

## **SABERS Clare/Robertstown Ride 15<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

When you get up and look at the sky and see that the clouds are light and very scattered you just know that you are going to have a great day riding and the Clare/Robertstown ride is one of our favourite rides and running it reverse just adds a different element to it.

The other great thing was today we had a general meeting for SABERS at Taza's Bakehouse and they do a fantastic breakfast ... All you can eat for \$9.90

So with the thought of a good meeting and a great ride on a full belly I had a huge smile on my face that was going to be hard to wipe off.

As we pulled into the car park at Taza's I had to laugh as I thought Marie and I were going to be first there but Paul and Sonya had beaten us there.

The other rider that was there early was Rob on his ZZR1100. Rob is currently driving/riding around Australia and after meeting up with Morris and Dave last week at Ceduna decided that he would come on this run. It wasn't long before all the other early birds started arriving and started tucking onto the great breakfast.

It's great to sit and watch the numbers of riders and pillions turning up for these rides. It's also good to see that we are still getting a mix of riders, male, females, ages and such a range of bikes.

We started our meeting right on time and it went well. All the committee members went through their reports and the vacant general positions within the committee were filled by Michael ( soon to CBR1000) and Grant ( CBR1100XX). Welcome aboard guys. The other main thing that happened was Paul Flemming has put his hand up to the position of Fundraising.

It's awesome to see that we have so many members that are willing to give their time back to the club and other members. It can only go into making SABERS a better club for everyone. After the meeting there were lots of smiles and positive feedback. 2007 for SABERS is going to be huge.

At 10 am I called marshals meeting then shortly after that a riders briefing.

After that it was gear up and get out on the road and enjoy the ride.

The actual ride down the Main North Road is fairly straight and easy going. Our first stop was the Caltex at Munno Para as a few of the riders needed fuel. It's a good chance to pull all the riders into a group. We managed to stay together though Gawler and then it was out to the open road.

Our only problem occurred at Tarlee when Blake riding Tyson's Suzuki Across threw a chain. With a couple of the marshals hanging back to make sure that they were going to be okay we decided to pit stop at the BP in Clare and wait for everyone to catch up.

It was a good break.

When David ( tail end Charlie ) had arrived it was apparent that we had only lost 2 bikes. Blake and Tyson.

Tyson was able to contact his dad and he was coming to retrieve the chainless bike with a trailer.

The group was soon ready to go and enjoy the next section of road to Burra and Robertstown.

Our group geared up and cruised through Clare and turned up the Burra scenic route. The ride from Clare to Burra has a couple of slow 35km corners but overall is pretty open and a nice cruise.

We never stopped at Burra as we usually do but went straight through..... It was here that our riders and marshals are so well trained that they even follow me up the wrong street without question, \*lol\* boy I knew that I would not live this down!! Ha-ha and I am the one who maps the runs out ... oops.

No harm done just a quick detour of about 20 or so meters.

On the other side of Burra the road really opens up and you can see forever. Nice long sweepers and even better when you turn onto the Robertstown road.

The run into Robertstown was great as there was no traffic which made it easy to pull everyone though as we were going to the bowls club for lunch and from the phone calls I had setting it up I wanted to get there soon.

The welcome we got was second to none. True Australian country hospitality!

All I can say is that lunch was awesome. Jenny and her volunteers organised a choice of chicken schnitzel or steak, awesome range of salads and desserts. FANTASTIC!!

Everyone was amazed that they organised this spread of food and it was only \$15 each.

It was good to help out the Robertstown community with their fundraising. It's a win/win situation for Robertstown community and SABERS.

The consensus was that we should do this run in this direction and lunch here again at Robertstown again next year.

After lunch we thanked the township of Robertstown and headed back to Gawler – Adelaide via Eudunda and Kapunda.

There was a brief stop at Eudunda for us to have a group shot and an interview from the Mid North Broadcaster (the local newspaper) and a splash of fuel.

A few of us stopped at Café Nova in Gawler for a coffee. We had to laugh as Tony not only had coffee but he had a slice of cake. I don't know where he puts it?? \*lol\*

All too soon it was goodbyes all round and the ride was over.

In Summary:

The SABERS General meeting went well.

No ride problems other than the loss of the chain on Blake's bike

The actual ride in the reverse direction went well.

The added leg to Mintaro was great.

Lunch at Robertstown was fantastic.

We enjoyed the hospitality of the whole township of Robertstown.

SABERS supported a drought affected area.

Riders are joining up on SABERS rides.

We announced the next run, SABERS – SWEET AS RUN! 20<sup>th</sup> May and it would appear that this run will be well attended!

HAHA wonder why .... It would appear that we have quite a few sweet teeth in our group?

I would also on behalf of SABERS like to thank the township of Robertstown for opening up their town for us and putting on a marvellous lunch and their hospitality was awesome.

We were blown away at how welcome we were made and highly recommend that you take the time to head up to their lovely town.

If you are looking at taking a social group up there you can contact Jenny on 08 85817187 or visit their website, [www.robertstown.info](http://www.robertstown.info)

Thanks to everyone who came along for the ride and a huge thanks to the marshals that helped to make the whole day flow so easy.  
It is a pleasure when it goes off like this and it makes it a pleasure for riders to come along and just enjoy the ride.

So until then,  
**STAY UPRIGHT!**  
See you on the next ride?