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**August 2023**

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NEWSLETTER OF THE BMW MOTORCYLE OWNERS CLUB

(GOLD COAST) INC

MEMBER OF THE BMW CLUBS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

https://www.bmwmocgc.org.au/

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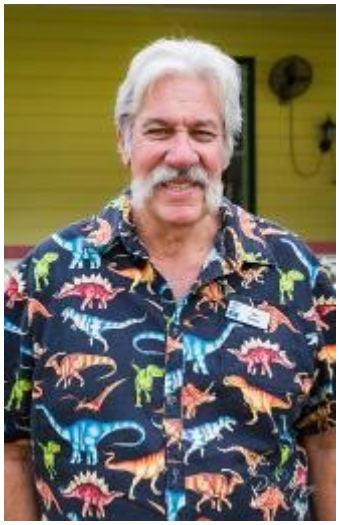

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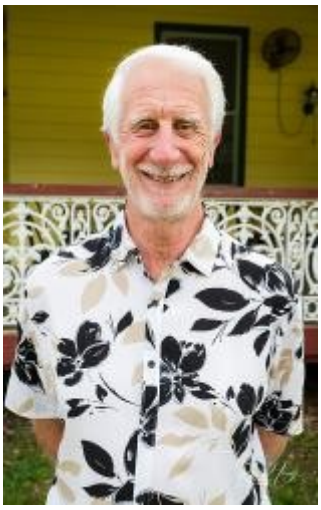

**Club Delegate**
John Eacott

**Life Members**
Lyn Dyne

**Life Members**
Fred Davies

Congratulations Lyn marking 25 years as a member of the BMWTCNSW.

# Club Calendar 2023

**6 Aug** **8.00am** **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.

**20 Aug** **8.00am** **Club Ride** See Facebook for ride details

**3 Sept** **8.00am** **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.

**17 Sep** **8.00am** **Club Ride** See Facebook for ride details

The club normally has two organised rides each month: on the first and 3rd Sundays. The rides on the 3rd Sunday of the month may change according to the ride destination. Changes from the above will be notified to members via email.

**All Newsletter Submissions are due to the Editor before the 25th of each month**

# President's Message

This coming weekend we are going to Tenterfield overnight, staying at the Henry Parkes Motel. I am looking forward to the ride courtesy of Adrian & Cherie. Rug up well as I believe it's cold up there right now, fine weather forecast.

Yesterday was the Tyalgum ride in good company and weather, we stopped for smoko at Flutterbies and it has changed to cater for lower numbers due to a main road still closed from flooding way back. We had a quick look at the damage yesterday as well.

Our Presidents lunch and combined AGM was a fun afternoon and well attended, we managed to raise $310 for charity with round two raffle to be drawn at our Christmas party. We had plenty of prizes so we split it in two.

Our club committee was re-elected to their respective positions once again so thanks to all who have assisted in the running of our club. If it was-n't for the members enthusiasm we would not exist, so thanks for all at-tendees during the year and hope it continues in the spirit of comrade ship we presently enjoy.

See you soon

Steve Bryant #318

Thanks

Steve Bryant #318

# BMW Club Financials

## Accounts for year ending June 2023

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bank Accounts** | | | | |
| | Fixed Deposit | | 5,378 | As at Jul 28 2023 |
| | Cheque Account | | | |
| | July 1st 2022 | 6,518 | | |
| | June 30th 2023 | 6,726 | | |
| | Movement | | 208 | |
| | | | | |
| **Income** | | | | |
| | Membership 22-23 | 1,130 | | |
| | Membership 23-24 | 1,060 | | |
| | AGM Lunch | 1,980 | | |
| | Merchandise | 0 | | |
| | Sundry | 180 | | |
| | | | 4,350 | |
| **Expenses** | | | | |
| | AGM Gift Vouchers | 250 | | (For AGM Raffle, Ballina matching amount) |
| | Club Badges | 131 | | |
| | Clubs Australia | 58 | | |
| | Insurance | 1,025 | | |
| | Web Hosting | 229 | | |
| | Deposit for AGM | 500 | | |
| | Queensland Lobby Group | 50 | | |
| | Website Technical Support | 412 | | |
| | Sanctuary Donation | 1,404 | | |
| | Sundry | 83 | | |
| | | | 4,142 | |
| | Christmas Lunch | 1,485 | | |
| | Christmas Lunch | -1,485 | 0 | |
| | | | | |
| | Movement | | 208 | |
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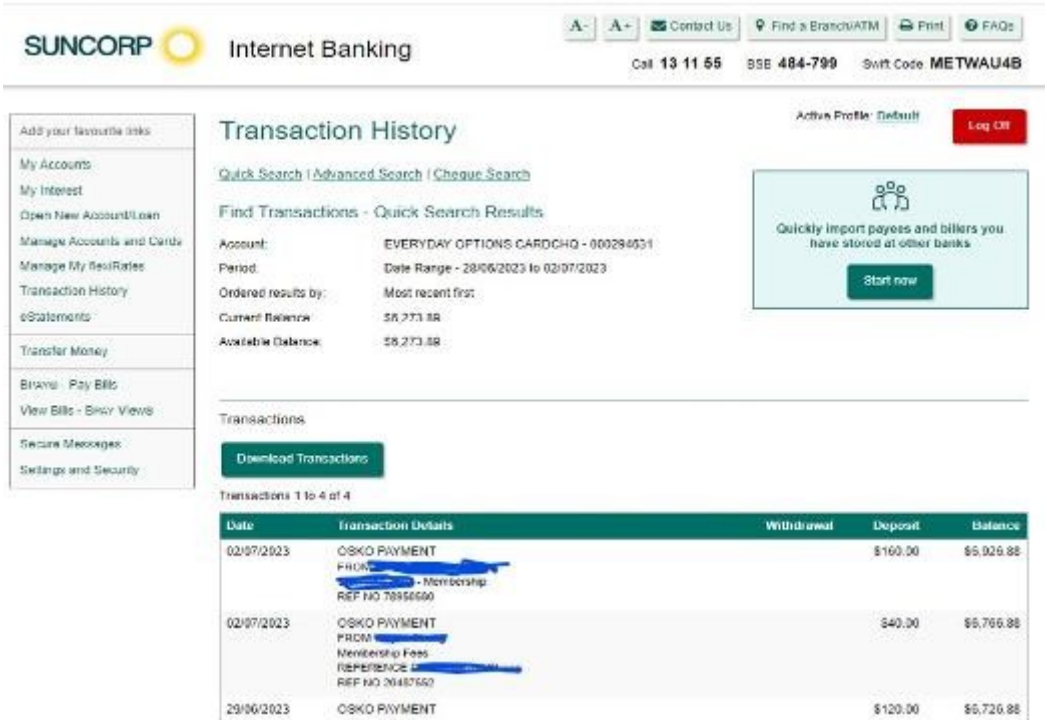
| | ** Clubs share of $1,000 Donation to Sanctuary was $404, plus club donated $1,000 | | | |

## Suncorp Bank Account as at June 30th 2023



# Heritage Fixed Deposit as at 30th June 2023

Heritage Bank
People first.

BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB (GOLD COAST) INC
32/121-125 SURF PDE
BROADBEACH QLD 4218

BSB NUMBER : 638 991
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 14446804
Twelve Month Term A/C 112
STATEMENT DATE: 28 JUL 2023
STATEMENT NO : SPECIAL REQUEST

Please check this statement and advise immediately of any discrepancies.

| DATE | REFERENCE | DEBIT | CREDIT | BALANCE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | | | | |
| 01 APR | OPENING BALANCE | | | |
| 28 JUL | CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 28 JUL 23 | | | 5,378.13 |
| | | | | 5,378.13 |

## Fundraising from the AGM

Transactions 1 to 21 of 21

| Date | Transaction Details | Withdrawal | Deposit | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19/07/2023 | OSKO PAYMENT<br>FROM Gordon<br>AGM Cash<br>REFERENCE AGM Cash<br>REF NO 91601310 | | $240.00 | $6,153.89 |
| 18/07/2023 | INTERNET EXTERNAL TRANSFER<br>TO 012432 495448586 REF NO 14625810<br>AGM | $60.00 | | $5,913.89 |
| 17/07/2023 | DIRECT CREDIT SQUARE AU PTY LT | | $206.01 | $5,973.89 |

Breakdown of the $450 via Square.

$200 – Cash from Cherie for **Raffle** sales

$110 – **Raffle** sales via Card

Total Raffle Sales of **$310**

(Club put in $250 but still some prizes left)

$60 (Card) – **Rytis** (Wife's name is Rasa) – Meal

$40 (Card) - **Brent** – Club Fees

$40 - **Ep** – Club Fees

Will refund $60 to **Barry**

# New date
for the 9th annual
Kinbirnie Rally

**Friday (midday) 24 to Sunday 26 November, 2023**

**This rally is open to all clubs and individual riders.**

**Where:**
420 Goombungee Mount Darry Rd.
9.7 km North of Goombungee
Signs from Goombungee

***Facilities:***
*Camping on site*
*Drinking water available*
Showers
Toilets

**Event:**
Motorcycles only event
Riders $25 - Includes patch for first 100
Pillions $10 ($15 for patch if required)
Licensed Bar - 18+ only event
No glass please - Stock graze here
Rally events
Multi prize draw
Live music Saturday night
Bonfire (permit dependent)

**Catering:**
Friday - Dinner - Sausage sizzle
Saturday - Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Sunday - Breakfast
**Supporting Goombungee P & C**

**Contact: Steve Harriman 0438-300-961**

# July Short Run

Six bikes, 9 people, met at Hinze Dam at 8, away 8:30 on just one of those crustal clear winters days – just so pretty through Numinbah, every time.

Big John arrived on their new 2018 GTL 719 with the upgraded cast rims, etc – the dark green paint and tan seat combo are super pretty. Gayle was soooooooooo happy with the new purchase – BJ knows how to make good decisions.

Young Damian joined us and volunteered to be TEC which left Peter and Heather in a very unfamiliar situation of being in the middle of the group.

Eddie also arrived after touring every caravan show in Far North Queensland – standing and talking to Eddie and Damian is like getting an instant sore neck.

Damian pointed out the symmetry of the bikes – two GTL's, two RT's and two GS's – perhaps a pair of GT's next time?

Fooled every one by going through Tyalgum and turning for Murwillumbah – one could hear them say "Surely he knows that road is closed" – Well, Yes, I do, but I am surprised at how few people have gone to have a look. It is rather a mess in that the hill has slipped from way, way up from the road and the hill is clay, once a road was cut through near the bottom, it is only a matter of when, one day, it would slip.

Eddie does a lot of bush walking and camping and new there was a mural of the Red Barron at the camping ground – the guy that shot down the Red Baron lived in Tyalgum after the war. So, after some French Pastries and super-duper coffee we trundled up to the camping ground

Steve took off for a brisk ride home, rest of us meandered back through Numinbah, even prettier in the opposite direction. A 1600B tagged on to the rear of the group for a while,

we are attracting them big bikes.

Will try the short run again in September as we were back before 12 so an ideal run for those with afternoon commitments.

# FOR SALE

## Contact Pat Bryant for further details.

patbryant53@icloud.com

Women's BMW Bike Jacket– Brand New Condition Size 40.

Women's Bike Pants– Brand New Condition size 38

Bike Helmet & Bag

# Tingha Dirty Weekend

Hi all,

The Congregation at Tingha 8,9 &10th September has a new event owner as the magazine has been sold. Now it's called Dirty Weekend still at Green Valley Farm and camping bookings are available with meals Saturday night and Sunday morning $55 inclusive.

Some interest has been shown from club members so I have booked 2 double rooms at the pub in Glen Innes and also 2 at the motel next door. Pub room $79 motel $115 shared costs.

Please let me know if you are coming so I can finalise asap.

Plan to ride easy dirt Friday, Inverell to Tingha Saturday and home Sunday.

Fully catered food and beer tent available. Flyer is in the newsletter

Thanks

Steve

Details on following pages.

# 'DIRTY WEEKEND'

## When; 9th - 10th of September 2023

## Where; Green Valley Farm, Tingha NSW

Phone number; 02 67233015 (if unavailable please leave message) Email; vickeryclan@activ8.net.au

Web Page; www.greenvalleyfarm.com.au

Join the team from Adventure Moto for a Dirty Weekend.

The weekend includes planned supported* routes from ADVM HO Sydney and Brisbane, departing Thursday the 7th September to the event for anyone to follow or join in along the way. Or of course you can run your own ride to Tingha with your mates.

Accommodation at Tingha is camping, with some limited cabin digs, or overflow motel accommodation at nearby Inverell.

Meet with industry reps from Australian Adventure Bike magazine, Pirelli, ADVWORX, Nelson Rigg, KLIM and Tyres 4 Bikes for a Green Valley Farm catered camping experience. Or stay in a bunk house or cabin with your mates (limited spaces available) or choose luxury digs at nearby Inverell.

This is one dirty weekend that won't get you into trouble. Previously called the Congregation, this ADV gathering will have featured loop rides set by the crew from RideADV.com.au. Join in the "MotoKanga" gymkhana to win gear and prizes.

Special guests include

- Adam Riemann - Motology Films, who will be there with his classic Honda Africa Twin War Horse
- Miles Davis – VeloMoto, leader in adventure rider training.
- Greg Yager and some of the crew - RideADV.com.au
- Dave Darcy - Mad-TV (Nobody is madder than Dave)
- Clubby - Australian Adventure Bike Magazine
- Amy Harburg – International GS Trophy finalist

So join Steve, Jen, Jackson and the crew from Adventure Moto and Tyres 4 Bikes for a "FANTASTIC" Dirty Weekend.

*A ride route will be provided on a printed route sheet or GPX file. Support will be limited to a follow through with a support vehicle following the ride one hour after the last rider leaves the ride-start. All Riders are responsible for their own luggage and bikes being trail worthy. There will be no zero or sweep riders on the supplied route.

# CORNER MARKING

**MANY RIDES WILL UTILISE CORNER MARKING.**

- The Ride Leader will indicate, by pointing, a safe location where he/she would like the **rider directly behind him/her** to mark a corner.
- The corner marker should stop in a **safe place that is visible to following riders**, indicate with the turn signal to following riders the route and **remain in position until Tail End Charlie indicates to re-join the ride.** Re-join the ride safely.
- If there are inexperienced riders the **corner marker may need to wait for a while** but remember other riders' enjoyment is dependent on your effort.
- Corner marking is utilised to allow a ride to progress in an orderly and systematic way regardless of factors that could cause a disrupted ride.
- Some of these factors include the following.
- A wide range of rider experience that would cause frustration to more experienced riders by frequently stopping to allow slower riders to catch up.
- Traffic conditions, e.g. frequent traffic lights, or congestion, that cause the ride to break up into groups that lose touch with one another.
- Some riders who just want to "amble" along having a leisurely ride while others go ahead.
- More often than not, especially on mid-week rides, the ride leader will decide that ride members have similar experience and ability and so corner marking can be dispensed with. This means that the ride leader needs to be able to see following riders in his/her mirrors and may prevent the ride breaking up by introducing occasional stops.

# THE RIDE GUIDE

Our branch rides are all about the journey and sharing experiences and fellowship with branch riders and visitors. We should be aware of the varying experience of riders on the day and make allowances for that. In appreciation of the range of bikes and the range of rider experience we ask that each rider to do the following.

- **Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder.**
- **Complete the Ride Register, it is for your own safety**
- **Listen to the briefing by the Ride Leader.**
- **Know who Tail End Charlie is and what bike they are riding.**
- **Keep a safe distance at all times - the 3 second rule is a good guide.**
- **Ride responsibly, obey road rules and ride at the pace that matches your own ability and skill level.**
- **Do not pass the Ride Leader unless the ride leader has indicated that this is acceptable. If you do pass without approval you are on your own.**
- **Overtake only in a different lane.**
- **if you leave the ride notify the Tail End Charlie and/or The Ride Leader (preferably both); and**

**If a visitor or new member** make sure that the Ride Leader and Tail End Charlie are aware of the bike you are riding and your riding experience and ability.

# 100 YEARS of BMW Motorcycles

## Concours – Saturday 23rd September 2023

This event will be run by the BMWMCQ at the central location of **Reddacliff Place** in Brisbane. We are looking for suitable bikes from all years and all models to display at this special event to celebrate this enormous achievement of the BMW brand that we all love to ride.

Do you have a bike that is suitable? If it is an older BMW (60's or earlier) and it is completely assembled, presentable, registered or not, we want to hear from you.

If your BMW bike is from the '70's up to latest models and is in good visual condition, special or a rare model, we want to hear from you as well.

We have a target of one hundred bikes, to display an example of as many different models as possible. A selection process will be undertaken from the applications and consideration will be given to bikes that fit the above criteria as well as bikes with high kilometres or extraordinary travel achievements.

To nominate your bike, send the following details to bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au

What Model it is. Year of Manufacture.

Total Km's Travelled. Longest Journey Travelled.

A Photo.

***A celebratory dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 21st September – more details to follow…***

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SHOP ONLINE

# Big John and Fate
# (and a little bullying)

John made the mistake of mentioning he was upgrading his GS to a GSA, had the money sitting there, was looking.

Well, Gail knew, that Jenny and I knew, and even Big John knew, that Gayle would like a GTL.

On the Saturday before, Jenny and I went for a coffee at El Social in Canungra – as we pass the pie shop, there is a GTL with a tan coloured seat – Nice!! We had our coffee and I hopped on our bike, Jenny said, lets walk up and have a look.

Well, it was a pretty one and it is for sale. So I get the phone number, come home, call the guy, super friendly dude, has a bike collection like you wouldn't believe (has a pristine C1200, a RS 719 and a K1300 GT, all for sale). At 84yo the GTL was just too heavy for him. So I broadcast the details as the price was super attractive – it really is a $30k bike – it was immaculate, John E would have given it the seal of approval.

Now we knew, that Big John may read the email, but he is fixated on his GSA, he may not mention it to Gayle, accidently of course.....

Soooooooooooooo..... we text the details to Gayle ..... Hee, hee.... Bingo!!!

And so, this is how Big John made a great decision, the correct decision.....

# Editor's Message

Well that's another month we are not getting back, but by the looks of all the happy faces at the AGM lunch , it was a great day.

I am finding a lot of my clients are travelling at the moment and this is making it difficult to arrange the sorts of get together we would do in different groups  on a regular basis. One group has lunch every 4 weeks even though it often blows out to 6 weeks as last minute clashes come up, this year our first lunch get together will be 5th August, which is a sign of how people are seizing the moment.

So it's especially pleasing to see the number of riders and pillions that have been able to attend the various scheduled rides and those impromptu rides that Gordon is so good at arranging.

Work and riding commitments mean I wont see you until the 21/8 club ride, but I am sure the upcoming Adrian and Cherie ride will be a blast, look forward to seeing the photos and ride report for next month.

I am constantly surprised at how small the world is when you are in motorcycle community, the trip around the Alps included only 5 paying riders, one of those (Alan) is also attending the upcoming GS Enduro from Cairns to Darwin, that's kind of spooky how things come about. Obviously we both think the view and conditions may be a bit different to experience we recently had, but that's what makes life interesting.

Until we next meet, all the best and a safe riding.

Kind regards,

Ken

# Ladies Who Lunch

## Mad Asian Kitchen & Bar

**ALL Ladies associated with the BMW Club are most welcome.**

**Friday 28th July**

**12 Noon**

**Club Merchandise**

Club Polo Shirts (Blue with white trim) **……$ 35.00**

Club Caps (Black, White or Styled)**……..$ 34.00**

Lightweight Summer Polo Shirts**……$ 35.00**

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Sky-Blue trim

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**Contact John Vanzino 0414 988 619**

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# BMW MATTERS

**BMW & OTHER MATTERS**

**BMW Motorrad celebrates 100 years of success.**
The major anniversary exhibition at the BMW Museum opened its doors in May and visitors will be able to embark on an exciting journey through 100 years of BMW Motorrad history over the exhibition's approximately year-long run.
The Museum, built in 1973, will be displaying more than 55 original motorcycles from 10 decades in its world-famous Museumsschüssel (Museum Bowl).

The exhibition also displays tanks, benches, lights, rider's helmets, frames and smaller technical details to trace the lines of development and advertising as well as the fascinating world experienced by two globetrotters on their BMW motorcycles.

There will also be motorcycle pairings from the past to the present. In the Motorsport section, two machines are presented that are associated with victory in the legendary Tourist Trophy on the Isle of Man. Schorsch Meier was successful on his BMW R 255 Kompressor, and 75 years later Michael Dunlop placed first on a BMW S 1000 RR

The anniversary exhibition honours the drivers, designers and developers from 100 years of BMW Motorrad history and also references fascinating production in the BMW Group plant in Berlin-Spandau.

**BMW Motorrad**
This year the company celebrates 100 years of BMW Motorcycles:-

**Invitation**

Any BMWMOCGC members with historic, rare or bikes from the 70's up to the latest models in good visual condition, have been invited by BMWMCQ to attend a CONCOURS on Saturday **23rd September 2023** at Reddacliff Place in Brisbane.
To nominate your bike send the following details to *bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au* - plus
Model, Year of Manufacture, Total Km's travelled, Longest Journey Travelled, a Photo.

**BMWMOCGC Newsletters -** Members can look up previous electronic Club Newsletters from *February 2016 onwards* at the State Library site at: https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3079126033
(Under legislation publishers have an obligation to lodge their works with certain national, state & territories libraries)

Lions Road - The 'Rainforest Way' was originally an unsealed track between Kyogle and Beaudesert. This link road was built by the Lions Club of these towns in 1971. It is now fully sealed and is a very scenic drive following the Brisbane rail line, Running Creek (Qld) and Gradys Creek (NSW).

Along the way through the amazing rainforests at the Border Loop Lookout one can view the rail engineering feat of the rail loop as it spirals through the mountain.

**EVENTS/RALLIES:**

**Friday 25th August -** BCCM Live 8.00pm
https://tinyurl.com/BMWClubBCCMLive

**5th-6th August -** Border Run - WA/SA

**6-13th August - BMW Safari GS Enduro**
Cairns to Darwin

**12th August -** Expresso Twenty5 presents: Caffeine, Banter & Bikes @ 1 Boatworks Drive, Coomera, Gold Coast - 7-11am

**2-13th September**
Postie Bike Challenge - Brisbane - Darwin
Outback Adventure via Hells Gate 3,500 km
www.postiebikechallenge.org Ph. 0411 090 891

**15-17 September - Far Cairn Rally** by BMWTCNSW at Tottenham Racecourse. Contact Steve 0439739876
**30th Sept - 2nd Oct -** 40th Anniversary of K Series at Woodstock NSW by BMW Motorcycle Club ACT.
Contact: k40@bmwmcc.au

**6-8th October -** Thunder Rally @ Sheba Dams via Nundle by Ducati Club of NSW

**7-9th October -** Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut Campsite, Alpine Way, Kosciuszko N.P. by BMWMCC (ACT)

**22-27th October - BMW Safari TS**
Healesville Vic to Windsor NSW - 5 days through the Vic and NSW high country, through Australian capital, over the Great Dividing Range. Bookings now open.

1939: Senior Tourist Trophy.
Georg Meier wins on his BMW Kompressor

# Non BMW Interests

**Do you have a hobby or Interest you would like to share?**

## Gordon is sharing his hobby

I do a lot of landscaping, gardening, recently started my third garden sculpture. I was having trouble with adding the udder and needed better access.

Ken can provide his non-BMW interests details next newsletter. (The challenge is On)

# Advertising

Click on the Business advertisements to be taken to their websites

# How to do 40+ Alpine Passes or Memorable Roads in 10 days.

From the Travelling Industrial Agent

Where to start and how not sound like a paid advertisement. Normally I would write the ride story up at the end, but the 4 other riders and I are overwhelmed by the winding roads we are on and the scenery we are part of.

I am writing this part on Sunday a rest day for us in Lake Como, we had the option of a ride or go by yourself, but here I am sitting on a terrace overlooking the lake and all the "pretty people" as they promenade past. The sports cars are also out, but I suspect they are out every day that the short skirts are walking around.

I have never thought I would say that I need a break in the rides and this is our second one, the first was at Chamonix and we went up the ridiculously fast and steep Gondola to get a close look at Mt Blanc.

The weather has a big bearing on a person's perception of the ride, so coming back and doing this again on a day when it's not clear blue skies may give a different impression, but so far we have 11/10 days.

Taking a break from the ride reminds me that music is as much about the pause between the notes as the notes themself.....where did the philosophical view come from?

When the trip organised by Alan and Bridget from Throw Your Leg Over (TYLO) first came up, I had no high expectations, just a chance to ride some amazing roads and Alps with others who have done the research and organising, delegation in its most effective form. I usually prefer to not have a daily destination in Australia and decide at a T intersection if left or right. Here, that would mean you could (and would) miss some amazing routes over high alpine passes and through quaint little villages where the single width road bends to avoid the corner of the existing house from hundreds of year ago.

Alan and Bridget teamed up with Adriatic Motor Tours to provide the logistics, no doubt buying power and also supply the all-important ride leader (Luka) and in this case Jure as support vehicle and general concierge.

Little did we know that these two originally from Slovenia are also philosophers, comedians and very knowledgeable general tour guides (of the type you get on a coach tour). Many a time Luka has us clambering up some steep path above the pass we have already ridden to get a better view or explain some important fact. Jure then reminds us that what we are seeing or experiencing is nothing compared to what we will see or do in Slovenia. Apparently Slovenia is the centre of the world and everything good in it and we look forward to seeing it.

The various days of riding have blurred into one, we can't separate which day we did a certain pass and some days we are doing 3-4 and all around the height or higher than Mt Kosciusko. The first day out of Freising just blew our minds as I can't think of any road in Australia that was as nice, little did we know that was only the warm up and probably if we had done it in the reverse direction, that day of riding would have been a letdown compared to what we have ridden since.....and we are still to get to Slovenia.

Having a knowledgeable local ride leader means you only need to keep him in sight and you know where you should be going, it also means by following him, you are more likely to stay on the correct side of the road, even at roundabouts.

A typical ride up to the top of a pass is about 25-30 minutes, not all corners are hairpins, but most are, so imagine that one tight hairpin on the way up to Bellthorpe (you know the one) and do that many many times on the way up and then much the same on the way down.

On these road surfaces my cornering speed has improved, but I doubt I have the same faith in our bitumen at home, I also trust these crazy car drivers and cyclists to be more consistent and predictable than ours.

If you are ever considering buying a second hand car from Europe, get an Italian one, they have not unwrapped the blinker stalk from new, either that or they ran out of blinker fluid on the assembly line.

Somehow it all just flows when you get back into the larger towns.

This tour is longer than Adriatic normally do, but Alan and Bridget wanted to add in some of their favourite rides and Adriatic has just made it work

The quality and location of the accommodation is very good and unlike many rooms I have stayed at in Europe, you don't need to leave your room to change your mind. It's a small thing, but even the bathrooms are of a large size.

Every afternoon, our Legend, Jure is waiting at our destination to flag us in or stop traffic, then out comes a cold beer or soft drink. We just park the bikes and he sorts them out, so the next day the bikes are turned around and wiped down if they got wet during the night. Our bags have been delivered to our respective rooms and he hands out our room key.

That night dinner is part of the tour and we are given a small taste of what to expect the next day, breakfast done and on the bikes by 8:15 usually, this is after Luka has explained on a map we can't really read in detail where we are going. Even here Jure is an invaluable contributor to the process as he makes sure to hold the map you the right way. Jure then collects our bags, squares things up and we ride off to meet him again later that day. Of course we then repeat that another 12 days.

Having a ride leader/tour guide along means we don't miss what may be going on in the area. The first weekend of the tour had some local wine and food tastings down along the terraces overlooking Lake Como, it would have been discourteous not to support the local region. It was also been suggested that we take the 3:23pm ferry cruise to Bellagio, walk around a couple of hours then catch the 7:20 one back, it's a 2 hour trip each way and we can then do property inspections from the waterside, which is the more appealing side as you can see very little from the streets.

Luka did try and get George Clooney to invite us in for a Nespresso, but he was busy working on a movie about people having the time of their life, he could have saved the trouble and just ridden with us on this trip and run a GoPro, of course movie goers may have thought it was too much a fantasy to be believable.

End of week 2

And just like that 10 days of riding in fabulous areas over 13 days of adventure was over, but I have the videos to now edit and relive....I am sure the family can't wait. The Grossglockner Pass was our last pass for the trip and was an excellent finale to a trip that exceeded all expectations. It is arguably the best bike riding road I have ever done for majestic views, tall mountains and lovely sweeping corners. Even though we were in a Germanic area, I found the Italian approach to overtaking more effective,but will aim to forget those skills as I don't think Australian drivers or the conditions are suited to the way they ride.

The original hook that got me onto the ride was riding the Alps, but this trip was much much more than that. The Alps were great to see and ride, but the standouts were the Dolomites (part of the Alps) and Slovenia, which I knew embarrassingly little about, only that it used to be part of Yugoslavia and the history that has always confused this rider.

There is talk of another ride next year that would spend more time in Slovenia and also do many of the areas that we also did. If they start from Lubiana, then they pick up some time lost in transits from Munich etc.

On our last morning in Lienz, we came across another group ride organised by Edelweiss, they are probably the leader in bike touring, but I preferred the less Germanic way our ride leaders shepherded us with kid gloves and we were still there on time and more importantly in the right town where Jure would meet us every afternoon with a cold beer or soft drinks before handing out our room keys. He had already delivered our luggage to our respective rooms. On the Edelweiss tour, we met Bob from Baltimore, he was on his 20th riding tour and still loving it. This of course got me thinking about how we can sometimes create self limiting beliefs about what is possible.

Sitting now in a cafe after visiting the BMW Museum today and reflecting on the highlights that I can vividly recall

The first pass (Kesselberg pass) it seemed so special at the time (maybe like a first love) and set the tone for the next 10 riding days.

Overnighting on the Grimsell Pass and looking out in both directions to see the roads switchbacking below us as the late daylight faded.

The added bonus ride up to a dam off to the side of the Grimmsell pass, this broke us in as it were on how guardrails were for wimps and how steep the drop off could be if you didn't stick to your line. As an added privilege the Swiss Airforce must have got a new budget allowance as high above us, we could hear fast fighter jets flying around, it was only when they released the anti missile "chaff" from their aircraft that we could spot the smoke. The Grimsell then almost immediately joins the Furka Pass and of course was seen in a James Bond movie, unfortunately the Belvedere Hotel is now closed and is in serious decay.

The weather played a huge factor in our enjoyment and choice of roads, except for one day of early morning rain (storms really) we had perfect weather. This allowed for another added bonus, Alan from TYLO was keen for us to ride up the highest road in Slovenia, this road to Mangart is often very crowed and is a return trip as it can not cross to the other side. The weather was questionable until we got close and then we were up there in probably the only 1 hour weather window that existed for that week. This meant many people had stayed away so when we got to the top, there was only 5 other cars there. Looking down at the valley and the winding road up, you just knew it was built for military purposes as no one in a passive civil mind would have tried to punch a road up those angles and then maintain them.

Did I mention that guard rails are for the weak and Slovenia is not weak. To make it even more "fun" there were a few tunnels that were ahead of their time, no lights so no lighting carbon footprint, wearing sunglasses was a huge mistake and as quickly as I could get them off, we had a near 90 degree bend in the tunnel just to exercise the spinchter.

On our last night, we were told that we had done 41 memorable passes (most over 2000m) plus a huge number of lesser height passes and this doesn't count Mangart as its a return trip and not technically a pass.

The bike records info, so 3019km ,6647 turns registered, 9128 gear changes, 8187 front brake applications and 110 rear brake. Might explain why my left shoulder is very tired and sore. I am still to find out at what lean angle the bike registered as turn because 6647 doesn't sound a lot when I recall how many corners there were on each pass.

And so it starts, welcome dinner sets the tone

Back deck view from our hotel at Grimsell Pass

Why would you ride a bicycle up here

Special heating device to melt cheese that then goes onto boiled potatoes

Coffee stop is some meadow somewhere

Alan and I planning our upcoming GS Enduro strategy….just get to the end safely

Lunch reward for writing the first part of the report overlooking Lake Como

Luka checking the weather forecast  after the snarling Ferrari had gone past

Forced to eat lunch whilst being immersed in this

Nuf said, Stelvio Pass

Road up to Mangart in Slovenia

Jure was essential in our daily briefings, Luka checking to make sure map is up the right way

Grossglockner

Overnight locations, all were great, just some were even better for different reasons Freising (or departure and return spot Lech typical ski hotel that is very well located and has everything that you need for a comfortable night Grimsell Pass saddle, stunning location and isolation Chamonix 2 nights WOW very central spot Briancon, too much cheese, but that was Luka's idea, would never have known how many ways melted cheese could be eaten Lake Como 2 nights someone that looked like George Clooney may have made our coffee Pontresina, the trip from the basement garage to the hotel lobby was like an opening scene out of a James Bond movie and the welcome canapes were to die for Arabba in the Dolomites, 2 nights great comfortable village feel surrounded by towering mountains Kobarid in Slovenia, Jure was right, regardless of where we were, " yes this is nice, but just wait until you get to Slovenia Lienz, super central location on the walk mall, but why do the church bells go off at such strange and uneven times

| Main Pass / Road | Country | Height (m) |
|---|---|---|
| Meet & Greet, Welcome Dinner | Germany | - |
| Kesselberg Pass | Germany | 858 |
| Furkajoch | Austria | 1,761 |
| Klausen Pass | Switzerland | 1,948 |
| Susten Pass | Switzerland | 2,260 |
| Grimsel Pass | Switzerland | 2,164 |
| Panoramastrasse Oberaar | Switzerland | 2,395 |
| Furka Pass | Switzerland | 2,429 |
| Gotthard Pass + Tremola Pass | Switzerland | 2,106 |
| Nufenen Pass | Switzerland | 2,478 |
| Col de la Forclaz | Switzerland | 1,527 |
| Col des Montets | France | 1,461 |
| Grand Saint Bernard | Switzerland / Italy | 2,469 |
| Col de l'Iseran | France | 2,764 |
| Route du Télégraphe | France | 1,566 |
| Col du Galibier | France | 2,642 |
| Col du Lautaret | France | 2,058 |
| Col d'Izoard | France | 2,361 |
| Col Agnel | France / Italy | 2,744 |
| Rest Day | Italy | - |
| Splügen Pass | Switzerland | 2,114 |
| Julier Pass | Switzerland | 2,284 |
| Albula Pass | Switzerland | 2,312 |
| Flüela Pass | Switzerland | 2,384 |
| Bernina Pass | Switzerland | 2,328 |
| Forcola di Livigno Pass | Italy | 2,315 |
| Passo del Foscagno | Italy | 2,291 |
| Passo dello Stelvio | Italy | 2,757 |
| Strada Statale 48 Dolomiti | Italy | 2,239 |
| Pordoi Pass | Italy | 2,239 |
| Gardena Pass | Italy | 2,136 |
| Sella Pass | Italy | 2,218 |
| Fedaia Pass | Italy | 2,057 |
| Valparola Pass | Italy | 2,168 |
| Campolongo Pass | Italy | 1,875 |
| Giau Pass | Italy | 2,236 |
| Misurina Pass | Italy | 1,756 |
| Mauria Pass | Italy | 1,298 |
| Sella Nevea | Italy | 1,195 |
| Predil Pass | Italy / Slovenia | 1,156 |
| Mangart | Slovenia | 2,072 |
| Vršič Pass | Slovenia | 1,611 |
| Pramollo / Nasfeld Pass | Italy / Austria | 1,530 |
| Plöcken Pass | Austria | 1,357 |
| Grossglockner | Austria | 2,504 |

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| First Name: | Surname: | Class of Membership (see below): |
| Family member's first name: | Family member's surname: | Relationship to member: |
| Current Address: | | |
| City: | State: | Post Code: |
| BH: | AH: | Mobile: |
| Email: | Motorcycle Type: | Occupation (optional) |

I would like my name and contact number to appear on the Membership Grapevine List: YES / NO

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

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| Name: | Phone: |
| Name: | Phone: |

## SIGNATURES

I hereby agree to abide by the terms of the constitution of the BMW Motorcycle Owner's Club (Gold Coast) Inc.

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| Signature of applicant: | Date: |
| Signature of family member (if joint membership): | Date: |

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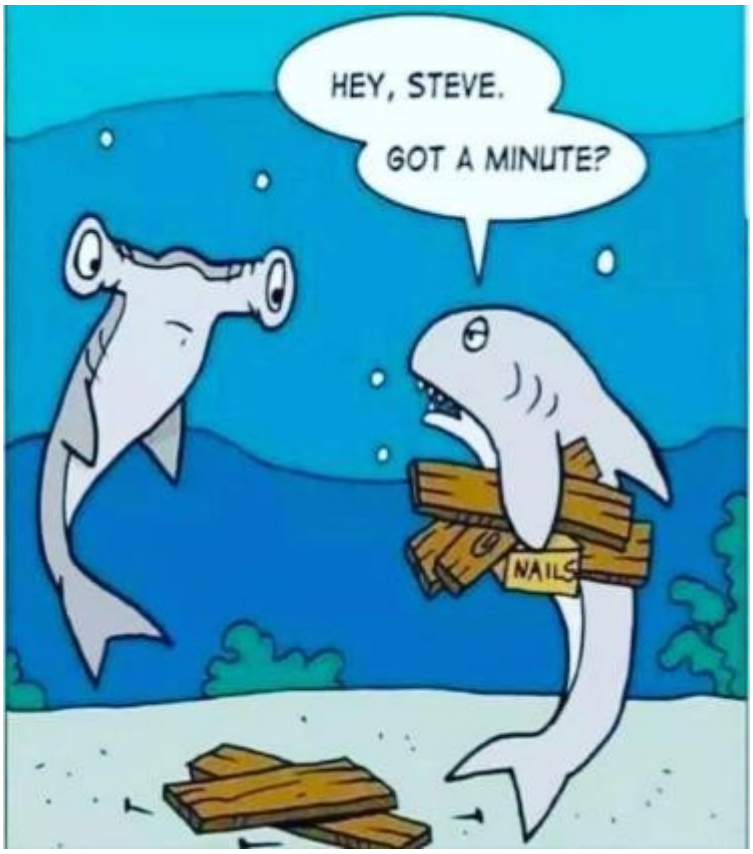


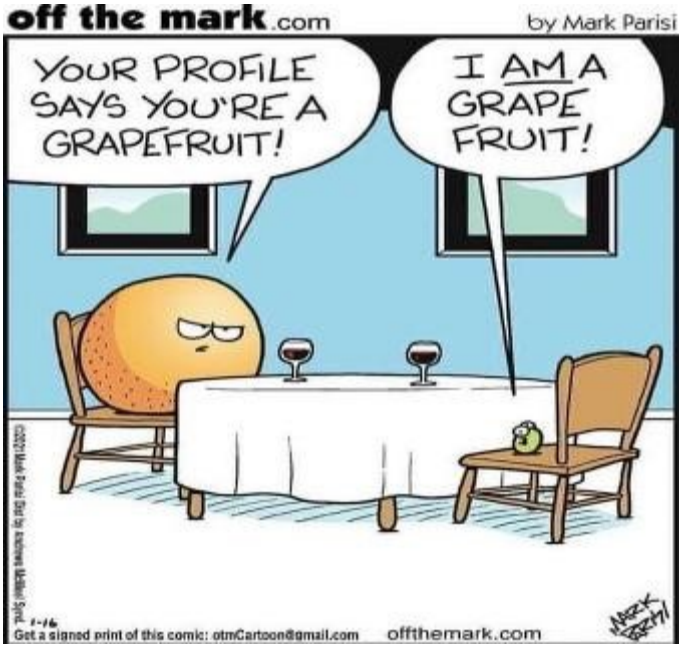


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