

Monthly Newsletter



Settembre 2023

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Presidente Rezazione

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Greetings all, we have survived another Canberra winter, it is now Spring and time to enjoy better riding weather.

We have lots happening in the next few months, AGM is just around the corner (9th October), the Corinary Rally a week later, track days at both Pheasant Wood and possibly Philip Island and the club Xmas party, plus lots of social rides thrown into the mix as well. Plenty to keep us all busy.

AGM, as usual all committee positions are up for grabs, the current crew have been at it for a couple of years now so it would be good to get some new blood at the top. If you feel the need to give back to the club please consider a stint on the executive, nomination forms are on the web site.

Corinary Rally, 13-15 Oct 23 at the Woods Reserve off Corin Damn Road. His is the major fund raiser for the club this year and it would be great to see as many of you there, if only for a day run. Yes it does clash with the referendum but as we are only 40 odd kms from town don't see that as being an issue. Come and enjoy some of Taso's great cooking and buy a raffle ticket or two to support your club.



Please contact me if you can contribute to the raffle draw.

Christmas Party, thanks to the generosity of Taso we are once again at the Ovens Door for the club Xmas Party, full details to be announced. Please remember that members are free, however non-members (partner and kids) will require a fee to cover costs.

As usual I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting, 6:30pm for dinner and social for a 7:30pm meeting.

Ciao

Sarge

Prossimi appuntamenti-Next Events

Here is the latest calendar of CDDC events. See list after the tables for other events. For further information, please contact our Ride Coordinator (contact details at end of Newsletter). Don't forget, on all club rides TUFU applies (turn up fuelled up). If you turn up then realise you need fuel and are gonna duck off to get fuel, then tell the ride coordinator.

To stay in touch with club rides make sure you check the club website for the latest ride information.

Rides can change at short notice and the website is the source of truth for club rides. Set it up in your favourites and with one click you will have the latest info.

Settembre 2023	
Monday 11 th	<p>CDDC Monthly General Meeting.</p> <p>7:30pm @Harmonie Club Narrabundah. This month we'll be in the Keller bar.</p> <p>Meeting starts @ 7.30–eats from 6:30 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting.</p>
Thursday 14 th	<p>Mid week ride to Young for lunch.</p> <p>Meet at Coronation Park, Yass at 10.00 for a 10.30 start. Coronation Park is next to the Visitor Centre in the main street.</p> <p>Ride to Young via Harden and Wombat.</p> <p>These rides are targeted at Club Registered bikes, however all are welcome.</p>
Sunday 17 th	<p>Ducs on the Pond</p> <p>A return to a lazy Sunday catch-up for coffee and a ride if people feel like it.</p> <p>Meet at 10am near the Jetty Café – Queen Elizabeth Terrace – near Commonwealth Place, Lake Burley Griffin (down behind Questacon and the High Court)</p>
Saturday 24 th	<p>Woodstock Pub</p> <p>We did a ride out to Woodstock last year, with a bit of luck the roads may have improved – but it is still a good ride. It is a longish day, so come prepared.</p> <p>Meet at the Little Sutton Bakehouse 8.30 for a 9 am start</p>

Octobre 2023

Monday 9 th	<p>CDDC Annual General Meeting</p> <p>It's October already which means it's AGM time. All positions are open. As usual the AGM will be held at the Harmonie Club, Narabundah.</p> <p>The meeting starts at 7.00pm with the October Monthly Meeting. We'll take a break at 7.30. The AGM is scheduled to run from 8.00 to 8.45.</p> <p>For those interested there will be the usual suspects gathering from 6.30pm in the Keller Room.</p>
Friday 13 th - Sunday 15 th	<p>Corinary Rally</p> <p>Woods Reserve – Off Corin Dam Road</p> <p>Catered from Saturday lunchtime by the CDDC Latte Sipping Catering Division.</p> <p>Firewood and real Dummies. BYO alcohol. Door prizes and raffles.</p> <p>\$30 to register. Go to the CDDC Website to register.</p> <p>See the CDDC website for more details.</p>
Wednesday 18 th – Thursday 19 th	<p>Overnight ride to Grenfell</p> <p>This is our first mid week overnight ride.</p> <p>Meet at Coronation Park, Yass at 10.00 for a 10.30 start. Coronation Park is next to the Visitors Centre in the main street.</p> <p>Wednesday, ride to Temora for lunch via Harden, Wallendbeen, Stockinbingal and Springdale. After lunch continue to Barmedmen, Bimbi then Grenfell.</p> <p>Thursday, ride from Grenfell to Cowra, then on the Young for lunch. After lunch ride to Wombat, Harden, Binalong, Yass and back to Canberra.</p> <p>Both days are a relaxing distance of approximately 300 kilometers.</p> <p>Accommodation will need to be booked by those attending and the accommodation details will be on the website shortly.</p> <p>These rides are targeted at Club Registered bikes, however all are welcome.</p>
Sunday 22 nd	<p>Duc's on the Pond</p> <p>An opportunity to meet up for a coffee and chat and a ride if people are up for it.</p> <p>Meet for 10am near the Jetty Café – Queen Elizabeth Terrace – near Commonwealth Place, Lake Burley Griffin (down behind Questacon and the High Court).</p>

Sunday 29 th	<p>Wee Jasper</p> <p>A leisurely ride out to Wee Jasper with a stop for lunch at the Distillery. This is a new ride I'm keen to try out. It shouldn't be a long ride, but there will be some tight bits.</p> <p>Meet at Weston McDonalds (the newer one on Kirkpatrick St) 10 for a 10.30 start.</p> <p>We'll ride out via Mountain Creek Road. I believe the Distillery does light food so we'll aim for a light lunch.</p>
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Note: Event start times & venues are subject to change – make sure you confirm latest event info on the website @ <https://canberradistrictducaticlub.org.au>

The CDDC provides funds for a support vehicle & recovery trailer on sanctioned club rides like the Harrierville, Khancoban runs & Bevels to the Bay run each year. See other comments re the funding of support vehicles & trailer on CDDC club rides in this newsletter.

Ride/event ideas

If you would like to lead a ride of your choice or have a suggestion for a ride, please email ridesdcdc@gmail.com. Aside from these planned rides, I encourage everyone to start events via the club website or Facebook page for casual short rides.

Weekday Rides

The situation with the COVID Virus is changing on a daily basis, however at this stage it is still within the rules and guidelines to hold our monthly rides as long as social distancing requirements are complied with by members.

MotoGP Tipping

Rd. 10 & 11 Austria and Catalunya

Jeff Piper

Everyone picked Peco in their mix so I guess it all evened out. Only 2 didn't pick Aliex in their mix for the Catalunya GP.

Phil, Taso and Sarge lead the charge.

Racing from Misano on Sunday at 10 pm.

Tips in one hour before the Race starts.

Round	ALAN	PHIL	JULIAN	SARGE	THOMMO	ROSS	BILL	TASO	JOHNNO	SHERRY	GRAHAM	MARK	TIM
Portugal	1	4	5	4	4	4	1	4	4	0	4	5	0
Argentina	3	1	1	4	1	1	1	4	1	2	1	2	1
USA	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	0	0
Spain	9	9	1	5	9	2	4	2	4	0	0	7	5
France	3	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	1
Italy	4	5	4	4	4	7	1	6	4	4	1	7	5
Germany	<u>2</u>	9	2	7	2	2	2	3	7	1	2	3	2
Netherlands	7	2	5	2	7	2	2	7	9	2	2	2	4
British	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	1	2	0	3	1
Austrian	7	9	6	7	6	5	5	9	7	7	7	7	7
Catalan	2	7	6	7	7	7	4	7	3	1	3	1	3
Total	38	47	32	44	42	35	21	46	42	19	26	41	29

Ride reports

Craig Evans

Ride Rant

We had a fairly busy month of rides and stuff for August and it was great to get out on the bike a bit more as the weather started to improve – well it was better more than it wasn't.

The month kicked off with the annual Gluwhein Rally on 6th August put on by the Vintage and Veterans Motor Cycle Club. If you haven't been to one of these before you probably need to get out more. There is always a broad range of models and makes spread over a range of eras. If you're into bikes it is guaranteed that there would be something there that gets your attention. The VVMCC do a great job putting on a BBQ breakfast and coffee followed by a ride up to Corin Dam and back. Following the ride they put on warm Gluwhein – haven't had it myself but apparently it makes sense in the colder months.

It was great to see a few club members turn out for this one. Just in case you're wondering – you don't have to be on a vintage or veteran bike to attend.

The following weekend we had the August edition of Duc's on the Pond where we had another good turnout. As these coffee meets seem to be well attended I'm figuring that I'll schedule these in as an ongoing 'thing'.



Some Duc's by the pond

We had a mid month mid week ride to Jugiong. Pity we didn't have much of a turn out for this one as it's a nice little ride with good spot for lunch, but I suppose I need to remember not everyone can take off for a ride on a Wednesday. The day wasn't too bad for this time of year and the roads were fairly clear – as you'd expect for a weekday – and it was easy to get a table at the Sir George. If you can make it out on a 'work day' these are a nice cruisy ride and I know Grant set these up primarily for club registered bikes, but he does let any bikes come along – even Triumph Tigers, or Ford Rangers for that matter.

Next up on the calendar was the slow riding day with President Sarge donning his riding instructor hat and attempting to teach old dogs new tricks. Well not really, but it did seem like that at times. Michael also took on a training role, along with going over the basics of loading a bike trailer. There was a pretty good turn out for this and even though Ducati sport bikes are not necessarily best suited to this type of riding, on the most part I think it was beneficial to those who participated. It was also good to see a few younger riders there – even one with very limited experience. Hopefully a few potential new members.



Michael during his Bike Loading session

By the way – a big thank you to Sarge and Michael for giving up their time to put this on for the members.



The usual crowd getting their strength back after the rider training

The last ride on the calendar was a little ride around the back roads ending up at the George Harcourt for lunch. In fact this ride was pretty much a copy of the popular New Years Recovery Ride – except different. It was another fine late winter's day and we had something like eight or nine riders turn out for this one. It was good to see a few less familiar faces as well and people staying for lunch and a chat afterwards.



A few of the bikes on the George Harcourt ride

That's about it for August. Keep an eye out for any upcoming rides, particularly as we are now coming into the best time of year for riding – not too cold and not too hot. There are plenty of options up on the website providing plenty of excuses to get out on the bike.

Low Speed Riding Techniques

Ken Purbrick

Saturday 19 August 2023 started out a bit chilly and a bit windy but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of a number of club members and family from turning up at the CIT car park at Bruce for the latest CDDC low speed riding techniques combined with M/C trailer etiquette.



The day started a bit slow with people dwindling in from 9:30am to about 10:30am, yes Wodji was late as usual 😊. Michael had brought out two trail bikes and a mini Monster. We also had two Panigale V4S, a Panigale V2, a 650 Pantah, 900 Triumph, ZZR 250 and a ring in on a KTM 390 and the Sarge Barge GTR 1400. My excuse was the storage space needed to haul the cones.

The morning started with a bit of clutch and throttle control, through moving off and stopping, sharp left and right turns at low speed and slightly higher speeds practising manoeuvring. After a short break riders tried out a figure eight course keeping an eye out for at least two other riders whilst negotiating the course, always interesting. As the activities could only have a maximum of three riders at a time the remainder took the opportunity to practice the Motorcycle Operators Skill Test (M.O.S.T.) that was painted on the bitumen near our practice area.



Whilst Sarge was running the riders through the above activities Michael was teaching a complete novice 15 year old the basics of handling a M/C. He did such a great job that later in the day this young man, who had never ridden a bike before, attempted and completed the entire M.O.S.T. He also participated in a number of the low speed activities. It was very rewarding to see how well he did.



The participants were then given a very good practical demonstration on loading and unloading a M/C onto and off a motorcycle trailer by oneself and with one other person including tie down and strap placement. At the completion of the practical, Liam (L plates), Novice 15yo and the KTM 390 (L plate) were put through the M.O.S.T. as they would be tested by the RTA contractor with lots of hints on what top practice in their own time.

By now it was past lunch and as everyone was cold and hungry most of the crew headed off to Cook shops for a bite to eat at Little Oink and My Friends. Both served excellent food and beverages. All up we spent about four and a half hours training and an hour eating, a very enjoyable day.

Classics – Jawa

Slow Down

Grant Fuller

I was pleased to see our President Sarge noticed me riding my 1959 JAWA 250 on the Gluwein run.

He passed a comment in our last Newsletter, that I must be starting to slow down in my old age. This could be true Sarge, but my old JAWA was able to exceed the speed limit the entire way to and from the Cotter, so I don't really see the need to have a modern Ducati.

But what was more of a surprise was that the next Club event, was one organized by Sarge, and was to train members on SLOW riding.

You can't get much slower than that Sarge!



The Old Bloke at the Pheasant's Wood 4 Hour Endurance Race, 27 August.

Spring Checkover

Grant Fuller

Spring is here, and it's a good opportunity to give your bike a good check over prior to the better weather arriving. This is especially important for those members who have not used their bike over the winter period.

Hopefully you have kept the fuel tank full with fresh fuel treated with a stabilizer. The other item to check is your battery. How old is it, and what is its condition like, plus has it been kept charged. If both fuel and battery are good, you stand a really good chance of the bike starting easily if it has been stored.

Tyres need to be checked for pressure as well as tread wear, condition and age. Tyres are provided with both tread wear indicators (TWI) and date markings. Whilst we are down looking at the tyres, what are the sprockets and chain looking like, and how is the tension and is it correctly lubricated?

Levers and controls need to be checked for operation, pivot points lubricated to ensure smooth action. This includes the side stand and gear linkages.

Lights definitely need to be tested to ensure that they are all working, as well as the condition of the lenses.

Give the entire bike the once over to look for loose or missing fasteners.

Whilst giving your bike a wash is a good opportunity to look at many of the above items.

If there is anything you are unsure about, don't ignore it, but ask someone else for help or advice.



New Triumph

Grant Fuller



Could this be Craig's next purchase??



He was excited to see this at the Gluwein Run

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Altre Notizie – Other news

Riders Lane



The committee was contacted in August by members of a new initiative in Canberra – Riders lane. The team at Riders Lane wanted to provide their members the details of CDDC monthly rides.

In return, here is what Riders Lane offer:

Over the past six months, Riders Lane Canberra has united the diversity of Canberra's motorcycle riders and enthusiasts under an umbrella of a single social enterprise — a community DIY motorcycle workshop that provides a safe and inclusive place for members to socialise, learn, create, and to work on their own bikes.

New and experienced riders of all types of motorcycles and historic motorcycle enthusiasts, builders, restorers — all have embraced the opportunity to connect with other riders backed by the support of an enterprise that meets their individual and collective needs.

“Canberra really needs this” is frequently overheard at Riders Lane events.

Riders Lane commenced operating in temporary premises in June with a ‘rebuild a motorcycle’ workshop series for women. A small group of women have been working together to develop knowledge, skills and confidence working on a motorcycle donated by Total Motorcycle Service.

Based on the success of the project combined with the high level of interest from the local community, Riders Lane is preparing to relocate to larger permanent premises in Mitchell in late October.

Workshop members will have access to dedicated bays with electric hydraulic motorcycle lifts, professional tools and equipment to work on their own motorcycles. Motorcycle storage will also be available.

Volunteers with a vast range of experience are an important feature of the Riders Lane experience —encouraging the knowledge transfer to be passed from one generation to the next.

A crowd funding campaign is currently open until 27 October to raise the funds needed to complete the workshop, retail and member lounge fitout at the premises in Mitchell. You can help take Riders Lane Canberra your home away from home by investing in a Pozible reward.

Simply choose one of these packages to play an active role in the future of Riders Lane.

Learn more: <https://www.pozible.com/profile/riders-lane>

For information about Riders Lane, contact Sonia at sonia@riderslanecanberra.au or phone 0413528357

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