

Samrats ride report for Sun 28 July 2013

Ride leader Jim / Tail end Charlie Ken

The fact that the early morning had pretty heavy rain in the southern suburbs and Adelaide Hills probably contributed to the smaller than usual turn out for Jim's ride to Sedan. As it transpired it had stopped raining in the north and we met up at Civic Park Modbury at 9.30am under clear blue skies and we had a clear sunny day for all of the ride right up to afternoon tea time. The temperature was also very warm for all of the day being about 20 C before we left at 10am. Most riders had to take off some of the winter gear to avoid over heating. 12 of us took off at 10am led by Jim with first stop Williamstown for morning tea.

We had 2 new riders and the rest were the usual crew of suspects. As per all of Jim's rides we took a meandering route to Williamstown taking in some great roads for motor cycling. We followed Golden Grove Rd, One Tree Hill Rd then Kersbrook Rd. At Kersbrook we turned left and travelled north a short way along the Lyndoch Rd, then right at Hill Rd and zoomed up over the hill to Norsworthy and then left into Forreston Rd which took us into Williamstown.

After our rest stop and morning tea we took the main road to Lyndock but turned off to the right onto Trial Hill Rd and travelled east across to Eden Valley. Next leg was a right turn to Keyneton and then down the Sedan Hill to Sedan. Even though we have done this route many times it never fails to satisfy with the curves all the way down and the magnificent view from the hills across the plains to the Murray River.

Lunch at the Sedan Pub this time from a hamburger van parked out the front of the pub instead of the usual barbeque. After a leisurely lunch in the sun where the temperature was a least 22 C we took off for the afternoon ride via Cambrai, Punthari and almost into Mannum for a fuel stop.

Next leg we travelled towards Murray Bridge on the main road then turned right about 12 kms out from Murray Bridge and went via back roads to Callington. Next section to Woodchester where the day was still warm and dry but a cross wind blew up making for an extra spirited ride. The last section was from Woodchester to Mount Barker travelling up the hill along Wellington Rd which was also pretty windy. The weather was near perfect all day except for this last windy section. 2 riders veered off towards home from Mannum and 1 joined the free way at Callington leaving the rest of us to complete the ride to Mount Barker for a leisurely afternoon tea. As it always seems to rain in Mount Barker some light rain fell while we had afternoon tea but stopped just as we were leaving making for a dry ride home for most of us.

We should have been home by 4 or 4.30pm after doing about 250kms for the day. A great ride day was had by all with good roads, good weather except for a short windy section, safe riding, no mishaps and a great bunch of people to ride with. Thanks to Jim for planning and leading the ride.

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