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Misho Zrakic	Honda CBR1000	Glenn Aspden	Suzuki GSXR1000
Ben Warden	Honda CBR1000	Lyn Duncan	Suzuki GSXR1000
Tim Emons (leader)	Honda CBR1000	Steve Mudford	Suzuki GSXR750
Paul Southwell	Honda CBR1000	Garry Boucher	Kawasaki ZX14
Matt Considine	Honda CBR1000	Cliff Peters	Kawasaki ZX10
Tony Stegmar	Honda CBR1000	Andrew Newbury	Kawasaki ZX10
Mitar Marescuk	Honda CB1000	Aiden Baker	Kawasaki ZX10
Kurn Bridgeman	Honda CBR600	John Willis	Kawasaki ZX1000
Pina Garasi	Honda CBR600	Tony Ripepi	KTM 990
Robert Langer	BMW F700 GS	Pierre Ong	Aprilia RSV4
Rod Merrett	BMW S1000RR	Cindy Lee	Triumph 675

Hi all, I'm just writing a little something about the fantastic Dargo ride we just experienced.

I woke up on the morning of Saturday 8th all packed and ready to meet up with Rod and ride together to the meeting start point at Berwick. What a fantastic turnout with 23 bikes and riders.

After leaving Berwick we headed towards Tyers for a short break, then on to Briagalong for fuel and food. Next the good roads start, heading towards Dargo and the Bruthen Bakery for lunch. The temperature is starting to heat up now. In Bruthen I thought I was going to melt it's so hot. It was 37 deg. Time to cool down in the shade and eat something after filling the bike with fuel.

Next Omeo Lookout via Cassilis. I love the Omeo Highway. What a road! I'm getting some fast speed up. Great fun. Alas, on the way my bag came undone and all my gear was sucked out. Luckily, I managed to get most of it back thanks to the people who stopped and collected it.

After the Lookout, it's a short stop for fuel in Omeo, then back to Bruthen. You just don't get sick of riding in this area; it's the best. Once in Bruthen and fuelled up, it was time to head to Dargo. The Dargo road is fantastic. Steve and Misho were carving everyone up along the way as per usual. They are very fast riders.

Once in Dargo it's time to have a shower cool down and have a beer or two and order dinner at the Dargo Hotel. After eating we sat outside the pub with the girls and guys having a good chat and a laugh. Very funny stuff. It's about 11pm and I'm feeling worn out. Time for bed.

Next morning it started to rain. Luckily it cleared up and wet weathers were not required. After breakfast of an egg and bacon roll and a cup of coffee, and collecting our pre-ordered sandwiches for lunch, we headed off to Briagalong back along the Dargo road again. Fantastic! Then across to

Glenmaggie for the run up the fabulous Licola road to Licola where we stopped and ate our sandwiches. A few of the guys went up to the top of the hill and back.

After lunch it's back the same Licola road to refuel at Tyers. I had a great time riding back from Licola with a few other guys. The crazy things we do so well. Great fun.

After refuelling it's off to Hill End, Noojee and the last stop at Powelltown. The section from Hill End to Icy Creek is diabolically rough, the road a mess of severe pot holes. Luckily, we all made it back through in one piece. Good one.

The only incident for the entire weekend was Matt holing his radiator in Bruthen on Day 1 and having to retire home via a trailer.

Thanks to Ben for everything he did to make this trip so much fun and to Tim for leading the ride. Well done and thanks to all the other girls and guys for a great weekend.

Phil Hotschilt