

HILLS RIDE SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 6TH 2008

What a great day for a ride I thought as I walked outside early Saturday morning. Not a sign of rain anywhere and I was glad, I have had enough of wet rides for a while, lol.

I arrived early at BP to do all the usual chain lube, tyre pressure and fuel up jobs that need to be done before a ride, thinking that I would definitely be the first there this time only to find Rowan already there and enjoying a coffee.

It wasn't long before others began to arrive and the chatter began about what great weather we had for the day and of course bike stories.

All too soon it was time to gather everyone in for a quick ride brief and then we all geared up to do what we came for and that is to ride. We decided to just have David & myself marshal for the day as the group was a nice size that we could keep all together and enjoy the day. I had intended to pull everyone up at each corner but each time I came to one, either Lockie was there pulling over to marshal the corner or someone else was taking ownership of the corner till David came through, what a well organised bunch we had :)

We headed off up Greenhill road to Portrush then Payneham Rd to get us onto Montacute road where the fun was to begin. I love this section of road and never seem to tire of winding my way along it. Everyone rode really well together and kept a good space and pace as we enjoyed this section all the way through to Ashton, not many cars in front of us and the pushbikes were all spaced out and not spread across the road for a change :)

From Ashton we headed through Verdun into Hahndorf where I had originally planned to stop for lunch but we arrived far too early due to the lack of traffic that would otherwise have held us up. We stopped and chatted for a while anyway and I think it was David who suggested that the day was far too good to waste and perhaps we should extend the planned ride to use up more of the day by heading through Echunga to Goolwa then Victor for lunch. Some of the group had to leave us at Hahndorf unfortunately but those that were left jumped at the chance to continue on and threw in an extra leg that would take in the Delamere road :) who am I to disappoint a group of excited riders, lol, so it was agreed that this would be included in our extended ride.

Rowan kindly led us from Hahndorf through to Goolwa and Victor where we stopped for a feed, chat and soaked up some sun while laying about on the grass and watching the seagulls nervously as they swooped over head hoping they wouldn't `bless` one of us as we lay there. Soon the urge to ride hit us again and we geared up for the Delamere leg, a favourite to most who ride.

Just as we were gearing up, Miriam asked if she could go on the back of my bike for a while as she had a sore bum from David's seat, lol. David said it was

ok so I had a pillion for a while. I think David secretly enjoyed this so he could have a play on the Bandit through this section, hahaha.

We all took off and a leap frog type of thing started with me being in the lead for a while, then Darrin & Christie went past, then it was Anne Marie, then Lockie and this went on for a while, all of us enjoying the road. We pulled over at one point to see what direction we would continue on with when David went past honking the horn and I swear, wearing a grin from ear to ear under his helmet and leaving us to play catch up, yes David was now the lead rider lol.

We stopped again at Yankalilla and said our goodbyes as it was getting late in the afternoon and some had Saturday night commitments, so after a bit of a leg stretch and discussion on how much fun the ride had been we headed off home.

Ride Summary

- 12 bikes
- Great weather
- Great company
- No incidents

Don't forget the 5 ferries run on Sunday September 21st. This is a fantastic ride, see the website for details <http://www.sabers.com.au/eventcalendar.html> and be sure to join us.