

KINGSTON on MURRAY - OVERNIGHTER
March 2009



The weekend was finally here and the weather was looking great for our overnighter. Everyone was excited about getting away and chatting excitedly about what was in store for us.

While this was going on I thought I would lube my chain and found that the joining link had decided it was going to self destruct. It was all still intact but I think the O-rings had deteriorated, the link could swing back and forth through the chain. Luckily I had a spare and a few minutes work had it replaced. It would have been most embarrassing to drop a chain along the way lol.

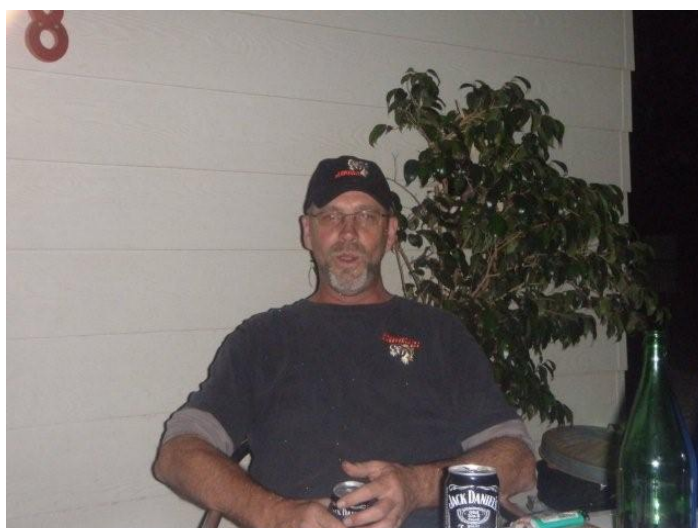
Most of us were staying in cabins overnight but Ian decided he would hook up his trailer and camp. Ian's trailer is well set up and follows along behind his bike really well but people in cars like to box him in wherever he parks ☺

We eventually headed off a little behind time as one of our number who shall remain nameless got a little geographically challenged and was looking for us on Montacute road. Sadly for them we were on Montague lol. A quick call to David from our lost member soon had them organised to meet us just before the start of the chain of ponds road. Marie & Miriam drove up in Maries car taking the direct route up Sturt Highway.



I had decided to have a bit of fun with the route to KoM this year which added a bit of time and kilometres to the ride but all seemed to enjoy it. We headed off up chain of ponds way and turned at the Lyndoch turn off. This is a beautiful section of road that takes you right through to Nuriootpa. A quick right onto the mind numbingly straight Sturt highway took us to Truro where we turned left onto another great road which brought us out on the Eudunda / Morgan road.

We fuelled up at Morgan and had a feed at the Morgan bakery while the circulation returned to our backsides. I was a bit unsure of the best way to head out of Morgan and Ian came to the rescue with his GPS which pointed us in the right direction. Soon we were off again and made a direct line for KoM.



The run from Morgan to KoM was smooth and almost uneventful till we arrived at the park. Bec was my pillion on this trip and as we pulled up next to the caravan park office the blackbirds wheels bogged down in the gravel as I braked sending Bec sliding straight into the back of me. No problem for me but not so good for Bec I imagine lol. The blackbird stayed upright and Bec peeled herself off me and headed straight over to the cabin where Marie, Rachel, Jason, Miriam and the SABERS cubs (Dillon, Kane & Kenzie) were waiting for us. The cubs all looked great in their SABERS gear.



After unloading the gear from the bikes and receiving a couple of delicious home brew spirits, Jason kindly offered to do a grog run in his car, so off we went to stock up for the night ahead. Marie and the girls decided they would drive in to pick up pizza for us all which was great and meant that those left had the responsibility of looking after the booze which we did quite successfully :) The food and the drink went down very well and the night just got funnier as it went on. Bec entertained us dancing with glow sticks and sparklers as seen in the pics and there was also a cackling flying monkey that made a brief appearance.



I won't go into too much detail here as some of the details are a bit foggy, lol and if you want to know what these overnights are like then you have to get off your butts and join us ☺ I guarantee you will have fun. Well we had our feed and a few more drinks before deciding to go for a walk down to the waters edge. There is very little light down near the river and the night sky is absolutely awesome to see. The stars fill the sky in a way that you can never imagine if you don't get out of the city.

It seems that we have a tradition now on these KoM overnights where David is the breakfast chef and does a magnificent job of cooking us all a feed of bacon & eggs on the hotplates situated at the back of the park. This is a beautiful spot with a playground right next to it for the kids to entertain themselves while the adults, in our case, can eat and recover from the night before ☺

After our breakfast we geared up and headed off home. The park owners again were fantastic and said we were welcome back again next year which is great news as this park is excellent. Thanks to all who attended and made it such a fun weekend away. Pics are up on the website. All those that couldn't make it, there is always next year so pencil it in when the new ride calendar comes out ☺

Next overnighter will be the Grampians in November. This is another excellent overnighter with a great stretch of road leading into Halls Gap, hope you can all join us on this one. There is also the Multi overnighter in October for the Moto GP which I will soon be seeking numbers for. This is a magnificent long weekend as those that have come in past years will agree. The Great Ocean Road on the way home completes an excellent get away and the motorcycle racing at the track isn't bad either lol.

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