MSR Itinerary April 2013

Sunday 7th Mt Baw Baw

Glenn Aspden leading

10 am Yarra Glen

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

This is Glenn's first ride lead so please come and support him. The route will head across to Healesville and up Myers Creek Road and down Chum Creek Road to warm up the tyres before the gentle commute across to Launching Place. Then on to the Powelltown twisties and open sweepers for morning tea at either of the takeaway shops. After the break we'll climb 50 km to the summit of Mt Baw Baw on very demanding and unforgiving roads - hence not recommended for first time Club riders. After regrouping for a photo it's back to Noojee for food stop number two. Marie does a great roasted chicken and salad roll. Fuel will be the next issue and a loop up through Nayook will see us filling at Neerim Junction before either heading across to Jindivick and finishing at Officer, or heading back to Powelltown to end the day. Expect around 280 km for the day. Good tyres essential.

Sunday 14th Reefton Pub lunch

John Willis leading

10 am Yarra Glen

From Yarra Glen we'll ride across to Healesville, up Chum Creek Road to Toolangi and Myers Creek Road back to Healesville. Then down through Seville and Monbulk to Emerald for morning tea. After the break we'll continue on good roads through Gembrook and Warburton to the Reefton Pub for a counter meal. After a social lunch we'll continue across the Reefton Spur to Marysville, then up the Acheron Way until it turns to dirt before retracing our steps back to Narbethong, across the Black Spur to finish at the Healesville bakery. Expect around 270 km for the day.

Sunday 21st Balook

Tony Stegmar leading

10 am Officer South BP

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

From Officer we'll head east down through the market gardens of Bayles to Poowong East, Arawata (3 km of good sandy dirt road) and Hallston to an early lunch at Mirboo North after 115 km. After the break we'll continue east to Boolarra, Yinnar, Traralgon South and Balook for a regroup after 70 km. Then back to Tyers, Hill End, Old Sale Road and Neerim Junction for hot potato chips after another scenic 90 km. The last leg is through Jindivick to finish at Officer. Expect around 330 km for the day.

Thurs. 25th Heathcote (ANZAC Day)

Ben Warden leading

10am Whittlesea Caltex

From Whittlesea we'll climb up to the cold Kinglake West and the beautiful downhill sweepers to Flowerdale. On through Strath Creek, Broadford and Pyalong to regroup at Lancefield for morning tea after 120 km. Only good roads so far. After the break we'll head up the Burke and Wills Track to Redesdale, cross the Dam Wall at Lake Eppalock and then back to Mia Mia on narrow back roads before lunching at Heathcote opposite the bakery after another 125 km. After the break we'll head south down to Tooborac branching off to Emu Flat, Pyalong, Lancefield and Romsey to finish at Wallan. (100 km) A myriad of interesting back roads with lots of ancient volcanic scenery. Expect around 345 km for the day.

Sunday 28th Licola Cliff Peters

10 am Officer South BP

Ride will not suit inexperienced riders; not recommended for first time Club riders. Ride will follow the usual path through Tyers and Seaton to Licola for lunch before returning the same way. The road and scenery are now quite different after the fires. Expect around 425 km for the day.

Thurs. 2nd Social Sip

(May) 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 Woodend

Gordon Heydon leading

10am Whittlesea Caltex