

Samrats ride report for Sun 1 July 2012

Ride leader Ken / Tail end charlie Steve

The winter cold and the on and off rainy weather we had last weekend combined to limit the riders to 6 and 1 pillion on Sun 1 July. With the right warm gear the cold is no problem and it only rained on us lightly and for short times all day. The clouds were thick all round but strangely there was usually sunshine and blue sky directly ahead of where we were going to but when we got there it had some times moved on. This weather did make for some spectacular rainbows ahead of us.

We had not left the city via Greenhill Rd for a long time so we took that route to Balhannah and the Greenhill road was not too wet and only had a few slippery green moss areas. We then zipped into Hahndorf and made a right turn onto the Pine St / Echunga Rd in the middle of the main street. It is a great motor cycling road to Echunga , then on to Macclesfield for a rest stop. The roads were drier along this way making the twisties and curves all the better.

Next to Strathalbyn and then to Milang for lunch at the bakery. This route from Hahndorf to Strath is one of my favorite rides of all time as the road quality is reasonable, the roads undulated with lots of different types of corners and the country side view seems to stay green and lush all year round even in summer. After lunch the clouds were still rolling in from the south so we decided to call it a day and make our way home. Chris suggested a good route back so we followed him as a group to Langhorne Creek, Woodchester and into Mount Barker where we went our separate ways. The roads were pretty dry, not much wind and the rain held off making it a pleasant and enjoyable short afternoon ride.

Most of us would have got home by 2.30pm and we would have done about 200kms. No mishaps save for a few controllable back wheel slips on the wet road.

Thanks to Steve for going tail end Charlie, and to Chris for leading the afternoon ride.
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