

## **Samrats ride report for Sat 3 Nov 2012**

Ride Leader Rohan / Tail End Charlie Michael

8 riders and 1 pillion met at Victoria Hotel car park for Rohan's Saturday ride to Port Elliot. Our regular riders were joined by a Maxi Scooter rider who had been out with us once before and who had no problems keeping up. He seemed to be enjoying himself if the grin on his face on the breaks was anything to go by.

As it turned out the weather was cloudy, hot and unusually still and with the wind so minimal Rohan decided that we should do Delamere and have lunch at Victor Harbor instead of going to Port Elliot. There was no objection to this so we took off to Clarendon via Chandlers Hill Rd, then just before Meadows we turned right onto Brookman Rd, then Pages Flat Rd to Myponga for a rest stop and morning tea.

The next leg was Main South Rd to Delamere which is a surprisingly great motor cycling road for a main road. We did encounter quite a few cars which were going way below the speed limit but as we had a small group getting around them was no problem. The only troublesome and annoying section was as usual coming down the hill into Yankalilla where the cars crawl along with double white lines and no place to overtake.

The scenery along the coast from Normanville to Delamere is world class and on this day with little wind, clearing skies and warm sunshine made for a most enjoyable leg of our journey. A quick rest stop at Delamere and a free ride to Victor along this classic road made for motor cycling was all good fun except a crosswind did start to pick up and push the lighter sports bikes around somewhat. The wind off the Southern Ocean pushes across the peninsula most of the time and it is a rare day when it drops off entirely. The road surface on the 50 kms from Delamere to Victor is much improved compared to a few weeks ago with nearly all the previous pot holes repaired. There was a bit of gravel on some of the bends to take extra care with but the large holes that you and the bike could just about have disappeared into are gone probably until the next big rains.

We all made it to Victor for lunch and parked in the town centre and had take away on the grass. After a jovial lunch break we did Crows Nest Rd, which was almost into Port Elliot, then Adelaide Rd to Mount Compass, Nangkita Rd and Bull Creek Rd to Meadows for afternoon tea. 7 riders and our 1 pillion completed the ride to Meadows which was about 230kms in total and we arrived at Meadows about 3.15pm.

A rest, a joke or two and a drink and we said out good byes and headed for home. A great ride day taking in some excellent roads. Many thanks to Rohan for leading the ride and to Micheal for going tail end.

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