

COFFEE & CAKE CRUISE MAY 17th 2009

Well the weather report said today that we would have a couple of early morning showers and then it would just be overcast. I'm sure this did happen somewhere in SA, just not anywhere that we happened to ride today. It may have been wet but we still had a hell of a good time ☺



Jason, Brenton, Marie and Emily came to see us at the West Tce BP before we took off. Sadly they couldn't join us on the ride but it was great to see them and have a chat.



This pic is sensational. Looks to me like they are riding into a painting.

A few new riders chose to join us today and even though the weather could have been better they seemed to be having a great time and rode very well in the group, even when on extended detours lol. Yes we had a couple of mis-adventures with marshalling today. We will blame the rain and poor visibility ;) Tony & Houng apparently impersonated Dave & Miriam on one corner and the marshal took off before Tail End Charlie (David) came through and this little group took off to see Mt Bold reservoir while the rest of us went to Clarendon. Michael came to the rescue with his GPS to get them back to Clarendon so we could regroup and he also decided to throw in a bit of dirt bike riding for a couple of Ks just to keep it interesting ☺



Well after an extended feed at the awesome Clarendon Bakery we set off again toward Meadows & Bull Creek. I thought I would be extra careful with setting the next marshal point so we wouldn't get split up again and marshalled any change of direction I took. Good idea you may say but it was not to be, Michael sat well back almost exactly where I signalled him to sit and like good little lemmings all the riders took the very next turn (this looked like a driveway but was actually a road) unfortunately it was not the right turn, lol, so another chase was on to get everyone turned around. You couldn't help but laugh at how this was turning out.

Everyone arrived in Strath as a group and to our surprise the local community had set up a market right where I had planned for us to stop for lunch. Andre asked me if I wanted to check out what they were selling and while we had a chat with a lady at one of the stalls, a gentleman from another stall came up and asked if Andre and I were vegetarians. `Hell no!` says Andre to which the fella said "well your at the wrong bloody stall! You need to come over to mine! WE HAVE MEAT! WE HAVE BBQ! COME OVER AND EAT!" Well this was just what was needed as far as I was concerned, Andre had already taken off toward the BBQ before I could finish that thought ☺ I asked the man if he had plenty to go round and he was adamant that he indeed did have plenty of BBQ to feed all of us. I spread the word among the hungry SABERS and all were well fed.



After the SABERS growling tummy's had been satisfied we headed off toward the Jervois ferry. We got a little spread out on this stretch but everyone stayed headed in the same

direction and oddly enough, on the same road 😊 The first group arrived at the ferry, boarded and were just leaving shore when the next part of our group showed up. Of course we waved to them as we gently sailed across the Murray. There may have been cursing by those left on the bank but we couldn't hear it, lol.



We regrouped and fuelled up at the BP Tailem Bend before setting off again down the New Princes Highway, then to the Old Princes Highway which took us into Murray Bridge. I love looking up and down the river when ever we cross the bridge here. You have the huge flood plains first and then you come over the river and I never tire of it. We rolled on through Murray Bridge and then took the turn off to the Old Princes Highway. This is a bumpy uneven road but still great fun to ride as long as you are careful. Fred had the good sense to make sure I warned everyone of the road condition which turned out to be a good thing and much appreciated by Christine, our guest learner today. Christine watched the bike in front and when it bounced etc took evasive action or braced for the bump 😊

We rode on through until we hit Hahndorf, found a spot to park up and dived on the nearest coffee seller. My waterproofs had turned out to be not so waterproof and I was in serious need of something hot to drink. Turns out I was not alone in this need 😊



It was getting late by the time we finally left Hahndorf and everyone took off in their own directions, most heading directly down the freeway. I had planned to take everyone down Greenhill road from Balhannah and this is the route I ended up taking home. Let me say that those who took the freeway are much wiser than me as there were many a pants

filling moment as I wound my way down into the city. Dickheads in cars, FOG (25 metre visibility at times) rain and torrents of water running across the road. I was thankful the learners etc did not follow me down there.

SUMMARY

Crap weather but a great day out.

Approx 15 bikes 2 of them were CanAm Spyders (I didn't count :(I know I'm slack)

2 guests and one new member

Thanks to all who came and shared in the laughter of all that happened during the days events

Thanks to those that supplied the pics

No one came off or broke down ☺

Oh yes. 2 Hyabusa seemed to be missing on the ride today but then we realised it was raining and we understood. HAHAHAHA!

Pics are up on the website. Sonya has outdone herself yet again with some of the moving pics ☺ and Danny also sent some static shots through.

Next ride!

Saturday 6 June 2009 - Cats' Cruise

- B.P. St Marys - 9 for 10am
- Follows the approximate route of 2008 RSPCA Cruise for Critters but the run will be extended a bit