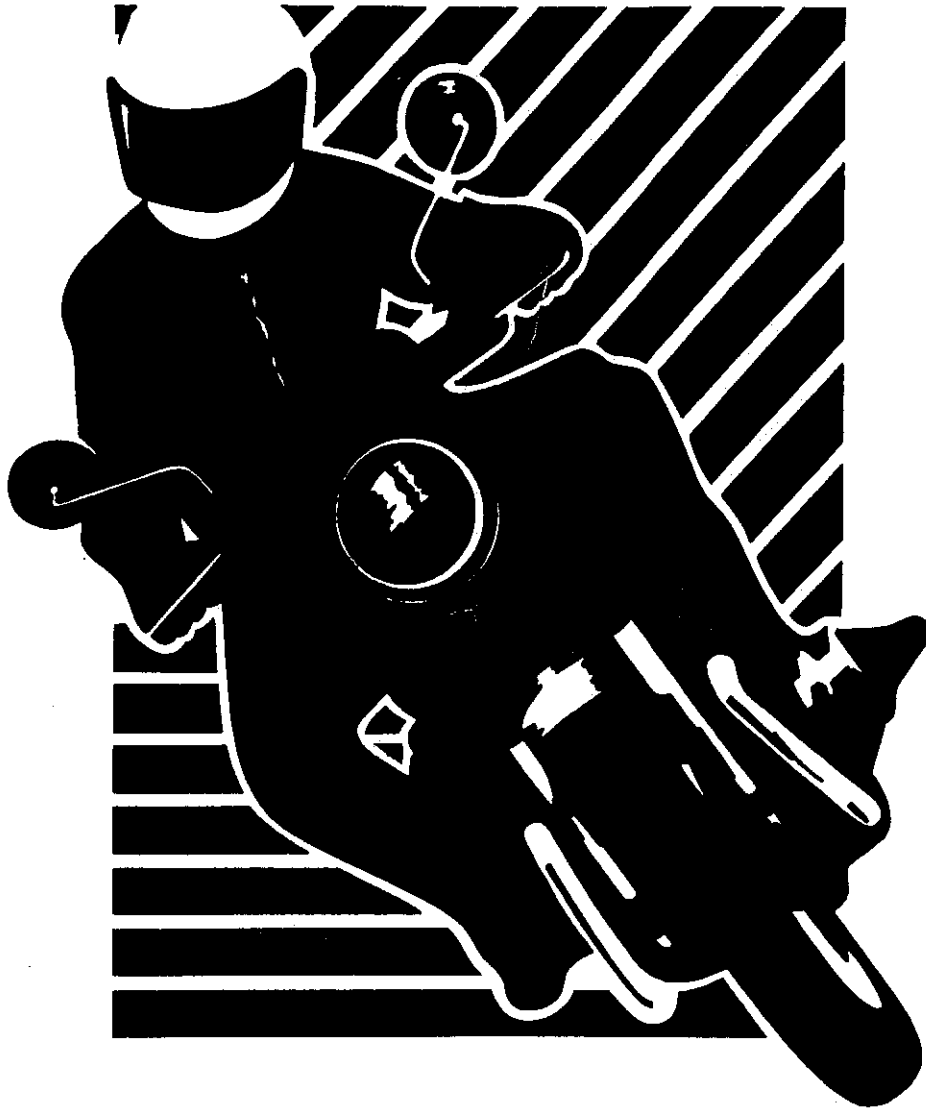


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MTCV Itinerary
July 1996

Thursday 4th	General Meeting 8:15 pm start	Camberwell Town Hall Theatrette, Ingelsby Rd Camberwell
Sunday 7th	Reefton/Black Spur Dave Ward leading 9:30 am KBCP 10:30 am Yarra Glen	Build a snowman or have a snowball fight at the top. Make a change from the norm.
Saturday 13th	Maintenance Day John Morley BBQ lunch	Ever wondered how to get to that hard to get at thing? Come and find out, or better still get someone to fix it for you.
Sunday 14th	Port Welshpool Ben Warden leading 9:30 am KBCP 10:15 am Hallam	Let me guess Ben, is it in Gippsland by any chance? Just as well I serviced my bike yesterday.
Thursday 18th	Social Sip Swan Hotel Cnr Swan & Church St Richmond.	Come and join us for a drink and a chat. 7'ish till late, good meals, good company.
Sunday 21st	Mini Golf Apolo Bay Tany Fabris leading 9:30 am KBCP 10:00 am Laverton	Don't let the fact that Appolo Bay is at the other end of the Great Ocean Road deter you, come and meet the challenge of this awesome course.
Sunday 28th	Snow Ride 9:30 am KBCP 10:30 am Yarra Glen	
Thursday 1st August	General Meeting 8:15 pm start	Camberwell Town Hall Theatrette, Ingelsby Rd Camberwell
Sunday 4th	Lake Corangamite Dav Zivkovic leading 9:30 am KBCP 10:00 Laverton	

MTCV General Meeting Minutes
Thursday 6 June 1996

Meeting opened 20:26

Attendance : 26 Members
7 Guests

Apologies : Danny Vits, Ken Wooton, Andrew Dunn, Gerry East

Correspondence : A delegate from the MTCV is invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the VMC.

Captains report : Presented by Danny Kosinski

Presidents report : Phillip Island race track is still available for hire this year, the club will try to book a day.

Treasurers report : May closing balance \$2302. Income \$54. Expenditure \$239.65

General Business.

1. RACV general elections : Some candidates are supporters of motorcycling and should be supported if you are a RACV member.
2. The Christmas Hills road has lots of dirt on the bitumen surface, so be careful.
3. Beware of 'hot' black HSV Commodore cars. They may be unmarked pursuit cars.

Door Prize Winners : Rykk Budd, Luke Richardson, Mike, Mark Dennis, Jack Youdan.

Meeting closed 20:57

NEWS

Phillip Island ride day.

The club has hired the Phillip Island race circuit for Saturday 31 August 1996

There is a limit of 40 riders for the day.

Cost is \$80 for MTCV members, \$100 for others.

The usual deal with the circuit applies, the kiosk should be open, bikes must be road registered and not exceed the TRACK noise limit of 75 dB.

A point made by the circuit officials on our last visit to the Island was that even though your bikes exhaust may be road legal, it may still be louder than the track limit. They have measured bog standard 'blades at the end of the main straight that exceed the limit. This limit is not imposed by the circuit operators, but is imposed on them by the EPA, so don't blow the limit or we may end up losing the use of this venue for social meetings.

Any suggestions as to the format of the day should be represented to the committee as soon as possible.

Further details of the day will be published as soon as they are available.

Switzerland Ranges Sunday 21 April

Participants

Lyn	GSXR750	Stewart	ZZR250
Mark D	XT600 Leader	Derrick	FZR1000
Danny K	XT630Z	Ben W	ZXR750
Geoff	RZ350	Andrew K	NX650
Jacinta	CBR600 3rd ride	Rob L	Dominator
Rykk	NC30	Steve B	GTR1000

Entered the city, filled the Tenere with an easy 25 litres since fuel's cheaper in Melbourne, and met up with the others at the Car park. It was at KBCP that I noticed that the secondary pick up point was at Yarra Glen and not at Whittlesea. So mark took the lead, Stewart met us en-route to Yarra Glen. One road worthy of mention is near Warrandyte roundabout and Yarra Glen. Tight steep downhills and uphill with a wonderful 'scoop' amongst it, which Jacinta and myself appreciated.

First stop Yarra Glen, then through Christmas Hills and St Andrews road. A lengthy morning tea at Kinglake West due to someone not hearing/noticing a 2 minute call left everyone fresh for the ride through Flowerdale, Broadford and fuel and a hamburger at Seymour.

My rear tyre needed some air but went down again very quickly so my XT was left at a service station and picked up early the next morning with a mate and his HZ one tonner. I then became pillion with Steve on his GTR1000 and Mark continued the lead along the Highlands road.

After a pause at the Molesworth/Yea intersection we headed to Whittlesea through Yea and Flowerdale. I saw things from the rear of Derrick's FZR.

What a blessing to be able to see comfortably over the riders head.

Break up at Whittlesea servo. Anyone who hadn't already left to see the GP at their home walked into the pub next door at 5 to 3 and saw both the 500 and 250 GP's and the superbikes on the telly. The amount of rubber Abe left on the track was almost unbelievable. Those at the hotel were Mark, Lyn, Derrick, Rykk, Jacinta and myself. Thanks to Rob for being rear rider all day from Yarra Glen, Geoff from the City and for Mark for being the effective leader all day and deserves a mention for the effort.

Danny K. XT630Z

LADIES RIDE MAY 5th

Weeks before Christine (from Brighton Kawasaki) and myself made many calls to all the lady riders we could come up with between us, which would amount to around 40. Come to think of it these lists could be worth some money, hey Christine.

I had a word with the great lady above and ordered a fine sunny 24° day. But maybe she really is a he after all and so it rained on us instead.

Despite the adverse weather conditions 19 ladies found their way to Warrandyte bridge.

Dianne CBR600	Jenny NTV650	Suzi CB250RS
Bronwyn YZF750	Venesa GPX600	Cindy ZZR250
Lynne GSXR750	Lynne ZZR600	Leanne GPZ600
Naomi GSXR750T	Rebecca VFR400	Belinda SECA600
Andi TRX850	Heather Z250B	Stav VF400
Gudrin R80BMW	Noeleen GN250	Emma VX800
Christine ZX600		

It was an overwhelming feeling to see the enthusiasm and excitement between the girls as they introduced themselves to each other and inspected their respective mounts.

Leaving around 10 am we headed through one of my favorite back roads linking up with the Christmas Hills, then Yarra Glen, Healesville, Black Spur, Marysville and first stop Buxton. All roads being wet. Belinda informed me that this would probably be her last ride for a while, as she was expecting (a baby that is). I went into shock, recalling the same experience when Vicky told me the same thing a couple of years ago, Belinda asking me if I was alright.

From here we made it about 40k down the road, just past Alexandra. I had just pulled over at a lookout to regroup, setting up the camera to take a shot of my new toy amidst the fog, when Christine arrives explaining Suzi's bike had broken down and I should return. Yeh ok I'll just take this shot, Christine now sounding urgent insisted, no she's broken down in a big way, an ambulance has been called.

No one's really sure what happened, Suzi T boned an embankment, hitting pretty hard. She regained consciousness but had an extremely painful neck, not to mention the rest of her. We feared the worst. The ambulance finally arrived 45 minutes later. Dianne organised a trailer to take the mangled bike to Alexandra. I organised John Rodett, who's bike and girlfriend it is/was and Jenny went to the hospital to stay with Suzi.

Christine lead the remaining girls back to Healesville, where the ride dispersed. We had lost too much time and enthusiasm to continue.

Suzi, I'm glad to say is not seriously injured and she can fill you in on all the gory details herself. This ride will be rerun again at a later date, hopefully with better weather and maybe I'll get to take that photo of my TRX at the lookout.

Andi TRX850.

Ocean Grove BBQ
Sunday 2 June

Participants

Steve & Sue	GPX750 Leader	Wayne	CBR1000
John W	CBR600	Lyn	GSXR750
Jenny B	NTV650	Danny K	VFR750
Jacinta	CBR600	Ryan	YZF600 1st ride
Mark D	GSXR750	Peter	CBR600 3rd ride
Andrew K	1100 Shadow	Ian & Kerrie	RF900 Rear
Danny V	F650	John v D	VF1000F

Adam Locke left at KBCP, he owns a shop down there and said it would feel too much like going to work.

Jon R, Andrew & Pam and their two daughters, Tom & Andi, Dee and Ben were also at the BBQ at different times throughout the day.

I started the trek at the car park with my naked VFR and Rob L's custom made exhaust. Wayne took up the rear to Laverton, where we met up with Ian & Kerrie. It was here that they got me for the write-up and Ian for rear rider. Being the scribe everyone gives me the gossip. Last week, on his way home from the Leongatha ride, Rob M was unlucky to have a car stop in front of him, bending and creasing his forks and lightly dropping his GSXR750F. Mark D's rear brake pads didn't last long before it was metal to metal. They should have noticed it wearing at the last service Mark.

The ride to John and Dot's took us through Werribee South, Little River and Lara.

Dot did a fantastic catering job with coffee, sausages, dim sims, cakes, and among other things, the mustard with the mostest, a jar of Hot English Mustard. Thanks from everyone Dot.

Kerrie and Sue stayed with Dot, while Jenny continued the ride on the back of the VFR. Jon v D took the VF out of the shed and attempted to clear a few cobwebs in the afternoon ride.

After refuelling at Anglesea, the destination was Apollo Bay. Forks bottoming, tyres sliding and my VFR kissing the deck regularly were topics of discussion when we got there.

John stopped for a bit so that Danny V could sample a CBR. Regroup at Anglesea for a group break-up.

As I'm writing this, Michael Schumacher is leading and pulling away from Villeneuve at a rate of 4 seconds a lap at a very wet Formula One grand prix race at Catalunya, Spain. Schumacher ended up winning by well over a minute from Alesi and

Villeneuve. Only six cars finished out of twenty three starters.

Andrew K, John W, Wayne and Ryan left us here to head back north and home.
Danny V headed for the 5 o'clock ferry. I took up the rear as the rest of us headed back to John and Dot's place.

Coffee and snags for tea. Post ride discussion included 'how to get on a hammock' and using eucalyptus oil to remove stubborn stickers on bodywork. Thanks Jacinta.
The seven bikes remaining head for home via Geelong and the freeway.

Thanks go to Steve for the admirable ride, John and Dot for their hospitality, Ian for taking up rear rider responsibilities, Jenny for putting up with the VFR's hard seat, and all who participated in the ride/BBQ.

A good time was had by all, with no incidents and the clearest, most perfect weather anyone could hope for.

The problem is, I keep enjoying myself, which keeps me coming back for more. (this is a problem? ed)

Danny Kosinski
Club Captain

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ARARAT WEEKEND.

Day One June 8.

In the beginning the clubstarters doth meet at Laverton servo.

No begating but we are:-

Ian-- RF900R Jack--Daytona 900

Luke/Stav-- Seca 600

Steve/Sue--GPX 750

Led by Ian, the Seca volunteers as rearrider and we go
where do we go? Don't really know but Ian does (except for two 'oops)
and we travel some excellent, traffic-free roads.

I do know we go through Steiglitz with roads good enough to be
marked on the "Youdan Good Roads" map--praise indeed!

As doth this mag. never state road speeds, we will likewise
not print a certain Seca's fuel consumption. Suffice to say it was a little up
from being fully loaded and running 9,000RPM into head winds.

Hereth (no such word) we do record a GPX750 running out of fuel on
arrival at our destination--Ararat. Arrival means into the 80 KPH
zone and within 200m of the 60.

Finally some 'fings about our night in Ararat;

- * Our pub does not have food as they are winding down (pub is sold)
- * Pub across road has good food but no accomodation.
- * Local cops have plenty of cars/vans to cruise the main drag--locals
say "don't shoot, we surrender" when approached.
- * Upmarket (new) RSL dining is fully booked Saturday nights until
the year 2019--or so we are told.
- * Great company--fun talk and resolving all mankind's (personkind's) problems.

That's all from me (thank God--ED)

Jack Youdan.

Ararat Weekend

Day 2

The day started with the sun shining and thats pretty much how it stayed all day and with only a couple of hundred k's of leisurely touring (yeh, right) planned there was no real need to go rushing off and we all settled for a huge breakfast and some verbal stuff at the road house around the corner (some strange looks from the locals, six out of towners, all decked out in leathers and big boots, 'walking' to a road house, but then again I've heard there are some weirdos out that way, so I suppose we fit in just fine).

Around elevenish with Ian leading, Jack rear and Luke and Stav and Sue and myself in between we headed for Halls Gap via Moysten and about Pomonal I noticed I had started to gain on Ian and Luke, I asked myself had they slowed or had... SHIT, A COPPER. Bang on the front brake, we all cruise past at 80 in a 100 zone (guilty conscience or what). He'd thrown his book, stashed the hairdryer, done a screaming U'ie and sat so close to my tail I thought he was going to break off the rego label holder with his bonnet and then mysteriously he just stopped, deep breaths were taken for a while after that.

At Halls Gap we regrouped had a pee then continued on to Zumsteins. This road is one of my favourites, it winds and twists up a mountain, see some top views then winds back down again, then you get to hand out with some really wild guys, eastern greys. Just like in the movie, cool, you just walk up and start patting them and they seem to enjoy the attention, try it. Just wear your shades, they like that.

Once we were able to drag ourselves away from our new found friends Ian with a few other points of interest in mind lead us back up the hill (he clearly likes this road too) with the Mackenzie Falls being our next port of call. The track down was likened to a religious pilgrimage, the fine weather sure brings them out, but the 2 k round trip is definitely worth it, especially this time of year, heaps of water. Then on to Boroka Lookout for some more of those speko views the Grampians (Gariwerd) are known for then back to Halls Gap for some food and more of the verbal stuff.

Back at the pub Ian and Jack were mumbling something about reeking havoc later that night after some serious binge drinking, so Luke and I figured it better to get the sheilas out of there (before they join in!)

Thanks Ian the ride up was interesting as was this days riding, a little pity more weren't there to enjoy it but it was shit hot for what it was anyway.

Steve GPX750.

Echuca Border Run

Sunday 23 June

Only Danny K and I met up at Whittlesea, after missing each other at KBCP. Both of us were soggy after just riding to Whittlesea. We still went for a ride, not to Echuca but back to my place to watch the superbikes. It's OK Ron and Julie, I'm not gonna dob you in for coming in the car.

Steve GPX750.

ARARAT WEEKEND

Monday 10th.

With the others having left that afternoon, Jack and I headed out to check out the action, and with Stav's words ringing in our ears "without us you might score" we thought we'd give it a try and DID, with me scoring 100 coins on the pokies and Jack scoring a reservation for two in the highly exclusive-booked-out-two-weeks-in-advance RSL Bistro!

So over dinner and a bottle of red we attempted to resolve the complex problems at hand.....Hmmm "what to have for desert". After our meal and a stroll around town it was of to bed as we planned to be up early and check out the local bakery for breakfast, alas it was closed for the public holiday.

We decided breakfast could wait, so onto the bikes for the journey home in foggy and rather cool conditions, we headed south to Rossbridge then onto Streatham and the Skipton Roadhouse for brekkie. After our stop a change of bikes took place with each trying the others 900, I must say the grunt of the Triumph was impressive as was the high speed stability, but as Jack had said, the long wheelbase made tight corners a handful. Still overall very impressive.

Onto Linton by mistake, a quick glance at the map saw us head for Emu Hill then Rokewood, Teesdale, Lethbridge, Lara, Little River and Werribee for lunch. We had been fortunate that the threat of rain had not eventuated and the early fog that blanketed Ararat had lifted quite quickly.

Over lunch we discussed, the weekend away, our bikes, tyres, Vietnamese Bakeries, the roads, the weather, the Grampians, the demise of Ararat as a destination, and why Jack had traded his K series BMW on a new R1100GS, lookout dirt riders! ect ect.

A quick pee stop then the final stretch to Melbourne and home by early afternoon.

Although only a small group attended this weekend away, I still found it enjoyable, but I think some discussion by the Committee should take place to ascertain why it wasn't as successful as previously, as this information may prove invaluable when formulating future weekends away.

Ian Payne
RF900R

