

Samrats ride report for Sun 10 June 2012

Ride leader Rohan / Tail end Charlie Darren

The first real cold Sunday of winter did not stop 17 riders turning up at the Kersbrook servo for a days ride. Apart from rubbing the fingers back to life for those of us who don't have high tech hand grip warmers the rest of the body seemed to cope fine with the 3 degree temperature in the hills.

Rohan suggested that the Walker Flat destination that was on the ride calendar was a bit too over done so he suggested we go north to Williamstown, then run south towards Murray Bridge and end up at Strathalbyn for lunch. We all murmured agreement and took off about 10am on a day that was warming up with blue sky, no wind and shaping up to be a great day for a motor cycle ride.

We took a similar route to some of Rohan's Murray Bridge rides along Little Para Rd to Williamstown, Springton Rd to Mount Pleasant where we had a rest stop and morning tea. Then around the Tungkillo rocks and down the hill to Palmer, a right turn and taking the Murray Bridge Rd as far as Monarto and onto the Old Princes Highway to Callington. Taking the Strath Rd to Woodchester and turning into one for Jock's old favorites Langhorne Creek Rd.

The day was much warmer when we reached Langhorne Creek for a rest stop. These are all great roads for riding and we pushed on to Strathalbyn for lunch. After a restful lunch in the sun and lots of chit chat we ran the last leg to Ashbourne and Bull Creek Rd to Meadows for an early afternoon tea. The ride finished about 2.30pm and we went our separate ways and got home early enough to do a few jobs.

We did about 200kms and I think it is a good idea to do some shorter runs during the year especially in winter time and get home earlier on those days. A few riders left the group just before lunch or after lunch and 9 riders completed the ride to Meadows. A beautiful day, great roads which we don't ride very often, no mishaps and the best of company made for an enjoyable time.

Thanks to Rohan for planning and leading the ride and to Darren for going tail end Charlie.

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