

SABERS POKER RIDE

Sunday November 16th 2008



What a great day for a ride. Riders kept coming in till it was almost time to go. Some new faces mixed in with familiar ones which is always great to see.

We set off up Montague road for a bit of change as we were leaving from a new location for us which, according to Paul & Sonya serve a delicious raisin toast, just the thing for a pre ride brekky.

Montague road takes us onto north east road which leads to some nice road up through the ponds. Sadly we got caught up in a bit of traffic through here but going a bit slower gives you a chance to admire the scenery as you wind through. To be fair to the car drivers, most pulled over to let us pass when they had the opportunity to do so which was great to see and much appreciated.



I pulled the group up briefly in Gumeracha to give the tail ender a chance to catch up. We had a couple of learners with us and I thought they may be lagging behind a bit. Not so, the learners appeared very soon after stopping with tail end Charlie right behind them. This was to continue throughout the day, well done to both of you. Marshals said you both rode very well and rode safely.

We continued on till we got to Eden Valley where we turned off and headed toward Sedan. Another nice section of road through here, nearly missed the turn off though, and surprised a few marshals with a last minute signal. The Marshals took it in their stride as usual and got everyone onto the new road without any mishaps, well done!



We had a well deserved leg stretch at Sedan and of course a chat. During this stop at Sedan, someone suggested we make a detour from the planned run and head to Swan Reach rather than head straight to Mannum. This turned out to be great fun as we got to see a bit more of the river and added a bit of extra ride time to the day. A surprise came on the road from Walker Flat to Mannum when we ran out of sealed road and were onto a short section of hard packed dirt/ gravel. A bit of caution was taken here and everyone got through without any drama.

We had lunch at Mannum before continuing on through Palmer & Tungkillo before turning off on the Mt Torrens road through to Lobethal. This is another great section of road but Dave has told me he knows of another route we can take next time we do this run, I look forward to him showing me this road and will definitely suggest it be included if its even half as good as it sounds.



We stopped again at Lobethal and the last card for the Poker run was drawn here. David won the hand with 3 sixes and kindly donated the winnings back to SABERS.

Some said their goodbyes at Lobie and headed home while the rest of us headed into Melbourne street for coffee.



Summary

Weather started off looking a bit dodgy but turned out to be sensational as the day went on.

Great company, thanks to all those who joined us and made it such an enjoyable ride.

34 bikes (sorry pillions, I forgot to take a count but think there were about 5)

No incidents, no breakdowns

Thanks to all who sent in the great pics of the ride.

Thanks to all the Marshals for their excellent support

Pics are on the website. If you have any pics of the ride you would like posted please send them through to David. secretary@sabers.com.au