

# **SAMRATS Ride Report Sunday 23 Oct 2011**

**Ken King – SAMRATS Coordinator**

**Ride Leader – Rohan, Tail-End-Charlie – Michael (morning) and Ken (afternoon)**

On this ride all four ride captains turned out on the same ride day which was pretty unusual. Fourteen riders started out, and Jamie, who had not been riding with us for a few months, joined the group on his Honda 1800 cruiser at Port Elliot. This was a pretty good number especially as there were also some other big motorcycling events in Adelaide on the same day.

It is always great to see the regular riders who come out almost every week and also good to welcome back the occasional riders whom we see now and then.

Rohan led us on a route from the Victoria Hotel, Top o' Taps on Main South Road, to Port Elliot for lunch then to Meadows for afternoon tea. This would seem a relatively short distance as the crow flies but the route taken zigzagged its way to Mount Compass for morning tea and on to Port Elliot for lunch. After lunch eight of us continued on to circumnavigate the Fleurieu Peninsula and then zigzag our way to Meadows, making a round trip of 320 kms.

The morning ride went through Clarendon, Meadows, Bull Creek, Nangkita and to Mount Compass for morning tea, then Pages Flat and Hindmarsh Tiers, doubling back up Victor Harbor Road, a few more turns and across to Flagstaff Hill Road and down to Port Elliot for lunch.

There was a thick sea mist moving from the south across the Victor Harbor area which dropped the temperature to a cooler, more pleasant sensation as we dropped down to sea level.

Fuel stop in Victor and the afternoon ride was to Delamere, then to Yankalilla, Myponga, the Yundi road, a few more turns to Ashbourne and back up Bull Creek to Meadows for afternoon tea.

Going down Bull Creek Road in the morning we had a few very slow cars blocking our way, but coming back up the same road in the afternoon we had a clearer run. Most of the other roads were pretty free of cars and the few that were going our way usually pulled off to the side of the road to let us past as a group, which always sets up a good vibe between bikers and car drivers.

The weather was pleasant enough all day, though being a bit humid and muggy until we hit the thick sea mist off the ocean. A few raindrops fell on us out of the sea mist as we rose in altitude out of Victor to Waitpinga, but otherwise the clouds were kind to us all day.

An excellent day's ride with mild weather, great company and a fantastic route taking in some southern and peninsula country roads that I, and probably other riders, had never been on before.

Thanks to ride leader Rohan and tail-end-Charlie Michael.