

Samrats ride report for Sunday 27 May 2012

Ride Leader Jim Tail end Charlie Otto

This was Jim's annual ride to Robertstown which was held later in the year in spring in 2011 but was moved to autumn for 2012 to avoid the massive locust plague that swamped us and our bikes last year. The weather was forecast to have sporadic showers in the morning and then be fine for the rest of the day. As luck with have it Jim had his usual lucky star and we had not a drop of rain all day. 23 riders came on the ride including 3 pillions. We had 2 new riders and the rest were our die hard core of regular riders.

We took off from Caltex Bolivar with the first rest stop at Tarlee then on to Saddleworth then Burra for a fuel stop. From Burra onto the Morgan Rd until the right turn onto World's End Highway where Jim made it a free ride from the turn off to Robertstown.

As we had no morning tea when we arrived at Robertstown bowling club we were suitably famished and ready to devour the excellent 3 course lunch the locals had prepared for us. As per previous years the food was great with roast meats, tasty veg, fruit salad, ice cream and a range of slices to finish. The spread of food with all you could eat was well worth the very reasonable \$20 per head cost. The conversations at lunch and the breaks was the usual friendly motor cycling fraternity banter from a down to earth bunch of people with zero pretensions. One of our regular riders let it slip that it was her birthday prompting all of us to sing happy birthday to you which seemed to make her feel happy and embarrassed in equal measure.

Fully satiated we rode to Eudunda, Truro, Stockwell, Eden Valley to Mount Pleasant for afternoon tea. A couple of riders carried on down the Sturt Highway but most of us were there for afternoon tea. The ride ended at Mount Pleasant but a few of us rode back to Adelaide as a group via Tungkillo Rd to Mount Torrens, Woodside and Balhannah to pick up the freeway home.

It was a good time of the year to do this ride avoiding the hot weather and the locusts. The ride was about 320kms with a few more for most riders to get to the start point and home again from Mount Pleasant. A great days riding with no mishaps, injuries or safety issues with the most excellent of company and we even got a bit of sun along the way in between the cloudy stretches.

Many thanks to Jim for leading and planning the ride and for organizing the lunch catering. Many thanks to Otto for going tail end Charlie for the morning and the afternoon ride.

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