

Solexaz

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

TECH TIPS - IT'S ALL ABOUT TIMING.

It was interesting that in our latest ride, Charles and I had noticed that our bikes seemed to lack a bit of sparkle and were both poor in the top end and on steep hills. I made a mental note to check the spark plug and the timing when I got home. Within our group, the accepted method of checking the timing is with a piece of cigarette paper. That's a mighty small gap someone might say, but the methodology is that the cigarette paper is only there to detect exactly when the points start to open. The cigarette paper is inserted between the points (with the aid of a small screwdriver holding them open) when the marks on both the flywheel and engine casing are as in photograph **A**. Then slowly rotate the flywheel clockwise whilst gently pulling on the cigarette paper. The cigarette paper should start to pull out of the points when the timing marks are lined up, as in photograph **B**. If they do not line up the two screws holding the points base plate can be loosened and the screw between them can be turned either way to change the setting so that the marks can be aligned. It sounds a bit complicated but is not and experience is the key here. It is probably best to be shown how to do the job by a fellow group member. Geoff, Neil, Frank, Ern or myself have done it on many occasions and I'm sure if any one of us was asked to do a demonstration, we'd be happy to do so.



Points behind inspection hole in the flywheel.



Points with cigarette paper inserted



Flywheel marks prior to cigarette paper insertion.



Flywheel marks at which point the Cigarette paper should pull out.

THE JELLS PARK RUN

ATTENDEES : Neil (5000), Charles and Peter S (3800's), Don S (3300) and John M (1700).

After a colder than average Winter, it was a revelation to get a warm Spring day of around 24 degrees. We all met at Don and Dee's place for our 27 klm run to Jells Park and back. Don must know off by heart every bike path between Chadstone and Waverley- and he put this knowledge to good use. When we finally got to Jells Park for our traditional coffee, food and talkfest, I wasn't going to let Don get too far from my sight because we had no way of finding our way back to his place. GPS on a Solex ???

Happily, Don cheerfully led us back to his place for the return journey where Dee had been busy preparing Hot Dogs and a wonderful selection of cheeses, crackers and fruit complemented by refreshments.

All too soon it was time to head for home again. Many thanks to Don and Dee for organising and catering such a great event. They both try really hard for our non club.

OUR NEXT RUN

To use Don's own well chosed words :

Don's Descent into Darkness – This will be the 4th time that we will have descended into the darkness.

We have chosen a Saturday night as it was felt that it would be more convenient for those who have to travel a long distance.

The format is the same as previous years.

We may get some of South Australia's Solex riders for this one. They are most welcome.

Basic run - Meet at my daughter's place 9 Montpellier Road Burwood Melways K7 at 6.20pm. Ride to my place at 14 Kalyrna Grove Chadstone have a BBQ and chat – bring meat and drinks.

When the darkness has descended we will head back to 9 Montpellier.

Deluxe run – This is a double run leaving 14 Kalyrna Grove (between Oakpark Drive and Hillcrest Avenue) Melways 69 J4/5 at 5.45pm, riding to 9 Montpellier road, meeting the others and returning to Kalyrna Grove for the BBQ and chat then returning to Montpellier road and then back to my place.

Please let me know if you will be joining the ride for catering purposes.

Ph: 9807 8999 or 0450644570

Looking forward to meeting up with you,

Don S.



Is it the wine or the Solexitis?