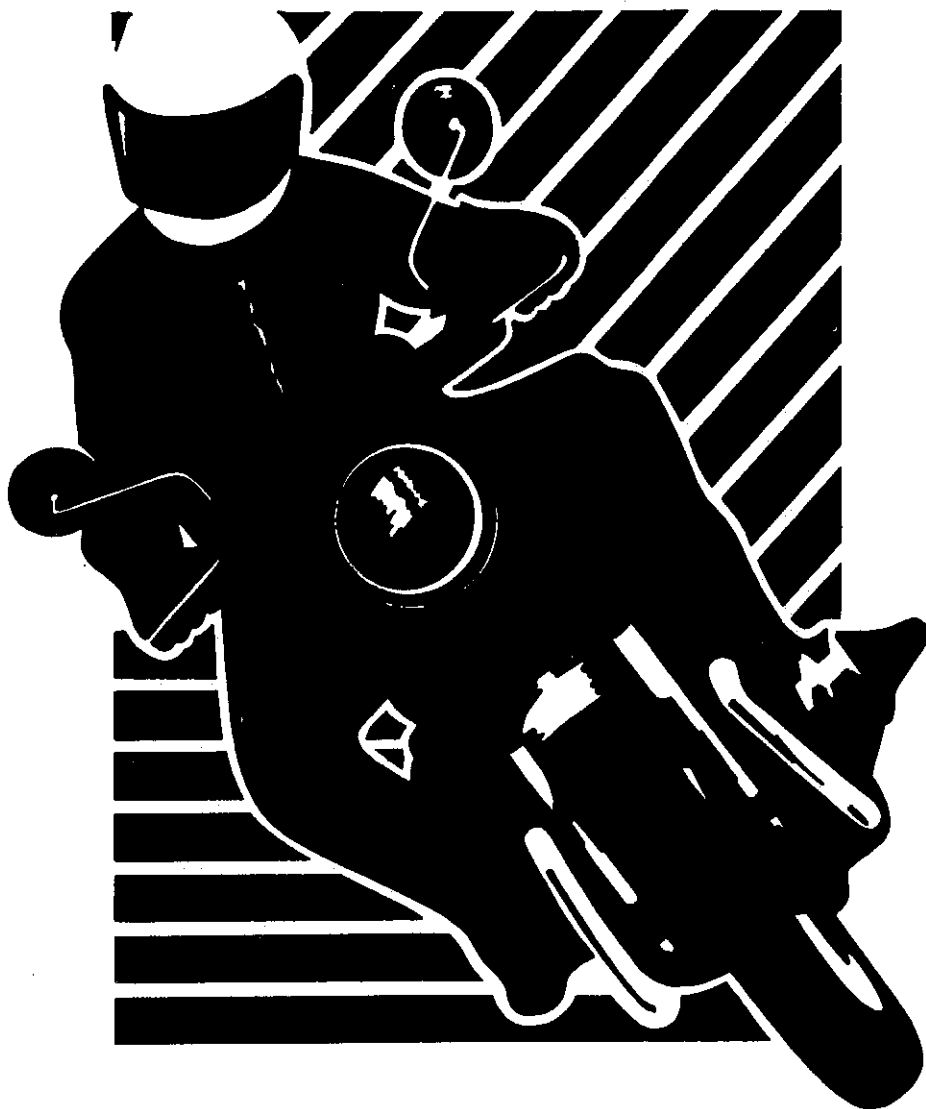


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MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA

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M.T.C.V. ITINERARY

FEBRUARY 1996

Sunday 4th	Poker Run Pat Tayeh leading. 9:30 am KBCP 10:30 am Whittlesea	Try your hand at poker. Bound to be a great deal of fun.
Sunday 11th	Pillion Ride Geraldine East leading. 9:30 am KBCP 10:30 am Yarra Glen	You must bring a pillion for this ride through the hills. (Ocky strap your teddy bear to the rear seat.)
Friday 16th	Social Sip Black Spur Inn Narbethong end of Black Spur	Change of date to join in with night ride. 6:30 pm onwards.
Also..	Night Ride Stevensons Falls Mark Dennis leading. Black Spur Inn	Ride departs at 8:30 pm, after dinner at the pub.
Sunday 18th	Swimming Welshmans Reef Ian Payne leading. 9:30 am KBCP	No second pick up. Hope it's a sunny day. Don't forget your towel, togs and sunscreen.
Saturday 24th	Dirt Ride Mark Dennis leading. 10:00 am Yarra Glen	See if Mark can remeber how to get to the Acheron Way.
Sunday 25th	Early Ride Tony Schrader leading. 8:30 am Kangaroo Ground	The last early ride was a great sucess. Don't miss out.
Sunday 3rd March	Castlemaine Counter Meal Steve Layland leading. 9:30 am KBCP	Note : no second pick up.
Thursday 7th March	General Meeting 8:15 pm	Camberwell Town Hall Theatrette, Ingelsby Rd.

General Meeting Minutes.

Motorcycle Touring Club of Victoria
7 December 1995

Meeting opened : 8:44 pm

Apologies : Rob M., Andrew D., Peter P., Vicky P.
Visitors : Tracy.

Correspondence : Peter P. is in the Mercy Private Hospital for surgery on his leg, and will be laid up for about six weeks.
Flier from the MRA advising that it is legal to park but not to ride on footpaths in Victoria.

Treasurer's report : \$1073 in the bank.

Captains report was given but not recorded.

General Business : Toy Run on Sunday 10 December
Discussion on buying a mobile phone for the emergency kit, majority agreed it was a good idea.
No word as yet on date for Phillip Island ride day.
Ross Bradshaw reminded us of the incorporation of the club and explained what it meant to us as members.
Martin Bastock's CBR1000 has been recovered by the police.
Mark Dennis discussed his recent booking and subsequent dealings with the police.

Meeting closed : 9:25 pm

The MTCV members regret to announce the tragic death of our friend Alec Brown on Sunday the 14th of January. He encountered difficulties whilst scuba diving for crayfish at Blairgowrie.

Alec was an active member of the Club for a number of years and was well liked and respected. We offer our condolences to his wife Debbie, family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Members

**Hanging Rock
Sunday 10 November**

John M.	XJ900 Leader	Andrew D.	K100 Rear
Mark D.	XT600	Graham O.	Triumph 900
Pat T.	CB250		

The weather looked great, sunny and dry.

We all met at KBCP, leaving at 9:45 and travelling via the Yarra boulevard and the Yan Yean reservoir, made our way to the Whittlesea pick up, where nobody else turned up.

We departed Whittlesea at 10:50, travelling via Eden Park to Wallan for morning tea, as Mark was starving.

From Wallan we travelled to Strath Creek then Romsey, then turned off to Hanging Rock.

On the way we turned into Straw's Lane, this is where Mount Magnet is. We all took turns at rolling "uphill" unassisted, with Mark rolling the furthest.

Time for lunch at Woodend, after which Andrew and Graham left to visit friends.

Mark, Pat and I took the turn off to the Mt Macedon Memorial Cross, 1013 metres above sea level

We came home through Sunbury and onto the Tullamarine Fwy to the ring road turn off, where someone had set fire to the grass at the roadside, causing us to have to ride through the very thick smoke (cough, cough).

Back to Bundoora to the Morley household for afternoon tea and a bit of Speedweek on the telly.

Thanks to the guys for a great ride, about 300 km all up.

John M. XJ900

**Narbethong Dirt Ride
25 November 1995**

Mark	XT600 Leader	Steve	XT600
Rob	Dominator		

The Plan. To visit five different forest areas on the same ride and see two waterfalls and a spectacular rocky outcrop as some added scenery.

The Excuse. As my workload had been a bit hectic in the weeks leading up to Christmas the rushed pre-ride was done after work.

The Event. As I arrived at Yarra Glen there was only one bike waiting. I fuelled up and Steve arrived, then Rob emerged from a phone box. He thought he must have got the date wrong and called Tom to check.

We headed up Steeles Creek Rd to Old Kinglake Rd and our first dirt road, then back onto the black stuff to travel up the St Andrews Rd for a few k's until Kinglake. The Kinglake Glenburn road is a good bit of dirt, but the fact that there may be other vehicles on the road stops the right hand twisting downwards. At the crossing of the Melba Hwy a white car with big coloured lights and a hair drier and the roof was parked behind a tree facing the highway. We vanished into the bush on a link road that isn't on the map and joined up with Marginal Rd at Yea State Park.

I stopped here to discuss a track that had a steep and rutted descent. I fell off on the pre-ride, but we decided to take the challenge. We continued down Eagles Nest Rd and on to Curly's Track to start the descent. This was no problem with correct tyre pressures and in full daylight. Back on Marginal Rd I was a bit worried that I would miss a track I was hoping to turn on to, and so did (miss it). I continued on, but after a complete circle Steve realised and said "Your lost, aren't ya". Yep, so we headed to Toolangi for lunch.

At this stage I won't tell you the planned ride, I'll save it for another day if I can find my way. Steve left from Toolangi, and Rob and I took the Mt Tanglefoot track down to Narbethong. Those of you who were on Tom's ride will know this track. We refuelled at Narbethong, where we met John and Eric on their YZF's. I invited them to join us going home via the Acheron Way but they declined the offer and went back via the Black Spur.

Rob asked if I knew the way, "Of course I do. Just turn right at the pub and head south, you can't miss it." The question now is will Rob ever trust me again.

We headed south east down the main track until we got to a logging area. We then turned south down a track that disappeared under a log leaving just enough room to get the bikes under. This part of the track had not been used for quite some time and being overgrown made it hard work for both bikes and riders. We came out at another logging area and after a bit of a ride around we found a main track leading out. A gate stopped us from continuing, with no way over or around it, so we decided to double back to find another track. This was pleasant riding, with good views and a good surface. We came across some bushwalkers who pointed the way back to the Acheron Way about 20 km away. We then found out that we were in the conservation and water supply reserve. We rode out via Mt Vinegar, The Knobs and track 27.

With only 20 metres to the Acheron Way there was just one little obstacle to get over. A 1.5 metre steel gate with 1 metre logs butted up against the gate posts. We man handled the bikes over the log, my bike first as it was less valuable and lighter than Rob's. The front wheel was rolled up the log with a bit of a run up, then the bike slid on to the belly pan to see-saw over the top to the other side. Easy! We then travelled back to the Donna Buang Rd, down past Ben Cairn and back to Healesville.

About 150 to 200 km travelled in 6 hours of riding, and we can honestly say that we have been on some roads that the club has never been on before.

Mark Dennis.

Dirt rides will continue in 1996 on the last Saturday in each month. The next ride will be on 24 February, 10:00 am at Yarra Glen. Hope to see you, and friends are welcome. For more details or information contact Mark on 0414 760 424.

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EARLY RIDE

SUNDAY 26th NOV.

Tom - YZF/FZR1000	Andi - TDR250 (R/rider)	Dea - CBR900
Dave - YZF750	Dave - GSXR750	Sam - FZR1000
Tony - YZF600	Geraldine - VFR750	Ian - GSX750
Damian - ZXR750 *	Peter - GPX750 *	Scot - GSXR750 *
Tony - ZXR750 *	Allen - CBR900 *	Tony - FZR1000 *
Richard - RF900 *	16 riders (7 non members *)	

Although this ride had called for an early start, I was still surprised at how many riders had made the effort to be at Warrandyte by 8am. The combination of good weather and Tom leading may have had something to do with it!

After a brief talk about the corner marking system, the picking of a rear rider and me volunteering to do the writeup we crossed the Yarra and headed for Kangaroo Ground, but about halfway there, a small side road was used to detour us onto the Yarra Glen road, then just as the pace was getting "interesting" another detour saw us on the Panton Hill road. Phew, I was mentally lost already!

Down to St Andrews, Kinglake, Kinglake West and Flowerdale where we regrouped for the run to Strath Creek and Broadford, another regroup then Glenaroua and High Camp, where while cornermarking, we got news that the clutch on Andi's TDR had expired (splines on the actuating lever had sheared). The bike was parked at a nearby farm and Andi joined Sam as pillion for the trip to Lancefield and morning tea. It was a bit hard to believe that it was only 10am and yet we had covered just on 200km already!

At smoko we got a chance to check out some of the trick sportsbikes, Tom & Dea's I had already seen but Allen's CBR was new and looked pretty trick with its unusual Two Brothers Race fairing and HAND CUT SLICKS. It looked like it had the goods and apparently the guy COULD ride.

Off to Baynton, Emu Flat and Pyalong where we stopped while Dea had a bit of a leak! The CBR that is. It appeared the radiator had split, so it was parked in a farmhouse and Dea transferred onto the back of Geraldine's VFR. By now the group was down to 12 bikes, with Allen & Dave (YZF) having left at Lancefield and Andi & Dea now riding pillion.

Across to Tallarook, Trawool, and Yea, where on-route most got a bit of a fright as Mr Plod was there on the highway conducting some form of breathalyser. Fortunately none of us were stopped.

Onto Molesworth and Alexandra for lunch, but only about half the group arrived and with the minutes ticking by talk started about, maybe that first left hand uphill sweeper on the Molesworth road had caught somebody out, especially as it was strewn with gravel!

Luckily the holdup was only a puncture on Peter's GPX, and as the hole was too big to fix he elected to stay at Yea and rang a mate come and get him. Unfortunately for Tony (FZR), who had gone back to check out the delay, a chance meeting with Mr Plod (at 126kph) had unpleasant financial consequences.

Over lunch, much talk about the ride so far and how it seemed later than it was, also as to how the pillions were handling the pace. Andi, who had been a little intimidated at first by Sam's reputation (!) found it all went well once she found that hard thing between his legs to grab onto!.....err, the petrol tank that is. Dea on the other hand seemed to enjoy being chauffeured around and although he would have preferred to be riding he had no complaints. From Geraldine's point of view, she hardly knew he was there and only felt his presence on a "couple of occasions". Amazing how you can feel finger-nails digging in through leather.

After lunch and fuel we set off through Fraser Nat. Park to Eildon, across the weir wall and then down to Thornton. Along the way we found Dave stopped on the side of the road peering under his GSXR750. Seems while riding along an almighty "BANG" resounded from the engine area, but upon investigation nothing appeared wrong, perhaps a rock had been thrown up!

On through Taggerty, Buxton, Marysville, Narbethong, and the Black Spur. The Spur looked a bit congested at first but once past the line of cars behind a slow moving cattle truck we had an excellent run into Healesville

Healesville was the breakup for this ride and many thanks went to Tom on the great ride, and although a few mechanical problems did arise, these holdups only tended to shorten the ride and have no overall effect. So with just on 420km covered and many smiling faces it proved that an early ride can be highly successful. Thanks Tom.

Ian
GSX750F

EILDON

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

Tony - YZF600 (leader)	Rob - RC45	Ian - GSX750
Andi - TDR250	Danny - XT600	Ben - ZXR750
Dave - YZF750	Andrew - CBR600	Mark - XT600
Eric - YZF750	Geraldine - VFR750	Mick - KLR650
John - YZF750	John Willis - CBR600 #	Stuart - ZZR600
Sam - FZR1000	Andrew - K100RS (r/rider)	Graham - Triumph 900 #
Tom - FZR1000	Danny - BMW F650 (r/rider)	
Tony - FZR1000	(21 riders/bikes # Non members).	

The combination of good weather, good roads and a good leader had certainly bought out the troops with a turnout of 21 bikes and riders. It being a ride "not recommended for inexperienced riders" had also been heeded with all but two riders not only being members but LONG TERM members as well. In fact statistical analysis of the group showed their average age to be nudging 37 years old. Certainly NOT inexperienced!

Just before leaving Tony made mention of the Police conducting spot vehicle checks along the Warburton Highway and those not wishing any confrontation could proceed directly to Marysville.. Only Andrew Kennedy and Danny Vits took that option!. So with Tony leading and Andrew bringing up the rear we proceeded to Healesville, Launching Place and Warburton. For this part of the trip I was aboard Tom's FZR and was impressed with the effortless power delivery and rock steady cornering. Although at the time it didn't feel a sporty riding position it wasn't until I changed back the GSX which in comparison felt like riding a camel!

The run up the spur was pretty uneventful although on one corner a group of bikes had stopped which at first looked a bit ominous, it turned out a Bee had stung our leader Tony.

One departure at this early stage was Stuart whose ZZR now sounded like a chaff cutter. Diagnosis was a badly stretched cam chain and "he should proceed directly home, slowly".

After the regroup and bullshit session at Cumberland Junction we set off over the recently regavelled and slippery dirt section, then up and down Lake Mountain before the run down into Marysville. Along this stretch David Ward had asked Tom to check out the handling of his YZF as he felt it just wasn't quite right. On the contrary, Tom approved and demonstrated by proceeding around one particular tight corner with knee just about on the road, steering with ONE hand and waving with the other!!

Sam on the other hand was uncharacteristically taking it easy due to his FZR's lack of front brakes, it should have been sensational with machined discs and new pads but it wasn't, hopefully with a lever adjustment and some bedding in they may improve.

After a leisurely lunch we set off for Buxton, Taggerty and Thornton before the run along the Jamieson road. Our group was now down to 12 bikes with a lot of swapping between riders taking place, most who rode the RC45 came away impressed. I had the offer, but not feeling 100% the thought of riding the \$35,000 machine back along the Jamieson road was too big a risk. I was more than happy to follow Rob. Just before the end of this road Mick Barnes slowed dramatically, NO PETROL! Mick couldn't understand it as he usually gets about another 30kml to a tank, think the problem related to the nut that holds the twist grip. As we were quite close to Eildon, Tom unfurled the tow rope and towed the KLR to the servo.

As it was now quite hot a we took a break to refuel both bikes and riders then over the magic bit of road through Fraser Nat. Park. although a freshly re-surfaced section did slow proceedings somewhat!

On to Alexandra, Molesworth, Yea and Flowerdale where the ever darkening skies and threat of thunderstorms made for rapid progress (that was the excuse anyway) to our break-up destination at Kinglake West.

Thanks to Tony for another great ride over a variety of adventurous roads where nobody fell off and everybody had a good time.

Ian - GSX750F

PS.

It seems that after leaving Marysville at lunchtime Sam dropped the bike not far out of town. Unsure as to the reasons, except Sam is OK but bike is a write-off.

Bruthen Christmas Camp
26 December 1995 -
1 January 1996

Who attended :	How many nights
Rob Langer, Kerrie Gooding, Ian Payne	6
Les Leahy & Di, George Lardas & Bob	1
Davorin Zivkovic, Andrew Kennedy	2
Tom & Andi, Steve & Sue	2
Mark Dennis	5
John & Dot	1
Lisa the Dog	2

Total 15 people and 1 dog.

For most of the week there was just four of us at the camp, with Les and Di calling in for the first night, then George and his mate Bob calling in for the second night. The rest of the campers arrived on Saturday, and unfortunately I had to depart on Sunday morning due to a family matter.

The weather was fine all week, apart from a deluge on new years eve and again on new years day. The club tent was put to good use, being used by the entire campground at a barbecue put on by the park operator, thanks to Steve for carting it down in the back of the ute.

Rob and I left Ian and Kerrie to do the tourist type things while we explored some of the dirt roads in the area. Some of the places we visited include Little River Gorge, McKillops Bridge, Buchan, The Rams Horn, the Benambra pub, Mount Little Dick, Deptford, The Two Sisters, Mount Steve, Dargo, Mount Ewen, the Dargo High Plains, Mount Hotham, the Dinner Plain pub, the Omeo pub, the Bruthen pub, the Bairnsdale pub (thirsty stuff this dirt riding!).

On the way into Bruthen on the Omeo Highway I had a very close encounter with a pair of deer, my front wheel actually rubbing between one of the deer's legs as I was trying to stop. Fishing in the Victoria river near Omeo I caught three rainbow trout, all too small unfortunately so I threw them back. Dav and Andrew had a bite while fishing on the Tambo, probably a carp, but it got away. Probably too big for the line.

Enough from me, I'm sure that others have tales worth telling and hope that they write them up to be published.

Mark Dennis.

HARDONARSE or Gippsland 7-1-96 (arduous)

In a previous life Ben must have been one of those crusty old school masters who delighted in finding some task to make life difficult for his students. Now in this life he studies road maps of fine detail in a never ending search for the most twisting, turning, rising, falling, off cambered cornered, surface changing, rippled, potholed, manure encrusted, tractor infested roads he can find.

Having found enough of the above mentioned roads he puts together about 500 K of them, smiles that school teacher smile and leads the unsuspecting ride members off on another Sunday that will end at the ride's end and not at some point out in the middle of nowhere with a damaged bike or rider, we hope.

Twelve bikes left Yarra Glen in fine weather (at last) and headed for Gippsland. First stop was Drouin for morning tea via Healesville, Yarra Junction, Powelltown, Piedmont, Neerim South, and Jindivic. Twelve bikes arrive at Drouin, ten bikes leave, Mark to attend fly fishing school at Taggerty and the neat, as apposed to Steve's, GPX750 with a rear wheel puncture.

Ten bikes then head south to Poowong and then east to Ranceby and Fairbank. On the Ruby to Fairbank road some old fart on a vintage two stroke got in the way of a young gun on a ZZR250 and the latter had nowhere to go but down and into a roadside post. Bits worth saving were strapped onto the ZZR and Steve's GPX and the two bikes left for home.

Eight bikes or maybe seven as I think Jenny may have departed by now or it was probably five as Craig and Paul also left before the crash. Five it is as we head to Mirboo North via Boolarra.

Five bikes now turn north and take on that grouse piece of road that runs up to Trafalgar. On to the highway and turn west as far as Yarragon where we swing south and loop around through Ellinbank to Warragul. Les heads home from here and we are four

Four bikes head for the breakup at Yarra Junction, going through Brandy Creek, Rokeby, Neerim South, Neerim, Neerim Junction, Piedmont, Powelltown, Three Bridges and Gladysdale, phew.

ROUTE approximately as above

ROUTERS at the finish --- Ben ZXR750, leader Pat CBR900RR,
Andrew and daughter Shadow 1100,
rear rider, Geoff RZ350

ROUTED Mark XT600, Les Dominator, Steve and Sue GPX750,
Craig YZF750, Paul YZF750, Stewart ZZR250, Jenny
Spada and the gentleman on the neat GPX750, sorry I missed
noting your name, maybe Ben has it recorded after all everyone
likes to see their name in print don't they?

Geoff RZ350

Abseiling Ben Cairn Sunday 14 January

Ride and Abseiling.

Mark	XT600 Leader
Steve & Sue	GPX750
Tom & pillion	R100PD
Andi	R80GS
Dee	CBR900
Andrew K.	NX650
Danny V.	R65 Rear 1
Jon & pillion	R100LT Rear 2
Martin & Melanie	CBR1000
John the Pom & Jan	RF900
Dav	R100PD
Steve B.	GTR1000
John ?.	SRX250 1st ride
Troy & Tish	Car

Ride only.

Lisa J.	FZR600
Craig M.	YZF750
John M.	XJ900
John C.	YZF750
Eric M.	YZF750
Paul ?.	YZF750 non memb.
his mate	YZF750 non memb.
guy that crashed	ZX10 1st ride
guy sent home	GPX250 1st

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

The Ride.

With the prospect of a warm 36° forecast it wasn't hard to take a decision to go on Marks' ride and try abseiling. At KBCP there were some familiar faces and some new ones too. After a quick chat and some New Years greetings and of course all the usual stuff, we headed off toward Yarra Glen in brilliant weather.

We followed the well worn but loved route to the Glen via Kew boulevard, through suburban Templestowe and neighbouring suburbs and finally the Christmas Hills. As we came over the crest into Yarra Glen with our second meeting point in view I was astonished to see so many people and their machines. There must have been about 30. How was Mark going to get all these people over the side of a cliff with only 1 rope?

Anyway, after more chatting and New Years greetings we all headed off following our leader with all his abseiling gear for Warrandyte, our smoko destination. We passed through Healesville, Tarrawarra (I think), Launching Place and Yarra Junction. The roads were hot and sticky and the breeze very warm. I had my Dri Rider on and was wishing very much for a leather jacket.

At Warrandyte Mark suggested we get some take away food for the abseiling part of the day as there were no shops where we were going. As we enjoying some refreshments, discussions were held as to who was actually going abseiling and also negotiate the ensuing 10 km of dirt road to get there. There were a few non takers, despite Steves' encouragement, and the non dirt/abseiling riders went there merry way. We soon were on our way, with a few less riders.

The road up was a brilliant ride as usual, even from a pillions point of view, and what made it even more glorious was that for once I was not cold. I can remember the last time I came up here, I nearly froze my bleedin ____ off!

Up ahead a bike had stopped. It was Jon Riddet and his pillion. The bike had a vapour lock causing it to stall and it wouldn't restart. The bike does not like hot weather. Steve and I went ahead to warn the others while Jon waited for the bike to cool a little. Soon we were on to the gritty stuff, then GOSH! - a bike down.

The rider (first ride, don't know his name) was shaken but seemed otherwise unhurt. His bike, a ZX10, was not so lucky. It was stuck a fair way down an embankment, saved by going any further by a large tree fern. It did not seem rideable. The first plan of salvage (after sending the rider off to hospital in a passer-by's car) was to summon the others up ahead as they did not know of the calamity.

Tom and the two Steves climbed down the embankment to survey the scene. It was decided to hoist the bike back up the hill with about ½ a dozen of us pulling and the boys pushing. A tow rope was produced and anchored to the bike, then we began. 1, 2, 3, HEAVE. SNAP! went the rope. We all fell backwards into the dirt. Tom and the two Steves barely got out of the way in time. We tried again. 1, 2, 3, HEAVE, PULL, and SNAP! Again, damn. The bike was stuck, it wasn't gunna move. The rope had snapped 3 times. Then along came a 4WD. We hailed them down. They said they would help. They had a rope! After some careful anchoring of the rope, the 4WD slowly backed up and pulled the wreck out of the embankment.

After much deliberation and with the bikes owner hospitalised, it was decided to simply leave the bike on the side of the road and continue on with the abseiling. We were to come back later and decide what to do with it (after all, it wasn't rideable.)

The Abseiling.

It was great to finally reach Ben Cairn and start abseiling. We climbed up to the cliff which was a 10 minute, somewhat arduous hike, for those of us who are not too fit that is, and then Mark began fixing the ropes into position.

The cliff sloped back gently before a sheer drop about ½ way down. Mark gave instructions on how to harness up, then abseiled ½ way as a safety measure. If anyone should fall Mark could secure them by a quick pull of the rope. It was a somewhat lengthy task, getting everyone down that cliff. Everybody had to be harnessed up and instructed what to do. Mark spent most of this time baking in the hot sun aside the open cliff face. At one point some sunscreen was thrown down to him as we could see that he needed it.

Eventually everybody had had at least one abseil and as the sun was getting hotter and we had a broken bike to think about, we made tracks for our bikes. The ZX10 we hoped was still on the side of the road as we had been gone for some hours.

The Salvage Operation.

It was a great relief to find that the bike was still there. Somebody decided that it should be towed to the service station in Warburton, where Andrew K. knew someone. Once there, some arrangement would be made with the bikes owner to collect it.

OBITUARY

Alec Brown has been a member of the MTCV for about seven years, first joining when he owned a Suzuki Katana. When I joined the club in 1991 Alec had lost his licence due to riding really fast. I first met him when he returned with a GSXR1100W at about the same time as I got my 750WN. This was a good talking point for both of us and we soon became good mates. There weren't many rides that Alec didn't attend and it was on the Labertouche Caves ride in April '94 that he met Debbie, who he married in 1995.

On the 14 January 1996 Alec Brown passed away After a tragic scuba diving accident at Blairgowrie. He had gone diving at 11:00 am but when he had not returned by the due time the police were notified. Alec's body was found trapped under a ledge at 1:30 pm.

Alec's funeral was held at John Allison Monkhouse, Springvale on 18 January and was well attended by club members.

Alec will always be remembered for his easy going nature, the way he laughed and the grin he always had. I'm sure that stories about his years with the club will be told for many years to come. He will be missed by all members.

As for me, I will miss a good mate, Alec had a zest for life, a warm inner glow and he was good to be around. Alec, rest in peace.

Debbie has promised to keep in touch with the club.

Mark Dennis.

This poem is a small tribute
to a member who has gone
but leaves so many memories
with his friends, which will live on

A man who had a love of bikes
of riding and of life
who loved to share these with his friends
and with his lovely wife.

Who raced us down from Arthurs Seat
with Debbie at his side
beating some on motorbikes
while in his 4 wheel drive

A wild guy, a friendly face
a really loyal friend
the memories we'll all keep of him
will not come to an end.

Though Alec can no longer
join us on our weekend runs
He'll be there in our memories
as a friend both wild and fun.

Endeavour Hills man drowned while diving

The body of 36 year old Endeavour Hills man, Alec Brown, was last weekend found in waters off Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula.

Alec had been diving in the area since 11am on Sunday but friends raised the alarm when he had not returned by noon. His body was recovered at 1.30pm.

Alec and his wife Debbie have lived in Endeavour Hills since they were married on 4 March last year.

Alec, an electrical fitter with a Cheltenham company, loved a variety of sports and, according to Debbie, lived life to the fullest.

His love of boats and the water saw him spend countless hours water skiing and diving. Alec was interested in shooting and was a keen fisherman.

He also enjoyed riding motorbikes and was an active member of the Victorian Motorcycle Touring Club.

He is a former student of Doveton Technical School who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Wilson's Promontory

Sunday 21st January, 1996

9 bikes, 9 people

ZXR750	Ben Warden (leader)	YZF600	Tony Schrader
ZX900R	Ray (1st ride)	VFR750	Geraldine East
YZF750	Craig Morley	XT600	Mark Dennis
YZF750	Paul (member?)	Triumph 900	Jack Youdan (rear)
FZR1000	Tony Fabris		

David Ward was the designated leader for the day but, due to riding commitments at Sandown Raceway, was unable to lead. A couple of weeks in advance David organised for me to lead the ride, and notified Tony Schrader.

Suddenly I was given the opportunity of working in Jakarta for a week at a conference and I thought I would not be in the country. The conference finished early due to the lack of paying customers, so we were thrown out of the Grand Hyatt. I arrived home Friday, exhausted, jet-lagged, and ready for a ride!

Saturday I fitted a new rear Sportmax, road compound (Tallangatta weekend to follow and I wanted it to last the distance) and a soft compound front tyre, ex race. Ready for action.

Four bikes departed from KBCP for Hallam at 9.30 am. The rest of the troops were at Hallam. Jack volunteered for the rear riding duties and we were away at 10.15 am, stopping at Drouin for morning tea. Mark had other pursuits and left at Hallam.

Heading south from Hallam for Poowong I sensed something had happened. It turned out that Craig's YZF's radiator was leaking profusely after being holed from a flying stone, apparently thrown up from my rear wheel. (That makes the third holed radiator in the last couple of years. Maybe we should add some putty to the emergency kit.) Paul accompanied Craig back to Drouin to make running repairs. The rest of us carried on.

The road heads uphill from Loch and then along a scenic ridge which dips and rolls in a general southerly direction slowly descending to Wonthaggi. We headed around Cape Paterson towards Inverloch. I remembered with sadness Alec's first ride with the Club along this fantastic sweeping road when he crashed his immaculate 1100 Katana, hiding the bike in the bushes, and pillioning him home to his mum's. Farewell Alec.

Inverloch for lunch and fuel. Then around to Buffalo and Fish Creek for the final blast down to Wilson's Prom. Tony whistled past me on a straight section doing a top speed run. He was just touching red line in top with an extra tooth on the front sprocket. Those older FZR's certainly have plenty of power.

It cost a couple of dollars at the National Park entrance gate. We were also warned of a motorcycle policeman in the vicinity. Not that it made any difference! The road was in sensational condition.

Everyone arrived at Tidal River with beaming smiles. Ray set off the few hundred metres to the beach for a paddle. The rest of us stood around discussing the meaning of life, the universe and everything, while eating lunch.

Back to Meeniyan, around to Dumbalk cutting up to Mardan and then picking up one of my favourite roads into Mirboo North: 15 km of big, open sweeping corners. Grouse. Already the rear tyre was showing signs of wear.

More fuel and afternoon tea, then up through Thorpdale to Trafalgar, along the crowded Princes Highway to Yaragon, then around the Ellingbank road and twisty bits to Drouin. We disbanded at Narre Warren around 5.15 pm after a fair day's riding. I hope everyone enjoyed the day.

Home by 6.15 pm after some 590 km, most of them twisty. The weather remained warm and pleasant throughout the day. Lookout Snowy Mountains Highway next week.

Ben Warden (ZXR750)

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Barta	John	2/15	Harcourt Rd	Boronia	3155	9761 2155		BMW	R100GS
Bastock	Martin	1/4	Swinton Ave	Kew	3107	9853 7628	018 175 979	Honda	CBR1000
Baszak	Steven	11	Dalston Rd	Oakleigh	3166	9569 4195	9509 3522	Kawasaki	GPz900R
Bear		263	Springvale Rd	Nunawading	3131	9877 6914		Kawasaki	GPz900R
Bradshaw	Ross	10	Wollahra Pl	Heathmont	3135	9720 5317	9603 4664	Kawasaki	GTR1000
Brown	Ken	294	McKinnon Rd	McKinnon	3204	9578 3403		Honda	CD175
Buddingh	Ferdinand	6	Tyas Pl	Carrum Downs	3201	9782 0119		Kawasaki	ZZR1100
Burns	Jennifer	36	Alice St	Mt Waverley	3149	9807 4766		Honda	NTV650
Cardy	Jeff	2/7	Fawkner St	Essendon	3040	9331 0956			
Chan	Michael	3/28	Sheilley St	Elwood	3184	9531 8989	9697 0390	Suzuki	GSXR1100
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Davis	Les	28	York St	Bonbeach	3196	9772 0689		Honda	GL500
Davis	Mike	12	Rolland Crt	Montmorency	3094	9439 2378		Kawasaki	ZZR250
Dennis	Mark	4/29	Elm Gve	Richmond	3121		0414 760 42	Suzuki	GSXR750
Douglas	Andrew	59	Vista Dve	Chirnside Park	3116	9727 2765	9585 0444	Kawasaki	Z1000
Dunn	Andrew	16	Foch St	Ormond	3205	9578 8728			
Dunn	Pam	16	Foch St	Ormond	3205	9578 8728			
Dwyer	Peter		PO Box 57	Altona	3018	053 483 663	9398 2322	Yamaha	XJ900
East	Geraldine	41	Majestic Dve	Emerald	3782	059 685 369	015 516 815	Honda	VFR750
East	Rod	24	Deviation Rd	Belgrave South	3160	9754 3756	9665 4325	Honda	ST1100
Eckert	Debbie	155	Power Rd	Doveton	3177	9706 1026		Kawasaki	GPx250
Fabris	Anthony	19	Bambury St	Boronia	3155	9762 8330	9877 7477	Yamaha	FZR1000
Genova	Vinca	25 - 27	Merrill Rd	Warrenwood	3136				
Goding	Kerrie	6	Peter St	Springvale	3171	9558 4740			
Hillier	Kylie	6	Tyas Pl	Carrum Downs	3201	9782 0119		Kawasaki	GT550
Johnston	Ronald	12	Nyanda Crt	Croydon	3136	9725 7303	940 1212	Honda	400/4
Jones	Geoff	34	Argyll Cct	West Melton	3337	9743 3164		Yamaha	RZ350
Kennedy	Andrew	79	Hull Rd	Croydon	3136	9725 9267		Honda	CBR600
King	Ross	23	Nicholson St	Essendon	3040	9370 9479	9688 3400	BMW	R100RS
Kosinski	Danny	78	Haldene Rd	Niddrie	3042	9379 1959		Yamaha	XT600Z
Langer	Robert								
Lardas	George	51	Fortuna Ave	Balwyn	3104	9859 1904		Suzuki	GSX750
Leahy	Les								
Leyland	Steve	5	Chave Crt	Laverton	3028	9369 5330		Kawasaki	GPx750
Makin	Eric	17	Auburn Rd	Healesville	3777	059 622 309	9287 1627	Yamaha	YZF750
Manifold	Bronwyn	1/1014A	North Rd	East Bentleigh	3165	9563 7705	9510 8541	Suzuki	GS500
Matricciani	Robert	50	Marjorie St	Bulleen	3105	9850 8519		Suzuki	GSX750
Miller	Harold	33	Day Crs	Bayswater Nth	3153	9761 4126		Yamaha	FZR600
Moore	David	24	The Crofts	Richmond	3121	9428 9967	9676 5323	Suzuki	GSXR750
Morley	Craig							Yamaha	YZF750
Morley	John	47	Japonica St	Bundoora	3083	9467 7334		Kawasaki	XJ900
Noble	Katrina	6	Piri Gve	Altona Bay	3028	9360 0682			
Oberhofer	Alex								
Otzen	Darryl	12	Moray St	Diamond Creek	3089	9438 1087	015 809 127	BMW	R65
Payne	Ian	6	Peter St	Springvale	3171	9558 4740		Suzuki	GSX750F
Philferan	Peter	19	Aird St	Camberwell	3124	9813 3518			
Platt	Andrew	5/12	Koolena Cls	Brunswick	3056			Kawasaki	KLR650
Platt	Wayne	39	Fraser Crt	Wantirna Sth	3152			Honda	CBR1000
Riddett	Jon								
Rivette	Leanne	2/22-24	Duff St	Cranbourne	3977			Yamaha	FZR600
Saville	Tom								
Schrader	Tony								
Schwarze	Dot	3	Achenar Crt	Ocean Grove	3226				
Shearer	Lan	798	Ferntreegully Rd	Whealers Hill	3170	9561 2857			
Sirianni	Sam	7	Surrey Cls	Hallam	3803			Yamaha	FZR1000
Sirninger	Andrea								
Smale	Andrew	2/38	Browns Rd	Clayton	3168	9562 9723		Yamaha	FZ750
Tayeh	Patrick	6	Piri Gve	Altona Bay	3028	9360 0682	9822 3000	Suzuki	GSXR100
Thomas	Dee								
Thompson	Martin	48	Finlayson St	Doncaster	3108	9857 4017		Yamaha	FZR600
van Dorp	John	3	Achenar Crt	Ocean Grove	3226				
Vits	Danny		PO Box 20	Patterson Lakes	3197	9776 0236	016 378 307	BMW	K75LT
Ward	David	4/1014A	North Rd	East Bentleigh	3165	9563 7705		Yamaha	YZF750
Warden	Ben	12	Timor Pde	West Heidelberg	3081	9457 4479	9344 5733	Kawasaki	ZXR750
Warden	Vicki	12	Timor Pde	West Heidelberg	3081	9457 4479	9867 1666		
Weinert	Darryl	38	Railway Pde	Chadstone	3148	9807 0616	9252 6000		
Wells	Sue								
Welsford	Dianne	8	Highview Drv	Mooroolbark	3138	9726 9066		Honda	CBR600
Willis	John	19	Chaffer St	Healseville	3777	059 662 061	019 931 973	Honda	CBR600
Wurster	Ann	15	Redwood Drv	Hoppers Crossing	3030	9749 5575			
Wurster	Hans	21	Medford St	Altona	3018	9398 5575		BMW	K100RS
Wurster	Ken	15	Redwood Drv	Hoppers Crossing	330	9749 5575		BMW	K100RS
Youdan	Jack	22	Fort St	Mt Waverley	3149	9802 3564	9311 6555		
Zivkovic	Davorin	9	Duncan Ave	Greensborough	3088	9434 3465	014 694 560	BMW	K100

