

Samrats ride report for Sun 31 Aug 2014

Ride leader Andy, Tail end Charlie Ken

This was Jim's last Sunday of the month ride but as he was unable to make it Andy agreed to lead us south to the Delamere area. The weather was like a warm spring day and 17 riders turned up at the start point for the last ride day of winter. The warm spring weather held out all day with only a bit of cool wind down south for a short while. The sun and clouds alternated all day and the rain also held off all day as per the forecast. As all the riders had been out with us before the safety talk was suitably short and we took off down south road with a nice mix of cruisers, sport bikes, sports tourers, Spyders and V Stroms.

We cruised up Shepard's Hill Rd and then straight ahead onto Main Rd along which we wound our way round the twisties to Clarendon. Andy then turned right onto Bakers Gully Rd which we followed onto Chapel Hill Rd, Chaffey's Rd, winding through the Maclaren Vale winery area and then right onto Seaview Rd to Victor Harbor Rd to Willunga where we had a short rest stop in the main street. Next leg was up the Willunga Hill which luckily had few cars to ruin the fun of the twisty hill. Back onto the Victor Rd and then right turn onto Pages Flat Rd. It had been a good few months since we had been on these routes so it made a refreshing change from our recent rides up north. Next was meeting up with Main South Rd through Myponga, Yankalilla, left turn at Normanville to Delamere for a rest stop.

As we had not been down the hill to Cape Jarvis for a few years and it was still quite early for lunch Andy decided to zip down to the Cape before going to Victor for lunch. This only added another 20kms and is well worth the view of the ocean and Kangaroo Island on the way down. We are lucky in Adelaide as most riders on the east coast do not have such great scenery and motor cycling suitable roads so easily accessed from a capital city. Back up to Dalamere and we were off to transverse the 50 kms of motor cycling Mecca to Victor Harbour. The road surface was not too bad as the previous gravel present on the Ridden On Ride in March was gone and there were only 2 short sections of broken surface on the Dalamere to Victor side of the road.

It was suggested to lunch at the Cafe by the Lake which we had not stopped at to my knowledge since Jock Rogan was ride captain. The service years ago used to be quite slow but on this day was pleasantly quick. The food is more than passable and not too expensive. A nice long and relaxing lunch was had by all and the breeze through the door was surprisingly warm for down south on the last day of winter. I had to get back to Adelaide for a family function so I left the crew at 2.15pm at the end of lunch. Given the discussions I am pretty sure the rest of the mob would have made their way to the southern end of Bull Creek Rd and rode to Meadows for afternoon tea.

A great ride day was had by all enjoying the roads, scenery and friendly, affable, roguish company.

Many thanks to Andy for leading the ride and to all the riders who regularly come out to have a great day and to support the group.

Ken King
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