

Sunday 8th Violet Town**Geoff Jones leading**

10 am Whittlesea

From Whittlesea we'll head north through Flowerdale, Strath Creek, Kerrisdale, Goulburn Valley Highway to Yea for morning tea. (74 km) After the break we'll head up to Highlands, Gin Gin, Caveat, Gobur, Merton, Strathbogie and on to Euroa for lunch at the main street bakery. (126km) After lunch we'll travel along straight roads to Violet Town before turning for home along great flowing twisty roads through Marraweeny to Strathbogie, Merton and Yea to regroup. (123 km) We'll finish at Kinglake West. (48 km) Expect around 371 km for the day.

Sunday 15th Goulburn Weir Poker Run – Prize Free Membership**Ben Warden leading**

10 am Yarra Glen

We'll start heading west through Christmas Hills, St Andrews, Glenburn and Flowerdale for morning tea at Broadford after 110 km. Then on to Seymour and Nagambie, over the long curving wooden bridge to visit the Goulburn Weir (bring your camera to catch the sluice gate action) and then back to Heathcote for lunch after 138 km. Look out for kangaroos. After a late lunch we'll head back down the highway to Tooborac branching off to Emu Flat and along to Pyalong and Lancefield. Depending on the weather and fatigue levels, we'll either head down to Romsey to finish at Wallan (100 km) or ride across to Woodend (90km) and finish at Bulla via Bolinda (60 km). A myriad of interesting back roads with lots of ancient volcanic scenery. Expect around 365 km. Poker: 5 stops, 5 cards, best hand wins a Club membership.

Sunday 22nd Mirboo North**Tim Emons leading**

10 am Yarra Glen

Ride will not suit inexperienced riders; not recommended for first time Club riders.

From Yarra Glen we'll take the back road to Healesville, then down through Powelltown, Nayook, and Neerim East to stop at Neerim South for morning tea. Then on through Crossover, Yarragon, Trafalgar, Childers (2.6km good uphill dirt) and to Mirboo North for lunch and fuel at just over the 200km mark. After exploring some of the good roads around Mirboo North and Leongatha we'll pass through Arawata (3km hard packed uphill dirt) to regroup at Darnum. Then back through Longwarry to finish at the Officer servo. It will be close to dark when you get home. Expect around 400km for the day.

Sunday 29th Meredith**Bill Simpson leading**

10 am Point Cook Shell service station

Billy's rides are always interesting because you never know which way we will turn next. And this ride will be no exception! First stop Meredith for morning tea after 118 km via Anakie and Little River. Note: 500m of good dirt road near Maude. From Meredith the planned route takes us south to She Oaks, Teasdale and Inverleigh for lunch. (61 km) After lunch we'll cruise around more unfamiliar territory around Teasdale, Bannockburn, Maude, and Anakie finding our way to finish at the Werribee Caltex. (104 km) Expect around 283 km from start to finish.

August 2012**Thursday 2nd Social Sip****7 pm Il Gambero, 166 Lygon St Carlton**

Collect your magazine and get all the news first. Catch up with your fanatical motorcycling enthusiast mates, share a meal and still be home by 10.30 pm. Free parking after 6.30 pm on the side streets.

Sunday 5th Daylesford**Ben Warden leading**

10 am Whittlesea

From Whittlesea we'll head out west through Wallan, Romsey, Mt Macedon, Woodend for morning tea at the bakery. (82 km) I expect a few riders will join us here – about 4 “locals” did last time. Then on through Trentham, Little Hampton, Spring Hill, Kyneton, Drummond, Vaughan, Guilford, Newstead and Daylesford for lunch. (127 km) There is one kilometre of hard packed dirt to remind you how good the bitumen is. This unusual order of challenging roads, winds its way through historic gold digging country. After lunch in Daylesford, we'll again “hide” on the back roads picking up Spring Hill, Trentham, Woodend and Bolinda to finish at Bulla. (110km) Expect around 319km for the day.