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TRAVEL MOTO-ADVENTURE:
Australia and Tasmania with Edelweiss Tours

Larry Nilssen shares his "down under" trip

Nov. 2023



Being at a stage of life where I have spare time and money (retired), I booked a two week Edelweiss Bike Travel tour through Australia, my forth tour with them, beginning November 26th. You give them money - and they do everything else. Four star hotels, great food, a newish BMW GS, and a route guaranteed to entertain. Add clientèle of BMW enthusiasts with a "performance touring" mindset, and let it rip!

This Australian tour was an outlier. The group was too large (9x GS and 2 Harleys), too cruiser, and too German. I was the only English-as-first-language speaker. The culture was German: the tour guides were tightly strung, and given to frequent crises over existential matters like parking. "Ich haben angst". They do make great machines, however.

No worries, Mate!: Jailbreak!

Edelweiss policy is "ride your ride", solo if you prefer. Ride GPS allowed a quick airdrop of the day's route from the tour guide, with points of interest, best food options, and destination... and then go, go, go.

Tour recap:
Numerous roundabouts quickly reinforced the perils of the left lane driving: In the US, we clear to the left when entering, however in Australia you get clobbered from the right. One demo is enough; if you live. The beauty of Australia is that it is large enough so tourists don't clog the roads (unlike Yellowstone or parts of Europe).

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Aussies and Tassies on the road often started conversations around my new GS1250, and went on to "where are you from" as soon as my accent replied. Friendly people. A bonus of traveling without a group.

After spending three days touring and "delagging" in Sydney, we set out for four days through the Snowy Mountains, which quickly became the Australian Alps. Fragrant eucalyptus forests; many opportunities to seek the elusive "perfect line", while avoiding wombats, wallabies, and spiny anteaters.

An overnight ferry took us to Tasmania, which was also great riding. Clean two lane roads through rolling farmlands and vineyards, spectacular coastal roads with convenient coffee boutiques, and the ever present prison history points of interest. Parts reminded me of Southwestern Wisconsin: pristine farms on rolling terrain. I also spooked a kangaroo who gave an impressive display of power. It effortlessly cleared a roadside fence designed, I believe, to keep kangaroos away from the road. Unlike deer, they seem smart enough not to run into you.

Five days in Tasmania and back to the Australian "Great Ocean Road". Looks a great deal like Big Sur south of Carmel, California, just rotate the road 90 degrees counter-clockwise (from N/S to E/W) and ride (aggressively) on the left side of the road! Parts resembled the Oregon coast.

Finally, a grueling 31 hour trip from Melbourne back to Salt Lake City. Exhaustion crash!

A great use of two weeks and a pile of money. Be careful, you now need visas just to transit New Zealand, plus enter Australia.

-Larry

https://www.edelweissbike.com/en/







(top right) Tasmania: They love their "Deevils"

(bottom right) Rolling hills, vineyards

(bottom left) Eucalyptus rain forest, fragrant, and home of the Koala

TRAVEL MOTO-ADVENTURE: AUSTRALIA & TASMANIA

END TOPIC

BIKE FOR SALE: 1971 R60/5 Short Wheel Base

Bryan Cody

Hello all,
So as many of you know (and may have seen), I, Bryan Cody, have a 1971 R60/5 that went through an entire engine tear down and rebuild, as well as, a body restoration. I love the bike, but I need to make some room for an older vintage BMW that I have my eyes on the look out for.

I will be selling this Slash 5 in the spring, but I thought I might see if any club members are interested first. I'd love to keep the bike local and to someone I know.

Ron Schmidt completely went through the engine updating nearly every component (all original N.O.S. parts, no used parts). He also updated the electrical. The transmission was in great condition and therefore was not in need of rebuilding.

While Ron had the engine out of the bike, I worked on the rest. The frame was cleaned up and top-sprayed. Nothing super restoration class. The tank and fenders were replaced with originals from the same year from Ulis in Germany. Ulis is your go to for original vintage BMW parts. They have many original parts and components still in the box. These fenders and tank are original factory paint and pinstripe that were replacement components that sat on the shelf for decades. The turn signals are also from Ulis and are original era aluminum European signals (not plastic as on later /5 and /6's and not drilled through for the US side reflectors). The only non-original parts are the seat and mirrors, which are both reproduction knock-offs, and a set of after-market engine bars. The handlebars were replaces with later year /6 S bars for a sportier look. The rear shocks were replaced with era correct Koni (the fronts are still original and should be replaced, I just never got around to it). The wheels and exhaust (and other trims) got a lot of "elbow grease" put into it to clean them up, but they are still original!

The bike is not perfect. It's not a fully restored museum example. It is a rider, but a very clean rider. It is currently in winter storage and requires new tires. That's something I will put on come spring when I publicly put it up for sale.

If you're interested, reach out to me. As mentioned, I would love for it to stay local and willing to give a better deal to a club member before I choose to list it on Bring a Trailer.







Some process photos while it was disassemble. I have all the paper work and list of every engine part replaced from Ron Schmidt. This was a fun project during the pandemic that kept both myself and Ron busy.









Contact Bryan Cody if interested (bcody.01@gmail.com)

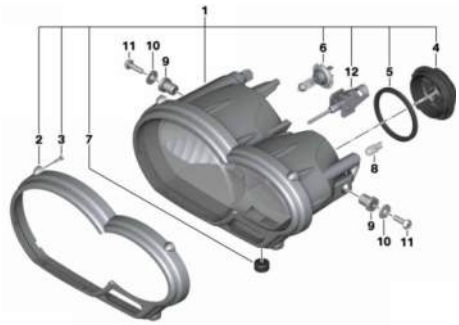
Are you considering selling a BMW motorcycle?

If any members have BMW only items they are considering selling, please email me and I will upload them to the website - as well as announce the items in a section of our Newsletter.

END TOPIC

NUTS & BOLTS

General Announcements & Information



Ed Rosco (one of our members) is working the upcoming Nevada Rally and wanted to share with the club the info pertaining to this adventure Ride. Bellow is some information and a link to their site:

https://harden-offroad.com/legendary-events/nevada-rally-experience



A three-day non-competitive GPS Rally Experience following the routes of the legendary Nevada Rally

- Rally Training by U.S. Rally / Baja Champion / Multi Time Hall of Famer Scot Harden and Friends
- 300 miles of scenic high desert and back country mountain terrain in remote Eastern Nevada. Visit ghost towns, American Indian cultural sites, pioneer settlements and amazing geologic formations.
- Ride with Legends and Hall of Famers. Learn from some of the all-time greats!
- Route specifically designed for Dual Sport and large displacement Adventure Motorcycles. A lifetime opportunity to test one's riding skills and navigation abilities in one of the most remote areas in all the U.S., the Nevada Great Basin
- Sponsors include: KLIM, Beta Motorcycles, Seat Concepts, Rocky Mtn ATV/MC, 100%, FEA Race Team, Red Line Oil, Tacomoto, Rugged Radios and Kristi Harden Real Estate also support the ride.

An AMA Sanctioned Event

Entries open December 1st, 2023

Register online at www.harden-offroad.com

Limited to 100 riders





NUTS & BOLTS
General Announcements & Information

Information about upcoming Breakfast and Brunches

This year we are adding a few new places to our monthly meeting locations.
New places include Hub & Spoke Diner, the new Oakley Diner, and the Coffee Shop Diner @ Little America.

It is very important that members RSVP when the email announcements (and posting on the website) are sent. This is because we need to be able to give the establishments a proper count so that they can prepare with their staffing (kitchen and wait). I make the arrangements with the restaurants in advance - and many places have pushed back when we have shown up in the past with a larger group than we reserved. It can be difficult finding places willing to host 25+ groups (and even fewer that would seat us unannounced). Though a resteraunt has the seating capacity, they can struggle to make 25+ orders in a timely manner without causing disruption to the other patrons. This is often why we schedule our meets right when the doors open. Thanks for understanding.

In regards to the Coffee Shop Diner @ Little America: there is free validated parking.

EUROSPORTS UTAH / BMW Motorcycles of UTAH

Eurosports Utah (formally Harrisons) generously offers a 10% discount to our club members on parts, accessories, and apparel.

Check out their ever expanding apparel and gift items. If there are licensed BMW items that you would like to see added to the sales floor, please let them know, as they would appreciate input from their customers.

We also will be working to coordinate some rides, events, and activities with Troy Barnes, Thor Beger, and the rest of the team at Eurosports Utah / BMW Motorcycles of Utah.
Stay tuned and watch the calendar.



Share your trips!

I am encouraging members to get involved by sharing their stories that I will publish in the Quarterly. Reach out to me about your trips and rides. Let me help share your adventures and photos with our members as well as those interested in joining our club. (re: Spring Q/2 Quarterly for examples)

You can either write the story - or send me the bullet points and I'll be happy to create the narrative.
Things I know people like to see: route map, points of interest, and fun unique places to eat/drink/lodge.

February

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Saturday Breakfast
9:30am

COFFEE SHOP DINER @ Little America

500 S Main St, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

March

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Saturday Brunch
10:30 am

THE BREAK @ DAYBREAK

11274 S Kestrel Rise Rd, South Jordan, UT 84009

April

12-14

NEVADA RALLY EXPERIENCE

Dual Sport / Adventure Ride

https://harden-offroad.com/legendary-events/nevada-rally-experience

Caliente, Nevada

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly club meetings are the second Saturday of each month (unless noted otherwise). Recommendations are welcomed. Reminders and RSVPs will be emailed to members one week prior to breakfast/brunches.

Please note that event dates, locations, and times are subject to change. Any changes, additional information, and updates will be emailed to club members, updated to website, and announced in the monthly Newsletter sent by the 1st of every month.

April

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Saturday Breakfast
8:30 am

HUB & SPOKE DINER

1291 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84105

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