

SABERS RIDE REPORT
CITY TO BAROSSA
SUNDAY 18th February 2007

We can't get away from the fact that we are in a drought and it's hot. Sunday was no exception and we knew that this would affect our SABERS first official ride but we were very happy that we had as many new faces attend our ride. The ride into the BP West Tce was a great indicator that lots of fluids were going to be the call of the day as by the time we had got into town we were sweating and couldn't wait to rip the jackets off and cool down.

David and Michael were at the BP and waiting with a , yes I know ... terrible pun, a warm welcome, lol lol

David then dropped the news that Mirriam was sick and was going to head home to look after her. Pity as he had his new bike, Honda ST1100.

After filling up with fuel and parking the bike we were all chatting excitedly about the new name and lots of new rides that have been planned. We had lots of new riders this ride and most of them were from Wolf Blass.

It was great to see that we are getting a good mix of riders male and female and the range of bikes is great.

The exciting thing is that when the new riders start talking to riders that have been with us for a while that they are encouraged to bring their partners, kids or friends two up and that our rides are not races or exclusive. They are social rides and based around the feedback from riders. This goes into making this ride group so special and makes riders keep coming back.

At 10 am we had a riders briefing and we all headed out on our ride.

A quick ride down West Tce onto Greenhill then up to Portrush Road then on to Magil Road. Up at the top of Magil Road we turned onto Old Norton Summit Road and a fantastic twisting section of road to Lobethal.

It was this section of road that Wayne's nephew came to grief and came into a blind corner that had a negative camber. The cruiser didn't like it and locked up the rear end and he lay it gently down. He only bent his handle bars and minor chrome damage. Assistance was close at hand and he was able to ride home ☺

We all regrouped at Lobie and a quick chat and a debrief about the situation.

The stop here was a good chance to get drinks and get the fluid levels up and a good chance to talk about the twisty bits we had just gone through and now the next section to the Barossa opens out to more sweeping corners and open scenery.

One we had our break we were ready to get back on our bikes and enjoy the rest of the day.

Our ride though Gumeracha to Angaston was very enjoyable. The scenery along here is great in that it goes from gum trees and hills to open hillside of thousands of vines.

I have to admit that going past some of my favourite wineries and not stopping in for tasting and taking some bottles home was hard, haha. Maybe next week a return visit to the area with the gearsack on may be on the cards?

Once in Angaston I pulled up as it is important to make sure that our last stop is used to pull our whole group together. Again, it was another chance to have a chat with everyone and say goodbye to some riders that had to go home.

We all rode into Tanunda together as a group and pulled up at the Tanunda Hotel. Sitting in the beer garden was great and listening to the positive comments about the run it one that we will keep on our books. At lunch Wayne caught up with us and was able to update that his nephew was ok and the bike was fixed. However his nephew did go and have some gravel removed from his hand. He will be back on future SABERS rides. The Tanunda Hotel for lunch was good and the ice cream shop across the road was a great way to finish this ride. Some of the guys headed back to Adelaide via Gawler and the others went back via Gomersal Road and the Gawler Bypass.

The day as a whole was a success as we are still drawing new riders, and riders that have been with us on previous rides are still enjoying our rides. There are some new rides coming up this year too. Watch the website for these and more. www.sabers.com.au
Wayne's nephew was okay.
All the other new riders have given us nothing but positive feed back

Bryan,

**For some reason I just can't seem to get the HUGE grin off my face....
Thanks for letting us tag along with you fine folk this morning. It was one of the best rides I have been on in a LONG time. My lovely wife is completely SICK of me RAVING on and on about how good it was and how much I enjoyed both the ride and the company. I now have two more wishes in life; That you guys keep on doing what your doing ('Cause you're very good at it - and I think it's VERY important) and that someday I'll be able to ride with y'all once more.....Until then.....**

**Stay upright, HUGE respect, kindest regards,
Steve Auld
(CBR6)**

The photos from the ride are now posted up on the SABERS website.

Our next SABERS ride is the "TIM HUNT MEMORIAL RIDE" aka: The Delamere Ride. It will be on March 25th and we will be meeting up at the Leukaemia Foundation, 130 Rose Tce, Wayville at 8.30 am for a pre ride BBQ and the ride will depart at 10 am. *** flyer attached ***

Hope to see you all there.

STAY UPRIGHT!

