be up and running before the next round in September at Wakefield Park Raceway.



Sunday 4 July - Australian Formula Xtreme Nationals

Glenn missed out on Sunday's Formula Xtreme Championship due to the engine problems with the bike, and these were unable to be fixed in time. Glenn would also like to thank his sponsor's Fuglies eyewear, InsureMyRide, Karisma, Shogai, Elite Sports Massage and Rampant

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13 & 14 November, 2010

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All motorcyclists are welcome to join and participate in the weekend activities. For motorcyclists wishing to participate in this event simply contact the club for further details.

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Hosted by the 'The BMW Touring Club of NSW'

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TTT Rally Sat-Sun 28-29th August

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14 August

Off Centre Rally. Wanaaring NSW

20-22 August

Saucepan Rally. Held at Innaminckatoo, private property approx 4kms on the Merriwa side of Denman. \$20. Bushy or Janese 02 4930 8001 or 0409 155 932

28-29 August

TTT Rally. In the wilderness somewhere around Wombeyan Caves. BYO everything as usual.

10-12 September

Dargo High Plains Rally. Talbotville, approx 32kms north of Dargo. \$25.

Ghost Town Rally. Copi Hollow Caravan Park via Menindee.

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18-19 September

Ragged Fringe Rally. Brett Reserve, approx 33kms from Gloucester on Thunderbolts Way. \$15 inc badge.

24-26 September

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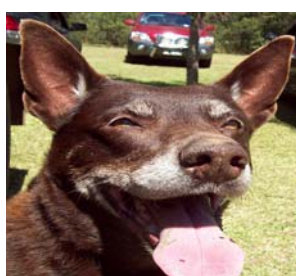
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