

**RIDE REPORT SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007**  
**Tim Hunt Memorial Ride 2007**  
(26/05/1976 – 26/05/2005)

I had the pleasure of riding with Tim when he was able and we were the best of mates sharing the passion for riding and raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. This was a double edge sword for Tim as he was diagnosed with Leukaemia and we unfortunately lost him two years ago on March 26<sup>th</sup>. His legacy is social riding and raising the awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation.. The L/F does not receive any government funding and relies on community groups like SABERS to raise well needed money.

Apart from the fund raising Tim, myself and a couple of others started to get other like minded riders to join us on our merry little jaunts around the state and it was a credit to these guys that through trial and error that we now have such a great group of people that all enjoy organising now not only the rides but overnights and weekend getaways.

I will, along with the SABERS Committee endeavour to keep these events and other planned events exciting and look forward to seeing you all sometime at a few of these. I hope you understand why this ride is so important to us and that's why I thought I would take the time to explain a little about what we are about.

Like Tim said to me "lets get a few friends out riding regularly, enjoy each others company, enjoying good food and a couple of times year raise awareness for the L/F" So with that I will start or report .....

The sun was just starting to pop its head over the hill and I could see that there were only a few fluffy non rain clouds in the sky. The last few days had a few people concerned that we might get rain but hey, I put my request for a fair day months ago... LOL ,I am sure Tim was making sure we had no rain ☺  
So summer jackets were the call of the day.

I was on the road early as I had to collect a few people on the way. It was great to get into the start of the run and have a mini ride group behind me.

As we pulled into the car park at the L/F it was great to see we were not the first ones there, hehe oh yeah daylight savings ☺ some people forgot and got there an hour early, oops!

The L/F volunteers were in top gear with the breakfast BBQ and the Xpresso Van was there doing coffees, hot chocolate and tea.

It wasn't too long before the car park went from 10 bikes to over 50. It was fantastic turn out and some of the riders brought pillions along to enjoy the ride too.

It was great to see riders from, Honda Riders Club of Australia, Ulysses, GRRR, MRASA and some new faces too.

The great thing was that everyone got there early so it was a great chance to chat and catch up. All the comments were positive and we need to get out and be seen to do what we do best and that's organising the rides and events.

As to 10 am rolled around and it was time for the riders briefing. We took this opportunity to hand out our first of our honorary memberships to the L/F and it was accepted by Rose and Rebecca.

After the formalities it was helmets on and out on the road we go.

Craig & Wayne marshalled the first corner and ensured we all got out onto Greenhill Road in one group. Then it was down to Anzac Highway and then onto Brighton Road. It was a simple ride down the coast to Sellicks Beach and onto South Road and cruise into Myponga for a toilet break and a leg stretch.

A few minutes here and it was onto Lady Bay so we could say our good bye's to Tim. Lady Bay was a favourite spot for Tim and Ros and it is where his ashes lie . Trust Ros, she noticed that where we spread Tim that there was now plants growing. Green thumb Tim ☺

We also took the opportunity to do a group shot here. Then it was back on the road to Cape Jervis and a drink stop. 20 min later and quite a few guys and girls were itchy for the Delamere Road. So the call went out “ helmet up” and off we went ☺ This section of road is one of the best in S.A. and now one that has been ear marked for 24/7 police observation. Was it me or did they add some mileage to the road as it seemed to go on forever ..... hehe it's the only time I have done it at the speed limit and not the bike limit ... maybe I shouldn't say that?? Let's just say it's a great road and the scenery is awesome.

The ride into Victor Harbour is a fantastic as you ride along the top of the hills looking at the ocean to one side and rolling hills to the left. One thing you have to look out for is birds as I went though a flock of birds and collected one in the helmet, feathers everywhere. Poor bird! All I saw was a puff of feathers behind me.

As per usual when we pull into Victor the bike parking was filled rapidly. It doesn't take long before people take notice of a large group of bikes and you soon get admirers come over chatting.

At the café across the road a lovely lady by the name of Jan asked some of our group who were and they explained about the ride and to our surprise she donated \$20 to the L/F.

Lunch at Victor is always great as it caters for everyone!!

All too soon it was time to helmet up and head home.

Some of the crew headed straight back others chose to cruise back with us though Middleton, Strath, Langhorne Creek and Mount Barker. Most of the riders by this time had peeled off and by the time we got into Lobie there was only the 4 bikes. There should have been 5 but Morris, ( watching out for everyone as he does, )followed the wrong group and ended up at Blackwood and not Lobie so he missed out on the great coffee at the Amberlight Café.

Once we had our coffee and a break it was time to get back on the bike and get home.

All I can say is although the memory of Tim's passing was sad it was fantastic to see that we had an awesome turn out for the ride. 54 bikes total in the end as we collected some extra riders on the way though. We raised about \$250 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Everyone had a great time.

No instances to report.

Lots of SABERS long sleeve t-shirts were sold

We had quite a few people join up and lots of people took membership forms with them.

Thank you to the following people, organisations and suppliers for their donations and time in making the run a success.

HOLCO (bacon)

SKALA (bread)

PFD (eggs)

Rebecca, Rose & Volunteers from the L/F for cooking the bbq

Xpresso (coffee etc)

SABERS Marshals – Kym, Wayne, Rob, Tony, Craig, Paul, Morris, Grant, Phil & David.

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