

Who's News August 2011

Club Membership stands at 67.

The **Club web site** at www.melbsportsbike.net.au accumulated **446** hits during **August**, down **62** on last month. Total visits are **70,458** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month indicate that the 2011 Ride Calendar page took 584 hits (total **18,366**, up 160) since 28th October 2008 and Great Roads 66 hits (total **4647**). The last two of the four rides during the period were fine and sunny with 20 and 23 people respectively, a great turnout in winter.

For **August**, the official kilometres (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **1,351 km** (down 204 on last month – one less ride). Official Club kilometres for the month (people x ride length) is **19,654**, up nearly 6,000 on last month – those two big rides boosting numbers. The 2011 year total is **258,985 km**; the average calendar yearly total is 327,813 since 2005. The people km per injury for 2011 is **64,746 km** – four serious crashes this year; long term it is 98,344 km per (serious) injury.

Seen at the **Social Sip** at the **Marks Place** in Hawthorn on Thursday **4th** August: Julie and Ben Warden, Ron Johnston, Dennis Lindemann, Pina Garasi, Ian Payne, Tim Emons, Peter Feistl, Paul Southwell, Kurn Bridgeman, Marc Marais, Tony Stegmar, John Rousseaux and Kate Stewart. **14 people**.

The **Club Participant of the Year** is based on aggregate points accumulated at 1 point per ride, an extra point for leading or being rear rider, and 1 point per magazine article (maximum 2 per magazine). Attending one or more days of a weekend event scores 3 points for leading, 3 for rear riding duties and 2 points for participating.

The count is for the 2011/12 year ending the ride before the 2012 AGM in July. After **two** months the top ten positions are: **Ben Warden** (14), **Pina Garasi** (13), **Paul Southwell** (11), **Ron Johnston** (10), **Marc Marais** (10), **John Rousseaux** (8), **Tim Emons** (7), **Tony Stegmar** (7) and **Misho Zrakic** (7). Marc jumped a place and Tony joined the fold, otherwise order unchanged.

Front Cover: Photo taken at **Thomson Dam** last Sunday (28/8). Front row: Damir Djikic, Chris Pointon, Misho Zrakic, Pina Garasi, and Dave Chisma. Back row: Rob Langer, Tony Stegmar, Paul Southwell, Ron Johnston, Marc Marais, Tim Emons, Paul Sorenson, Matt Considine, Jason Wilson, Cindy Lee, Steve Mudford and John Willis. The panoramic shot of the bikes was provided constructed by Jason Wilson. Ben Warden behind the lens. Peter Feistl overall digital mastery.

Cliff Peters is progressing well with his rehabilitation and is now home. He is bored and can't wait to put weight on his damaged knee again in another couple of weeks or so. Then he'll ditch the wheel chair for crutches and be far more mobile.

The **Melbourne Cup Weekend, Towong** is ... booked out. No reason not to come; you'll just have to organise your own accommodation. So far 20+ people.

Dargo via Omeo is on again. Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December. Tim Emons has been coerced into leading. This is an epic weekend adventure covering some of Victoria's greatest motorcycling roads, cutting in and out of the Southern valleys of the Great Dividing Range. The final details are being worked out by the Committee and will be firmed up quickly. These are the two options we pursued the last two visits:

Accommodation Plan A: local B&B, bunks, twin share, doubles. Three houses: one sleeps four, one six and another sleeps nine. Cost: \$50, includes breakfast at Dargo General Store

Accommodation Plan B: Dargo River Inn. Cost: \$85 per person gets you dinner, breakfast and bed in a shared room - bunks or singles only with up to 4 people (maximum) per room. Money to be paid into Club bank account asap. First in, best dressed.

Cancellation Policy: money up front, no refund

Refer to the 2011 Rides Itinerary Page and Google Group postings for the most up to date information.