

WIRRINA COVE RESORT RUN

3rd January 2010

Dear SABERS

Planning for this ride began towards the end of last year with a phone call from Andre. He had met the general manager Aaron of the Wirrina Cove Resort on a ride break at Mypolonga. Aaron was out riding as well. Aaron was keen to accommodate groups like ours.

So that's how our first ride for the year was conceived. With a few phone calls between Aaron & Megan from the resort it was arranged...lunch at Wirrina.

I did a pre-run the Wednesday before with Arnaud, Elly and David. It was stinking hot. But good thing we checked the route as one of my roads was unpaved.

Sunday arrived with beautiful weather and a great turn out...about 25 bikes and a few pillions had around 30 of us crowding the forecourt of the BP at Trinity Gardens. What a fantastic start to the SABERS year. Even a couple of my Harley riding mates joined us for the first time!



We headed off up Norton Summit Road, through Ashton and Summertown after which I nearly took us back to town down Greenhill Road! Oops...sorry to the few immediately behind me who had to make a u turn. We crossed over the freeway at Crafers and soon turned sharp left into Sturt Valley Road. Soon we were done with the twisties and cruising through the lovely countryside of Ironbank and Cherry Gardens with a few more twisties taking us into Clarendon.



The bakery was still on holidays so we continued on to Kangarilla avoiding the awkward right turn into Bakers Gully Road. From McLaren Flat we took the scenic Range Road and then right turn into Meadows Road and onto Willunga Hill where we turned left on the Victor Harbor Road to our first stop at Mount Compass. A few of us with smaller tanks fuelled up here and we bid one of our visitors good luck as we sent him home with a very bald rear tyre...inches of canvas showing on the Honda Shadow!



After short squirt further south along Victor Harbor Road we turned right into Pambula Road. This is another lovely scenic section with pine trees lining both sides of the road. It's a bit bumpy in spots and right hand corners are off camber. Still it was very enjoyable even though we had to dodge pine cones & needles. Then a right turn on to the nice Hindmarsh Tiers road...again very scenic through here.

The next left turn had us on South Road and winding our way down through the twisties into Yankalilla. A few minutes of boredom to get to Normanville and then we were on our way past Lady Bay and into Wirrina for lunch. I took an early turn into the car park which had us all negotiating a section of pedestrian/golf buggy path...sorry everyone. Our hosts had two long tables ready for us. Meals took a little while for some but we were in no rush so we enjoyed each other's company and the pleasant surroundings.



After lunch we continued on down South Road to Delamere for fuel. No wind made the run to Victor along Range Road (or Delamere Road as we usually refer to it) very pleasant. We did this at a relaxed pace so all could take in the scenery! I took us along the bypass at Victor and up on

to the Greenhills Road overpass and then left on to Hindmarsh Valley Road. This becomes the Hindmarsh Tiers Road and we turned right to enjoy (!) Pambula Road again.

Left on the Victor Road and then right into Cleland Valley Road. More spectacular scenery through here and a nasty 45kph left hander that double bounced the max's mainstand into the bitumen. I copped it in the ribs from Lyn as well! Must file that one away for future reference as it was fine when I was solo on the pre-run.

Then left on Creek Road and just more fabulous countryside to Ashbourne and onto the much anticipated Bull Creek Road. All too soon we were in Meadows and the ride was finished. A bit more coffee and socialising was had before we headed off home.



A longer but very enjoyable day of about 280kms of very varied riding...something for everyone.

Thanks Andre for thinking of us when you made your acquaintance with Aaron and thanks to Worrina Cove Resort. Thanks to my marshals and tail end Charlie and special thanks to all who helped out on the corners when we ran short of marshals.

Feedback about this ride has been excellent and it is sure to be our opening ride again next year.

Good day
Fred

