

SABERS Tim Hunt Memorial Ride, "RIDE FOR A CURE"
Fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation.
SUNDAY 20th April 2008

A few people have asked who Tim was and why the Leukaemia Foundation is our core charity, so I thought an explanation would fill everyone in before I waffled on with the ride report.

I had the pleasure to meet Tim a few years ago when we were both members of the MRA. After talking to him we found that we had the same love of riding and trying to get others to come on rides with us. It took a while but at the start we had 6 or so regulars that would come on rides. When we hit double figures we high fived each other and we said that we finally made it. It was some time before we hit 25 riders then we knew that what we were doing was right. Social riding in a group was a success and watching the smiles on the rider's faces was what it was all about.

We would spend hours with maps deciding where to go and working out the safest roads as we always welcomed any riders on any capacity bike and any skill level. Some rides were successful, some were flops but we continued to develop rides based on all the feedback.

It was also decided that we would raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Our one fundraiser ride was the 5 Ferries and this ride always brought out several riders that were up for a longer ride with a great cause.

Tim never let on for ages that with all the rides we were doing and the fundraising that he had been diagnosed with Leukaemia. We had been on several rides and rallies and with all the effort going into this it would knock him for a six. He would not give into this condition and fought it like the fighter he was. This would drive myself and the friends that would rally around him forward and we promised that we would keep the rides and the fundraising going.

His wife Ros was pillar of strength through all this and supportive of everything that Tim did and for that we continue the fight and enjoy the rides. Ros and Tim loved riding together and loved the Delamere Road. One of their special spots down the coast was Lady Bay. They spent many an evening watching the sunset there.

As Tim's condition worsened his spirits never dampened and I would report back to him every ride and rally I went on and took photos for him. He would still give his feedback on the rides and loved to hear what everyone thought of the ride. When we went to Phillip Island he wanted to hear the blow by blow account of the whole trip and even went through over 1000 photos we took.



Tim passed away at home with his friends and family by his side.
I feel privileged and so does any one that knew him that will keep his memory alive with the rides and fundraising.

Tim Hunt

"Live long in our heart and memories" - I miss you mate!

RIDE REPORT

The weather report for the day was for fine weather all day.
It's the only thing that is out of our control.

It was 8.30 and I was cruising into the Leukaemia Foundation for the start of the run and you know it's going to be a big run when you run into other guys filling up with petrol and they are excited about going on the run. The BP had 6 bikes there and they were all heading to the run.

I filled up and got to the L/F and went straight around the back of the building for the bbq breakfast and a coffee. It wasn't long before I was chatting away to everyone there. This was going to be a big ride as the riders kept on coming steadily right up to the time to helmet up head out.



It was great to see so many people from all the different clubs around Adelaide. There were also people there that weren't in any club but wanted to come along for the ride. Frances turned up with her newest pillion ... lol won't be long before there is a quad racing around! It's good to see everyone enjoying and supporting these fundraising events and I for one love them. The time almost got away from me as I was chatting away. The ride marshals came up and informed me it was time for the briefing.

I called up everyone and went through the route, explained the stops and unveiled our new SABERS marshal vests then it was helmet on and gear up!!



The ride headed out along Greenhill Road then onto Anzac Highway. Keeping us all together were the marshals as we hit South Road. The traffic was steady and it wasn't long before we were on the Southern Expressway. When we got down south it was head right off the Sheriffs Road exit and try to pull everyone up before we got onto Commercial Road and follow the coast to Sellicks Beach. I pulled everyone up at Sellicks Beach as the marshals had been held up and were at back of the pack. It was a good excuse for a leg stretch too. Once I had the marshals and tail end Charlie back it was helmets on and head off to Myponga via South Road.

At Myponga we pulled up for a 20 minute stop. A leg stretch and loo stop. It was here we had a heads up that there was a speed trap further down the road. Not that we were speeding but it was nice to get the warning. We never saw him.

The break was good but the next section has some nice twisties but a couple of cars slowed us down but the road is still fun.

We cruised through Yankalilla and Normanville and when we got to Lady Bay we stopped to pay our respects to Tim. I called the group together and said a few words about Tim and then we had a minutes silence for him.



From here some of the committee went straight to Victor Harbor to cook the bbq for all the riders. The rest of us went for a ride to Cape Jervois. After a stop here we doubled back to Delamere and onto the bbq. MMMMM Delamere, what a great bit of road (it was one of Tim's favourite roads) open with awesome sweepers.

I have not found anyone who doesn't like this bit of road.

After the Delamere section it was a nice ride to Victor and the bbq. When we got there we were greeted with smiles and lots of food.



At Barker Reserve there is plenty of parking, shade and clean loos. It's a great place for a bbq. The food was fantastic and there was heaps of it.

We stopped at the reserve for a couple of hours and chilled out.

Once people were ready they headed off for home.

This is one ride we go to a destination and split up ... normally we loop back towards Adelaide as a group then head home from there.

Once everyone was heading home I started to pack up too and head home too.

Ride in review and thanks to some very important people!

62 bikes - 18 pillions

No lost riders

Lots of happy riders

Great ride!

Okay now the "Thanks"

- The volunteers at the Leukaemia Foundation for cooking the bbq breakfast
- Rob, Linda, Morris, Joyce, Grant & Sonya for cooking the bbq lunch at Victor
- All the marshals & committee for their help on the day and preparing for the ride.

Thank you to the following suppliers as all their food was donated for this fundraising ride.

- *Ray: Shillabeer Wholesale Meat and Poultry*
- *Belinda and Jodie: Your Choice Bakery*
- *Harriette Huis in 't Veld: Skala Bakery*
- *Chris Johanson: Milk*
- *Trevor: Holco Fine Meat Suppliers*
- *John Sharrick: Eggs*
- *Grant & David: Soft drinks & water*

A special thankyou to Brendan Liddicoat the manager of the Glynde Hotel for allowing Morris to use the Glynde Hotel's suppliers to donate food for this charity and allow SABERS to use the Hotel as a collection point.

*THANK YOU all for coming and supporting SABERS and the Leukaemia Foundation.
You helped us raise \$1,000.90.*



Thank you Tim for bringing so many people together for a worthy cause and to enjoy riding together. The people that rode with you will never forget you and the people that hear about you wish that they did.

I ride with lots of friends that are now like an extended family.

**** Tim Hunt - 26.05.1978 - 26.03.2006, Ridden on ****