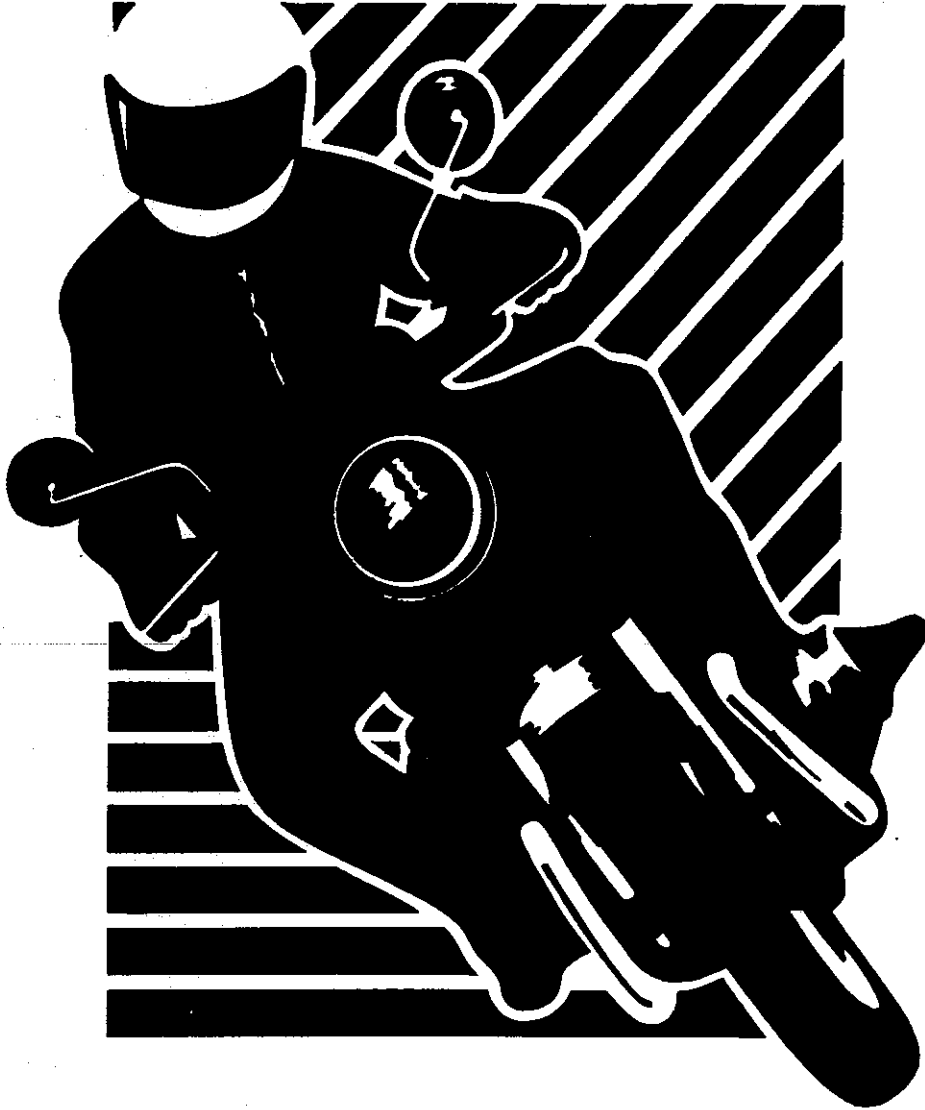


MAY 87

Good Vibrations



MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA

P.O. Box 453, Richmond 3121, Victoria

ITINERARY

MAY.

SUNDAY 10th.

SPORTS DAY.- FAIRFIELD.
Yarra Bend Park,
Melways P44. H - 4
9.30 KBCP

And now for something completely different. We know its Mothers Day, Bring her along, what an enjoyable day she will have watching your biker friends at play. ie Egg + Spoon 3 legged races etc. Meet at Boat shed. BBQ 's available.

SUNDAY 17th

Mt WIDDERN CAVES.
9.00 KBCP.
Tony Gustus leading.

Ballarat / Bendigo area!!! now thats got you curious. So bring a GOOD torch or two & change of clothes, (this is not a regular tourist cave its OK to get through, just a bit grubby at times) or overalls. This will be a fairly time consuming ride, therefore a counter tea may be a possibility.

SUNDAY 24th

NOOJEE and REEFTON SPUR.
9.00 KBCP.
10.15 Yarra Glen.

Heres a chance to equalise the wear on those tyres! Usual route trying to cram in as many twisties as possible.

SUNDAY 31st.

POINT COOK.
9.00 KBCP.
10.00 Laverton.

Down to the RAAF Museum where we will view the fine range of aero - nautical exhibits, after which off to the Blackwood Pub for a counter meal. Home via Trentham, Woodend.

JUNE.

THURSDAY 4th.

GENERAL MEETING
Club Hall 8.15pm Sharp.

Yes tonight we have a "GUEST SPEAKER", non other than Paul from Pablo's. Who will give an interesting talk on tyres and suspension etc.

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SUNDAY 14th June.

YUM CHA.
YUM CHA.
YUM CHA.
YUM CHA.

As only a limited number of vacancies exist, Geoff Webb requires a deposit of \$5 per head to secure your reservation.

Who's News and Waffle

Ben riding more sedately lately, - could Vicky his pillion have something to do with it???

Gary O now aboard a GTR 1000. Scrapping the pegs through the Spur, Now thats what I call running it in.

Tony G. seen clearing his throat at Mt Gambier - - - all over some ones car.

Sue Moreland declining re-election as she's training for her MASSAGE ticket, in evidence of this, Sue seen in action at last meeting with a smiling Kenny W. Amazing what you have to massage to relieve a stiff neck.

Proposed safety changes to Mt Panorama track have been approved and could spell the end of CONROD STRAIGHT as we know it.

The changes will see a section of double Armco or concrete walls along the straight and the addition of a DEVIATION CHICANE, also planned are track re-surfacing plus improved spectator facilities.

Ray Thomas commented while watching the 350 Proddy race at Mt Gambier, " This looks like a club ride", Gary C. agreed but felt the Unlimited Production PACE was more like it!

A Shire of Eltham by-law dated the 10th March 1905 states:-

- No person, while within the Shire boundries, shall proceed at a greater speed than 8mph (13km/h) along any road, street or thoroughfare, nor shall proceed at a greater speed than 6mph (10km/h) along any of the following,
- (a) From the Shire boundary at Diamond Creek to the Kinglake Post Office.
 - (b) From Yarra Glen to Toolangi.
 - (c) From the Shire boundary at Linton's bridge to Chad Creek.
 - (d) From Kangaroo Ground Cemetery to Yarra Glen.
 - (e) From Yarra Glen to Kinglake P.O.

Lets hope that by-law has been changed or we might be in a lot of trouble.

In May 1976 a World Endurance Record was set, and which still stands, at Mt Panorama on a Suzuki 750 waterbottle. The bike ridden by three riders covered 16,451 kms in 300 hrs 15 minutes or 2500 laps NON STOP.

What makes this feat incredible is the bike never stopped moving whilst, Refuelling (752.4 litres consumed), Adjusting the chain (once) and during tyre changes! YES TYRE CHANGES, (one rear) all at an average speed of 54.8km/h.

FOR SALE..FOR SALE..FOR SALE..FOR SALE..FOR SALE..FOR SALE.

GPz900R A2 model. First registered in Nov. 1984, and has only 17000kms on the clock. Bike is the Red/Silver colour and has been regularly serviced by careful owner. It will be sold with a new front Avon tyre, Workshop manual and rack.

Bike is in immaculate condition and is reluctantly offered for sale at \$4600.

Richard Malinowski Ph.306-7304. or Ben 439-8015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (1987, Annual).

Time certainly doesn't stand still and I find that another year, this time as your President, has again passed by.

I am happy to report that due to commitment and dedication, it has been a pleasure to work with the present committee members, Editor and the other more active ordinary members of the club. I hope that this same drive will continue with the new incoming committee.

Financially our club is comfortable and the one raffle held was found to be sufficient to keep it that way. Although our annual auction night is not intended as a fund raiser as such, it was well attended and great fun with many a 'bargain' snapped up by keen members.

This past year saw a change in venue from the old hall in Fairfield to the present Jika Jika Hall at Northcote. These premises and surrounds are much more convenient and the conditions very much better. The nights of our meetings was also changed from Friday to Thursday nights. Our first meeting and function was held at the new venue on 4.12.86. This was our X-mas B.B.Q. which was free to all members and their families. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

During the past 12 months there have been many and varied rides conducted by your club and no doubt there are many lasting memories retained by the participants of events and incidents that took place. It brings to mind the Clubman Rally, Rutherglen weekend, Pokies Run, Breakfast Rides, Swan Hill and the Grampians weekend and our annual X-mas camp which this year was held at Porepunkah.

Also on the social side, the Chinese Banquet was a great success and was well attended. The Bowling night and Cricket match was poorly attended by our opposition but enjoyed by all that attended.

As for the previous year, our safety record for the past 12 months of club rides has been outstanding. The few spills that did occur caused property damage to motor cycles only. (Apart from injured pride). Although not on club rides, two of our members were involved in accidents causing injuries which required hospitalization for short periods. I am happy to report that both Peter PHILPHEREN and Ross KING are well on the road to full recovery and both are on two wheels again. Both obviously true enthusiasts. I might add that both were very lucky in their bad luck. On a more sad note it is with regret that our club has lost one of its' very senior members in Lloyd WISSMAN who died of natural causes whilst hollidaying in Queensland.

Over the past few months a lot of work has been done by a number of club members to 'incorporate' the club. The progress made means that at last all should be finalized at this Annual General Meeting with only the final step at the Office of Corporate Affairs remaining to officially 'incorporate' the club.

A 4 weeks tour to Cairns, Queensland, was organized by our Treasurer, Peter DWYER. The tour departs from Melbourne on 3.5.87 and is another highlight of the club's activities. I am sure we all wish them a good, enjoyable and safe journey.

During the latter part of the past year it was noted by the committee that attendances by members, especially at our monthly meetings, had dropped off quite considerably. The reasons for this are currently being investigated. Hopefully a solution is found to re kindle lost interest. New members are always welcome and as such, any enquiries re membership and the activities of this club should be encouraged and the appropriate information given to any interested persons.

Much thought and preparation goes into each Itinerary with a view to cater for all members and visitors alike. All members are therefore encouraged to approach the committee at meetings or otherwise with suggestions and ideas to make our activities more interesting and varied. As this is YOUR Club which operates for YOUR enjoyment, YOUR more active participation would be very much appreciated.

To sum up briefly, I once again thank all the past committee members for their individual efforts and support of the club over the past 12 months. Special thanks to the girls, Sue MORELAND and Kerrie for the excellent supply and preparation of supper at all our meetings. To our dedicated Editor, Ian PAYNE, congratulations on a job very well done with humour to spare. Thanks also to Ben WARDEN who, even though he was not on the committee, gave this committee continuous support with his assistance and dedication to our club.

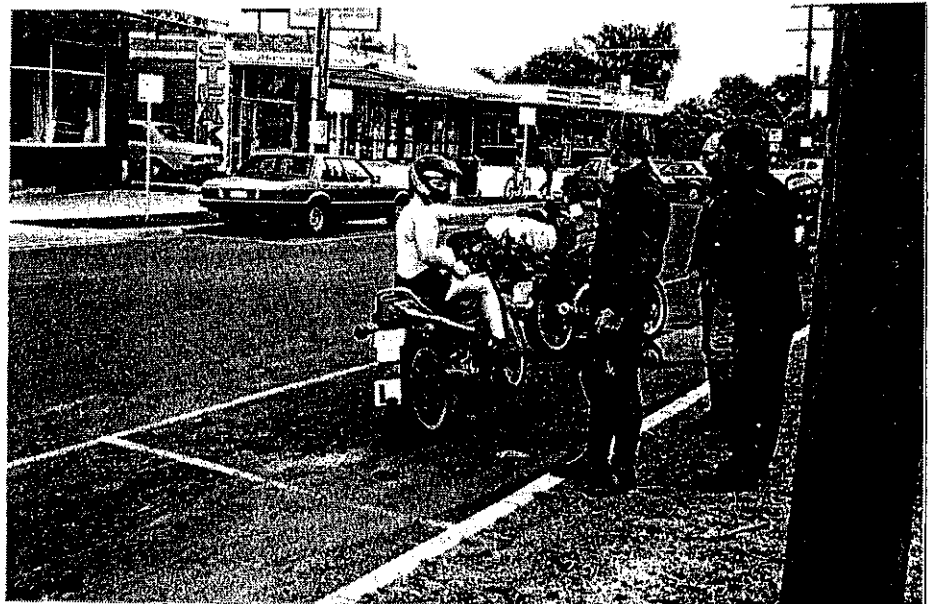
To the new incoming committee members, I extend my good wishes and success for their coming 12 months in office to manage this Club.



Hans WURSTER.
PRESIDENT.

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We stare in
disbelief and
this in Ballarat
of all places!!!
If ever a candidate
for a skin graft
this guy's it.



THE WHITE KNIGHT.

MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

1.5.86 to 30.4.87

| For Comparison 1985/86 | RECEIPTS | 1986/87 |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| \$ | | \$ |
| 825 | Membership fees | 693 |
| 2042 | Raffle ticket sales | 818 |
| 222 | Supper fees | 222 |
| 5 | Christmas Party fees | |
| 98 | Auctions proceeds (nett) | 64 |
| 17 | Cheque account interest | 13 |
| 417 | Sale of badges, clothing | 132 |
| 150 | Advertising-magazine | |
| 45 | Deposit refund | |
| | Accommodation prepayments | 740 |
| <u>3821</u> | | <u>2682</u> |
| | <u>PAYMENTS</u> | |
| 330 | Printing-itineraries | 370 |
| 425 | -magazine | 100 |
| 272 | Supper supplies | 106 |
| 1044 | Raffle prizes | 522 |
| 34 | Door prizes | 39 |
| 37 | Postage-magazines, etc. | 239 |
| 21 | -PO box rental | 23 |
| 296 | Christmas Party-supplies | 152 |
| | -liquor licence | 20 |
| 310 | Purchase MCTCV clothing stock | |
| 216 | Purchase MCTCV badges | |
| 65 | Trophies | 50 |
| 300 | Purchase of-typewriter | |
| 60 | -urn | |
| 45 | Deposit (advance) | |
| 2 | Bank Fees | 4 |
| 10 | Purchase Rally book | |
| 30 | Poker ride prize | |
| | Transfer Greater Melbourne Building Soc. account | |
| 20 | Accommodation fees | 728 |
| | Emergency kit | 60 |
| 150 | Hall-rental | 40 |
| | -deposit on keys | 50 |
| | Wreath-L.Wissmann | 40 |
| 154 | Surplus | 139 |
| <u>3821</u> | | <u>2682</u> |

MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA

FINANCE REPORT 1986/87

Cash Book Balance

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Balance brought forward 1985/86 | \$548 Cr |
| Add receipts | 2682 |
| Less payments | <u>-2543</u> |
| Cash book Balance 30.4.87 | <u>687 Cr</u> |

This is represented by:-

| | |
|--|------------|
| Cheque account State Bank of Vic. | 437 |
| Cheque account Greater Melbourne Building Soc. | <u>250</u> |
| | <u>687</u> |

Assets

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Adhesive badges | 71 @ .50c | \$35.50 |
| | 2 @1.00 | 2.00 |
| Cloth badges | 61 @3.00 | 183.00 |
| Metal badges | 30 @5.00 | 150.00 |
| Windcheaters | 3 @21.00 | 63.00 |
| Retail value | | <u>433.50</u> |

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Duplicator and accessories | \$309 |
| Electric typewriter | 300 |
| Urn | <u>60</u> |
| Value at time of purchase | <u>669</u> |

TREASURER'S REPORT

The club year has concluded with a small surplus of \$139, similar to the previous year, though financial transactions have been considerably less. This is a satisfactory result unless we have in mind some type of expansion of our activities.

Membership declined a little from 1985/86 - presently it's 49 (not including life members) and it's of interest to note that in 1983, membership was 62. Whether we can maintain the membership is unclear, with massive rises in motorcycling costs and lots of red tape for the learner making the alternative of a car more attractive. Hence, there is the necessity to offer a variety of activities on our itinerary which will appeal to a wide group of motorcyclists (tho' not really encouraging the "Hells Angels" look-alikes) - maybe reminiscent of that film "Something for Everyone", if you ever saw it! There have been a few Treasurer's rides where very non-motorcycling type of things were included - seemingly, they met with the approval of those attending; however, they are quite time consuming to organise and it's understandable that there aren't many of them. Maybe we don't need a ride every Sunday, so allowing more time to organise the remainder and better attendances. The accommodated full weekends are quite successful and I feel could appear about every three months without saturating the market. Victoria has an abundance of interesting accommodation, without going for the local Hiltons (though once in a while, they'd be good too!).

Members will be pleased to learn that I don't recommend any increase in fees from the present \$15, for 1987/88. You will note that printing and postage (mainly for the magazines) took most of the fees of \$693. It's debatable whether we achieved anything through posting the magazine to those not present at meetings, as only about one third attend on any regular basis; however, maybe it has at least arrested the drift away

If we were not so fortunate to have the very reasonably priced new premises of Jika Jika (\$140 pa less than the former hall), an increase in fees would be necessary

Speaking of the magazine, congratulations to Editor Ian on the standard of it-I wonder if he keeps count of the hours spent preparing it over the year.

As one involved in the review of our constitution this year, I must say that I am heartily glad to (hopefully) see the end of it, with incorporation finalised soon. It had every sign of drifting into a mess of trivia and extending forever, rather like "Blue Hills". However, it's a sensible protection for our club and the worst seems to be behind us.

I daresay this is not all financial comment; nevertheless, they are things that ultimately reflect on our finances. 1987/88 can be a good year for the MCTCV if we keep in mind how to market our product.

Peter Dwyer,
Treasurer
30.4.87

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THE SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Another year has flown by and it has been an enjoyable year being part of the M.T.C.V. Committee.

A number of functions were organized and some not so organized, however, most people I am sure had a great time and took the opportunity of mixing with and getting to know their fellow bikies - OOPS!, I mean "bikers".

A big thanks must go to Geoff Webb who organized the Christmas Club Camp at Porepunka in a most beautiful and hospitable Caravan Park; as well as the highly successful Chinese Banquet.

The other members must also be thanked for arranging countless other fun times. AND you must be thanked for showing your support and making it worthwhile!

I am stepping down this year due to a number of other commitments and I wish the new incoming Committee all the best.

SUE MORELAND.

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT.

As my term as club captain comes to an end, I would like to thank all members for their support to the club, by attending club rides and functions and also suggestions for destinations and other ideas I have received.

This past year has been very enjoyable for me and I trust the members have enjoyed the mixture of long distance, fast rides and the more leisurely rides such as Gumbuya Park and the Alpine Toboggan Run at Whittlesea.

Eight bikes rolled up for the Winton races ride in May. One sight I'll never forget was a racing GSX750R running off the end of the main straight, perfectly balanced upright, and into a concrete fence without a rider. He'd fallen/jumped off some 50-80 metres earlier.

The border run a couple of weeks later was a good one. We travelled along back roads to Echuca, which enabled us to check out the top speed of our bikes. The round trip was some 470km.

The weekend rides proved popular. Everyone enjoyed themselves at the Rutherglen ride in June. Apparently the local wineries did a roaring trade.

The Swan Hill weekend in October was also a success, with eleven bikes and two pillions. The only thing which tarnished the weekend was one unprepared bike which broke down, causing long delays (hours) in reaching the destination. A lesson for us all. Please keep your bike regularly maintained and serviced, and a troublefree ride will be had by all.

The Grampians weekend attracted 11 bikes and 4 pillions. We did the tourist rounds of lookouts and waterfalls and at Zumsteins we stopped to feed the kangaroos. As for Saturday night, well I can't remember much, but I've been told I had a good time.

The clubs Christmas camp was at Poreounkah. This is a magnificent area with fantastic views from the surrounding hills and great motor cycling roads.

This is of course only a very brief summary of a few of the rides from the past twelve months. To find out more about what happens on club rides, why not come along to the next one?

In closing, I would like to wish the new committee every success and I hope they fulfill all of their ambitions.

ROD MISKIN

The Poker Run

22nd March.

The weather didn't look very inspiring as i rolled up to the service station at Hallam . The only bike present was Peter Ps' Kawasaki 750 .

While i top up the bike with go juice a few more bikes and bodies showed , making a total of ten . Brenda had arranged for Mr M Fagan and myself to take Nick , a friend from Wales (That country with England on top) and her as passengers so Nick could see some of the country side . He rides a 600cc bike around Wales .

Finally after the usual argument between Ben and Fagan the cards were shuffled we all took turns to pick one the results recorded and off towards the freeway . On arrival at Drouin Ben headed for the local Milk Bar for his normal morning tea snack , YES you guessed a salad sandwich . More cards shuffled selection recorded and off to the winding roads we headed . My bike was moving around that bad on some corners i thought something had broken .

These roads are used every day by MILK TANKERS a combination of diesel motors leaking oil and milk splashing out of the tankers had made the roads very slippery . After a couple of minor but exciting slides i was being very careful . Suddenly around the corner and what is Ben doing sitting IN that fence .

He had over cooked it into a corner and went off into a drain on the side of the road . Sorry to say BEN had his helmet on the wrong end or got a bigger fright then he was letting us know . The bike looked very sorry all sorts of grass and various bits of flora being attached .

After attempting minor repairs , YES another blinker had bitten the dust . We headed off for some lunch at Mirboo a typical little country town , war memorial , town hall etc . More cards then off to the highway and back to the service station with one card still to pick . No need to mention who won you could her fagan all the way back to Melbourne . A fun day shame about Ben and his bike i hope the damage isn't to bad all those little country town milk bars couldn't survive without there salad sandwich sales . Well done Mick next time i will shuffle the cards .

Gary D. XJ-900

VIOLET TOWN

5th APRIL.

Who went; Murry, Ben + Vicky (1st ride), Gary O, Ross, Wayne, Craig, Jack, Ray, Hans, Peter P, Tony & Gary (joined us at Yarck after attending "Famous Last Words Rally"), Mark, Ian and Kerrie.

What they rode; XJ900, GPz900R, GTR1000, RG250, XLV750, CBX750, K100RS, XJ900, K100RS, GT750, XJ900, K100RT, RG500, GT750.

The route; From KBCP along Kew Blvd, Warrandyte, Christmas Hills to Yarra Glen. North to Toolangi, Kinglake, Kinglake West, Flowerdale and Yea, stop at Merton servo to regroup. Take the second Strathbogrie turnoff and find DIRT, bad and twistie. On to Boho South and some great bitumen all the way to Violet Town.

Stop at the Pub (with the Harleys out the front - they left) and re-organise the lounge seating to accomadate us all. After a LONG leisurely lunch we refuelled and headed home along the Hume then of to Longwood, Locksley, Monea, Avenel, Mangalore and Seymour. Great straight stretches with some of the group seeing 190km/h plus. From here to Pyalong (oops, sorry it was that road 2km back), Broadford, Kilmore, Wallan and breakup at Whittlesea, Another GREAT ride, GREAT weather and GREAT group. P.S. Hans left the ride at Kinglake to go home and do some work.

Ian GT750.

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While sitting around the campfire at Mt Gambier the subject of vomiting (Spew, Chunder, Chuck, Multicolour Yawn, Yodel, Big spit etc) came up, no pun intended. and why CARROTS always seemed to be amongst the residue.

Tony G. stated this was due to the CARROTENE GLAND in the stomach which absorbs the excess alcohol. He spoke with great authority which he said, was gained after close observation of the subject over a long period of time.

Its hard to ignore while lying on the floor with it all around you - ED.

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BE WARNED: Italy is a place where drivers drive with application and park with imagination. The traffic lights are merely decorative. Road rules are like owner's manuals - they are there if you need them, but the standard practice is to ignore them.

And in India; Vehicles don't have right of way. They have RIGHT of WEIGHT. Trucks and buses, therefore have first priority (after cows) and anyone thinking differently is going to end up wearing one.

HALLEY'S COMET Anniversary Ride

Saturday 11th April

The group that met at the KBCP consisted of Murry (who was leader for the night^{not} as Ross King was mobile enough to take the ride.), Andrew, K 100; Peter, Katana 750; Darren BR 250; Mos/Berlinda GS1100, and myself. Taking the easier way out to Campbellfield via the Tullamarine f/y and Pascoe Vale Rd. (which also took us back past both Murry's and my own residences, silly really)

No body else at the restaurant when we arrived so we made our way inside and were given seats around the counter after a short delay.

We had already ordered before any one else arrived (chicken and corn soup Australian steak and Banana split.) Ross arrived (by car) and stayed for tea. We were finally accompanied by Ben and Vicky (GPz 900), Ian and Kerrie (GT750) Mark (RG500), and a guest appearance by Keith (I have finally got my Z I300 fixed) Finlay.

After everyone had dined and settled their bill (a fraction on the large side) We set off into the darkness (Ross went home to prepare the tea and cakes for supper.) first some of us refueled, then North into the darkness .

Taking an amazing selection of back roads that did not seem to be taking us any where , but it perfect riding weather (a perfect day for it except it was dark) so I did not mind at all. We temporarily lost Mark at a corner but was quickly rounded up by Keith and pointed in the right direction.

The first town I recognised was Romsey where we turned left towards the back of Mt Macedon. Going through the twisties up the mountain in the dark is interesting. Stopping at the top of the mountain we walked to the Cross (some rode) to take in the Views and the cold clean air (the possum hat came in use once more.) Unfortunately there were no couples up there to terrorise (Bikie Gang crucify lovers at cross - Macedon Daily News).

Mos, not being of tall stature, had some difficulty in turning his bike around in the steep confined walking path. Not the sort of time you need twelve technical advisers.

Requested quote " Ben chews his ear-plugs " Keith was quite amused at Bens method moistening the plugs, for easier insertion and better performance.

Back down the mountain (must get my fork springs replaced) through Macedon, Gisborn, Sunbury and then to Ross' house for our well earned supper.

Ross had prepared an excellent spread of port , tea, coffee and cakes, so we exchanged pleasantries untill late into the night and then went home.

An excellent evening in all.

Tony G. XJ 900

EASTER SUNDAY , April 19.

The itinerary says Trafalgar run, but we know it's more than that.

Having suggested this ride, the least one can do is write it up, and the most get excited at doing it (the write up).

It's 10.15 Hallam time, same as EST in Australia, and the assembled bodies and bikes are.....

Ben GPZ 900 (leader) Mark RG 500 , Les XL 600P-D, Jack GPZ 1000, and Danny Z500 (rear rider).

Not good, not bad numbers seeing it's Easter Sunday with Bathurst, Mt Gambier, and God knows where other races, rallies etc. to grab the attention of MCTV members.

We're off down the highway, a left before the freeway and soon in Noojee talking about the work which has taken much roughness out of the Neerim North- Noojee road.

This is "Les territory" and he tells us of the many hours on many roads(tracks) spent in the area long before the good roads came.

Ben tells us about the quality of salad sandwiches at Noojee, but can only give one star to todays..... does he mean one out of 5 or 50 or 500?

It's warm with a strong North wind which is blowing us South now to Willow Springs for a check out on Blue Rock Lake, Dam, toilets, picnic area and the Pioneer Settlement memorial plaques. Danny knows the plaques are made of a brass-bronze mixture with a final lacquer..... amazing knowledge !

Not really a stop as all helmets not removed, so with the wind pushing, it's onto Moe, Trafalgar, Mirboo North where the sign says Nuclear Free Zone.

We wonder if Mirboo South is not such a zone, and inter town competition being what it is, they are about to drop the bomb on them... or perhaps they will all stick to football instead. ?

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Nearing Dumbalk the wind violently shifts south, good, it will push us home, not so good it looks like a "wet wind". Les tells us it always rains in Leongatha, thanks Les you're right, it's started while Ben is judging the local salad sandwiches at 3 stars.

Danny is sensible and heads straight for home, the other four (including your reporter, sans waterproofs) do the very wet and cold route via Korumburra-Warragul.

Well during this 400 Km. plus ride it's been warm-cold-dry-wet-smooth-rough roads but above all good riding and good company... that's what the club is all about, right?

Jack Youdan.

PS.

note in the last club mag. reference to the " famous Jack Youdan ride Book" Now before you send \$39.95 for a copy let's be honest, It's really a Mobil Victoria map, now very patched together, with biro along the good roads encountered and that means twisty sealed ones.

. Loss of this map means staying home forever as won't know where to go, so sorry, it's not for sale!!

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Ross of Suzuki Rg 250 fame has found out where electric VESTS can be purchased

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thermotex Vest are \$110.00 | Sizes are Small 96-102 Cm |
| | Medium 102-107 Cm |
| | Large 107-112 Cm |
| | Extra large 112-120 Cm |

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pants are now \$105.00 | Waist sizes |
| | Medium 61-107 Cm |
| | Large 107-122 Cm |
| | These are the only sizes |

10 Day Money back

Gloves are not available

Please include \$5.00 per item Post and packing.

Send Postal note to...

Tourstyle Motorcycle Accessories
FREEPOST No.3
Drummoyne NSW 2047

Ph. (02)818-5487

RUTHERGLEN WEEKEND-Saturday, Sunday, June 27/28th

Bookings are now being taken for the Rutherglen Winery weekend. Accommodation for TWELVE has been booked at the olde worlde Victoria Hotel in Rutherglen and those who attended last year will recall what difficulty there is in sampling the products of 17 wineries in only one day!

The cost is \$16 for a twin or triple share per person or \$28 for a double room (that's for two, maybe more if you're especially friendly...). A cooked breakfast is an additional \$6.50 each, plus lunch and dinner as you wish.

Rooms will be allocated on receipt of payment and once we have twelve, sorry, that's it and you will have to make your own arrangements at one of the other hotels/motels. (Contact Geoff Webb to secure your booking).

To the editor,

Dear Ian,

Why in heavens name do you let the ramblings of the one and only Ben Warden go to print in such a fine magazine such as ours, without going through some editing from yourself.

I am sick to death of reading the never ending drivel of an illiterate such as Ben. The content of his stories are not what I refer to. The pathetic use of punctuation in these stories is what really turns my stomach. The story in the current issue is a perfect example of what I am talking about. I applaud the efforts of Ben in going to the trouble of submitting these stories, but why not put them into print in proper English so that the majority of the members can understand the message that Ben is trying to put forth.

Please feel free to print this letter in the magazine as I feel sure that other readers

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who have the same difficulty in reading the stories would welcome the knowledge that there is at least one other concerned member that is endeavouring to have something done to alleviate this awful problem.

I look forward to some recognition of this letter in our magazine as I am currently out of the state and will be unable to know whether or not my writing this short note has been in vain.

Yours sincerely,

Roget Thesaurus

Thanks Roget,

Due to time constraints and the likelihood of altering the Authors' meaning, I have refrained from correcting submitted articles. Besides; 'me gramma ain't nuthin' to right 'ome about anyhow! (Ed)

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Motor Scooter and Cycle Association of Victoria

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CONSTITUTION

1. (a) NAME:
The club shall be named "Motor Scooter and Cycle Association of Victoria".
 - (b) EMBLEM:
The emblem of the club shall be a white horse on a blue background.
 - (c) COLOURS:
The club colours shall be blue and white.
 - (d) CLUB JACKET:
The club jacket shall be blue with white trim with the letters M.S.C.A.V. on the left hand side and the white horse on the right.
2. AIMS:
The aims of the club shall be to promote scooter/cycle activities and social outings and to foster friendship within the motor scooter/cycle field.

With the Constitution on
everyones' mind,
here's an example from
the past.
Does anyone know from
what years?

Mt. Buller

11 people (10 bikes)

26th April 1987

Members: Ben Warden/Vicki Piller (GPz 900), Jack Youdan (K100), Hans (K100), Gary Clifton (K100RT), Tony Gustus (XJ 900), Murray Browne (XJ 900).

Others: Con (FJ 1100), Wally (GPz 750), Bruce (The Goose) Faldon (R100RS), Mark McGowen (RG 500).

Weather: 26°C, windless, clear sky, magnificent.

Route: Kew Boulevard, Eastern Freeway, Warrandyte, Christmas Hills, Yarra Glen (pick-up), Healesville, Black Spur, Marysville, Buxton, Taggerty, Mansfield, Mt. Buller, Mansfield, Yea, Flowerdale, Kinglake West.

Distance: 500+ km

Highlights: Perfect riding conditions; dry roads; Black spur; stopped just outside Taggerty to enjoy view from lookout; morning tea at Yea, lunch at Mansfield.

Most of us climbed the 1.5km to the Mt. Buller Summit, a notable exception being Jack (ostensibly guarding the bikes).

Jack and Gary ran out of petrol on the return trip from Mt. Buller to Mansfield; though strangely not Hans. Bruce refilled their tanks.

Hans was particularly "jittery", marking corners and itching to go at every opportunity. He went back from marking a corner to find out what the delay was outside of Mansfield - (the petrol incident mentioned above), and almost left us when we all regrouped at Mansfield, but managed to hang on until Kinglake West.

We stopped at Kinglake West to disband and whilst making farewells saw Ian (Payne) dawdle past in a vintage motor vehicle.

Ben and Vicki.

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LAKE GOLDSMITH STEAM RALLY - SUNDAY 3RD MAY, 1987

Jack Youdan (K100RS) the leader, led Gary O (GTR1000), Ross Gabriel (RG250) & George (XZ550) on this ride.

Strong winds were encountered on route to Ballarat, which at one stage had Ross down to 4th gear on RG & still only managing 90 km per hour.

Just before Skipton Jack blew a fuse (not him; the bike) which required a complete engine/electrical system rebuild before discovering the problem. They finally made it to the Rally & caught up with Ben & Vicki (GPz900).

After viewing the exhibits, savouring the unique cuisine, i.e. "STEAMBURGERS" & watching the Grand Parade, it was homeward bound, delayed slightly while farmer Youdan rounded up the wayward members of his group.

A 120 km loop back to Ballan was made, where the ride broke up.

A NEW ZEALAND TALE

We have all heard about the gianormous (is there such a word?) new bike prices in NZ, but would you believe they have taken another rise since Xmas.

During a recent visit to Kiwi land I did a motorcycle shop crawl around Auckland, taking time off from the business grind you know, and noted these highlights.

- Some stock still available at old prices, like Bonneville at \$10,495 (that's each) and XJ 900N at \$9,700 (going to \$10,500 with next shipment). Hear that some of this old price stock is from Australian dealers who are in stock and/ or money trouble.

- The new CBR 1000 will be close to \$11,000 - a bargain I suppose if you look at \$14,490 for a GSX 1100R !

- No one speaks of a new Laverda or Ducati prices-- must be real gold when you see a used RGS 1000 with a \$15,000 price tag.

- Top price noted as \$19,050 for Harley FXRS.

- BMW ? Dealer will only quote in a sealed envelope - too shocking to reveal ! (joke)

Before you say NZ dollars are only 80% value of A\$, consider that a Kiwi/less of their dollars for a given job and/gets the interest rate on money borrowed is 25% plus.

Add a bundle for insurance on a \$11,000-\$15,000 bike and it's amazing any big road burners are sold at all.

Only "saving" is on-road costs at \$100-140 against here with sales tax, third party, etc. for \$350 up new bike.

Out of all this a bargain is still to be had. Honda NZ purchased a bunch of overstocked GB500 F from Japan and is offering at \$4899. This is the tuned, single seat, wire wheel, single exhaust single in the classic TT style.

They will sell 'em into any country ex Auckland at NZ \$4460 in the crate, not bad if you want a model not available in Australia-- ----- exclusive stuff indeed.

There you go, thats the Kiwi scene for this month, makes you feel good remembering the price you paid for your last bike, eh?

Jack Yaudan.

Well Yammy or Kwaka

Having just purchased a GTR 1000 i thought a few first impressions maybe of interest . For the last fourteen or so months i have been riding a Yamaha XJ-900 .

The Kwaka is about 45 kgs (100lbs) heavier then the Yammy anybody who rides a big bike will know that the weight is only obvious as low speeds or when shifting the bike around eg parking .

The most noticeable thing when riding is the width caused by the panniers i'm very wary of the width when riding in traffic .

Braking on the Kwaka isn't in the class of the Yammy with it's single sided calipers on the disks compared to the Yamaha twin piston calipers . Handling on long high speed sweepers on the Kwaka gives a feeling of security the Yammy didn't give a feeling of stability at speeds of 180 plus . At the time of writing this story i haven't been above 190 on the Kwaka yet .

Suspension feels soft but under control on the Kwaka not firm but floaty sort of feeling without any obvious weaving . The air assisted system is a pain to adjust for a pillion , Kerry kindly volunteered to go pillion on my first ride with the club the rear end of the bike seemed to float two up . Still under control but very springy . (Rear damping only set on two of four settings) I have had heaps of trouble trying to get used to the hydraulic clutch and the push pull throttle cable setup , time will sort this out .

Sixth gear is very much overdrive 4000 rpm is about 110 kph ,fuel works out to approx. 17 kilo per litre (45-50 mph) with a 28.5 lt tank this gives very good range approx. 400 k safely to a tank of juice with reserve just in case the Servo isn't open down the road .

The fairing is very effective i'm going to melt in summer , one night it was 14 degrees C all i had on was jeans , boots , a light jumper and leather jacket and felt quite comfortable and warm .

Compared with the go faster version the GTR develops 107 ps with max torque at 6500 rpm the go faster version develops 125 ps with max torque at 8500 rpm .In theory this means that about two thirds of it's max torque should be on tap at 110 kph making for very quick passing techniques we shall see as i progressively run the motor and all the other up,down in and out parts in .

Kawasaki doesn't sponsor the first service abit of a fright when not expected at \$ 134.00 dollars not good PR.

Full comp insurance came to \$ 567.00 .

So far i'm very happy with the bike , time will tell as i get a few kilometers on the machine if i have made a good choice .

Gary D. GTR-1000

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DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE IRISHMAN WHO PUT A CONDOM ON EACH EAR?.....
HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET "HEARING AIDS!"

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