

Brenton's Southern Run

Saturday 6th March 2010

Saturday morning dawned with reasonable conditions after a week of speculation about 30 knot winds and rain.

While numbers were a bit down due to the forecast and being a Saturday ride, 12 riders started from the Caltex at O'Halloran Hill. Michael and Jen turned up to see us off after a big night prior and the "spidy" still in sick bay. There was a short delay as "You Know Who" turned up as we were about to pull out of the servo.

We headed off along Black's Road and Reservoir Road and then commenced a bit of a different track heading through the eastern outskirts of Chandlers Hill to Piggott range and then doubling back to do the twisty's down into Clarendon.

A very quick comfort stop was taken as the Loo's at the Caltex were out of order. Then on to Blewitt Springs and out to the Kangarilla to McLaren Flat Road to Wickham's Hill and following Range Road to the top of Willunga Hill.

Then onto Pages Flat Road and on into Myponga for the first break about an hour in the saddle.



We took a quick double back to the Myponga Reservoir road and crossed over the reservoir wall and through to Carrickalinga.

The original plan being to travel through Yankalilla and via Parawa to the Delamere Road but Road works and about a kilometre of unsealed road forced a change of the route to travel via the usual Lady Bay, Second Valley to Delamere option.

This is where we met a new member to SABERS "Fishtail Fred" as we headed off onto Victor for lunch. By this time we had a bit of rain to accompany us but nothing too drastic.

Once at the Boulevard Café although the wait for our meals was a bit longer than expected everyone was delighted with the food and we enjoyed some great socializing. Sonia and Paul who couldn't make the start due to work commitments joined us here and introduced us to the new member of the family "Spidy 2" AWESOME. Ian also was sporting a new Kwaka Z14 congrats to all on the new additions.



After lunch we headed off for a quick fuel stop and once topped up via Waterport Road to Middleton, Currency Creek, Clayton and Milang.

By this time the weather had caught up with us and the western sky looked more like a bag of black cotton wool. We managed to get back to Ashbourne via Strath before the rain started to be a dampener (pardon the pun) on things and a wet group arrived at Meadows to finish the ride.

A new idea was also tried for the end of this run and a small number of us headed down to "Gypsy's (Gary) and were joined by Sandy, where he and Alli had organized a "quick" BBQ (both out of action Gary with a broken bike and Alli having just had knee surgery bike and bird both OK). This idea is a great one and is worth looking at on occasions to enhance the social side of SABERS.



All in all it was a mixed bag but still a thoroughly enjoyable day with a great finish. Thank you to the marshals and to Alli and Gary for the BBQ.

Also as Fred's last ride for a while, we would all like to wish him well for his surgery and convalescence. I am sure many of us will take the opportunity for free coffee over the next few weeks to catch up with him if for no other reason than to help him avoid renovations at home.