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Hello TT/XT 500 Enthusiast,

If you haven't already been thinking about it, it's time now to start thinking about the TT/XT 500 Muster, which is to be held on the weekend of the 28th & 29th October, 2017. This year, we will be recognising the 40th Anniversary since the release of the 2nd model of the TT and XT 500's back in 1977. We will be holding the event in the beautiful Barossa Valley at the Bethany Reserve. We will be running just one ride on Saturday 28th and a dinner in the evening followed by the Show'n'Display day on Sunday 29th.

Saturday

This will be a road ride around the local area and into the beautiful Adelaide Hills. The ride will start from the Bethany Reserve at approximately 9:45am on Saturday morning, so try to be there from 9.30am, so we know exact numbers attending the ride. Our 1st stop is only 5 minutes away and we are hoping the sun will be out for a great photo opportunity overlooking the Barossa Valley. We will be making other stops along the way through the Adelaide hills including a lunch stop in Woodside with a choice of places to eat, before returning on a different route back to Bethany.

On Saturday evening, we will all get together for a meal and chat about the day at a local establishment known as "The Tanunda Hotel". It would be great to let us know if you will be attending, as seating is limited and booking numbers are essential. All of the local hotels have a good range of accommodation for anyone looking for somewhere to stay. Please also keep in mind the Tanunda Caravan Park, which will cater for all your needs and is very close to the Bethany Reserve. There is also the Nuriootpa Caravan Park if there are no vacancies at Tanunda. There are also many 'Bed and Breakfast' establishments in and around the Barossa as well if this is more to your liking. All relevant information can be found by using everyone's best friend "Google".

Sunday

Once again, we will be utilising the local Scout group to look after the catering on Sunday with bacon and egg sandwiches for breakfast and their regular lunch time feast, so please support them where you can! There will be a display of bikes on the oval on Sunday 30th October from around 10:00am, with judging covering a broad range of categories, starting from around 11.30am. We are really hoping to get the largest number of 500's on the oval this year to hopefully say we have over 100, 500s at the Muster in 2017. We encourage you to consider bringing a mate and make a weekend of it (don't forget to bring your bike/s too!) What a fantastic opportunity to take a short holiday and share it with other bike enthusiasts! It will be great to see some 'interstaters' cross the border and enjoy what the Barossa Valley has to offer.

We are also in the process of organising another monster raffle, which is proving to be a great fund raiser for us and helps pay for the trophies we get each year. This will be drawn sometime after the trophy presentation around 2:00pm. A big thanks goes out to our new sponsor who has covered the hire fee for the venue this year, L M Hydraulics.

As a special feature again at this year's Muster, we are hoping to have Sofie Kraft and Haydon Ahrens doing a 'Trials Display'. Sofie is representing Australia as part of the team competing in the 2017 Trials des Nation for the second time which is to be held in Spain in late September.

The Muster is a fantastic way to catch up with friends and other 500 enthusiasts. It's also a great time to learn some of the 'tricks' which have been accumulated over the years to improve these machines. There will also be the opportunity to buy, sell, trade parts and swap contacts.

If you are interested in getting any merchandise, e.g. souvenir hats or beanies or even our Podium Pit Shirts (which are proving to be popular), please place an order at least a month before the event, which will give us time to have them there on the day for you to pick up. We still have some hats from last year and will be selling them at cost to recover funds. If you wish to get a hat with the 2017 date on it, you will need to place your order by Monday 2nd October so that we can have them available for collection at the Muster. The ordering can be done by sending an email to tag500@bigpond.net.au with your shirt sizes and number of hats or anything else you may wish to purchase.

We are also in the process of setting up an electronic mail out list, so if you can email us at the above email address, we will add you to the new mail out system. We didn't have too many last year and with mailing prices always increasing, we would really like to utilise this modern and cost effective form of communication.

We are still currently in the process of setting up the 'stand-alone' Muster site, which is basic at this stage but one we can build on throughout the coming years. This letter along with the poster can be found and down loaded from this site, the address being "ttx500muster.com". For those who are on 'Facebook' and have liked the Muster page "Yamaha TT XT 500 Muster", further information will also be posted on here when it becomes available. I hope to be able to get stuck into it later this year when time allows. Thank you for your patience.

This year, due to the ever increasing expense of running the Muster, we will be asking for a \$2 donation from each person who brings a bike, whether its 1 or 10 bikes, it will only be \$2. Please bring as many bikes as you can, as we would love to break that 100 bike barrier and make the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the "D" model, a memorable occasion.

The Muster team are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the Barossa Valley, with as many bikes as possible - rain, hail or shine (but we are certainly hoping for shine!)

Yours sincerely,

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