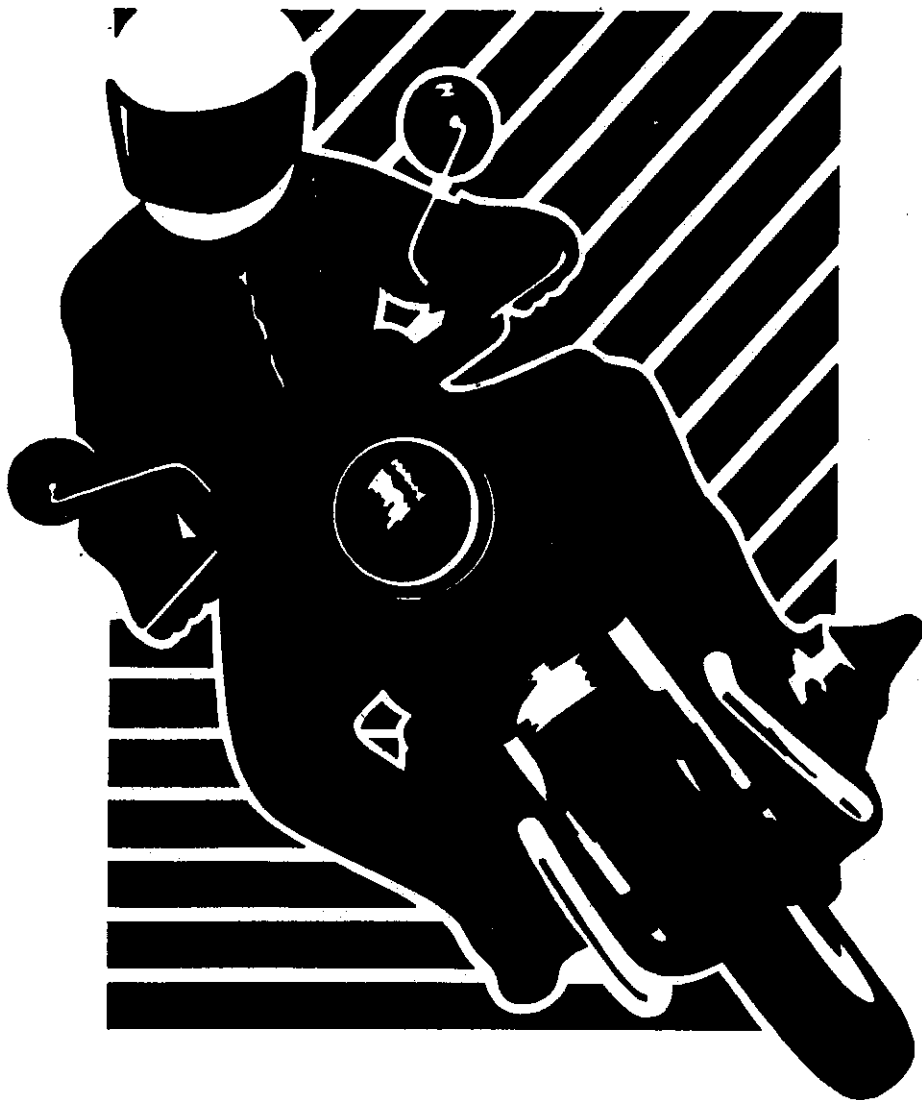


FEB 90

Good Vibrations



MOTORCYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA

P.O. Box 453, Richmond 3121, Victoria

ITINERARY

FEB. 1990

- SUNDAY 4th. WALHALA,
Cricket Match.
9.30 KBCP.
10.15 Hallam.
- This annual event is always great fun, As usual the QL'ers will head down Saturday & camp overnight. If wanting to do the same meet at the Yorkshire Stingo Pub (Hoddle st on Sat. at 10am. or phone Tony on 587-2921.
- SUNDAY 11th. CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE. Bendigo.
9.30 KBCP.
Admission charged.
- Come along with Ian Payne to view this restored relic from the past. Clamber over the 20 metre tall structure or head 60 metr underground on the 1½ hr guided tour.
- SATURDAY 17th TORRUMBARRY
Camping/Waterskiing.
8.30 KBCP
- This weekend we will spend by the Murray River near Echuca. BYO camping/cooking gear a General Store/Bottle shop is close by for food etc. For directions refer enclosed map & look for MTCV markers leading to campsite *Those skiing will be asked for a small donation towards boat fuel.
- FRIDAY 23rd. WALLAN NIGHT RIDE.
7.30pm Truck City.
1745 Sydney Rd,
Campbellfield.
Ben Warden leading.
- Up to Wallan, Kilmore, across to Lancefield & Woodend, up Mt Macedon & the Memorial Cros Then back to Riddell, Clarkfield & Oaklands Junc. to be at Essendon by about 10pm for coffee at Ross King's home.
- SUNDAY 25th. OTWAY RANGES via GO Rd.
9.30 KBCP.
10.00 Laverton.
- Expect 400kms plus on this ride and some DIRT as we visit Lorne, Lavers Hill, Apollo Bay, Forrest and Deans Marsh.
- MARCH
- THURSDAY 1st. GENERAL MEETING.
Club Hall 8.15pm Sharp.
- Come along and check out the NEW itinerary and also farewell the Tassie Trippers.
- SUNDAY 4th. Mt Buller.
9.30 KBCP.
10.30 Yarra Glen.
- This 480km trip will take us to one of the most scenic peaks in Vic. great roads and great views. A leader is required for this ride as many regular members will be in Tas.
- FRIDAY 2nd TASMANIA
to MONDAY 12th. 4.30pm Station Pier.
- Those going would have pre-booked & be aware of all the requirements for the trip.

MOTOR CYCLE TOURING CLUB OF VICTORIA (INC)

General Meeting : 7th December 1989
Venue : Jika Jika Community Hall - Northcote
Present : 31 members and Visitors
Chair : Ian Payne
Apologies : Nil

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by J Ridett, Seconded I Payne

Correspondence : Nil
Treasurers Report : Income 92.05
Expenses 92.70
Balance 727.52
Main expenses : New itinerary's
Postage

Treasurer advises that new club stickers are adhesive, reflective and cost \$1.50

Club Captains Report : Snowy mountains 4th - 7th November 1989.
18 Bikes, 1 Van, 23 people.
1750 Kms.
: Yarram - 12 November 1989.
12 Bikes, 15 people.
550Kms.
: Kinglake/Restaurant - 19th November 1989.
10 Bikes, 13 people.
200 Kms.
At Restaurant - 15 people.
: Switzerland Ranges - 26th November 1989.
26 Bikes, 30 people.
450 Kms.
: Snobs Creek Fish Watchery - 3rd December 1989.
17 Bikes, 22 people.
500 Kms.

General Business

Peter P advises that the ULYSSES Club are interested in a combined club BBQ - September/October 1990.

Tom saville looking for a paint job.

Close of Meeting.

President - Ian Payne commented on the increase in membership achieved by the club and also made some pertinent points with respect to the riding on club rides.

Ian then wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

All present then indulged in the Christmas Supper.

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WHO'S NEWS

Well known K100RS punter seen working his way through FZR's & GPz's at recent club function. "Yep, Hans really enjoyed those motorcycle biscuits, Anita".

Eric Makin moving up with a new FZR600 replacing his KR1-250.

Likewise, Sam & Rita retiring their GPz900 in favor of a FZR1000. (Turns out bike belonged to fellow member Bob Williams).

Congrats to Peter & Sue Moreland on the safe arrival of baby LUKE born at 3am on the 7th of January 1990.

Due to Peter's family commitments his 1½ year old FJ1200 has only covered a meagre 9,000 kilometres.

Rod Miskin on receiving a \$135 speeding fine (via Speed Camera) decided to view the offending photo, sure enough their was his Cortina plus a few other vehicles. On enquiring what triggers the camera, he was shown (on the photo) lines & arrows in relationship to the vehicle - OOPS, it wasn't the Cortina BUT the vehicle beside it. Moral, always check the photo.

To celebrate the impending 180,000th kilometre on his K100RS, Hans decided a short ride and a service was in order. After lunching in Harrierville then home via Omeo, the 1000km round trip should have warmed the oil up nicely.

It was love at first sight - a Paris-Dakar BMW, "I had to have it" But after a sleepless night and a look at the Graeme Frampton 'bike buying fund'.....I'll stick with my R80GS!

Best wishes to members Ken Wurster & Ann Hall who "Tie the Knot" on March the 3rd. Now that the DIY Matrimonial Home is nearly complete we may see more of these two?

Congratulations to members Andrew Dunn & Pam Hutchinson on their recent engagement and who plan to marry on June 30th 1990.

More Who's News

Ben not too happy with the swiftness his LH exhaust system was rusting out on his ZX10. After getting the usual response from Kawasaki Aust. he contacted Consumer Affairs who took up his case & threatened Kawasaki with a Small Claims Tribunal action. Result, a NEW \$596 exhaust now graces the bike, having cost the owner a little time & effort. Good one Ben.

Gary Cliftons trip home from Halls Gap Christmas camp proved less than uneventful when a couple of ROOs decided to play chicken with him. After avoiding the first the second scored a direct hit on the CBR, fortunately Gary managed to keep it upright. A change of pants then back to the fallen fauna which promptly got up & hobbled away. Damage; one demolished front guard & some soiled undies.

NEW ADDRESS.....NEW ADDRESS.....NEW ADDRESS.

After February 5th, Ben & Vicki will move into their newly acquired home at;

12 Timor Parade,
West Heidelberg, 3081.
Phone. 45-4479.

Steve Leyland had a lucky escape when rounding a tight corner found an errant car hogging most of the road, a quick change of direction had the bike on a collision course with a white marker post. After breaking said post managed to keep it upright almost to a halt before the bike went down causing minimal damage...The post's damage, thats a different story!

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: Notice is given that the following changes will be voted upon at the May AGM.

i/ Introduce ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

*Eligible to vote.

*Ineligible for election to committee positions.

* Does not receive monthly newsletter.

*Annual subscription set at 50% of ordinary members.

ii/ The position of PUBLIC OFFICER to be changed from an elected position to one of "Appointed by the committee".

Full discussion on these changes will take place at forthcoming monthly meetings.

SATURDAY 17th
& SUNDAY 18th.

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMPING.
Newhaven Caravan Park.
(Booking for Touring Club
in name of PAYNE).

The Club has booked several sites for Saturday night. On-site vans are also available, if desired members can arrange by phoning the park on 059-567227.

Information for those RACING:-

@ Must be at gate by 8AM.

@ Bring YELLOW copy of entry form.

@ No dogs, No children, No ALCOHOL.

@ Competitors can sponsor ONE visitor only. NOTE visitors are expected to help Flag Marshal for short stints during the day. PS. also bring a camera for action shots of fellow members.

@ Tape-up or remove Headlights, Mirrors, Blinkers etc.

@ BYO food & drinks for the day. Also you must remove all your rubbish.

@ BYO spare petrol as 200 kilometres can be covered during the day & at racing speeds fuel economy with drop drastically.

@ You are NOT covered by any form of insurance if accidents occur.

@ If you cancel please notify TOM SAVILLE so a replacement rider can be arranged.

@ Pit garages can be hired on the day for \$50 (Group hire will offset the cost)

If you missed out on the March 18th event, another one is planned for April, if interested contact 'Parts & Pieces Motorcycle Wreckers' in Springvale to reserve a place.

SWITZERLAND RANGES.....SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26th.

Jet Jackson "Tom" - R80GS (leader).	Steve - GPz900.
Hans - K100RS.	Derek & Sandra - CBR1000.
Barry - GSX750.	Tim - K100RS.
Greg - K100RS (ABS).	Ian & Kerrie - XJ900.
Ben - ZX10.	John - FZR1000.
Trevor - XJ900.	Peter C - FZR1000.
Micheal - GPz550.	Neville RX1000.
Rob - K100RT.	Eric - KR1.
Sam & Rita - GPz900.	Lou - Laverda 1000.
Les - K100.	Gary & Velga - GTR1000.
Darryl - CBR600.	??? - CBR1000.
??? & ??? - FJ1200.	Andi - R80GS.
Peter P - GT750 (rear rider).	

"What a turn out!"

As usual the Club met at KBCP, but as I went straight to Yarra Glen and didn't know I was going to be conned into doing this write-up, I didn't really take notice of who was where so I'll bypass that bit except to say I heard there was some hold up in town due to the couple on the FJ1200.

Yarra Glen also had a slight hold up as we waited for Ben to fix his puncture. From here we headed through the Xmas Hills, Kangaroo Ground, Panton Hills and King Lake to Flowerdale, where we attempted to regroup. After a bit of a wait we learnt that Micheal had "lost" a brake pad from his front disc! No mishaps thankfully.

As the day was terribly hot, Tom decided to head for Strath Creek and an early lunch. This lasted for 2 hours until Micheal rejoined the group (having managed to fit a rear pad into the front brake).

As the ride had been some what delayed at this stage, Tom re-organized a shorter route to the Switzerland Ranges now via Broadford, the back roads to Tallarook & Seymour, through some good dirt (ask Eric!) then out the Chin Chin road and into Yea.

A break for afternoon tea then Molesworth and through the Winangowra road to Buxton then Marysville and the Black Spur to Healesville where the ride dispersed. No real dramas for the day (just lots of waiting) and this time even I managed to stay on my bike. (It was this same ride 12 months ago where I totaled my FZ750 & put myself out of action for 4 months). A small group headed back to our place to watch Tom's bike cam from Phillip Island over a coffee and pizza's.

All in all a good day.

Andi

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FOR SALE.....FOR SALE.

BMW K Exhaust,
U.S. Luftmeister in Black Ceramic finish.
Only travelled 17,000km.
Half new price at \$330.
Jack Youdan, Phone 232-3564.

GENERAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS SUPPER.....7/12/89

An excellant night with a good turnout of 31 members & friends, ie/ Tom + Andi, Gary + Dot, Ben + Vicki, Graeme, Steve, Tony, Murray + Annette, Mike, Peter P, Anita, Rod + Rose, Andrew, Sam + Rita, Hans, Neville, Jon, Les, Ross, Ian + Kerrie, Trevor + Ann, Harry, Gary + Velga.

Thanks to all who bought a plate & made the night a success. After some eats the group was entertained with some slides from Tony Gustus's European holiday, these included photos of carrying Wayne Gardner around Assen (cardboard cutout) & a group photo at the Grand Canyon. Seems they asked a negro couple to take the snap shot and when asked to smile, unwittingly, replied "COON". Also the Gary Clifton slides of past events bought back memories, some we'd rather forget...eh 'CHEEKY LEYLAND".

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CLUB CHRISTMAS BBQ

SATURDAY DEC. 9th.

Those in attendance:-

Murray/Annette, Ken/Ann, Steve, Peter P, Ross, Mike, Dean, Luke, Hans/Margaret, Harry, Trevor/Ann, Jon/Helen, Gary/Dot & Pooch, Michael & friend Harry, Derek/Sandra, Neville, Sam/Rita, Darryl, Mick/Barbara, Gary/Velga, Andrew/Pam, Graeme, Tony, Rod/Rose, Ben/Vicki, Tom/Andi, Ian/Kerrie.

Thanks:-

Tom for the BBQ, Committee members for help & food preperation and all those members and friends who came.

Highlights:-

- # Excellant turnout - 43 members & friends.
- # On way to the BBQ, Steve getting booked on the Boulevard doing 67kmph in the 60km zone. (You've got to be kidding thats NOT speeding!)
- # Some of the group went "up the creek"....a row on the Yarra.
- # Some drooled over Tom's EXUP!!! His new Yamaha FZR1000W.
- # Ross King came on his NEW bike....a 10 speed bicycle.
- # The left over ice being used to keep people cool. Some got a bit carried away and ended up looking like drowned RATS.

APOLLO BAY - DIRT RIDE.

10/12/89

THE STAYERS:-

LES-BMWK100
DEAN & SCOTT-KWAK900
LUKE-GPX750
TREVOR-XJ900
GARY-CBR1000

IAN & KERRIE-XJ900
MICHAEL-GPZ550
STEVE-GPZ900
DEREK & SANDRA-CBR1000
DARYL-CBR600

THE UNBELIEVERS were TOM-BMWK100RS, ANDREA-KWAKA-KR1, ERIC-FZR600
JOHN-FZR1000.

Tom went rear rider to Laverton, good on you Tom. Luke then took up the rear rider position as we travelled north and north west through metropolis after metropolis Baliang, Anakie Junction, Maude, Bannockburn, Inverleigh. Gees! I'm getting hungry. LES. hey LES!

Well at Deans Marsh the unbelievers left us and headed for Lorne, the stayers rode on and on good opportunity to check the range of the C.B.R. Well range of the bike is fine but my bum was sore at Apollo Bay, and did I enjoy lunch? Yes!

Well where to now Les? bad question, I could see Les thought my bike was to clean and was that rain yes it was, oh good, mud? Well we never got any mud but off we went up to Mt Sabine as a few of the stayers turned into unbelievers, horrors!

Ever climbed one of those fire towers the 10,000 feet ones the ones with the rotten wood as a floor the ones with the Steve Leylands jumping on the rotten good ten thousand feet above mother earth the ones you can't get down quickly enough. I have!

Well 30 K's that way we go so we go Steve takes the opportunity to show us all how good he thinks he can ride in the dust er dirt, well done mate.

Well it's back to Deans Marsh - Lorne road we wait for Michael he borrowed some oil off a farmer his oil switch is faulty, he thinks.

Then it's back to Geelong where we are all stuffed (except Les) of course we don't admit it, and Steve invites us all back to his place, (got a new annexe Steve) for some mouldy Milo via the back roads he knows so well. Travelling in the right lane of the backroad most people call the Freeway, Steve who is in the left lane indicates to me the next exit. I exercise my intelligence accelerate and changing lanes execute the maneuver to find that I am free-----Thanks Steve! I did eventually find my way back on to the backroad, Trevor will vouch for me and I was quite pleased to be home when I eventually made it.

Good ride Les, interesting and varied. Good to see so many turn up for the start of the ride, considering it was toy run day.

Pity to see so many drop out along the way to chase there own challenges.

Gary-CBR1000.

BEN'S TWISTIES

17-12-89

Attendance:

RZ 350	Harry	GSXR 750	Jamie
ZK 10	Ben	GSXR 750	Paul
ZX 10	Ray	XJ 900	Ian
GPZ 900	Steve L.	XJ 900	Trevor
GPZ 900	Sam & Rita	XJ 650	Tony & Andrew
GPZ 900	John	GPZ 550	Micheal
K100 RS	Tim	GPX 750	Luke
K100 RS	Jon	FZR 1000 W	Tom
K100 RS	Andrew & Pam	FZR 1000	John
CBR 600	Darryl	FZR 600	Eric
KR1 250	Andrea		

TOTAL: 21 Bikes, 24 People.

It was looking to be a great day as I rode the RZ into Yarra-Glen. There were already some riders present and more were shortly coming in from Melbourne.

Once organized, Ben ZX10 led the ride out to Warburton, with Luke Gpx 750 opting the tail end. We rode via Healesville and Launching Place and once we arrived we proceeded to ride up Mt. Donna Buang. This is a nice twisty road with a good surface, if you allow for some gravel sprays on it near the top.

The first ride incident occurred about midway up the mount. I was riding around a right hander when I noticed a bike down and a rider waving. It was John GPZ 900, his explanation, the front end let go. Luckily enough, damage was restricted to a broken left rear indicator lens and John's pride. With help from the tail end riders, we got the bike upright and going.

After seeing the sights and myself copping some quite undeserved derision from some who shall remain unnamed, we headed back down to 'Warby' for lunch. Doing so, I almost found out the hard way that my brake fluid needs changing, just as the Silver Flash made a passing move. Hmm seeya Tom.

At Warby, we found out that Ralf 'yawned' all over Tony and both had to leave the ride, it seems Andrew couldn't take the twisties, or he had a crook gut.

Next, we went to the Upper Yarra Dam. Jon K100 left the ride at the McMahon's Creek Pub and the rest of us went to the end of the Warburton Highway.

After we ensured that the dam held water, we left for the day's highlight, The Reefton Spur. The road surface was fair and allowed some pace going up. I personally thought I was going well, even passing one of the GSXR's, until that bloody Silver Flash struck again!! Doesn't it ever bore you Tom?

Anyway, next stop was Lake Mountain, real blaster's territory, right up until Darryl CBR 600 lost the front end, right in front of ME !

While the bike slid into the ditch, I was entertained by Darryl performing some 'graceful' somersaults.

Again damage was 'minor', some more scrapes to the bike and a bruised ego.

Right now, there was some concern over the fact that both accidents so far, had happened in front of me, was I a jinx? Honest Ma, I didn't do nuthin'.

Next stop was Marysville, for petrol and a rest. That ride proved fun but uneventful. About here, Gary RZ500 joined the ride, and Luke decided to stop being the tail end rider.

That done, we headed off to the Black Spur, but wouldn't you know it, Bang, there goes another one, er two really.

Luke GBX (I shouldn't have changed my mind) and John FZR (I wish you didn't), had collided turning onto Maroondah Highway.

Didn't you know accidents happen in threes? And I wasn't behind them either!

Anyway, once some makeshift repairs were made to Luke's bike, we were on our way.

The Black Spur was OK, a fair ride with some traffic.

Back to Healesville for chat, drinks, icecreams and the breakup to go home.

Thanks to Ben for a fun and eventful ride.

Harry Hang Off.

PS: Putting a 130/70 tyre on a rim designed for a 110/90, will slightly deform the tyre's profile, hence the difficulty in scrubbing the edges of the tread, so there!

MELBOURNE MOTORCYCLE SHOW,

Royal Exhibition Building,

Feb. 21 - 25 Inclusive.

(Open till 10pm weeknights)

VICTORIAN ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS,

BROADFORD.

March 3 & 4.

AUSTRALIAN ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

"ROUND 2"

Phillip Island

April 20, 21, 22.

CHRISTMAS CAMP - HALLS GAP

26/12/89 - 1/1/90

Those seen at the camp:-

Gary & Dot CBR1000, Ian & Kerrie XJ900, Steve GPz900, John & Jo GPz1100 (Steve's friends), Tony XJ900, Ken CBX750 & Debbie GPz500 (QL Club), Hans K100RS, Angus & Lisa CB900, Trevor & Ann XJ900, Jon & Helen K100RS, Rod & Rose VF1000f2, Ben & Vicki ZX10, Ken & Ann Pulsar Q, Andrew & Pam VW, also Wendy (fellow camper) and Gabby (Young German girl on holiday) plus up to 10 other riders from Adelaide, Mildura and Warrnambool who camped for 1 or 2 nights.

Highlights:-

* Hans showing us how to get into the ice-cold rock pools at Venus Baths...YAHOO - SPLASH - Why is everybody wet?

* The wet rock slide was tackled with a variety of styles. Wendy - backside, Trevor - standup surfing, Steve - stomach.

* The trek up to the Pinnacle - Two separate groups undertook this hike (4.7km up & 3km down) along with the 'nerve test' which prompted much comment like "never again", "oh my feet", "who's idea was that".

* The semi-constructed Halls Gap Police Station provided much needed firewood in the form of off-cuts, funny how some of the off-cuts were nailed to gether into symmetrical shapes!

* Due to the CBR not having a rack, Gary had his camping gear railed to Ararat, so he & I had a quick blast there to pick it up.

* Ian & I did the tourist thing - Zumsteins, McKenzie Falls, lookouts etc, as did Ben, Vicki, Dot & the Brick earlier.

* Swimming, some enjoyed the sandy beaches at Lake Fyans, others the local pool (ogle,ogle) but we all had a ball at the Venus Baths.

* There was a ride to Great Western & a guided tour of Seppelts Cellars also the opportunity to stock up on the champers for New Years Eve.

* BBQ's, some alcohol and festivities EVERY night.

* New Years Eve, very much the climax - What a Party, in fact we celebrated two by joining a South Oz group for theirs half an hour later where Judy (the tongue) made most of the guys very welcome while her slightly inebriated hubby amused us by attempting fire-walking.

Thanks to all who came & I'd like to thank Ian and Kerrie for the organizing of "What a week".

Steve.

Mt Franklin, Daylesford-- Sunday Jan 7.

KBCP at 9.30 AM -- quite a few of us arrive after 0930 hours and of course are rightly frowned upon-- the grid consists of-----

Ben / Vicki (Leader) ZX10	Les K100
Steve/ Wendy GPZ 900	Ray ZX10
Andrew / Pam K100RS	Megs GS 650 E
Sam / Rita GPZ 900	Daryl CBR 600
Luke / Jacki GPZ 750	Anita CBX 250
Andrea Kat.750	Simon CBR 1000F
Jack K100 RS	Gary RZ 500
Michael GPZ 550	Peter GT 750

Peter is the rear rider and although with "kill switch" troubles needing some push starting, he made it through the day.

This ride is no exception, with many first time participants from our AMCN advertisement , hope we do not overlook the need to follow up and ask them to join MTCV. Not all (many ?) would know how to go about joining and they may just drift away.

The ride is one of the leisurely variety so with the up-front riders at 100-120 KPH and us down the back at 80-100, the riders get strung out like Brown's cows during the morning run.

We use the Plenty- Whittlesea- Wallan- Romsey route to Woodend for the first break. Those roads with a cold south wind give a good impression of the Outer Mongolian Steppes, bleaker than bleak.

Speaking of outer Mongolian Steppes, Ian and Kerrie we learn are (were) somewhere in South East Asia in the warm, when we are in Woodend complaining about the Winter type conditions.

Conversation at the break?, well it's somewhat about Ray's lack of chain guard..... replacements just vibrate into bits, so forget them.

Don't know you can just forget it, someone advanced the theory that the vibes could be coming from an out-of- balance crank and one day could be ZX10 Grenade day.

Run continues through Daylesford to Hepburn Springs, the actual springs park not the town take-away.

The very old Guest House and separate Mineral Bath House are from another era of "taking the waters" type holidays. No folks, it's not that sort of modern bath house where you can catch it and other fings!!

We try the Soda Spring from the pump just adjacent to the bath house, tastes yuk, must be water recirculated after going through said bath house.

Next stop is the Mt Franklin park, not a spring in sight, thought we would see elves filling bottles and labeling "Mt Franklin Mineral Water". (Must do this in Richmond-- sad but true.)

Lunch stop is back in Daylesford, due to the hols. the main drag is full like a city's suburban shopping centre on Saturday. Not a pretty sight.

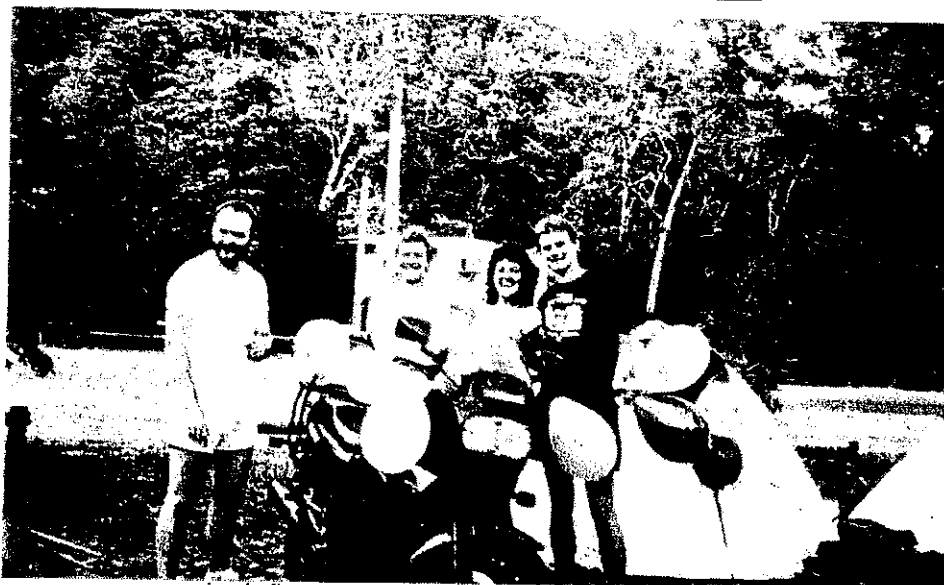
Well that's as far as this reporter went on the ride, going onto Northern Victoria for two days holiday.

So to guess the return trip it went something like
..... Dean- Blackwood- Ballan, all on back roads eh Ben?
Oops, almost forgot Snake Valley (where? check a map !)

Jack Youdan.

P.S. How is it that Hon. Pres.- Editor and Kerrie holiday at the Singapore Hilton where my best is overnight at the Railway Hotel, Albury ?

Ah well, that's life.



"Let the Festivities Begin" - Halls Gap.

MIRBOO NORTH.

Having been caught out rather badly with a very cold first half of the Mt Frankling trip, I listened to the weather report, pulled on the Farmer Brown Leathers, added a couple of windcheaters and set sail for the K.B.C.P. My internal thermostat was telling me the combination was about right for a rather wintry summer's day.

Upon arrival, Steve was already explaining the corner marking system to two new couples; Geoff and Heather on a Moto Guzzi Le Mans 1000 and Erica and Gary on a Honda VF 750.

From the rather extensive list below, you'll gather that we had quite a turn-out.

Michael-Kawasaki GPZ550	Daryl-Honda CBR600
John-Yamaha FZR1000	Eric-Yamaha FZR600
Tom-BMW K100RS	Andrea-BMW800G/S
Steve-Kawasaki GPZ900	Simon-Honda CBR1000
Trevor-Yamaha XJ900	Gary-Yamaha RZ500
Rita & Sam-Kawasaki GPZ900	Jack-Suzuki GSXR1100
Martin & Melissa-Yamaha FJ1100	Ray-Kawasaki ZX101000
Merril & Tony-Kawasaki KLR650	Michael-Kawasaki KR1
Erica & Gary-Honda VF750	Geoff & Heather-Moto Guzzi Le Mans 1000
Ben-Kawasaki ZX101000	

PHEW;

Oh, and of course, me on the basic BMW K100. I'll just massage the writer's cramp out of my arm and continue on with the write up.

Fortunately I had a map on the tank top and managed to gain a basic grasp of where the hell we were going. Not a easy task when circumnavigating Mirboo North.

After Pakenham we turned off towards Bayles and motored by the pituresque "EFFLUENT TREATMENT AREA;" fortunately the wind was blowing in the right direction.

Tom had warned that many of these minor Gippsland Roads were in bad repair and he was right.. Anyone for fork seals. At one corner, Steve was once again explaining our riding rules to another couple (Erica & Gary on a chook chaser KAW 650) that we had happened upon. I'm sure many of the riders were soon wishing for the added suspension travel of a dual purpose bike.

Onward we went; Ripplebrook, Athlone, Poowong and then there was Ray Thomas with the BIG KAWASAKI parked and himself walking up and down the middle of the road.

I quietly cruised the BM to a halt and killed the motor. "Watcha doin' Ray" I says. "Lookin' for a screw" says he. "Oh" says I. There are some very strange people in this Club.

Anyway we soon sorted the SCREW SHEDDING KWACKA out and pressed on to cross the highway at Loch. I actually thought it was Bena, but we crossed at Bena on the way back and it wasn't the same township, so it had to be Loch. God, this is confusing.

With Wonthaggi at the end of the road, I knew that Lunch wasn't far away, but Tom decided to press on a little further along that excellent stretch of coastal swervery to Inverloch.

There should be plenty of space for camping at Inverloch at the end of the month, as the town was very quiet indeed for holiday time.

It was a quite a brief lunch break as there were roads left unriden and we still had to make that elusive goal, Mirboo North our two new couples decided to call it quits at Inverloch, the prospect of a counter lunch in the local pub being too enticing. A matter of different strokes for different folks.

Back across Gippsland we rode, Kongwak, Bena, Leongathe and yes,...The elusive Mirboo North.

But did we stop? not likely. I quickly consulted the map and concluded that we were bound for Boolarra. Unbeknown to Gary, he and the Yamaha rice burner were going to be upside down in the bushes 'ere long.

And so it came to pass, as I rounded a sweeper I spied Ben and Gary removing grass and leaves from out of the fairing. This is always a dead give-away for having overcooked it in a turn. No major damage done to man or machine.

Boolarra was the icy-pole stop and I would like to point out something very interesting. The signwriting on the local store has a deliberate grammatical error. Namely "Norris's Store". The first club member to identify the deliberate mistake will win a kick-start lever and rusty tin of inner-tube repair patches, not to mention a belt over the head with a velo muffler for being such a smart-arse.

Ben pulled out his Box Brownie and recorded an image of the assembled troops for posterity.

It's a pity he didn't record how to get home without losing the bike club.

I was next to sight young Ben about 15 K's down the road ahead of where the Club broke up.

God help us;

Last week we lost the Club Captain and this week we lose the Vice Captain. Is there any hope for us simple rank and file members?

Les (BMW K100)

The Group:

Tom & Anita K100RS (leader), Andi R80GS, Sam & Rita GPz900, Gary CBR1000, Steve GPz900, Eric GPz900, Ian & Kerrie Car, Angus & Lisa CB900, Luke & Jackie GPX750, John GPz900, Trevor & Ann XJ900, Peter FZR1000, Murray & Annette XJ900, Darryl CBR600, Merril & Tony KLR650, Michael GPz550, Chris GPz900, Ben & Vicki ZX10, Simon CBR1000, Mick & Barbara R100CS, Dean FZ750, Ray ZX10, Derek & Sandra Car, Harry RZ350, Eric FZR600, John FZR1000, phew - 37 people, 24 bikes & 2 cars.

As seen we had an excellant turnout for this event, starting with a countermeal then a ride to view the floodlit Steavenson Falls at Marysville. Not all the group where travelling to the falls so those going went to get fuel & those who weren't headed home. The go'ers lost one of their group when Darryl inadvertently followed the home-ward bound group.

The next incident happened just out of Warrendyte with a wrong turn being taken, leaving Tom travelling on his own. A quick back-track soon had the group back together heading through Yarra Glen, Healesville and the Spur to finally get to the Falls at 10.30pm.

After a look, photos, feed the possums then begin the uneventful trip back to Lilydale for breakup at 12.20am. A few of the group accepted Tom & Andi's invitation for coffee and strudel back at their place.

Ian & Kerrie.



I'm FULL - See



Steve and HOG

MTCV Membership Drive.... By Jack Youdan.

It's all very well this drive for new members, but you can't be too careful over some who respond to our ads. in AMCN.

Take the run the other Sunday when AMCN staff member Mr F. Gassit turns up for 9.30 start at KBCP.

As ride leader, I know our Fred will not be able to cope with the corner marking system let alone the rear rider's job so how to involve him?

That's it! To get coverage for our club in their mag. and to exploit his journalistic skills, we make (ask?) Fred "do the article" of the run.

All fine except our Editor receives the following two weeks later----- You can't be too careful who you let join, you know.

MTCV Club Run To Bendigo.

Here we are at KBCP and this silly old BMW fart cum jumped-up ride leader, Jack someone, is givin' us a lecture on club rules for the day.

Will get a thump if he tries to tell me what to do.... ravin' wanker .

Think I shouldn't 'ave come, not a Harley in sight, either outlaw or yuppie ridden, just a bunch of nice practical suck bikes, shaft drives, plastic an' all.

Me Kwaka 9 with 1260 kit is gonna blast 'em into the weeds!

At the first stop this Hans goes on about how many K's his BMW has done , what a load of crap, turns the clock on, I'll bet.

Also some guts- achin' mongrel dobs me in to a committee slag 'cos I didn't stop on a marked corner.

Bloody hell, not going to wait for some pansies to catch up!

Pretty wimpy sort of ride up to Bendigo, what a town of cretins this is.

Club members talk on an' on about tyres, mainly bitchin' about wear..... hope it's quick wear for the lot of 'em!

Then there's more bloody whingin' over the petrol price, and some smart arse on an FJ bores us about how he paid more on his round Oz trip..... big deal eh?

Dunno where we go now but at the next stop this dick head captain (or was it the assistant dick head captain?) is telling me, Racer Fred, to stop holding up in the twisties.....Those birds on their small bikes only passed me 'cos of my petrol blockage, so erf orf youse.

Also at this stop some Ben character is on me ear'ole about his statistics. Wants to know stuff like me first bike, how long riding, sexual preferences, etc.

Heh, heh, pissed him orf quick with some real tasty abuse.

The ride's over when this leader wimp stops at a disposal point, I just blatt past and give 'em the two finger message, ha, ha, up ya and thanks for nuttin'.

It's funny no one from the committee has yet asked me to join, so I'll get in first and tell you rotten mongrels to get lorst, the lot of ya..... wouldn't be seen dead and festering in your lousy club, so shove it you dirty, guts-achin' censored, censored, censored cretins.

Yours Very Truly

FRED.



“Happy New Year”

TORRUMBARRY WEEKEND FEBRUARY 17 & 18.

