

SABERS GRAMPIANS ROAD TRIP

November 2011

At last the morning had arrived, I look out the window at what jacket to wear summer or winter, set off in winter jacket by the time I got to Crafers I had made the right decision. Down came the rain same as last year, I think we are in for a wet trip over.

There are 21 bikes, 2 Spyders, 1 trailer, 1 car and 4 pillions and we are away on our 1st part the freeway to Tailem Bend where the weather started to clear which was promising. A 40 minute stop to get coffees, one girl served & made the coffees for 30 bikers poor thing, well I suppose it is the country.

By the time we got to Coonalpyn the sun was out and everyone was taking out their jacket liners and off with their wet gear, the weather was improving which was great, off to Bordertown for the next stop to re fuel and have lunch at the bakery which is excellent.

A different route this year we headed to Frances then over the border where the wind got up and the road got bumpy but was a great way to go, we all stopped at a place called Goroke -I think, where we found the Kmart and the Target was shut as was everything else but a lovely couple brought out water and cups for us which was a good thing, who said Victorians were not friendly, the joy of riding a motor cycle.

Next stop Horsham for a leg stretch and re fuel then off on our last leg to Halls Gap, my Battle star Gallactika does not like this stretch of road but the scenery is wonderful, apart from avoiding the blue police car on the wrong side of the road in a big hurry and lots of gravel due to repairs. Quick stop at the pub to pick up refreshments then off to our wonderful unique accommodation Grampians Getaway The Pyramids which are terrific highly recommend them.



Tony M had arranged a bus to take us all to the pub for tea which by tea time was packed which I found surprising we all had a great meal and a socialize then all of to bed after a long day in the saddle.

Sunday morning and the weather looked terrific, up early to go fishing with Brenton E -who is now known as Rex Hunt, followed by a great BBQ breakfast wonderfully cooked by Tony M and Sonia well done. The day was our own to do as we wish, some went for a ride to Hamilton and a big loop back to Halls Gap, some went for a walk to the Pinnacle, and some did nothing which all sounds great, such a nice place to be. BBQ tea that night once again cooked by the master chefs with a lovely fruit salad prepared by the ladies-yum.

Later that night Morton and Mahatma turned up to tell some of us stories again what a laugh, love to laugh.

Monday up early for BBQ breakfast cooked by the master chefs again, followed by photos outside our accommodation and photos as a group with the owners, great photos / friends / memories, then it's off on our big trip home. Firstly fuel stop in Halls Gap then off to Dunkeld on a road which has amazing scenery, just starting to get up some pace when there is a roo on the road which slowed me down, then off to Hamilton for fuel and leg stretch where we said goodbye to Bec and friend who were off to Robe.

Next stretch off to Casterton via Marino thanks to Robbe and Peter B, fantastic road and scenery, Battle star Gallactika loved that road, coffee at Casterton.

Next stop Naracoorte, as we were leaving to my horror I noticed Mr Strath did not have Mrs Strath on the back of his bike, she was in Gills car phew, lunch at Naracoorte.

It was starting to get hot and you could tell no one was looking forward to the next bit the road to Keith, however before you realise we where there, then off to Taillem Bend. We all said our farewells in Taillem Bend what a great weekend.

Big thanks to all involved with a special thanks to Gill and Tony Mace.

Eleven months and nineteen days till the next Grampians trip bring it on.

Jonesy
Battle star Gallactika (ST1300)

More weekends away please

