

MARCH 98

Good Vibrations



MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
P.O. Box 453, Richmond 3121, Victoria

ITINERARY MARCH 1998

- SUNDAY 1ST** **Limonite - Central Gippsland** **Ben Warden Leading**
9am KBCP 10am Yarra Glen
- THURSDAY 5TH** **General Meeting**
8:15pm Club Hall at the Theatrette Camberwell Town Hall.
- SUNDAY 8TH** **Reefton & Black Spurs**
9:30 KBCP 10:30 Whittlesea
- LABOUR DAY** **Yarram Weekend** **Ian Payne Leading**
WEEKEND 7TH - 9TH **10:00am Hallam Saturday**
Golf, horse riding, scenic drives, swimming, Tarra Valley and
Bulga National Parks. Accommodation at the Yarram Club.
See inside magazine for details.
- SUNDAY 15TH** **Otway Romp** **Stew Forster Leading**
9am KBCP 9:30 Laverton
Deans Marsh, Lorne, Apollo Bay, Lavers Hill, Princetown,
Simpson, Forrest, Apollo Bay, Skeins Ck Rd, Lorne. Break up at
Westgate servo. Not your average six stubby ride. Come
Arduous prepared for 650kms of epic ride on the best roads in the
west. Its marked "arduous" for a reason.
- THURSDAY 19TH** **Social Sip**
****N.B. CHANGE OF VENUE ****
BADEN POWELL HOTEL, COLLINGWOOD. 7'ish till late.
61 Victoria Parade, Collingwood (Cnr Cambridge Street &
Victoria Parade Melway Ref 2G E1)
- SUNDAY 22ND** **World Superbikes - Phillip Island**
Make your own way there
- SUNDAY 29TH** **Mt. Buller via Jamieson** **Wayne Grant Leading**
9am KBCP 10am Yarra Glen
From YG, Wayne is taking the Spur to Marysville, through to
Bonnie Doon, Mansfield and Bulla. On the way back he
will be stopping at Mansfield to farewell any intrepid dirt bikers
wishing to take the Southern dirt road. He will lead home
Arduous through Yea, Flowerdale with a break up at Whittlesea. No dirt
unless you choose it.



March 98 Editorial

What a commotion about Andrew Kennedy!!! The Club hasn't been this stirred up since I made my "Dirt" comments. This ex-member, who has brought this Club's name into disrepute on countless occasions and has caused major grievances on the road for both Members and Non-Members alike, got what he deserved. He refused to toe the line and now refuses to accept the consequences. Expulsion would have been the best approach to take, however, Jon refused to take such a hard line, despite support by most of the Committee. Any moves to reinstate Andrew will be, I believe, unpopular and may lead to stronger action being taken against him. I HOPE!!

Speaking of causing grief on the road, I heard a worrying story about a certain ex-member who was involved in a head on with another bike last weekend. It would appear that whilst he walked away uninjured, and probably gloating, the other two involved were carted off to hospital. Someone going wide...sound familiar?

As you are all probably aware Ben maintains our Club's home page on the web. I was toying with the idea of setting up a "Girl's Room" within that page where the female members of the Club can submit profiles of themselves and their bikes. Sexist, I hear you say? You boys can do it to, if you like. So what do you think Ladies? This could be your 15 minutes of fame. A photo of you and your bike and a brief outline of your riding career and bike ownership. Other Clubs already have this for some of their members and I think our (girl) members deserve the attention. It may also make other females more willing to come out with our Club if they know there is a reasonable female representation.

There's been a lot of bullshit going on about people's names and incidents being printed in the magazine without their expressed permission. Crashes come to mind and this bloody Membership List is another. I will try not to mention anyone by name unless they have given me their permission. I understand that people are concerned about their privacy but, hey, we're not talking the New York Times here.

I didn't receive a write up for the Night Ride, which is a real shame, because by all accounts it was a really good evening. Jon may have had Presidential things on his mind at the time but perhaps if someone would like to put pen to paper and record an account of the evening for history your efforts would be greatly appreciated. And please don't forget, you don't have to be nominated by the Leader to do a write up. You could do one just for laughs!!

The write up received from Rob M re his ride on Feb 1st is quite an enigma. Sexist comments aside... "separate the men from the girls"... (I'm sure you actually meant "the men from the boys", Rob)... I wonder what it takes to make some of you understand that a lot of people don't like riding on dirt. I don't know why you guys keep expressing all this "disappointment" but I guess if enough people keep giving the dirt bits a miss you'll get the idea. (This excludes specific rides designed for dirt riding, i.e. Navigation Trials, Black Spur to Reefton Spur, Saturday Dirt rides.) Interesting to note that the major incident of the day..bike colliding with truck..happened on the dirt section..also that none of the first time riders who went on the dirt have made a return visit whereas several who followed Ben on the bitumen have come back for more...need I say more? Obviously!!

I'm trying to think up a suitable punishment for people who pass the Leader on rides. If anyone has any suggestions, preferably involving whips and chains, please don't be shy. Dee Thomas, be very afraid.

I have had 6 enquiries from our Just Bikes ad this month. 3 have turned up..on my ride actually.

Gerry East YZF600
Editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT March 98

Progressive Dinner

The progressive dinner proved to be a very successful event and was enjoyed by all those who attended. I'd like to give a very special thankyou to all the members who helped make it a success. Unfortunately there were a few no shows and we were very over-catered. It rained fairly constantly for the entire evening, and only one member rode for the entire event. He had to as he was leading it ! I am excited by the prospect of seeing this type of event become a regular fixture in the calendar. Well done to all concerned.

New Members

When running a business the bottom line must always come first. This club is not a business but we do have a bottom line to maintain in order to survive and prosper. Our bottom line dictates that we must try to attract new and keep existing members.

I always welcome any feedback that members are good enough to provide. Some have commented on the climate of political correctness that exists. I believe that a professional and responsible image is fundamental in achieving our bottom line. For the first time in a while our membership is growing. Only time will tell if we achieve an increase in retention, but I believe a solid foundation for long term growth exists.

New Itinerary

We got our act together this time and have the itinerary formulated early. Check it out and please call me ASAP if you find a mistake. It goes to the printers after the March meeting.



MOTORCYCLE
TOURING CLUB
OF VICTORIA, Inc.
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The Motorcycle Touring Club of Victoria, Inc., is an all makes club for motorcycle owners and pillion passengers. Rides depart from King's Bridge Car Park (KBCP), corner of Flinders and Spencer Streets, unless otherwise specified, at the times given. All rides are organised with a corner marking system, with a leader and a rear rider. Please arrive with a full tank of petrol; we make appropriate stops en-route, and return late afternoon.

Note: no liquor is to be consumed on Club rides.

After attending three rides you may elect to join us; full membership \$25, associate membership \$12.50. General meetings are held in the theatre at the rear of the Camberwell Town Hall off Inglesby Road, Melway's Reference 59J2. Members consist of male, female and family groups of all ages, riding various size bikes. For more information please contact any of the committee.

April 1998

- Thursday 2nd General Meeting
8.15 pm Club Hall
- Sunday 5th Noojee
Mark Turner leading
9.30 am KBCP, 10.30 Whittlesea
- Easter 10th-13th Cooma via Snowy Mtns Hwy
Ben Warden leading
Friday 9:30 am Whittlesea
- Thurs. 16th Social Sip
See Club Magazine for details
- Sunday 19th Churchill Island
(no dirt) Les Leahy leading
9.30 am KBCP, 10.15 Hallam
- Sat. 25th Dirt Ride - Lake Mountain
Rob Langer leading
10.00 am Yarra Glen
- Sunday 26th Horse Ride
Danny Kosinski leading
9.30 am KBCP, 10.30 Yarra Glen

May 1998

- Sunday 3rd Grand Ridge Road Gippsland
(some dirt) Jack Youden leading
9:00 am KBCP, 9:45 Hallam
- Thursday 7th Annual General Meeting
8.15 pm Club Hall
- Sunday 10th Spurs Ride
John Willis leading
9:30 am KBCP, 10:30 Yarra Glen
- Sunday 17th Around the Bay Ferry
Wayne Grant leading
9:30 am KBCP, 10:15 Hallam
- Thurs. 21st Social Sip - see Club Magazine
- Sat. 23rd Winton Racetrack Ride Day
See club magazine for details
- Sunday 24th Leader required
See club magazine for details
- Sunday 31st Hanging Rock
Ian Payne leading
9:30 am KBCP, 10:30 Whittlesea

June 1998

- Thursday 4th General Meeting, 8.15pm Club Hall
- Weekend 6th - 8th Eden - Queen's Birthday
Gerry East leading
Sat 9.00 am Hallam
See club magazine for details
- Sunday 14th Fort Nepean
Leisurely Nick Casemore leading
9.30 am KBCP, 10.15 Hallam
- Thurs. 18th Social Sip - see Club Magazine
- Sunday 21st Great Ocean Road
Ben Warden leading
9:30 am KBCP, 10:00 Laverton
- Sunday 28th Flowerdale - Yea
Dave Ward leading
9.30am KBCP, 10.30 Yarra Glen

Occasional Dirt Rides - see Club Magazine

Internet address: <http://ariel.unimelb.edu.au/~ben/mtcv/>

July 1998

- Thursday 2nd General Meeting,
8.15 pm Club Hall
- Sunday 5th Eildon
Gerry East leading
9.30 am KBCP, 10.30 Yarra Glen
- Sunday 12th Waratah Bay
Stewart Forster leading
9.00 am KBCP, 9.45 Hallam
- Thurs. 16th Social Sip - see Club Magazine
- Sunday 19th Whittlesea Toboggan Park
Paul Tallents leading
9:30 am KBCP, 10:30 Whittlesea
- Sunday 26th Mt Donna Buang Snow Ride
9.30 am KBCP, 10.30 Yarra Glen

Have you introduced a new member lately?

Signifies ride may not suit inexperienced riders

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MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1998 GENERAL MEETING

Held at: Camberwell Theatre
Date: Thursday 5 February 1998
Opened: 8.32pm
Present: 24 members, 3 non-members
Apologies: Luke Richardson, Wayne Grant, Gerrie East, Steve Leyland
Danny Vits not here as broke foot on Tallangatta ride
Visitors: None
New Members: Terry and Tony joined this month.

Captain's Report: Read from magazine by Captain (who thanked Gerrie & Ben for compiling it).
Also:
- Toy Run was a good membership drive
- Warning from Ben on fuel pumps on high mileage bikes as he had trouble on Tallangatta weekend
- **Need a leader for the Lake Arakoon ride as Danny Koskinski pulled out due to pin in leg giving him trouble.**
- Captain also read upcoming rides.

Treasurer's Report:
- Bank balance & recent costs read by Bronwyn Manifold.
- Has also booked **Winton** racetrack for 23 May 98.
committee will set cost and put something in next mag.

Secretary's Report:
- Ad for helmet crests (marketed by Oz & Nz Designs. Made from possum fur - \$50 each.
- F1 GP Information (stands, prices etc)
- Harley Hire Rates (for America plus information on hiring motorhomes & cars in Europe
- Asian Motorcycle Adventures (Flyer on High Himalaya Motorcycle Trip and Touring calendar for 98)
- MRAA Newsletter

ABOVE REPORTS ACCEPTED by Ben. SECONDED by Stewart Forster

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Phil Curren married this month - CONGRATULATIONS to Phil & Glenda**
(went to Tassie for honeymoon).
- Gerrie apologised for forgetting to put advertising in mag this month.**
Will be copied and posted with mags that go in mail.
- Labour Day Weekend in March.** Jon apologised for oversight in booking a weekend away on the itinerary.
- Easter is in next itinerary -**
Suggestions for weekend away - Canberra/Omeo/Adelaide
Ben volunteered to lead a weekend staying in Adaminaby.
- June Long Weekend (6, 7 & 8 June)**
Suggestions - Ian leading to Avoca? Please pass any suggestions to the committee.
- Membership List -** Club will only publish names & numbers as safer and we have had complaints about addresses being published.

Jon apologised to any members who had details published which shouldn't have been.
- KBCP Pick-Up**
Committee will investigate options & give a shortlist of 3 favourites which will be put to vote at next meeting.
Won't be in time for next itinerary.
Jon has taken video of suggested meeting places.
BMW Club use McDonalds, Victoria Parade, Collingwood.
Matchless Deli, Kerford Road offered his place.
RTA has closed for development.
Carpark in Alexandra Parade opposite servo - another option.
Melbourne Uni - another option.

8. **Rob Matricciani's Bike for sale**
GSX750F, 12 month reg, RWC etc - call Rob if interested.
9. **Dirt Ride in March** - Mark Dennis will lead one, no details yet.
10. **New Itinerary being compiled - WE NEED LEADERS.**
11. **Dirt Riders - 7 & 8 March 98**
A 2 day ride - Bright to Dargo & back Ring Rob Matricciani if interested.
12. **Stewart Forster - Keith Code Course**

Stewart recently attended a Keith Code course, highly recommended them, learned a lot.
About 6 instructors on track to 12 riders so plenty of instruction.
Unfortunately Stewart had a crash, bike written off. But still recommends course.

13. **Nova Honda Ringwood has a ride on 1st March.**
14. **Christmas Camp - Club's name into disrepute.**

Jon Riddett:

A member started bike at about 6.30am, left running, sped off ignoring speed limits and didn't pay. Owners upset.

Jon, to keep club name good, paid for the member, had a lengthy conversation with owner, and said couldn't be responsible for every member's actions.

Jon paid out of own pocket. Other members had paid.

Jon then asked that member for money, but none forthcoming.

Again at social sip but the member told him he wasn't going to pay back until meeting and there was nothing Jon could do about it.

Accordingly Jon has taken the \$16.00 out of the member's annual subscription leaving the person involved a non-member who will have to repay and fill out a membership form if he wants to rejoin.

Club members present at meeting almost unanimously applauded.

John Willis:

New members were set upon at the camp and abused because of this member's act.

Andrew Kennedy:

Said it wasn't 6.30am but rather 7.00 or 10 to 7.

Also said he was told the cost had to be worked out and he would pay later,

that everyone in the caravan park couldn't have complained, and

that we couldn't do that.

Jon Riddett:

Told him it is done, the money has been taken to reimburse the Club and that's it.

13. **Door Prize:**
 - *1st prize - Rhys (Aust. Motorcycle News)
 - *2nd prize - Ron Johnson (Chocolates)
 - *3rd prize - Kathy (ratchet screwdriver)
 - *4th prize - Tim Walker (Arrodite)

Meeting Closed: 9.33pm

Do demerit points incurred interstate "count" in Victoria?

YES. Demerit points from any interstate offence apply to a Victorian licence and remain on a driver's record for three years.

This month's demerit point of the month: Driving without wearing a seat belt or with unrestrained passengers under 18: *three demerit points!*

CAPTAINS REPORT FEBRUARY 1998

Sunday 1st	Houptoun Falls Rob Matricciani Leading 21 bikes 23 people Weather: Fine & Sunny 500 kms Incidents: First time rider dropped bike in corner-minmal damage Member dropped bike on dirt road-cosmetic damage	Sunday 15th	Lake Arakoon, swimming Ben Warden Leading 3 bikes 3 people Weather: Fine 350 kms No incidents
Saturday 7th	Progressive Dinner Di Welsford Leading 35 Members & guests Weather: Very wet Incidents: Many cases of overeating reported but a great day	Friday 20th	Night Ride Steavensons Falls Jon Riddett Leading 9 bikes/2 cars 18 people Weather: good 200 kms No incidents
Sunday 8th	Navigation Trial Les Leahy Leading 4 bikes 5 people Weather : Dry 85kms of Trial No incidents.	Sunday 22nd	Emerald Gerry East Leading 18 bikes 19 people Weather : Fine & dry 350 kms Incidents: 6 new riders mixed up with Eastern Tourers. All but one rejoined.
		Saturday 28th	Dirt Ride Steve Leyland Leading 3 bikes 3 people

Who's News March 1998

Ron Palmer sold his VFR750 to Dirk who has been on a couple of rides with the Club. Ron was so impressed with the sale, he has thought of something else to sell: Corell leather suit. Size 42 (ladies size), two-piece suit with a dual zip feature (making the suit size adjustable). Black and red with knee, shoulder and elbow padding. Back protector. In very good condition. Priced to sell \$390.00. Phone Ron on 9892 3490 (A/H), 9863 5208 (W).

We are saddened to hear that **Pam and Andrew Dunn's** 5 year old daughter was hit by a car on the Saturday of the Progressive Dinner, the 7th of February. She was taken to Monash Medical Centre with a broken leg and was in traction for a considerable time. She is in good spirits. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

A few MTCVers are hobbling around at the moment. **Rob Langer** suffered three broken bones in his foot after falling off his KTM, **Lyn Duncan** dropped her dirt bike on her foot at very low speed doing various ligament damage, **Danny Vits** is recovering from a broken ankle - 6 weeks in plaster, and **Danny Kosinski** had his pin removed. Get well soon everybody.

On a happier note, **Luke Richardson** has purchased a VFR750. Not to be outdone, so has **Robert Matricciani**. We look forward to seeing them and their new steeds on Club rides.

Tony Schrader qualified 7th and finished 10th riding for Preston MCC in a round of the AGV Cup on the 21st of February. It was held at Broadford and he races in the Supermono Class. His bike is a 600 Honda engine in an XBR500 frame with Suzuki forks. The race is part of the State Titles, held over 4 rounds: 2 at Phillip Island, 1 at Winton and 1 at Broadford. Tony did not complete the second race, suffering mechanical gremlins after 4 laps or so. His next event will be at Mac Park (SA) at Easter. We wish him good luck and good racing.

Michael Barnes has a new Honda XL250⁺ trail bike. He loves it.

Tim Walker has a new standard exhaust cannister for his ZX7. It seems it didn't really survive the Navigation Trial route which he rode a week later to refresh his memory. The pipe was wobbling badly on the Night Ride, Tim retiring early, the muffler bracket almost completely broken. But by Sunday he was back again, Brighton Kawasaki happily and speedily provided a replacement item. The pipe lasted three months and 9,000 km.

Compiled by Ben Warden (Mobile: 0411-607-925)

SOCIAL SIPPERS 20TH FEB 1998

Held at the Olinda Creek Hotel as part of the Night Ride: Those at the pub for dinner were...Davorin Z, Ben W, Di W, Dave P & Penny, Ian P, Danny K, Derek A, Kathy R, Jon R, John W, Rob L, Tim W, Lyn, Ron J & wife and 3 kids, Darren & Wendy Hosking, Tony P, Trent B, Wayne G, Mark D.



COMMUNICATION

You can email your write ups to me at g.east@its.unimelb.edu.au or post them to me at 63 Wills Street, Kew, 3101. All contributions gratefully received.

MTCV HOME PAGE

The clubs home page, which is maintained by Ben W. has been "hit" 1614 times since April 96, maintaining 100 "hits" per month for the last four months. Have a look if you can get access. The address is:

<http://ariel.unimelb.edu.au/~ben/mtcv/>



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members: Trent Brinsley FZR250, Lance De Jong ZXR750, David Peck R100GS, Russell Smart GPX750.

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Sunday 1st February.

Hauptoun Falls.

Those present were:

Robert GSX 750 F (leader)

Peter XV 1100

Derek & Cathy FZR 1000 (Rear rider)

Tim ZX7

Ben ZXR 750

Gary ST 1100

Wayne XJ 600 Seca

Steve R1100 GS

Nick C. CBR 600

Mark ZZR 250

Rhys ZX 7

Andrew CBR 900

Darryl TRX 850

Louis NSR 250 (First ride)

Keith VF 750 (First ride)

Jeff RZ 350

Peter VT 250

Colin GS 1000 (First ride)

Dirk VFR 750 (First ride)

Dave & Paula ZX 7 (First ride)

Nick CBR 900

An early start today, and the weather was looking great. Picked up the first group at KBCP, onto Laverton for the second group and we all departed at about 9.30. Travelled down the Princes Freeway, Little River turn-off and follow the back roads parallel to the freeway, through Lara and into Geelong. Onto the Hamilton Highway and hit the back roads again, this time towards Ceres, a few open windy sections, cross the Princes Highway, through Moriac and onto the Lorne-Winchelsea Road and the beginning of the good stuff. The roads were in pretty good condition, apart from the odd bit of gravel, potholes, tourist, and anything else that may drift onto the bitumen. It was along this stretch that we had the first of two incidents for the day. Keith on the VF 750 came into a corner just a little too fast and tried to pull up. All went well except instead of keeping his eyes on the road he looked towards the dirt and sure enough that's where he went. Having washed off most of his speed the bike fell over at a slow pace and only bent its headlight mount, Keith was okay. Onto Lorne for an early lunch. At this point we bid farewell to Gary, Keith and Peter.

After a lengthy break every one was itching to go. The weather was warming and the tourists were increasing. Onto the GOR towards Skenes Creek Road. Again the usual hazards but otherwise a great run along a very popular road, not too many Sunday drivers in the way. Everyone must have given me a REALLY long head start because I didn't have anyone on my tail till I had just about hit the turn off. Up Skenes Creek Road and not much traffic, made pretty good time until we came across an accident, a motorcyclist not looking to good laying on the road, ambulance officers in attendance. That certainly slowed me down even more.

21 kms inland and the turn off for Tutons Track. This is where we separate the men from the girls. Dave & Paula and Colin, on their first ride, Nick C, Steve, Wayne, Peter, Derek and Cathy, Tim, Jeff and Myself following the track to the ride destination, the girls, with Ben in the lead, deciding to meet us at Lavers Hill, the point for our afternoon tea break. Tutons Track was 12 kms of excellent dirt, very little in the way of dust, gravel and potholes, and the landscape is truly spectacular. This is where we had our second incident for the day. Nick C. came head to head with an errant log truck taking up 110% of the road in the middle of a bend. Fortunately neither was travelling at great speed and they managed to stop before any collision occurred, but Nick wasn't so sure and decided to bail out just in case. Names were exchanged and the only damage to the CBR was a few scratches on the stickers of his side fairing. Onto the Bitumen again and just before Beech Forest we take the turn-off to the falls. At this point Jeff and Tim bid us fare well as they had prior commitments. A few kms of dirt and we hit the falls. We actually went to Beauchamp Falls, just as spectacular as Hauptoun Falls but with far less dirt to travel.

Derek & Cathy and Nick decide to guard the bikes while the rest of the group decide to make the trek down to the waterfall. Through sometimes dense rain forest this would have been quite a trek before the narrow path was cleared. Not having received a great deal of rain recently the ground was still quite damp and muddy, a little hairy if you weren't careful. Finally we reach running water and in the distance we also hear the thunder of crashing water. Into an opening and we are greeted by a

grand sight indeed. The falls towering above us about 50 metres and the surrounding vegetation truly breathtaking, the spray off the falls was very refreshing after the 10 minute trek down the hillside. We all stood around and talked and took in the sheer beauty of the area, washed the sweat off our bodies, and drank from the cool, fresh water before starting the 20 minute haul back to the bikes. Once back we were on the bikes and on the 18kms of fast open sweepers to Lavers Hill to meet the others, or so we thought. They obviously couldn't wait because when we arrived the shop was empty. We didn't stop, deciding to take a break at Apollo Bay.

From here we refuelled, both bikes and bodies, had a fairly traffic free fast cruise along the GOR, through Torquay and into Geelong where the ride officially ended. Another gasbag with the remaining party and the general consensus was a great ride on great roads. It's a shame the ride had to be divided as everyone could have quite easily made it through the dirt sections and enjoyed a beautiful area. Very disheartening and not a good incentive to future ride leaders. Having said that thanks to those that did stick it through to the end. (I hope I got everyone's name that attended as I did not compile the list)

Robert GSX 750 F

THE CLUB'S CONSCIENCE?

DISCLAIMER : Some points in this article are fiction, some are for real, some are tongue-in-cheek.....the author leaves it to you to decide the mix !
It must have been the article I wrote last year for this mag. (of course you remember, the one going on about MTCV riding rules/ disciplines being unique in motorcycling clubs) as there is a "feeling about" that suggests I am becoming somewhat the club's conscience and vocal protector, relating to such disciplines.

Dear readers I really, really do not want to drift into this role (perceived or otherwise), so to prove-out I commit to bend the club's road rules to the max in future..... except perhaps on my rides.

Contrary to the constitutional rules, I intend to:

- * Run red lights from KBCP (See Rule 1)
- * Start the run with only minimum fuel (Rule 2)
- * Overtake the leader particularly when he/she is stopped (Rule 6)
- * Cut 'em off when overtaking (Rule 8b)
- * Refuse to assist other riders (Rules 9c and 10)
- * Ride on tyres down to 5% (Rule 15)
- * Wear my thongs in all weathers (Rule 16a)
- * This is a doozy.....ensure one is stoked on illicit and always carry and use a flask of Jim Beam (Rule 19)

.....See you on the rides !

Jack (retrohoon) Youdan

P.S. The irony in all this is that yonks ago I joined MTCV, with it's disciplines, to move away from riding my XS 1100 half tanked (me, not the bike), ignoring road laws, not caring about other riders on runs, etc, etc..... but thanks to relaxation of the club's road rules (if this is happening) I can now return to the good 'ole days practice!

FROGHOUSE DINNER SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY 1998

A=Appetisers

M=Main

D=Dessert

S=Supper

A	Peter P.	AMD	Wayne Grant
AMDS	Phil & Glenda	AMD	Craig Morley (bike)
AMDS	Steve Baszak & Joanne	AMD	Tim Walker (bike)
MDS	Denise Fowkes	MD	Mark Turner
MDS	Kate	MDS	Rob & Mandy
D	Jeremy	AMDS	Lance
MDS	Jennifer Byrne (bike)	MDS	Nadine & Darren
AMDS	Dianne Welsford	AMDS	Davorin
AMDS	Dave Ward & Bron	MS	Rob Langer
AMDS	Nick & Vicky	MDS	Tony Schrader
AMDS	Jon Riddell (bike)	S	Clint
AM	Gerry East	S	Danny H.
AM	Ben Warden	S	Lyn & John
		S	Tom & Andi

Appetisers - 18

Main course - 27

Dessert - 25

Supper - 27 (plus other visitors)

ATTENDEES: 35 members & guests plus ? supper visitors

APPETISERS: Gerry's, Kew (3.00pm to 5.00pm)

The dinner/smorgasbord/pig-out, however you wish to view it, started at Gerry's house in Kew (complete with our club flag almost blowing away in the driveway). We'll call it a banquet at this stage as Gerry put on an outstanding course of oysters and prawns (which even impressed me, who believes that anything that comes from the sea is only fit for consumption by other things that live in the sea!), fruit platters (complete with raspberries, strawberries, melons etc (in this area I felt obliged to compensate for my lack of indulgence in the seafood!), biscuits and dips etc...I could go on and on....AND EVEN...a bottle of red wine....my evening was ENSURED to be a good one!!

A squizz at some photos (which those of you who whoosed out of the appetisers shall just have to speculate the contents of!), a bit of a chat and then we all settled out the back, near a fenced off area which provided some interesting suggestions as what it was constructed for!!, also with a cage with 2 rabbits which must have already had heaps of oysters!!, and a couple of cute kittens who preferred playing with prawns to eating them (come to think of it...so do I!).

5.00pm arrived very quickly and having almost cleared the table of everything edible we posed out the front for our club president's ever-present video camera (where Dave [baby spice], Ben [scary spice], Jon [posh spice], Wayne [sporty spice] and I [ginger spice, sorry but none of the guys leap to mind with the assels she's known for!] gave a wonderful performance....okay so maybe this bit is crap but thought the idea of it would give you a laugh!)

Off the drugs and back to the actual facts!...off we headed to Heathmont.

MAINS: Rob & Mandy's, Heathmont (5.30pm to 7.00pm)

Arrived at 5.30pm with bikes and cars all together due to the rain slowing the bikes up (no Dave, it was NOT due to the fact that I was leading the cars!)

By now the weather was abysmal, and those who came on bikes began to wonder what made them do it (but then again you have to be crazy to ride a bike anyway don't you!)

Here it became a smorgasbord...quiche and cannelloni as only our superb club cook, Bronnie, can cook (sorry guys, she's spoken for), casserole, rice and Hawaiian mince (as only my incredible Mum can cook, and that's not just bias!), supplemented with cold meats, salads and chicken...as only the supermarkets can cook!

A Performance Bikes video was put on in the lounge to demonstrate to any prospective members how they are expected to ride should they wish to join our club! I didn't bother watching it was I was already at the stage of trying to copy the Paris scene in my Excel that night!

Our numbers grew a little, as did our waistlines. Soon 7.00pm rolled around and with all the so-called bikers in cars (yah whooses!) except for our brave (or foolish?!) President we each made our own way to Boronia.

DESSERT: Denise's, Boronia (7.30pm to 9.00pm)

After being one of the last to leave Rob and Mandy's but one of the first to arrive at Denise's, I was a little worried that people would have trouble finding the house...so with a loan of Denise's brolly I went out to the road to give my impression of an umbrella girl! Judging from the cross-country driving Dave displayed though I don't think I'll ever get the job!

By now it was a "pig-out"! What else can you call chocolate mud-cake, pavlova, strawberry cheesecake, vanilla cheesecake, fruit salad and cream?! Well that was what I ate anyway...just kidding. Personally I was satisfied with just the mud-cake..but then anything chocolate keeps me happy. We all stood around in the carport and exchanged more goss, ate more, drank more etc and Rob gave us our entertainment by setting off the house alarm by accident!

Her huge front yard provided a great carpark and we all succeeded in not getting bogged or hitting each other on the way out (looks like we'll have to brush up on our Performance Bikes skills!!)

SUPPER: Danny's, Ringwood (9.15pm onwards)

With the weather looking like it must have come from Townsville...we all made our own way to Danny's, however I seemed to pick up a car full of strays on the way, on a second look in my rear vision mirror at who would want to toot a sedate little driver like me, I discover "Baby Spice" with his carload behind me!

He reckons I overtook him and drive like a hoon....told him he must be mistaken. We all know how many green Excels are on the road!

And would you believe that after barely being game to follow me on the road, his carload proceeded to follow me along the grass to Danny's flat...right through a mushy section. Vicky said it soothed her mosquito bitten foot, the others I think wanted to kill me!

However I did get them there! We found a whole lot of "bikie scum" already there enjoying a hot drink and nibbles. I proceeded to start chain drinking coffee as this caffeine addict hadn't had a chance for one all day...wondered about the wisdom of this later when I was wide awake still at 3.00am!

Here we watched a Paris-Dakker video to show the dirt riders how **they're** meant to ride in our club! and Danny's spectacular Phillip Island tumble on to the straight...

I really enjoyed the night, although after being told which cartoon character my laugh resembles, someone else will be the recipient of a summons! The saying goes...I don't get mad....I get EVEN!

THANKS to Gerry who put on such a wonderful feast and obviously put in a heap of time and effort, was very much appreciated by all.

THANKS to Rob & Mandy who availed their house and put on the effort of getting a main course that could feed up to 40 ready even though they had other family commitments that day, again much appreciated.

THANKS to Denise who provided the sweet part of the evening, again a lot of work even though she had to work that day and the next and the nights before etc. Really appreciate it Denise.

THANKS to Danny who volunteered to host a course at his place when I asked for volunteers, even though he had barely even become a member, really appreciate it.

THANKS to Jon for leading the bikes (as far as they went!).

And last but not least thanks Mum and Bron for your wonderful cooking contributions.

It was only through the help of these people that this dinner came about, I wanted to put it on but could not fit that many people in my little unit (unless some of you wanted to spend the evening in the bath, loo and cupboards!) so had to depend on the generosity of other members. Well done all.
And thanks to all you who participated and helped make it a success.

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REPRODUCTION OF ARTICLE
BY ANDREW PROBYN.
The Sun newspaper Feb 98

Biker groups are up in arms over a proposal to replace their traditional black leathers with "garish" fluorescent clothing.

A report tabled in parliament yesterday recommended motorcyclists be encouraged to use yellow, white, red and fluorescent colours for their clothing and motorcycles.

The Road Safety Committee recommended VicRoads set a minimum recommended standard for protective and visibility qualities of biker's outfits.

The Committee claims the use of garish colours would improve the safety of motorcycling by making riders more obvious to other road users.

If motorcyclists were more visible, crashes at intersections would be reduced by 3 to 8 percent, the report claims.

Bikers scoffed at the proposal saying safety would be best improved by educating motorists on bike awareness.

The president of the Motorcycle Riders Association, Damien Codognotto, said more than 60 percent of accidents involving motorcyclists were caused by driver error.

"If we concentrated on raising the skill levels of drivers we wouldn't have the need for this stupid, conservative and ridiculous recommendation" Mr Codognotto said.

"Brighter coloured clothing would not make it any safer on bikes."

"This report shows the committee has absolutely no idea about motorcycle safety - if this was a circus, they'd be the clowns."

Mr Codognotto said studies had shown most accidents involving motorcyclists were caused by motorists mistaking their speed and distance or failing to see the bikes.

The directors of the Harley Owners Group Brunswick chapter, "Stax" said the plan would ruin the motorbike

industry overnight if adopted.

Stax, (aka Mark Smith) said enthusiasts would rather abandon their bikes than toss their leathers.

"leathers are a 100-year tradition which most of us would not give up." Stax said.

Committee chairman John Richardson, last night defended the report, saying overseas studies suggested there was greater safety in motorcyclists wearing bright clothing.

Mr Richardson admitted it was a grey area that could not be conclusively proven but said it was up to parliament to decide to make bright clothing compulsory.

"You can't force bikies to do anything because they are inherently conservative people, but at least we can embark on a process of re-education," he said.

The committee also recommended

VICROADS investigate the effectiveness of convex mirrors in eliminating drivers blind spots.

IMMEDIATE action to ensure riders could trigger right-turn phase lights at signalled intersections.

MOPED riders be required to wear a motorcycle helmet.

THE anomaly where novice motorcyclists with a full car licence avoid zero BAC restrictions be corrected.



A VICE-CAPTAIN'S VIEW OF THE A.F.L. GRAND FINAL GOING TO SYDNEY:

"The idea is abhorrent, even for one year. Melbourne is football's traditional home and the MCG is geared for the Grand Final."

Geeze Wayne, don't hold back there. Just say exactly what you think!

Taken from the Sun newspaper. The picture of Wayne was too small to print but you all know what he looks like. Now you know how to get him into a heated discussion about something!!

A MAN'S brain shrinks faster than a woman's as he gets older.

And the parts that shrink most are those that control thinking, planning and memory.

Researchers at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit found men experienced an average 30 per cent increase in cerebrospinal fluid around the brain — an indication of shrinkage — between the ages of 65 and 95. Women showed only a 1 per cent increase.

Chili warms to his task

Petaling Jaya, Thurs: An early training session certainly fits into Italian rider Piers-Francesco Chili's plans as he gets accustomed to his new bike.

Chili, riding for Team Ducati, has yet to get used to his new bike and sees the past three days training sessions as an opportunity to do so.

Besides Chili, Team Ducati will be represented by Troy Corser and Carl Fogarty and the Italian-based team were among the five bike teams doing pre-season testing at the Shah Alam racing circuit before the start of the World Superbike Championships race.

"This is quite a good opportunity to get acquainted with the bike as the track is a bit difficult to go around. I was here for the 500cc Grand Prix Champi-

onships back in 1992 and you need to be good at changing gears as the circuit has sharp corners while it has shorter straight runs. You will also have to brake more often.

"It is also more challenging after a rain shower where the tracks tend to have sand deposits which will slow down the riders. That is why we are using tyres for the practice session."

On his chances, Francesco is playing it safe by not setting any targets yet.

"It is still too early at this time but of course, I would like to win and together with my colleague, we will do everything we can to win. However, it will not be easy as there is a lot of capable riders coming up and any slight mistake could cost a rider a podium finishing in a superbike race is always very close."

Navigation Trial Sunday Feb 8 1998

Armed with 20 sets of navigation instructions, a bundle of plastic A4 sleeves and a humungous roll of masking tape, I headed for King's Bridge Car Park. What with the Progressive Dinner the night before and the general reluctance of the Club to participate in activities where 'thought' is required, I knew it wouldn't be a bumper turn-out. I was right.

By Laverton we had 5 bikes and myself. Amazingly, at this point, two long time members of the Club decided that their time was better spent elsewhere, and promptly left the group. Gee Guys, thanks for your support. So now there were three. Realising that life is about quality not quantity, undeterred we rode on.

Steve and Sue on the BMW R1100 GS
Tim Walker on the BMW K100RS
Michael Barnes on the Kawasaki KLR 650

Basically, the first part of the day was a normal Club ride to Daylesford. This was done on backroads, with almost no traffic, taking in one of my favourite bitumen hill climbs from Rowsley up to the Mt. Wallace/Ballan Road.

Travelling with a group of "petrol tankers" is quite interesting, as only one of the four bikes took on any fuel at the servo at Daylesford. Along with the consumption of the odd sausage roll etc, we then taped a sheet of road directions to the tank of each bike. Actually, I did Barnesey a bit of a disservice here by suggesting his be taped to the handle-bar cross-brace, the tank of the KLR being very pointy. But it flagged badly in the wind and cost him navigation time. At the departure point we also nominated handicap times, with Steve & Sue leaving on zero, Barnsey leaving on 4 minutes and Tim leaving on 5 minutes. Now 5 minutes may not seem very long, but it's an eternity when you're riding on unknown roads and navigating at the same time.

This was to be the last official outing of the KLR as two days later it turned into a Honda Degree 250. It was also the last outing of the K100 RS before being re-painted. This meant that Tim could ride like the clappers on the gravel, (as he always does), without concern if he should throw it away.

At this point you will have to turn to Tim's description of the 85km Trial, as I pointed the Tenere towards Trentham where the finish line would be.

Knowing that we had three very competent riders on board, I continued on through Trentham to make sure I could find the road through Wombat State Forest called Firth Road. This eventually comes out at Bullengarook and would make a good ride home.

Back in Trentham everything was "Sunday Morning" quiet. I ambled across to the bakery and picked up a meat pie and a coffee scroll. Parking myself on a public bench I watched the world go by and contemplated how long it would take three lunatics to ride about 85kms.

"Not as long as you'd think" was the answer.

Suddenly two bikes were roaring down the main street of Trentham. Steve had the big GS wound right out but it was Tim's event.

Elapsed riding time for Tim was 57 minutes

For Steve & Sue 62 minutes

and for Barnsey 63 minutes.

All three riders had ear to ear grins when the helmets came off. During lunch, Mick (the Merchant Navy Man) on the ThunderAce Yam 1000 drifted through.

With the prize won and the eating finished, we set off down Firth Road. At Bullengarook, Steve and Sue headed "right" to catch up with Luke and Stav to see if they had fallen off the edge of the Earth. Tim headed "left" to visit friends at Mt. Macedon, and Barnsey and I continued on to Gisborne for a cappuccino and a Lamington. Hungry work this motor bike riding.

So there you have it. A pleasant enough day, but obviously of no interest what-so-ever to the average M.T.C.V. punter.

Les (660 Tenere)

Navigation Trial - February 8th

An entrants memories and impressions

- **AT ROUND-A-ABOUT TURN LEFT TO BALLARAT**
Midland Hwy. Cruising... Nice left hand sweeper. "5 Basalt" !!!, Brake. More Brakes. Damn. Must remember I haven't got the ZX7's brakes today. Quick U-turn.
 - **TURN RIGHT "BASALT 5"**
5.3km, Pine forest to left and right.
KEEP TO MAIN TRACK
OK, ignore gravel road to the left, 7.5km. Road turns to gravel. Arrive at BASALT - a tree with the word BASALT on it. Back to bitumen. Back to gravel. Farmhouse on the right. Descend to valley floor. Climbing. Ah! - Barnsey. Pass him. Back to bitumen. Great road now. Go for it.
 - **TURN LEFT AT "T" INTERSECTION**
No worries. 16.2km. Farms to left & right. Cattle grazing.
 - **VEER LEFT "16 NEWSTEAD"**
OK, 21.1km. Rolling hills. The land looks dry. Needs rain badly. Fantastic fencing built from the local basalt rock. Is this it?? Yes. Brake.
 - **TURN RIGHT "JONES & REECES RD."**
... GRAVEL ROAD ...
28.2km. Sharp turn right. Cross river.
KEEP LEFT AT ROAD JUNCTION
OK, 28.7km. Winding track through farmland. Lucerne growing in paddocks on left.
VEER RIGHT AT ROAD JUNCTION
OK, 31km. This is a good gravel road!
VEER RIGHT AT ROAD JUNCTION
OK, 32.4km. Cross railway line. Hay sheds to the left. Smell that hay - beautiful.
 - **TURN RIGHT ONTO BITUMEN AT "GIVE WAY"**
No worries. 33.2km. Railway line on right. Sharp right hander to cross railway.
FOLLOW BITUMEN OVER RAILWAY LINE
35.3km. Sharp left hander. Sweep to the right, up, then down to the left into GUILDFORD, 60kph.
 - **TURN LEFT AT '12 CASTLEMAINE"**
OK, 39km. Sharp right then left.
 - **TURN RIGHT "FRYERSTOWN 10"**
OK, 39.5km. Out of town. On the road again.
 - **VEER LEFT "4.5 VAUGHAN"**
No worries. 40.8km. Cross river. Willows and poplars. Climb up from valley. Back into the eucalypt forest.
 - **TURN RIGHT "VAUGHAN 2.4"**
OK, 43.1km. Wide road. Fast sweepers. Rise, then descend into VAUGHAN. Climb again. Heaps of poplars in river valley to the left.
 - **VEER RIGHT "DRUMMOND"**
No worries. 47.2km. Cross LODDON river. Gravel again. Wide high speed, for gravel, sweepers. Farmhouse by river.
 - **KEEP RIGHT "MALMSBURY 19"**
No worries. 52.7km. Back in forest again. Bitumen. White line - real bitumen! Good road. Straightens up. I can see 4k's of roller coaster hills coming up. "Trucks use low gear" !!!, Whoa, down we go !!
 - **TURN RIGHT AT "T" INTERSECTION "DAYLESFORD 28"**
OK, 65.2km. Straight and flat now. Speed up. Is this it?? Yes. Brake. Brake.
 - **TURN LEFT "TRICKEYS LANE"**
Made it. 66.8km. Still bitumen. The next one says "Straight ahead at "T" "" ???
 - **"STRAIGHT AHEAD AT "T" INTERSECTION**
Sharp drop over edge. 68km. Dirt again. Cobblestone crossing through river bed.
VEER RIGHT AT "Y"
No worries. 68.3km. White river stones for gravel. Fast but slippery.
STRAIGHT AHEAD "SALISBURY RD"
OK, 69.7km. Pretty straight. Easy cruising at 100kph. Steve & Sue !!!, Gun it. Pass them.
STRAIGHT AHEAD AT "J"
OK, 72.4km. Road narrows. Winding and rougher. Horses in paddock on right.
 - **TURN RIGHT AT BITUMEN "T" INTERSECTION**
OK, 76.1km. Back on the bitumen. Check mirrors.
 - **STRAIGHT AHEAD "13 TRENTHAM"**
OK 76.5km. Narrow but good bitumen road lined with eucalypts. Check mirrors.
 - **TURN LEFT AT "T" INTERSECTION**
OK, 82.4km. Road widens. No longer lined by trees. Check mirrors. Cattle and sheep grazing in paddocks. Check mirrors.
 - **TURN LEFT AT "T" INTERSECTION**
OK, 86km. Down to, and over, Coliban river. Check mirrors.
 - **TURN RIGHT "TRENTHAM"**
OK, 86.6km. Golf course on left. Check mirrors. 80kph. Check mirrors. 60kph. Check mirrors. Wave to locals. They wave back. Check mirrors.
- CONTINUE STRAIGHT-ON DOWN MAIN STREET OF TRENTHAM TO THE FINAL CHECKPOINT.**
Check mirrors - I see a light - closing fast !! There's Les at the bakery on the left. I slow as Steve & Sue flash past. Photo-finish.

I don't have that good a memory. I enjoyed it so much I went back and did it again the following Saturday on my ZX7. Thanks Les for a great day. Pity it didn't get better support. Maybe next time.

Tim Walker K100RS & ZX7R.

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

Saturday 7th to Monday 9th March

You have a couple of riding options for this weekend :-

1/ Sunday's Club ride to the Reefton & Black Spurs

2/ Yarram Weekend organised by **Ian Payne**

#Yarram is approximately 225 kms from Melbourne in South Gippsland

#We will be staying at the Yarram Club Hotel on the Sth. Gippsland Hwy

#Bookings have already been made with a single room costing \$15 per night

For more details contact Ian Payne Ph: 9558 4740 (AH)

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	Mon 13th - (Easter Monday) School/Ride Day at Phillip Island (95dB)
MAY	Sat 9th - School/Ride Day at Sandown
	Sat 23rd - School/Ride Day at Broadford Levels 1 & 2
	Sun 24th - School/Ride Day at Broadford Levels 2 & 3
	Fri 29th - School/Ride Day at Eastern Creek Levels 1 & 2
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Emerald (Dandenongs) Sunday 22nd February

Riders.

Gerry – YZF600 (leader)	Ben – ZXR750	David – GSXR600	Mick – XL250 (rear rider)
John – TRX850	Tim – ZXR750	Lyn – GSXR750	Danny – VFR750
Trent – FZR250 (3 rd)	Sam – ZXR750	Dee – GSXR750	Tony – VTR1000 (3 rd)
Mike – YZF600 (2 nd)	Darren – ZZR250 (1 st)	Ian – RF900	Nick & Kay – CBR900 (1 st)
Alan – XJ900 (1 st)			Adrian – VFR750 (1 st)

19 people, 18 bikes, 11 members.

Route.

Hallam, Belgrave, Emerald, Upper Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Upper Pakenham, Cockatoo and Emerald for morning tea. Monbulk, Silvan, Yellingbo, Woori Yallock, Healesville, Black Spur, Narbethong, Marysville (lunch). Back to Healesville, Toolangi, Mt.Slide, Yarra Glen, Christmas Hills and Kangaroo Ground.

The Ride.

After Geraldine gave the pre-ride talk in which she emphasized **no one** was to pass the leader, Mick Barnes volunteered for rear rider as he had just traded his KLR650 on a brand new Honda XL250 and was in the process of running it in.

We left Hallam and headed north to Belgrave then down to Emerald where enroute we crossed paths with another bike club (Eastern Tourers) which unfortunately some of our newer riders got tangled up with and consequently followed the wrong group. Six bikes in all were led astray, with Ben managing to round up 3 and another 2 realizing their mistake caught up with us later. Only Alan on the XJ900 remained unaccounted for. (He rang Gerry later that night to explain he didn't realize his mistake until they stopped for a BBQ and he was the only one not wearing their club tee shirt!).

After a regroup, we headed for Upper Beaconsfield where the combination of open sweepers and tight corners had everybody in 7th heaven. Down to Beaconsfield and along the highway to Pakenham then north to Cockatoo where this section of road is just made for motorcycling, so when Dave & Sam flew past I endeavoured to latch on. Although this is the road where that Commodore made such a big impact on me, travelling behind someone made me feel a lot more confident than if I was travelling on my own, "if that makes sense" Anyway it was sensational. Around to Emerald for morning tea where two of our errant bikes rejoined us and Dee joined the group. He missed the start but made a calculated guess on our whereabouts and timed it to perfection.

Another surprise at Emerald was the appearance of Gerry's mum and daughter Stephanie, and boy could you see the family resemblance! While feeding our faces, our ever-thoughtful leader re-iterated the corner marking system just in case we met up with the OTHER bike group. Sam departed here, with the rest of us proceeding up through Monbulk and Silvan. Then across to Yellingbo, Woori Yallock, Healesville and the Black Spur, which was a great run being relatively traffic free. It felt a bit bumpier than I remember but when David went past so smooth and fast it was hard to believe we were both on the same piece of road. Through the roadworks to Narbethong for the blast up into Marysville and lunch at the new Bakery.

After a relaxing break it was back down to Narbethong and another thrash through the Spur. With our group having done it once already the pace was on from the start, I tagged onto Lyn who was setting a "cracking" pace until rounding a corner we saw Danny stopped by the side of the road!..... Phew, he was just waiting for the traffic to thin out.

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Emerald (Dandenongs) cont;

Off again but a small group of other riders gingerly picking their way through the spur traffic caused a few anxious moments, especially for me with one on a ZXR750 accelerating like a cut cat on the straights and then virtually stopped for the bends.

Another quick regroup at Healesville where Darren and I headed for home, the rest set off to Toolangi and Mt.Slide, where along the way Trent did a bit of “**gardening**” on the little FZR while trying to keep company with David Ward & John Willis. Fortunately he kept it upright so no delays.

The group pushed on to Yarra Glen and Christmas Hills where the unthinkable happened! **Dee passed the leader.** His excuse, ‘not being at the start when the instructions were issued’. I think Dee can now relate to that old saying “Hell hath no fury like a women scorned” – talk about an earbashing.

Around to Kangaroo Ground general store where the ride officially ended, from all accounts a thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all. Still we’ve come to expect this from Geraldine, her well structured rides encompass good roads, good weather and good company. Well done Gerry, can’t wait for the next one.

Ian Payne
Suzuki RF900R

EDITORS JOKE OF THE MONTH

23 Reasons it’s great to be a guy.

1. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat
2. Movie nudity is virtually always female
3. You know stuff about tanks and planes
4. A five day vacation requires only one suitcase
5. You don’t have to monitor your friend’s sex lives
6. Your bathroom lines are 80% shorter
7. You can open all your own jars
8. Old friend’s don’t give you crap if you’ve lost or gained weight
9. Dry Cleaners and Hairdressers don’t rob you blind
10. Your arse is never a factor in job interviews
11. All your orgasms are real
12. You don’t have to lug a bag of useful stuff around everywhere you go
13. Your last name stays put
14. You can leave a hotel bed unmade
15. When your work is criticized, you don’t have to panic that everyone secretly hates you
16. You can kill your own food
17. The garage is all yours
18. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness
19. You see the humour in Terms of Endearment
20. Nobody secretly wonders if you swallow
21. You never have to clean the toilet
22. You can be showered and ready in 10 minutes
23. Sex means never having to worry about your reputation.
24. Wedding plans take care of themselves
25. If someone forgets to invite you to something, he or she can still be your friend

DELLARINE RAILWAY RIDE 21.3.93.

Ian - XJ900 (Leader)	Ferdie - ZZR1100	Martin & Melanie - CBR1000
John B - XJ900	Kylie - GT550	Craig & Lisa - CBR1000
Peter Dwyer - XJ900	Patrick & Dianne-GPz600	John VD - VF1000
Geoff & Val - RZ350	Luke & Stav - GPz500S	Keith - ST1100 (1st ride)
Alec - GSXR1100	Basil - GPX250 (1st ride)	Mandy - CBX750 (2nd ride)
Mark - GSXR750	Danny - GPz750 (1st ride)	Michael S - K100Rt
Ag - GSXR750 (2nd ride)	Steve - GPX750	Ross King - R100RS (R/Rider)
Rob Langer - Harley Softail		Tony Schrader - Car.

Having not been on a club ride for quite some time, I felt rather out of place at Laverton when a mass of mainly sparkling gee-whiz machinery and strange (well, unknown) faces appeared. My requirements for an MCTCV ride are not very picky really-just the wind from the east at not more than 5kmh, temperature 25°, no dirt, diverse amusements at the destination and on the western side of Melbourne, since I am now more or less a full-time country resident. Knowing all this, our worthy leader suddenly appeared before me mentioning write-up and an offer you cannot refuse.

So, it was off towards the You Yangs and the rather broken up back roads over the grasslands to The Brisbane Ranges. Even at this stage, the same riders surfaced time and again as corner markers-a curious phenomenon. No wild life, human or animal, was seen in the Ranges, only the occasional wild looking tourist disturbed by our presence. Speaking of disturbing, the morning tea stop was at Meredith at a new (to me) odd little tearooms filled with all kinds of old bric-a-brac. No candles and such like in the image of Meredith's famous son, Sir Henry, were seen. The owners were agreeably surprised to find that we were not into pillaging and even less likely into raping (I think).

Onward towards Queenscliff and it was here that I lost count of the number of crossings of the Moorabool River and its hidden steep descents. Now the outer suburbs of Geelong-fortunately not into the built up area-and then quite suddenly arrival at the sandy wastelands of Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove, complete with the usual dazed surfies wandering the streets.

At this stage, it seemed we might miss the scheduled 1.15pm train departure at Queenscliff and of course then the previously light tourist traffic amazingly becomes like Flinders St at 5pm. But no, we arrive at the station just in time, pay the leader \$4 fare (but did he pay the ticket-seller too, folks?); he must have, because no heavies appeared as we rushed sedately (a contradiction indeed) towards Lakers Siding, travelling in olde worlde charm in ex-Tasmanian Railways carriages and locomotive supplied from same. Tempting though it was, no one was tied to the railroad tracks and we returned to the station suitably overwhelmed by this adventure. Your correspondent is a keen rail-fan (chorus-we know, we know) and actively involved in another (so much better) tourist railway, so would have liked to wander through the mouldering rolling stock and spoken to the natives. This was not to be, as our ruthless leader propelled us into the main street and sat us down in the gutter (where else) to partake of saturated fats, colouring agents, preservatives and simulated things in large lumps. Didn't taste half bad, either.

To the delight of the locals (having got our money), we headed off towards Geelong, hopefully to dodge the crazies returning on Geelong Rd. However, this was not quite straight-in fact, is anything, you may ask-as we travelled via St Leonards, Portarlington and Drysdale. Stop to look at an old marine wreck (anyone we know?) en route, as well as a sideways look at the departing steam loco at Drysdale, the actual tourist railway terminus.

So into Geelong with zillions of motorists-I thought everyone there was unemployed, so how come? At some risk to life and limb from the aforementioned, we regrouped in the outskirts of Corio and here your correspondent left for Bacchus Marsh and points beyond, leaving the rest to their fate. Scanned the death notices next day, no familiar names, so presume all was well back to Melbourne. Thanks to Ian who obviously went to considerable effort to organise the day and look forward to the next; don't forget my special requirements.

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