

Samrats ride report for Sun 19 August 2012

Ride leader Rohan / Tail end Charlie Ken

The early morning was very foggy with a few sprinkles of very light rain and about 10 degrees C with a weather report saying that it would fine up and be cloudy with sunny breaks. 8 of us met at Bolivar for the ride to Clare and just like last week 2 other riders caught up with at Clare for lunch and the afternoon ride back. The morning was very foggy right across Adelaide which may have put people off riding that day thinking that it was all rain clouds.

After the obligatory safety and procedures talk we took off up the Barrier Highway to Tarlee for a morning tea rest stop and by then the fog had cleared and there was a bit of sunshine to brighten up the day. On to Auburn and then Clare where we arrived early for lunch and the pub we usually eat at was not serving lunch yet so we explored the main street and came across a newish fish and chip café with a gas heater and we parked ourselves at their outdoor tables to eat a good meal at a very reasonable price. Good food, a warm heater and affable company made for an enjoyable lunch.

Back in the saddle and the afternoon ride was Clare to Burra which is a good fun stretch of road. A fuel stop at Burra and then a free ride to remove any cobwebs from the bike along the Worlds End Highway to Robertstown for a quick rest. The last leg was from Eudunda to Kapunda for an afternoon tea rest stop and then from there we made our way home with most riders going Gawler to Elizabeth or down the highway towards Adelaide City for those who lived south.

The rain was minimal all day, and only before morning tea and as the day progressed the sunny patches were more frequent. The temperature was not too cold and at times there was a hint of warmer spring in the air. Great roads to ride on this day with most of them being open road speed limit and with the great company of the Samrats it was an enjoyable day for those of us who are interested in riding as well as talking about riding.

No mishaps, near misses, falls or slide outs, the wind was kind to us and we all made it safely home as we should expect to. The ride itself was about 250kms and getting to the start point at Bolivar and home again from the end point at Kapunda would have been an extra 50 to 100kms for most riders making for a good ride day.

Departing at 9.30am, having a few rest stops and an hour for lunch and most riders would still have been home by 3.30 to 4pm in plenty of time to do some domestic jobs and get ready for another week at work.

Thanks to Rohan for leading and planning the ride.

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