

And you thought we had a lot of accidents. Check out the following article:

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Well, it has finally happened – every bad accident involving some members on an official club run.

We all knew it was going to happen, but the Committee felt that they were banging their heads against a brick wall, as was seen at the last club meeting, when a very heated discussion was started on this very question of the Club's behaviour on the open highway.

Colin Botting, who was the worst casualty in this accident, is, I am glad to say, now off the critical list. All we can do now is hope that he will not suffer from permanent brain damage. But this aspect will not be known until he becomes fully conscious.

The Club, as a whole, seems to have become accident prone during the past few months, as can be seen from the following summary:-

- 1:- Dennis Ackland – Facial injuries, broken leg, bruising. Damage to motorcycle – wrecked. Place of accident:?
- 2:- Colin Botting – Facial injuries, still semi-conscious. Damage to motorcycle – Repairable. Place of accident: near Geelong.
- 3:- John Cecil – Twice! Bruising. Places: Wangaratta and Mt Hotham. Damage to motorcycle – negligible.
- 4:- Lance Crockett – Facial injuries, broken arm, bruising. Damage to motorcycle, approx. \$300. Place of accident: Hoddle St., Abbotsford.
- 5:- David Cumming – (Claw) – Facial injuries, concussion, bruising. Damage to motorcycle: approx. \$300. Place of accident – Kew Boulevard.
- 6:- Graham McEachren – sprained ankle, bruising. Damage to motorcycle – if smart, will not repair. Place of accident: near Geelong.
- 7:- Steve Leverett – broken leg, bruising. Lets hope he gets better soon. Damage to motorcycle: rideable. Place of accident: near Murchison Gap.
- 8:- Betty Shilton – facial injuries, needing plastic surgery. Damage to motorcycle:?. Place of accident: Wangaratta.
- 9:- Margaret Peart – (pillion) facial injuries, gravel rash, bruised body, all over! Place of accident: near Geelong.
- 10:- Cheryl Hatherell – (pillion) bruising. Place of accident: Mt. Hotham.
- 11:- Brendan Caine – bruising, gravel rash. Sick sheep! Damage to motorcycle: bent. Place of accident: Cape Cope, near St. Arnaud.
- 12:- Mick (Yami 350) – bruising, torn ligaments. Sick dog! Damage to motorcycle: negligible. Place of accident:?
- 13:- Joyce Martin – bruising, facial injuries. Damage to motorcycle: approx. \$300. Place of accident: Benalla, Hume Highway.

I will admit that not all these accidents occurred on club runs, but just look at it! It reads like an honour role! All that we can be thankful for is that nobody was killed. No rambling rumours or smart comments will appear this month, for we want every member to just see these names, and to look at the injuries received. Do you really want to be added to the list? You will be if the road laws of both this state and the club are not adhered to more strictly.

Older and more experienced members should not sit back waiting for a committee member to castigate an offending rider, but to point it out to the rider themselves. Please watch what you are doing on the roads, for we don't want you to be injured. DO YOU??

The Editors