



AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

TECH TIPS - THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD AIR FILTRATION & QUALITY OIL

It's all been said before, perhaps for the first time scratched onto parchment with a feather dipped into ink during the Napoleonic period – the VeloSolex, being a sophisticated and finely engineered two stroke, needs to have a good air filter and quality two stroke oil for long and happy engine life. At the risk of losing many paid up subscribers with highly technical jargon, fuel and air is taken from the carburettor and gargled around the crankshaft and bearings before it is spat out into the combustion chamber via the porting and then ignited. The oil in the fuel mix, when the gargling is in process, must lubricate the bottom end and, because there isn't much of it, should be of good quality. The same goes for the air filter because, once again, unfiltered air could cause contaminants such as dust and grit to cause rapid wear. I have heard of gauze bandage being used in the air filter to good effect. My own preference is to go to my local Honda mower dealer and buy a foam "pre" filter element. This is then cut to a slightly larger diameter than the filter ring, lightly oiled and then fitted under the ring. Cleaning is done simply in kerosene, dried and re-oiled.

THE MARIBYRNONG RIVER TRAIL RUN

ATENDEES : Don B (4600), Don S (3300), Neil (1010), Charles and Peter S (3800's) and John M (1700).

Situated at a convenient distance from the city, this run combines in a notable manner the advantages of town life with the pleasant surroundings of the Maribyrnong river and good quality paved cycling paths. We met at the designated spot prior to 9.30 am . The weather

was cold but dry. In good cheer, we set off towards Flemington. There are some interesting sights of the non lycra clad variety along this path. One of them is a large Chinese temple, complete with dragons on the roof, and a huge statue stood in the middle of a pond. The path runs past Flemington race course – home of the Melbourne cup. It also has many parks and open spaces.

Before long, we had reached the boathouse café where we stopped for our usual talk-fest complimented with food and drink. On previous runs along the Maribyrnong, we didn't venture much further than the café but today, curious to see what lies beyond, we decided to follow the trail a few kilometres further. About a kilometre past the café, the trail turns sharply away from the river and climbs a very steep hill via a series of switch backs. I was surprised to see Peter shoot up this hill like a potential Melbourne cup runner. Once we got to the top, we were rewarded with a terrific panoramic view of Melbourne. To the left was the city skyscrapers and right below us, the meandering river going past what must have been the old Government explosives factory. After taking in the sights, it was decided to turn around for our return journey and head back to our cars for the trip home.

FUTURE EVENTS

We are fast approaching the end of the year and we have filled our calendar with the following exciting line up :

Don and Dee have been terrific in planning and offering not one but two runs :

The **September run** is to be held on Saturday 12th leaving from Don and Dee's place 14 Kalyrna Grove Chadstone, 3148 at 9.46am Melways 69 J6 {between Hillcrest Ave. and Oakpark Dve)

The run is to Jells Park - a round trip of 27kms, but for your enjoyment we are adding an additional 5 kms. The run is complex and nearly all on designated bike tracks

The plan is to ride to Jells Park, have a coffee and then ride back for a simple light lunch of hot dogs or cheese & salad rolls for non-carnivores.

If you wish to bring along a wine or something else to drink that would complement the hot dogs feel free. Maybe a Woof Blass would be appropriate.

Please let John or myself know for the catering.

Looking forward to seeing you there

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The October run will be Don's famous "Descent into darkness" night run on Friday 16th which will also incorporate a BBQ. We may get some of South Australia's Solex riders for this one. They are most welcome.

November run

Ted Cross has very kindly invited our group to the “French Car festival” on Sunday November 1 at Como North reserve. This too should be a great outing.

December run

Date still to be settled. It will be our traditional “Christmas” Scarsdale to Skipton rail trail run . This is a long run through old gold mining territory in central country Victoria.



