



MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA

P.O. Box 453, Richmond 3121, Victoria

M.C.T.C.V. ITINERARY

AUGUST 1995.

THURSDAY 3rd GENERAL MEETING 8.15pm Club Hall

SUNDAY 6th MYSTERY RIDE

Michael Chan leading

9.30am KBCP,10.30 Yarra Glen

SUNDAY 13th LICOLA

Ben Warden leading 9.30am KBCP,10.15 Hallam

Moe for morn tea Licola lunch lots of twisties

Sure to be fun.

Lavers Hill if

time permits.

All the backroads

THURSDAY 17th SOCIAL SIP

Retreat Hotel.

Nicholson st Abbotsford

SUNDAY 20th GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Dave Ward leading

9.30 KBCP,10.00 Laverton

SATURDAY 26th DIRT RIDE , MATLOCK

DIRT RIDE ,MATLOCK Easy going dirt 10am Yarra Glen. roads.

SUNDAY 27th

KELLY AUDIO VISUAL Phil Curran leading

(Glenrowan)

9.30am KBCP, 10.30 WHITTLESEA

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Motorcycle Touring Club of Victoria

6th July, 1995.

Meeting Opened:

8,28pm

Attendances:

29 members, 6 visitors

Apologies:

Donise Folks

Captain's Report:

JUNE

Sunday 4th,

Sunday 18th,

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Leader, John Morley

16 bikes, 17 people, 200 km

Weather, Cold & foggy morning, sunny afternoon Weather, Cold & wet

Incidents; Marty holed radiator

Leader: David Ward 6 bikes, 6 people, 550 km

Weather, Cold & wet Incidents: A few slides

Weekend 10th-12th.

Leader; Ian Payne

5 bikes, 11 people

Echuca

Yea.

Sunday 25th.

Heathcote

Leader: Tony Schrader ? bikes, ? people, 400 km

Weather: Cold

Weather: Cold morning, sunny afternoon

Weather; Cool, but mostly fine

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Sunday 2nd, July

Tarra Bulga Nat. Park

Thursday 15th,

Social Sips

Leader; Jack Youdan 8 bikes, 9 people, 450 km

Weather, Fine & cool

17 people

President: previewed forthcoming rides Treasurer; previewed financial report

General Business:

- Is the Anchor and Hope still the social sips venue? Discussions were held. Marty suggesting the Retreat Hotel in Collingwood, Lisa Robinson the John Curtin in Carhon. Change of management resulted in higher prices and poorer service. Majority of members voted for change of location. Mark Dennis fiked it due to the fact it was only staggering distance from home. The Anchor and Hope is still the venue until further notice.
- 2 Suc (social secretary) wont be able to cater for our August General Meeting. Dot volunteered.
- 3 No volunteers for the position of Editor.
- 4 There is a recall on certain models in the Kawasaki range
- A1 Performance Rider Training sent a list of upcoming dates for its performance rides and training courses.
 Nova Honda still organising day rides (monthly).
- 6 Thanks to Ben for leading upcoming ride to Daylesford, Sue and Steve going on holidays
- If access to a typewriter is available, the editor would appreciate if articles could be typed, otherwise keep it neat.
- 8 New itinerary available on Monday 10th July 1995.
- Two important awards were presented to members on the night. Rider of the Year went to Ben Warden, and Club person of the Year went to Les Davis (unfortunately not present)
- Door prizes donated by Parts and Pieces, Alex Brown took the oil. Sieve Leyland took the chann lube. Andrew Kennedy took the brake fluid.
- The only correspondence was a statement from the bank.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:55pm.

Lead by; Tony Schrader YZF600

Michael Chan GSXR 1100
David Ward ZX-9
David Moore GSXR750
Ian Payne GSX750
Rob Matricciani GSX750
Bronwyn GS500E
Andrew Kennedy and Sharon NX650
John Beurel VFR750
Mark Dennis GSXR750 (still for sale)
John Morley XJ900 (rear rider)

7.30 ,Seems to be sunny out side, pretty windy, so A qick phone around to workmates to postpone the days work. Put the leathers on, have A shower, no the other way round. Breakfast dishes later, get the bike out, oil the chain and go.
9.15 going along Flinders st sees Michael going the opposite way. I arrive at KBCP to find no one there. David and Bronwyn were first on the scene, followed by Michael who thought we had already left, saw me, and did A U-turn. Then came John on the VFR, Rob, Dave M, Andrew And Sharon and John M.
9.30 David Ward lead out of the city, the normal way around the boulevard fairfield, to Whittlesea where Tony was waiting to lead the rest of the way.
From Whittlesea we headed up the Glenburnie rd through Eden

Park, I wish they would seal that roundabout, you just start getting into the sweepers and gravel !!!! (Editors note; I bet Tony wishes they would seal that roundabout also.-refer "Autumn Leaves" last issue) From Wallan to Romsey and Lancefield on to the Pyalong rd where clouds were getting dark and the air was cold. The road was wet too = FUN. We stopped at Pyalong for morning tea, the sun started showing.

I always like A good rock formation, and the road to Emu Flat sees my head stand up. So it was good to corner mark here, to have A short break and look around. Unfortunately some of these rocks have been vandalised .Paint soaks into the porous structure of the rocks and will take hundreds of years to wash out.We headed north and cirled Lake Eppalock, the water level looked low and the spillwas dry. We stopped at Heathcote for lunch and A mob of hairy arm-pitted Harley riders went past. Although the sun was out it wasn't the weather for open face helmets and sleeveless vests. After some deep and meaningful conversation we headed off to Seymour. Michael and I were following Tony fairly close together when A shower of stores hit, I backed off real quick. My headlight protector cracked I got A bruised and swollen knuckle, Michael had A few chips in his paintwork, and more stories came from further back +he line.From Seymour we went to Tallarook, Trawool, Kerrisdale, and stopped at Strath Ck for A bit of A yarn. Then onto Flowerdale, Kinglake west, and Whittlesea for break up. To Ed' sorry about the late scribe !

Mark Dennis.

Ed'-For this you will be punished. You are sentenced to be rear rider for the rest of the year. Let this be A lesson to the rest of you. Tardiness will not be tolerated !!!!!!!!!

SUNDAY JULY 2 -CLUB RUN.

Our Itinerary stated" Tarra-Bulga Park- Jack Youdan Leading"..... that means I get to play scribe for this mag.!

Even with a potentially fine weather day, the turnout at KBCP isn't exactly large:

Mark -GSXR 750

Jack- K1100RS

Jed- BMW P-D

Russ-Tengai 650 (first ride with club).

At Hallam we collect:-

Steve/Sue-GPX 750

Peter-GSX 750

Ben-ZXR750

Sam -FZR 1000

Leaving Hallamat 9.50 (early start) we "lose" Peter at Packenham and Sam at Drouin they had other commitments. However we gained Andrew K (Dominator) at Drouin coffee stop.

In accord with the itinerary which states this ride is Teisurely" (over 400 km on those roads leisurely, ?) we limmit the velocity.

The route is Lardner-Yarragon-Moe-Tranalgon, where Jed leaves us, and the country-type store cum servo at Tranalgon South for lunch.

I always stop here and use the same outdoor table-boring aint it? Andrew does not always drop his bike here when mounting up, but he did it this time! (The high seat versus leg length syndrome strikes again).

From lunch stop to Balook, the parks area, is only 30km, but the leader manages a further 15 km of gravel road to get therewrong turn then applopiess to all.

We do the walk around the park loop including the swing bridge and then light out (trendy words for gettin' goin') for Boolara and Mirboo North for coffee stop.

Prior to light out, a discussion between leader and Andrew re meeting up (furtheron) results in not meeting up and catching up at Mirboo Norththese things never work versus the club's leader- rear rider disciplines! What elso to report? It's home via Arawata, Triholm, Modella, Bayles and Packenham where it is dark at 5pm. Andrew has to ride home with the Dominator's headlight and starter circuit out of action- either from the shock of the dropping or little-probs-we-live-with from the big red?

Jack(Leisurely) Youdan

Reefton Spur Counter Lunch

Sunday 16th July, 1995

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GTR 1000	Steve Baszak (rear)	GSXR750	David Moore
CBR1000	David Byrne	YZF600	Tony Schrader (leader)
YZF750	John Clowes	FZR1000	Sam Sirianni & Amy
VFR750	Geraldine East	YZF600	Martin Thompson
GSX750F	Ian Payne, Kerrie Gooding	ZX900	David Ward
NTX650	Andrew Kennendy	ZXR750	Ben Warden
YZF750	Eric Makin	K100RT	Davorin Zivkovic
ZXR750J2	Brad (1st ride)	GS500	Bronwyn
CB400	Ron (1st ride)	GPx250	Steve (1st ride)
GSXR750	Tony (2nd ride)	VFR750	Mick (1st ride)
YZF750	Alex Oberhoffer	CB1100RB	Paul Dunn (1st ride)

Clearly Tony had some trouble leading the group of six riders from KBCP to Yarra Glen, arriving at twenty to eleven. Only Tony and David Moore were members. The corner marking system doesn't work very well with insufficient members. The four non-members included Steve, a very inexperienced learner riding a GPx250. The speedos on GPx's read at least 12% high so the riders think they are going faster than they are really going. Hence Tony was loosing them on the freeway while only doing 90 km/h. At Yarra Glen, Tony spent at least 10 minutes discussing with Steve the relative merits of continuing or retiring gracefully while still in one piece, to no avail.

The group had now swollen to 21 bikes, the vast majority on big bore Japanese sport bikes. There were a number of members not seen on a ride for many months: John, Eric, David Byrne and Geraldine had all magically reappeared, the relatively fine weather and magnetic pulling power of the Reefton Spur drawing them out. It was good to see everyone. There were now a total of eight visitors.

It was fast approaching 11 o'clock (10.30 Yarra Glen according to the itinerary) and the troops were becoming restless. When Tony asked for a volunteer rear rider and Steve Baszak immediately answered the call, a sigh of relief, if not heard, was at least felt. Thanks Steve.

The route was across to Healesville and down to Launching Place, through to Warburton, past the Reefton Pub where Sam and Amy joined us, and up the Reefton Spur. The roads were a mixture of wet and dry, weather fine but cool. I caught up to Tony and Dave Ward half way up the Spur and tagged along. A while later Marty came by, on a mission. He has just discovered Sportsmax GP tyres. Or was it his tinted glasses which make it difficult to pick the difference between wet and dry surfaces?

I contemplated following but overcame the urge. I rationalised that my head wasn't ready. It still ached from the previous late night poker game with Dave Byrne, Tony and a couple of Dave's work mates. Or was it the bottle of red wine? And Dave Ward had just signalled the corner he threw the ZX9 away last time we were up here, right in front of me. No such hesitation from Dave. He took the bait and set off in pursuit of Marty. Tony livened up a bit and before we knew it we had arrived at the junction.

We stopped and waited for the group to reform at Cumberland Junction, as per usual. A number of people heeding the call of nature, deposited liquid fertiliser here and there. Everyone was buzzing with excitement. Wet or dry, the Reefton is a great road. After a time we learned that Steve (GPx) had crashed. He was okay but the bike had suffered fairly extensive cosmetic damage, especially to the fairing. The bike was rideable. Someone had fashioned a right hand side footpeg out of a bolt, though the rear brake lever was conspicuous by its absence.

Back to the Reefton Pub for lunch arriving around 1.15 pm. There were at least two other bike clubs there already including the QL Club and the Eastern Suburbs Tourers. I wonder if the QL Club decided to meet us there, especially as there are a number of MTCV members holding QL memberships as well. It worked out well, bikes everywhere, including a Ducati Monstro.

Meals were slow, very slow. Luckily some of us ordered quickly. For the late arrivals it was pretty much standing room only. We whiled away an hour and half or so in good company.

Again the troops were getting restless. A number of alternative routes were proposed. It was clear that the ride was going to disperse - some people were leaving and some were still waiting to eat. I needed fuel so headed the 15 km back to Warburton. Dave Ward, Dave Byrne and Dav Zivkovic materialised at the servo. So we decided to head back up and down the Reefton Spur.

I recognised various familiar bikes heading down as we headed up. A lot of other people had the same idea. The Spur had dried significantly and the second time over everyone was in the groove. The only excitement was passing a 4WD and the rear end went all vague and squishy. I immediately thought "flat tyre". I looked around at the rear wheel and saw nothing amiss, but noticed the others dropping back. A few corners later traction returned. There was a 100 metre diesel slick according to Day.

Dav, BMW fanatic, total glutton for punishment, was pushing (punishing?) the RT at a brisk rate. He was very hot from all the exertion and the over protective fairing. It wasn't so long ago he boiled his brakes on the RT. Would you ride a K100RT over a wettish Reefton Spur, up and back, twice? With Yokohama tyres?

David Byrne, not having riden his CBR1000 on a Club ride since a certain spectacularly "unsuccessful" ride down the Great Ocean Road in late January, was on fire. He was riding brim full of confidence, a huge grin on his face for most of the day. I had fitted a new(ish) Sportsmax GP to his rear wheel the day before which only added to the fun factor. Not a slip or slide all day.

Heading home now around Launching Place we caught Marty riding Paul's CBR1100R, having swapped bikes. Dave Byrne was now on a mission and I was content to follow him back to Healesville, Yarra Glen, Christmas Hills and home. The traffic was thick with plenty of cars and boats. The weather turned moist. Dave Ward headed down the highway and Dav followed not far behind us. Dave and his CBR acted like a snow plow clearing a path through the cars. They stayed left as I came through. Thankyou Dave.

Mr Plod had stopped a truck just past the new round-about in Kangaroo Ground. Day spotted him from the top of the previous hill, did a U-turn and headed back home via Diamond Creek. It must be quicker anyway.

We all arrived home safe and sound, ready for a hot shower and a quiet night. Thanks Tony for leading at short notice: a certain Mr M. Chan dumped his GSXR11 outside Pablo's Tyre and Suspension Service after fitting a "nasty" old rear tyre, the bike sustaining considerable cosmetic damage.

Despite Tony's claim that "everything that could go wrong did go wrong" most of the gang seemed to have a great day. One of the indicators of a good ride is the "ring factor" - how many phone calls I get after a ride. It was high, Tony.

And I love my new(ish) ZXR. I must get round to servicing it and fitting the Ohlins.

CLUB RIDE Sunday 23 rd July

A lean bunch of crutch rocket riders (except for Dave Ward on a girls bike) turned up on a rather sunny winter morning. The following were in attendance:-

Ben usual
Dave B. usual
Dave W. GS500
Marty T. usual
Tony S. usual
Ken W. R1100RS

Andrew FZ 750 (2nd ride)
Daniel GPX 750 (2nd ride)

Dave M. usual

All riders arriving at Laverton before 10.00am.

Ben leading the ride promised a minimum of 400 km's finishing up at Whittlesea. I hoped and prayed that the weather forecasters were again wrong and it would not rain. I knew it would be a long shot but there is always hope that on this Sunday the sun would shine all day.

We set off, as usual I did not have a clue where we were headed. I just play follow the leader (it takes a lot less brain cells to follow than to actually think were we are headed and comprehend it, especially on Sunday morning).

The planed route was not taken as Ben missed the turn outside of Maldon. Instead of turning back to rectify his mistake he battled on giving the impression that he knew where he was going. Well it worked for me because the first I knew we were off the pre ridden route was when Tony was on reserve and inquiring when was the fuel stop.

We certainly saw a few new places in the country. Below were a most of the sites visited:-

Lunch was a long 135km's after Laverton. Any longer and I would have either eaten my glove (I was so hungry) or wet myself (I needed a p!@# very badly). Luckily no rain yet but a bit of mist and cold as HELL (however cold that is?).

At this stage one of our new riders Daniel decided he had to go back to his other half before dark. "Sh1t!" he must be taking the long way home, that or is a really bad excuse maker. So he departed.

Other than that no real drama. We did get rained on rather heavily while looking at a cross up Mt Macedon and rained on the way back to Whittlesea.

STOP PRESS

I just remembered Dave B. was accused of being a Dickhead during the ride. I think this was a little harsh because his head is hairy and does not look at all like a dick.

Dave M.

Mt Beenak Dirt Ride Saturday 29th July 1995.

Leader; Mark Dennis. XT600 Les Leahy NX650 Rob Langer TDR250 Jon Riddett (2 stroke 250 Yamaha ????)

I arrived at Yarra Glen to find Les Leahy waiting for us, keen he had been there for half an hour before. I fueled, Rob and Jon arrived. So the dirt quad headed for Gembrook for morning tea. This was the first of the rain. We headed into Gembrook State park our first stop was Four Brothers Rocks. The "Helmet Track" saw thick and slippery clay on A downhill section making hard going especially for Les with road tyres. Then onto the power line track Jon had A bit of fun, the rest of us stayed on the road.

We looked at Beenak Fire Tower and onto Noojee for afternoon tea, and back to Warburton via Muddy Creek Road. The rain stayed with us all day. Rob was heard to say, "Get me out of this f----g forest Im so miserable" I drained one and A half cups of watery mud out of my boots when I got home.

About 120kms of dirt rd was travelled, break up at about 4.00pm. Thanks to all that attended.

Mark Dennis

***** Next ride-Matlock-Easy going dirt roads.*****
10.00 am Yarra Glen 26th August-Be there.

LAKE MOUNTAIN SNOW RIDE- SUNDAY 30th July 1995.

&* \rlap/c % denotes first ride and non member

The weather forecast had predicted fine weather for our snow ride, so it was with eagerness that the leathers were pulled on. To ensure the ride would be warm and comfortable, I dressed accordingly. Rivet Adventure jacket, thermo pants, sock liners and glove liners were all thown on. There was no way I was going to be cold. I was met at the car park by Tas on the ZX6, shortly followed by John on the CBR adn Dav and Kathy on the BMW. We cruised out of the city via the usual route with Dav volunteering for rear rider duties. I think it had more to do with Kathy not wanting Dav to ride very quickly, than Dav wanting the job. Half way through the boulevard we were met by Tristan on the Ducati, who had arranged to catch up with us there, during the week. (By the way Tristan is the Sales person at Cosway M/C's in the city if anyone is looking for A good deal on A new Kwaka)

Upon arriving at Yarra Glen I was surprised to see so many people. John Morley decided to come along just to say hello but didn'y join us on the ride. He mentioned something about being on A promise. After filling up with fuel and Kathy volunteering Dav for rear rider duties for the rest of the day we set off to healesville via the toolangi/Chum ck rd. Ben seemed to enjoy this road, as he passed everyone before we got to the top of the hill. Comments were forthcoming from some of the non-members as to the "extreme lean angle" of the Tengai.Don't worry it's normal I said..... From Healesville we went directly up the Black Spur. About 5 kms into the spur, I noticed the familiar glow of the Tengai headlight in my mirrors. Previous attempts at keeping it that way were usually fruitless. However A little more experience and those wonderfull sportmax GP compound tyres assisted me in keeping them there quite comfortably. Not to mention the extra 60 Horsepower I had available. Ben corner marked at the top of the spur at the turn off to Marysville. We cruised up to marysville. Once again only A few kms along this road I noticed another set of headlights in my mirrors. Not ben's this time however but those familiar "Cat's Eyes" of Yamaha's potent YZF750. This time it was Eric showing his knowledge of this section of road. Isn't it great how you can't pass the leader. (reminde me to do this more often).

Thinking that it was too early for lunch we decided to head straight up to Lake Mountain and have lunch in the snow. The road up to the turn off was grouse. Just damp enough to keep you on your toes. Once again about 2KMs up this road the familiar "cats eyes" appeared again. This time though, it was Alex. We chased each other up this road scaring the four wheeled snow traffic as we went.

Apparently Alex handed out the apologies as he came past after me.From the turn off up to the top the roads became somewhat slippery.so slippery in fact A Mazda 929 had slid off the road.Luckily everyone heeded the warning signs of ice on the road and no one crashed.

John and Eric(YZF750's) didn't stay too long at the top, prefering to go for A ride instead. The rest of us frolicked in the snow together. Alex decided of course to initiate A snow fight. He would start us off, then when we were engaged in the snow fight of the decade against each other, would sneak around from behind and pelt us with snow halls the size of footballs. But thankfully Alex recieved his just deserves as everyone ganged up on him and bombarded him with snow. We also had A try at toboganing. With Alex proving that leathers make A great tobogan. After this we were all pretty hungry and looked for the canteen for some hot food. Unfortunatley the canteen was packed and the prices were higher than I was on Saturday night.hence we decided to head for Marysville for lunch. Dav and Kathy decided to stay and go for A walk up to the look-out. No thanks I had enough excercise to last all year.

All up we did about 300kms.No crashes,no tickets and great weather.What more could you ask for (A Ducati 916SP maybe???)

Marty.





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Please take note the social sip for Thursday 17 August, will be held at the following venue; The retreat hotel, Nicholson st Abbotsford. The corner of Nicholson and Stafford sts. Melways map reference, 2C (thats the page) Grid ref; K8. See you there to sample new Quisine and friendly host Bruce Alexander, himself A motorcyclist.

Please let all your friends now about our new venue.

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UpcomingDates

Courses:

Saturday August 12th: Theory 1:30pm-5:30pm @A-1 Motorcycles Monday August 14th: Practical 8:30am-5:00pm @Broadford Racetrack

Saturday September 2nd: Theory 1:30pm-5:30pm @A-1 Motorcycles Monday September 4th: Practical 8:30am-5:00pm @Broadford Racetrack

Thursday September 28th: Theory 6:00pm-10:00pm @A-1 Motorcycles Saturday September 30th: Practical 8:30am-5:00pm @Winton Raceway

Saturday November 18th: Theory 1:30pm-5:00pm @A-1 Motorcycles Monday November 20th: Practical 8:30am-5:00pm @Broadford Racetrack

Thursday December 7th: Theory 6:00pm-10:00pm @A-1 Motorcycles Saturday December 9th: Practical 8:30pm-5:00pm @Winton Raceway

Suspension tuning days: (featuring Rod Sharp)

Monday September 18th - Broadford

Monday December 4th - Broadford

Ride Days:

Tuesday November 7th (Melbourne Cup Day) - Phillip Island

Sunday December 10th - Winton