

MSR Itinerary

March 2012

Sunday 4th

Licola

10 am Berwick

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

Damir Djikic leading

Leg 1 will include Longwarry, Jindivick, Crossover, Old Sale Road, and Hill End to Moe for morning tea after 110 km. Leg 2 picks up Yallourn North, Tyers (everyone must get fuel at this point as it is a 210 km return trip), Glengarry, Toongabbie, around Lake Glenmaggie and up to Licola for lunch. Some will take a run up the hill to the end of the bitumen and back, a total of 140 km for this third leg. The return trip retraces our tracks from Licola back to Tyers for fuel bypassing Lake Glenmaggie, another 70 km. The final leg includes Yallourn North, Hill End, Old Sale Road, Crossover and Jindivick to finish at Longwarry North after another 100 km. Expect around 420 kms for the day. Brilliant roads all day.

Sunday 11th

Castlemaine

10 am Yarra Glen

Rob Langer leading

From Yarra Glen we'll ride up through Christmas Hills, Glenburn, and Flowerdale for morning tea at Broadford. Then on through Pyalong, Emu Flat, Redesdale and Castlemaine for lunch and fuel. After the break we'll head south through gold mining country including Fryerstown, Franklinford, Hepburn Springs, Spring Hill, and Trentham to regroup at the bakery in Woodend. The final leg will see us visit Mt Macedon, Straws Lane, Bolinda, Wildwood Road to finish at Bulla. Expect around 370km for the day.

Monday 12th **Euroa**

10 am Yarra Glen

Ern Reeders leading

On this Labour Day holiday we will celebrate the Victorian unions winning the 8 hour day by a run through some classic back-roads in mostly open farmland. Route: Yarra Glen, Chum Creek Road, Murrindindi, Molesworth and Alexandra after 110 km. After morning tea we'll ride through Yarck, Gobur, Merton, and Strathbogie to Euroa for lunch after 100 km. The return route picks up Highlands and Yea to finish at Kinglake West after another 130 km. Expect around 340 km for the day.

Sunday 18th **Kilcunda**

10 am Berwick

Ben Warden leading

Loch for morning tea after 110 km via Drouin and the Korumburra Warragul road. Then we'll continue south 16 km before peeling off towards Anderson, Almurga and loops within loops, the risk of the ride lead intersecting with the group ever present. Glimpses of the sea will appear occasionally and totally in the wrong place. Woolamai, the triple K, (Kernot, Kilcunda, Kongwak) and finally (K4) Korumburra Bakery for lunch. After a leisurely break, it's back up the Korumburra Warragul Road to Lardner, bypassing Warragul and its traffic lights, to Nilma and the Crossover twisties to the Neerim, Nayook and the Powelltown sweepers to finish. Sun should be awkwardly low as we head back to Melbourne via Healesville. A hard ride, but enough adrenalin pumping fun to get you through the next week taking two days to recover. Expect around 330 km for the day - plus start and finish commutes.

Sunday 25th **Simpson via the Great Ocean Road**

9.30 am West Gate Shell Servo

Bill Simpson leading

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West Gate Freeway to Little River and on to Lara skirting Geelong by the usual back roads to Batesford and Moriac for morning tea after 110 km. The local MSR contingent will meet us here. Then on to Deans Marsh, Forest and Apollo Bay for fuel after a further 103 km. Next the Otway Ranges to Lavers Hill for lunch (50 km). After a few jokes we'll continue on to Princetown and Simpson for a splash of fuel before stopping at the Shoe Tree for photos. Homeward bound via Carlisle River (1.5km of dirt), Barongarook and Deans Marsh for afternoon tea. The final dash will pick up Moriac to finish at Lara. Expect around 537 km for the day.

Sat. 31st **Dargo via Omeo** **Tim Emons leading**
& Sun. 1st **9 am Berwick**
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On Saturday we'll take a fairly direct route from Berwick to Tyers for a short break, then work our way around Lake Glenmaggie and on through open farmland to Briagolong for fuel and sustenance after 206km. The real ride starts here! We'll head into the forest and up the sensational Beverley's Road, across to Wuk Wuk (Bairnsdale) and on to Bruthen bakery for lunch. Once both tanks are full, we'll take the Great Alpine Road north towards Omeo as far as Doctors Flat. Then loop back to Bruthen resulting in a shorter route than last time due to less daylight hours. Then the final leg into Dargo making 560 km for the day. A shorter option exists for those wanting to skip the Omeo leg is to go directly to Dargo reducing the distance to a comfortable 284km for the day.

On Sunday it's back out on the brilliant Dargo road to Briagolong, then across to Lake Glenmaggie for a run up the spectacular Licola road. From here we'll tackle the same corners in the opposite direction, then across the flats again to refuel in Tyers. We'll throw in a detour to Rawson, then on to the infamous Icy Creek road, stopping for afternoon tea at Noojee, before the final short leg into Powelltown. Around 386 km for the day, with over 100 km more for most to home. Good tyres essential. **Cost: \$50** which includes accommodation and breakfast at Dargo General Store. Transfer your dollars to the MSR bank account asap to reserve a bed. We'll stay in local B&Bs, bunks, twin share, doubles. Two houses: one sleeps four, the other sleeps nine. Cancellation Policy: no refunds.

April 2012

Sunday 1st **Trentham Ranges** **Geoff Jones leading**
10 am Whittlesea

While a group of regular riders are enjoying riding around Dargo, Geoff will lead today's ride out through Flowerdale, Strath Creek, Trawool and Highlands to Seymour for morning tea. (112 km) After the break we'll head out to Pyalong, Emu Flat, Baynton, Burke & Wills Track, Cobaw, Mt Macedon and Woodend for lunch. (107 km) After lunch it is on to Trentham, Blackwood, Greendale, Ballan, Mount Egerton, Dungal, Morrisons, and Meredith. (100 km) The last leg will include Steiglitz, Anakie, Mount Anakie and Werribee. (66km) Expect about 380 km for the day.

Thursday 5th Social Sip
7 pm **II 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.

Sunday 8th **Strathbogie Ranges, Euroa** **Damir Djikic leading**
(Easter) 10 am Whittlesea

From Whittlesea we'll head out through Flowerdale, Strath Creek, King Parrot Road and the Goulburn Valley Highway to Yea for morning tea after 74 km. Then we'll back track on the Highway before turning northwards to Highlands, Caveat, Gobur and Merton. On towards Strathbogie to Euroa for lunch and fuel, a further 126 km. After a leisurely lunch it's back through Ruffy, Highlands, Yea and over Junction Hill to break up at Kinglake West after a further 120 kms. Be there.

Monday 9th **Mt Baw Baw** **Ben Warden leading**
10 am Yarra Glen
Ride will not suit inexperienced riders; not recommended for first time Club riders.

Monday is a public holiday so lets go for a ride! From Yarra Glen we'll head across to Healesville, Yarra Junction and Noojee for morning tea after 60 km. Then up the challenging steep and twisty road to Mt Baw Baw. (50 km) After a group photo it's back to Noojee for lunch. As most people will be tired we'll head for freeway via Neerim South, Jindivick, to finish at Longwarry North after another 50 km. Expect around 210 km for the day.