

Club Membership stands at a very healthy **89** after four months of renewals, up two this month.

The **Club web site** at www.melbsportsbike.net.au accumulated **591** hits during **October**, down 46 on last month. Total site visits are **78,406** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month indicate that the 2012 Ride Calendar page took **734** hits (total **24,742** since 28th October 2008) and Great Roads **93** hits (total **6158**). This is the first time that the calendar page has taken more hits than the home page indicating people have bookmarked the Calendar Page in preference to the Home Page – or maybe other sites are linking to our Calendar Page?

For **October** the official kilometres (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **1,360 km** (down 592km on last month – shorter rides, and less of them). Official Club kilometres for the month (people x ride length) is **23,451**, down 8,523 km on last month. All figures are down, consistent with four rides in the calendar month compared to September with 5 rides.

The average calendar yearly total is 336,393 km since 2005. This year we are up to **283,368** km with a total of eighteen crashes (up one this month). Luckily, all crashes this year have been minor with no injuries sustained and all the bikes able to be ridden away.

Seen at the **General Meeting at the Tower Hotel** on Thursday 4th October: Ben and Julie Warden, Dennis Lindemann, Ian Payne, Ron Johnston, Simon Wastney, Jesvin George, Peter Jones, Matt Considine, John Willis and Lou Tickner, Paul Southwell, Tim Walker, Chris Pointon, Geoff Jones, Cliff Peters, Michael Henriksen and Dave Edgecombe from Dynobike, our Guest Speaker for the night.

Dave Edgecombe gave a white board presentation focusing on the impact of the closed loop oxygen circuit on modern fuel injected bikes which operates at either 14.8 or 14.5 air to fuel ratio (ADR requirement) up to 5,000 rpm and up to 20% full throttle. This equates to 90 % of normal road riding use. Maximum power is generated around 13.2 air to fuel ratio and a Power Comander sitting between the ECU and injectors can be calibrated to provide the correct air fuel ratio at all revs. Dave offered to facilitate a **Dyno Day** at his shop in Moorabbin if we can provide 10 or more starters at \$50 a head. This has been advertised on Google Group and Facebook and is scheduled for 11 am on the 24th November.

John Willis was excited on last Sunday's MotoGP short ride followed by a BBQ at Rob Langer's house – with good reason. I received a text from him on Monday at 7.37 am (30/10/2012) advising that he was now a grandfather after his daughter Alex and son-in-law Jason welcomed daughter Zhala weighing 8lb 9oz at 5.40 am that morning. All well. A photo appeared the next day on my phone. Congratulations John and Lou.

Email from first time rider **Raphael Alikakos** after Sunday's ride (14/10/2012, Broadford via Reefton: *"Hey Ben, it's Raphael from earlier on today. I hope everyone got home safe and sound. I just wanted to thank you for today; it was an amazing experience and it was the first time I had ridden for that long and on crazy steep windy roads and I absolutely loved it. First off the group is very friendly and welcoming, I felt comfortable even though I did not know anyone previously. They were very helpful with tips about riding better and safer and also full of information about parts modifications and improvements on our machines. The corner marking system is really smart. I quite liked how it worked as a system where everybody took turns being at the front and at the back of the group. It was really easy to follow the route and it would take a blind person to get lost. Overall it was a great experience, the group, the roads and the system used, exceeded my expectations. I am looking forward to joining the group for plenty more Sunday rides."*

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 2012/13 count is up and running and after **four** months the top eleven positions are: **Ben Warden** (35), **Pina Garasi** (20.5), **Rob Langer** (19), **Cliff Peters** (18), **Ron Johnston** (18), **Simon Wastney** (17), **Paul Southwell** (14), **Misho Zrakic** (14), **Tony Stegmar** (14), **Andrew Newbury** (13) and **Dave Byrne** (12). Pina climbed another place, thanks to Rob riding off in far flung places

and missing a few rides. Andrew had a quiet month and dropped down the order a bit. Cliff maintained station despite missing three rides while sailing the southern seas on a cruise ship!

Front Cover: 21st October Balook ride at Trafalgar. Back row: Chris Pointon, Geoff Shugg, Paul Southwell, Debbie Weinlich (1st ride), Jesvin George, Ian Payne, Tony Stegmar and Glenn Aspden (1st ride). Front row: Bill Simpson, Pina Garasi, Misho Zrakic, Cindy Lee, Simon Wastney, Raphael Alikakos (2nd ride) and Fred Stolk. Ben Warden behind the lens. Fiona Warden banner artwork.

Back Cover: 14th October, **Broadford via Reefton** ride at Warburton. Back row: Scott Bowden (1st ride), Rod Silver, Paul Southwell, Pina Garasi, Misho Zrakic, Peter Jones, Jesvin George, unknown, Dennis Lindemann, Quinn Myers, John Willis and Ron Johnston. Front row: Tony Stegmar, Rod Merrett, Dean Bonthorne, Roman Biarozza, Raphael Alikakos (1st ride), Dave Williams and Aiden Baker. Ben Warden behind the lens.

Dyno Day. Cutting and pasting from Facebook where Ian posted this item: “In response to the feedback from the October General Meeting where guest speaker Dave Edgecombe presented a very interesting slide show, a private Club Dyno Day at Dynobike in Cheltenham will be held on Saturday the 24th of November starting at 11am. For this to proceed we need a minimum of 10 participants!

For the \$50 fee, you will get a Dyno test and report analysing the state of tune, maximum power and torque output, air/fuel gas analysis and helpful tips on how to get the best results in terms of efficiency, economy, power and problem solving.

Those wanting a run, please reply and once we have the minimum numbers, I will contact all participants for payment. **Ian Payne.**”