

Samrats ride report for Sun 3 Feb 2013

Ride leader Ian / Tail end Charlie Noel

On this ride day we met at the traditional first Sunday of the month location at BP West Terrace. The weather was threatening to rain but only gave us a few spits during the morning run. We had 18 bikes and riders on board at the start made up of old hands and some recent additions to the club.

Ian led us through the city to Magill Rd and then on to Lobethal Rd, a favorite twisty road. The surface of said road is definitely getting worse over the years with so many patches in some places the patches join up and make for some very uneven surface especially on the inside of corners. It is still a great road to transverse but can be a bit frightening as the bike can jump around excessively due to the uneven road surface.

Morning tea at the Amber Light in Lobethal then off to Birdwood, Mount Pleasant, Eden Valley and on to Angaston for lunch. The talk at the Amber Light was that a motor cyclist had come off on the Lobethal to Gumeracha road and was seriously injured which is always sobering news. Just before morning tea one rider unfortunately got quite sick and had to pull out.

The day was warming up to be nice and sunny with very little wind as we made our way north to Angaston where some of us had a bakery meal in the park while others had a sit down café meal.

Next leg was from Angaston, Nuriootpa, Greenock and then Kapunda for a rest stop. This was the official end point of the ride which made it short and sweet at about 160kms and for most riders heading directly back to Adelaide would get them home by 3pm. Most riders took off down the freeway and a few riders went for a more interesting time and split into groups to make their way back to Adelaide via different routes.

As I live down south I had about another 130kms to get home via hills roads through Greenock, Lyndoch, Williamstown, Gumeracha, Lobethal, Woodside and Hahndorf to meet up with the freeway. All in all a great ride day and it is good to have some rides that are shorter and get us home a bit earlier in the day.

Thanks to Ian for planning and leading the ride and to Noel who did a great job on his first ride as tail end Charlie.

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