

Darrin's Run - January 18th 2009

The first calendar ride of 2009.

I was all ready to lead it then I remembered I was leading on a new bike that I got on Saturday and under my breath I swore (only a little)!



Thought I would be smart and get there early but when we pulled into the BP there were a lot of bikes there already.. we surprised everyone when they saw the new bike. In true SABERS spirit, everyone was very happy for me and my new toy! (No one more happier than Chris for the comfortable ride she now has!) As the time grew near to leave more and more bikes kept turning up. A great group had formed. Usual riders as well as new riders.



As we set off up towards Greenhill Rd that's when the nerves set in about leading but after a few sets of lights I was fine. Traffic wasn't in our favour riding up Greenhill Rd but once we peeled off it got better, after a nice ride though Stirling and Aldgate, it was time to open up a little into Strathalbyn. Once at Strath we all had a leg stretch and munchies from the bakery (yummy). We took off again towards Victor Harbour. The ride was pretty good till we hit traffic going into Port Elliot but the temp drop was a nice relief heading into Victor. After lunch we all got going again for the fun and joy of Delamere Rd (a favourite for some riders).



The next stop was at Myponga for a leg stretch where a few riders took off in their own direction as the rest of us headed to Old Noarlunga for the last stop and coffees.

Unfortunately we lost 1 of our marshals! (so sorry Michael)

but after a quick phone call from Dave, we were assured that he was ok. It seemed some confusion arose when Tail End Charlie had to peel off, and as ride leader I should have thought to delegate a new TEC so it's a lesson learned. Once again Michael, my sincere apologies mate!

Once at Old Noarlunga we all had drinks, food and a chat about the day before taking off and heading home



Summary

great weather

bikes: 27

pillions: 8 (we love our pillions!)

Welcomed 1 new member

Thanks to all marshals.

Thanks to all shutterbugs that supplied photos of the day. Awesome job.

From what I heard everybody had a great day and I'd like to thank you all for putting up with me whilst I was getting used to my new bike. You made it that much easier for Chris and I to lead you all....

Hope to see you all on the next ride!

Cheers,

Darrin