

Grant's Alternate Run - July 19th 2009

Phone rang Friday night and I got the message from Morris that he was crook and could not do his planned run.

Could I cover the ride with this late notice? I got to work planning a ride that would cover roads similar to what Morris had planned but not in the same direction lol. Morris will hopefully hold this one at a later date when he is fit & well again.

First route was ummm not acceptable as it was more of a full on twisty ride till I remembered this would not be what people who were coming on the day would be expecting lol so back to the drawing board to tone it down A LOT ☺..... (I have saved that map for use at a later date, haha).



It was too late notice to change the meeting point or time so the ride was planned around the original gathering point. It was a little cold upon arrival at the Caltex servo but it wasn't stopping anyone from turning up as it looked like it was going to be a great day for a ride and as it turned out the weather was great all day ☺

Jason kindly led us up through Gawler to Lyndoch where I took over. Thanks Jason. We wound our way through from Williamstown back to Gumeracha before having a quick pit stop. I had originally planned to run straight through to Mannum before stopping but thought I better pull up a bit sooner just in case and a few expressed gratitude that I did hahaha. Full bladders and a few bumps in the road don't make good company ☺



Soon we were off again and headed through Tungkillo and onto Palmer. The ride through here is fantastic and judging from the feedback received, everyone seemed to really enjoy this leg. We pulled up in Mannum for lunch and lazed around for a while soaking up the sun and teasing poor Johnny (he secretly enjoys this I think).



Next stretch was through to Taillem bend and it started to get a bit windy, some of the blasts coming side on took me and others by surprise on occasion but everyone got through ok which was great to see. We fuelled up here and had another leg stretch and chat. We could afford to relax a bit and take our time as the ride length had been reduced.

The original hastily hatched ride plan was to head down to Wellington ferry from Taillem bend but it soon got changed to taking the Jervois ferry just down the road and heading through the much more fun to ride rural roads to Wellington and by passing the highway section.



From Wellington we ran through Langhorne creek to Strath where my auto pilot kicked in and had me turning left to head to Meadows when I had originally planned to go straight on for a change. I stopped to consult some other riders on their proffered route and after some good natured abuse from John, we decided to take the more exciting route which was the way I had already turned accidentally, haha.

All to soon we arrived in Meadows where the ride officially ended. More coffee, food and chat was enjoyed before splitting off in different directions to head home.

John led a few of us back to the city through some more fantastic roads though by this time the twisties were almost too much for me as I was bugged after being ill during the week myself. I thought I was ok on the day but clearly not as energetic as I thought 😊

Feedback on the ride route seemed to be very positive for a slapped together ride so I will keep this one for when our next ride calendar is due to be planned. Please send through feedback if you would like to have this run in next years calendar or any other rides you particularly like so we can give you, the members, more rides of your choice.

This way we can log your favourites and put the best ones into the next calendar 😊



Summary

Good weather

Great company

Thanks to all who attended (20 bikes on an early start)

Thanks to the marshals for doing a great job as always

Thanks to Brenton, Danny, Sonya & Paul, for the pics

Pics are up on the website.

look forward to seeing everyone on our next ride.

Saturday 1 August 2009 - Brekkie Run

- BP West Terrace.
- 9.30am for 10.30am departure
- Greenhill Road to Balhannah, Mt Barker and Strathalbyn for a late Brekkie
- Then on to Goolwa for lunch
- After lunch, up Bull Creek Road to Meadows with the ride finishing at Clarendon