

Club Membership stands at a very healthy **87** after three months of renewals, up three this month. Welcome to new member **Dave Humphries** riding a Suzuki Bandit 1200. He has been on two rides recently and one 21 years ago! So that makes three rides. We also welcome **Michael MacRae** on a Honda CBR600 – the noisy one. He has been on enough rides now that we offer free advice – fix your exhaust so that we can see the brake light – and he did. **Dave Williams**, formerly CBR600, now Aprilia RSV4 also rejoined after a few years off. We wish them many safe and happy rides.

The **Club web site** at www.melbsportsbike.net.au accumulated **637** hits during **September**, down 365 on last month. August was a freaky month with very high attendances. Total site visits are **77,815** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month indicate that the 2012 Ride Calendar page took **500** hits (total **24,742** since 28th October 2008) and Great Roads **83** hits (total **6158**). All counters are significantly down – closer to the average - compared to the spike in August.

For **September** the official kilometres (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **1,952 km** (up 496 km on last month). Official Club kilometres for the month (people x ride length) is **31,974**, up 5,185 km on last month. All figures are up, consistent with five rides in the calendar month.

The average calendar yearly total is 336,393 km since 2005. This year we are up to **259,917 km** with a total of seventeen crashes (up two this month). Luckily, both crashes were very minor in nature with no injuries sustained and all the bikes able to be ridden away. See articles for more info.

Seen at the **Social Sip** at **Il Gambero** in Carlton on Thursday 6th September: Ben and Julie Warden, Dennis Lindemann, Ian Payne, Ron Johnston, Simon Wastney, Jesvin George, Rob Langer, Tim Emons, Barbara Rolfe Harris, Peter Philferan and Mirko Strasser. **12 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 2012/13 count is up and running and after **three** months the top ten positions are: **Ben Warden** (26), **Rob Langer** (18), **Pina Garasi** (15.5), **Cliff Peters** (15), **Ron Johnston** (13), **Simon Wastney** (12), **Andrew Newbury** (12) **Paul Southwell** (10), **Misho Zrakic** (10), **Tony Stegmar** (9) and **Dave Byrne** (9). The usual suspects are in the mix though it is good to see some newer members becoming addicted and getting amongst the points. Big movers for the month were Pina jumping a couple of places, Ron jumping four places, Rob jumping three places and Cliff dropping a couple of places. Tony made it into the Top 10.

Front Cover: 23rd September, top of **Reefton Spur**. Back row: Geoff Shugg, Dave Williams, Steve Mudford, John Willis, Dave Humphries, Pina Garasi, Misho Zrakic, Tony Stegmar. Front row: Tony Grande, Detlef Kreuzer, Rob Langer, Simon Wastney and Tony Ripepi. . Ben Warden behind the lens. Fiona Warden banner artwork.

Back Cover: 9th September, **Heathcote**. Back row: Rob Langer, Michael MacRae, Aiden Baker, Dave Byrne, Geoff Jones, Tony Stegmar, Dave Humphries. Front row: Jesvin George, Cliff Peters, Tim Emons, Misho Zrakic, Pina Garasi and Ron Johnston. Ben Warden behind the lens.

Ron Johnston recommends InTune Motorcycle Services, 2 Olive Grove Ringwood for tyre changes at \$17.50 each (wheels removed of course). Ask for Tim Walsh on 9879 6688, or email timgwash@optusnet.com.au.

Misho and Ben are getting wheels rolled at Neway Wheel Repairs, 11 Beatrice Ave West Heidelberg. Talk to Colin or David on 9457 3141 or visit www.newaywheelrepairs.com.au.

Rob Langer is travelling the world again, this time in South America. He expects to be back home just in time to host a BBQ at his house while we watch the MotoGP after a short ride.

Twenty one people have signed up for **Tasmania**. Everyone has gone on-line and booked the boat successfully. Now to chase nine nights' accommodation.